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## 250 dogs rescued from kennel in Floyd County

By Homer Marquez

Early last Wednesday morning, the Floyd County Sheriff's Department and the Humane Society of West Texas raided Alpha-Tex Kennels for claims of animal cruelty.

Alpha-Tex, owned by Mark and Sandra Smith, is located in north Floyd County, between Aiken and Lockney.

After receiving an anonymous tip several days prior concerning the bad conditions of the kennels, Floyd County Sheriff Paul Raissez and an criminal investigator for the Humane Society headed to the Alpha-Tex kennels to take a look for themselves; after visiting the kennels, authorities had enough evidence to issue a warrant of seizure for the animals.

That Wednesday, the Sheriffs Department and the Humane Society of West Texas rescued over 250 German Shepard, Golden Retriever, and Border Collie dogs from Alpha-Tex.

The Smith's told media outlets that conditions had dropped, since Mr. Smith was recovering from a foot injury, but claimed that the overall operation was stable; the Smith's also added that a jump in their dog population had also played a part.

According to Humane Society, the dogs showed signs of neglect, malnourishment,

dehydration, and suffered from mange; quite a few puppies were even showing signs of the parvovirus as well.

It was also reported that the kennel, which used to be a pig farm, did not have enough available shade, exposing the dogs to the brutal summer's heat. The bones of dead dogs were also said to be found on the premises.

Dogs that were used for breeding were also in bad shape; some breeding dogs showed signs of dysplasia, which is carried to down to the puppies.

One breeding dog was reported to have a broken leg that was never fixed so it healed with an extremely noticeable deformity; while another breeding dog only had three legs.

Along with the Sheriffs Department and the Humane Society, volunteers came out to help load the dogs for transportation. The dogs were transported to the Unity Center in Muncy, Texas. There, the Humane Society, Vet Techs and volunteers provided medical attention, food and water, and bathed the dogs that were said to have been covered in their own feces.

Mark and Sandra Smith, owners of Alpha-Tex, were reportedly selling the dogs for close to \$1500. Currently charges have not

See RESCUE on page 11



Photo by Homer Marquez

Last Wednesday, Floyd County authorities and the Humane Society of West Texas seized over 200 dogs from the Alpha-Tex Kennels for claims of neglect. Currently the owners of the kennel, Mark and Sandra Smith, are awaiting an Oct. 13 court date to see if they will keep their puppies. (Pictured above) is a three-legged dog that was used to breed.

## Punkin Day is Saturday



Photo by Reese Ramsey

PUMPKIN CAPITAL, USA---Crazy Hoe Farms, LLC is owned and operated by Dean and Brenda Watson along with the help of their children and grandchildren. Besides growing pumpkins they also grow broomcorn, the kind used to make brooms. The stalk binder used by the Watsons to tie up the broomcorn stalks has not been manufactured since the 1940's but Dean is still able to buy parts for it from the Amish in Pennsylvania. Pictured (l-r) are Reese Ramsey, Clay Bigham, Troy Bigham, Deanna Bigham, Dean Watson, Brenda Watson, David Watson, Bridgette Fulton, Amanda Watson, Marti Walker, and Reagan Ramsey. Not pictured are Sage Fulton and Courtney Edwards.

fall harvest carnivals, Halloween parties, and Thanksgiving and all those wonderful decorations we use, would not be possible without the area growers and wholesale dealers. One wholesale dealer in Floydada has been in business of connecting growers with buyers for many years, Amado Morales. Mr. Morales employs several seasonal workers to harvest the pumpkins, load the trailers and trucks; and coordinates the shipping of the seasonal fruit. Yes, pumpkins are a fruit.

Currently three growers are working with Amado to deliver the orange globes, strange-shaped gourds and delicious squash to places far and wide; they are brothers, Danny and Zach Nutt and their families, and Crazy Hoe Farms, LLC.

The Nutt family, Danny and Zach, are two of the growers that make it possible for Morales to gather and ship nationwide. With Zach having 17 years of farming experience behind him and his older brother, Danny, having 27 years under his belt, these seasoned farmers said they have never seen a year like this. Zach said, "This year has been a real challenge."

Zach started growing pumpkins with his dad, Edwin Nutt around ten years ago. The two started out with growing just fifteen acres of Howden pumpkins. They next year they added an additional five acres and just grew from there, Zach said. According

See PUNKIN DAY on page 12

## Floyd County generosity reaches Africa



Courtesy Photo

Recently, former Floyd County resident, Dr. Wayne Cooper and his wife, Dr. Cheryl Graham made the trip to Hope Africa University in Bujumbura, Burundi to teach a course to aspiring medical students.

By Homer Marquez

It's the constant helpful and generous attitude of Floyd County citizens that always seems to leave positive impressions wherever they go; and in a recent trip, this lasting impact became even more evident as Lockney native, Dr. Wayne Cooper, traveled to Hope Africa Univer-

sity to teach aspiring medical students in East Africa.

"It was incredibly positive," commented Dr. Cooper following his return from the university, "we found the students to be outstanding, they worked incredibly hard."

Son of Melvin and Edith Cooper, Dr. Wayne Cooper, See COOPER on page 11

## The Friends of the Library hold book sale

By Carolyn Cheek

The Friends of the Library are getting ready for their semi-annual book sale. Our sale will be Friday, October 7 and Saturday, October 8.

The sale will be held in the conference room at the Floyd County Memorial

Library beginning at 9 a.m. each day. We hope you will plan to come by to see us and purchase books for your fall and winter reading.

We welcome book donations for our sale. We especially need children's See BOOK SALE on page 12

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Article Courtesy of Floydada Chamber of Commerce

The crisp air and orange pumpkins on the ground announce fall is here, which means the sights and sounds of festival days are here. It is time to celebrate the pumpkin in Floydada, Texas. Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> is Punkin Day in Floydada, Texas, also known as the Pumpkin Capital, USA.

The images of pumpkins, gourds, squashes and corn stalks invade our senses. We think of Punkin Day, church

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An Evening with Condoleezza Rice presented by Lubbock Christian University was held on Tuesday, September 27, 2011. This was the third "An Evening with" presented in the past six years. The first "An Evening With..." was with General Colin Powell in 2007, the second "An Evening With..." was with President George W. Bush in 2009 and this past Tuesday with former Secretary of State, Condoleezza Rice. It should be noted that Director of Public Relations, Kelli Childre, deserves the lion's share of credit for the success this event has realized over the last six-plus years. It is headed up by Childre and her staff that works closely with her. She is the daughter of Jon & Elaine LaBaume.

## 50th Wedding Anniversary



Byron and Charlotte Brock of Lockney celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Friday, September 30, 2011 with a dinner at Cagle Steaks in Lubbock with family. From 1961 to 2011 you have blessed our lives with your life and we thank you so much for the memories we have all shared through the last 50 years and pray God will allow so many more memories to come. We Love you Mom and Dad, Byron & Shelley Brock and family, Kyle and Kay Brock and family, and Jody and Shawnda Foster and family.

## From The Archives

**FROM THE ARCHIVES**  
OF  
**THE FLOYD COUNTY**  
**MUSEUM**  
From the Lockney Beacon  
January 29, 1978  
**SUZANN'S BIBLE—A**  
**LEGACY FROM PLAN-**  
**TATION**  
**AND WAGON TRAIN**

**By Felicia Applewhite**  
Mayme McGhee of Lockney tells a family story of a wagon train going West. Suzann's Bible was a part of the wagon train's tragic story. "The Civil War was being fought when my great, great grandfather and three of his grandchildren arrived at the

Mississippi River where forces were engaged in fighting. They ceased fire until my great, great grandfather and his grandchildren were safely across," Mrs. McGhee says. Those three children are registered in Suzann's Bible. They were her children: David Wesley Kelley, born in the year of our Lord 1857. Mahalie Elizabeth Kelley, born August 2 in the year of our Lord 1858. Joseph Asa Kelley, born Jun 20, in the year of our Lord 1860. Mahalie was Mrs. McGhee's grandmother. Until

America from Ireland early in 1800 and settled on a plantation known as Kelley's Island. Years later it sold and was broken up into small farms. Patric Kelley's romantic life as a plantation owner of Kelley's Island is marked with vigor and enthusiasm. He drove a fringed-top surrey pulled by the most beautiful high-spirited horses. He operated a fish Hatchery. His island was in the Tennessee River which parted and flowed on both sides of him. He had a plantation bell in the yard that tolled out a message at set hours.

ing hardships and dangers. James wrote his father from Nebraska that he and Suzann had measles with complications that were sure to prove fatal. He asked his father to come for the children. On receipt of the letter Patric immediately started for Nebraska. When he arrived there, he found his son and daughter-in-law had died. He was unable to find their graves. No one knows where they were buried. He found that all that was left of James' and Suzann's possessions was Suzann's Bible. The children were found staying with neighbors. "Following the wagon trip back to Kelley's Island, my grandmother, Mahalie, made her home with her grandparents on the island until her grandmother died. She then made her home with Aunt Polly Pate. She later married Reuben Wyatt who died of pneumonia following a move to Texas. My mother, Lina, was the oldest of the Wyatt's five children.

Phillips' move to this part of the country followed by a few years the families that came in wagons. They came in a car. However, conditions had not changed so much. They had a shorter trip here, but had the same rugged Cap to climb. Lina was afraid and walked up the Cap. Mayme was "lazy" and rode up. Houses had to an extent replaced the early dugouts. Fences had enclosed much of the open prairie grass land. "The strangest sight I ever saw was the windmills. There was one at every house. We cut our across the country on roads that had been made by wagon and buggy. That move was when Suzann's Bible came to the Plains to stay. At the death of Mayme's mother, Lina, Suzann's Bible became Mayme's. She has it now. "From Lina Wyatt Phillips to Mayme Phillips McGhee, 1961." There is no way of telling the age of Suzann's Bible. The title page is missing. IN fact, all the printed material to the 33 chapter of Genesis is missing. All of the Book of Psalms is missing. "It's a shame there is nothing in Suzann's Bible that would give clues concerning the deaths of my great, grandparents—something that would tell where they are buried. It must have meant that the wagon train had moved on enough that they were left too far behind for anyone to give the location." Pages of births, marriages, baptisms and deaths are still in the Bible between the Old and New Testaments. The entries on these pages are faded and dingy. In some cases a new-faded purple ink was used. The leaves are crisp and easily broken. Time had dried the leather cover of the Bible. There are places where one layer of leather has peeled off. Also, in the middle section is a "Table of Scripture Measures, Measures of "Things Dry," "Table of Time" and "Measures of Length." It would not be difficult to figure out the amount of the widow's mite, a piece of silver, Ezekiel's Reed, a cubit or a span. A note explains, "5 feet equals a pace-1058 paces equal a mile." It is estimated that the Bible is at least 122 years old. That is a conservative estimate. It must be many years older than that. On its water-stained pages, Suzann's Bible tells much of the Kelley family history, but too much of what happened in the tragedy of the Kelley family in Nebraska remains a secret

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# Punkin' Day

Saturday, October 8, 2011

Downtown on the Square

Floydada, Texas

- 8:00 a.m. Registration for the 5K and the 1 Mile Fun Run in front of Whirlwind Gym, West Crockett Street  
5K Race begins at 9:00 a.m.  
Fun Run begins at 10:00 a.m.
- 8:00 a.m. Registration for Tractor Pull
- 9:00 a.m. Arts and Crafts Booths & Food Vendors  
Open Enter best Pumpkin Baked Goods and Recipe Deliver baked good to Pavilion for Cake Walk Enter Pumpkin Devorating Contests at Pavilion (best decorated, prettiest, smallest and largest)
- 9:00 a.m. Tractor Pull
- 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Floyd County Historical Museum Open Rope-making Activities
- 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Friends of the Library Book Sale Floyd Co. Memorial Library Community Room  
Classic Car Display & Show - Nifty Fifties Club
- 9:45 a.m. Cake Walk- Thereafter at 45 minutes past the hour Location TBA
- 10:00 a.m. Entertainment- at the Pavilion
- 11:00 a.m. The Games Begin!  
Decorated Pumpkin Contest Judging  
Best Pumpkin Baked Goods Contest Judging
- 12:00 - 12:45 p.m. Entertainment  
Susan Browning- Under Pavilion
- 12:45 - 1:15 p.m. Recognition of Volunteer of the Year, Citizen of the Year, and Employer of the year- Under Pavilion
- 1:30-2:15 p.m. Entertainment- Susan Browning- Under Pavilion
- 2:30 p.m. Auction Prize Winning Pumpkin Baked Goods
- 3:00 p.m. Costume Contest- Under Pavilion- Prizes Awarded
- 4:00 p.m. Cow Patty Bingo Winner Announced

- Arts & Crafts Booths & Vendors
- Entertainment at the Pavilion
- Classic Car Display & Show
- Cow Patty Bingo
- Games for Kids & Adults
- Costume Contest
- Rope Making at the Museum
- Friends of the Library Book Sale
- Floyd Co. Library- Friday & Saturday

### At the Chamber of Commerce Booth

- Buy gour "punkin capital" t-shirts, caps
- Guess the number of pumpkins in the jar and weight of pumpkins in trailer
- Winner announced at 4:00
- Cow Patty Bingo Tickets can be purchased at the Chamber Booth for \$5.00 each.

### Games Schedule:

- 11:00 Pumpkin Pie Relay (Teams of 4)  
Limited to 1st 12 Entries at Chamber Booth
- 11:30 Pumpkin Drawing (3 Min. time limit to draw face on pumpkin)
- 1:30 Wheelbarrow Race (ages 13 & under)
- 2:15 Pumpkin Toss (ages 5 & under)
- 2:30 Tricycle Race Obstacle Course
- 3:00 Sack Race
- 3:00 Pumpkin Bowling
- 3:30 Wheelbarrow Obstacle Course (Adults)

This long wagon trip of many weeks to Nebraska to bring his grandchildren to Tennessee is indicative of his vigor and determination. The children were the children of James P. Kelley, Patric's son. James was the great grandfather of Mrs. McGhee.

A notation in Suzann's Bible says, "James R. Kelley was born the year of our Lord 1838. His wife, Susann Rushing Kelley was born the year of our Lord 1834. They married June 22, in the year of our Lord 1856."

The young family joined a wagon train going West. There were many wagon trains moving toward the treeless plains of Kansas, Nebraska and Dakota in the 1860's. Young families looked forward to homesteading 160 acres of farm land. "Vote yourself a farm" had been the political slogan since 1840.

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These families moved along in wagon trains leading milk cows, cooking food each night to last until the next night's camp and suffering hardships and dangers.

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## Fosters compete in 2011 American Junior Simmental National Classic XXXI

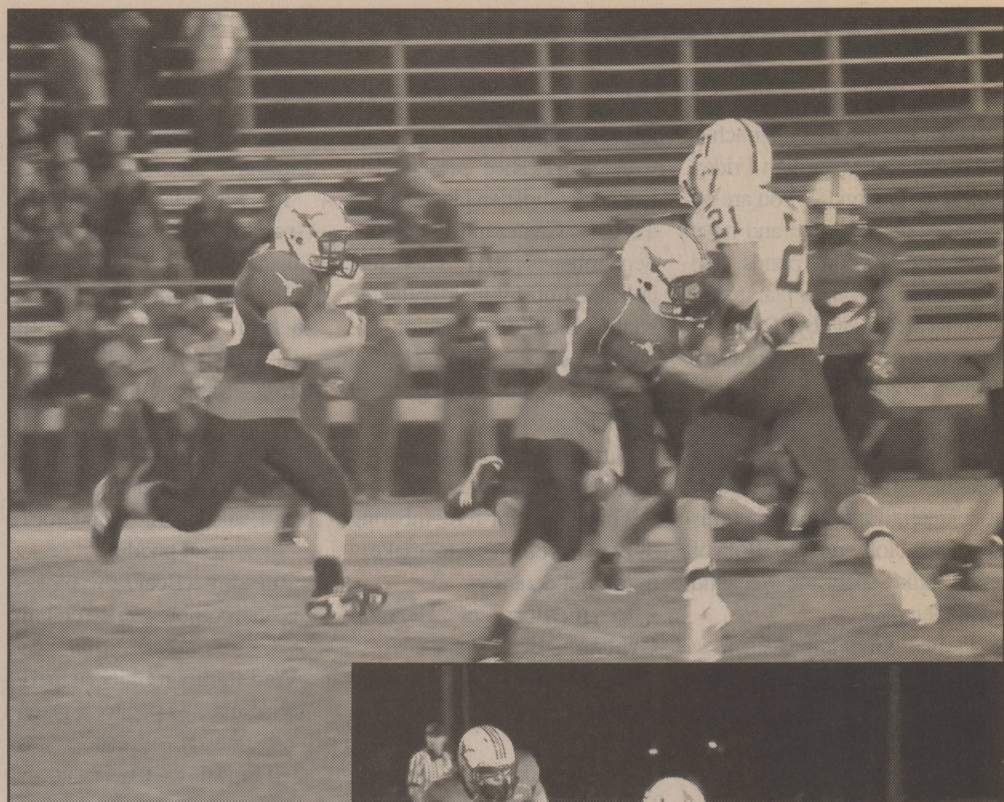
BOZEMAN— Three hundred and twenty five American Junior Simmental Association members traveled from twenty-nine states to compete in educational competitions and exhibit 441 head at the 2011 National

Classic XXXI throughout the week of July 3-8 in Sedalia, Missouri.

The competition throughout the week is comprised of contests that test sales ability, public speaking skills, and knowledge of the beef industry. Through these contests the AJSA strives to develop highly skilled young breeders, motivated to produce seed stock that calve easily, grow fast and efficiently, and offer exceptional carcass value. On Wednesday and Thursday, July 6 and 7 Brad McCurry of Sedgwick, Kansas evaluated both the Purebred and Percentage cattle shows.

The Champion Bred and Owned Simmental Female honors were awarded to Se-gayle Foster of Lockney, Texas with her Oct., 1, 2010 SVF Steel Force S701 daughter, FBFS X-Calmatation 76X. The Reserve Champion Owned Simmental Female honors

See FOSTERS on page 11



Photos by R. K. Hunt Photography

On Friday, the Lockney Longhorns got the win that they were desperately looking for after a 42-6 victory over the Nazareth Swifts. Lockney's offense continued their dramatic improvement as they gained 378 yards in for the night. Lockney quarterback, Riley Teeter would hit six out of eight pass for 68 yard, rush for 112 yards, connect for a touchdown and would run in a TD for himself. The Longhorns would get the night started right after Lockney's Tyler Covington punched in a five yard TD late in the first quarter; an Ian Dunbar catch for a two-point would make it 8-0. In the second, Riley Teeter would score on a 21 yard run quarterback sneak; the kick would fail making the score 14-0; shortly after the Swifts would get on the board after a 15 yard TD run. However in the third quarter the Horns would run away with it, after Riley connected with his brother Ky Teeter, putting up six more points on the board for the Horns after a 43 yard pass with seven minutes left in the game; Ryan Diaz' two point run would be successful; and Ky would again put up another six after an impressive 28 yard TD run. In the final minutes of the third quarter, a 40 yard interception return by Longhorn, Luke Sherman, put Lockney up by 30 points. In the fourth, Lockney's Ivan Davilla would put the final nail in the coffin after a one yard TD run. This week, the Horn's will play their final non-district game as the travel to play Booker Kiowas; after a bye week, Lockney will play Panhandle for the first district game.

### Lockney School Lunch Menu

October 10-13

Monday

**Breakfast**-Pancakes and Bacon or Cereal, toast, juice, milk  
**Lunch**-Corndog or Steak Fingers, western beans, celery and carrots, sparkly apple, pudding cup, and milk

Tuesday

**Breakfast**-Oatmeal or Cereal, toast, juice, milk  
**Lunch**-Meaty Macaroni, or Ham, salad, corn, cornbread, cherry bar, and milk

Wednesday

**Breakfast**-Sausage Patty or Cereal, toast, juice, milk  
**Lunch**-Oven Chicken or Grilled Cheese, potatoes and gravy, green beans, hot roll, fruited gelatin, and milk

Thursday

**Breakfast**-Cinnamon roll or Cereal, toast, juice, milk  
**Lunch**- Pizza or Burrito, broccoli salad, corn Cobbett, rosy applesauce, and milk

Friday

**Breakfast**- Holiday  
**Lunch**-Holiday

Menu subject to change without notice; Peanut butter and Jelly Sandwich-3<sup>rd</sup> choice daily

## The 8th grade Lockney Longhorns are on a roll

By Coach Reynolds

The Horns beat Tahoka two weeks ago 12-0. Scoring for the Longhorns was Noah Ramos with a 13 yard pass reception from Daylen Gatica; Daylen then intercepted a pass and took it all the way to the house. This ended the scoring and the game giving the Longhorns a win.

This past week the 8th grade traveled to Nazareth to play the Swifts. The swifts came out strong pressing the Longhorns to a tight first half. Daylen got the scoring started with a 4 yard quarter

See 8TH GRADE on page 11

## Lockney 7th grade drop one to Claude

By Coach Reynolds

Lockney 7th grade hosted the Claude Mustangs this past week. Claude presented some stiff competition, as they won 26-6. Scoring took place for the Longhorns in the 3rd quarter with a 53 yard run from Jacob Ochoa. The Longhorns played tough and showed fight throughout the whole game. Good Job Lockney 7th Grade.

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## Congratulations to Sue Hall for Continuation of Educational Skills



(L-R) Wes Campbell, Scottish Rite Board Member, Sue Hall, Dyslexia Therapist, Dr. John Bill Cruce, Chairman Scottish Rite Learning Center of West Texas

Ms. Sue Hall began the two-year Dyslexia Therapist Training Course in June of 2009 at the Scottish Rite Learning Center of West Texas in Lubbock. She was trained in the Take Flight: A Comprehensive Intervention for Students with Dyslexia curriculum and learned to teach students with dyslexia how to read, write and spell. The curriculum, designed specifically for children with dyslexia, was developed through research at the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for

Children in Dallas, Texas.

After the three weeks of training, Sue began teaching students identified as having the characteristics of dyslexia at Duncan Elementary School and Floydada Junior High School. The first year of Ms. Hall's training included attending five full day seminars, writing three book reports and four articles reviews, teaching two classes of no more than six students, preparing progress reports, and presenting five demonstration lessons.

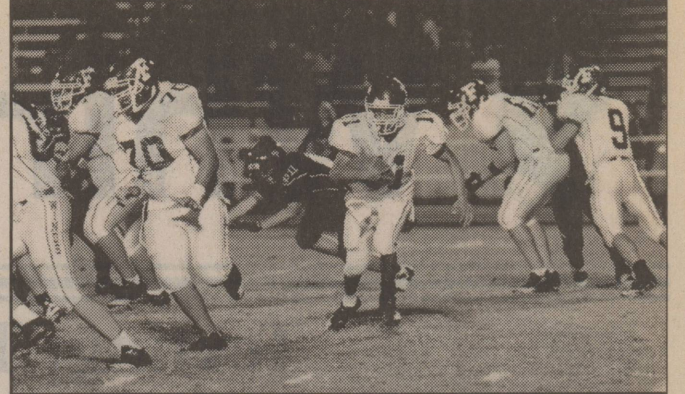
In June of 2010, Ms. Hall attended two weeks of training in the advanced portion of the Take Flight curriculum. Her second year of training included attending four full day seminars, writing three book reports and seven articles reviews, adding a third class to the existing dyslexia classes, preparing progress reports for all classes, and presenting five more demonstration lessons.

Upon completing the dyslexia therapist training, Ms. Hall took the National Alliance Exam in July of 2011. Now that she has passed the Alliance Exam, she applied for and passed the Texas state license as a Dyslexia Therapist.

Photos by Jim Covington

A heartbreaking 47-19 loss to Sanford-Fritch would put Floydada in a make or break situation as the Winds go to 0-2 in district. The Eagles would put 28 points in the second half; however the Winds were lurking for a comeback after they scored 19 points in the second quarter. Floydada quarterback, Jose Martinez would get the ball rolling in the second after a four yard touchdown run; the extra point would be no good. Shortly after Floydada's Rex Mathis would find the end zone after a one yard touchdown; the extra point was no good. In the closing minutes in the second, Martinez would once find the end zone after a two yard scamper for a touchdown.

However the Stanford-Fritch Eagles would quickly put an end to the comeback after the Eagles scored 19 unanswered points in the



second half bring the final score to 47-19.

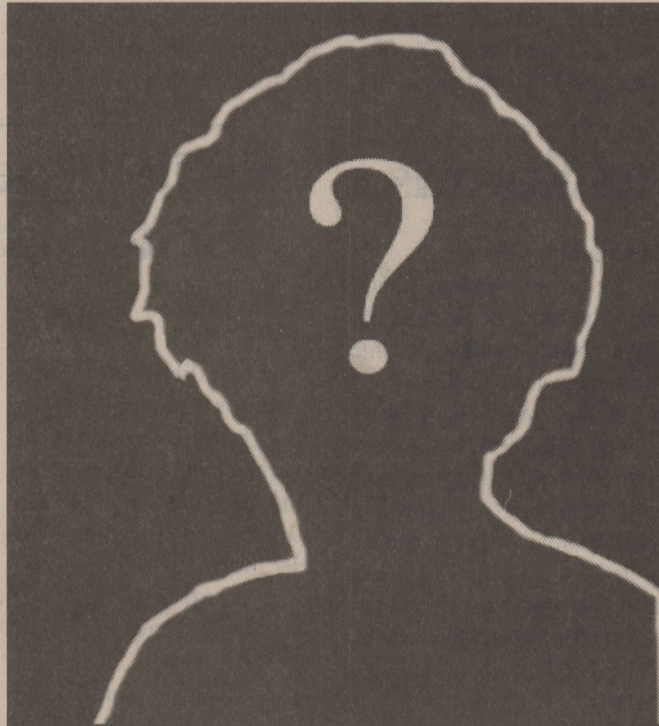
Total offense for the Wind's would total 337, with 237 yards coming from runs and 100 in the air. The

loss will put the Winds at the bottom of their district, but Floydada will look fight their way back to a possible playoff run, as they host Tullia on Friday.

### FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU October 10 – October 14

<b>Monday</b> Breakfast-Scrambled eggs, toast, jelly or cereal, graham crackers, juice, milk Lunch- Pizza, seasoned corn, tossed salad, sliced peaches, milk Tuesday Breakfast- Mini banana loaf or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk Lunch-Pigs in blanket, corn, baked chips, pineapple orange salad, milk Wednesday Breakfast-Pancake & sausage on a stick or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk Lunch-Oven crispy chicken,	mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot roll, fancy gelatin, milk Thursday Breakfast- English muffin with egg, cheese, sausage or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk Lunch-Nachos grande, lettuce & tomato, orange smiles, cornbread, milk Friday Breakfast - Cinnamon roll or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk Lunch - Corndog, oven fried potatoes, fresh broccoli w/ranch, sparkly apple, crispy cereal treat, milk
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### Guess Who?



By Shani Ross- Staff Writer

I am a Jr. High teacher. I attended Abilene Christian University, Texas tech, and then the University of Phoenix. I have a major in Information Technology, and General Education. When I was younger, I wanted to become a veterinarian. I have been married for 27 years and we have two children, both graduated. I have two dogs, one cat, and a lot of fish. My hobbies include reading and quilting. My favorite food is either chicken fried steak or anything Italian! Can you GUESS WHO I am?

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DATE	MEET	LOCATION
Oct. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Open	
Oct. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Punkin Day 5K Run	Floydada Downtown
Oct. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Spur (HS, JH)	Spur Football Field
Oct. 24 <sup>th</sup>	District (HS, JH)	Mae Simmons Park
Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Regional (HS)	Mae Simmons Park
Nov. 12 <sup>th</sup>	State (HS)	Old Settlers Park, Round Rock

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Assistant: Randall Edelman  
JH Boys and Girls: Stacie Murphy

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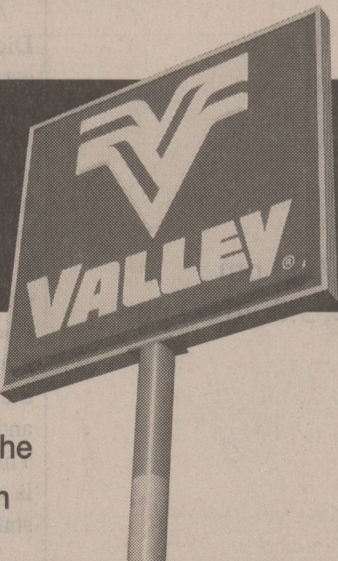
The City of Floydada will hold a meeting at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, October 13, 2011 at Floydada City Hall 114 W. Virginia Street, Floydada, Texas to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for 2011.

The proposed tax rate is \$.40 per \$100 of value. This rate exceeds the effective tax rate by .00607 cents or .015425 percent.

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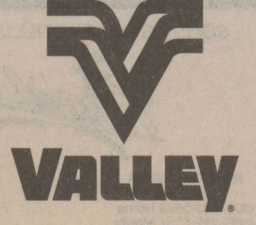
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# Whirlwind News



## Texting: The Things You May Not Know

By: Taylor Orr  
Staff Writer

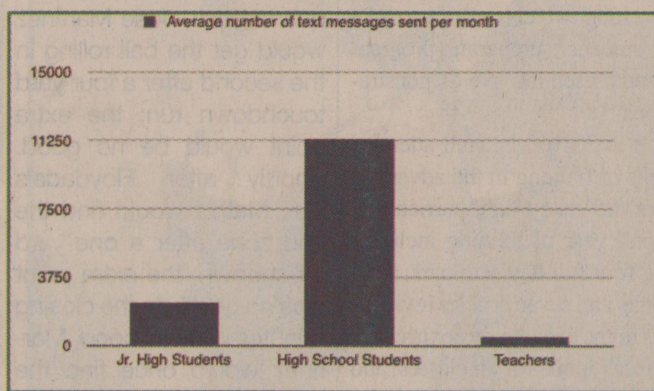
Technology is sweeping the nation. The average teenager at Floydada High School sends and receives a whopping 11,333 text messages per month. That's an average of almost 400 texts per day! Teenagers claim that texting is a good way to communicate, but doctors, teachers, and parents have a different point of view.

One of the underlying effects of texting is physical health problems. Studies have shown that people who text have problems such as carpal tunnel, tendinitis, thumb injuries, and neck and back problems. Another issue is lack of sleep. Since most teenagers sleep with their cell phone and



**Photo by Taylor Orr**  
Today, the way the telephone is used varies among multiple age groups. In picture A, Jr. High student, Reagan Hughes, uses her cell phone to text as a means of communication.

wake up every time it goes off, they can never fall into

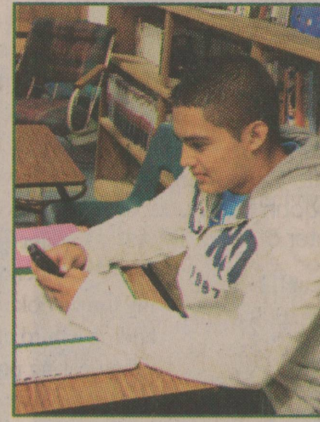


an active, or REM stage of sleep. Neck and back injuries occur because the posture in which most people use while texting causes extra pressure on the back of their necks and the top part of the spine.

Teachers and administrators around the nation say that students can and will text very easily during class, and this causes an at-

tention span problem. Students can't stay focused on their schoolwork because they are either sending or receiving multiple text messages throughout the day, which interrupts their train of thought.

Another major concern to doctors, parents, and teachers is texting allows students to communicate without having a face-to-



**Photo by Taylor Orr**  
FHS student, Pedro Guerrero, uses his phone to "surf the internet."

face conversation. This prohibits students from learning communication skills that will be vital later in life.

Cyber bullying is another serious matter. Sending harassing Facebook messag-

es or texts can lead to the victim feeling very unsafe wherever he or she might be and could cause students to miss school, inflict self-harm, and in some cases, even result in suicide.

Texting while driving is the final, and probably most serious concern when it comes to texting. According to an article written in the New York Times, in 2009, 5,474 people were killed in the U.S. because of accidents that involved distracted driving while another 448,000 were injured. Sixty percent of teenagers ages 16 to 19 admitted to texting while driving, even with these statistics.

Although many students will argue that texting is harmless, research proves otherwise.

## Super Students Selling at Stands

By: Taylor Orr- Staff Writer

Since Floydada is the Pumpkin Capital of the USA, Punkin' Days has become a tradition that is looked forward to by citizens of Floyd County as well as many surrounding counties. Different organizations at FHS are planning to have booths at this year's Punkin' Days Celebration.

The yearbook class advised by Miss Smith will have a yearbook clearance where they will be selling yearbooks from as far back as 1973 through 2009. All

books will be \$20. They will also be taking orders for this year's yearbook.

The journalism class, also advised by Miss Smith, will be having a bake sale with cookies, cupcakes, rice krispies, lemonade and many other delicious things. They will also have a "Pick a Duck for a Prize" booth. You will be able to buy one duck for \$1, three ducks for \$2, and 5 ducks for \$3. The rules of this game are you will pick a random duck from a pool, and look on the bottom to see what color is there. The prizes will be categorized by the color on the

bottom of the duck.

The theatre students, under the direction of Mrs. Cox, have been making beanie hats, bags, and head warmers since last year. The beanies will be sold for \$10, the bags for \$15, and the head warmers will be \$13. Your initials or your football number can be added for \$3 more! You can also visit with Mrs. Cox about tickets for the fall production, "The Nerd" written by Larry Shue.

Come by and find the yearbook, theater, and journalism booths and show your support!

## Sallie Mae Foundations Provides Scholarships to Those in Need

By: Homero Ramirez- Staff Writer

The Sallie Mae Fund addresses financial needs through the form of scholarships. The Sallie Mae Fund has awarded \$15.5 million in scholarships to help more than 6,350 students enroll in a college. The Sallie Mae Fund, in partnership with the Hispanic College Fund, offers the *First in My Family Scholarship* to Hispanic American. These students must be the first in their

family to attend college and have financial need along with a 3.0 GPA. They can receive scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$5,000. The Sallie Mae Fund, in partnership with the United Negro College Fund, offers the *American Dream Scholarship* to African Americans. These students are required to maintain a 2.5 GPA. This scholarship ranges from \$500 to \$5,000. The Sallie Mae Fund also offers the Unmet Need Scholarship

to American students with financial needs. This scholarship is open to families with a combined income of \$30,000 or less. The student must maintain a 2.5 GPA. *The Unmet Need Scholarships* can range from \$1,000 to \$3,000. To learn more about the Sallie Mae Fund the website address is located below, along with another scholarship website.

<http://www.thesalliemae-fund.org/smfnew/sections/apply.html>  
[www.finaid.com](http://www.finaid.com)

## Jr. High Spotlight



By: Sarah Jo Miller  
Staff Writer

Another new face that you may find in the middle of the Junior High crowd is that of Maximo Nunez. He moves back and forth throughout the year, but for the time being, he is settled in our school.

**Sarah Jo: Were you named after anyone?**

**Max:** Yeah, my grandpa, Maximo Nunez.

**Sarah Jo: From where did you move?**

**Max:** Palacios, Texas. It's near the Gulf of Mexico.

**Sarah Jo: Do you live in**

**Floydada or commute back and forth from another town?**

**Max:** I live in Floydada.

**Sarah Jo: Do you have any brothers or sisters?**

**Max:** Cassandra Irlas, Juan Nunez, and Mike, Eric and Junior Garza.

**Sarah Jo: Do you have any pets?**

**Max:** I have an Alaskan Malamute named Pancho and a Chihuahua named Missy.

**Sarah Jo: What are your**

**favorite hobbies?**

**Max:** I work out a lot, and I like to sleep and drive around.

**Sarah Jo: Which of your qualities do you most about yourself?**

**Max:** I like how I can take everything seriously.

**Sarah Jo: What do you like most about our school so far?**

**Max:** The laptops.

**Sarah Jo: Are you involved in any school extracurricular activities?**

**Max:** I play football.

## Staff's Corner



Serapio Ovalle, custodian at Floydada High School, takes a minute to show us his school pride.

By: Cynthia Smith-Editor

"Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less." ~Rick Warren

According to Webster's Dictionary, humility is a modest or low view of one's own importance; humbleness. When I think of this word and its meaning, I'm often reminded of the custodial staff at Floydada ISD. Never have I met such a humble group of men and women who take pride in the work that they do. Not only do they work hard, they do their work with a smile and without complaining. This week's Staff's Corner is dedicated to our custodial staff. I consider it a blessing

to be able to say that I have had the pleasure of working along side such extraordinary people as, Carmen Alvarez, Ricky Coronado, Armando Enriquez, Serapio Ovalle, Mattie Martinez, Juanna Serrato, Yolanda Alvarado, and George Garcia. Your enthusiasm and joy illuminates the hallways of each of the campuses at FISD. You are always there when we need you, and your work speaks volumes. I appreciate the fact that you all go above and beyond to do your jobs and that you are very cautious about not interfering with jobs of others. So here's to our custodians: May you always know how much you are loved and appreciated at Floydada ISD.

## New Home for Old Books

Calling for your used, old, or new children's books! If you have children's books just collecting dust, we have a home for them! Please drop

them off at AB Duncan Elementary or give us a call at 983-5332 and we can come pick them up! Thank you in advance for any donations.

## Upcoming Events for Floydada ISD

By: Emily Hall-Staff Writer

- October 6:** District JV Football VS Tulia There, 6:00 pm
- October 7:** District Varsity Football VS Tulia, here, 7:30 pm  
12:10 pm Pep Rally, Pinning of Colors  
Boy Scout Pre-Game Supper
- October 8:** Cross Country at Abernathy
- October 13:** JV Football (Non-District) VS Lockney Here, 7:30 pm  
7/8 Football (Non-District) VS Lockney There, 5:00/6:00 pm
- October 14:** No School  
Staff Development  
Football Open Date
- October 15:** Cross Country at Spur
- October 19-21:** National FFA Convention
- October 20:** District JV Football VS Highland Park Here, 6:00 pm  
District 7/8 Football VS Highland Park There, 5:00/6:00 pm
- October 21:** District Varsity Football VS Highland Park There, 7:30 pm  
12:10 pm Pep Rally
- October 22:** ACT

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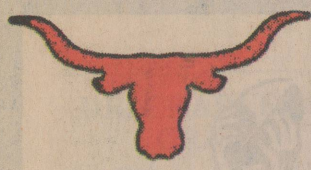
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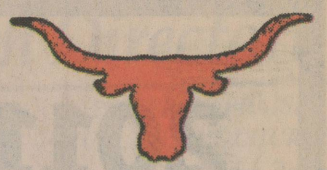
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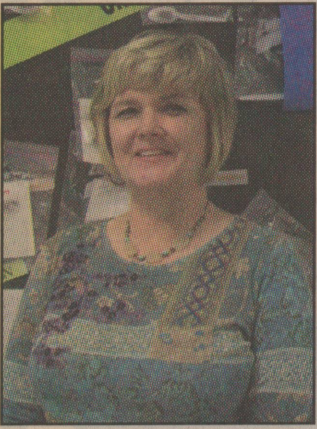
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# Longhorn News



## Preparing for UIL Competition



Mrs. D'lynn Morris-Lockney Science Teacher

By Johnny Rose

If you don't know Mrs. D'lynn Morris, she is the U.I.L. director and also the coach of the U.I.L. Science, Current Issues, and the Computer Science teams. She was born in

Lockney, and graduated from LHS in 1976. She attended West Texas State University in Canyon then she graduated from Wayland Baptist University with a degree in Composite Science. She married Lindan Morris in 1978 and has two sons: Trevor 23 years old and Tanner 21 years old. Lindan owns Floyd County Supply. She began teaching at LHS in 1996, making this her 16<sup>th</sup> year of teaching Chemistry, Physics, IPC, or Forensic Science.

During the interview, I asked Mrs. Morris about UIL.

Johnny: How do you prepare for all these events?

Mrs. Morris: I begin preparing for our school to host the district meet early in the summer by contacting judges and

securing the date for the meet. I attended the UIL Capital Conference in Austin Tx. in July to have the meet all planned by December.

Johnny: What do you have to do in these events?

Morris: My role is to secure materials for all contests to practice with and arrange for meal money and transportation to all the meets. As a coach, my teams meet once a week to practice science questions, calculations or discuss current issues by reading CNN headlines.

Johnny: Have your team been successful in the past few years?

Morris: The last 2 years, my Current Issues & Events team has won first at district. My

science team did not advance to the regional meet, but I was pleased with their progress.

Johnny: Do you think you will have success this year and the coming up years?

Morris: With the great coaches and excellent attitudes of our U.I.L. teams, I am confident that several will win at district and Lit. Crit. and Number Sense should return for another year at the State meet in May. Dylan Aufill placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the state last year and has an excellent chance to win this year in Number Sense. Lindsay Stewart placed 5<sup>th</sup> last year and should improve this year.

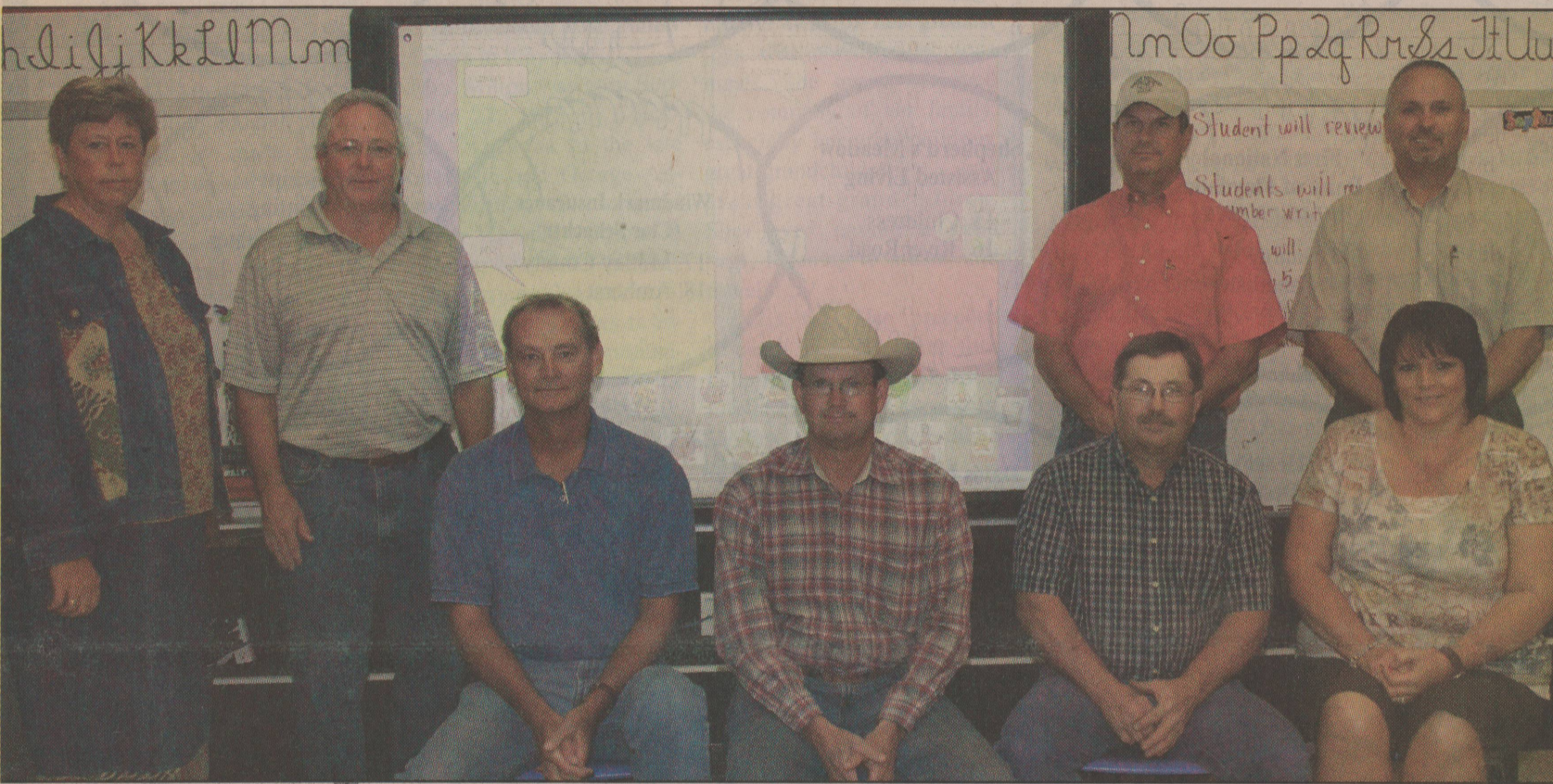
Everybody truly appreciates what Mrs. Morris does for the academic U.I.L. teams and for the school.



Courtesy Photo

The Plainview Cross Country teams completed in the Plainview Cross Country meet on September 17, 2011. Varsity Runner Marcos Bernal finished 13<sup>th</sup> overall. Many other Longhorn runners completed the race with personal best times as they continue to improve.

## Elementary holds Appreciation Luncheon



By Principal Jean Anne Williams

Lockney Elementary was

proud to hold an appreciation luncheon on Wednesday, September 28th to

honor those individuals and companies who donated towards the purchase of

several Promethean Boards for Elementary classrooms. Those in attendance were

Jack Randolph and Jerry Barrier of Delta/Pineland Monsanto at Aiken, TX,

David and Jody Foster of D&J Gin and Foster Bros. Farms, Steve and Tarr Wright of Wright's Auto, Phil Cotham, Superintendent and also representing the Lockney Rotary Club, and Kelly Dunbar who made a donation in honor of her parents C.D. & Betty Kirk. Also donating but unable to attend was Pat O'Connell representing Caprock Industries. Those in attendance were treated to a demonstration of the new boards by elementary teachers Cindy Cotham and Tracy Long who worked numerous hours to find donations and to be trained to use the new boards. Mrs. Maria Perez, ESL interventionist for the elementary cooked a delicious meal of enchiladas, rice, beans, salad, hot sauce and chips, and dulce de leche cake

## Lockney 4-H Meeting

By Korleigh Webb

The Lockney 4-H Club held their first meeting on Sept. 12. Pledges were done by Jake, Brett, and Clay Moore and SyAnn Foster lead the inspiration. Brett, Clay and Jake Moore went to Leadership Lab and learned leadership activities; and Clay and Brett also attended Prime Time Camp

in Brownwood, where they were able to shoot guns, and bows and arrows.

SyAnn Foster went to live stock judging camps at Texas Tech to get ready for State Round-up. Jake Bramlet went to Electric Camp in New Mexico; there he learned about electric safety lights and switches.

Austin Rexrode discussed

winning the Quiz Bowl last year; and Hunter Lefever talked about cooking camp and taking cakes to the firemen.

We also welcomed new 4-H members; Tasha Schlueter, Cody Trejo, Hunter Hartison, Hunter Lefever, Kaimee Webb, Audree Rexrode, and Jaylee Poin Dexter.

## Teacher Spotlight



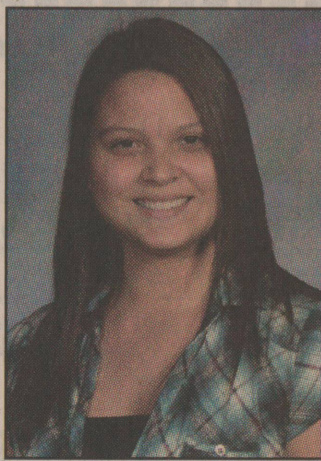
Mrs. Fulton grew up in Floydada, Texas and graduated in 1983. She has been working in education since

1987. While working in education she has held many jobs including, teacher, PE coach, UIL sponsor, and cheerleading sponsor. One of the challenges of her current job as a teacher is having to switch over from TAKS test to end of course exams. What she enjoys most about her job is being with the kids. Some of her most memorable accomplishments in her career were taking the cheerleading team to nationals, and taking the number sense team to state.

Some things she enjoys doing outside of school are watching her kid's activi-

ties, and watching football and baseball. She has one son, and one daughter. Her son Collin goes is a Sophomore at Lockney High School, and her daughter Laura is a 2008 Lockney graduate. Her favorite thing about Lockney is the small town atmosphere, and everybody knows each other and cares for the school. Something interesting about her that people may not know is that she has been a cheerleading sponsor for twenty years, but she was never a cheerleader in high school.

## Student Spotlight



By Jessica Pena

Cassandra Ascencio is a senior at Lockney High School student. She participates in Art and enjoys spending time with her friends at school. Cassandra remembers the day the old high school building burned and really enjoys being in the new high school building. She also excited to be a member of the first class to

graduate from the new high school.

When not at school, Cassandra works at Dairy Queen as well as serves as a babysitter. Following graduation, she plans to attend college at West Texas A&M University and study criminal justice. Cassandra Ascencio brightens up the lives of those around her because she always has a smile on her face.

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### The National Honor Society

The National Honor Society Induction Ceremony is going to be held Oct. 10 at 11:45 in the new gym. There will be 11 outstanding students that will be inducted to this great organization. We hope to have your support for these new inductees of Lockney High School.

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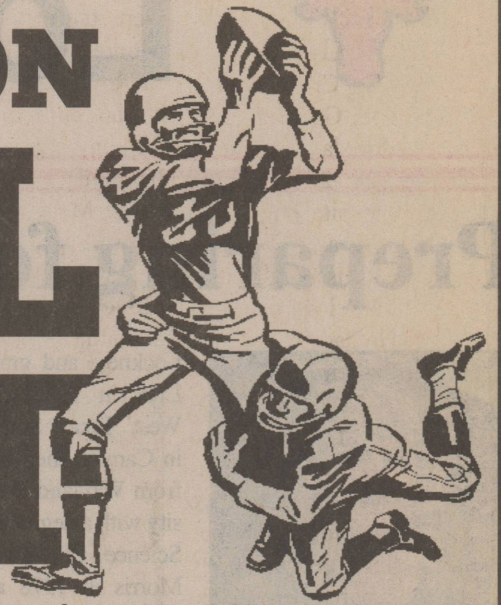
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# 2011 HESPERIAN-BEACON FOOTBALL CONTEST



Leaders will be announced in next week's issue of the Hesperian-Beacon.

Contest entries are presented in football-shaped graphics, each containing a sponsor name and a list of teams to be selected.

- KFLP Radio 106.1 FM**: 1. Lockney, 2. Booker
- Stapp Paint & Body Shop**: 3. Floydada, 4. Tulia
- Providence Farm Supply & Grain**: 5. Cooper, 6. Brownfield
- Muncy Elevator**: 7. Estacado, 8. Lamesa
- Lighthouse Electric Co-op**: 9. Seminole, 10. Greenwood
- Clark Pharmacy**: 11. Post, 12. Coahoma
- First National Bank of Floydada MEMBER FDIC**: 13. Sunray, 14. Canadian
- Shepherd's Meadow Assisted Living**: 15. Childress, 16. River Road
- Windmark Insurance (Clar Schacht)**: 17. Motley County, 18. Amherst
- Script Printing**: 19. Hale Center, 20. Tahoka
- Quality Body Shop**: 21. Texas Tech, 22. Texas A&M
- Heart's Desire**: 23. Texas, 24. Oklahoma
- Davis Lumber**: 25. Baylor, 26. Iowa State
- Lowe's Pay-n-Save Floydada**: 27. Georgia, 28. Tennessee
- D&J Gin**: 29. Angelo State, 30. West Texas A&M
- Lockney Cooperatives**: 31. Kentucky, 32. South Carolina
- Payne Pharmacy**: 33. Temple, 34. Ball State
- Cogdell Clinics/W. J. Mangold Memorial Hospital**: 35. Florida, 36. LSU
- Lowe's Pay-n-Save Lockney**: 37. Missouri, 38. Kansas State
- Taste Burger**: 39. Iowa, 40. Penn State
- Hammond Sheet Metal**: 41. Giants, 42. Seahawks
- DeBruce Ag Services**: 43. Vikings, 44. Cardinals
- Floydada Power and Light**: 45. 49'ers, 46. Buccaneers
- Main Street Pizza**: 47. Chiefs, 48. Colts
- Assiter Insurance Agency/ Assiter Punkin' Ranch**: 49. Raiders, 50. Texans
- Crop Production Services**: 51. Jets, 52. Patriots
- Ray Lee Equipment**: 53. Bills, 54. Eagles
- R.K. Hunt Photography**: 55. Saints, 56. Panthers
- Raceway Fuel**: 57. Titans, 58. Steelers
- Ace Hardware**: 59. Broncos, 60. Chargers

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Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon Football Contest

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## Contest Rules

Any subscriber or purchaser age 7 or older is eligible to enter this contest. Only one entry per week per person, entrants must play every week to be eligible for overall prize.

To play, circle the number of the teams you believe will win on the official entry form.

Only entries on official entry forms brought to a Hesperian-Beacon office in Floydada or Lockney no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday will be accepted. Photocopies and mail entries will not be accepted. Three cash prizes are awarded at the end of the contest. In the event of ties, prizes will be combined and shared equally by those tied.

Print your name and address plainly on the official entry form and double check your choices before clipping out the entry form and depositing it at a Hesperian-Beacon office before 4:00 p.m. on Friday. Entries are limited to one per person per week.

At the end of the 10-week contest period, the person with the best overall record will win a first prize of \$100. Second place will be awarded \$75 and third will be \$50.





## Football Contest Standings

	THIS WEEK	OVERALL
Matt Williams	21/30	114/148
Chris Fulton	23/30	110/148
Coy LaBaume	21/30	110/148
Keith Marricle	20/30	109/148
Brent Sanders	18/30	107/148
Franklin Harris	18/30	106/148
Jack Covington	20/30	106/148
Max Yeary	21/30	106/148
Sammy Bradley	18/30	105/148
Ricky Ascencio	21/30	104/148
Lanny Barnett	22/30	103/148
Johnny Dormon	20/30	102/148
Diane Ramon	17/30	100/148
Pam Fulton	20/30	100/148
Dale Minner	18/30	98/148
Jane Pruitt	20/30	98/148
Nicholas Castro	20/30	96/148
Jared Lambert	21/30	89/118
Boyd Lee	16/30	88/148
Paul Lopez	15/30	85/148
Steve Stringer	17/30	84/148
Martin Ramirez	20/30	82/118
Rachel Ramirez	20/30	81/118
Imelda Resendiz	18/30	76/118
Lance McHam	15/30	36/58
Charles Wall	17/30	33/60
Merle Terrell	15/30	
W.L. Carthel	17/30	

### SPC Reese Center to offer digital photography class on Oct. 8

REESE CENTER – South Plains College will offer a digital photography class for photo enthusiasts – Digital Photography Jump Start, a one-day seminar set for Oct. 8. The class will meet from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Room 822 in Building 8.

The cost is \$40. Payment is required with registration.

The courses will focus on basic shooting styles and lighting styles, information on downloading from the camera, preparing photos for print, Internet uploading, lighting and shooting styles, stop motion and adding motion to enhance photo quality. Participants will learn to shoot in manual mode to give the shooter more freedom to override program modes and

push the envelope in photography styles. Cameras should be digital SLR as well as point-and-shoots.

The Digital Photography Jump Start class will include an afternoon of outdoor photography in natural light. Participants are encouraged to dress for the weather and advised not to wear open-toe shoes. Participants must have their own cameras for the class.

The class will be taught by Wes Underwood, photographer/communications specialist at SPC.

To register, contact Kasey Reyes, secretary for the Division of Continuing and Distance Education at (806) 716-2341 or email [kreyes@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:kreyes@southplainscollege.edu).

## Friend To Friend Pink Event Held

By Melissa Long  
CEA-FCS Floyd County

Approximately 160 persons attended Floyd County's Friend To Friend Pink Event held Saturday, September 24 at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center. Booths opened at 10 a.m. including: Kristy Lefevre with Scentsy, Dr. Kevin Stewart with Legman Vein, Brandi Nance with Ta Ta Designs, Floydada Chamber of Commerce, Breast Ride Ever, Rosa & Lori Gonzales with Nature Sunshine Products, Mangold Memorial Hospital and Cogdell Clinics, American Cancer Society, Hospice Hands of West Texas, First Baptist Church - Lockney, Community Health Services, Maternal & Child Health, Friend To Friend, West Texas Cancer Survivors Network and the Laura Bush Institute for Women's Health.

The event was kicked off with a talk by Jan Willson and her experience with Breast Cancer. Lou Burleson and Laura Turner then narrated the Hats Off To Health skit featuring models Earnestine Pleasant, Beth Bramlet, Carolyn Marble, Ester Ramos, Melissa Kunselman, Bettye King, Elaine LaBaume, Nicki Logan, Maria Brown and Kristy Lefevre.

A delicious lunch prepared by Judy Schacht was served by Floyd County 4-H members Lauryn Carroll, Mallory Graham, Rachel Graham, Tasha Schlueter, Rita Martinez, SyAnn Foster, Madolyn McCormick, Korleigh Webb, Kaimee Webb, Caitlin Bishop, Jianna Davenport, and Lyndee Setliff. They were assisted by Jill Bramlet and Kristie Carroll.

Dr. Candy Arentz, Assistant Professor Department of Surgery - TTUHSC Specializing in Breast Surgery Oncology presented the program. Group discussion was led by Helen Teeple, Cory Edwards, Nicki Logan, Jan Willson, Carolyn Marble, Kay Martin, Charissa Golden, Donna Keaton, Melissa Kunselman, Sheryl Rigby and Melissa Long.



Pink decorations set the stage and were coordinated by Beth Bramlet and Kristy Lefevre. Floyd County pumpkins decorated each pink table setting donated by Robert and Jason Pyle and Danny and Zach Nutt. Donna Webb and her art students at Lockney ISD decorated the white pumpkins.

Laura Turner and Lou Burleson took on the fun task of handing out numerous door prizes from GENEROUS Floyd County businesses and individuals. Many, many thanks to: Script Printing and Office Supply who donated pink pens to all participants. Door prizes were donated by: Texas Plains Federal Credit Union, State Farm Insurance, Schacht Flowers, Gifts & Jewelry, Windmark Insurance, Ace Hardware, Elaine LaBaume, Dr. William Dean, Bibi's, Main Street Pizza, Heaven Scent, Clark's Pharmacy, Taste Burger, Kay's Kuts, Cathy's Floral, Family Dollar, Susan Simpson - Mary Kay, Dolmar General, Charissa Golden, Dixie Tavern, Lockney Dairy Queen, Tina's Donuts, Payne Family Pharmacy, Beth Bramlet, Judy Schacht, C.J. Jacobs, Heart's Desire, Davis Lumber Company, Witches' Hut, and Kaleidoscope.

Adding a little spark to the event was Elaine LaBaume's idea to invite the Breast Ride Ever group with members at-

tending from Lubbock, Amarillo and Oklahoma City. Thirty riders came, decorated their bikes and donned their pink attire for the day. They were a great addition to the program.

A special highlight of the Friend To Friend Pink Event was the unveiling of the Pink Event Quilt. Tickets for the quilt will be on sale through December and proceeds will benefit Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Tickets are on sale 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10. Friends who pieced blocks include: Sue Daniels, Ethelyn Garnett, Judy Schacht, Brenda Mangold, Atha Sue, Cheryl Edwards, Neva Anderson, Jody Baccus, Wanda Smith, Johnnie Quisenberry, Geneva Barclay, Dorothy Stapp, Esther Brasher, Winie Fleming, Freddie King, Yolanda Martinez, Cheryl Dawdy, Marilyn Holcomb, Kate Childre, Beth Bramlet, Kristy Lefevre, Carolyn Redding, Barbara Nutt, Stacy Reeves, Whitley Beedy, Terri Bush, Linda Harbin, Laura Nutt, Melissa Long, Barbara Dewberry, and Emma Rigsby.

Many blocks were pieced in honor or in memory of someone. Neva Anderson put the Friends quilt together and the Lockney Silver Thimbles Quilting Club graciously gave up three quilting days to hand quilt the quilt for the Friend To Friend Event. Quilters included Johnnie Quisenberry, Anna-

bel Bramlet, Geneva Barclay, Jody Baccus, Dorothy Stapp, and Wanda Smith. Joyce Mason, Carolyn Marble and Cindy Bertrand helped with the quilting. Tickets will be on sale at Punkin Day and will be on sale until December.

Friend To Friend is one of the many programs offered by Texas AgriLife Extension in Floyd County. Friend To Friend was sponsored by the Family and Consumer Sciences Committee and was planned by the Friend To Friend Task Force consisting of Judy Schacht, Bettye King, Rita Green, Beth and Jill Bramlet, Carolyn Marble, Earnestine Pleasant, Jon and Elaine LaBaume, Dalia Arvizu, Maria Arrellano, Kristy Lefevre, Melissa Kunselman, Donna Keaton and Kay Martin.

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Citizens are welcome to attend this open meeting

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### Western writer to be at Punkin Day festival

Western writer, Gary McMillian of Odessa will be at the Punkin Day festival this weekend.

If you like stories of the "Old West" and specifically stories about Texas, you have probably heard of the series he writes, *The Tye Watkins Series*. The stories center around Tye who is Chief of Scouts at Fort Clark, Texas, which is just east of present day Del Rio. His stories depict the trouble the Army had just after the Civil War controlling the bandits and the Apache along the Texas/Mexico border.

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Thank you to those who made the LHS Band Uniform Fundraiser a success. Over \$15,000 was collected and will be donated to LISD to help pay for the new band uniforms. The committee appreciates the individuals, organizations and business that made donations and those who helped to collect donations.

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been filed, but the Smith's are currently awaiting an Oct. 13 court date that will decide if they will be able to keep their dogs; until then the dogs are currently in foster care.

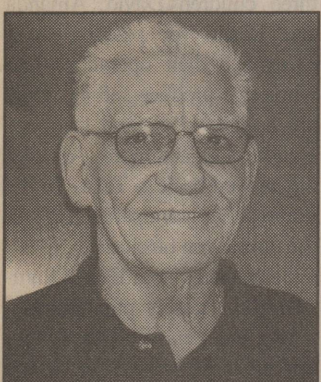
For the first couple of days, the dogs were held at the Unity Center in Muncy; during the rescue the Humane Society asked for donations and volunteers. They also asked for dog crates, food and water containers and families who were will-

ing to provide foster care.

The majority of dogs and puppies have found foster homes with dog lovers around the area; and according to the Humane Society, Golden Retriever and Border Collie rescue facilities have also traveled from Dallas to pick up puppies for foster care.

If you want to lend a hand, contact the Humane Society of West Texas go to their website, Facebook, or call 806-466-6644.

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C. WAYNE MCCLURE

C. Wayne "Pa Pa" McClure, age 74 of Nashville, passed away Sunday, October 2, 2011.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen M. McClure, wife of 49 years, parents, Frank and Goldie McClure, sisters, Jane Smith and Sue Reeves, grandson, Robert Huttinger, III.

Wayne and Helen opened the first Mexican food restaurant in Nashville, known as La Fiesta of Mexican Food and operated it for 30 years.

He is survived by his daughters, Karen (Jim) Beck, Carolyn Huttinger, Kayla (Rob) Crigger and Karla Ferryman; brother, Jimmy McClure; grandchildren, Jennifer Carmley, Chris (Holly) Huttinger, Elicia Huttinger, Justin (Lauren) May, Dustin May, Jessie Crigger, Erica

and Ashley Ferryman; 11 great-grandchildren; uncle, Weaver McClure; cousins, Richard (Candy) and Weaver, II (Jan); sisters-in-law, Ethel Brown and Sue (Gus) Trimble; brothers-in-law, Ed (Mary) Whitehead, Jr. (Janett) Whitehead and Audrey (Janett) Whitehead.

Funeral services will be conducted at 3 p.m. Thursday, October 6, 2011 in Hermitage Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Bill Thomason officiating.

Interment will follow in Hermitage Memorial Gardens. Chris Huttinger, Robert Huttinger, Jr., Justin and Dustin May, Tylor Huttinger, Blake Carmley and Greg Trimble will serve as Pallbearers.

Visitation with the family was held 4 - 7 p.m. Wednesday with a Masonic Service at 7 p.m. and visitation 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Thursday.

Donations may be made to the Widows and Orphans Fund, % Observance Lodge, No. 686, 100 7th Avenue N. Suite 4, Nashville, TN 37203.

Condolences may be offered at www.hermitagefh.com. Hermitage Funeral Homes and Memorial Gardens, 535 Shute Lane, Old Hickory, TN 37138.

Floydada Classifieds

**GARAGE SALE**  
**618 SOUTH MAIN STREET, FLOYDADA**—Garage sale Saturday, October 8th. 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Collectables, miscellaneous. 10-6p

**GARAGE SALE AT JERRY COOPER'S PLACE**—Exactly 3 miles north on Highway 378 from Lockney. Lots of stuff for sale...furniture, pictures, old doors and etc. 10-6c

**HELP WANTED**  
The **CITY OF FLOYDADA** is now accepting applications for a receptionist/billing clerk. Experience with computers, calculators, phone, collecting and counting money, and meeting the public is necessary. Must be able to handle many tasks at one time with accuracy. Person must be bondable. Applications may be picked up at Floydada City Hall, 114 W. Virginia; lobby hours are 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday. Applications will be received until Friday, October 4, 2011. The City of Floydada is an equal opportunity employer. 10-13c

**HOUSES FOR RENT**  
**COUNTRY HOME** on 3 acres for rent. Three bedroom, 2 baths. \$600.00 month, \$600 deposit. Call 806-676-4122 or 806-676-5562. 10-6p

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**MISCELLANEOUS ATTENTION CAT LOVERS:** If you have cats please keep them out of our backyard. We are tired of them using our backyard for a bathroom. We live on 8th Street in Lockney and if they continue to do so we will not be responsible for what happens, in our backyard. So please, please, keep them out of our yard! 10-6p

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course at an up and coming medical school.

Bordering the country of Rwanda, Burundi is one of the poorest countries in the world. It is estimated that the average yearly individual income, if any, is about \$200; and like their neighbors, the country of Burundi has been ravaged in the past by the brutal violence of a civil war. However with peace starting to trickle back in the country, the Burundi people are starting the process of developing their land into a strong and established country. One landmark in this process would be the establishment of Hope Africa University in the city of Bujumbura.

In a country that has very few doctors and nurses, yet alone a cardiologist, the University is helping to pump health care back into the developing country. "The effort their putting in, is unbelievable," commented Dr. Cooper, "this University is going to have an enormous impact in that area because it is turning out doctors and nurses."

To get the school, many aspiring medical students often have to hire body guards so they can safely travel the numerous miles to the University, which itself, is enclosed in a concrete wall compound. "When I found out that the

students, some of them were traveling over miles to get school, sometimes with their own body guards, I realized that I really couldn't say no," explained Dr. Cooper, "I didn't go through any of the trauma that they go to, to get to school so I really couldn't say no."

Once Dr. Cooper decided that he was Africa bound, he invited his wife, Dr. Cheryl Maureen Graham to go. Dr. Graham, from Lakefield, Ontario, has a PhD from the Texas Women's University; and felt she could help by teaching a course on nursing.

Once in Africa, he was greeted by the culture of East Africa. "They were so pleasant," commented Dr. Cooper, "they could not be more gracious". At the school, he was immediately amazed by the hard work and dedication put forth by the University's students. "The people were so optimistic and so positive," added Dr. Cooper, "their building their county from the ground up, and they have an incredibly positive philosophy and attitude about what they are doing."

And despite not having access to facilities, books, and luxuries like copy machines and other supplies, Dr. Cooper explained that the

hard work exuded by the students had made a pivotal impact on him. "They worked harder than any other student I've ever had," explained Dr. Cooper, "it was a very exceptionally good experience. Their so willing to go more than you would ever expect a student to go to accomplish things; so if you consider yourself a teacher you really don't have much of a choice then to try to teach, when people are so willing to do it."

After the course was over, Dr. Cooper and his wife brainstormed on how they could come back. "You really feel like you're making a contribution, because there is so much that needs to be done," he explained.

The couple will be heading back to Burundi in 2012, where Dr. Cooper will be teaching Clinical Cardiology; and with the constant evolution of medical technology, the doors been blown off the hinges for other medical professors to contribute to the developing country.

Dr. Cooper has three children; Anthony, who has served two tours in Iraq with the US Army; Chad of Minneapolis, Minn.; and Claire, who teaches Developmentally Disabled Children in Austin.

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back sneak for a touchdown. He then handed the ball off to Sergio Ascenio for the two point conversion. The Horns were then held out of the end zone until late in the 2nd quarter. Daylen was then called upon again who punched in a 3 yard run for a touchdown. The score at halftime was 14-6.

The Horns came out in the 2nd half and recovered the outside kick. Soon after, Levi Kasner ran in a 43 yard touchdown run. The Longhorn defense stepped up their game not letting the Swifts get anymore points until late into the 4th quarter. Justin Suarez then busts an 82 yard touchdown run to cap off the Longhorn scoring. The final score was 26-12.

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Photo by Homer Marquez

On September 19, D and J Gin ginned the first cotton bale in Lockney. The first bale was called in at 3:48 a.m. and would come from producer Joe Neil Rexrode. Last Thursday, the Lockney Chamber of Commerce presented Mr. Rexrode with a \$100 check for being the first bale in Lockney. Pictured (left to right) Lockney Chamber of Commerce President Archie Jones, Chamber representative Kay Martin, D and J Gin Manager David Foster, producer Joe Neil Rexrode, and D and J Marketing Manager Lesca Durham. The first bale used seed variety NexGen 3348 B2R. The cotton had a grade of 21; Staple of 35; Strength of 29.5 and a Micronaire of 3.6. The average loan price for this cotton will go around \$.56.55 per pound. Mr. Rexrode at Home Place Drip farms would produce six modules on 33 acres. Home Place Drip has been in business since 1924, and Mr. Rexrode has been farming since 1958. Lambert Spraying applied the DEF and Prep and later applied Parquet. The cotton was harvested with an 8-row John Deere 7450 and is being stored at Hale County Compress in Plainview.



Photo by Homer Marquez

On September 14, the Floydada CO-OP ginned the first cotton bale in Floyd County for the year 2011. The first bale would come out of S and J Farms which is located about three miles north of Floydada. Last Wednesday, the Floydada Chamber of Commerce presented S and J Farms with a \$100 check for being the first bale of the year. Pictured (left to right) Floydada Chamber of Commerce President Charla McHam, Shane Lloyd of S & J Farms, Floydada CO-OP Gin Manager Aaron Hendricks, chamber directors Lance McHam and Kay Wilson, and landowner Mary Shurbet. The first bale had a weight of 530 lbs and came from a dry land crop that used seed variety RR 9058 from Fibermax. The cotton had a grade of 21; Staple of 30; Leaf of 1; and a Micronaire of 3.2. S and J Farms was started about 37 years ago in Floyd County by Steve and Judy Lloyd. It is now run by Steve, Judy and their son, Shane. The bales were also the first on the South Plains to run through a new automatic bagger which is located at Floydada's CO-OP; currently the bale is being stored at Farmers CO-OP Compress in Plainview.

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also went to Segayle Foster with her Champion Bred and Owned Female, FBFS X-Calmation 76X.

Ninth place overall Purebred Simmental Female honors were awarded to Syann Foster of Lockney, Texas with her March 5, 2010 JSF Sure Bet 4T daughter, JSSC Ms Xtra-Bet 009X.

The Foster sisters were not only successful in the cattle show but in the competitions as well. Syann placing as the eighth overall intermediate contestant after placing fifth in showmanship and seventh in the livestock judging contest. Segayle also excelled in

the livestock judging contest, placing fifteenth in the senior division.

One of the most educationally focused junior breed shows in the United States, the National Classic is the highlight of the AJSA events, all cattle exhibitors are required to participate in four of five educational competitions. Held every summer, the National Classic is sponsored by the AJSA and various junior and state Simmental associations each year. For more information about the AJSA National Classic please contact Hannah Wine, hwine@simmgene.com

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books and current fiction and non-fiction books. We also take games, puzzles and videos. All need to be in good condition. We also welcome any cash donations.

The Friends of the Library want to thank all of you who have already donated books for this sale. We appreciate it very much.

The success of this sale will help fund the needs of the Floyd County Memorial Library. We have a very active membership of hard working members and would like to welcome anyone who would like to join our organization. Hope to see you at our book sale!

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to Zach it wasn't long before Danny got on board with planting pumpkins, and today together they grow around thirty different varieties of pumpkins and specialty items on seventy acres of land.

According to Zach, planting pumpkins is a family affair. Zach and Stacy and their two children along with Danny and Laura and their three children have all jumped in and lent a helping hand to get the seeds in the ground. Just out of college, Jason, son of Danny and Laura came home to help on the family farm, where pumpkins are not the only item grown. Acres and acres of cotton, corn and milo are also grown.

With Punkin Day just days away, everyone is busy getting pumpkins picked, the town square in tip top shape, flyers posted and decorations put up, everyone is excited for that day to get here. Kids will fill the square to take part in the many activities, lasting all day. Some activities include the Pumpkin Toss starting at 2:15, followed by the Tricycle Race that starts at 2:30, then the pumpkin sack races. Don't forget the adult and children costume contest which begins at 3 p.m. Parents, this is the perfect picture taking time. If you have a friend brave enough to sit in a Wheelbarrow while they talk you, blindfolded, through a maze of pumpkins, then sign up at 1:30 p.m.

Punkin Day has been a Floydada tradition since 1987; this time of year is often used for many of our organizations and schools as a major fundraiser. Every dollar that is spent in our wonderful hometown will turn around two times in the community. The day is filled with good ol' fashion fun for the kids as well as adults; and of course, some of the best food around. Let's not forget the entertainment!! Where else can you go on a Saturday and get great fellowship and some good ol' belly laughs, or hear the best gospel and country singing around? If classic cars are your thing than you don't want to miss the Classic car display and show. Don't forget to stop and visit our local Museum where history comes alive.

Floydada is a very family oriented community and many of our farmers are farming land that's been passed down from generation to generation like the Watson family. They have farmed since 1948, starting with parents, Millard and Glenda Watson, and handed down to their two children, Dean and Sherry. Now

three generations later the day to day farming operations are being handled by Crazy Hoe Farms, LLC. Crazy Hoe Farms, LLC is operated by Dean and Brenda Watson, who give credit to their three children David, Amanda and Deana for pushing them to expand their operations into wholesale produce selling. They are hoping to expand their operation more and more. Amanda has moved back to Texas, in the home of her grandparents, to join the family-run business.

Amanda's son, Reese Ramsey, is the family photographer, taking pictures of all the activities on the farm. His work can be seen at Facebook under Reese Ramsey Photography or on the Floydada Chamber of Commerce Facebook page.

Crazy Hoe Farms, among other things, grows broom-corn; yes, the kind used to make brooms. They have been doing this for 27 years. Look for some of their broomcorn to decorate the downtown square on Punkin Day Saturday and for sale at Ace Hardware.

Growers generously donate trailer loads of pumpkins for many of the Punkin Day activities and decorations. The Boy Scouts will be selling pumpkins on the square, there will be a pumpkin drawing contest where you have 3 minutes to draw a winning pumpkin and let's not forget the tractor pedal pull and what day wouldn't be complete without cow patty bingo?

A little bit of known facts about pumpkins, as we told you earlier pumpkins are a fruit and thought to have originated in North America, and did you know that pumpkins are 90% water? Plus it takes just about 4 months for a pumpkin seed to sprout and grow into a jack-o-lantern. The Howden pumpkins the Nutts started with vary in size and shape, and have strong handles for making Jack-O'Lanterns. They are the original Jack O'Lantern pumpkins you see sold at supermarkets and roadside farm stands. The plant developed by John Howden in the early 1970s produces big 15 lb bright orange Halloween pumpkins.

The Floydada Chamber of Commerce invites you to come and celebrate the pumpkin with us. Check out the Punkin Day schedule on our Facebook page, on our website, [www.FloydadaChamber.org](http://www.FloydadaChamber.org), or send us an email at [floydadachamber@yahoo.com](mailto:floydadachamber@yahoo.com) and we will return a schedule to you.

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