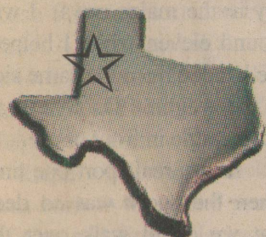


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## Punkin Day Has Special Meaning To Assiter Family

By Karen Houchin

Tim Assiter stated that pumpkins have been a part of his life since he was 11 years old; he can remember going out to gather pumpkins every fall. His family has at least 47 years of pumpkin growing experience and truly enjoys the annual event. The family has scaled back its acreage from an average of 80 acres to 36 this year. However, Tim says the pumpkins appear to be of good quality with deep color and shipping quality in spite of the harsh summer weather. The heat does affect the size and weight of the pumpkins. The yield and tonnage will be down this year, but as the harvest continues, the plants rejuvenated by the cooler weather are bursting with small green pumpkins that he expects to be glowing orange in the next few weeks.

Tim and wife, Michelle, say that giving tours is one of the many things they do out at the Assiter Punkin Ranch. They built the big red barn out at their place about 10 years ago and give tours to children and adults alike. Tim says he truly enjoys the senior citizens groups who come out to the country to get something homegrown. Tim delights in sharing a sun-ripened tomato with an old timer who truly appreciates the taste. Of course, he doesn't mind helping an old fellow with his courting either, when the fellow wants to impress his woman with something homegrown.

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in October, Floydada, Texas, the Pumpkin Capital of the USA, hosts Punkin Day. This is a wonderful, fun-filled day for all, this year on Saturday, October 8th. The Assiters are big contributors to Floydada's Punkin Day festival each year, donating many a pumpkin, gourd, corn stalks, and squashes for decorations and contests. The Assiters even take time to slip into town on the big day for a corn dog, a glass of lemonade and do a little gift shopping.

Tim and Michelle Assiter run a family operation just like other local growers. Twelve year old daughter, Helena, loves running the cash register, ringing up the sales of pumpkins and gourds at the Assiter Pumpkin Ranch. The whole family gets



Photo Courtesy of Eddy Houchin

PUNKIN RANCH---Charlie Brown and Lucy are anxious awaiting the crowds and all the fun at the Assiter Punkin Ranch, located south of town. The Ranch will be swarming with lots of visitors on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to also come and enjoy all the Punkin Day activities in downtown Floydada.

into the action, Tim's parents, Tommy and Joy Assiter pop in every now and then to visit with folks, but let the youngsters run the barn now. Tim's sister, Darla Carthel, paints birdhouse gourds, with anything from a Santa to a Dallas Cowboy for purchase. She also paints up a few jack o'lantern pumpkins for purchase at the Big Red Barn.

Helena, affectionately known as "Little Red" loves to show off the trained Border Collies they raise. Much to the delight of the children she will have the dogs fetch them mini-pumpkins she tosses out for them. Over the years, all the Assiter children and grandchildren have been a part of the operation including

Tim's children: Memory Assiter Jackson, Bandy Assiter, and Kelsey Assiter. This year Tim's grandson, Kyler Gresham is taking a load of pumpkins to Andrews, Texas to make a little money for himself.

The Assiters grow 71 different varieties of pumpkins, squash and gourds and you will see many of those on Punkin Days at Floydada decorated for the Best Decorated Pumpkin Contest by children and adults alike. If you are coming to Punkin Day, be sure to bring your decorated pumpkins and gourds and have the whole family bring costumes for the costume contest after

See PUNKIN DAY on page 11

## Educational fund cuts affect books and districts fight back

By Homer Marquez

Lasting effects from recent state education cuts are continuing to wreck havoc for school districts as they now struggle to obtain the right amount of text book for Texas students.

In their last legislative session over the summer, State representatives cut close to \$8 billion from educational funding as an attempt fill a \$27 billion deficit that was created when the State got rid of the previous property tax system and replaced it with revenue from a business tax, a tobacco tax, and a used car tax.

Unfortunately, revenues from these taxes weren't enough, creating the massive State deficit. So in order to somewhat balance the budget, State Representatives tried to tighten the belt and handed out funding cuts to different branches across the State; including the \$8 billion in cuts to Texas students.

As a result, districts all over Texas clamored to adjust their budget before the funding downfall. This would lead to the closing of

schools, immense teacher and faculty layoffs in schools around the State, and would also pave the way for the elimination of many educational programs.

After the dust settled, many districts had made the right financial decisions and were able to create a balanced budget for the 2012 school year. However the ghosts of this summer's cuts continue to haunt progress as new textbook policies have districts making adjustments once again.

In the last Lockney School Board meeting, Jr. High Principal Craig Setliff, who also manages textbooks for the district, explained that textbook policy has dramatically changed within the last three years.

Years back, he explained, the State would cover the cost of all textbook for a district. A district would merely turn in the number of books they needed and the State would send them; and if they needed extra the State would supply them at no charge. However, last year the State switched to a new policy that tightened the amount of books that were

being sent out.

Basically, last year, the State gave the school and exact number of books corresponding to the number of students that the school was expected to enroll. As enrollment fluctuated throughout the year from school to school, the State would adjust by taking books from the schools that had extra books and shipped them to the schools that now had more enrolled; any extra, damaged or lost books would be paid for by the school.

This plan would only work for one year as the headache from the logistics and management of this plan became almost unbearable for the State and the districts. Setliff com-

mented that last year he shipped off and received over a hundred book packages.

So this year, the State decided to give school districts an allotment of money so each district can pay for their own books. Every two years, a district will be given a set amount of money according to their projected enrollment and each school will have to buy their own books.

A sensible plan in theory, but it seems that the amount given in the allotment maybe less than what is needed to buy books, and with switch from the TAKS test to the STAAR test, each district will need to buy a whole new set

See CUTS on page 11

## Mobile Vet Center (MVC) to visit Floydada

The Mobile Vet Center (MVC) will be doing a Veteran Outreach in Floydada on Friday, September 30, 2011 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

They will be parked at the Courthouse next to the Veterans Memorial on the north side of the square.

This is open to all Veterans, their families and the public is also welcome.

The Mobile Vet Center (MVC) event is sponsored by the Amarillo Vet Center, 3414 Olsen Boulevard, Suite E, Amarillo, Texas 79109.

They will provide information on readjustment counseling services offered at Vet Centers to Veterans following exposure to combat trauma, military sexual trauma, or families of deceased active duty service members. They also offer individual, group, and family counseling services absolutely free to those who qualify.

For more info, contact William R. Donaldson/Shawn T. White, 806-354-9779.



Photo by Homer Marquez

On September 14, the Floydada CO-OP bailed 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 from 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 land owner 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 40 years ago in Floyd County by Steve and Judy Lloyd; it is now run by Steve and his 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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# From The Archives

**From the Lockney Beacon**  
**January 15, 1978**  
**I CAN'S REMEMBER**  
**EVER GOING TO SUN-**  
**DAY SCHOOL.....**

By Felicia Applewhite

"We didn't go to church much and didn't go to Sunday School because there were none near," says Annie Reeves Smith of Lockney who came here in 1904 when she was ten years old.

"There are many things I do remember, among them is the split bonnet."

"You couldn't see a thing with one on. Their purpose was to keep sun and wind off the face. They did this along with cutting visibility down to zero."

The split bonnet was made of a rectangular piece of cloth with a lining in the head part stitched in parallel rows of stitching about two inches apart, to hold cardboard strips the same width. The head part

of the bonnet was long enough to run from the back of the head to "way out too far" out front of the face. The cardboard slats were removed for bonnet washing and replaced afterward. When the cardboard began to look limp, new cardboard was cut.

Enough material was in the bonnet for a flap or bonnet tail to protect the neck from the sun. The bonnet was held on by the use of two bonnet strings tied under the chin.

Along with the bonnet for working outside were gloves made out of the legs of cotton hose that were worn out in the feet. A hole was cut for the thumb. The fingers were free from the middle out to the end. These homemade gloves were similar to the knitted type: they protected not much more than the back of the hand.

Bonnets were not all of the split bonnet type. Some had fancy machine-stitched pat-

terns in the head part. These were not so much for protection as for looks.

"I also remember high button shoes. They were buttoned on the outside of the leg and came quite a ways up the leg. We had to use button hooks to button them.

"There was an art in using a button hook. If it was not used from the right angle, the button would miss the button hole and the work would have to be repeated. Too, if you couldn't find the button hook, you couldn't wear the shoes."

"Maybe I remember cotton cards more than anything. I guess it's because I carded too many cotton bats for quilts. In fact, since quilt making was my hobby, I had to card bats. I would fest one of the cards with its fine wire teeth full of cotton on my knee while I pulled the other card with fine wire teeth through the cotton and repeated this until the cotton was very fluffy and lean and nice, in soft bats about three or four inches wide and seven long. It certainly took many bats for the average quilt."

"Quilt-making was from my mother who had lots of quilts that she had made. I have three now that she had pieced and quilted before she married."

"She had the heaviest, old quilt made from my grandfather's suits. The cloth from the suits was home spun. She just ripped the old suits up, washed the material and made a quilt."

Of course, Annie Smith has a first-hand knowledge of quilt making and other practices connected with West Texas pioneer life having come here at such an early age. When her family came here, they brought furniture, horse feed and all else that could be brought in a three-wagon move. They were several days in coming since, it was necessary to give the horses time each day to rest and eat.

"We cooked over a camp-

fire the things we didn't have cooked before like bread and cake," she remembers.

"We came to bare prairie land. We had to put down a windmill, build a horse and build sheds and lots for the stock"

Always my sister helped Mother with the house, and I helped Daddy. I helped milk three or four cows each day. I didn't mind this so much. We made cottage cheese. Our slapdash chum held about three gallons of cream. Before we had a milk trough at the windmill, Mother kept milk and butter in the storm cellar. It kept so fresh and cool there."

Perhaps the saddest part of our move here was my unhappiness with school. I had left my playmates. I had left the school by the creek where trees and grapevine swings were a part of our school life.

"Instead, after our move, I had to walk four miles to Lone Star to school in wind and other disagreeable weather. It was just too much. It was necessary to start from home pretty early to get to school by ten. We were always late, but it made no difference."

In the one-room school house at Lone Star, coats and other wraps were hung on the back wall on nails. When it was time for recess, noon and close of the school day two "monitors loaded all coats and other wraps on their arms and passed them out to the owners. This saved crowding where the things were hanging. As a result of monitoring of coats, "itch," known as the "seven-year itch" was often passed through the school.

"We never did catch the itch, but were always afraid that we would."

Water was carried for the school from the nearest home 1/2 mile by two students balancing the bucket between them on a stick. They "just bought for the privilege of being a water carrier. When water was brought, it was passed between

the rows of desks for each child to drink from the dipper in the bucket. They all used the same dipper.

One real improvement came to the school when outdoor toilets with wind breaks were built.

We rode to school sometimes when the horses were not busy in the field. That was not often.

"I remember there was one job I could not avoid. It was rubbing clothes on a rub board and boiling them either in a tin wash boiler in the house in bad weather or outside in a pot in good weather. With plenty of boiling water, aided by lye soap, clothes came out fresh and clean. We starched all clothes."

Wash day meant, first, rubbing out a tub of white clothes and putting them on to boil while another load was being rubbed to get ready to boil. A "punch stick" helped in swishing the water through the boiling clothes. Load by load the clothes went through until all clothes were rinsed, wrung by hand and were on the fence to dry.

"There was something that I'll never forget—hog killing. From neighbor to neighbor, each family would have one. I was in all of it except when they scalded and scraped it. I didn't stay around for that.

"We had a smoke house to put meat in. The hams were delicious.

Like all our neighbors, our family lived on what we raised with the exception of staple foods. Sugar and flour were freighted by the hundred pounds from Estelina.

Gardens were watered from windmills. This was the "best kind" of watering. A garden "stayed watered" when a windmill was used to water it.

"It's a marvel to me how we gathered the vegetables from the garden, ran a chicken down, wrung its neck, dressed it and did the other necessary thing and had it all for twelve

o'clock dinner. Usually we tied the lines together and hung them over a stick we had on the side of the wagon. We would tie a rope to the lines and let it drop behind for us to grab if the team didn't stop when we said "whoa." After a certain amount of heading they listened to "get up" and "whoa."

"After a team was used very many days in heading, it would begin to "pick up" and get fat. They ate continually each day in the maize rows. I was around eleven when I helped. We headed from the same side of the wagon. Dada was always a little in front of me.

It was real sport one time when the snow was so deep that we could walk over the chicken house and over six feet high feed stacks.

In later times, when sheep was on the place, they shopped wood off for blankets and comforts. The company buying from them bought some old feather mattresses that had wanted out of the way for a long time. The feathers were used in making satin comforts that were beautiful.

Too, in her married life, she and her husband Rob, milked registered jersey cows for a living. Depression times came. There was no grass. Finally it came to nothing but taking of milk to town and trading it for cow feed, nothing more. It was a very vicious circle.

"That was when I quit milking. Do what you want to, I am through," she said.

They put the cows in one of the first government programs of the depression where owners were paid for cows to be shot. The county maintainers made a deep ditch and the cows were buried.

Annie Smith might not remember "ever going to Sunday School" when there was not one close by, but she remembers the close by affairs connected with making a living in early West Texas.

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## MINA PESINA Announces her retirement



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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 Decorating 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 Pattie 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 your "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 Races
- 3:00 Pumpkin Bowling
- 3:30 Wheelbarrow Obstacle Course (Adults)

## Lockney Senior Citizen Center News

By Renee Armstrong

Hello again from the Senior Citizens Center. Just to let everyone know, our fundraiser was a great success. We sold over 200 plates and had a great time listening to Cecil and Betty Jones; thank you both for providing the entertainment.

I would like to personally thank the National Honor Society and Student Council members for helping with serving. Also to Natalie Conde, Tarkya Mensah, Tamyra Mensah, and Nolan Armstrong who

are all students at Wayland Baptist University; thank you guys for helping out with everything. Beck Myers made all the bread; thanks Becky, and to anyone that I may have forgotten THANK YOU!!!! I could not have done this without all of you.

The drawing for the quilt was on Sunday and Julie Griffith won the beautiful quilt; thanks to all of you that bought tickets.

Vera Jo Bybee is in the hospital here in Lockney with pneumonia, get well soon. Windy Clarke who

was involved in a car accident two Saturdays ago was transferred to Lubbock on Friday.

Jerry Paul Cooper got to go home Thursday; glad you are home Jerry.

Please keep these and any that I have missed in your prayers; you all have a great week!!

### Menu

- October 3 - October 7 Monday-Enchilada Casserole
- Tuesday-Chicken Pot Pie
- Wednesday-Fried Chicken
- Thursday-Baked Ham
- Friday-Swiss Steak

### Digital photography class to focus on night-time shooting

LEVELLAND - South Plains College will offer a digital photography class for photo enthusiasts with an interest in night-time shooting. The class, Digital Photography Night Class, will meet from 3 to 11 p.m. on October 1 in the Fine Arts Building, Room 102.

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

The courses is designed for the more advanced photographers who want to experience late evening, natural light and night-time shooting. Participants will need to use a tripod as well as a shutter release cable or remote shuttle release device. This class is only for digital Single Lens Reflex (SLR) cameras.

The class will travel throughout Hockley County and the City of Levelland. Participants are encouraged to dress for the weather and advised not to wear open-toe shoes. Proper footwear is encouraged. Participants also 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.

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# OBITUARIES

## REV. RALPH JACKSON

Rev. Ralph Edward Jackson, age 70, passed away Friday, September 16, 2011 at UMC in Lubbock.

Services were held on Saturday, September 24, 2011 at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Floydada.

Interment followed at the Floyd County Memorial Park under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada. A Memorial Wake was held 6 - 8 p.m. Friday, September 23, 2011 at Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

Ralph Edwards Jackson was born to the proud parents of Ora and Emma Jackson in Fordyce, Arkansas. Ralph came to California with his parents at the age of 3. Ralph was an exceptionally bright and dutiful child, mature beyond his years. He was often found reading to his younger siblings, cooking, cleaning, teaching them to tie their shoes or even combing his sister's hair. Ralph joined the Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church and was baptized at the age of 5 under the late pastor Rev. Nathaniel Phanor. He served on the Jr. Usher board youth choir, actively attended Sunday School, Baptist Training Union and Jr. Laymen.

Ralph attended elementary school in Richmond, California. He completed his education at Harry Ells High School where he set school records in track and field. He graduated in 1957 at the age of 17. In that same year, Ralph enlisted in the US Navy where he served for 20 years including active duty service during the Vietnam conflict. During his military service, Ralph became a master

mechanical and electrical engineer, his specialty was HVAC.

After honorary discharge from the U.S. Navy, he answered the call to "the ministry". He was also obedient to God's call to relocate from Southern California to Texas in order to serve as Pastor of the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Floydada, Texas. Rev. Ralph Jackson faithfully served as pastor and shepherd of this flock from May 28, 1986 until the Lord called His servant home.

Rev. Ralph was recognized throughout the community for his love of people and heart for service. He always displayed a servant's heart. He exemplified this calling through his work with UMC Pastoral Care, UMC Health Systems Seniors Are Special Program, Texas Veterans Commission, Floydada Housing Authority, Texas Department of Human Services, instrumental in getting the current Mt. Zion Church building moved in, which was donated by Pansy Baptist Church in Crosby County, Planning and Zoning Committee, Community Action Board, Caprock Association, African American Ministers Alliance of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, the local Rotary and VFW.

He was married to the late Ruth Hicks Jackson and to this union one child was born, Makeba Ruth Jackson. During this union, Ralph also adopted a son, Roland Jackson and a daughter, Veltina Hicks.

He was also preceded in death by his late wife Shirley Jackson, his father Ora Neelon Jackson, brother Jimmy Douglas Jackson and

a son Barry Jones.

Rev. Ralph Jackson leaves to mourn his loving wife, Sharon Jackson; six daughters, Makeba Jackson of Floydada, Texas, Veltina Hicks of Rockville, Maryland, Beverly (Norah) Williams of Floydada, Texas, Carmen (Kenneth) Beck of Mesquite, Texas, Sylvia Coleman of Atlanta, Georgia and Triss (Lonnice) Jesse of Lancaster, Texas; four sons, Roland Jackson of Charlotte, North Carolina, Jerry Coleman of San Angelo, Texas, Deonte Edwards, and Triston Edwards, both of Lubbock, Texas; a devoted mother, Emma C. Jackson of Richmond, California; one brother, Rev. Kenneth Ora (Ambra) Jackson, of Floydada, Texas; and five sisters, Gwendolyn (Elbert) Rolin, Herlong of California, Barbara Jackson of Union City, California, Phyllis Jackson, Chandler of Arizona, Sheila Windham of Richmond, California, and Pamela (Esteben) Greenwood of Suisun City, California; one uncle, Almos Key and one aunt, Frankie Joyce Key, both of Las Vegas, Nevada.

Ralph also leaves to mourn a host of family who will cherish his memories and with whom he loved, mentored and nurtured including nieces, nephews, 16 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren who affectionately called him dad, Papa, Rev. and Pastor.

## WILLIAM CARLIE WHITLOCK

William Carlie Whitlock, age 84, died at Lockney Health & Rehabilitation Center in Lockney, Texas. See OBITs on page 11

## Rick Gage to speak at Plainview Area Go Tell Crusade



RICK GAGE

Rick Gage of Duluth, Ga., a longtime evangelist who focuses on small to medium-sized communities throughout the country, will be the speaker for the Plainview Area Go Tell Crusade schedule Oct. 2-5 at Greg Sherwood Memorial Bulldog Stadium in Plainview.

There is no admission charge and each of the evening services begin at 7 p.m. They will include lively worship music led by Chuck Sullivan, Caleigh Mayerien and

the Trae Sweatt Band and a guest testimony.

Scott Camp, pastor of the Fellowship of Joy in Grand Prairie, will speak on Monday night; former Plainview High and Texas Tech basketball star Alesha Robertson, now girls coach at Lubbock Christian, will speak on Tuesday; and Steve Grant, football chaplain at Texas Tech, will speak on Wednesday.

Churches from Plainview, Hale Center, Cotton Center, Abernathy, Petersburg, Lockney, Floydada, Olton, Hart, Dimmitt and Silvertown have been invited to participate. Gage held a similar crusade for Swisher County in Tulia last year, resulting in a reported 380 decisions to receive Christ or renew a Christian commitment.

Gage - who played football at Cameron University in Lawton, Okla. before serving as an

assistant coach at Texas Tech and Liberty University - and Camp also will speak in school assemblies in Plainview, Hale Center, Cotton Center, Olton, Petersburg, Floydada and Lockney about making good life choices. Area youth ministers will be handing out free admission to a Pizza Blitz at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, at the stadium.

"We know that many people of all ages in Plainview and the area did not grow up in Christian homes, have seldom if ever been in church, and have not heard the life-changing message of Jesus Christ," said Danny Andrews, general chairman for the crusade. "We want to afford that opportunity to as many people as we can."

Anyone needing more information about the crusade contact Andrews at 729-7154 and 296-7721.

## 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  
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Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship...10:50 a.m.  
Evening Worship....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.  
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Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship...11:00 a.m.  
Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.  
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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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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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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.  
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Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
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Evening Service.....7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday.....8:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service.....7:30 p.m.  
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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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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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Sunday Services....10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening.....5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday.....7:30 p.m.  
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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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Floydada  
Rev. 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  
Jim McCartney, Pastor  
Wed. Communion...8:00 p.m.  
Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m.  
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### SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH

Joe Weldon, Pastor  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship...11:00 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.  
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### TEMPLO GETSEMANI ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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..... Sunday School.....  
English.....9:45 a.m.  
Spanish.....11:00 a.m.  
Spanish Worship....9:30 a.m.  
English 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.  
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### TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM

Lockney  
Rev. Joe Hernandez  
Sun. Prayer Service 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School.....9:45 p.m.  
Worship Service....11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship...6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Meeting.....7:00 p.m.  
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### TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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

Rev. Herman Martinez  
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship....5:00 p.m.  
Tuesday.....7:30 p.m.  
Thursday Service...7:30 p.m.  
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Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
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Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.  
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Worship Service....11:00 a.m.  
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It was an impressive start for the Longhorns, but the game would soon run away in the second half as the Horns fell to the Olton Mustangs 40-16. Offensively, the Horns had an impressive showing as Lockney's quarterback Riley Teeter threw for 131 yards in the game and connected twice with Ian Dunbar for a 30 yard touchdown catch in the second quarter and a 42 yard TD pass in the fourth. All together the Horns put up 157 yard of offense. However, the Mustangs would run away with it in the second half as their strong running game put 20 points on the board in the third quarter and another 7 in the fourth. The Horns will look to redeem themselves as they host Nazareth on Friday.

## Football Contest Standings

	THIS WEEK	OVERALL
Matt Williams	22/30	93/118
Jared Lambert	21/30	89/118
Keith Marricle	24/30	89/118
Brent Sanders	23/30	89/118
Franklin Harris	23/30	88/118
Chris Fulton	22/30	87/118
Coy LaBaume	21/30	87/118
Sammy Bradley	22/30	87/118
Jack Covington	22/30	86/118
Max Yeary	21/30	85/118
Ricky Ascencio	20/30	83/118
Diane Ramon	21/30	83/118
Johnny Dormon	21/30	82/118
Martin Ramirez	20/30	82/118
Rachel Ramirez	20/30	81/118
Lanny Barnett	22/30	81/118
Pam Fulton	19/30	80/118
Dale Minner	20/30	80/118
Jane Pruitt	20/30	78/118
Imelda Resendiz	18/30	76/118
Nicholas Castro	21/30	76/118
Boyd Lee	18/30	72/118
Paul Lopez	20/30	70/118
Steve Stringer	20/30	67/118
Lance McHam	15/30	36/58
Charles Wall	16/30	
Merle Terrell	15/30	

## JV Horns fall to Rockets

By Coach Ragland

The Longhorn JV football team hosted the Wellington JV team last Thursday night falling to the Skyrockets 26-6. The game was changed due to Olton having to cancel their JV game with Lockney. The score was not an indication of how close the game should have been. With the score 6-0 in favor of Wellington with a couple minutes left in the first half two plays changed the momentum of the game. With Lockney driving down the field a sack by the Wellington defense caused a fumble which they returned for a touchdown. The next drive the same thing happened, sack by the defense and fumble return which set up another score. In a matter of 2 minutes the score jumped to 20-0. Lockney was finally able to punch across the goal line for a score with a 1 yd TD run by Kameron Hunt. Wellington finished off their scoring on yet another turnover by the Longhorn offense. Lockney was led in rushing by Darin Deleon who rushed for 60 yards on 10 carries and Eli Guerra who rushed for 55 yards on 8 carries. The Longhorn JV team does not have a game scheduled for next week.



Courtesy Photo

Floyd County 4-H members constructed Comfort Bears for the Mangold Memorial Hospital as a part of their 4-H clothing project. Accepting the Comfort Bears from Lauryn Carroll, Rachel Graham and Teen Leader Mallory Graham were Trina Wilson, R.N. Quality Manager and Ana Davila, LVN of Mangold Memorial Hospital.

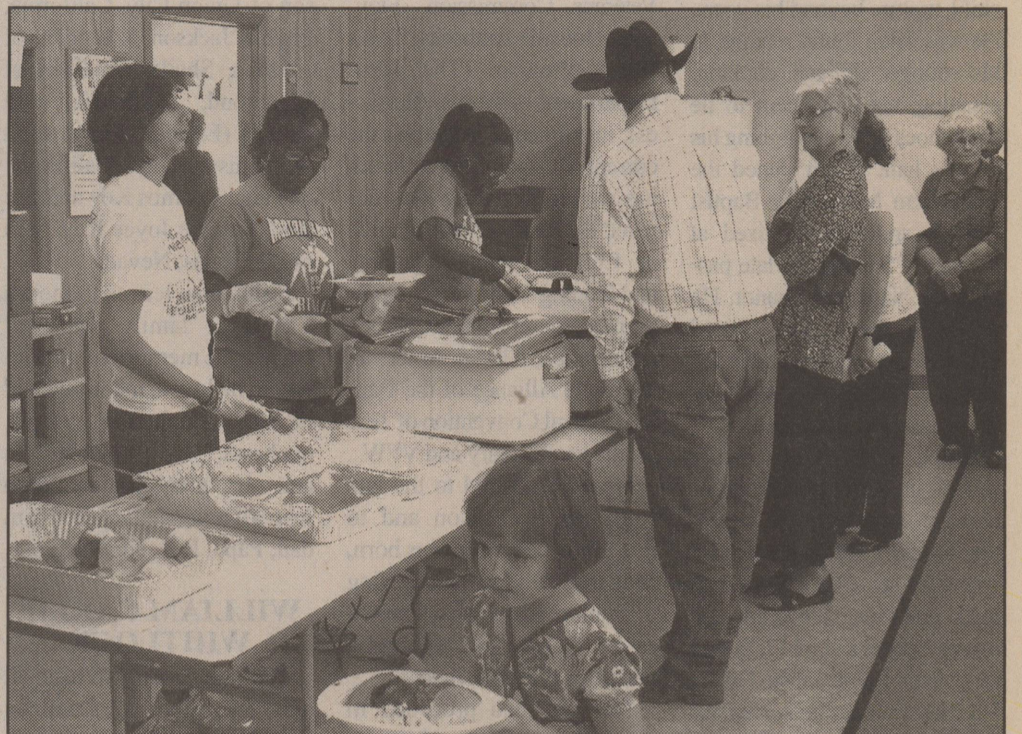


Photo by Homer Marquez

On Sunday, Wayland students and members of Lockney High's Student Council and National Honor Society helped out during the Lockney's Senior Citizen Center fundraiser luncheon. Above serving plates, were Wayland students; Natalie Conde (left) and twins Tarkyia and Tamyra Mensah. Natalie is a member of the Flying Queens basketball team and Tarkyia and Tamyra are members of Wayland's Wrestling Team.

## Seventh Grade Horns grab first victory

By Coach Dunn

The seventh grade Longhorns would win 22-6 for the first win of the season. Olton scored first, but they came back with a Jacob Ochoa TD on a 54 yard run; he also ran in the 2 point conversion on a pass from Trevor Ascencio. Jonathon Rodriguez scored the next TD on an 8 yard run. Tavian Walrath scored the conversion on a 3 yard run; Tavian also finished the scoring on a 6 yard run.

## Lockney Police Report

**July**  
 800 Blk E. Shurbet a Burglary of Habitation report was taken  
 300 Blk E. Poplar Theft of Solar Lights from a front yard

**August**  
 400 Blk W. Washington Animal Cruelty report was taken and charges filed  
 100 Blk SE 6th Burglary of Vehicle occurred

**August**  
 500 Blk SE 8th Graffiti report was taken  
 100 Blk W. College Graffiti report was taken  
 200 Blk SE 2nd Burglary report was taken Consumable items and household items were taken  
 100 Blk SW 5th Graffiti report was taken  
 500 Blk E. Locust Graffiti report was taken  
 400 Blk NE 2nd Hit and run report was taken  
 700 SW 4th Burglary of Building occurred, Electronic items were taken  
 2 Juveniles were charged with the Graffiti offenses

**September**  
 400 Blk SW 4th Theft of car keys occurred

## Lockney School Lunch Menu

October 3-7  
**Monday**

**Breakfast**-Mini Corndogs or Cereal, toast, juice, milk  
**Lunch**-Country Style Steak or Tuna Sandwich, potatoes and gravy, green beans, roll, strawberry shortcake, milk

**Tuesday**

**Breakfast**-Scrambled eggs or Cereal, toast, juice, milk  
**Lunch**-Chicken Spaghetti or Ham, garden salad, apple slices, Texas Toast, milk

**Wednesday**

**Breakfast**-Mini Banana Loaf or Cereal, toast, juice, milk

**Lunch**-Beef and Bean or Corndog, Spanish rice, lettuce and tomato, applesauce, milk

**Thursday**

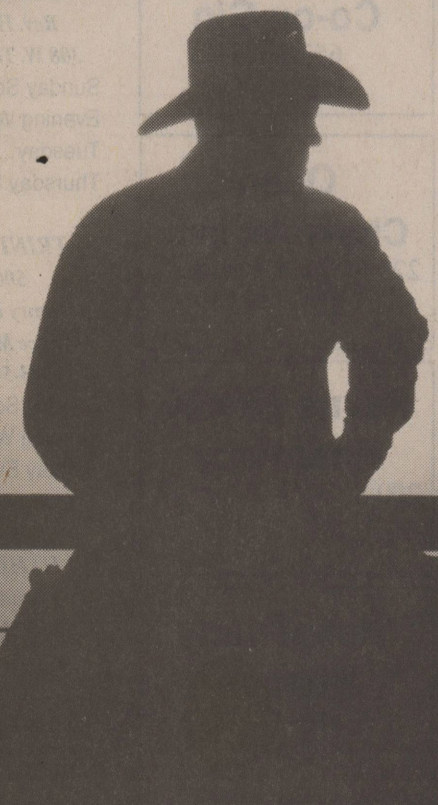
**Breakfast**-Rice or Cereal, toast, juice, milk  
**Lunch**-Chicken Fajitas or Grilled Cheese, refried beans, corn, orange smiles, sherbet cup, milk

**Friday**

**Breakfast**-Cinnamon Roll or Cereal, toast, juice, milk  
**Lunch**-Pizza burger or Ham and Cheese, tater tots, fresh grapes, milk

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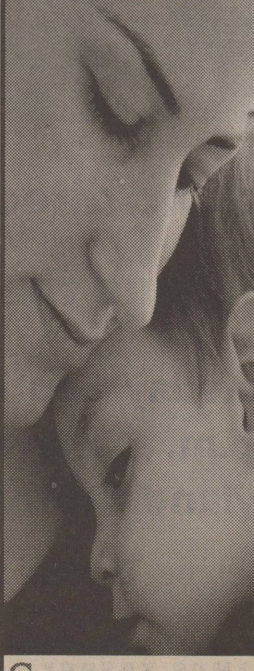
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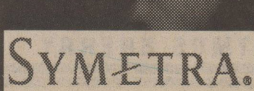


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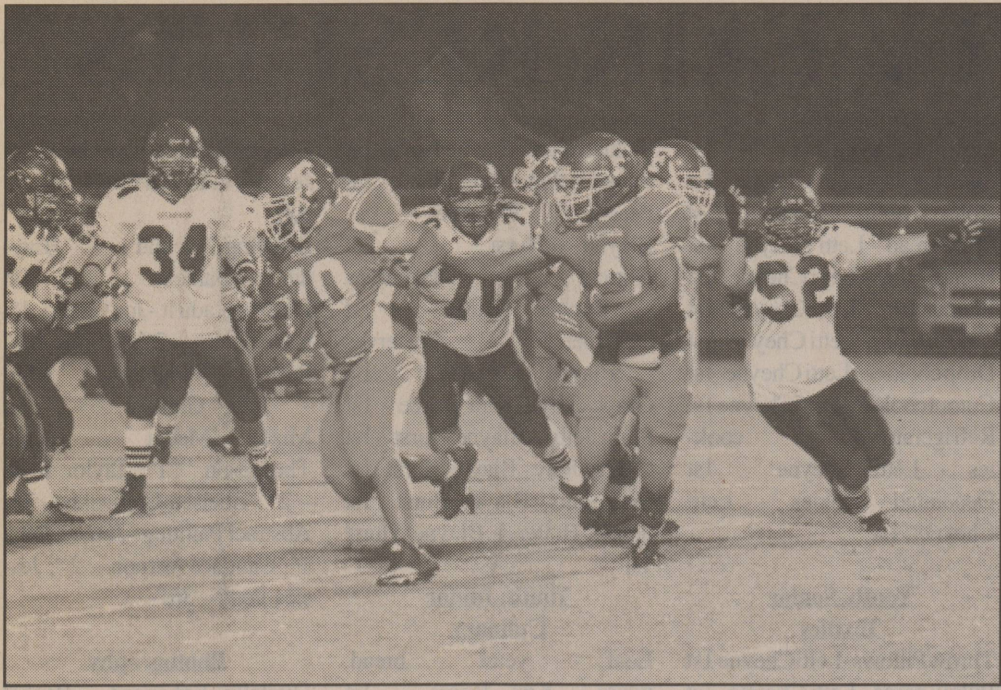
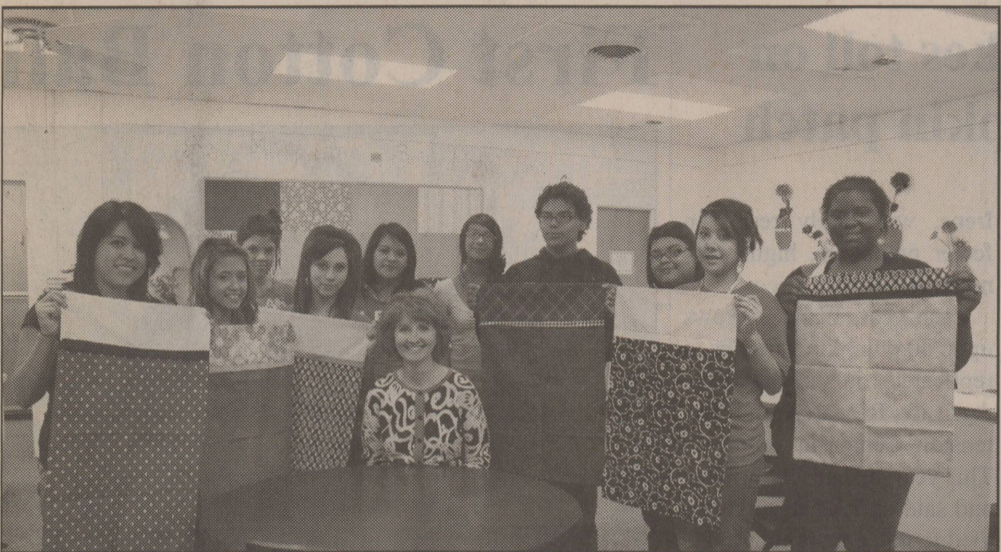


Photo by Jim Covington

The Floydada Whirlwinds would drop a heartbreaker in the final minutes of last Friday game against Spearman by a score of 21-20. A controversial catch would put the Lynx in striking position, were they would finish it off with a touchdown; an extra point would put Spearman ahead and give them the win. Despite the loss the Winds continued to show in improvement; Floydada would take the lead before the half after Cole Covington caught a 23 yard touchdown pass from Jose Martinez, making the score 20-12. Defensively the Whirlwinds held the Lynx to only 57 passing yards. Offensively, Floydada put up a total 233 yards; Rex Mathis would carry the ball ten times for 59 yards; he would also gain off 16 yards off a reception. John Angel Yannis would gain 86 yards off 13 carries. The loss will start the Whirlwinds with 0-1 record in district, but the Wind's will look to rebound when they face Sanford-Fritch this Friday.

Nationwide Charitable Event Reaches Local Community



Floydada's "Fashion Design" students are taking part in a nationwide event, which involves designing and sewing pillowcases to be given to various organizations in their local area(s). L-R: Krystal Cervera, Gracie Cervera, Kimberly Reyes, Brittany Garza, (seated) Dana Crossland, Soledad Aguilar, Erika Sanchez, Albert Luna, Francisca Lara, Ralene Martinez, and Shaunna Session.

By: Taylor Orr-Staff Writer

The students in Mrs. Crossland's "Fashion Design" class have been working on a project that will not only improve their sewing skills, but also help families in their local community.

"I enjoyed sewing the pillowcases. This experience has given me an opportunity to help others in my community, which makes me feel great," senior, Krystal Cervera said.

The fabric needed to make these pillowcases was purchased with money from the Communities in Schools grant. Each student made one pillowcase, but there were many

left over from last year, so they will end up donating almost 50 pillowcases!

"This project is really important for all students to be involved in the community and this is a way for them to learn sewing skills and also contribute," Mrs. Crossland said.

Mrs. Crossland and her students plan on taking the pillowcases that were made to Shepard's Meadow, My Father's House, and the Ronald McDonald House.

"Helping others makes the students feel good about themselves. It makes them understand that the world is bigger than themselves," Mrs. Crossland said.

Floydada Cross-Country Team Runs at Lubbock II

By Coach Styles

The Floydada Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams ran at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock this past Saturday.

Benselodo Perez led the boys as he earned a 17<sup>th</sup> placed medal in the 2A division with a time of 18:23. Tyler Renfro (22:16), Adrian Gonzales (23:06), Ryan Chavarria (23:23), R. J. Gomez (25:45), Josh Chavarria (26:25), and Matthew McGowen (26:30) rounded out the Whirlwind team as they ran the three-mile course.

The Lady Winds ran the two-mile course, also competing in the 2A division, paced by Kristan Sanchez (14:06), Amelia Gonzalez (15:42), Emily Prisk (16:03), Esmeralda Garza (17:42), and

McKenna Johnson (19:18).

The meet was run in very hot conditions. There were 97 in the boys race and 117 in the girls race.

The Floydada Cross Country teams are going to be open this weekend, compete in the Pumpkin Day 5k run on October 8<sup>th</sup>, and finish their pre-district schedule at Spur on the 15<sup>th</sup>. This is a change to the previous schedule.

The District Cross Country Meet will be October 24<sup>th</sup> at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock. Mae Simmons is located on Martin Luther King Blvd. in between 19th and 24<sup>th</sup> St.

The schedule will be:  
2:00 JV Girls and Boys  
2:30 Varsity Girls

3:00 Varsity Boys  
3:30 High School Awards Presentation  
3:45 Jr. High Girls  
4:00 Jr. High Boys  
4:20 Jr. High Awards Presentation

Come support our girls and boys as they try to improve their times and qualify for the Regional Cross Country Meet to be held on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>.

Walls revisits his hometown... gives talk at Pep Rally

By Sara Jo Miller Staff Writer

A 1969 graduate of Floydada High School, Jerry Wall revisits his hometown to give the pep talk at the Community Wide Pep Rally. Not only is the fact that he graduated from here significant, but also he is the father of former Texas Tech Red Raider football player and current comeback for the Philadelphia Eagles. After the pep rally, I was able to speak with him and ask what he else he had to say about the team and the community.

"The game they played against Post speaks for itself. They come from a 21-point deficit to win the game. They played from start to finish. They didn't give up. What I would tell the guys is: believe in the team, but most of all, believe in yourself. You can do anything you want to do if you put your heart and mind into it, give it 110%."

Being downtown at the gathering gave Wall a compelling feeling.

"I graduated in 1969, and when I came here tonight, seeing all this green and the Whirlwind, it just brought back a lot of memories; and I kind of got the shivers."

Memories are said to sometimes fade away, but the emotion from them won't.

"I love football. I've been with my son from tiger league

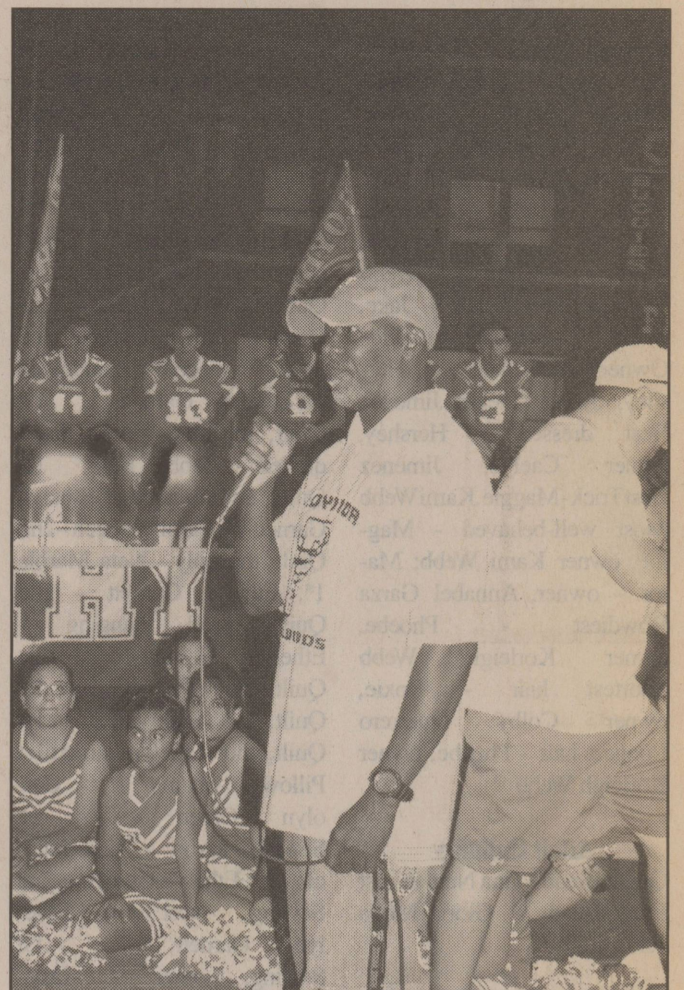


Photo Courtesy of Cynthia Smith

Jerry Wall offers a few encouraging words to the Whirlwinds during the pep talk at the Community Wide Pep Rally.

all the way to college. From tiger league, to junior high, high school, college, and now the NFL. I love it, and I've been apart of every bit of it. I've never missed a game."

Like any parent who has

gone to all or at least most of their child's games, Wall said it was a lot of miles but it was worth it.

"Support goes a long ways. A lot of support was here tonight."

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU October 3 - October 7

**Monday**  
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Lunch- Chicken fajitas, tortillas, refried beans, salad, orange smiles, chocolate pudding sherbet cup, milk

**Tuesday**  
Breakfast- Sausage/biscuit or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk  
Lunch-Country style steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, savory green beans, hot roll, strawberry shortcake, milk

**Wednesday**  
Breakfast-Pancakes/syrup or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk  
Lunch-Chicken spaghetti, garden salad, fresh apple, Texas toast, brownie, milk

**Thursday**  
Breakfast- Oatmeal and cinnamon toast or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk  
Lunch-Beef and bean chalupas, Spanish rice, lettuce & tomatoes, cinnamon applesauce, peanut butter bar, milk

**Friday**  
Breakfast-Breakfast burrito or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk  
Lunch- Pizza burger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, tater tots, fresh grapes, milk

Floydada competes in Plainview Cross-Country Meet

By Coach Styles

The Floydada Cross Country teams ran at Plainview this past Saturday.

Leading the girls was Kristan Sanchez with a time of 13:44 to finish in 27<sup>th</sup> place. Amelia Gonzalez 14:42, Emily Prisk 15:07, Esmeralda Garza 15:54,

Aimee Chavarria 16:15. Liz Morales 18:34 also competed for the Lady Winds.

Leading the Whirlwinds was Benselodo Perez finishing in 8<sup>th</sup> place in a time of 19:14 to pace the Whirlwind runners. Tyler Renfro 20:55, Adrian Gonzales 21:21, Ryan Chavarria 24:18, Josh Chavarria 24:49, Mathew McGowen 26:26, and Pedro Guerrero 28:27 rounded

out the Whirlwind runners.

A great job by all runners as they strive to better their times each week until district Oct. 24.

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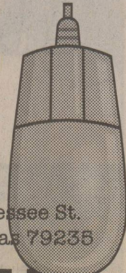
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By Carol Huggins

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 Most well-behaved - Maggie, owner Kami Webb; Major - owner, Annabel Garza  
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 Longest hair - Phoebe, owner Korleigh Webb

**Adult Culinary**  
 Quick Bread - Tina Nuncio 1st  
 Fruit Bread - Gloria Moya 1st

**Adult Canned Fruits and Vegetables**  
 Apples - Tina Nuncio 1st  
 Apricots - Charlene Brown 1st  
 Peaches - Tasha Jordan 1st; Tina Nuncio - 2nd  
 WildPlums - Charlene Brown 1st  
 Blackeyed Peas - Tasha Jordan 1st  
 Hot Sauce - Tina Nuncio 1st  
 Soup Mix - Tasha Jordan 1st; Tina Nuncio - 2nd  
 Dill Pickles - Tina Nuncio 1st  
 Chow Chow - Tina Nuncio 2nd  
 Sweet Relish - Tina Nuncio 2nd  
 Strawberry Preserves - Tina Nuncio 1st  
 Plum Jelly - Tina Nuncio 1st  
 Canned Meats, Chicken - Tina Nuncio 1st

**Adult Textiles**  
 Embroidery, Pillowcases - Ethelyn Garnett 1st  
 Knitting - Ethelyn Garnett 1st  
 Crochet, Afghan - Sylvia Pena 1st  
 Crochet, Shawl - Sheree Green 1st  
 Quilt, machine applique - Debbie Belk 1st  
 Quilt, machine pieced - Janis Davis 1st; Ethelyn Garnett - 2nd  
 Quilt, pieced handmade - Ethelyn Garnett 1st  
 Quilt, machine pieced, hand quilted - Debbie Belk 1st  
 Quilt, embroidered - Ethelyn Garnett 1st; Carolyn Green - 2nd  
 Quilt, top only - Neta Marble 1st, Ethelyn Garnett - 2nd  
 Quilt, wall hanging - Ethelyn Garnett 1st  
 Quilt, vest - Ethelyn Garnett 1st  
 Quilt, block - Ethelyn Garnett 1st  
 Quilt, other - Ethelyn Garnett 1st  
 Pillow Shams - Carolyn Green 1st  
 Sewing, apron - Tina Nuncio 1st; Ethelyn Garnett - 2nd  
 Sewing, vest - Ethelyn Garnett 1st  
 Sewing, other - Ethelyn Garnett 1st  
 Stamped cross stitch - Ethelyn Garnett 1st  
 Counted cross stitch, sampler - Neta Marble 1st  
 Counted cross stitch, other - Carol Huggins 1st

**Adult Craft**  
 Holiday Parade, table runner - Ethelyn Garnett 1st  
 Holiday Parade, wall hanging - Ethelyn Garnett 1st  
 Holiday Parade, painting - Carol Huggins 1st  
 Craft Painting, wood - Carol Huggins 1st; Tina Nuncio - 2nd  
 Tole Painting, acrylic - Carol Huggins 1st  
 Misc. novelty - Cathy Rosales 1st  
 Jewelry - Cheyann Powell 1st; Tina Nuncio - 2nd

Wood Crafts - Philip Wilbanks 1st  
 Model Cars, plastic - Frankie Graves 1st  
 Misc., sweatshirt - Ethelyn Garnett 1st  
 Misc., bags - Ethelyn Garnett 1st  
 Misc., other - Ethelyn Garnett 1st

**Youth - Seniors Canned Fruits and Vegetables**  
 Whole Kernel Corn - Letti Cheyne 1st  
 Irish Potatoes - Letti Cheyne 1st  
 Creamed corn - Letti Cheyne 1st  
 Blackeyed Peas - Letti Cheyne 1st  
 Dill Pickles - Letti Cheyne 1st  
 Pickled Okra - Letti Cheyne 1st  
 Pickles, other - Letti Cheyne 1st  
 Peach preserves - Letti Cheyne 1st

**Youth, Senior Culinary**  
 Loaf, yeast bread, white - Letti Cheyne 1st  
 Loaf, yeast bread, whole grain - Letti Cheyne 1st  
 Quick loaf bread -

Letti Cheyne 1st  
 Sweet rolls - Letti Cheyne 1st  
 Rolls - Letti Cheyne 1st  
 Fruit bread - Letti Cheyne 1st  
 Bread, other - Letti Cheyne 1st  
 Pound cake - Letti Cheyne 1st  
 Cakes, other - Letti Cheyne 1st  
 Drop cookies - Letti Cheyne 1st  
 Cutout cookies - Letti Cheyne 1st  
 Refrigerator cookies - Letti Cheyne 1st  
 Decorated cookies - Letti Cheyne 1st

**Youth, Senior Textiles**  
 Throw Pillows - Letti Cheyne 1st  
 Pillow cases - Letti Cheyne 1st  
 Sewing, apron - Letti Cheyne 1st

**Youth, Senior Crafts**  
 Stuffed Toy - Letti Cheyne 1st  
 Electrical - Letti Cheyne 1st

**Youth, Junior Canned Fruits and Vegetables**  
 Barbecue Sauce - Kira Pierce 1st  
 Cinnamon Pickles - Blayne Hurst 1st; Kira Pierce - 2nd

Pickled okra - Blayne Hurst 1st  
 Sweet Relish - Kira Pierce 1st  
 Peach Preserves - Blayne Hurst 1st  
 Apricot Preserves - Blayne Hurst 1st  
 Strawberry Preserves - Blayne Hurst 1st  
 Grape Jelly - Kira Pierce 1st  
 Plum Jelly - Blayne Hurst 1st  
 Cherry Jelly - Blayne Hurst 1st  
 Plum Jam - Blayne Hurst 1st  
 Apple Butter - Blayne Hurst 1st

**Youth, Junior Culinary**  
 Loaf, yeast bread, white - Kira Pierce 1st  
 Rolls - Kira Pierce 1st  
 Bread, other - Kira Pierce 1st  
 German Chocolate Cake - Jake Moore 1st  
 Candies, other - Kira Pierce 1st

**Youth, Junior Crafts**  
 Ceramics - Kira Pierce 1st  
**Pee Wee Division**

Babyblanket - Ashlyn Green 1st  
 Jewelry - Ashlyn Green 1st  
**Art**  
 Drawing, child - Braydan Daniels 1st  
 Drawing, adult - Joe Castro 1st; Rachel Perry - 2nd; Jr. Solis - 3rd  
 Portrait Painting, adult - Joe Garnett 1st  
 Mixed Media - Nicole Thompson 1st; Taylor Rose - 2nd; Chelsea Comacho - 3rd  
 Abstract Painting - Jessica Pena 1st; Candace Vernon - 2nd; Jessica Pena - 3rd

**Photography**  
 Digitally Enhanced - Rachel Petty (truck) 1st; Rachel Petty (light) - 2nd; Letti Cheyne - 3rd  
 Animal - Kat Wallace 1st; Letti Cheyne - 2nd; Dennis Carter - 3rd  
 Landscape - Letti Cheyne (horses) 1st; Kat Wallace - 2nd; Letti Cheyne (architecture) 3rd  
 Still Life - Letti Cheyne (kabbob) 1st; Letti Cheyne (boots) - 2nd; Letti Cheyne (baby) - 3rd  
 Flower - Letti Cheyne 1st; Kat Wallace - 2nd



Courtesy Photo

On Sunday, Julie Griffith (left) won the quilt raffle at the Senior Center Luncheon; Gene Brotherton (right) presented Julie with the quilt that was made with scrap material from the late Molly Huffman. Hand-stitching the gorgeous quilt would be members of the Silver Thimble Quilting Club.

## Drought takes toll on Texas pumpkin patch

By Steve Byrns s-byrns@tamu.edu

Linus of "Peanuts" comic strip fame might be a little disappointed if he waits for the "Great Pumpkin" in a Texas pumpkin patch this year, said a Texas AgriLife Extension Service expert.

Dr. Russ Wallace, AgriLife Extension vegetable specialist at Lubbock, said pumpkins, like all Texas vegetables in 2011, had a hard time struggling through the record-setting high temperatures, low humidity and drought conditions.

"With only limited rainfall, the quality of the pumpkin fruit itself should be excellent, but I expect the overall production will be much less than normal,"

Wallace said. "I visited with Mark Carroll, AgriLife Extension agent in Floyd County, which is normally our leading pumpkin producing county in Texas. He told me he estimates the actual size of the pumpkins along with the yields this year will be roughly half what they normally are."

So what does this mean for the annual trek to the pumpkin patch for Halloween?

Wallace said the shortage in West Texas, coupled with reduced yields from pumpkin growers in the Northeast due to flooding from Hurricane

Irene, will likely result in fewer pumpkins, higher demand and higher prices.

Each year, Wallace grows up to 40 pumpkin varieties in replicated trials at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Lubbock. This year, he had 25 varieties and said each of them struggled to make a decent crop.

"Our small pie and mini-pumpkins don't appear to have suffered much, but the mid-to large-sized varieties grew vines at a slow pace during the high temperatures and really struggled to set fruit," he said.

"About the only good news for the High Plains pumpkin crop this year was that the low humidity reduced the incidents of disease, especially powdery mildew, which infects pumpkin leaves and reduces yield and quality," he said.

"Severe powdery mildew infections can lead to mushy stems or infected fruit, so when shopping for melons, check out the 'handle.' If it's soft, it may be infected and not last until Halloween. If it's a High Plains Texas pumpkin though, that shouldn't be a problem this year."

For more information on pumpkins and other crops, contact Wallace at 806-746-6101, [rvwallace@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:rvwallace@ag.tamu.edu) or visit his website at:

## First Cotton Bail



Photo by Homer Marquez

On September 19, D and J Gin bailed the first cotton load in Lockney. The first load 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 load in Lockney. Pictured from 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 Paraquet. The cotton was harvested with an 8-row John Deere 7450 and is being stored at Hale County Compress in Plainview.

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
 The City of Lockney is taking sealed bids on a 1994 GMC pickup. Please bring sealed bids to City Hall, 218 E. Locust, by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, October 12, 2011. Please make appointment at City Hall, 806-652-2355, if you would like to look at it.  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Herman Graham, Deceased, were issued on September 22, 2011, in Cause No. 5900, pending in the County Court of Floyd County, to: Kathryn Elaine Ross, Linda Carol Calahan and Ronald Dean Graham.  
 All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

**The Estate of Herman Graham**  
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 Floydada, Texas 79235  
 DATED the 22nd of September, 2011.  
 Laura Beth Pleasant  
 Attorney for Kathryn Elaine Ross,  
 Linda Carol Calahan and Ronnie Dean Graham  
 State Bar No: 24051905  
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## DRAFT STATE WATER PLAN AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

AUSTIN - (September 26, 2011) - The Texas Water Development Board's draft 2012 State Water Plan will be available for public comment from Sept. 26 through Oct. 25. The plan is avail-

able on the TWDB's website, [www.twdb.state.tx.us](http://www.twdb.state.tx.us), for review. Comments may be submitted in writing to Kathleen Ligon by e-mail to [kathleen.ligon@twdb.state.tx.us](mailto:kathleen.ligon@twdb.state.tx.us) or by mail to P.O. Box

13231, Austin, TX 78711. The public will have the opportunity to comment at six meetings throughout the state and one formal hearing in Austin. Representatives from the TWDB will be available to take comments and answer questions. All meetings will begin at 6 p.m.

**Oct. 3** San Antonio River Authority Board room, San Antonio  
**Oct. 3** High Plains Underground Water Conservation District office,

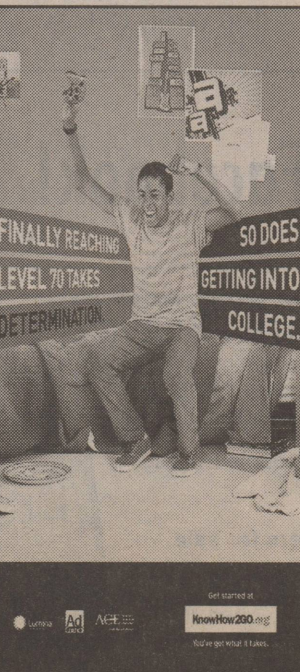
Lubbock  
**Oct. 4** Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Transit building, Weslaco  
**Oct. 4** McNease Convention Center, San Angelo  
**Oct. 6** San Jacinto River Authority Board room, Conroe  
**Oct. 6** Sul Ross State University Gallego Center-129, Alpine  
**Oct. 11** City service center, Terrell

The formal public hearing will be on Oct. 17 in room 170 of the Stephen F. Austin building in Austin, also at 6 p.m. The Board will consider adoption of the plan at its Nov. 17 meeting.

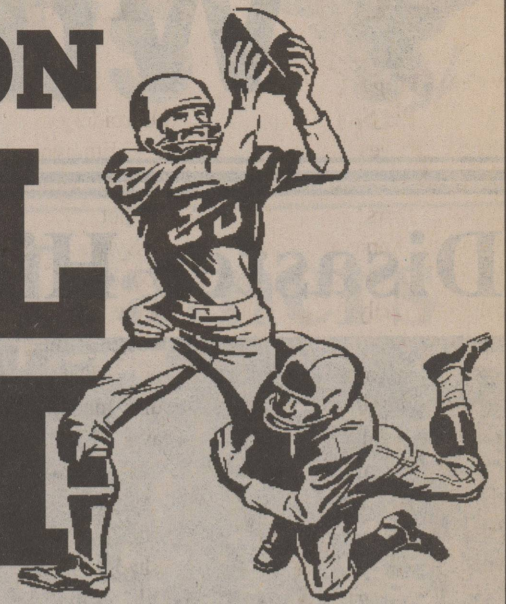
The TWDB is the state agency charged with collecting and disseminating water-related data, assisting with regional water supply planning and preparing the State Water Plan for the development of the state's water resources. The TWDB administers cost-effective financial programs for the construction of water supply, wastewater treatment, flood control, and agricultural water conservation projects.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAXING TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TRANSIT TEXAS TAX CODE § 11.253**  
 The Commissioners' Court of Floyd County will conduct a public hearing on the Taxing Tangible Personal Property Transit on Monday, October 11, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. in the County Courtroom 106, Floydada, Texas. The public is invited to attend.  
 Penny G. Golightly, County Judge  
 Floyd County, Texas

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
 The City of Floydada has the following vehicles for sale:  
 2000 Ford Explorer  
 2005 Chevrolet Impala  
 1993 Ford Pickup  
 1991 GMC Pickup  
 These vehicles may be inspected at 205 N. 5th Street. Sealed bids will be accepted until 5 p.m. Friday, October 7, 2011. All bids must identify the vehicle being bid on, bid amount and who the title is to be transferred to. The outside of the envelope should be marked "Vehicle bid" The bids will be reviewed and acted on at the City Council Meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 13, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.  
 The City of Floydada reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. All bids should be delivered to the City Secretary at 114 W. Virginia Street, Floydada, Texas.  
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# 2011 HESPERIAN-BEACON FOOTBALL CONTEST



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

<b>KFLP Radio 106.1 FM</b> 1. Floydada 2. Sanford-Fritch	<b>Stapp Paint &amp; Body Shop</b> 3. Lockney 4. Nazareth	<b>Providence Farm Supply &amp; Grain</b> 5. Hereford 6. Dumas	<b>Muncy Elevator</b> 7. Bushland 8. Muleshoe	<b>Lighthouse Electric Co-op</b> 9. Slaton 10. River Road
<b>Clark Pharmacy</b> 11. New Deal 12. Shallowater	<b>First National Bank of Floydada MEMBER FDIC</b> 13. Kress 14. Silverton	<b>Shepherd's Meadow Assisted Living</b> 15. Stratford 16. Perryton	<b>Windmark Insurance (Clar Schacht)</b> 17. Idalou 18. Stanton	<b>Cornelius Oil Services</b> 19. Roosevelt 20. Friona
<b>Quality Body Shop</b> 21. Texas Tech 22. Kansas	<b>Heart's Desire</b> 23. SMU 24. TCU	<b>Davis Lumber</b> 25. Nebraska 26. Wisconsin	<b>Lowe's Pay-n-Save Floydada</b> 27. Air Force 28. Navy	<b>D&amp;J Gin</b> 29. Texas A&M 30. Arkansas
<b>Lockney Cooperatives</b> 31. Alabama 32. Florida	<b>Payne Pharmacy</b> 33. Kansas State 34. Baylor	<b>Cogdell Clinics/ W. J. Mangold Memorial Hospital</b> 35. New Mexico State 36. New Mexico	<b>Lowe's Pay-n-Save Lockney</b> 37. North Texas 38. Tulsa	<b>Tastee Burger</b> 39. Arizona 40. USC
<b>Hammond Sheet Metal</b> 41. Cowboys 42. Lions	<b>DeBruce Ag Services</b> 43. Vikings 44. Chiefs	<b>Floydada Power and Light</b> 45. Bears 46. Panthers	<b>Main Street Pizza</b> 47. Redskins 48. Rams	<b>Assiter Insurance Agency/ Assiter Punkin' Ranch</b> 49. Cardinals 50. Giants
<b>Crop Production Services</b> 51. Jaguars 52. Saints	<b>Ray Lee Equipment</b> 53. Texans 54. Steelers	<b>R.K. Hunt Photography</b> 55. Raiders 56. Patriots	<b>Raceway Fuel</b> 57. Ravens 58. Jets	<b>Ace Hardware</b> 59. Packers 60. Broncos

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## Official Entry Form Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon Football Contest

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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.

# Whirlwind News

## Disaster Hits Reno Air Shows



Hundreds of people run to the aid of the many injured during the crash at the Reno Air Show.

**By: Merritt Johnson**  
Staff Writer

Tragedy struck at the Reno, Nevada Airshow Races on Friday, September 16. *The Galloping Ghost*, a P-51D Mustang air racer, came plowing down into the VIP box seats just 65 feet away from the filled grand stands. The cause of the crash

is still trying to be determined; most likely a mechanical failure caused by an elevator trim tab that seemed to be missing when the pilot lost control of the plane. This tab helps the pilot keep control of the aircraft while flying. At this time there are eleven fatalities from the incident. This includes the pilot,

Jimmy Leeward, a 74-year-old veteran racer. The death toll can continue to increase, however, due to the amount of people who were severely injured in the crash.

"The races were going great until *The Galloping Ghost* skyrocketed upward, tilted, and then started nose-diving down

towards the crowd," said Jeffrey Johnson, Floydada resident. Johnson was attending the Reno Air Show when the catastrophe occurred.

"We looked up and saw the propellers of the plane getting closer and closer; it seemed like it took forever whenever it was only seconds. It was like being a deer in the headlights, and everyone was just silent," said Johnson.

The plane left an estimated 3ft crater in the ground from the impact. Debris from the plane crash did leave about 70 people hurt and in bad condition.

"After the crash, people were helped immediately. Even doctors who were attending the show went down and started helping the hurt, and everything was organized very quickly. The outcome could have been a lot worse if the plane had hit the stands, or if the injured had not received the immediate care they needed," added Jeffrey.

### Scholarships: Your Money Solution for College

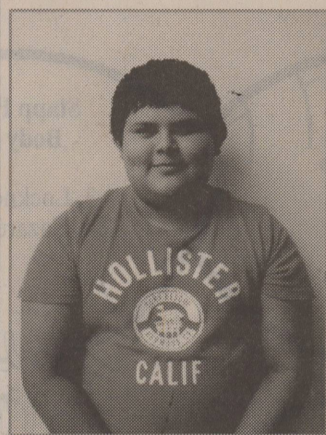
**By: Homero Ramirz**  
Staff Writer

If your plans are to attend Texas Tech University, here's an opportunity that can help secure your path to college. Presidential Scholarships are available at Texas Tech. You can receive up to \$24,000 (\$6,000 per year for 4 years). The stipulations required are that you must have an ACT score of 32 or an SAT score of at least 1400, you must be in the top 10% of your class, and it requires that you have a 3.5 GPA. The least you can receive is \$8,000 (\$2,000 per year for 4 years). The academic require-

ments for this smaller scholarship include having a 1200-1250 SAT score or a 27 ACT score. You must also maintain a 3.0 GPA and be in the top 10% of your class. Depending on what your specific score is you can receive more money than the minimum. Visit the following websites to calculate how much money you can receive and the requirements that need to be met:

<http://www.scholarships.ttu.edu/Meritscholarship.aspx>  
<http://www.wtamu.edu/student-support/scholarship-guarantees-freshmen.aspx>

### Student of the Month



**By: Shani Ross-Staff Writer**

The FISD student of the month is Gerardo Sanchez. Gerardo is twelve years old and a sixth grader at Duncan Elementary. He has two sisters and three brothers. His hobbies include playing sports and learning. Gerardo's favorite class is reading with Mrs. Burson. Gerardo says he wants to be a policeman when he grows up. "He is always very pleasant. He is very hard working and always tries to be very helpful. He always has a smile on his face and is a pleasure to have in class." Mrs. Burson said.

### Teacher of the Month



**By: Shani Ross-Staff Writer**

The FISD teacher of the month is Brooke Burson. This is her first year of teaching and she teaches sixth grade ELA/Reading. She is the wife of Donny Burson. Her hobbies outside of school include baking, photography, antiques, and spending time with friends and family. She was raised in Matador where she also attended school. Mrs. Burson is Texas Tech graduate. "The most memorable moment has been the first few days of school. I felt so welcomed by the staff and students at ABD. I'm very grateful to be here and I'm looking forward to a great year," Brook Burson added.

## Upcoming Events for Floydada ISD

**By: Emily Hall-Staff Writer**

- September 29: District JV Football VS Fritch Here, 6:00 pm  
District 7/8 Football VS Fritch There, 5:00/6:00 pm
- September 30: End of 1<sup>st</sup> 6 Weeks  
District Varsity Football VS Fritch There, 7:30 pm  
12:10 pm Pep Rally\*
- October 1: Cross Country at Sundown
- October 3: Begin 2<sup>nd</sup> Six Weeks  
State FFA Officer Meeting
- October 4: Open House at all campuses
- October 6: District JV Football VS Tulia There, 6:00 pm
- October 7: District Varsity Football VS Tulia Here, 7:30 pm  
Pinning of Colors @ 12:10 pm Pep Rally\*  
Boy Scout Pre-Game Supper
- October 8: Cross Country at Abernathy

**\*Pep Rally Themes:**

- September 30: Duct tape your clothes and come on out and support your Fighting Whirlwinds.
- October 7: Blackout the Hornets!

Support your school!

Show your SCHOOL SPIRIT!

Go Whirlwinds!

## Whirlwind Crossword Puzzle

brought to you by: Main Street Pizza

Win a free single topping pizza.

Turn in game entries to Miss. Smith's office to be entered in the drawing; Entries due by Monday.

### Crossword Clues

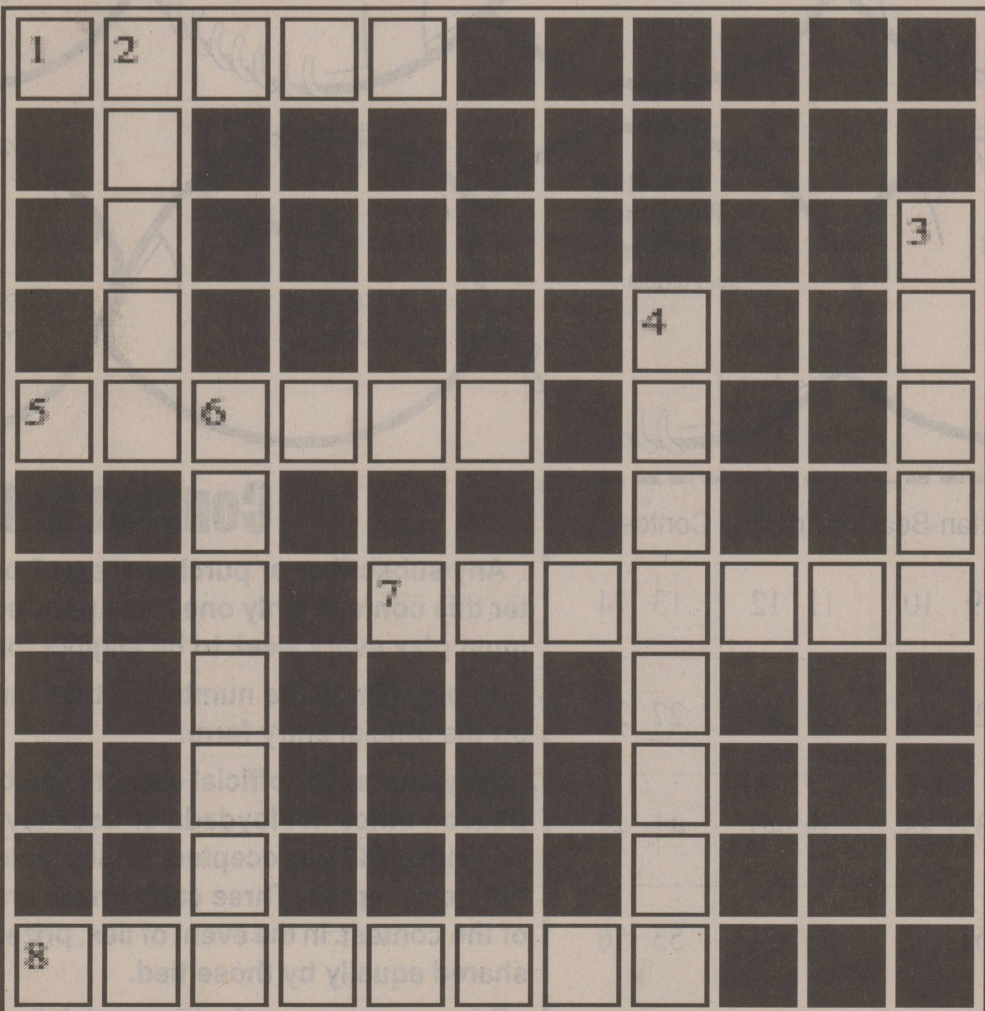
#### Across

1. A seventh grader who wants to be a football player for Texas Tech.
5. A eighth grader who enjoys playing sports and his/her favorite class is Spanish.
7. A Junior whose favorite class is chemistry and he/she wants to be a vet.
8. This student is a junior who has also had the most siblings that have attended FISD.

#### Down

2. This coach enjoys strumming his guitar and playing sports with his kids.
3. This senior's favorite place is the lake, and he/she plans to attend Texas Tech University.
4. The FISD employee enjoys spending time with her husband and three kids.
6. This junior high teacher has been with the school district the longest.

\* This week's Crossword Puzzle is sponsored by Main Street Pizza. Complete the puzzle correctly and see FHS teacher, Miss Smith for a chance to win a free pizza! Entries due by Monday.



## Staff's Corner



**By: Cynthia Smith-Editor**

**"The truth is hard to accept especially when you're face-to-face with it."~ Anonymous**

Truer words were never spoken. On September 21, 2009, I learned the true definition of what it means to struggle emotionally. I can remember it like it was yesterday. I was at school during first period when I was called to the office because I had received an emergency phone call. The news was devastating. I remember that I took a deep breath and asked my principal if he could find me a substitute for my class. I explained to him the current situation, and expressed my dire need to be with my family at that very moment. The final moment in this memory was losing the one person who meant the world to me. Not only was she my mother, she was also my best friend. I was at a loss for words. At that moment, I didn't cry. I remember saying to myself, "Be strong for everyone right now, and I can deal with it on my own later." **Truth...** Last Wednesday was the two-year anniversary of my mother's

death. As I sat alone, flipping through photo albums, and reminiscing in the dark, quiet, secluded living room of my mother's house, the truth stood next to me and revealed itself. After two years, I realized that my grieving process was far from over because it had yet to begin; and so it was there where I sat for two long hours and grieved. Overcome by anger, guilt, sadness and then joy, I cried. My mother use to always say that it was ok to cry because crying cleanses the soul. I never understood that until that moment when I was finally face-to-face with the truth. People say losing a loved one gets easier. As of now, I can't vouch for that; however, I will say that denial only makes the journey to attaining acceptance harder. That day I came to grips with the reality that I tried to avoid forever. Losing my mother was the worst penalty that I've ever received in this game that we call life. My reward, though, is knowing that she is eternally Resting in Peace, and we will one day, reunite. Until next time...

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# Longhorn News

## Lockney Student Athletic Trainers

By Jasmine Pena  
 Lockney High School has a lot of opportunities for students; one of those is working as a student athletic trainer. Lockney has three student trainers, Quinn Jackson, Katie Jackson, and Haley Dunbar. This week I interviewed Katie Jackson on what it was like being a student trainer, here were her answers.  
 Jasmine: "What does a student trainer do?"  
 Katie: "We assist Nate (Lockney Athletic Trainer) when someone is injured in evaluating and

treating the injury. We also ensure that water is available for the athletes. Jasmine: "What type of training have you gone through to become a trainer?"  
 Katie: "We spend time with the athletic trainer learning about injury diagnosis, treatment techniques and injury rehabilitation. We learned how to wrap ankles and make an ice bag, but the most important thing we had to learn was how to tear tape!"  
 Jasmine: "What are some of the most interesting things you have wit-

nessed or learned about being a trainer?"  
 Katie: "I have learned a lot from being a trainer, but it's hard to just pick one of the most interesting: I think my favorite so far is that we got to watch a video of someone having surgery to repair a torn ACL which was really nasty, but really cool."  
 Jasmine: "Have you experienced any situations that were hard for you?"  
 Katie: "Yes because when you see one of your friends hurt all you want to do is help them out and it's hard to see

them in pain sometimes."  
 Jasmine: "What made you decide to become a student trainer?"  
 Katie: "The fact that I want to do something in the medical field."  
 Jasmine: "Finally, do you think you might want to become a trainer as a job when you get older?"  
 Katie: "Yes I will consider it when I think about what I want to be because I enjoy working with athletes."  
 Katie Jackson is very glad that she has the opportunity to become a student trainer since it is kind of what she wants to



Courtesy Photo Student Athletic Trainers, Quinn Jackson, Katie Jackson and Haley Dunbar, at a recent football game

do with her life. For all is not an easy job but it is of the student trainers it definitely worth it.



Recently, the Lockney ISD decided to purchase new band uniforms for the Longhorn band. Above are the new uniform designs for the Longhorn marching band. The design with the white 'L' on the chest will be worn by the band, while the uniform with the red 'L' will be worn by drum majors. Also contributing to the purchase of the band uniforms would be the hard work of Lockney's Band Boosters who held a fundraiser to help cover some of the cost of the uniforms.

## Teacher Spotlight: Julie Ellison



By Kameron Hunt

Julie Ellison grew up in Floydada, and graduated there in 1980. She has been working in education for 28 years. Since beginning in education she has held many jobs including home economics teacher, reading teacher, wait teacher, cheerleader sponsor, junior class sponsor, FHA sponsor, and NHS sponsor. One of the challenges of her current job as a reading teacher is being able to teach

the students everything she wants to. The thing she enjoys most about her job is the students and the people she works with. One of the most memorable accomplishments in her career was having an FHA chapter including regional, state, and national winners and officers.

Some of the things she enjoys doing outside of school are travelling, watching movies, reading, and being around friends. Her favorite thing about Lockney is the people that live here and the family atmosphere. There are many things that you may not know about her including that she loves dancing with the stars, and would love to take dance lessons. She also would like to take cake decorating lessons, and she had the national FHA president.

## Student Spotlight: Kat Araujo



By Jake Bramlet

Kat Araujo is a senior at Lockney high school. During her senior year she participates in basketball, cross country, and Ag. Her favorite thing about Lockney high is being in the new school. She has many memorable moments while being a student at Lockney High School but is particularly looking forward to being part of the

first class to graduate from the new school.

Her favorite hobbies are hanging out with friends, going to the movies and being at the lake. She enjoys watching "Keeping up with the Kardashians". After high school she plans to major in fashion and merchandizing at TCU to become an interior designer.

### Longhorn Crossword Puzzle

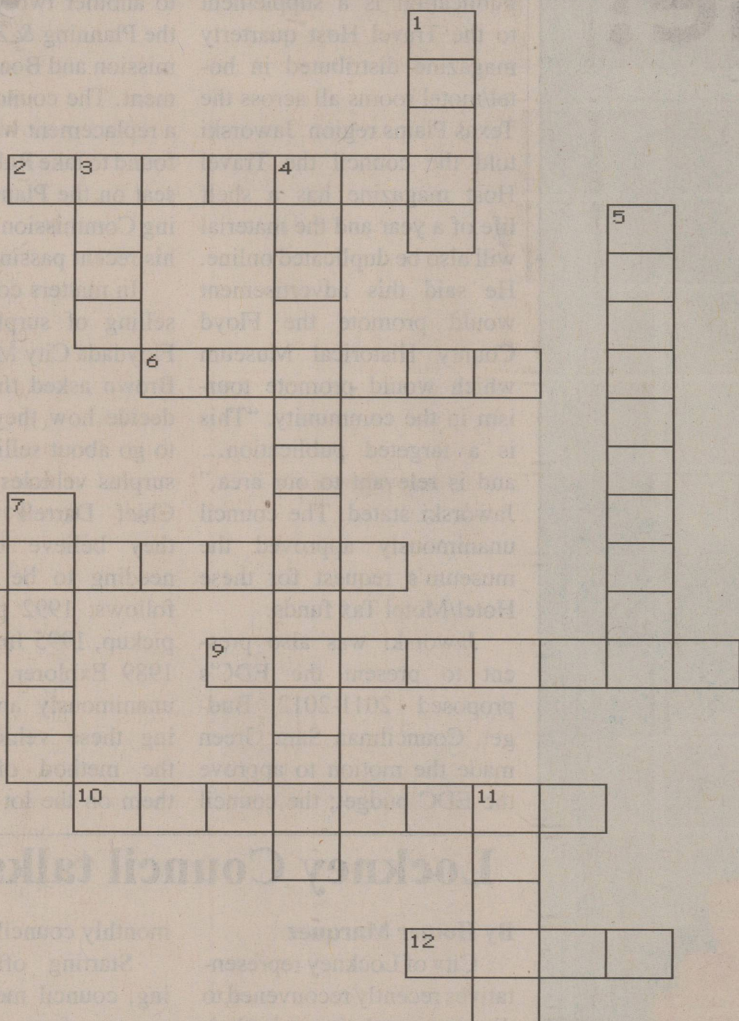
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### Crossword Clues

- Across**
- 2. High School Yearbook Teacher
  - 6. Lockney Athletic Director
  - 8. High School Theater Director
  - 9. High School Principal
  - 10. Something every student hates
  - 12. High School Art Teacher
- Down**
- 1. High School Librarian
  - 3. High School Spanish Teacher
  - 4. Band Drum Major
  - 5. Head Girls Coach
  - 7. Lockney Band Director
  - 11. Longhorn Varsity
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Left: Elementary students, Paige Rogers, 4th grade, Jadeyn Sanchez, Kindergarten, and Angela Vega, 4th grade, take a moment from the entertainment to pose for a picture with one of the fair's many clowns. Top Right: Duncan Elementary enjoys the festivities of the Floyd County Fair. Bottom Right: Duncan Principal, Mac Sherman watches intently as the balloon artist forms a creative figure.



Photo by Eddy Houchin

PRETTY PUMPKINS—Lots of pretty and shiny pumpkins can be found this year at Assiter Punkin Ranch, located north of town. Don't forget to attend the Punkin Day festival in downtown Floydada on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. See you there!

### Floydada Classifieds

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**THREE FAMILY GARAGE SALE**—Saturday, 8 a.m. til 3 p.m. Many items to choose from. 901 W. Tennessee — back driveway. 9-29p

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# The Paperboy

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

## Yes We Cain? Hello Herman Cain!

Have you heard of Cain, GOP candidate for president? He grabbed major headlines this week as he beat the rest of the field in the Florida Straw Poll.

Why did he win? Probably because he actually has a plan to improve the country and he shoots from the heart.

Cain, former Godfather's Pizza CEO, is trying to sell his simple economic plan and that plan is beginning to get traction.

I noticed Cain earlier this year, but some gaffes in a couple of interviews made me dismiss him as a serious candidate. I'm no longer dismissing him.

Cain's 9-9-9 plan is simple and easily understood. The more I think about it, the more I like it. It makes sense for American families and businesses.

Praised by supporters for both its simplicity and its specificity, Cain's plan drops the current 35 percent corporate tax rate to 9 percent, swaps the 6-bracket personal income tax system for a 9 percent flat tax and creates a 9 percent national sales tax.

"Our tax code is the 21st century version of slavery," Cain said in a campaign video publicizing his 9-9-9 plan. "We will replace depression with prosperity."

Cain's 9-9-9 video concludes with this, "If 10% is good enough for God, then 9% should be just fine for the Federal Government."

Unlike the economic proposals of his Republican counterparts, Cain's plan adds a new tax to the code in the form of a consumption-based national sales tax. Cain says the new tax would give consumers more freedom because they're taxed on how much they decide to buy.

"It will encourage savings and it will encourage people to be responsible for their own decision-making," Cain said in an interview with Fox's Chris Wallace a couple of weeks ago.

Cain has one major economist seeing the light. William McBride, an economist with the Tax Foundation, said Cain's plan was "an

improvement" because instead of taxing savings, like income and capital gains, it taxes consumption.

Overall it's better than what we've got," McBride said. "When you tax savings, you tax growth because saving leads to investment and investment leads to growth."

However, no change to the tax code would be easy. The numbers in Cain's plan need to be crunched. There are also huge logistical hurdles to jump concerning implementation. For example, some states like Texas have a sales tax and some states like Oklahoma have a state income tax.

Also, Texans do not pay sales tax on food or pharmaceuticals, but residents in Illinois pay a 1 percent tax on both.

On the surface, Cain's plan sounds good, but he needs to prove that it will work and if it causes the deficit to grow, where will the difference come from?

One place Cain says any difference can be made up is to use the natural resources in our own boarders and leveling the massive trade deficit. Cain says the job creation in this country would be massive between his 9-9-9 plan and leveling the playing field with international competitors.

Even if it's proven that Cain's plan has flaws, at least he's thinking out of the box and getting other people to think of a solution to our problems and not trying the same failed policies of past administrations.

Take a look at Cain and don't be as quick to dismiss him as I was. And the GOP field would be very wise not to dismiss him because he's a man which can land votes from Democrats, Independents, Libertarians and Tea Party members.

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## Floydada City Council approves Hotel/Motel Tax Fund Request from Historical Museum

By Sara Sisemore  
Correspondent

The Floydada City Council met on Tuesday, September 20, 2011, to hear two requests from Justin Jaworski, Floydada Economic Development Corporation's Executive Director, and to make several appointments to local boards.

Jaworski presented a Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund Request from the Floyd County Historical Museum for the amount of \$525 to be used for advertising in the Travel Host Magazine's Texas Plains Trail Region Museum Passport Program. According to the museum's application, this publication is a supplement to the Travel Host quarterly magazine distributed in hotel/motel rooms all across the Texas Plains region. Jaworski told the council the Travel Host magazine has a shelf life of a year and the material will also be duplicated online. He said this advertisement would promote the Floyd County Historical Museum which would promote tourism in the community. "This is a targeted publication... and is relevant to our area," Jaworski stated. The council unanimously approved the museum's request for these Hotel/Motel Tax funds.

Jaworski was also present to present the EDC's proposed 2011-2012 Budget. Councilman Sam Green made the motion to approve the EDC budget; the council

unanimously approved his motion.

The city council made several unanimous appointments to various city boards and commissions: Bill Harbin, Kendis Julian, and Warren Mitchell were each reappointed, per their acceptance, to another two-year term on the Airport Board; Wes Anderson, Tony Ricketts, Louis Bearden, and Robby Green were each reappointed, per their acceptance, to another two-year term on the Floydada Economic Development Corporation's board; Glenda Wilson, Kyle Smith, and Mike Muniz were each reappointed, per their acceptance, to another two-year term on the Planning & Zoning Commission and Board of Adjustment. The council noted that a replacement will have to be found to take Ralph Jackson's seat on the Planning & Zoning Commission board due to his recent passing.

In matters concerning the selling of surplus vehicles, Floydada City Manager Gary Brown asked the council to decide how they would like to go about selling these old surplus vehicles. Brown and Chief Darrell Gooch said they believe the vehicles needing to be sold are as follows: 1992 pickup, 1990 pickup, 1995 Impala, and an 1989 Explorer. The council unanimously approved selling these vehicles through the method of displaying them on the lot west of city

hall and taking sealed bids.

Concerning a fine from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), Brown told the council all of the required TCEQ testing has been done, but the paperwork was not submitted on time because TCEQ did not send the city the correct forms to complete. Brown asked the council to direct him on how to proceed in dealing with the TCEQ fine. According to Brown, the city engineer was able to get the TCEQ to somewhat lower the fine, but unless the city contests the fine — perhaps with the assistance of Attorney Joe Heflin — the city will still have to pay. Councilman Green recommended settling with TCEQ the fine of \$5,648 and to enclose a letter detailing the facts of the situation and the city's dissatisfaction with the way TCEQ handled things. The council agreed.

Brown updated the council on the status of the AeroCare Proposal. He said he has signed off on a way for the city to accept payments for AeroCare's insurance, which will be made available to the citizens of Floydada in the upcoming months. Green said everyone he has visited with about this service has been very interested in accepting AeroCare's service.

The council unanimously designated the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon as the official newspaper for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

## Lockney Council talks streets and vandals

By Homer Marquez

City of Lockney representatives recently reconvened to discuss agenda items in their

monthly council meeting.

Starting off the meeting, council members heard reports from the various

branches of the city.

In the streets report, the council wanted to express their gratitude to County Commissioner Nathan Johnson and his crew for blade work done on the dirt road at the very north end of Main Street, "That improved that whole road so much," commented Councilmember Tina Graves.

Also discussed in the streets report, the mounting See LOCKNEY COUNCIL on page 12

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on Tuesday September 20, 2011 at 12:30 AM.

Memorial services were held at 11 a.m. on Friday, September 23, 2011 at the Moore-Rose Funeral Home.

Born June 16, 1927, in Lockney, Texas he lived in Bowie, Texas and Alvord, Texas, before settling in Lockney. He joined the US Navy in 1944 and was stationed at Treasure Island, California upon his return from the military. He was a graduate of the University of Texas at Arlington (1946 through 1948) where he studied Botany and Zoology and received his degree in Agriculture and was a bull-rider and bronc-rider.

He farmed northeast of Lockney for many years with his

father, William Bruce and upon his death and farmed until 1985 and for several years he was a mechanic at South Plains for the Marble Brothers. He also worked at Missouri Beef in Plainview for several years. He was with Jake Dill Construction for a few years upon retiring.

Survivors include his wife, Jimmie Dee Smith Whitlock and his children, Phineas Dee Holmes and wife, Terry of Dallas, Texas, Rhonda Durell Holmes Hardin and her husband, Richard Earl Hardin of Snyder, Texas, William Kyle Whitlock and his wife, Pam of Broomfield, Colorado, Tonjua Dee Whitlock Crisp and her husband, Steven Wayne Crisp of Edmonson, Texas; three grand-

sons, Wil Carlie Hardin and his wife, Sara of Northland, Colorado; two great-granddaughters, Ivy Paige Hardin of Las Vegas, Nevada and Kendall Whitlock of Northland, Colorado.

Special Appreciation to the entire Marble Family, Hospice, Lockney Health & Rehabilitation Center, Lockney Hospital, Veteran's Administration and

The Community Living Center in Amarillo, Texas and Ricky and Kristi Carstensen.

Online condolences may be made at www.moore-rose.com.

Giant Arrow Dedication to feature great granddaughter of Quanah Parker

Matador, TX - A dedication ceremony combined with an annual fall event sponsored by the Friends of the Historic Motley County Jail will be staged south of Pioneer Park in downtown Matador, Texas, on October 15, 2011, at 6:00 p.m.

The site is now home to a 21-foot Giant Arrow, placed August 10, 2011, as a symbol of the Comanche presence in Motley County, thereby placing the county on the Quanah Parker Trail.

The highlight of the evening will be a performance by the great granddaughter of Quanah Parker, Ardith Parker-Lemming, who will be on hand to perform a blessing ceremony at the Giant Arrow location. The "cleansing cedar" ceremony will be performed by Glen Lemming. Ardith will be dressed in her buckskin wedding dress that was created by her husband.

Glen Lemming, the adopted son of the Comanche Nation, is an artisan that "brain tans" buckskin, makes Indian bows and medicine bags, and "lives the Indian way." A special performance by Anna Tahmahkera, 93-years-young, who was raised by Quanah Parker's 6th wife, Toe-pay, will be another highlight of the evening.

The event will feature free barbecue brisket on a bun, chips, and drinks, followed by a program designed to highlight a cultural exchange

between the descendants of Quanah Parker and the citizens of Motley County, spanning a relationship of more than 100 years.

Tai Kridler, a member of the QPT Steering Committee, representing Southwest Collection, a special collections and archival library at Texas Tech University, said, "All of this is so inspiring. It puts a marker in the earth for a memory and legacy that once was, and honors the resumption of a relationship that is happening now."

In addition, Annalon Gilbreath, a re-enactor and storyteller, will perform Mary Ann "Molly" Goodnight who is credited with saving the famous Charles Goodnight buffalo herds that now roam free in Caprock Canyons State Park. This herd represents the last remaining buffalo of the Great Southern Plains Bison.

The 21-foot arrow was the brainchild of sculptor Charles Smith, New Home, Texas. Giant Arrows will be placed on the Quanah Parker Trail in the 52-county Texas Plains Trail Region (TPTR) to develop cultural and historical trails that uniquely characterize the region. An engraved plate on the tip of the Giant Arrow designates Motley County as the recipient of "Arrow Number 1" on the trail.

Quanah Parker spoke in Matador on several occasions,



evidenced by photographs of Parker in full Indian regalia, speaking in front of the old bank in downtown Matador. Other historical photographs depict Quanah and his entourage camping on Hackberry Creek, located about one city block east of the location of the Giant Arrow, framed by the historic jail in the background.

Another photograph shows Quanah and two of his wives sitting on the banks of Ballard Creek at the headquarters of Matador Ranch. Quanah had a

special relationship with several ranchers in Motley County, including pioneer ranchers C.D. Bird and W.R. Cammack. Photographs of butchering a donated beef at the Cammack Farm can be seen at the Motley County Museum.

Matador Ranch and other ranchers furnished beef to Quanah to help feed his people who were relocated to reservations in Oklahoma in the late 1800s. Quanah was also a close personal friend of pioneer doctor Albert Traweck of Matador.

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of books that highlights the requirements for the STAAR test. So in a nutshell, districts have fewer funds to buy books and are now required to buy more books.

"They're not giving up enough money to do what we used to do" commented Setliff as he addressed the board. He explained that in the past, Lockney would buy books for each individual student, but the new allotment was not enough to cover that cost; and to add salt to the wound, the State's yearly technology allotment was now being added, by the State, to the new book allotment, but if you barely have enough to buy books, how can a district buy computers with the allotment.

So now, districts around the State are readjusting and planning for educational cuts once again, so they can have enough funds for books.

In August, right before school started, Lockney's district found out how much their allotment would be, \$58,117.

In order to make sure that the allotment wasn't extinguished in the first year, several teachers made sacrifices, and switched to a classroom set of books instead of giving a book to each student; and if a student needed to borrow a book to study or do homework, he or she would have to check out one of the extra books.

The switch to classroom book sets in some classes has saved around \$13,000 in allotment funds.

As of right now, the district has adjusted smoothly; the incorporation of CSCOPE and the Promethium boards has seemed to pick up the load because students are not required to do as much homework as before. After books were purchased the remaining allotment for next year is around \$33,138

However, next year the State will not be giving a Science Adoption so schools can buy new science books with the new STAAR TEKS. What the State has decided to do, to save money, is give schools an all electronic supplement system which contains the updated TEKS, or new testing standards. The new and all electronic supplement system is an online computer program that teaches new science requirements without the need of hard books. Science class will now be taught mainly on Promethium board and students are given a username and online account that accesses science materials and references so the student can do homework or study. Overall, the State is expected to save millions by not having to pay for actual science books.

However the problem with this solution is not every kid in the State has an access point to a computer or the internet when they get home, making it harder for those kids to get the same education. "That is not right" commented Board member Jimmy Kemp after he heard the news. In the next several board meetings, Lockney's district, along with many other districts around the State, will be trying to address this possible situation before it becomes a problem. Mr. Setliff added that for the time being, teachers will more than likely be less likely to assign much homework in classes that use digital books.

The discussion of funding cuts and allotments would segway smoothly into the next item on the board's agenda which called for the consideration of a resolution that would enter Lockney ISD into litigation with an unincorporated association of schools, taxpayers,

and parents for the fair treatment of Texas taxpayers and school children.

So in less legal terms, Lockney ISD is teaming up with the Equity Center, other taxpayer, and other school districts to file a lawsuit against State over the distribution of educational funding; the lawsuit is a prerequisite before any law can be changed in legislation.

The argument is that tax rates for a district do not bring in the same amount of revenue as other districts; for example a school district with the same \$1.14 tax rate as Lockney's ISD is able to bring almost three times as much revenue then Lockney because property is worth more there; and the Equity Center says that's unfair. Add the unequal educational revenue with the mounting tax cuts and we may have a huge problem.

However, the Equity Center is not saying it is unfair that a school brings in more money than the other, but they are saying that the educational funding system is not balanced; so students are not getting the same education across Texas.

According to the Equity Center, in some cases there is now a \$1,500 per WADA, or the amount of additional funding for education needs, difference between schools. More analysis reveals a \$.50 gap in tax rates from the top 15 percent of the wealthiest schools and the bottom 15 percent of the poorest districts.

The Equity Center is claiming that this huge disparity should cause the Supreme Court to declare the funding distribution system unconstitutional since it is the State's responsibility to education students.

A prime example of this gap can be seen here in Lockney, where the district is cutting corners on books to make ends meet, and some schools with the same amount of kids can afford to AstroTurf their football and baseball field, and install a new swimming pool.

The lawsuit will attack the legislature's actions on four fronts according to the Equity Center; they will look to achieve equity, both for students and taxpayers; look to change the arbitrary fund distribution scheme; achieve adequacy; and set up tax so that it operates as a state property tax.

Overall, the group will be using the lawsuit as a way to allow changes to be made in educational fund distribution.

What the group seems to be expressing, is that a student's education should not have to suffer because they move to community that doesn't have enough tax revenue because they don't have a booming economy that brings in big tax revenue.

Successful lawsuits in the past, like Edgewood and West Orange Cove, have opened the door for more change that will hopefully make funding distribution a little more even.

After further discussion the board voted 4-1 to approve the resolution that entered the lawsuit; Board Member Hooten would oppose.

Other items passed in the Lockney ISD Board meeting would be the approval to pay the bills, accept the minutes and accept the financial report; as well as pass an amendment to fire related items; and approval of local policies EIF, EIA, and EIC; and the approval of the 2010 Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas, which scored Lockney as Superior Achievement.

lunch. There will be bicycles for the winners in the children's division and Chamber bucks for the adults.

Of course, if you go out to Assiters before Punkin Day, then be sure to bake up some pumpkin recipes and come back on Punkin Day and enter the baked goods contest. You don't bake but want to take home baked goods, and then purchase them at the 4-H Booth or plan on bidding at the afternoon auction on the prizewinners and take home a delicious dessert.

Even the cows that make Cow Pattie Bingo a success get in on the pumpkin eating action. Leftover pumpkins are delicacies for the cows. Don't forget while out at Assiter's to take time to check out the goats, miniature horses, miniature jacks and even one named Jack Assiter. They like to eat pumpkins too. The Assiters do school age tours for \$3.00 a child and each child gets to take home a pumpkin, they have grassy areas for your group to picnic. Call 983-2511 to schedule a tour for your group.

Games for all ages cover the courthouse lawn using mini-pumpkins for the pumpkin toss and pumpkin bowling, to jack o'lanterns for the wheelbarrow race and the quick draw pumpkin contest. The Chamber is working even now on its 25th

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year celebration by seeking to get in the Guinness Book of World Records for one of our competitions.

The local growers, like the Assiter Family, are what help make Floydada the Pumpkin Capital of the USA. The big question will be—are

there enough pumpkins to go around this year? Come to Punkin Days and get yours before they are all gone. The Boy Scouts will be selling a trailer full of pumpkins to the public. There are still a few spaces left for vendors too. The Floydada Chamber

of Commerce invites you to check out the Punkin Day schedule on our Facebook page, on our website, www.FloydadaChamber.org, or send us an email at floydadachamber@yahoo.com and we will return a schedule to you.

FLOYD COUNTY HOME RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

Floyd County, has received HOME Program funds from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to reconstruct five (5) homes that are:

- in poor condition,
- owned by households with at least one member who is elderly (62+) and/or disabled
- and owned by low income households with incomes that are not greater than 60% of the Family Median Income for the area within Floyd County, TX. (See eligible income levels below).

Floyd County invites eligible households to attend a general information session about the HOME Program, and to complete an application for the program on:

October 6th  
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., 2011  
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Floydada, Texas 79235

The general information session will begin at 9:00 a.m. Please bring:

1. Driver's license or other type of identification
2. Social Security card for all Household members
3. Proof of ownership of your home (e.g., warranty deed)
4. Property "Tax Certificate" for most current tax payer year
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6. Latest electric and gas utility bill or Voters Registration Card.

Applications are available at the South Plains Community Action Association, 701 E. Lee Street, Floydada, TX. \*Application Deadline is November 06, 2011\*

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Construction started on the new Farmer's Market this week in Lockney. Located at the corner on Locus Street and Main, the market was created by the Lockney Economic Development Center and will be open for use once completed.

minimum price required for street seal coat companies to work in a community is continuing to rise. Nowadays, the majority of seal coat companies are less likely to make the trip to seal coat the streets of a community that has a limited amount of funds or only a few streets seal coat. Many of these companies have moved away from doing smaller jobs because they are located in bigger cities and the commute to seal coat a smaller project would not make financial sense; and the option

of getting a smaller more local company to make trip has also gone out the window because many of those businesses have closed up shop.

As a result, a few Lockney streets are starting to experience wear and potholes. In order to combat these deteriorating conditions, many communities have tried to form coops as a way to create an incentive for seal coat companies to travel to these cities; bigger work contracts are helping entice seal coat companies to come to smaller communities a lot faster. Un-

fortunately, in the meantime, while these types of coops are being created and while cities look for more grant money, roads are continuing their slow deterioration; and with an always expanding work order list for city employees and limited funds, it might take a while before repairs can be made to potholes.

During the council meeting, Councilmember Bill Anderson, asked if citizens had the option of patching potholes on the roads in front of their homes if they wanted to. City Attorney Lanny Voss explained that if the street was not in the right-away of TxDot, the City could pass an ordinance that allowed it, but problems in the past have been that citizens may not use the same materials or patching techniques in filling a pothole, creating a "hotchpotch" of street materials, something that is not allowed because it goes against the uniformity of city planning. However creating an ordinance that set a certain criteria would allow citizens that option. City Attorney Voss told the Council that he would look more into the exact logistics of creating such an ordinance, and the City is planning to continue discussion on the subject in

their next meeting.

In the police report, Chief of Police Casey Wallace told the Council that the vandals that were involved in spray painting graffiti in various locations in Lockney were caught. Charges were filed against the two minors, and authorities will have the two cleaning up their mess around town. The City also expressed their gratitude towards Lockney citizen Andy Ford who went around town painting over the graffiti.

In the LEDC report, department head, Bill Anderson, read the minutes of their last meeting. In the meeting, Anderson explained that the LEDC was planning on mailing a survey to the citizens on what businesses are needed in Lockney. Councilmember Anderson also told the council that construction had started on the new Farmers Market, located on the corner of Locus and Main. The new market will be available to anyone once it is open, but the City is working on a schedule so it doesn't become over booked; anyone wanting to use the Market will need visit City Hall prior to setting up shop.

After the reports, the City unanimously voted to pay the bills and accept the min-

utes of last month's council meeting.

Following that, Lockney Superintendent, Phil Cotham took the floor to discuss the possibility of closing Willow Street at southwest 4th during school hours. The Superintendent made the case that there was a heavy flow of kids walking between the gym and the JR. High and High Schools everyday as they made their way to class. Mr. Cotham also added that despite the School District's constant reminders that students needed to pay attention for oncoming traffic, some students were still not looking both ways.

Mr. Cotham suggested that the City allow the school to put up barricades on the corner of 4th so through traffic could not pass during school hours.

The Council agreed that the student's safety was issue number one, but felt that vehicles may not see the barricades in time, especially those turning on to Willow from Fourth Street; this would eventually lead to a bunch of cars having to back up or possibly hitting the barricade. After a lengthy brainstorm session, Mr. Cotham and the Council agreed on the possibility of

putting up extra stop signs between the schools and the gym. One sign would be put up on the gym's side of Willow Street a proximally 60 feet in from Sixth Street; this would stop the traffic heading east. The other sign will be placed on the school's side a proximally 168 feet in from Fourth Street; this would stop traffic heading west on Willow Street. In between the two stop signs, the school will apply a fresh coat of paint on the crosswalk.

However, because at the time, Mr. Cotham did not have specific measurements on where the stop signs would be placed, the item will have to wait till the next council meeting to get voted on.

Closing out the meeting the City granted Berry Hooten permission to build a covert on North Houston, located in the back of his house, so he could access his carport which the City also allowed him to build.

Agenda items postponed until next meeting would be a presentation from Aero Care, who was not present at the Council meeting, and the adoption of the city's property tax rate.

Photos by Homer Marquez

During the Lockney Senior Citizen's Center Luncheon musicians Cecil and Betty Jones (below) filled the house with great tunes as people ate. Brisket for the luncheon was donated by Cargil Caprock Cattle Feed-



ers; Ben. E. Keith donated beans, Cole slaw, and sausage; and members of the Center donated delicious deserts for the event; volunteers were in full force as they served over 200 plates of food (above). Proceeds from the luncheon will go to Center who will use funds to buy a new stove.

**Texas AgriLife Extension to Offer Food Manager Certification Training Course**

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Statistics indicate that foodborne illness continues to be a health issue in the United States. Each year, 1 in 4 Americans will become sick, 1 in 1,000 will become hospitalized, and 5,000 will die due to a foodborne illness.

Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Floyd County, is offering a food manager certification training course. This program will be offered for \$115 November 4 & 7, 2011 at the Texas AgriLife Extension Office in Floyd County at 110 S. Wall in Floydada. Cost includes training, materials, and the State food manager certification examination. Deadline for registration is October 21, 2011.

This program is designed to not only prepare foodservice managers to pass the certification examination; it will provide valuable education regarding the safe handling of food. Almost 50 cents of every

dollar Americans spend on food is spent on meals prepared away from home. Therefore, careful attention to food safety will help keep customers safe and satisfied.

Foodborne illnesses are estimated to cost thousands of dollars in lost wages, insurance, and medical bills. With these statistics, knowledge of how to prevent foodborne illness is essential. The benefits of improved food safety include:

Increased customer satisfaction  
Improved relationships with health officials  
Prevention of bad publicity and law suits due to foodborne illness

By attending the course, foodservice managers will learn about: identifying potentially hazardous foods and common errors in food handling preventing contamination and cross-contamination of food teaching and encouraging personal hygiene for employees complying with government regulations maintaining clean utensils,

equipment and surroundings controlling pests

Foodborne illnesses can be prevented by following simple food safety practices. For more information about the Food Manager Certification Training course of Texas AgriLife Extension, called "Food Safety: It's Our Business," call **Floyd County Extension Office for more information at 806-983-4912 or for a registration form.**

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CAYSEN AND AMANDA BARNETT  
(Picture taken May 2010)

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We wanted to say a special thank you to our family and friends! Without you we could not make it through a single day. It is not the quantity of life that matters, it's the quality. And because of all of you the quality of our lives is amazing!

You have touched our hearts and it will never be forgotten!  
Thank you and God Bless!

Caysen and Amanda Barnett