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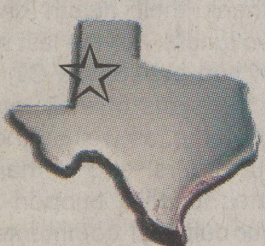
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**Hesperian-Beacon's  
 Floydada Office Moves**

**By Homer Marquez**

Adding another chapter to our long and substantial history here in Floyd County, the *Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon* newspaper is pleased to announce that we have officially moved our Floydada office down the street to its new location at 201 W. California Street.

As innovations in technology allow us to create bigger bangs through smaller packages, the need for massive office space has proven to be an obsolete requirement in the newspaper business; because of this, it seemed fiscally responsible for us to move our office into a more efficient workspace.

Nevertheless, as we prepare for a possible renovation of our old building that will better utilize its space, it is important that we recognize the deep roots created by the building that once housed the *Hesperian-Beacon* and Blanco Offset Printing Inc. Now through past articles provided by the fine people at the Floyd County Museum, we are able to glimpse into past as we remember the history of our hometown newspaper's journey through the years.

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**OFFICE MOVING**  
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**BI-DISTRICT CHAMPS**



**Photo by Cindy Reynolds**

Congratulations are in order for 2010-2011 Lockney Longhorn Baseball team which grabbing this year's 1A Bi-District Championship over the weekend. The Longhorns would sweep the Claude Mustangs at Amarillo Caprock with a 13-12 come from behind victory in the first game on Friday, and a 12-7 win that following Saturday. The Longhorns will now travel to Vernon to take on the Hamlin Pipers this weekend; the first game of the best of three series will be on Friday at 6:30 p.m., game two will began at 1 p.m. on Saturday, if necessary game three will be held 30 minutes after the second game.

**Plans underway for the  
 Old Settlers Reunion**

**By Homer Marquez**

It's that time of year again, and this year's Floyd County Pioneer Association and Floydada Chamber of Commerce is hard at work planning out another fun filled day as they prepare for the 82<sup>nd</sup> annual Old Settlers Reunion.

Originally formed on May 28, 1929, the Floyd County Pioneer Association was created at the request of many pioneers who wanted to commemorate Floyd County's birthday with an annual event. On May 28, 1928, under the direction of the Floydada Chamber of Commerce and with the assistance of Mrs. Wm McGehee, an event was held to mark the 39<sup>th</sup> birthday of Floyd County which was created on May 28, 1890. The following is an excerpt from a Floyd County Hesperian article that was published on May 30, 1929, two days after the monumental event;

"Selecting "Uncle Joe" Day as their president and naming May 28, 1930 as

their next meeting date some two hundred and fifty old time residents of Floyd County brought to a close one of the happiest and most enthusiastic meetings ever held in Floydada Tuesday afternoon with a square dance. The dance was the last part of a program that started with a basket lunch at noon and included several talks by early settlers of the Plains. The event was in commemoration of the thirty-ninth birthday of Floyd County."

That same day officers were elected to represent the first ever Floyd county Pioneer Association and it was decided that the pioneer reunion would become an annual event. From that point, it wasn't long until the Old Settlers Reunion blossomed into the great tradition of today.

Every year since its creation 82 years ago, the Reunion has welcomed and registered thousands of

**OLD SETTLERS**  
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**Photo by Homer Marquez**

On Thursday, May 5, citizens of Floydada gathered at the Floyd County Court House to observe America's National Day of Prayer. Adopted by Congress on April 17, 1952, the National Day of Prayer has given Christians a chance to join as a nation in prayer. For around 20 minutes, prayers addressed a number of subjects including, our Nation, our State, and our need for rain.

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**The "Cake Bosses" of  
 Floydada Junior High**

**By Penny Giesecke**

Is the next "Cake Boss" or "Ace of Cakes" at Floydada Junior High? Could be! Everyone is invited to discover the baking talents of Floydada ISD's Junior High students Friday, May 13!

You are invited to a unique - and TASTY - event. The 3rd annual Edible Book Project is already underway with students making decisions and planning their projects

**CAKES**  
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**Lockney Collection Site Closed**

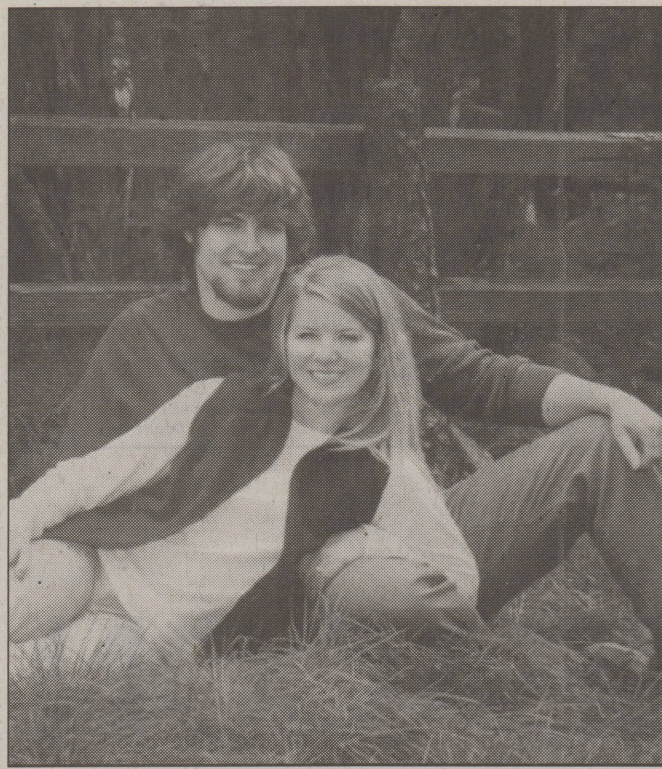
The City of Lockney has announced that the Citizens Collection Site, located at the fairgrounds, will be temporarily closed until further notice. No dumping of any type will be allowed and trespassers will be fined. The City would like to apologize for the inconvenience.

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**LAUREN ELIZABETH WALTON AND CORY MCDONALD ROBERTSON**

**Walton and Robertson to marry**

Mr. Joe and Mrs. Kelly Womble and Mr. Lance and Mrs. Karen Walton, all of Lubbock, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Elizabeth Walton to Cory McDonald Robertson, son of Dr. Michael and Mrs. Lisa Robertson of Lubbock.

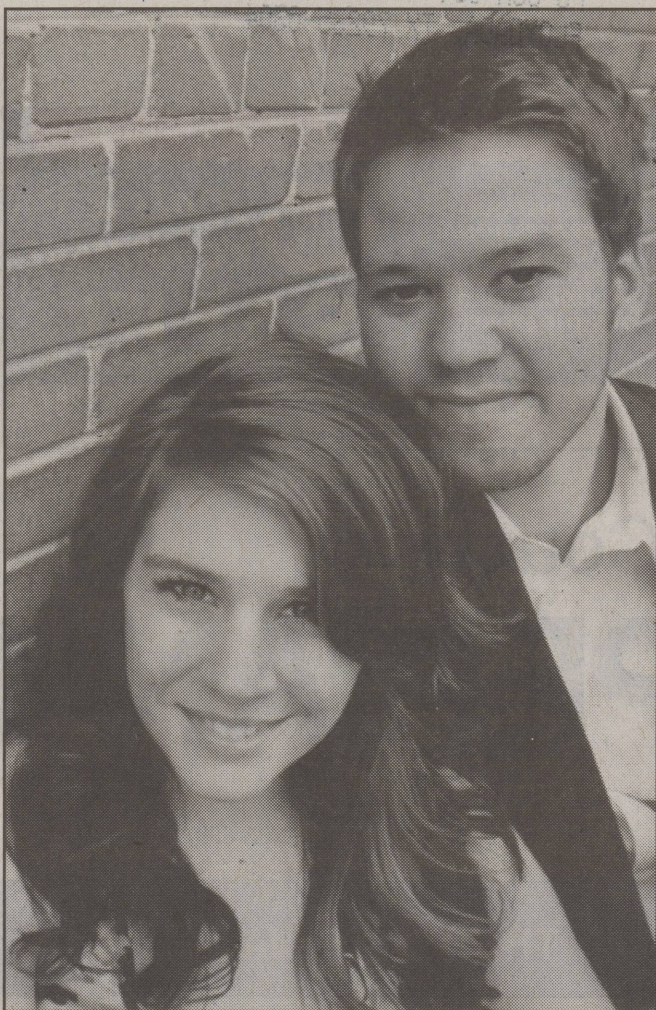
Lauren is the granddaughter of Jane Pruitt of Floydada, Claudia McBrayer of Hereford, and Winnie Crowe of Lubbock.

Cory is the grandson of Cecil and Rena Robertson of May, Texas and Neil and Rue McDonald of Odessa.

The bride-elect is a 2006 graduate of Coronado High School, a 2009 graduate of Texas Tech University and will receive her Master's degree from Texas Tech on May 13th in Elementary Education.

The prospective bridegroom is a 2003 graduate of Lubbock High School, a 2008 graduate of Texas Tech University and is currently in his third year at Texas Tech Health Sciences Center School of Medicine.

The couple will be married July 16, 2011 at The Legacy in Lubbock.



**KATIE BETH CROSSLAND AND ANDREW BRUXVOORT**

**Crossland and Bruxvoort to wed**

Dana Crossland of Floydada and Brent and Tonya Crossland of Wake Forest, North Carolina proudly announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Katie Beth Crossland to Andrew Bruxvoort, son of Ricky and Martha Raney Taylor and Glenn and Melanie Bruxvoort, all of College Station.

Katie Beth is the granddaughter of O.A. and Betty Stout of Hale Center and Mary and the late Bill Crossland of Richardson.

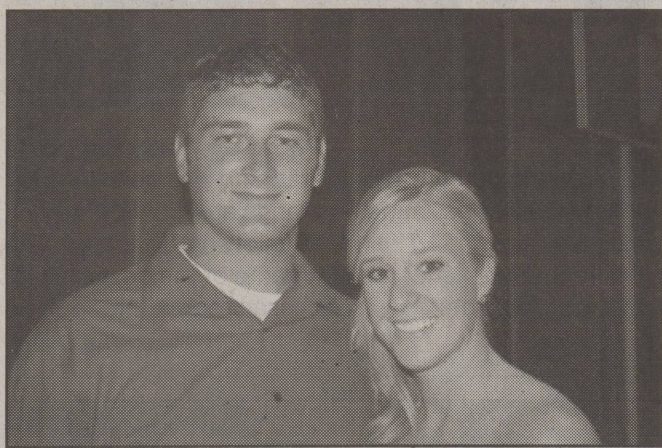
Andrew is the grandson of Loretta and the late Paul Raney of Houston, Gwendolyn Flamm of Houston, Gerold and Marilyn

Bruxvoort of Orange City, Iowa and Jim and Shirley Taylor of College Station.

The bride-elect is a 2007 graduate of Floydada High School. She is currently attending Texas A&M and is employed by Jos. A. Banks in College Station.

The prospective bridegroom is a 2006 graduate of A&M Consolidated. He is a 2011 graduate of Texas A&M with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. He is currently employed with Bridgestone Retail Operators in Austin.

The couple will marry on August 13, 2011 in the First United Methodist Church in Floydada and will make their home in Austin.



**DAVID JOHN SUMMERS AND CAROL HILLARY GAY**

**Summers and Gay to marry**

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Wayne Summers of Floydada are proud to announce the engagement of their son, David John Summers to Carol Hillary Gay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Dibrill Gay, Jr. of Lubbock.

David is the grandson of the late Virgie Summers of Floydada and Florine Taylor of Andrews, Texas.

Hillary is the granddaughter of Carroll and Dorothy Lafitte of Beaumont, Texas and Minta Hill Gay and the late Dr. Glenn D Gay of Lubbock, Texas.

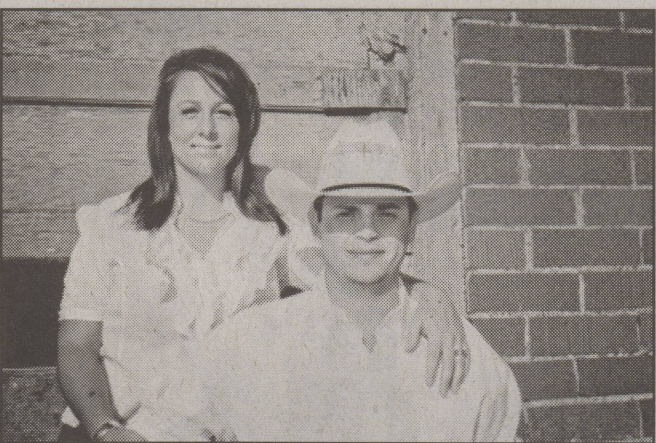
The bride-elect is a 2005 graduate of Coronado

High School, and a 2009 graduate of North Texas University with a BBA in Merchandising

The prospective bridegroom is a 2004 graduate of Floydada High School, and a 2010 graduate of Texas Tech University with a Petroleum Engineer degree.

Hillary is employed by SKH Inc and David is employed by Conoco-Phillips in Houston were the couple will reside

The couple will be married July 30, 2011 at St. Paul's on the Plains Episcopal Church in Lubbock.



**JURAAHEE JONES AND SAM SILVERS**

**Jones and Silvers to wed**

Joe and Anne Jones of Floydada proudly announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Jurahee Jones to Sam Silvers of Rocksprings, Texas, son of Rocky and Sammy Edwards of Bartlett, Texas and Garey Silvers of Academy, Texas.

Jurahee is the granddaughter of Travis and the late Gladys Jones of Floydada and Frank and the late Neta Tillman of Junction, Texas and the sister of the late Tate Jones of Floydada.

The bride-elect is a 2002 graduate of Floydada High


School, a 2006 graduate of West Texas A&M and a 2007 graduate of Texas Tech University. She is currently employed by Rocksprings ISD as the Agriculture Science teacher.

The prospective groom is a 2002 graduate of Harker Heights High School and a 2007 graduate of Texas Tech University. He is currently employed by Texas Agri-Life Extension in Edwards County.

The couple will be married on November 12, 2011 at the San Felipe Springs Country Club in Del Rio, Texas.

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**Photo by Homer Marquez**

The staff at Lockney's Hospice Hands of West Texas took time last Thursday to thank their health care associates with a Cinco de Mayo lunch. For the last six years, the Hospice Hands staff has provided a Cinco de Mayo celebration lunch for the staffs of their local hospital, pharmacy, and nursing home, as well as their physicians and home health providers, "It's a thank you to our health care associates for their support of Hospice Hands and to share our culture," commented Hospice Hands Manager, Rosie Rendon.



**Photo by Karen Houchin, Floydada Chamber Director**

THE FLOYDADA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE held a ribbon cutting for the Floyd County Day Care (Kid's Korner) new gymnasium. The new gym was made possible by grants from the Thomas Kinder and Martha W. Farris Charitable Foundation, the Helen Jones Foundation and the Mabee Foundation. The Floyd County Day Care will hold an Open House and Pre-school Graduation on Sunday, May 15th from 1 - 2:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend and take a tour of the new gymnasium. Attending the ribbon cutting were (l-r) Andy Carthel Chamber Director, Beverly Williams 3 & 4 year old teacher, Leigh Smith Daycare Board President, Charla McHam Chamber President, and Beverly Collins, Daycare director.



**Courtesy Photo**

THE LOCKNEY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS of 1958 celebrated its 53rd reunion in Lubbock on April 29th and 30th. Everyone shared pictures, memories and stories. In addition to great food and drink, the class enjoyed a report on the new Lockney High School building by Jackie Lou Holt, a reading of poetry by Hope Hancock, and entertainment by Lou Burleson. There were 47 in attendance of which 27 were classmates. The class decided to have the next reunion in 2014, with details to be determined. Those in attendance were (Top row, l-r) Tommy Davis, Kenneth Holt, Nelson Wofford, Paul Schacht, John Hanst, Kelly Harrison, E L Brotherton, Jr., Larry Hammit, Bill Bigham, Don Race, Bill Musser; (Middle row, l-r) Lanell Johnson Julian, Gayle Rucker Hamilton, Sunny Lawson Hammit, Hope Cox Hancock, Char Brown Baker; (Front row, l-r) Glenda Foard Ford, Jean Wofford Curtsinger, Martha Harden Cloyd, Myrtis Cope (teacher), Anita Durham Wofford, Nelda Tims Nance, Betty Graham Mickey, Carolyn Jones Hardy and Anna Leach Cross. Attending but not pictured were Bruce Lynn, Jan Widener Fleming and Virginia Caldwell Dunlap.

There will be a wildflower show in conjunction with **OLD SETTLERS DAY** on Saturday May 28 in the **BARROW BLDG.** west of the Museum  
So be on the lookout for any wildflowers. Even though it has been so dry, there will always be a few surprise blooms. More information will be forthcoming soon.

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## Obituaries

### LETHA RAE LEDBETTER

Letha Rae Ledbetter, age 80, of Floydada passed away Tuesday, April 19, 2011 in Lubbock. Services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, April 25, 2011 at the First Baptist Church in Floydada with Rev. Ralph Jackson officiating. Interment followed at Forest Lawn Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

Letha Rae Ledbetter

was born on March 31, 1931 in Hillsboro, Texas to George and Pauline (Pennington) Ledbetter. She enjoyed spending time with her children and her grandchildren. Letha was a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by two daughters, Lillie Faye Jones and Etta Pearl Ledbetter; five brothers and seven sisters.

Letha is survived by her

son, Andre Ledbetter and wife, Bulah of Arlington; six daughters, Marilyn Buchanan of Abilene, Pauline Cooper of Floydada, Dorothy Collins and husband, Eddie Ware of Floydada, Myra Collins and husband, Kenneth of Abilene, Ruby Session and husband, Vernon of Haskell, Treva Odell and Kimbriel of Georgia; a sister, Katie Malone of Ft. Worth and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

## THIS WEEK'S

### OLD SETTLER'S ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Old Settler's Association will hold a meeting Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of the First National Bank of Floydada.

### FLOYD COUNTY PIONEER ASSOCIATION AUCTION

The Floyd County Pioneer Association is in need of donations for the auction to be held

on Old Settler's Day. Please contact Laura Turner at 806-983-3922.

### CALVERT HOME HEALTH BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

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

### FLOYD COUNTY WILDFLOWER SHOW

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### OLD SETTLERS DAY

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So be on the lookout for any wildflowers.

Even though it has been so dry, there will always be a few surprise blooms.

More information will be forthcoming soon.

## Floyd County Day Care host Open House

The Floyd County Day Care (Kid's Korner) will be having an Open House and Preschool Graduation on Sunday, May 15, 2011 from 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

We would like to invite the community to attend and tour our new gymnasium. The new addition was made possible by grants from the Thomas Kinder and Martha W. Farris

Charitable Foundation, the Helen Jones Foundation and the Mabee Foundation.

The Day Care serves children, birth to 11 years, and provides after school pickup. We do educational and fun field trips throughout the year. We provide transportation for children to swimming lessons in Lockney with Miss Lesca,

and have on-site gymnastic lessons with Miss Sherry for children who would like to take gymnastics.

Graduating from the Kid's Korner Preschool program on May 15 are Logan Smith, Jayde James and Aryssa Garcia. Family and friends are invited to attend the ceremony at 1 p.m. in the Gymnasium.

## Friends of the Library

By Carolyn Cheek

Once again it is time to announce the Friends of the Library 2 Day book sale. The sale will be held Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> during the Old Settler's Celebration. Our sale is held at the library in the conference room beginning at 9 a.m. each day.

We are asking you to donate any books you might have on your shelves that you have read and are ready to part with. We especially need children's books. You can bring your books to the library during regular library hours.

Also, we would like to invite anyone who is interested in becoming a

member of the Friends of the Library to join us at our next meeting on Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. in the conference room at the library. There are no dues to join and we only ask you to help us during the sale if possible.

Hope to see you at our book sale and stock up on books for summer reading.

## Lockney Chamber of Commerce to host Clean-up Day

On June 4, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lockney's Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Clean-up Day for the citizens of Lockney. During the clean-up, the Chamber of Commerce will provide two roll-off boxes for trash dumping; the boxes will be located in the lot across the street from the north side of City

Hall. After these boxes, similar to what construction sites use for trash, are filled the boxes will then be hauled off to a landfill.

Anything that citizens want to throw away can be thrown into these collection boxes, except for tree limbs, grass, leaves, brushes, tires; the collection site will be monitored. The City

can provide a pickup service if absolutely needed, but loading into the trailer will be the responsibility of the individual and not of the City employees. The clean-up will end at 2 p.m. or once the two boxes are full.

The Lockney Chamber of Commerce will be providing hot dogs, chips, and drinks.

## Lockney Senior Citizens Center News

By Renee Armstrong

Happy belated Mother's Day to all mothers! Visiting Gene this week was her cousin, Patsy and Calvin Hern from Nashville, Arkansas. They were passing through on their way to New Mexico.

Thursday night, Bettye Smith from Calvert Home Health will be singing for us; please make it a point to be here for Pot Luck.

On May 27, my two youngest children, Joshua and KaCee will be graduating from high school, so Wanda has agreed to cook for me. Also KaCee will compete on Memorial Day in Austin; she and 26 other band students qualified to compete at the state contest. I will be back at the Center on Thursday, June 2.

Hope you all have a great week!

### Menu

Monday- Hamburger

Tuesday- Enchilada

Wednesday- Hamburger Steak

Thursday- Spaghetti

Friday- Fish

*We would like to thank everyone who helped us in our time of need. We are grateful for the donations, all the food and the use of the church. Thank you once again.*

The Family of Francis Coronado  
Ricky Coronado, Sr.  
Ricky Coronado, Jr. & Family  
Rene Coronado & Family  
Rita Coronado & Family

The family of Victor and Elias Briones wishes to express their sincere gratitude for the outpouring of prayers, hugs, food, flowers, telephone calls, sympathy cards, visits from our Floydada community and surrounding communities.

A very special thank you to Hillcrest Elementary School for our Elias' memorial fund, the Floydada ISD staff and to Moore-Rose Funeral Home and our parish, St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church.

May the Good Lord bless each and everyone of you.

Maria Briones  
Ramiro and Sylvester Briones  
Rosa Cortez  
Dalia Sanchez  
Eliida Lucio  
Irma Vasquez

Old Settler's  
Day  
May 28

## Floyd County Church Directory

### AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH

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  
Steve McLean -Minister  
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship ....5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.  
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### CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST

Levi Sisemore, 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  
Josh Burgett -Minister of Students  
Sunday School .....9:15 a.m.  
Morning Worship ...10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.  
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### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,

Lockney  
John Franklin, Pastor  
Chad Cook, Youth Min.  
Phil Cotham, 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.  
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### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Floydada  
Rev. Les Hall, Pastor  
Early Worship ....8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ...10:50 a.m.  
Youth (Sunday).....5:00 p.m.  
Youth (Wednesday)..7:30 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 OF GOD IN CHRIST

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  
Jay Don Poindexter, Minister  
Bible Study .....9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday.....7:30 p.m.  
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### MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Floydada  
Rev. Ralph Jackson  
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...7:00 p.m.  
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### NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Floydada  
Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges  
(806) 637-0430  
Sunday Singing .....10:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.  
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### OUT REACH HARVEST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

310 E. Mississippi  
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.  
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### 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  
Pastor Lupe Rando  
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  
Rev. Patrick Maher, 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

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Joe Hernandez  
983-5286 (church)  
983-5156 (parsonage)  
Sunday School .....9: 45 a.m.  
Morning Worship...11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service.....5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.  
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### ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Floydada  
Rev. Angelo Consemino  
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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## Run Home Jack will host CD release party



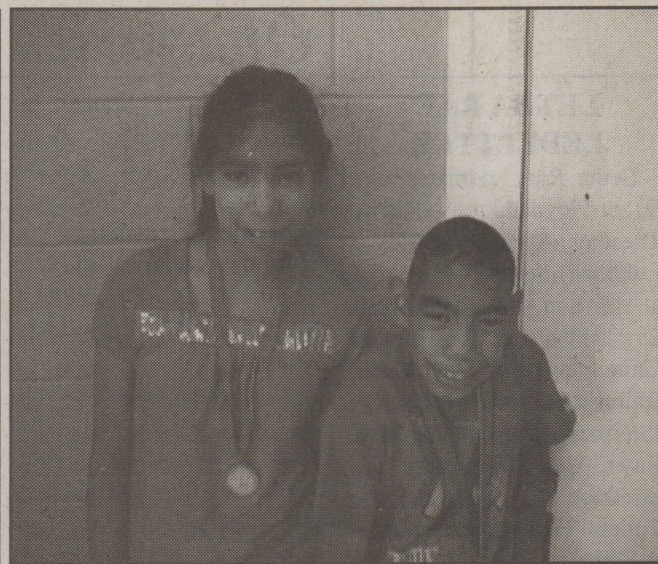
Hometown alt-country band Run Home Jack will be hosting a CD release party for their debut album, Important Things, this Saturday night at the Lockney Fair Grounds Entertainment Building. The release of the

band's first full-length record comes on the heels of the group taking top honors at the 2011 Battle On Main, an event that showcased the talents of several original acts from all over the state of Texas.

Run Home Jack consists of singer Nathan Burson, lead guitarist Kelsy Hooten, fiddle player Brady Rasco, drummer Landon Cotham, and bassist Todd Cotham. All five members of the band grew up in the community of Lockney and will be returning home to celebrate the release of Important Things this Saturday night.

Doors to the event will open at 8 p.m. and admission will be free with the purchase of a CD. Adequate seating will be provided but dancing and socializing are strongly encouraged. Coolers will be allowed but please leave any glass containers at home.

For more details, check out [www.facebook.com/run-homejackband](http://www.facebook.com/run-homejackband).



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The South Plains Area Track and Field Competition for Special Olympics Texas took place on Saturday, May 7, 2011. Mena Felan, a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Lockney Junior High, earned a gold medal in the 400 m run. Angel Felan, a 4<sup>th</sup> grader at Lockney Elementary, earned gold medals in the 50 m dash and the ball throw. Mena and Angel are on Blue Thunder Special Olympics team and are the children of Maria Segovia.



LITTLE LONGHORNS: Casey Williams, Monte Mendoza, Bryson Walker, CJ Perales, Joe Ochoa, Mackenzy Ragland, Christian Gomez, Josiah Rodriguez, Josiah Rodriguez, Diego Azua, and Yasmin Naranjo.



Photo by Homer Marquez

After sweeping Claude two games to none this past weekend, Reynolds and the 'Boys will travel to Vernon to take on the Hamlin Pipers this weekend; the first game of the best of three series will be on Friday at 6:30 p.m., game two will begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday, if necessary game three will be held 30 minutes after the second game. The Longhorns hold a current record of 14-6-1.

### Lockney School Lunch Menu May 16-20

- Monday**  
**Breakfast-**Donut or Cereal, toast, juice, milk  
**Lunch-** Popcorn Chicken or Burrito, potatoes, green peas, orange smiles, roll, milk
- Tuesday**  
**Breakfast-**Sausage biscuit or Cereal, toast, juice, milk  
**Lunch-**Pigs in a blanket, or Grilled Cheese, corn, baby carrots, pears, milk
- Wednesday**  
**Breakfast-**Oatmeal or Cereal, toast, juice, milk  
**Lunch-**Fish Sticks or Ham, pinto beans, spinach, fruited gelatins, cornbread, milk
- Thursday**  
**Breakfast-**Cheese Toast or Cereal, toast, juice, milk  
**Lunch-** Chicken Noodle soup, or Corn dog, salad, peaches, crackers, milk
- Friday**  
**Breakfast-** Cinnamon Rolls or Cereal, toast, juice, milk  
**Lunch-** Hot Dog, or Grilled Cheese, baked fries, applesauce, milk

### Lockney track competes in Regional meet

By Homer Marquez

On May 2, regional qualifying members of Lockney's Longhorn Track Team headed to Levelland to compete in the 2011 Regional Championship meet.

After finishing first in the 100 meter run, Lockney's freshman superstar, Tanae Ramos has qualified to compete at this year's State meet in Austin. "Tanae is an amazing athlete...She has excelled in the 100 m all year long. She won every meet that we went to this year. She has a good chance to be a state champion as a freshman," explained Coach Dunn. Tanae will travel to Austin for the Texas High School State Meet on May 14. Tanae also competed in the regional 200 meter race, the 400 meter, the triple jump, and the long jump.

After a successful high school track run, Lockney senior Devin Caballero will end the season with a third

place finish in the 800 meter run; next year, Devin Caballero will look to continue her success next year, as she heads to Odessa College to compete with their collegiate track team. Ms. Caballero would also run in the regional 1600 m, and the 1600 relay.

Alanie Rendon would finish sixth in the 300 hurdles and would also compete in the 1600 relay; Memory Lane would also compete in the 1600 relay.

Anissa Reyna would run in the 400 meter relay and the 1600 relay; Alexis Rodriguez and Brittany Thompson would also compete in the 400 relay.

Lockney Longhorn Shaquille Thompson would also compete in two events during last week's regional meet; the senior would compete but not place in the shot putt and the discuss events. "Shaquille Thompson is a senior and will be missed next year," commented Coach Garza.

### Lockney Elementary Honor Roll "A" Honor Roll

- First Grade**  
 Mireya Ascencio, Aidan Bustillos, Gabriella Cervantes, Emma Dunn, Maliea Huerta, Joshua Jimenez, J'Ann Pena, Lacy Phillips, Ezekiel Ramos, Clare Smith, Lillian Vanlandingham
- Second Grade**

See HONOR ROLL on page 9



Waiting rooms are like airplanes. You get stuck with whoever's in them; they get stuck with you. And you're there for the duration.

Sure, the crowd changes more in waiting rooms than on airplanes, but not by much. D. B. Cooper comes to mind.

Waiting rooms are like elevators too. But unless you get stuck between floors, the elevator experience is mercifully shorter.

Like elevator passengers, people in waiting rooms tend not to show emotion. Stoics flourish. They wear facial expressions about right for a police lineup, except you can't see the faces buried in magazines. Yesterday, in the Internal Revenue Service waiting room, there were no magazines.

If I'd walked in the door wearing a mask, I might have been able to liven things up. I did that once, and it worked. I was about 5. It was the doctor's office. My mother let me do it.

A mask would not have amused the IRS guard. He was grim and vigilant in his dark uniform. We got off to a bad start when I tried to use my cell phone to let my husband know I'd not be home for lunch. The guard made me leave to make the call.

Sure enough, when I returned I saw signs prohibiting cell phones. But the guard told me texting was OK. I don't text.

Anyway, there I sat, packing not one cell phone but two, wishing I could feel cocky about getting away with breaking a posted rule, despite the guard's OK. But all I felt was suppressed. It's

the waiting room effect.

Another sign prohibited cameras. The English-Spanish poster reminded me the word "camera" -- or "camara" -- literally means "room." If somebody could just prohibit waiting rooms, the world would be a happier place.

Case in point, my husband, who doesn't even like to wait in line at McDonald's, is already dreading getting his driver's license renewed a year from now. In his own mind, he's there already. If he puts off the event until the last possible moment -- which is likely -- it will be his birthday. He's heard the process can take up to four hours. Poor man.

Some enterprising church should figure out a way to minister to the suffering victims of waiting rooms and long lines. The IRS would soon have to post one more sign on the wall in English and Spanish: No ministering allowed.

Speaking of ministries, maybe waiting rooms are my personal calling. The challenge to inject life into stagnant settings prompts me to act. I can't help it.

In the IRS space, I met a home health worker named Diane. We talked. We laughed. By the time they called our numbers, I'd given her an idea for a sideline business: Home pedicures.

I didn't even have time to suggest a business slogan like "No waiting in line for a pedicure by Diane."

Isn't that just how it goes in a waiting room? Just when you're starting to have fun, they make you leave.



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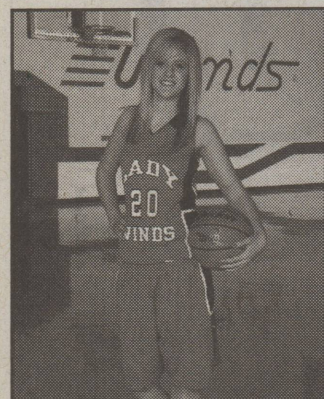


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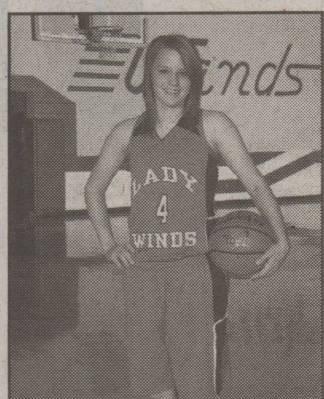
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**SARAH SANDERS**  
FHS - Junior  
District 2-2A  
Honorable Mention

## Floydada Tennis Regional Qualifiers compete in Odessa

By Coach Smith

Floydada Tennis sent five members to Odessa to the Regional Tennis Tournament. All five are District 2-AA Champions.

**Girls Singles** - Hannah Griffin (Jr.) the #4 seed, started out play on Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, against Lauren Zacketti of Comfort. Hannah lost a tough first round match, 7-6, 6-3, to Lauren who went on to a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish.

**Girls Doubles** - Lexi Covington (Sr.) and Imelda Resendiz (Jr.) defeated the Spearman team of Hanna/Saldivar, 6-1, 6-4 in the first round. The second round for Covington/ Resendiz was played against the returning state qualifier sister duo of San Saba. Crosby/ Crosby were the #2 seed in the tournament and defeated Covington/ Resendiz in the second round 6-2, 6-2.

**Mixed Doubles** - Brityn Helms (Sr.) and Haden Lipham (Jr.) were the #4 seed of the tournament. Brityn was a returning state qualifier of girl's doubles from 2010. Brityn and Haden defeated the Hawley team of Florence/ Parsons, 6-4, 6-1. The second round was played against the team of Moore/ Sheriff from Ingram. Ingram came up with the win against Helms/ Lipham with a score of 7-6, 6-4. The Ingram team went on to a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish.

**Coaches Comments:**

All five of the Regional Qualifiers played great matches and made themselves, their parents and their coach very proud. Thanks goes out to seniors, Brityn and Lexi, for an awesome season, great leadership and many memories over their 4 years on this tennis team. The returners have already set lofty goals for next year and I have no doubt that their hard work will lead them to success. Thank you to all the parents who are always there to support all the kids on this team.

# Record falls after 39 years

By Coach Ayala

There have been a lot of school records broken after I became the head track coach. Aarrhon Flores record holder in: 100 m dash - 10.28, 200 m dash - 21.5, long jump - 23'5", triple jump - 45'7" and part of the 800 meter relay team - 1.29.18 (Joe Suarez, Anselmo Ramirez, Magdiel Alvarado).

This track team finished with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish at the Texas State Track Meet.

A great group of athletes.

This next record story is a little different.

It all started back in 1972, when Steve Westbrook vaulted 13'6" at the Tulia track meet, to start a long list of 13'6" vaulters for the Floydada Track Team. The following is a list of names of 13'6" vaulters: 1974 - Rance Young, District Track Meet, 1978 - Rusty Cagle, District Track Meet, 1979 - Kery Helms, Tulia Track Meet, 1981 - Michael Self, District Track Meet,

1982 - Donnell Weeks, District Track Meet and in 1988 - Scotty Battey, S.P.C.

That record is no more. The new record was set with a 14' jump at this year's district meet by Cole Covington. With that jump, Cole now erases a long list of Whirlwind names that all set the mark to be broken.

Now let us see how long this record will last. I hope it does not take another 39- years. Boy that would be the year 2050.



Courtesy Photo

FLOYDADA JUNIOR HIGH TENNIS TEAM competed in the District Tennis Meet on Thursday, May 5. Team members include (Front row, l-r) Aimee Chavarria, John Cortinas, Esmo Garza, Alyson Perez; (Middle row, l-r) Zeke Torres, Rikardo Cervera, Kimberly Pacheco, Bethany Morales, Michael Riojas, Destiny Thomas; (Back row, l-r) Logan Everette, Kyi Baker, Aaron Chavarria, Danny Martinez, Tucker Lowrance, McKenna Johnson, Liz Morales, Rebekah Hall, Dakota Whalen and Kirby Nixon.

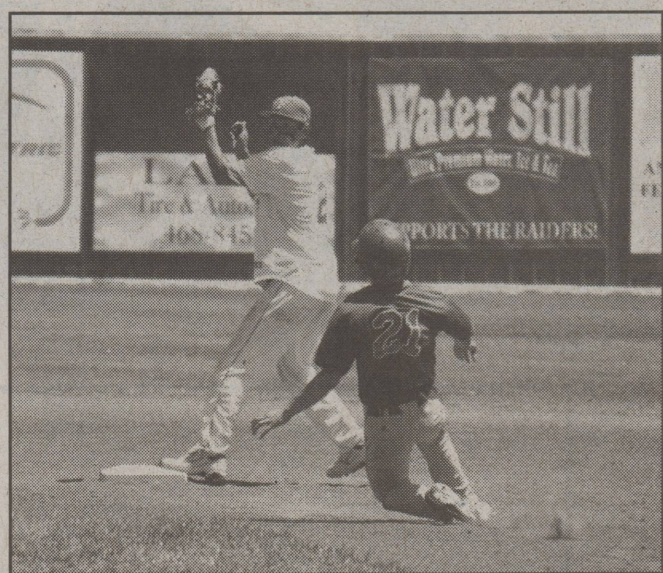


Photo by Homer Marquez

After a long three game battle under the blazing sun this past weekend, the 2011 Floydada Whirlwind Baseball team would fall to the Childress Bobcats in the 2A Bi-District Championship series. After a disappointing 21-11 loss in the first game that Friday, the Whirlwinds would come back from a one run deficit to claim an 11-9 victory in game two. In game three, which was held 30 minutes after game two, the 'Winds would trade blows with the Bobcats as both competed for the Area advancement; but unfortunately Floydada wouldn't be able come back as the season came to an end after a 10-6 loss. Nevertheless, the 'Winds had a great run this season finishing with an overall record 14-10-1; in district play, Floydada's 7-5 record would earn the Whirlwinds third in the district.



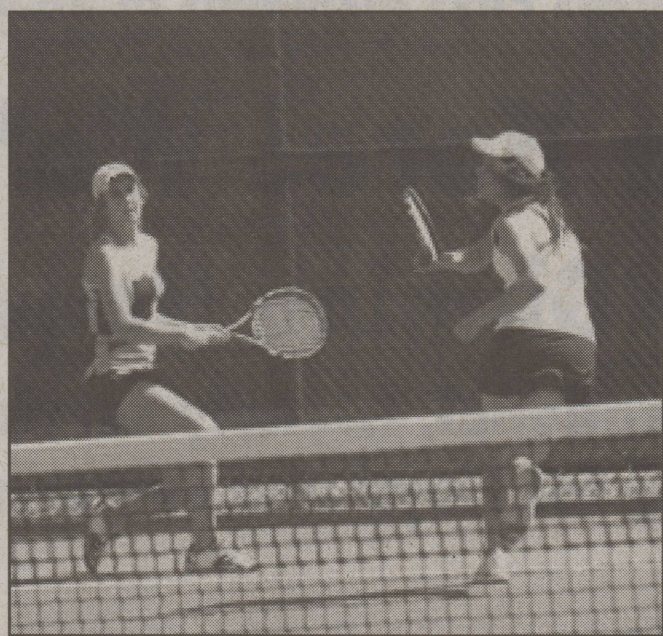
Haden Lipham, Regional Qualifier



Hannah Griffin, Regional Qualifier



Brityn Helms, Regional Qualifier



Lexi Covington and Imelda Resendiz Regional Qualifiers

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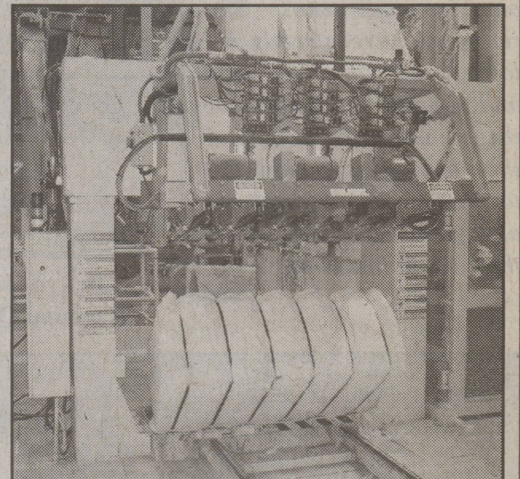
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# OPINION



## The Paperboy

### The American Nightmare

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

Do you pay federal income taxes? Are you sure?  
According to the latest data, over 50 percent of U.S. households pay no federal income tax.  
On your refund, was it larger than the amount the government withheld from your paycheck?  
There are 23.1 million tax filers who benefitted from the Earned Income Tax Credit. If you were one of these filers, you were effectively put on welfare according to the Congressional Joint Tax Committee.  
Out of those 23.1 million, 15.5 million actually received more money in a refund than was paid in by either themselves or their employers through various payroll taxes.  
These "taxpayers" did not ask for a welfare handout. The tax code, written by federal bureaucrats, determined these taxpayers did not make enough money on their own so now they are part of a new welfare class - a working welfare class.  
I don't like paying taxes anymore than anyone else, but the country cannot withstand this growing welfare class.

We most certainly can't continue on this path with the government taking in less and less money while spending more than it ever has.  
The U.S. is quickly becoming a welfare state. This will end the country as we know it and will effectively crush the American Dream.  
When more than half of the country doesn't pay for the government they use, is it any wonder we can't cut government spending? After all - we've got more and more people the government thinks can't provide on their own.  
When you were a child, were you taught to chase your dreams? Were you taught that you can achieve through hard work and desire? Were you taught to pay your way and take pride in your work?  
That mindset is leaving us quickly and it's something we change now or we might as well call ourselves a Banana Republic.  
"Tax the rich" has become a popular mantra in this country. If we changed that to "tax the job creators," I wonder if it would be so popular?  
We need massive tax reform in this country to go hand-

in-hand with massive government reform. Right now, we can't even get government officials to seriously consider paying as we go. Even with our near \$15 trillion debt, we continue to operate with a massive deficit yearly. I have bad news for you: There are not enough rich people in this country to ever pay down the national debt.  
The voters in this country need to begin to elect people who realize that the days of the United States are coming to an end. We have set our own execution date and the only way to stay this demise is to do smart things and once again make the American Dream a possibility by having LESS people depend on the government.  
The lessons of history are staring at us in the face and we continue to say "that will never happen here." I'm sure the Romans once thought this way. I know for a fact Europeans thought this way. They were wrong...

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### An EPA Attempt to Re-Extend Its Regulatory Tentacles

By VICTOR MORAWSKI

In a well-produced brochure touted as its Clean Water Framework, the Obama Administration last week announced its updated and revised policies governing the Nation's Waters. Included in the initiatives it discusses is "updated draft guidance regarding Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction."  
Those of us now familiar with the Administration's attempts to use the EPA as a vehicle for circumventing the wishes of Congress and the Courts are naturally prone to want to look past the slick ad copy and beautiful glossy photos of National Park scenes and families on vacation for something far less wholesome.  
A matter of contention for the last thirty years has been what is to count as "waters of the United States" as it is these waters that the EPA is charged with protecting via the CWA. Ceaselessly and relentlessly this Agency has tried to broaden its jurisdiction by broadening its definition of what is to count as these waters.  
Two important Supreme Court cases in the past ten years have reined in EPA's attempts. Declaring in 2001 that "isolated, non-navigable intrastate ponds" could not be taken to come under CWA jurisdiction "based solely on the presence of migratory birds" it freed them from the clutches of EPA

regulatory hands.  
Of particular relevance to the current updated EPA Guidelines is a 2006 ruling asserting that CWA jurisdiction should be limited to only those waters having a "continuous surface connection" to other "jurisdictional waters."  
Its efforts significantly hampered in the wake of this ruling, the EPA simply chose not to pursue hundreds of potential water pollution cases in its pipeline, according to MSNBC, because of what the recently released Clean Water Framework brochure calls "the complex evidence needed to establish that [various river] tributaries" fell under the CWA. It now had, said MSNBC, the burden of showing that, "intermittent streams, swamps and marshes flowed into navigable waters."  
Accordingly, 2007 EPA Guidelines instructed its officials to "first analyze whether an ephemeral stream or seasonal wetland leads to federal waters" before attempting any legal action alleging pollution.  
The whole point of the recently released EPA Draft Guidance is to supersede these previous instructions by once more allowing it to bring as many of these Court-shielded waters as possible back into its regulatory reach — thus thwarting Court wishes under the guise of following them.  
Under its new Guidance, EPA officials freely admit that

compared to how things stand currently, "the number of waters identified as protected by the CWA will increase."  
Its strategy for bringing these waters back into its fold is to employ as a standard for "waters of the US" in addition to the current one requiring a "continuous surface connection" to navigable waters an alternative one proposed by Justice Kennedy at the time of the original 2006 ruling requiring only a "significant nexus to traditional navigable waters." Defined as occurring when waters in question "significantly affect the chemical, physical and biological integrity of other covered waters" it would include many of the waters it wants to bring back in. New EPA Guidelines will now insidiously consider waters under either standard to be "waters of the US" under CWA jurisdiction.  
These Draft CWA Guidelines are currently open for 60 days of comment from the public, so interested and potentially affected readers wishing to voice their opinion on them should go to the Federal eRulemaking portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> and identify your comment with Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2011-0409 or e-mail it to [owdocket@epa.gov](mailto:owdocket@epa.gov) including the above Docket ID No. in their message's subject line.  
Perhaps we can have an effect on this EPA attempt to re-extend its regulatory tentacles to these waters.

### Pure Thuggery

By HOWARD RICH

For the organized labor movement in America, desperate times apparently call for desperate measures.  
With private sector unions continuing to lose favor in the marketplace and public sector unions facing fresh scrutiny from cash-strapped state governments, organized labor finds itself at a crossroads. Even though its coffers have been replenished thanks to a steady infusion of borrowed government money, labor's future is far from certain — and the fear within the ranks of union leaders is palpable.  
In an effort to regain the offensive, union sycophants on the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) have fired a shot across the bow of the American free market.  
Last month, the NLRB alleged that aircraft manufacturer Boeing's decision to locate a new manufacturing facility in South Carolina (as opposed to Washington State) constituted an illegal retaliation against striking union workers. That claim is laughable — particularly in light of the fact that Boeing has added 2,000 new union jobs in Washington State since announcing its South Carolina decision.  
Of course this complaint isn't about law or logic — it is about repaying a political debt, at least in the short-term.  
Unions gave more than \$100 million to Barack Obama and Democratic congressional candidates in 2008 — and that's just their direct contributions. They also ran an extensive voter registration and mobilization effort, which was staffed by

an estimated 450,000 union "volunteers."  
Not surprisingly, it didn't take long for Obama to begin reciprocating for labor's benevolence.  
To start with, he named longtime union-backer Hilda Solis to run the Department of Labor. Then he picked Teamsters' attorney Wilma Liebman to head the NLRB. His first White House political director, Patrick Gaspard, was also a former labor operative.  
Obama followed up these and other pro-union appointments by rescinding Bush-era disclosure requirements for labor leaders —re-opening the door to all manner of corruption (at the expense of the workers he claimed to be fighting for, ironically).  
These moves were just the beginning, though. Obama successfully steered tens of billions of dollars to unions through his socialized medicine law and his so-called "stimulus." Not only that, he rewrote American bankruptcy law to "reprioritize" Chrysler and GM claims in labor's favor.  
Clearly no one should have been surprised, then, when Obama's NLRB goons upped the ante by telling a private company where it was going to locate its new facility. After all, if Obama can make private citizens buy health insurance, what's to stop him from making private companies locate their factories in pro-union states?  
Just days after his inauguration, Obama made it clear that his "spread the wealth" mentality applied to unions as well.  
"We need to level the playing field for workers and the

unions that represent their interests, because we know that you cannot have a strong middle class without a strong labor movement," he said.  
Obviously, Obama knows that this fight is about much more than paying back unions — it's about doing lasting economic damage to right-to-work states. Obama's NLRB isn't just trying to block Boeing from moving to South Carolina — it is putting any company that wishes to move to a more competitive business environment on notice that it must first navigate a hostile federal bureaucracy.  
Many companies will likely see that as a sufficient disincentive to relocate domestically — which will naturally result in American jobs going overseas.  
Whether the Obama administration wins or loses its Boeing complaint is a short-term issue involving one state — but the "chilling effect" that this complaint could have on jobs and capital investment in right-to-work states is a long-term issue affecting nearly two dozen states. Obama's administration has made no secret of its contempt for the free market. In fact, the only real positive to come from the Boeing flap is that this contempt has now been laid bare for all to see.  
Obama and his union allies have moved beyond political payback and into the realm of pure thuggery. The only question now is whether pro-free market leaders in Congress have the courage to stop them.

### Is it Jimmy Carter All Over Again?

By BILL WILSON

It feels like we've been here before.  
The malaise-filled economic train wreck of the Carter years has risen zombie-like from the ash heap of history to inflict its special brand of pain and suffering.  
On May 6, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reported that unemployment rose from 8.8 percent to 9 percent in April. That includes a 205,000 increase in joblessness in the household survey.  
Coupled with slowing growth, increasing inflation, and a continued recession in housing, not to mention the spiraling \$14.333 trillion national debt, the economic storm clouds emerging on the horizon for 2012 are dark indeed.  
Specifically, growth has slowed down to 1.8 percent in the first quarter, and inflation is up over the past year, with producer prices up 5.8 percent and consumer prices up 2.7 percent. Making matters worse, home prices are again on the decline as foreclosures rose 6.53 percent in March.  
Fiscally, when Obama's first budget was enacted, the national debt stood at \$11.909 trillion, and it has already increased by \$2.4 trillion. By November 2012, the gross debt will be over \$16.627 trillion according to the Office of Management and Budget, meaning he will have been directly responsible for a gargantuan \$4.718 trillion increase. That's a 39 percent run-up in just four years!

to happen. The federal government has seen fit to spend, borrow, and print more than \$2.4 trillion to prop up the economy and save government 'jobs' that, in the end, could not be saved. In the past three months, the public sector has shed 60,000 jobs as the so-called 'stimulus' and QE2 runs out this year.  
He promised to keep unemployment below 8 percent, to cut the deficit in half, to lay the groundwork for a robust, stable recovery, to prop up home values, and to stop the foreclosures. None of that has happened.  
The best the Obama Administration could muster in response to the April jobs' report was that it was "pleasantly surprised" by the news, as top economic advisor Austan Goolsbee said. Huh? Pleasantly surprised? What was he talking about?  
Goolsbee disregarded the 205,000 increase in unemployment, saying it was probably because of an increase in job seekers. The only problem there is that those not in the labor force (i.e. those who gave up looking for a job) increased by 131,000 in April, while the civilian labor force measure only increased by a mere 15,000. So, there's not a tremendous increase of those seeking jobs. If anything, there's been a big decrease.  
Really, the only source for Goolsbee's optimism was the Bureau's establishment survey, which measured an increase of 244,000 jobs in its survey of employers. However, the household survey, which is a broader measure of all Ameri-

cans, shows a decrease of the employed by 190,000. It's hard to be optimistic based on that.  
Also, U-6 unemployment rose again to 15.9 percent, a total of 24.39 million people who want full-time work and can't find it. That number in particular is why Obama will be in big trouble come 2012, because it's one that is not likely to decrease significantly between now and next year, when folks will be making up their minds.  
The fact is, \$2.4 trillion of government "stimulus" later, if the recession had simply been allowed to run its course to begin with, the economy would have naturally found its bottom, and resources would have necessarily been reallocated out of the public sector with greater speed. We'd already be in recovery.  
The Keynesian "stimulus" that was pursued was a very specific set of policies around a theoretical framework. If borrowing, printing, and spending trillions of dollars were a valid theory to prosperity, then it should have worked — Obama got everything he wanted.  
Sadly, it did not work. The economy is in troubled waters, and slow growth, Jimmy Carter-like stagflation is once again here. Until the government gets its spending under control, and removes unnecessary obstacles to capital formation, it will be impossible to conclude that Obama "stimulus" has been anything but a complete failure.  
It's déjà vu all over again.



# FISD candidates unopposed in general election

By Sara Sisemore  
Correspondent

The Floydada Independent School District Board of Trustees met April 12 to discuss the upcoming election and consolidation of Floydada Junior High.

Board Secretary Marty Lucke certified that all candidates are unopposed in the Floydada ISD general election. Thus, Board of Trustee Freddie Morren made the motion for the cancellation of general election and the declaration that unopposed candidates are elected. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

After discussion, Lucke made the motion to consolidate Floydada Junior High School onto the elementary and high school campuses. After a second by Castillo, the motion passed unanimously. The board gave Superintendent Gilbert Trevino the authority to spend funds in excess of \$25,000 as needed for the purchase of portable classroom structures and for other necessary expenditures associated with this consolidation.

The board honored the April students of the month: Erin Trevino (1st grade), Hannah Franks (6th grade). Aimee Teeple was honored as educator

of the month and George Garcia as the support staff of the month. The board also recognized the following students who were the regional qualifiers in track, tennis, powerlifting and UIL: Alece Annunziato, Cole Covington, Lexi Covington, Breann Gooch, Hannah Griffin, Mallory Graham, Brityn Helms, Haden Lipham, Dimas Marmolejo, Rex Mathis, Avery Miller, Kelsea Miller, Sarah Jo Miller, Troy Morales, Juan Olvera, BJ Perez, Homero Ramirez, Imelda Resendiz, Shani Ross, Kristan Sanchez, Juan DeOchoa, Joseph DeOchoa and Ben Alvarez.

The lease on the horse stalls and pasture was extended for another year. Those in favor were Lyle Miller, Rachael Castillo, Charles Tyer, John Woelfel, Bill Dean and Lucke. Morren was opposed.

Waivers for five staff development days and early release days was unanimously approved. In addition, the board approved the purchase of instructional materials and permission to obtain reimbursement from the state for courses in which no textbook was offered by publishers.

High School Principal Wayne Morren informed the board Dara Ware will be

receiving recognition as the Assistant Principal of the Year for Region 17 and will be honored at a banquet on June 14. Principal Morren shared with the board he will require all of the core teachers next year to screen cast. He said this will allow students to have a movie of what was taught each day which can go home with them, be used in ISS or any other time that the student needs it. He said the screen cast will not replace the teacher, only it allows the student to access the content 24/7. Principal Morren stated that some of the strongest teachers already use screen casting: Mrs. Glass, Mrs. Teeple, Mrs. Zepeda and Mrs. Pyle.

Superintendent Trevino reported several things to the board: the FHS Golf Program has been eliminated due to lack of participation; the district still had not received the insurance check to replace the floor in the old gym at the high school; the district is now in possession of the new suburban and new car; KFLP will be airing a weekly segment each weekend on Saturday morning at 6:15 and Sunday morning at 9:45 for the school.

Business Manager Sharon Rainwater gave the following

tax report: M&O current tax roll is \$2,809,665.40, with net collections at \$2,739,638.37; I&S is \$291,358.26, with net collections at \$278,772.70. The percent of current roll collected is 97.51 percent compared to 97.37 percent this time last year.

The board approved the minutes of the March 8th and 14th meetings, and unanimously voted to pay the March 2011 bills. In other news, the board unanimously agreed to change the May board meeting date to May 17 at 7 p.m. Also, they discussed the Budget and Tax Rate Adoption Timeline and Board Meeting Dates, but no action was taken.

The board, except for Morren who abstained, voted to increase the administrator salaries by five percent for Rex Holcombe, Wayne Morren and Mac Sherman.

After a closed meeting to discuss performance of individual paraprofessional and support staff members, Dean made the motion to approve the paraprofessional and support staff as recommended by administrators. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. The board also accepted the resignation of Callie Howell.

# Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margarette Word

Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573. We are located at 301 E. Georgia. Lunch starts at 12 noon. If you are 60 years or older, come join us.

If you are homebound, we do have meals on wheels. For more information please call our director, Sylvia at 983-2032 and she can explain the program.

I missed a couple of days this past week due to being sick. I do not know if we had visitors.

Gene and Nancy Lawson have returned to the Center. Nancy fell a few weeks ago and really hurt her leg. In fact, she couldn't walk for several days. She's fine now.

I hope all Mothers had a happy Mother's Day. Many had families visiting and some of us did not.

Derek Cheek and his wife of Plainview spent Mother's Day with his mother, Carolyn Cheek.

I'm sorry I forgot to list May birthdays in last weeks article.

Happy Birthday to those who have a May birthday: May 1 - Margaret Jones; May 3 - Darlenda Marquis; May 13 - J.W. Cannon; May 23 - Harold Snell.

Thank you for remembering the Center when you need to make a memorial donation.

In memory of Sue Lovell - Gene and Nancy Lawson,

James and Darlenda Marquis, L.B. Stewart, McCown family, Dale and Carolyn Smith.

In memory of Florence Van Hoose - James and Darlenda Marquis.

In memory of Louise and Carlton Fawver - L.B. Stewart.

In memory of Louise Fawver - Dale and Carolyn Smith.

In memory of Edwin Nutt - L.B. Stewart, Dale and Carolyn Smith.

In memory of Peggy Probasco - Jack and Billie Jordan.

Thought for the Week - I believe that the law was made for man and not man for the law; that government is the servant of the people and not their master.

## From: Bits & Pieces MENU

May 16 - May 20

- Monday - Lasagna, Italian blend, salad, garlic bread, chocolate bars
- Tuesday - Chef salad, pimento cheese sandwiches, vegetable soup, ambrosia salad
- Wednesday - BBQ brisket, potato salad, baked beans, roll, cobbler
- Thursday - Beef stir fry, rice, Oriental blend, roll, brownie
- Friday - Mushroom chicken, broccoli & cheese, corn, roll, jello w/fruit

# Commissioners talk redistricting and fireworks

By Homer Marquez

On Monday, May 9, Floyd County Commissioners convened once again for their monthly court session; items discussed in May's agenda included approving a bank depository, discussing the possibility of redistricting the county, and the prohibition of certain types of fireworks.

As usual, the commissioner's court started off the meeting by approving the consent agenda; commissioners would vote unanimously to pay this month's county bills. After also unanimously voting to approve this month's farm contracts, the commissioner's gave the floor to Mark Carroll with AgriLife for his monthly report; in his report, Carroll, updated the county commissioners on the current activities of AgriLife and the 4-H. Mark informed the commissioners that the agency had attended several meetings this month, including the Cotton Growers meeting, the Ag Committee meeting, and a few meetings that pertaining to horticulture. Mr. Carroll also told the court that some irrigated corn and some variety trials had already been planted, but dry land farming was still on hold due to the lack of rain.

In AgriLife's scholastic activities, the agency had just wrapped up their "Power of the Wind" presentation at Lockney; the presentation,

that was funded by renewable energy company, Horizon, gave fifth grade students a hands-on science lesson in wind energy. Next week, the "Power of the Wind" week long curriculum will head to Floydada's elementary. Floyd County's 4-H Livestock judging team would finish second at Texas Tech; 15 students of the program are now preparing for the state competition. Mr. Carroll also explained that their 4-H was preparing for their Round-up.

Following AgriLife's report, Attorney Curtis Parrish took the floor to discuss the possibility of redistricting the current precincts in Floyd County. Since results of the 2010 Census were released a few months ago, counties all over the country are reviewing data to fairly redistrict their counties. In this year's past census, Floyd County showed a 20.6 percent drop in population, with a 1,325 difference between 2010's population count of 6,446 and the year 2000's census total of 7,771. Hispanics would once again come in as the majority, making up 52.9% of the population; Anglo's would make up 43.1% of the county's population, while African-Americans would represent 3.9% of the population and other races would make up .6%.

As far as redistricting

goes, Attorney Parrish told the commissioners that even though the county's population had dropped a considerable amount in the last 10 years, each individual district had lost about the same amount of people. Census data reported that Precinct 1 held a population of 1,623 with a 1,233 voter population; Precinct 2 would come in with a population of 1,688 with 1,231 of them being able to vote; Precinct 3 would show a population of 1,602 with a voter population of 1,094; and Precinct 4 would total a population of 1,533 with 1,026 of them being of voter age.

To determine if redistricting was necessary, Attorney Parrish first found the population average of the precincts, which was 1,611; then Parrish took that number and compared it to the actual population of each precinct to find the deviation. In the process of determining whether a county must be redistricted, most consultants, like Parrish, use a tolerance of plus or minus 10%; that means that the maximum deviation of the precincts would have to be within 10%, in order to avoid redistricting. After running the numbers, Attorney Parrish concluded that the maximum deviation between the precincts was 9.62%. Attorney Parrish then advised the court that the need for redistricting Floyd County would not be necessary; this in turn would save the county close to \$10,000-\$15,000 in redistricting costs. The County Commissioner would vote unanimously to keep the precinct districts the same.

Following Attorney Parrish's presentation, the court went on to approve a cross road water line for Steve McPherson as well as a proclamation

recognizing the Providence Lutheran Church's 100 year anniversary.

County Commissioner would then spend time discussing the possibility of consolidating the county's specialty equipment between the four districts or leasing specialty equipment opposed to buying them; no action was taken.

The Court would then unanimously vote to keep Floydada's First National Bank as the county's depository bank; the Court would also approve the Floyd County Central Appraisal District's budget and would also approve the purchase of a new computer monitor for the Treasurer's office.

Turning their attention to the county's current fire ban and upcoming 4th of July celebrations, the Commissioner's Court unanimously voted to prohibit certain fireworks in unincorporated areas of Floyd County; these types of fireworks would include fireworks that used sticks or fins, like sky rockets, missiles, and bottle rockets. With dry weather continuing to feed ravaging wildfires all over the state, with millions of acres burned, counties all over Texas are taking much needed precautions to ensure safety; if this year's current drought continues, their may be a possibility that all fireworks may be prohibited in the county.

In one of the final items in the agenda, the Commissioners voted to keep the TCDRS Retirement Plan's pay-in at 14.85%. Closing out the meeting, Commissioners held a closed session with County Attorney Lex Herrington on matters of a law suit and personnel time.

# 1950 STUDY CLUB NEWS

By Sue Daniels

The 1950 Study Club met at 5 p.m. on May 3, 2011, in the home of Margaret Jones for its final meeting before adjourning for the summer. The theme was "Happiness-Making Beauty Simple".

The blessing was spoken by Sandy Forehand. The group enjoyed a salad supper which was provided by its members followed by dessert of pineapple coconut cake and fresh strawberries served by hostesses Margaret Jones and Lovene Moore.

The program entitled: "Keep It Simple" was presented by Charline Hendrix, a local homemaker and cake decorator who previously

had a catering service. She was introduced by Margaret Jones. Charline enlightened the group with helpful hints on meal planning and preparation, table decoration, floral arrangements and other points of interest.

President Sandy Forehand presided over the business meeting. Roll call was conducted by Geneile Evans and she read the minutes of the previous meeting. Eleven members and one guest were in attendance.

Fern Hartsell gave the treasurer's report. The meeting was adjourned following the discussion and adoption of projects to be done by the club.

# City of Lockney plans to get aggressive

In the efforts of cleaning up Lockney, the City of Lockney has recently announced that they will be stepping up its enforcement of the city's grounds keeping regulations by hitting violators with hefty fines. Beginning immediately, City Hall will be looking out for properties that violate the city ordinances concerning high weeds, trash, unkempt yards, and run down houses. The City is encouraging citizens to take action in cleaning up the city. Citizens will soon start receiving warning letters from the City if their property is in violation; the property will then have 10 days to take care of the matter, if nothing is done, the city will reserve the right to clean up the property at the expense of the owner. The cost of labor for any mowing or any clean up done by the City will then be charged back to the owner, and may very well be put on as a lean towards the property.

The City of Lockney will also be planning to officially

condemn rundown and unlivable houses in the city; if the city has to condemn and remove an old house, the cost to do so will also be charged to the owner of the property. City officials explained that several of these homes have been vacant and rundown for years and it was time to take action to clean up.

Also vehicles that are visible and have been parked for quite some time are now subject to the possibility of being red tagged by the Lockney Police Department if they are not moved out of plain sight or caught up with current registration.

Citizens who receive letters and need more time for their clean-up may approach City Hall to make their request for my time. On June 4, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Lockney Chamber of Commerce will be providing two roll-off boxes for citizens to throw away trash; excluding tires, tree limbs, grass, leaves or brush.

# Floydada School Menu

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU  
May 16 - May 20

- Monday  
Breakfast-Breakfast pizza or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk  
Lunch- Chicken fajitas, tortillas, refried beans, salad, orange smiles, chocolate pudding cup, milk
- Tuesday  
Breakfast-Sausage/biscuit

- or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
- Lunch-Stuffed baked potato, baby carrots/ranch, fresh fruit cup, Texas toast, milk
- Wednesday  
Breakfast-Pancakes/syrup or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk  
Lunch-Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot roll,

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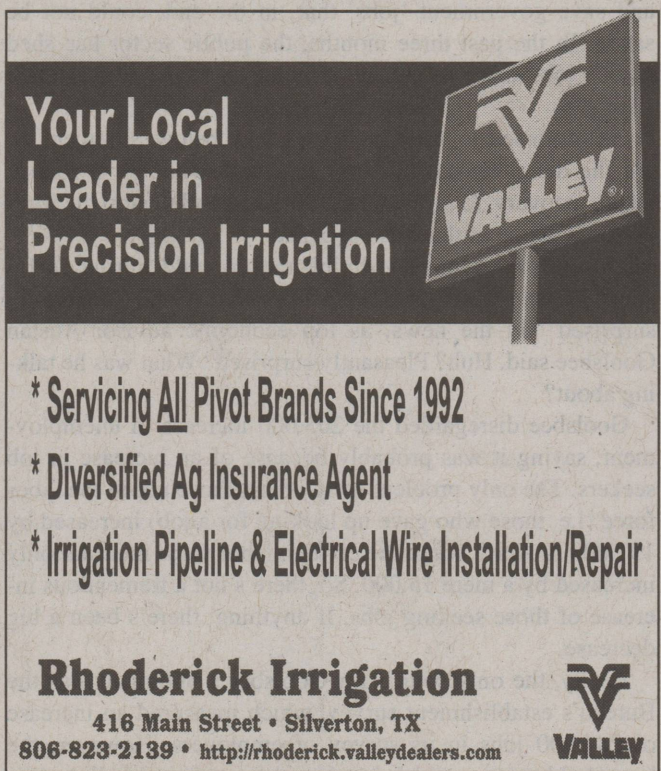
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of progressing humanity are recorded for posterity through the printed page. Perhaps no other media, perhaps no other vehicle of preserving facts, has so convincing a record as do hometown newspapers. The Floyd County Hesperian and Lockney Beacon may rightfully take their place in this proud tradition.

The Texas Ticker and the Floyd County Times, each serving but a short time, were Floydada's earliest newspapers. Claude V. Hall established the Hesperian-Gazette in 1896. He sold the paper to Cree and Adair, who in turn sold to Pettit and Guthrie, who sold to Tom P. Steen. Steen's son, Carl, was editor from 1906 until 1910. In 1911, Homer Steen, also Tom Steen's son, became editor of the Floyd County Hesperian, later known as the Hesperian Publishing Company. After Steen's retirement in 1961, S.B. McBeath became editor. Several months later Wendell M. Tooley became editor and the name Floyd County Hesperian was restored. Tooley later merged the Hesperian with the Lockney Beacon. Tooley continued ownership through June 1979.

**THE LOCKNEY BEACON**

In the spring of 1898 Jno. C. Hendrix became editor of the newly founded Lockney Ledger and Romulus Jones served as associate editor. Following Hendrix's retirement the following autumn, Jones assumed sole management, from which he retired in 1900. Late that year, P.W. Henderson established the Llano Estacado.

The Ledger was resuscitated in 1901 and was superseded by the Lockney Beacon in 1902 with F.N. Oliver as editor. Homer Steen became owner of the Beacon in 1909, later leased it to a man named Foster in 1910 and later sold to Ben F. Smith. In April of 1923 J. M. Adams purchased the Beacon and Robert Carter became editor. The Adams-Carter Beacon lasted only a few months. Then H.B. Adams purchased the newspaper and remained at

its head until the early thirties. Files are incomplete for this period, but in 1935 J.L. Suits became editor. In about 1938 Bill Dyson took over editorship of the Lockney paper, and in April of 1942 Edgar R. Hays arrived in Lockney as editor of the Beacon. Willis Reynolds became part owner and co-publisher (with Hays) in 1952. Hays was editor until July 1972, when Jim Reynolds replaced him at the editorial helm of the Beacon.

The Reynolds' sold the paper to Wendell Tooley in 1972. When the Beacon was bought by Tooley the two newspapers were merged into the Floyd County Publishing Company and publication began twice weekly, each Thursday and Sunday. However, the identity of both the Beacon and the Hesperian was maintained through individual front pages and sports pages. At that time Joe Frank Hawkins became editor and served in the capacity until March of 1974, when he was succeeded by Jim Huggins.

**THE FLOYD COUNTY HESPERIAN-BEACON**

Ken and Louise Towery bought the Hesperian-Beacon from Wendell Tooley. Ken (while editor of the Cuero (TX) Record) won the Pulitzer Prize in 1955 for a series of stories on a Texas land scandal that sent the first elected state official to prison for a crime committed in office.

The Towery's daughter, Alice Towery Gilroy, served as editor and publisher of the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon for many years.

In 2008, the Towery's sold the Floyd County Hesperian Beacon to Blackburn Media Group, Inc. Chris Blackburn, BMG CEO had always liked the Floyd County area and the vast potential of the county led to his decision to purchase the publication and the building.

BMG made the decision to change the publication from black and white to color.

The Hesperian-Beacon currently has two employees, Barbara Anderson and Homer

Marquez. The Lockney Beacon remains open.

**BLANCO OFFSET PRINTING**

Blanco Offset Printing Co. Inc. was formed in April of 1965 with five stockholders in the organization. They were Hubert Curry of Crosbyton Review, O.G. Nieman of the Slaton Publishing Co., Wendell Tooley of the Floyd County Hesperian and Edgar Hays and Willis Reynolds of the Lockney Beacon. Tooley was elected president of the corporation and Nieman vice-president. The company was formed to print area newspapers and started out with four. Then more were added as time went on. At one time they printed 21 weekly, monthly, and semi-weekly newspapers and now have added boo, printing to their activities.

The company was originally located at 212 South Main in Floydada. In 1969, the Boren Building, at 111 E. Missouri Street, was purchased jointly by the Floyd County Hesperian and Blanco Offset and both moved to this location. As of June, 1979, stockholders were Wendell Tooley, O.G. Nieman, Willis Reynolds and son, Jim Bob Reynolds, and Art Ratzlaff, who also managed the plant.

Blanco Offset Printing was closed in 2009.

The following are articles pertaining to the history of the building:

**HESPERIAN, BLANCO OFFSET, MOVING TO NEW LOCATION**

**Floyd County Hesperian, December 11, 1969**

According to an announcement made by Wendall Tooley this week, the two business firms of *The Hesperian* and Blanco Offset Inc. will be moving to a new location shortly after Christmas.

The Boren Furniture building has been purchased from John Stapleton by the two firms and remodeling has begun on the building. It is located on the north side of the square. "We hope to expand

our office furniture and office machines departments, may add an art supply department in the Hesperian Office Supply," Tooley said Wednesday.

Tooley added that Blanco offset is "literally bursting at the seams" as its business has increased from printing four newspapers to 11, and is also printing more circulars. The front two thirds of the building which the firms are vacating is for rent and anyone interested in renting the building should contact Tooley.

**HESPERIAN IN NEW LOCATION**

**Floyd County Hesperian, January 1, 1970**

*The Floyd County Hesperian* and the Hesperian Office Supply businesses have moved to the north side of the square. Although some of the office supplies are still in the boxes, Hesperian office supply personnel are taking care of the customers in the new location.

The move marked an end to the business at 212 S. Main where the Hesperian had been published for the past 41 years. Blanco Offset Printing Inc, is still printing 11 area newspapers at 212 S. Main, and manager Art Ratzlaff reports that the printing equipment will be moved to the north side of the square in the next two or three weeks.

**MORE THAN 400 REGISTER AT GRAND OPENING**

More than 400 people registered Friday and Saturday for prizes in the *Hesperian*/Blanco Offset Printing grand opening celebrations.

Winner of the Olivetti-Underwood typewriter was Clyde Bagwell. Brenda Wall, Elisa Garrett, Mrs. W. O. Newberry, M. F. Bradford, and Kenneth Rimmer were all winners of copies of Funk and Wagnall's Encyclopedic College Dictionary.

Visitors were served refreshments and were shown the offset printing process from original composition to final press run.

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Clare Smith,  
Lillian Vanlandingham  
**Second Grade**  
Hunter Lefevre,  
Dylan Morgan  
**Third Grade**  
Anahi Ascencio,  
Felipe Azua,

Ainslee Dunn,  
Kayla Rodriguez Archer  
**Fourth Grade**  
Lyndee Setliff,  
Bryson Walker  
**Fifth Grade**  
Ryder Race,  
Tristan Schlueter

**OLD SETTLERS Continued from page 1**

Pioneers of the Plains as they headed to Floydada to take part in fun. Activities for the day have grown to include; a bar-b-que lunch, which has always been free to Floyd County residents that have lived in the community for 50 or more years, a grand parade, which awards prizes for the best pioneer float, best commercial float and the best club float, a tractor pull, a classic car show, an antique car and tractor show, a wildflower show, a quilt show, an arts and crafts show, a memorial service, and many more including food, music, and dancing.

Under the pavilion, pioneers are honored with awards like the Pioneer Man of the Year, Pioneer Woman

of the Year, and the Pioneer Couple of the year. Awards are also presented to the oldest man and woman, and to the person who traveled the greatest distance to attend the reunion. In keeping up with the traditions of the past, the Pioneer Association also holds a business meeting and memorial service, as well as holds its officers election; and the Floyd County Historical Museum holds an open house.

As this year's Pioneer Association finalizes its plans for the 2011 Old Settler's reunion that will be held on May 28, old and new pioneers for Floyd County alike will undoubtedly be anticipating another great celebration of our county's history.

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consisting of representing a favorite book in cake form.

Projects will be judged on creativity, recognition of title/book and presentation. The top 12 winning projects will then be auctioned off to the highest bidders. The top 12 "Aces" will receive prizes for their efforts.

There will be a price attached to all other projects if you desire to purchase one of those. Students have the option of selling their items or not. The auctioned or sold items will help toward generating funds for the FJH

Activity Fund to be used directly for the students.

If you are looking for a way to support our students and be involved with the school, this is an outstanding, SWEET and TASTY way to do just that!

\*When: Friday, May 13  
\*View the culinary creations: 8:00-11:00 a.m.  
\*Judging: 11:00-noon  
\*AUCTION: 1:15 - FJH Gym (ALL auction items MUST be removed from campus at the conclusion of the auction.)



In this classic picture from an 1971 edition of the Floyd County Hesperian, pioneers are shown at the square enjoying the activities of the Old Settlers Reunion.

**FROM THE ARCHIVES...**

**FLOYD COUNTY HISTORY FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM**

From the Floyd County Hesperian and The Lockney Beacon May 24, 1990  
Floyd County Centennial by Bill Gray

**FLOYD COUNTY IN THE GAY NINETIES**

The last decade of the Nineteenth Century presented some trying and tumultuous times for Floydada, Lockney and the other developing settlements of Floyd County. Prairie fires, windstorms and droughts brought severe hardships; it took brave, audacious souls with hardy, determined efforts to accept and overcome the adversities.

In August, 1890, a fierce prairie fire raced out of control over the county from east to west. J. D. Arnold's tent home, located on Floyd City's town section, was destroyed—along with a four mile long and fifteen mile wide grass strip. The loss of the grass was quite

a blow to the settlers, who were forced to buy high-priced feed for their stock.

On December 31, 1890, a violent windstorm ravaged the South Plains. It took its toll, with many structures damaged or destroyed in the central district of Floyd City. S. B. Chadwick's grocery store was demolished, as was the temporary court house, M. M. Day's livery stable and C. A. Tomme's mercantile store.

As previously mentioned, one aspiring town, Mayshaw, was devastated by drought and grasshoppers. The settlement was established in 1892, and was named for Mrs. May Shaw (wife of one of the town's promoters, A. J. Shaw). Mayshaw came into being as a result of citizens who were "tired of the ceaseless warfare being waged between the various towns of Floyd County."

The founders desired to build a town of their own that would lack the internal conflicts of the others in the county. The town was short-lived, but it

produced some significant and colorful personalities of early Floyd County.

One such individual was G. W. Grammer, an eccentric educator and musician. He wore long hair, a full beard, and claimed to be the "greatest musical genius alive." Area newspapers labeled Grammer a fraud and a charlatan. Nevertheless, he was probably the first intellectual and cultural leader in Floyd County.

The "professor" gave lectures and instructions in stenography and phrenology (the study of the conformation of the skull as indicative of mental faculties and character traits). Youngsters from throughout the county attended his Musical Normal School, where Grammer and his sister-in-law, Ellen Kyle, taught a musical method known as the "Grammer Lightning System."

After the demise of Mayshaw, Grammer lived a short time in Lockney. His reception there was less than desirable, although he instilled

a certain degree of culture and appreciation for the arts, which soon were to be factors in the economic expansion of the community.

Lockney was initially located about two miles east of its modern site. The town's founder, J. F. Lockney, migrated from Abilene, where he had been a prominent businessman and rancher. He lost everything due to droughts in 1886 and 1887, and came to the High Plains in search of a new life.

He was accompanied by his aged father, J. H. Lockney, for whom the town was named. In the late 1880, towns were springing up all over the county; Lockney was one that held a lot of promise of surviving.

Other early pioneers of  
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**NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MYRA BYRL APPLEWHITE HARALSON, DECEASED**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Myra Byrl Applewhite Haralson, deceased were issued on May 2, 2011, in Cause No. 5884 pending in the County Court of Floyd County, Texas, to: Malcolm Tisdell.

The business address and post office address of Malcolm Tisdell is 2208 West 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Plainview, TX. 79072.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED: May 2, 2011

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Texas Bar No. 20078000  
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806-296-2614  
Attorney for the Estate

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Lockney included J. E. Kroger, T. B. Stewart, R. M. Emerson, W. L. Covey and W. R. Davis. All were of limited financial resources; they were interested only in carving out their own livelihoods. At first they distanced themselves from the county seat turmoil. Davis operated the first store and was the second postmaster of Lockney.

Shortly after its organization, Lockney consisted of a post office, school, blacksmith shop, grocery store and a few dugouts. The first school opened in 1890, with D. F. Lockney teaching thirty-one students for a monthly salary of fifty dollars.

When Floyd County was formalized and officially surveyed, it was discovered that Lockney had been located on the corner of four sections. The mistake had been made by the first settlers who had staked out their own land without the benefit a surveyor. It became necessary to move the town to a new site to the west. After the relocation, "New Lockney" grew rapidly.

Partly due to the influence of G. W. Grammer and others, Lockney became the cultural center of the area. Heretofore, most social events in the "raw western country had consisted of occasional cowboy dances on barbecues.

A literary society and a Chautauqua were formed. A public library was established, and a large selection of books was made available for the general public. Lockney's emphasis on refinement and

culture attracted many new residents, and the town became an important trade center.

Lockney's first newspaper, the Lockney Ledger, was established by John C. Hendrix. P. W. Henderson changed the paper's name in 1900 to The Llano Estacado, and in 1902 it became the Lockney Beacon, with F. N. Oliver as the editor.

The opening of Lockney Christian College in 1894 by members of the Church of Christ could be directly attributed to the prevailing attitude of the town concerning arts, culture and education. A more than adequate water supply, the coming of railroads and a financial recession in Floydada during the mid-1890s all contributed to Reverend C. W. Smith's decision to locate the college in Lockney.

The college grew and flourished; it played an active role in the growth of the town. Due to the development of church-sponsored colleges in Abilene and Thorp Spring (two miles north of Grandbury in Hood County), Lockney Christian College closed, and held its final classes in 1916.

The remote location of the school had much to do with its closure, but the twenty-two years of its operation left a lasting impression upon Lockney and all of Floyd County. Lockney continued to be the cultural and amusement hub of the South Plains for several more years.

Lockney was an annual stop each supper for the

giant Chautauqua tents. The Chautauquas were traveling groups which brought lectures, concerts and recitals to the entertainment-deprived people of small town along the routes.

Medicine and minstrel shows and circuses appeared regularly in Lockney before the turn of the century. While Sarah Bernhardt, Eddie Foy, Oscar Wilde and other luminaries barnstormed the major cities across the expanding West, once a year Lockney had its own version of "big time" show business—The Mollie Bailey Show.

For more than a quarter century, Bailey toured the rural communities of Texas—first with a combined Circus and Wild West Show, and, in the final years, with a tent repertoire company (complete with vaudeville and brass band). Bailey's troupers helped break the monotony of humdrum, small-town life in the 1890 and early 1900s.

To say the least, Mrs. Bailey was a colorful character. It was said that she had been a spy and a nurse during the Civil War. Her husband died when her youngest of nine children was a baby. Members of the family made up the cast, and all were very talented.

Billing herself the "Circus Queen of the Southwest," Mollie always appeared in a "long, flowing black taffeta skirt, black velvet cape with a fringe, and long strings of beads." She reportedly purchased property in Lockney in order to always have a show lot upon which to set up her tent when she came each fall.

Floyd County suffered many trials and tribulations during the "gay Nineties." However, at least for one week a year, Mollie Bailey helped bring a little diversion and happiness to townspeople of Lockney.

Bailey's show was a forerunner and "blazed the trail" for similar troupes which toured West Texas and Eastern New Mexico until the late 1950s. The Brunk's Comedians, Musical Grays' Stock Company and Harley Sadler's Comedians were to later travel the same territory as Mollie Bailey. Harley Sadler would one day become a "household word" in Floyd County and throughout Texas.

**Volunteer Firefighter Emergency Assistance Fund**

The Texas Forest Service has established a new account titled "VFD Emergency Assistance Fund". The purpose of this fund will be to receive donations to assist VFDs with their elevated costs in battling the current wildfires. All donations are tax deductible and the donors will receive an acknowledgement letter for tax purposes. If a donor want to earmark their gift for VFDs in a particular county or region, they may do so by indicating this in their gift transmittal and the Texas Forest Service will set up separate funds to handle this type of donation. 100% of the funds received will be distributed to VFDs in the form of grants

for firefighting expenses. Donations may be mailed to the following address:

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A similar fund was created in 2006 through the Texas Forest Service when our state experienced tremendous loss of property and structures due to wildfires. This is a great way to help VFDs who do so much with so little.

**Program Benefits Available to Producers Suffering Wildfire Losses**

(Floydada, Texas), May 5, 2011—Recently drought and wildfires have greatly impacted many agricultural operations across the state. Agricultural producers who have experienced losses as a result of wildfire can apply for benefits through the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) or the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA).

"Both LIP and ELAP provide agricultural producers with a vital safety net to help them overcome the damaging financial loss caused by natural disasters," said Stephanie Bradley, executive director for USDA Farm Service Agency in Floyd County.

LIP compensates livestock owners and contract growers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather,

including losses due to wildfires.

Bradley adds, "A notice of loss must be filed with FSA within 30 days of when the loss of livestock is apparent. Livestock that die within 60 days of the date of the qualifying event, but prior to Oct. 1, 2011 will be considered eligible for loss benefits."

USDA has established normal mortality rates for each type and weight range of eligible livestock, i.e. Adult Beef Cow = 1.5% and Non-Adult Beef Cattle = 3%. These established percentages reflect losses that are considered expected or typical under, "normal" conditions.

According to Bradley, producers will be required to provide verifiable documentation of death losses resulting from an eligible adverse weather event.

ELAP is another disaster program that can provide

emergency assistance to eligible livestock producers who have losses due to wildfires.

ELAP assistance is for losses not covered under other disaster assistance programs established by the 2008 Farm Bill. Such losses include but are not limited to feed supply losses due to wildfire and additional feed costs resulting from the purchase of additional livestock feed, above normal quantities. Producers who have suffered feed losses must file a notice of loss with FSA within 30 days of the fire.

Producers who feel they have suffered a qualifying LIP or ELAP loss are encouraged to file a notice of loss and application for payment. For more information on LIP, ELAP or other FSA programs, please contact the Floyd county office at 806.983.5747 or visit FSA online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/tx>.

**Whirlwinds compete in Regional Track Meet**

By Coach Ayala

Results of the Regional Track Met in Odessa. The 800 relay did not make the finals in the 800-relay. They gave a good effort and did get the stick around to the finish line. The 800 relay team was made up with Troy Morales, John Angel Yannis, Rex Mathis and Adrian Pleasant. Altermate was Jordan Woody.

Cole Covington competed in the pole

vault and had a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish. He was facing a great group of jumpers and did a great job competing. Coach Levi Bandy did a great job getting Cole ready to jump this year in all the meets we went too.

I would like to thank all the coaches who helped out with the track program this year, Coach Riley, Coach Renfro, Coach Todd Bandy, Coach Eddleman, Coach Styles, Coach Hefin and Coach Williams.

**Floydada Jr. High District Tennis**

By Coach Smith

The Jr. High District Tennis Tournament was held on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Floydada 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade competed and did very well. They had three weeks to prepare for their tournament. The results are as follows:

**8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

- Girls Singles:**  
Andrea Gregoreyk (Idalou) def. Esmo Garza 8-6 (3<sup>rd</sup> place)  
Christain Reyna (Muleshoe) def. Kim Pacheco 8-0  
Jaida Gandarillo (Muleshoe) def. Aimee Chavarria 8-5  
**Girls Doubles:**  
Rebekah Hall / Bethany Morales (1<sup>st</sup> place) def. Makenna Johnson / Liz Morales (2<sup>nd</sup> Place) 8-3  
**Boys Singles:**  
Gavin Douglas (Friona) def. Ricardo Cervera 8-5  
Doran Lindsey (Idalou) def. Danny Martinez 9-8 (7-3)  
Gentry George (Tulia) def. John Cortinas 9-8 (7-5)  
**Boys Doubles:**  
Childers/Todd (Tulia) def. Aaron Chavarria / Tucker Lowrance 8-3 (4<sup>th</sup> Place)

**7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

- Girls Singles:**

Micha Benavidaz (Tulia) def. Reagan Hughes 8-2

**Girls Doubles:**  
Cruz / Rodriquez (Tulia) def. Alyson Perez / Destiny Thomas 8-3

**Boys Singles:**  
Tristan Bohning (Muleshoe) def. Kirby Nixon 8-0

Daniel Compos (Muleshoe) def. Michael Riojas 8-0

**Boys Doubles:**  
Ky Baker/ Ezekiel Torres def. Indicott/ Zuber (Idalou) 9-7 (3<sup>rd</sup> place)

**Mixed Doubles:**  
Logan Everett / Dakota Whalen def. Chico/Rodriquez (Friona) 8-4 (1<sup>st</sup> Place)

**Coaches Comments:**  
*This is a great group of kids that I have enjoyed having in the program. I am hoping that they will continue to play in the future. It is definitely a challenge to have this many kids on two courts having practice for just 3 weeks before competing. To have nine come away with a medal is a great outcome. I have to give a huge thank you to these high school players: Brityn, Helms, Imelda Resendiz, Joseph Martinez, Joseph Herrera, and Hunter Schwertner. They stayed after school and helped me with work out and also helped during the tournament. Great Job!!*

Coach Smith


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