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Court rules against Alpha-Tex; dogs removed

By Homer Marquez

A Justice of the Peace court would rule on Thursday morning that the 198 dogs seized from Alpha-Tex Kennels were subjected to cruel conditions and were removed from the care of Alpha-Tex Kennel owners, Mark and Sandra Smith.

"I'm pleased with the trial" commented Attorney Pro-tem for the State, Donald Feare, "for the fact that the animals that have been very badly treated are now going to be in the hands of people who care for them and will care for them."

Following the ruling, Justice of the Peace Tali Jackson granted a motion to set the appeal bond at \$354,530; this bond consists of \$236,530, that will be a reimbursement for the cost accumulated by the Humane Society of West Texas for taking care of the dogs while under foster care, and \$118,000 for the estimated cost that would accumulate if the Smiths planned to appeal the ruling.

On the Tuesday before hearing, the Smiths would file a

lawsuit in a federal court against Floyd County which included the names of Judge Tali Jackson, Sheriff Paul Raisse, Attorney Feare, the Humane Society of West Texas, and its employees, and also KCBD news station and unidentified employees of KCBD. The lawsuit claimed that the County committed felony theft when Sheriff Raisse seized the dogs in September. The lawsuit also asked that a temporary restraining order be placed on these Floyd County officials; however U.S. District Court Judge Sam Cummings refused to take the case away from Judge Jackson as he told KCBD New Channel 11; "Federal courts should abstain from interfering in a state-court action." He also commented that there were exceptions to the rule but not in this case.

On the Wednesday before the hearing, the Smiths would also file a lawsuit against Judge Tali Jackson, and county attorney pro-tem Donald Feare in the 110th District Court. This petition filed was a Writ of Mandamus and a Motion for Emergency Stay. This petition

would ask the district court to demand that Judge Jackson not have the hearing and order her to reverse her previous orders. This would also be denied.

Opening up the trial, Smith Attorney, Paul Holloway, objected to the trial, making a motion for a continuance for the case; Holloway stated that civil procedure gave the council 45 days to prepare for the trial which his council was not given. Attorney Feare would contest that statutes in the Health and Safety Provisions gave only ten days for the trial. Holloway would contest that provisions stated that the trial needed to be set in ten days but not tried; Judge Jackson would deny the objection.

Holloway would then ask for Judge Jackson to recuse herself from the trial stating that it would be a conflict of interest because Judge Jackson is a part of a federal lawsuit involving the case.

Judge Jackson would overrule the Holloway's objection that there was a conflict of interest.

Holloway would make several other objections on why



Photo by Homer Marquez

On Thursday, a Justice of the Peace court ruled against Alpha-Tex Kennel and ordered the dogs' removal; the Smiths, owners of the kennel, will also have to reimburse the cost of care to the Humane Society of West Texas. Pictured are the Smiths and their attorney Paul Holloway.

the trial should not proceed; including that the State did not respond to discovery of evidence, that the hearings time restraints be removed, and that the Court setting be

changed to the original Justice of the Peace courtroom, which would be the office of Judge Kelly Dunbar who recused herself from the trial; Judge Jackson would deny those

objections continuing the trial. The State represented by Attorney Donald Feare, would call their first witness Sheriff ALPHA-TEX continued on page 10

New Water District Irrigation Rules Meeting in Floyd County

By: Steve Byrns

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service and Floyd/Briscoe County Farm Bureau will host an informational meeting at 5 p.m. December 8 for those affected by the new High Plains Underground Water District rules that go into effect Jan. 1.

The meeting will be held at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center at Muncy, 5 miles north of Floydada on U.S. Highway 70.

"The High Plains Underground Water District adopted rules in July that will require meters for wells and will limit the amount of water pumped per acre for irrigation," said Mark Carroll, AgriLife Extension agent in Floyd County. "The whole purpose of this meeting is to help our producers and



Photo by Homer Marquez

Tanner Smith (left), Texas Farm Bureau president for the Floyd/Briscoe County office and Mark Carroll (right), Texas AgriLife Extension Service agent in Floyd County, with a new digital water meter.

landowners better understand this new ruling and how it will affect them.

"AgriLife Extension and the Floyd/Briscoe County Farm Bureau are providing

this opportunity strictly as an informational meeting for our producers. We are not for or against the new regulations, but simply want to provide the best information possible, so our clientele is informed as thoroughly as possible prior to the regulations taking affect at the first of the year."

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Former Floyd County 4-H'er Wins At National Collegiate Judging Contest



By Melissa Long
 CEA-FCS
 Floyd County

Texas Tech University's Livestock Judging Team was crowned national champions at the 2011 North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky. The team won the contest by a thirty-one point margin, posting a total team score of 4,677 points.

The contest tested the contestant's knowledge of cattle, sheep, and swine as well as their oral reasons. Teams gathered

from across the nation to compete for the title. Texas A&M University, Oklahoma State University, Iowa State University and the University of Nebraska rounded out the top five teams.

The Red Raiders won the overall reasons and swine divisions. They were second in the cattle division and third in sheep.

Former Floyd County 4-H'er Brady Ragland led Texas Tech to the National Championship by taking first-place Overall individually. Ragland was first in Overall Reasons and Beef Cattle Reasons; 3rd in Swine Judging; and 6th in Beef Cattle Judging. The team had a successful year winning competitions at the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, the National Barrow show, the Tulsa State Fair, the State Fair of Texas and the American Royal. They are only the eleventh team in the history of livestock judging to win both the American Royal and the International. Ragland is majoring in Animal Science Business at Texas Tech.

Texas Tech also boasted an unprecedented six of the ten students who were selected as "All Americans." The award is designed to recognize students who have made a personal commitment to livestock judging and

who have also excelled in academics, university and industry activities and community service.

Brady was also recognized in the group of six from Texas Tech selected as All American.

Texas Tech also won the National Championship in Meats Judging in 2011. Brady's goals are to study toward a Doctorate Degree and become a Beef Cattle Nutritionist according to his father J. D. Ragland. J. D. was the Floyd County Extension Agent for 12 years in Floyd County prior to moving to Randall County (Canyon).

J. D. credits Brady's success to his judging experiences in the Floyd County 4-H program. Brady was a member of the 2007 Floyd County team that won 2nd at State and 4th at the National Judging Contest in Denver; and the 2008 Floyd County team that won 1st in Texas and claimed 7th at the National Judging Contest in Louisville, where he was the High Point Individual in the nation. Brady's teammates in Floyd County those two years were Senee' Foster, Segayle Foster and Brazos Williams.

Brady is the son of J. D. And Angela Ragland of Canyon, and Randy and Charla Duncan of Lubbock.

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Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margaret Jones

Signs of the season are everywhere....The beautiful foliage on trees tells me I don't have to go to some other part of the country to see magnificent Fall colors. Gorgeous hues of red, orange and gold abound in the trees all around me. Thank you, my friends and neighbors, for allowing us to share in the beauty of God's creations.

The Veteran's Day program in the high school gym renewed my faith in the amazing young people who attend Floydada High School. The program ran like a well-oiled machine as each one presented their part to honor the brave men and women of this community who have proudly served to keep America's

Free. We are proud of all of our Floydada veterans.

The pictures and article about Francis Gunter that were in the Hesperian were very interesting. A special THANK YOU, Francis, for your service at a very crucial time in the life of our country. Also, a special presentation was made in memory of one of the Center's loyal supporters, Dr. Charles Craig.

Emagene Haenisch is back home after being in the Lockney hospital for several days. She is on the mend and will be having a therapist come to her home three days a week in order to help her regain her strength. We miss your sweet smile and spirit and wish you a speedy recovery.

Let us remember to be in

prayer for Margarette Bond as she has surgery. We know it has been a long drawn-out procedure to get prepared for this time. We expect to be hearing good news soon.

Thanksgiving Season is upon us. Let us remember to always be thankful for all our blessings. Thanksgiving should be a daily part of our lives as we are BLESSED to live in this great country called AMERICA.

MENU

Nov. 28 - Nov. 30

Monday - Spaghetti, Oriental blend, salad, garlic bread, banana pudding

Tuesday - Chicken quesadillas, pinto beans, rice, pears w/ cottage cheese

Wednesday - Fried fish, cole slaw, pinto beans, cornbread, cobbler

FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM

From the Floyd County Hesperian May 15, 1969

I REMEMBER, I REMEMBER
By Homer Steen

Fresh out of law school at the University of Texas, F. F. Houghton came to Floydada in the year of 1902, bought Lot 5 in Block 62 on the north side of the square, built a two-room frame office and hung out his shingle.

He was aggressive, energetic and out-going. It was not long until he had a good practice.

As I recall it Mr. Houghton made his home with Mr. and Mrs. V.J. Hall, parents of Floydada's distinguished Claude V. Hall, for two or three years.

In general a non-conformist, he was a "barbarian" at the University. He battled the fraternities to a fare-you-well from "Barb Hall" in 1899 and 1900. He told me he made his way through college by selling spectacles from door to door, better said, from farm to farm.

Mr. Houghton went downstate to take a bride, I can't recall where, nor exactly when, but it was 1909 or before, for in that year he built the big, two-story frame building where he resided, at the corner of Main and Houston, (102 E. Houston) until his untimely death in 1920, due to diabetes. (At that time this disease was among several for which medical science had not found a cure.) His brother, Dr. W. M. Houghton, signed the death certificate.

If I knew I have forgotten what Mr. Houghton may have told me about the place of his birth and his boyhood. The story of his death in The Hesperian probably told.

Mr. Houghton held no political office, never sought political preferment. And it is my belief that he was a member of no local organization.

Postscript: After some apple-checked little fellers began to show up in the Houghton household Mr. Houghton build the well-house still standing near the southeast corner of the sturdy dwelling.

A well and windmill furnished fresh cool water that flowed through troughs in the well house. In these troughs the housewife stored milk, butter, and cream during the heat of summer.

From the Floyd County Hesperian May 29, 1969

I REMEMBER, I REMEMBER
By Homer Steen

I remember... I remember... W. L. O'Daniel—

Because it is human to read what you are thinking, not what you see in print before you, I looked twice to be sure when the passing of W. Lee O'Daniel, in May was told in the newspapers.

Both the reports I read left me wondering. It seemed neither told what for me was the real story of the man. Nor were there any of the sidelights it seemed to me would have been logical to recount.

There must be 200,000 people in Texas who missed the same things I missed.

COOKED THE BISCUITS BROWN

W. Lee O'Daniel whipped the pants off of the best professionals in Texas politics in 1938 when he ran for governor.

In a fair fight he won so handsomely results made his opponents appear ridiculous. I remember quite well. He was unbeatable and was to have control of the No. One spot for almost a decade.

Governors and senators, even presidents and foreign potentates have paid Mr. O'Daniel the sincerest flattery ever since. They have imitated him for a third of a century.

A man that good is entitled to a better recount of his life's activities than what appeared to me to be a sick effort at sophistication, which was all I could make of either the UPI or the AP report.

Mr. O'Daniel was a good flour salesman, trying to make his family a living like the rest of us were. He sold Gladiola flour. Gladiola was a soft wheat flour. It made better biscuits than a hard wheat flour could.

Almost simultaneously radio blossomed out in Texas and the next thing you know W. Lee had the rollicking Doughboys, Leon who sang it pretty, Texas Rose and melodies of mother and "Beautiful Texas", on the air to the delight of many thousands.

Such resounding success had to come to a climax. The next thing he was a candidate for governor of the state. His opponents had as well have saved their ammunition.

Then when ambition took Mr. O'Daniel to Washington as senator, a quip meant in jest, had President Roosevelt gone to keep from meeting O'Daniel. The president was on one of his fateful meetings abroad.

It seemed cruel to me that would-be journalists of 1969 used the incident to prove just how dumb the flour salesman had been.

Noting of the fate of the hill

billy band, Leon, Texas, Rose, the O'Daniel family. One exception, both UPI and AP had a snide remark that a son of the old man tried his father's trick a year or so ago and made a dismal failing of it.

I REMEMBER, I REMEMBER
"OPENING PASTURE GATES"

By Homer Steen

From the Floyd County Hesperian June 12, 1969

Experience of opening a gate may mean, to the current upcoming generation just reaching over and turning a latch, or even possibly punching a button.

But opening a gate to a ranch pasture once was, and may continue to be, a man's size job. The gate is put there in the first place by the rancher as a defensive maneuver to make it easier for the traveler to go through than go over.

The rancher usually rides his fences every day to see if they are in good condition. Gates are checked to see if an amateur or careless visitor has left any gate open or only partly closed.

All this wordiness to make a background for a lesson I got in gate opening taught me by Dr. J. L. Guest who at the time I speak of practiced medicine in Lockney.

"Come go with me," he said to me one evening about sundown. "Out east about 20 miles. It gets awful lonesome driving at night by myself."

PULLED THE CORK UNDER

I had planned to work (at the newspaper office) that evening, but I was flattered that Doc Guest would like my company for a long trip into the country. I pulled his cork plum under.

Off to the patient's home, conversation was lively and interesting. The first gate or two, close to town, where the nesters lived, were easy jobs. But they got harder and harder to open and close. The last ones strained every muscle in my shoulder.

Coming back we repeated the gate stops and the shoulder strains.

The next day or two the doctor and I met up on the street. A puckish grin crossed his face. He knew I knew by that time that I had been a sucker. "Sure glad you could go with me the other night. We'll try it again sometime."

I don't recall what I said. It was not anything unbecoming of a 19-year-old to say to a mature man, I assure you. But I was thinking, like he well knew, that I wouldn't be his company on any more long trips to the country with him to see a patient.

Lockney Senior Citizens Center News

By Renee Armstrong

Hello from the Lockney Senior Citizens Center; we hope you all have a great Thanksgiving Holiday.

Dorothy Stapp has been moved to the Lockney Hospital to continue her recovery; please keep her in your prayers.

Lynn Ray Smith is out of the hospital after being there for six weeks.

As I sat Sunday afternoon writing this, I was scanning through some Facebook posts, and Blake Milstead had something wonderful to say. Blake is C.F. and Wanda Barber's grandson; he serves in the Navy and is stationed in Oklahoma. So I want to share, and I hope he doesn't mind:

It is the soldier, not the reporter, who has given us Freedom

of the Press. It is the soldier not the poet who has given us Freedom of Speech. It is the soldier not the organizer, who has given us the Freedom to Protest. It is the soldier who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag, and who's coffin is draped by the flag, who allows the protester to burn the flag.

Thanks Blake, please keep our soldiers and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Hope you all have a great week.

Menu: Nov 28-Dec 2

Monday-Spaghetti

Tuesday-Tacos

Wednesday-Chicken Fried Steak

Thursday-Soup and Cornbread

Friday-Fried Chicken

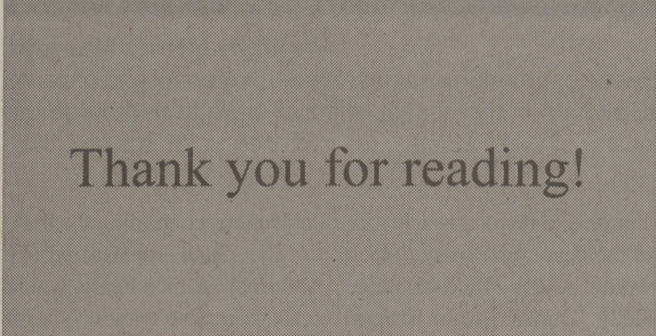
Shop Local on Small Business Saturday, Nov 26

If you have pledged to participate in Buy Nothing Day next Friday, Nov. 25, but don't think you can go for the Buy Nothing Christmas, then participate in the Small Business Saturday. When you head out to do your holiday shopping on Nov. 26, avoid the big box national chain stores and shop at your local small business instead.

Although this is only the second year for the event, it is already popular among the Facebook crowd. The official Small Business Saturday Facebook page has more than 2.2 million Likes. People don't just like the site, they are also discussing it. At this time more than 260,000 people are actively talking about the day.

If you want to know why you should shop local when you might be able to find a better deal at your local big box store, then let me share with you a statement that New York City Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg made in advance of last year's inaugural Small Business Saturday.

"Small businesses are the backbone of our economy and the glue that holds communities together, and we've always sought new ways to support them — something that became See SMALL BUSINESS on page 9



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Obituaries



JESSICA DAVILA BENNETT

Jessica Davila Bennett, 24, passed away Monday, November 14, 2011, in Austin, Texas.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, November 19, 2011 at Beltway Park Baptist Church. Services were under the direction of Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home, 542 Hickory, Abilene, Texas.

Visitation was held Friday evening, November 18, 2011 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home.

Jessica was born July 13, 1987 in Greenville, Texas, the daughter of Shirley Starks Davila. She was a lifetime resident of Abilene and graduated from Abilene High School Class of 2005.

As a young child, Jessica survived a near death experience due to a rare medical condition and became a Children's Miracle Network Child.

She was employed by Wright Capitol Corp. as a Senior Account Executive. Jessica was a very loving and compassionate person that was extremely active and athletic. She enjoyed working out, playing tennis, going fishing with her fiancé, Ross and spending as much time with her family and friends as possible. Jessica was an animal lover and had two dogs, an American Eskimo named "Furry" and a new baby poodle named "Charlie".

Jessica will be loved and missed dearly by all of her friends and family. She was an inspiration to many and loved by all.

Survivors include her mother, Shirley Starks Davila; her twin sister, Chasity Brown; her fiancé, Ross Bennett; two half-brothers; and two half-sisters.

You may view and sign guestbook at www.elliott-hamilfuneralhome.com



BETTY JEAN HOLMES

Betty Jean Holmes, age 77, of Floydada passed away Wednesday, November 16, 2011 in Floydada

Services were held on Friday, November 18, 2011 at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Floydada with Chaplain Oscar Chavez and Pastor Tim Franks officiating.

Arrangements were under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada. Visitation was held Thursday November 17, 2011 from 6-8 at Moore Rose Funeral Home.

Betty (Lackey) Holmes was born January 2, 1934 in Hale County, Texas to Moody and Sophia (Roark) Holmes. She graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1952.

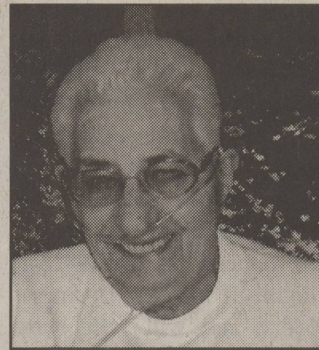
Betty married Chuck Holmes in 1953 in Clovis, New Mexico. During her lifetime Betty Holmes was a secretary and bookkeeper for Americana Motor Inn, Ladies Three Dress Shop, KFLD Radio Station and Hi-Plains Farms. She and her husband farmed in the Sand Hill Community where they were growers and shippers of onions, bell peppers and pumpkins. She also served on the Floydada School Board for many years (1971-1980). If you look in the dictionary for the definition of "Love", it will say "Chuck and Betty".

She was preceded in death by her husband, Chuck Holmes, her parents, two brothers and one sister.

Betty is survived by two sons, Don Ed Holmes and wife, Janie of Weslaco, Texas, and Rick Holmes of Weslaco; six grandchildren, Cara Bragg and husband, David, Trey Holmes, Tana Holmes, Houston Holmes, Montana Holmes, and Hannah Holmes and three great-grandchildren, Ryan Holmes, Natalie Holmes, and Jackson Bragg.

Memorial donations may be made in Betty Jean Holmes name to Area Community Hospice, 3109 Olton Road, Plainview, Texas 79072.

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



THELMA LEE (SHORT) BEARDEN

Thelma Lee (Short) Bearden of Plainview, formerly of Amarillo, passed away on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 in Plainview.

Service were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, November 19, 2011 at the Moore-Rose Funeral Home Chapel with Ron Warren officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada. Family visitation was held from 12 noon - 2 p.m. before the service.

Thelma Lee was born January 16, 1923 to O.L. and Emma Ray Bearden on a farm near Roaring Springs, Texas. She attended schools at Roaring Springs where she was an outstanding basketball player and athlete.

After graduation, she moved to Amarillo where she began working at various jobs. After completion of some business courses, she was employed at Diamond Shamrock Oil for twenty-seven years. When Shamrock Oil was sold, she accepted a retirement package and began a life of retirement. She became an avid golfer, bowler, and traveler.

She loved being around people, especially dining out with friends and family. Short never met a stranger, at least not for very long. She was an optimistic person and enjoyed life very much.

Survivors include a sister, Arla Williams of Crosbyton; two sisters-in-law, Betty Bearden of Quitaque and Ray Nell Bearden of Floydada, and a host of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, O.L. and Emma Bearden, brothers, Junior Bearden, Connie Bearden and infant brother, Fletcher Bearden.

Memorials may be made in Thelma's name to the Ronald McDonald Playhouse, 1501 Streit Dr., Amarillo, Texas 79106 or Cal Farley's Boy Ranch, 600 SW 11th Ave., Amarillo, Texas 79101, or to a charity of your choice

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

Floyd County Church Directory

AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Dennis Butler, Pastor
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Darwin Robinson, Pastor
983-5278
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

CALVARY'S CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP

Floydada
Armando Morales, Pastor
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
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Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday School10:30 a.m.

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Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

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Levi Sisemore, Minister
Ivan Gomez, Minister
Floydada
Sunday Bible Study..9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Tim Franks, Pastor
Terry Simmons,
Minister of Ed./Music
Josh Burgett - Min. Students
Sunday School9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship ...10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study...6:30 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Lockney

Carl Moman, Pastor
Chad Cook, Youth Min.
Phil Cotham, Music Min..
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....6:30 p.m.
Wednesday (Youth)....7:15 pm

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Floydada
Rev. Les Hall, Pastor
Early Worship8:30 a.m.
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ...10:50 a.m.
Youth (Sunday).....5:00 p.m.
Youth (Wednesday)..7:30 p.m.

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Rev. Ricky Carstensen
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Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Worship Service10:30 a.m.
Evening Service..... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Jr. High5:30 p.m.
Wed. High School... 6:30 p.m.

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Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.
Evening Service.....7:30 p.m.
Tuesday.....8:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:30 p.m.

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Morning Worship ...10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
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Wednesday Study ...7:00 p.m.

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Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.

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Rev. David Ramos, Pastor
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader
Sunday Bible...10:00 a.m.
Morning Praise..11:00 a.m.
Evening Praise5:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship.... 7:00 p.m.

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Wednesday.....7:30 p.m.

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Worship Service11:00 a.m.
Discipleship5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:00 p.m.

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Wed. Evening7:00 p.m.

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Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m.

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Spanish Worship9:30 a.m.
English Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Evening Service.....5:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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Cotton Market Weekly

Strong buying by the Chinese Reserve and expectations of another strong export sales report resulted in higher futures prices for cotton on the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) for most of the week. Even though USDA's export numbers did not disappoint, traders said Thursday's session turned into a typical "buy the rumor - sell the fact" affair with the two front months closing limit down.

The department reported net upland sales of 2011-12 crop U.S. cotton totaled 639,600 bales for the week ended Nov. 10. China was by far the week's top buyer with purchases totaling 627,200 bales while Vietnam and Peru rounded out the list of the top three. Export shipments of 163,000 bales were up 52 percent from the previous week and 90 percent from the four-week average. Primary destinations were China, Mexico, and Vietnam.

Analysts report that total sales for the season now amount to 9.5 million bales, and there are another 1.3 million bales in the "optional" category. Shipments continue to lag behind, though, with only 1.5 million bales exported at this point which means the backlog of outstanding commitments now has grown to around 8.0 million bales.

Sales continue to be brisk

in the spot market as producers in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, and New Mexico sold 21,849 bales online in the week ended Nov. 17 compared to the previous week when 14,981 bales were sold.

As always, traders continue to keep an eye on cotton demand and the global situation. According to the latest USDA figures, the rest of the world, excluding the United States, will produce a record crop of 107.6 million bales this season, surpassing the previous mark set in 2006-07 by roughly 7.0 million bales. However, mill demand in the rest of the world is expected to remain stagnant at 110.5 million bales due to slow economic growth and man-made fiber substitution. As a result, the seasonal production gap is expected to drop to just 2.8 million bales which compares to much larger deficits of 13.3 million bales last season and 26.1 million bales two years ago.

Observers say the rest of the world is nearly self-sufficient, and the U.S. has done extremely well by placing 9.5 million bales of sales in the order books thanks to the fierce pace of sales earlier in the year when mills were still fearful that the world would run out of cotton. As a result, traders point to the fact that the U.S. has entered this marketing year

with a record 7.5 million bales in carry-in sales.

"The global cotton situation reminds us of a game of 'musical chairs' with China operating the 'on/off' switch," an analyst said. "But while the U.S. has made great strides on the export front, its competitors around the globe such as India, Central Asia, Brazil, Australia, and the various African origins may be left scrambling for a chair to sit on.

This situation is likely to lead to fierce competition among non-U.S. growers as they try to capture their fair share of this anemic market, he said. Fortunately, China has been acting as a stabilizing force by aggressively procuring some of the excess supply in the domestic and international markets, otherwise prices would already have come under a lot more pressure.

"The Chinese Reserve has, so far, lifted 2.7 million statistical bales in the Chinese market and probably a similar amount overseas," the analyst explained. "However, the market realizes that this Reserve buying doesn't represent real consumption and that it is the only game in town which is not very comforting. Perplexed is a word used today and I think it appropriately sums up a lot of traders' feelings at the moment."

27th Annual Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show Starts November 29th, 2011

Amarillo, TX (November 15, 2011) – The 27th annual Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show will take place November 29th-December 1st, 2011, at the Amarillo Civic Center in Amarillo, TX. The event is produced by the IDEAg Group, of Cygnus Business Media, and will host over 400 local and leading exhibitors to showcase the latest products and services in the agriculture industry. You can visit us online at www.farm-shows.com.

Each year, the Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show attracts over 20,000 attendees from the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles, as well as New Mexico, Colorado and Kansas. The event encompasses every aspect of farming and ranching and is a one-stop shop for attendees to interact with manufacturers, obtain necessary CEU credits and network with other producers in the region.

The Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show will once again host two symposiums during the second day of the show in

the Grand Plaza Room at the Amarillo Civic Center. The Texas Commodity Symposium, now in its tenth year, will take place on Wednesday, November 30th with registration beginning at 8:30 am. The Symposium begins at 9:00 am. The 27th annual Texas A&M Annual Panhandle Farm & Ranch Management Symposium will follow beginning at 1:00 pm and will be offering continuing education units. Both events are included in the \$2.00 admission cost to the Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show.

Make it your plan to attend the 27th Anniversary of the Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show held November 29th-December 1st, 2011, at the Amarillo Civic Center in Amarillo, Texas. Show hours are 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Tuesday and Wednesday, and from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on Thursday. Admission is \$2.00 with 100% of the proceeds being donated back to local FFA chapters.

The IDEAg Group is the source where exhibitors and

attendees alike get information on IDEAg farm shows, summit conferences and other information producers need. Under the IDEAg umbrella is the Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show, Northern Illinois Farm Show, Farmfest, Dakotafest and the Interconnectivity Conference (debuting March 19-21 in Altoona, IA).

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Local resident bags a bobcat: On Tuesday, Clarence Pope was able to bring down a bobcat that he spotted crouching near the Floydada Country Club. According to Mr. Pope, he saw the bobcat

while he was on the side of the road as he was trying to round up horses that had gotten out of a fence the night before. Mr. Pope then ran to his brother's house in Floydada to borrow a rifle; when he re-

turned, the bobcat was still crouched at the same spot. From 65 to 70 yards away, Pope explained that he was able to gun down the bobcat with a clean shot using only the iron sites.

Lately because of this year's grueling drought conditions, many wild animals, like this bobcat, have been spotted near the community. In these conditions, wild animals head into towns in search of food and water. Bobcats and other predators that tread closer and closer to civilization always pose a threat to calves, horses, domestic animals, and even humans.

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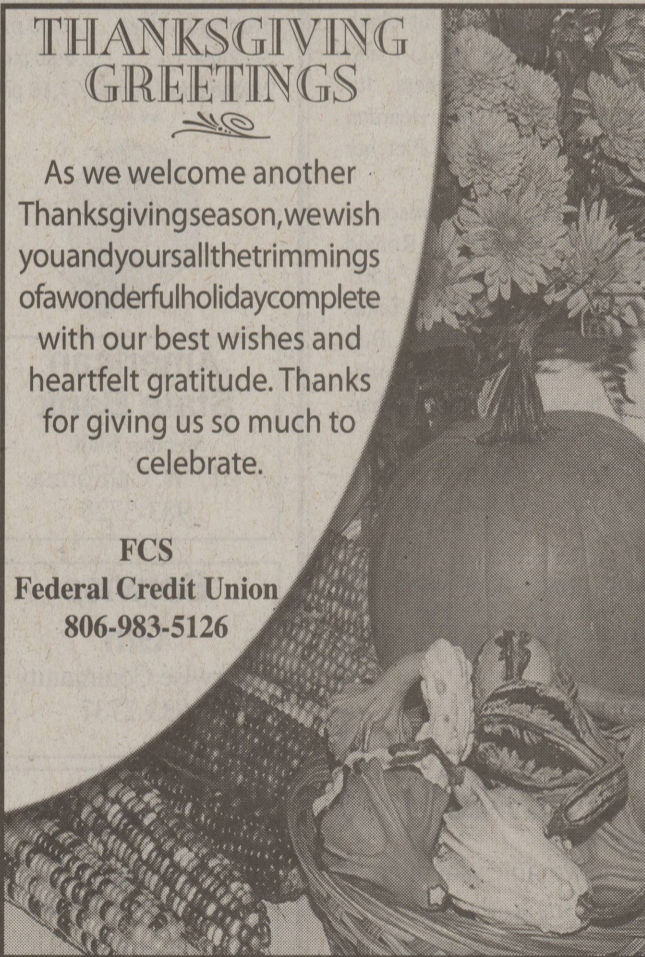
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Eagle Scout Project Changes Lockney Memorial Park's Personality



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Jonathan Sustaita places a label on one of the KIA crosses at the Lockney Veterans Memorial Park as fellow Troop 259 members Jake Moore and Mariano Alonzo look on

The Lockney Veterans Memorial Park has a "new personality" thanks to the efforts of Jonathan Sustaita, a member of Boy Scout Troop 259. For his Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project, the Lockney Scout placed names on the park's "KIA crosses," which symbolize Lockney-area military personnel killed in action from

World War to the present. The white metal crosses now have labels which include names and other available information about 73 United States Armed Forces members killed in action.

In planning the project, Sustaita gathered information online and at the Floyd County Historical Museum, raised funds for the project, and designed and arranged for printing of the labels for the crosses. He led the Lockney Boy Scouts and members of his family who helped to place the vinyl circles on the crosses on Saturday, November 12.

The cross labels include names of the KIAs and other available information including birth and death dates, place of death, and branch of service.

"On behalf of the veterans, we want to thank Jonathan and the Scouts for doing this," stated Ed Marks, senior vice commander of American Legion Post 141 in Lockney. "It has changed the whole personality of the park," Marks said.

Lockney Boy Scouts Mariano Alonzo and Jake Moore helped to place the names on the crosses.

Sustaita is the son of Joe and Ca-tixta Sustaita of Lockney.

The Leadership Service Project is one of the requirements to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest awarded by the Boy Scouts of America. The Eagle prospect must "plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to his religious institution, school, or community."

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Jordan Woody (23)



Abigail Martinez (24)

Lady Winds defeat Lady Cubs of Brownfield

By Coach Styles

The Floydada Lady Winds defeated the Brownfield Lady Cubs 41-25 last Friday night. The Lady Winds led 6-2 at the end of the first quarter. The Lady Cubs led 14-12 at halftime. The Lady Winds came out the second half and played very inspired. They led 28-21 at

the end of the third period on their way to their 16 point victory. The Lady Winds outscored their opponent 29-11 the second half. Leading the Lady Winds was Avery Miller with 17 points. Liz Suarez had 9 points. Emily Hall pulled down 8 rebounds along with Sarah Sanders' and Rebekah Hall's 6 re-

bounds. Sarah Jo Miller's 3 steals, 9 deflections and Rebekah Hall's 6 steals, 6 deflections led the defense. The Lady Winds play Slaton on Tuesday before the break and will travel to Lubbock High on Tuesday, 29th. They will play in the Anton Tournament next weekend Dec. 1-3. Go Lady Winds.

Whirlwinds are even after week one

By Coach Renfro

The Floydada Whirlwinds earned a split of their two games in the first week of the season verses 3A opponents Shallowater and Brownfield.

The Winds opened the 2011-12 campaign with a 60-56 win at home against Shallowater. Jordan Woody scored 8 of his 19 points in the first half and RJ Deleon put in 7 during the first two quarters as the Whirlwinds led 33-28 at halftime against the Shallowater Mustangs. A dismal 3rd quarter saw the

Winds fall behind 41-40, but a 20 point fourth quarter secured the victory.

Landry Morren put in 11 points for the Winds and Haden Lipham added 9. Cole Covington turned in a solid all around game with 8 points, 11 rebounds, 5 assists, and 4 steals. Tyler Renfro and Michael Cisneros contributed 4 and 2 points, while Jose Martinez had 4 assists.

On Friday night, the Whirlwinds fell to the Brownfield Cubs for their first loss of the season 63-55. The Winds fell behind

by 20 early in the 3rd quarter, 47-27, but came back to cut the lead to 55-50 midway through the fourth.

Deleon led the way in the scoring department with 13 points, while Covington put in 12 and Woody put in 11. Covington also grabbed 17 rebounds while Woody had 4 steals and 5 assists. Cisneros put in 7 points, Lipham 6 to go with 5 rebounds, Venturo Gonzalez added 4 and Jose Martinez 2. Renfro grabbed 6 rebounds and dished out 5 assists. The loss puts the Winds at 1-1 for the season

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU November 28 – December 2

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| Monday Breakfast – French toast or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk Lunch – Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, tater tots, baby carrot dippers, crispy cereal treat, milk | salad, orange smiles, multigrain chips, frozen yogurt bar, milk Wednesday Breakfast -Waffles/syrup or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk Lunch -Bean and beef burrito, Spanish rice, seasoned corn, sparkly apples, milk | graham crackers, juice, milk Lunch -Chicken alfredo, savory green beans, sliced peaches, hot roll, royal brownie, milk Friday Breakfast -Scrambled eggs, toast or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk Lunch -BBQ on bun, quick baked potato, pickle spear, pineapple cherry delight, milk |
| Tuesday Breakfast - Sausage, toast/jelly, cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk Lunch -Stromboli, garden | Thursday Breakfast - Breakfast sausage roll or cereal and | |

Lady Horns rolling in week two

This past week the Lady Horns picked up another win as they defeated the

Hartley Tigers 47-40 on Tuesday. Leading in points for the game were Anissa

Reyna with 16 points and SyAnn Foster with 13. Top rebounders were Tanae Ramos with 5 and Sunny Williams with 4.

On Friday the Ladies dropped a nail biter to Whitharrel by a score of 44-47. Leading in points that game would be Alanie Rendon with 13 points and Anissa Reyna with 11; Alanie Rendon and Anissa Reyna also grabbed top rebounders as Rendon grabbed 6 and Rena grabbed 5.

FISD Board Discusses LOCAL Policies, Reviews Audit Report

By Sara Sisemore Correspondent

The Floydada Independent School District Board of Trustees met in regular session on Nov. 10, 2011, to discuss LOCAL Policies and review the audit report performed by Robison, Johnson, and Patton.

After considering possible action on Policy Update 91, affecting LOCAL Policies, board member John Woelfel made the motion to "add, revise, or delete (LOCAL) policies as recommended by the TASB Policy Service and according to the Instruction Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 91 with the following changes: In FO (LOCAL), 'Corporal punishment shall be administered by an employee who is the same sex as the student if an employee of the same sex is available.'" Board member Charles Tyer seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Board member Marty Lucke made the motion after consideration on Local District Updates, affecting LOCAL Policies, to approve changes to DED (LOCAL) policy to state "vacation days shall be forfeited if not taken prior to the end of the 2nd semester." Tyer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The approval of EIA Local Policy as proposed by TASB was postponed indefinitely and the board unanimously approved board member Freddie Morren's motion that Policy EIAB (Local) be rescinded because its provisions would be more appropriately addressed in the district's grading guidelines in the student handbook.

A representative from Robison, Johnson, and Patton was present to review the audit report with the board. Morren made the motion to approve the audit report; the vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Business Manager Sharon Rainwater pre-

sented the current tax report which showed M&O Current Tax Roll at \$2,755,720.26 with net collections of \$1,755,457.81, and I&S Tax Roll at \$298,086.51 with net collections of \$185,219.78. This makes for 63.7 percent of the current roll collected compared to last year's 34.5 percent.

After a presentation by Superintendent Gilbert Trevino, Lucke made the motion to accept the district and campus improvement plans as presented. The board unanimously approved the plans.

The board unanimously approved the minutes from their Oct. 11, 2011 regular board meeting and approved payment of the October 2011 bills.

In other business, the board received Superintendent Trevino's presentation of the district's Highly Qualified Teacher Report and set a date for a public meeting for AEIS and Annual Performance Report for January 12, 2012 at 6:30p.m.

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Whirlwind News

Residents of Shepherds Meadow Give Thanks

By: Sarah Jo Miller- Staff Writer

Each year around this time, we tend to ask ourselves and focus on what we're thankful for that year. For those of you who might be more modern, you might even participate in the "I'm thankful for..." posts beginning on the first day of November. Unfortunately, there are some people in our community who don't always have the opportunity to share with the world what they're thankful for that year. These people are the residents of Shepherd's Meadow. The high school Journalism staff decided to take a trip to the assisted living home and interviewed some members to give them a voice this year.

One question that was asked was: "What are you thankful for this year?" The responses were quite touching.

"I'm thankful I'm still alive," said Ila White.

Alice Baker, a former teacher of Floydada High School, had a similar answer to White's.

"I'm thankful for just being here," she replied.

According to Evelyn Wurl, she's still thankful for being alive, but also much more.

"I've been thankful a long time that I grew up in such a great little town and had a great mother and father. And I



still am thankful!" she stated.

The owner of Shepherd's Meadow had his own reasons to be thankful this Thanksgiving season.

"Well, we're always thankful for our health, and that our family is in good health," Melvin Lloyd said. "In this facility, we're thankful for our residents and the joy we have in being with them."

The next question that was asked of the warm people at the assisted living facility was what they liked most about Thanksgiving.

"I guess it would be eating," Wurl stated while generating laughter from herself and the journalism staff.

For others, the turkey and dressing isn't the best part of Thanksgiving.

"My favorite thing about Thanksgiving is getting the family together and realizing what we have to be thankful for," Lloyd answered.

Baker had a reply that had the same theme.

"My favorite thing is seeing my daughter and her family," Baker said.

At Shepherd's Meadow, the residents celebrate their own Thanksgiving earlier, as Wurl explained when she told us that her visitors had already come for the facility's holiday. As a result, a lot of the people there won't have family to come visit them this week on Thanksgiving Day. That should help people decide what they can do to give back and show their thankfulness this season. Visit the mem-

bers of Shepherd's Meadow and make this Thanksgiving Holiday one they will never forget!

Floydada ISD Menu

(Lunch Menu for Nov. 28 - Dec. 2)

- Monday**
Hamburger
Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles
Tater Tots
Baby Carrot Dippers
Crispy Cereal Treat
Milk
- Tuesday**
Stromboli
Garden Salad
Orange Smiles
Multigrain Chips
Frozen Yogurt Bar
Milk
- Wednesday**

- Beef and Bean Burrito
Spanish Rice
Seasoned Corn
Sparkly Apple
Milk

- Thursday**
Chicken Alfredo
Savory Green Beans
Sliced Peaches
Hot Roll
Royal Brownie
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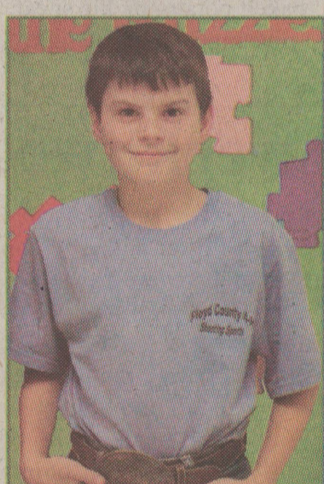
- Friday**
BBQ on a Bun
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Pineapple Cherry Delight
Milk

Teacher of the month



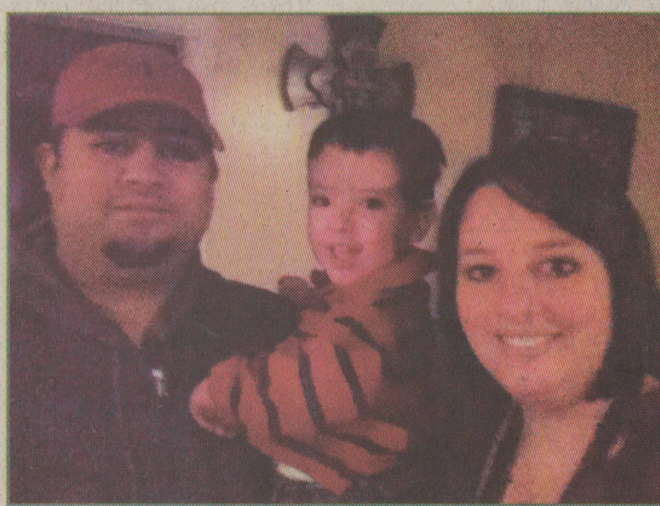
The Teacher of the Month for November is A.B. Duncan's Resource teacher, Kristin Bandy. She is the wife of Coach Levi Bandy. They have a two "fur kids", which are their dogs: 2 year-old Yogi and 3 year-old Ducati. Mrs. Bandy's favorite hobbies are reading along with traveling. According to her, the most memorable moment she's had at school was when her second grade students met their A.R. goals and got to go to Dairy Queen with Mr. Sherman.

Student of the month



November's student of the month is fifth grader Cutter Smith. Cutter is eleven years old. His father, who is a farmer, is Tanner Smith and his mom, Monica Smith, is a fourth grade teacher at Duncan Elementary. Cutter has a younger brother named Jaxson, who is five years old. Hobbies that Cutter enjoys are being active in 4-H, showing pigs in stock shows, Tiger League football, baseball, and reading. The class that he enjoys most is Mrs. Nutt's science class due to the fun experiments. When Cutter grows up, he would like to be a baseball player.

Staff's Corner



The Adam Zepeda family

By: Cynthia Smith- Editor
"For what I have received may the Lord make me truly thankful. And more truly thankful for what I have not received."

Storm Jameson
Thanksgiving is the time of year when everyone gathers with family and friends, and each person shares what he/she is thankful this year. This past weekend I had the privilege of enjoying a nice conversation with one of my colleagues, Laura Zepeda. We talked about family, friends, and of course, the new Twilight movie. Then Laura showed me pictures of her son. As her face lit up with joy, she said something that made me realize that each blessing in life is always something worth cherishing. "If God told me that he would give me another child, who

was healthy with no illnesses, I would decline his offer because I wouldn't trade my son for the world," Laura said. For those of you who don't know The Zepeda Family, you might be confused as to what she meant by saying that. Laura's son Toby was born with a rare birth defect called spina bifida. There are three types of spina bifida, and Toby was born with a myelomeningocele, which is when the backbone and spinal canal do not close before birth. As a result of this defect, Toby also has severe bilateral clubbed feet.

"I was about 20 weeks into my pregnancy when I found out my son had a birth defect. We opted out of doing tests to detect birth defects because we know it wouldn't change our decision to have a baby; however, the ultrasound technician

detected the clubbed feet and then found a different brain anatomy (which occurs in this circumstance) at our 3D/4D ultrasound appointment. We were put in a conference room and the doctor came out and told us the diagnosis. We were also asked to think about whether or not we wanted to continue our pregnancy," Laura explained as I questioned when she found out about the disease.

This case is so uncommon that, 1 out of every 2000 babies is born with spina bifida.

Although this disease offers many negative effects, that doesn't seem to stop Toby.

"Just the other night, he pulled himself up on the table and began walking," this proud mother said as she showed me a video of it on her phone.

I'm a firm believer that God created us all in His own image, and in His own special way, as does Mrs. Zepeda.

"I think that God made each of us with all of the qualities that make up a person. But I think he gave more personality to my son because people are just drawn to him everywhere we go. That's why I'm thankful for him everyday and would never trade him for anything in this world," Laura concluded.

With such a moving testimony, what are you thankful for this Thanksgiving? Until next time...

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Upcoming Events for Floydada ISD

By: Emily Hall-Staff Writer

- November 24-25: No School- Thanksgiving Holidays
- November 28: No School
- 7/8/9 Girls Basketball VS Littlefield There @5:00/6:00/7:00 pm
- 7/8/9 Boys Basketball VS Littlefield Here @5:00/6:00/7:00 pm
- November 29: JV/Varsity Girls Basketball VS Lubbock High @5:00/6:30 pm
- December 1: JV Girls/Boys Tahoka Tournament
- 7/8 Girls Slaton Tournament
- Varsity Girls/Boys Anton Tournament
- December 2: FFA State LDE Contest- Sam Houston State
- 7/8 Girls Slaton Tournament
- JV Girls/Boys Tahoka Tournament
- Varsity Girls/Boys Anton Tournament
- December 3: 7/8 Girls Slaton Tournament
- JV Girls/Boys Tahoka Tournament
- Varsity Girls/Boys Anton Tournament
- Junior High All Region Band
- December 5: 7/8/9 Girls Basketball VS Idalou Here @5:00/6:00/7:00 pm
- 7/8/9 Boys Basketball VS Idalou There @5:00/6:00/7:00 pm
- December 6: Band Christmas Concert, Grades 6-12 @at the High School Auditorium at 6 pm
- December 8: Christmas at the Square at 4:00 pm
- December 8-10 7/8 Boys Slaton Tournament
- Olton JV Tournament
- Varsity Girls/Boys New Deal Tournament
- December 10: ACT at FHS

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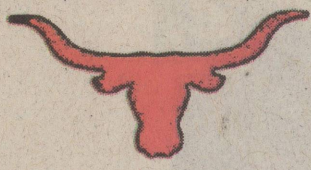
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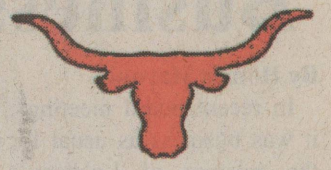
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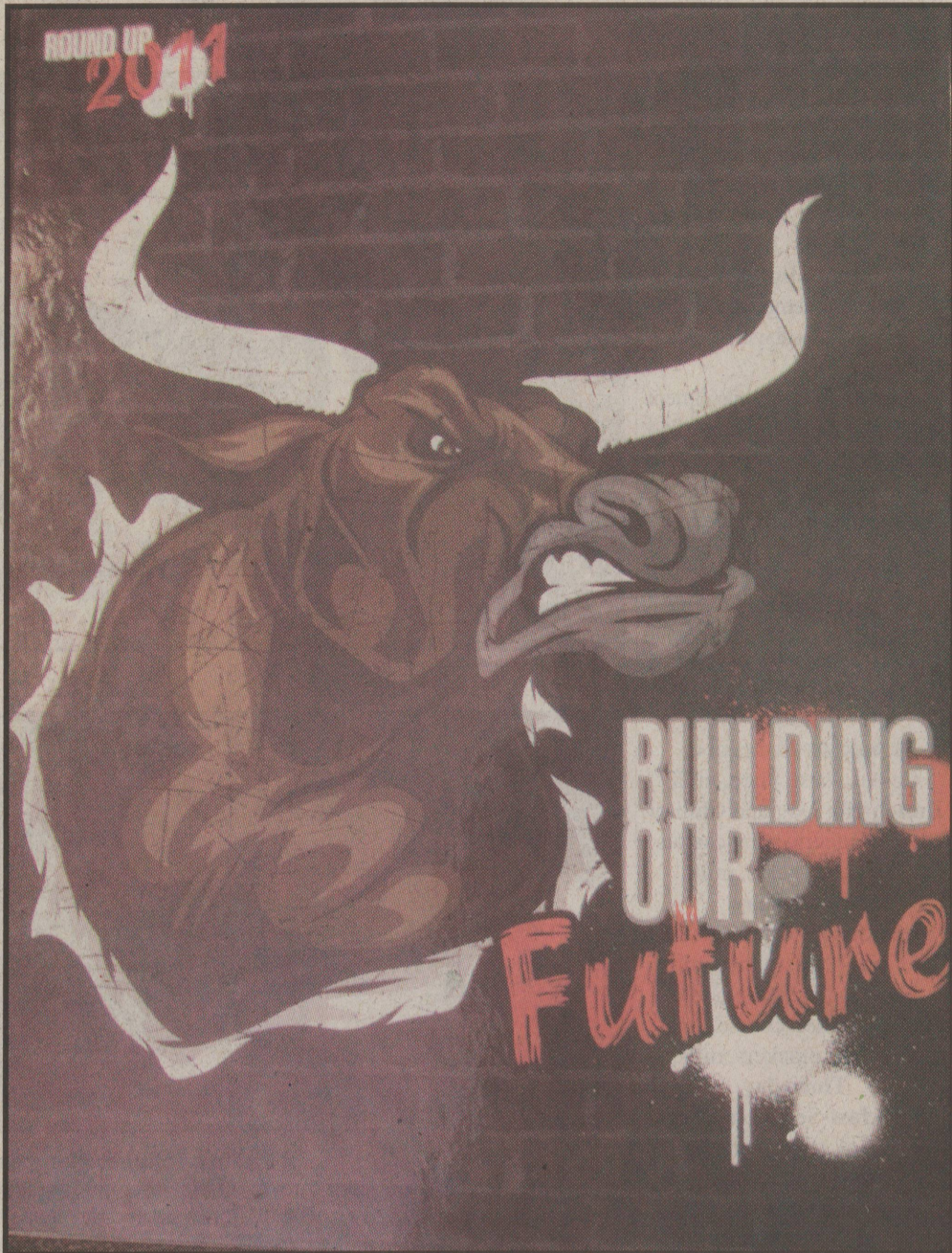
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The 2010 - 2011 Lockney High School and Junior High Yearbooks are available for sale at the high school. The yearbook class was able to publish the 96 page book in full color for the first time without increasing the price. The cost of the yearbook is \$25, which is an excellent price when compared to

\$50 - \$65 being charged by other schools. These books are selling quickly so make plans to purchase your copy or a copy for a recent graduate before they are all gone. The High school also has a few copies of previous year's yearbooks for sale as well if you are in need of one. The yearbooks are created each

year by the hard work of the high school Yearbook class from beginning with blank pages through the entire design, creation, and publication process.

Show your support for their hard work and capture memories by purchasing your copy of the Lockney Yearbook today.

Teacher Spotlight



Reported by: Kayla Jimenez

This week's teacher spotlight is on High School Science Teacher Racheal Kasner.

Mrs. Kasner was born in Del Rio, Texas and lived in the small border town of Quemado. Since her mother was in the air force, Mrs. Kasner had an opportunity to live in Alice Springs, Australia, before ending up in San Angelo, Texas. She is a 1993 graduate of Water Valley high school. She attended college at Angelo State University prior to completing graduate work at Wayland Baptist University.

Mrs. Kasner has worked in education for about six years and really enjoys it. Prior to coming to Lockney High School, she worked at Grape Creek middle school, Hardin-Jefferson high

school, and Poteet high school. During her educational tenure, she has taught 8th grade science, biology, AP biology, and chemistry. Mrs. Kasner is in her second year at Lockney and she and her family recently moved from Plainview. Mrs. Kasner has two sons attending Lockney Jr. High: Levi who is in the 8th grade and Luke who is in the 7th. She also has a 2 year old daughter named Hannah, which is a huge Longhorn fan. Mrs. Kasner shares her enjoyment of science with her husband Andy, who is a science professor at Wayland Baptist University.

Mrs. Kasner is dedicated to her teaching and her desire to see that her students are successful and stated that her biggest challenge is balancing her time between family and work. A

reflection of her dedication to education is the fact that she graduated Valedictorian of her high school graduating class and graduated magna cum laude from Angelo State University. She stated, "I chose a profession where I get to help kids everyday". Outside of school, she enjoys spending time with her family. She states that they enjoy snow skiing, fishing, camping and vacationing together.

Mrs. Kasner stated that she really enjoys the small town atmosphere of Lockney and the vast majority of the students at Lockney are very respectful and a delight to teach.

Mrs. Kasner we are very fortunate to have you as a member of our faculty at Lockney and appreciate all that you do for the students and the school.

Little Longhorns



Little Longhorns: Christina Sanchez, Anahi Ascencio, Bryson Walker, Emma Dunn, Maliea Huerta, Mason James Esty, Sebastian Perez, Shayla Martinez, and Jessica Soliz

Student Spotlight



This week's student spotlight is on Meagan Dunn

Meagan is a very active senior student/athlete at Lockney High School. She came to Lockney two years ago from Olton. Ms. Dunn is a member of the varsity basketball, softball and track teams as well as being involved with FFA. When asked what she enjoys about being a student at Lockney High School, she stated: "I enjoy being able to finish my last year of high school in a building instead of the portables".

Ms. Dunn is looking forward to having a great senior

year with all her friends and especially looking forward to graduation. She commented that the majority of her teachers have been very helpful and pretty much hands on in assisting with assignments when needed. She commented that all of her experiences at Lockney have been memorable and she has enjoyed her time as a student here. Outside of school, Meagan enjoys spending time with her friends and family, while especially spending time with her little sisters while she can before going to college.

Upon graduation, Mea-

gan plans to attend Tarleton State University where she will work towards a degree in Science or Ag Communications Degree. She said her advise to underclassmen is to "Don't let anyone tell you differently when it comes to being your own person and don't let anyone put you down". When asked if there was anything interesting that people may not know about her, Meagan stated that she is a diehard North Carolina Tar Heels Fan.

Meagan we look forward to watching you go beast on the basketball court and softball field this year.

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Business as usual for Lockney ISD

By Homer Marquez

In recent board meetings, it was business as usual for the trustees of Lockney's Independent School District as they wrapped up business fairly quickly in their last two sessions.

First the board unanimously approved to amend their 2011-2012 budget for the cost of Migrant funds. The amendment totaled \$2,061, with \$1861 going to supplies and \$200 going to migrant travel for employees.

Following that motion, the board unanimously accepted to enter into an adjunct faculty agreement with the county extension office. This yearly agreement with the school and the Floyd County Agriculture Extension Office allows students to participate in 4-H and in other programs. The agreement also reappoints Extension Agents Melissa Long and Mark Carroll as the adjunct staff.

In their November session, the board accepted policy update 91, which would include

changing the language to reflect the new instructional Materials Allotment system instead of the old textbook system. An instructional allotment committee will make decisions on the purchase of instructional materials, and this committee will be made up mostly of teachers. It also included, that parents of students who are given detention outside of regular school hours should be given reason for the detention and given opportunity to make arrangements for transportation. This policy also gives parents the right to prohibit the school from using corporal punishment on their child by signing a note that says so.

In the teacher presentation, Elementary Counselor Amy Kellison told the board that she has been working with Gifted and Talented and Dyslexia students as well as working to develop fine motor skills in some students. Counselor Kellison also explained that she and other elementary teachers have been

using some alternative techniques in helping Dyslexia students. Kellison explained that research has shown that florescent lights may hinder Dyslexia and ADHD students; so some of the teachers who work with these students have started to put blue cellophane over the florescent light as a way to cut down on the effects possibly caused by the light. So far, results from the technique have shown some behavioral improvements.

Following the presentation, the board approved the highly qualified status of Lockney ISD; this means that the school district has highly qualified teachers in all federal mandated departments.

After that motion, the board passed a resolution to approve the administrative procedures manual. Passing the administrative procedures manual is prerequisite before a school can receive federal funds. The policy would have three fundamental principles in the

model; the superintendent is the final authority for all grant activity; the superintendent is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure to ensure compliance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations; and the Superintendent, or designee, is responsible for providing support and guidance to campuses for the effective administration and financial management of grants.

Following that, the board would cast their one vote for a candidate in the Hale County Appraisal District Board of Directors; they would vote for Marilyn Biggs.

The board also passed was an automatic temperature control upgrade for the elementary building.

Current student enrollment numbers for the district are 264 in the elementary, 119 students in the Junior High, and 158 students at the High School.



Tanae Ramos



Marcos Bernal

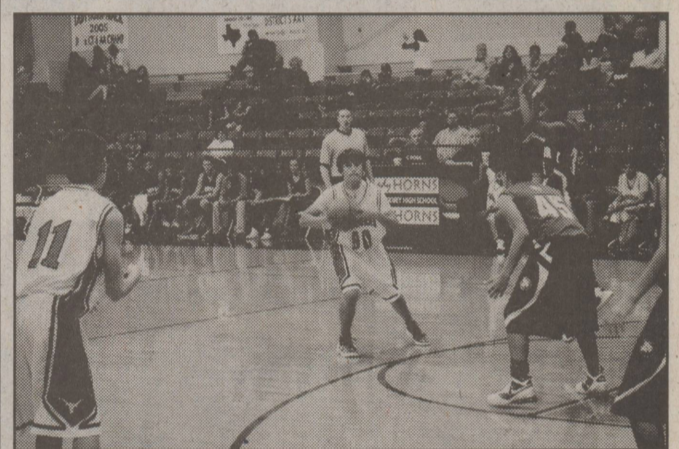


Photo by Homer Marquez

JV Longhorn, Kameron Hunt throws a quick pass during last Friday's game against Smyer. The JV horns started the season on the right foot as a 34-32 win over Whitharel which motivated the Lockney team in their first win of the season. Nathan Caballero sank 12 points in that game; Mauricio Davila got 10 points; Kameron Hunt knocked down 5 points; Eli Guerra drained 5 points; and Tyler Covington grabbed 2 points. The JV Lady Horns found a win against Whitharel after a 40-27 victory; Lady Horn Kennedy Hallmark grabbed 15 points in that game. Last week the JV Lady Horns entered Nazareth Tournament but would go win less after 24-30 a loss to River Road, a 14-24 loss to Vega, and a 18-39 loss to Nazareth.

Longhorns look for first win on the hardwood

The Lockney Longhorns are looking to bounce back after two unfortunate losses in their opening week. Last Tuesday, the Horns dropped their first game of the season on the road as the fell to Whitharel 21-48. In that game Riley Teeter grabbed 3 points; Erik Cortez put up 4 points; Ky Teeter sunk 5 points; Landry Kidd netted 2 points; Marcos Bernal

got 5 points; and Ian Dunbar dropped 2 points on the board.

On Friday, the Horns came out on the wrong side of a close one as Lockney fell to Smyer 41-55. Marcos Bernal led all scores that night with 19 points. Riley Teeter added 9 and Ian Dunbar had 6. Defense played well as a team. The Horn's next game is at Kress Nov 22.

Lockney School Lunch Menu December 1-9

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| <p>Thursday Breakfast- Honey bun or Cereal, toast, juice, milk Lunch- Steak Fingers or Corndog, potatoes, broccoli, peaches, hot roll, milk</p> <p>Friday Breakfast-Cinnamon Roll or Cereal, toast, juice, milk Lunch- Pizza or Burrito, corn, applesauce, milk</p> <p>Monday Breakfast-Pancakes and Syrup or Cereal, toast, juice, milk Lunch- Popcorn Chicken or Ham, potatoes, green peas,</p> | <p>orange smiles, roll, milk</p> <p>Tuesday Breakfast-Oatmeal or Cereal, toast, juice, milk Lunch-Hot Dog and Chili or Steak Fingers, baby carrots tater tots, pears, milk</p> <p>Wednesday Breakfast-Breakfast Pizza or Cereal, toast, juice, milk Lunch-Chicken Noodle Soup or grilled cheese, salad, peaches, crackers, milk</p> <p>Thursday Breakfast-Scrambled Eggs or Cereal, toast, juice, milk Lunch- Taco Salad or Ham and Cheese, corn, applesauce, milk</p> <p>Friday Breakfast- Cinnamon Roll or Cereal, toast, juice, milk Lunch-Sack lunch, corndog, apple, pickle spears, milk <i>Menu subject to change without notice; Peanut butter and Jelly Sandwich- 3rd choice daily</i></p> |
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Lockney Longhorn 7th grade Red team

The Lockney Longhorn red team started its season off with an impressive win over

the Ralls Jackrabbits 31-2. The horns played really hard and played great defense. "I was very proud of the way the kids came out and played, they where aggressive and did exactly what we asked them to do" *Coach Kyle Browne* The horns where led in scoring by Tavian Walrath with 10 followed by Trevor Ascencio with 6, Hunter Hardison with 4, Jonathan Rodriguez with 4, Jaden Butler with 4 and Deion Mollette with 2. The horns next game will be Saturday as they will travel to Smyer for their Junior High Tournament.

Lockney 7th Grade boys Black team

The Lockney Longhorns 7th grade Black team started its season off with a hard fought loss to the Ralls Jackrabbits 8-4. The horns played really hard and gave it everything they had. "I was very proud of the way the kids played, they played with a lot of hear and desire" *Coach Kyle Browne* The horns where led in scoring by Jeremiah Bernal with 2 and Luke Kasner with 2.

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that became even more important when the national economic downturn began." Source: American Express

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What are your plans for next week? Are you going to participate in Buy Nothing Day, hang out at local shops for Small Business Saturday or go for the gusto and pledge

Eight grade boys basketball play at Smyer Tournament

By Coach Ragland
 The Lockney 8th Grade boy's basketball team traveled to Smyer this weekend for the Smyer basketball tournament. The Shorthorns brought home the Championship trophy defeating Ralls and Hale Center. The Shorthorns faced Ralls in the first game of the tournament and after a slow start defeated the Jackrabbits 44-36. The team was led in scoring by Ruben Ascencio with 30 Points. Ascencio was

unstoppable in the lane all game long. Daylon Gatica scored 6 pints, Levi Kasner had 4 and Derick Patel scored 3. The Championship game was played against Hale Center who had defeated the host team Smyer in their first game. The Shorthorns wasted no time in jumping all over the Owls trying to overcome the slow start in their first game against Ralls. Jumping out to a 13-4 start in the first quarter and a 27-10 lead by halftime the

Shorthorns never looked back claiming the Championship by a score of 48-32. The team was led in scoring by Ruben Ascencio with 18, Daylon Gatica with 16, Levi Kasner with 7, Derick Patel with 3 and Josh Cruz with 4. A great team effort by the Shorthorns enabled the team to claim the Championship. The Shorthorns will return to the court after the Thanksgiving break when they travel to Crosbyton on November 28. Games will start at 4:00 p.m

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Raissez. In his testimony, he stated that he and Joe Cantu, who said he was an investigator for the Humane Society, were allowed by the Smiths to enter the kennels and inspect all the animals and buildings on the property. Sheriff Raissez testified that he observed some dogs that were in less than healthy conditions and injured. The Sheriff also described that the water troughs were dirty and full of algae, and that pins, where the dogs were kept, were covered in feces and urine; he also testified that dogs were in need of care for problems. Sheriff Raissez would also confirm in his testimony that there was an open pit with dead decaying dogs at the Alpha-Tex grounds.

Attorney Feare then presented photographs to Sheriff Raissez of the kennels and asked the Sheriff if they were accurate photos from the kennel; the Sheriff confirmed the content of the photos. Feare then presented the photos to Attorney Holloway, and Judge Jackson, photos of the kennels and their conditions. Some of the photos showed chemical storage tanks that were marked 'hazardous material' used as shelter, dilapidated buildings, kennels where the dogs lived covered in feces and urine, food covered in flies, and dirty water troughs covered in algae.

Attorney Holloway objected the use of photos as evidence because the photos had not been disclosed, however Feare contested that they were given to Holloway; Holloway would be overruled.

Sheriff Raissez would also state in his testimony that some of the dogs' hair were so matted that you could not tell the gender of the dogs.

Sheriff Raissez was asked about the condition of the horse that was found on the grounds. Attorney Holloway would object stating that they were talking about the dogs; however Feare said it was an indication of the type of care the Smiths had for the animals

and the court's purpose was to find out if dogs were cruelly treated; Holloway's objection was overruled. Sheriff Raissez testified that the horse was injured and could not stand on all four legs.

In Attorney Feare's last round of photographic evidence showed the decaying dogs that were found at Alpha-Tex.

Closing his testimony, Sheriff Raissez stated that the conditions were constant around the kennels.

Attorney Feare would have no further questions and Attorney Holloway did not have any questions for the Sheriff.

Next, Attorney Feare would call up Joe Cantu who described himself as an animal cruelty investigator for the Humane Society of West Texas. When asked what his qualifications were, Cantu stated he had attended a national cruelty school.

Cantu, who accompanied the Sheriff, stated that he was allowed into the kennels by Mr. Smith. Cantu would give a similar description to the condition of the kennels; describing them as full of feces and urine as well as seeing injured animals and dead dogs. Cantu added that dogs were affected by walking on urine, saying it softened the dog's pads and would eventually cause dogs to walk on their ankles. Cantu also testified that Mr. Smith told him that he had an employee that would go work on the kennels on Saturdays and Sunday.

Attorney Feare would have no further questions and Attorney Holloway did not have any questions.

Attorney Feare would call for his next witness 40 year Veterinarian Dr. Paul Glasson.

Dr. Glasson was present on the property once the Sheriff seized the dogs. When asked to describe the conditions, Dr. Glasson stated "I thought that there was too much excrement on the floor. I felt the water troughs were dirty." Dr. Glasson would testify that the

amount of feces in the kennels was enough to be detrimental to the dogs. Dr. Glasson also stated that he would eventually have to put some of the dogs down because of their health conditions. Dr. Glasson also stated that the horse on the premises had a hurt leg and was half the weight that a horse is supposed to be and he stated it took months for a horse to get in that condition.

Attorney Feare would have no further questions and Attorney Holloway did not have any questions.

Attorney Feare's next witness was Dr. Shelly Wolf, who was a small animal veterinarian. Wolf testified that the dogs were found to have multiple medical conditions. Two of the major ones were heartworms and intestinal parasites. Dr. Wolf testified that 99 percent of heartworms cases could be prevented by medication and intestinal parasites were caused by the feces. Dr. Wolf stated that 29 out of the 60 dogs tested positive for heartworms which she stated was unusual for that number of infected dogs in a population.

Attorney Feare would have no further questions and Attorney Holloway did not have any questions; the State would rest.

In the Smith's defense, Holloway would contest that the court had no jurisdiction over the case because the dogs were not all in the county. Holloway would make a motion that the removal of property from the county terminated the jurisdiction of the presiding court. Holloway would cite a case that stated that the release or removal of property from the court's jurisdiction of the property. Holloway stated since some the dogs were being fostered in Dallas and in Lubbock that the Court had no control of the dogs. Feare responded that they could not lock the dogs in the evidence room. Feare argued that the court still

had control of the dogs even though the dogs were out of the county; and the argument used by Holloway did not apply to this situation.

However, Holloway stated that the dogs had been moved without an inventory list of the dogs or a release; causing the court to lose control and jurisdiction of the dogs. Feare argued that the issue of the court was to determine if the dogs had been subject to cruelty and the court had the jurisdiction to decide that; Judge Jackson would deny Holloway objection.

Holloway would have no other motions; however wanted to make a brief case. Holloway would then call Sheriff Raissez to the stand. Holloway would state that he had served with a subpoena to bring some paper work and asked if the Sheriff had brought it, the Sheriff responded 'No'. Feare would object the line of questioning, stating that the court had already established that the purpose of the hearing was to determine cruelty to animals and that Holloway was making a pre-trial argument. Holloway would conclude his line of questions; but asked what the Sheriff and Attorney Feare were trying to hide.

In the final arguments; Attorney Feare restated his argument that the dogs at Alpha-Tex were cruelly treated, he explained to Judge Jackson that evidence and testimonies proved that the living conditions and health of the dogs where "deplorable". Feare would also mention again that the dogs would have to be put down and the horse that was on the Alpha-Tex property would also have to be put down as well. He also reminded the court of the dead dogs that were found on the property.

"The court does not have to rely on the description of the witnesses; you have the photos to prove it," commented Attorney Feare, "the conditions where not only outrageous but preventable

by just common sanitary treatment...the court has ample evidence that dogs in question and the facility were cruelly deprived of the necessary food, shelter and care, and water... and it didn't happen overnight; there was testimonials from the veterinarian, that it took months for that horse to get that way...the horse sets the timeline"

In Holloway's final argument, the attorney would briefly re-present his motions of objections to the court, which Judge Tali Jackson would deny.

Judge Jackson would eventually rule that the dogs at Alpha-Tex were cruelly treated and were removed from the care of the Smith's and given to the care of the Humane Society of West Texas.

Following the ruling, Justice of the Peace Tali Jackson granted a motion to set the appeal bond at \$354,530; this bond consists of \$236,530, that will be a reimbursement for the cost accumulated by Humane Society of West Texas for taking care of the

dogs while under foster care, and \$118,000 for the estimated cost that would accumulate if the Smiths planned to appeal the ruling.

If the Smith's decide to appeal they must post a bond in the amount of \$354,530 before proceeding. According to Attorney Feare, if the ruling is appealed, statutes say that it could only reach the county court level. At the county court level, the trial would be "trial de novo," which means that it is a completely new trial. The Smith's have ten days to file an appeal.

After the trial Sheriff Paul Raissez commented "I'm ecstatic, I'm very happy with the ruling and the outcome of it and we'll see where it goes from here; if they decide to appeal it I guess we'll have it again."

Neither the Smiths nor Attorney Holloway would have a comment on the case. According to the Humane Society of West Texas, the society will be on stand-by to see if there will be an appeal before adoption talks open up.

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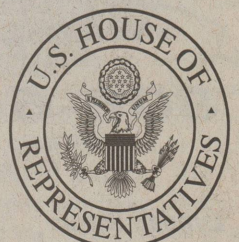
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Alexis Chavez- I am thankful for my Dad, Mom, Brothers, Sisters, life, Teachers, The Army, My BFFE, Hanna, Ariel, and Jewlery.

Hanna Casias- I am thankful for my family Because they lookout for me and take care of me.

T.J. Wood- I am thankful for clothes and food and school.

Anthony M- I am thankful for all the techer supporting us and my mom.

Robert Idrogo- I am thankful for my grandma and my mom my dad and my to sisters.

Devin Deleon- I am thankful for XBoX

Cesar Cienfuegos- I am thankful for we can go to school.

Monte Mendoza- I am thankful for the Army. I am thankful for my parents. I am also thankful for God. I'm thankful for my wonderfull teachers. I am also thankful for God.

Nick Diaz- I am thankful for being nice. I am thankful for respect.

Litzzy Reyes- I am thankful for my family because I love them so much because they love me and I love them and I am thankful for all my family.

Nathan Salazar- I am thankful for my perents cuz they feed me. I am thankful for for my sisters cuz they help me with my homework. I am thankful for my grandparents cuz they feed me sometimes. I am thankful for my family cuz they take care of me. I am thankful for my classmates cuz they make me laugh.

Bryson Walker- I am thankful for my parents because they feed me And that they invented football basketball and baseball; because I love sports and God because he maid everything.

Reagan- I am thankful for my parents Because most people don't have parents. Or even there parents are together. I'm also thankful for my sisters and brothers because most people only have 1 child and no one to play with. But most of all I'm thankful for the people that keeps up safe.

Tyrell Egnew- I am thankful for my family because they take care of me and buy me cloths and shoes to wear. They take me to cool places. They give me food to eat and they play with me.

Alexa Poole I am thankful for family because they love me. Also for bright colors and shoes because I love bright colors and shoes! I'm most thankful for Life because if I didn't have it I couldn't be

able to write what Im thankful for!

Haley Sanchez-I am thankful for family because I would not have a roof over my head, and good things that I need. Friends that are just awesome!

Austin Ascencio-I am thankful for food because if we didn't have food we would be starving, and for my family because they help me and my teachers because they teach me and my brothers.

Jadden Luna I am thankful for my family. They keep a roof over my head. They provide food for me. They buy me lots of things especially clothes. I have so many paos of shoes I cant even count them. They take me out to eat, to the movies and all that kind of stuff. I am thankful for my family.

Daeja Calderon- I am thankful for my wonderful family because they love me for who I am. They made everything happen for me. They all love me to death. They make me laugh, smile, cry (when they make me happy). I love them because they are great and wonderful. I love them so MUCH!

Adrianna Palomin- I am thankful for my family because I get fed every night. They Love me and I would'nt be alive right now of have a house.

Joshua Pena- I am thankful for food because we won't starve. I'm thankful for Mom and Dad because they take care of us. I'm thankful for family because we have someone to play with and hangout. These are the things I'm thankful for.

Avery Pool- I am thankful for the food that I eat. I am thankful for my parents because without them I don't know were I would be. I am thankful for water because we would not live without water. I am thankful for teachers because we can learn and go to school. I am thankful for friends because without friends I would be lonely.

Bryson Hallmark- I am thankful for the food that I eat, because without it I would be dead, without water I would not be alive.

Fernando- I am thankful for my family because the care and protect me. I am thankful for the food that I eat.

Lyndee Setliff- I am thankful for my God. I would not be here without him, in fact, no one would! I love my family, they love me and I am thankful for them. I am thankful for the food I eat. It is very yummy! And thank you World, for giving me a place to live.

E'lora Luna- I am thankful for a family because some people don't have a family. I am thankful for school because not all kids can go to school! I am thankful for God because he was the one who created earth.

Mason James Esty- I am thankful for food because I would not survive without it. I am thankful for family and friends. I am thankful for a roof over my head and a wealthy school.

T.J. Blackledge- I am thankful for cars so, we don't have to walk. My friends so I don't have to play alone. My Parents because they bye me stuff and love me. My teacher because teaches me stuff.

Nathaniel Castillo- I am thankful for a home cause we have a place to live. I'm thankful for Mom and Dad because they take care of us. A bed so we have someplace to sleep. Freedom to were what we want. TV for entertainment. Freedom to be learning in school. To be able to go to school. Being able to read. To learn different kinds of words.

Nehemiah Ascencio- I am thankful for my parents because they love me and feed me. I'm also thankful for my sisters. I'm thankful for my pets.

Korleigh Webb- I am thankful for my family because they love me and take care of me. Food is a thing I'm thankful for a lot, because without it I couldn't live. I am very thankful for shelter. It keeps me warm in the winter, cool in the summer, and dry when it's raining. I am thankful for everything I have.

Pedro Pacheco- My parents because they love me, care for me. They give me shelter, food, clothes and everything I want. That's wy I am thankful for them.

Sierra Martinez- I am thankful for my parents, they take care of me. If I need something they are right there to help me. I'm also thankful that my family loves me and takes care of me. I love that I am not a person or any of my family isn't a person that steals or is a troublemaker. I am thankful that if theres a day and its raining I have a roof on my head or If Im vey hungry theres food on the table.

Jakevon Arjona- I am thankful for my family because they are always there for me when I need them.

Mia Perales- I am thankful for my mom because she had me, and my dada because he loves me, I am thankful for the food we eat because God made it, also Jesus because he died for us.

clothes, furniture, houses, words, Texas, our country, our world, plants I'm also thankful for a lot of other things but I'm not going to name all of them.

Joey Elizabeth Vanlandingham- I am thankful for my family, friends, food, a roof, over my head, school, God, and my Church, I am also thankful for my pets, car, the Army, water and clothes.

Taty Anna- I am thankful for my Mom and Dad. I am also thankful for the veterans and soldiers. I am also thankful that we live in America and Texas.

Elida Thalia Medez- I am thankful for the soldiers that fight for our country. Jackets if we didn't have jackets we would freeze. Glasses if we didn't have glasses we would be blind.

Tuff Araujo- I am thankful for food, water, trees, God, Jesus, Soldiers, Veterans, family and the Sun. And I am thankful for cars books Mom and Dad, my life our flag of America and my cousins. I'm glad we live in America and Texas, I'm Thankful for my community, teachers and Mrs. Williams.

Andrew Sanchez- I am thankful for my mom and dad and my sisters. I am also thankful for the free country and for the soldiers who died in the war and died for us be free.

J.D. Faz- I am thankful for the world i am also thankful for my house and food. We are

lucky.

Anahi Ascencio- I am thankful for my parents, God, Jesus, my brother, and my family. I am also thankful for the Army, Soliders, freedom, the world, food, clean water, school, teachers and my life. Those are all the things I am thankful for. Have a happy Thanksgiving everyone in Lockney, Texas!

Diego Azua - I am thankful for God, Jesus, Heaven, family, friends, soldiers, cosins, uncle, Aunt, and Thanksgiving. I am also thankful for Boy Scouts, kickball, halloween, Cristmas, Valentines Day, Book, Fish, Pizza, Cake, Animals, My Life, food, water and freedom.

Abigail Lynley Rogers- I am thankful for my God, my life, my family, my school, my friends, my house, my food, my pets, my 5 senses, that Jesus died on the cross to save our sins, that I am free, my clothes, my toys, me having feelings, for me having protection, how I can play, for TV, for transpertation, my bike, my DSL, and my cleanliness.

Kayla Rodriguez Archer- I am thankful for God, Jesus, Holy Spirit, Mom, food, water, family, heaven, angels, grandparents, veterains, home, I am also thankful for Wii, games, animals, my Nintendo 3DS, cloths, baths, TV, Earth, moon, sun, stars, heat, plants, holidays, movies, glasses for seeing, bags, shoes, socks, hand sanitizer, Plainview, Lockney, Texas

and my cousins.

Hailee Widener- I am thankful for Jesus and my parents. I also thankful for food, friends, roof above my head, brothers, school, teachers, world, God, Pets, Jackets, clothes, electricity, sun, plants, car, holidays, and the stuff our parents give us.

Jerry Franklin the III- I am thankful for food, God, Jesus, School, family, home, freinds, Army, clothes, t.v, computers, electricity, toys boos, pencils, drinks, freedom, teachers, pets, stores, money and the flag. I am also thankful for every one and everything

Mika Williams- I am thankful for My family. I am also thankful for the people who protect our country, I'm thankful for my friends.

Keanu Villarreal- I am thankful for my whole family. I am also thankful for my firends, my dog, and my teachers, som other things I am thankful for are Veterans, the US Army, and that I live in America.

Clay Moore- I am thankful for God, Jesus, my family. I am also Thankful for teachers, the Army, and school. Freedom, my house, and holidays are some other things I am thankful for.

Gunnyr Araujo- I am thankful for God, food, water, a home, TV, and school, and teachers.

I am thankful for...

Lockney 2nd Grade

Ezekiel Ramos- I am thankful for mom help me when I got stun by a Bee. I'm thankful for my brothers cook for Noah cook for my some times. My big brothers Plays whit me whit my fram.

Taylor Egnew- I am thankful for my mom take care of me and feed me food and has clothes for me and takes me to school.

Ernest Alvarez- I am thankful for my family because they love me it's good to be me.

Analisa Lopez #10- I am thankful for my mom because my mom takes care of me when I am sick.

Derek Luna- I am thankful for my pererist.

Eddeny Chavira- I am thankful for my mom and dad and my sister and my brothre I help my mom cepcer brother.

Nick Perez- I am thankful for because we are free because we get to do everything.

Quinten Johnson- I am thankful for my mom because my mom lise me do fun thacs like play my playstashen.

Justin Gonzales- I am thankful for my family because they make shre that I get to school, an I love my sestres.

Jadrien Ascencio- I am thankful for me cars and me Xbox 360.

Eulyssia Casias- I am thankful for my famaily because they are the best and

they are speshle and I Love them, from Eulyssia Casias

Morris Salas- I am thankful for friend becuse when I am alon they play with me.

Jesus Gonzales- I am thankful for school becous they help us lern.

Megan Martinez- I am thankful for my mom and dad becous they spol me.

D'ago Lopez- I am thankful for clothes my food my house.

K-Ci Villiams- I am thankful for my mom takes cers of me cus that I have food watre and clos and shoose and tack me to school.

Miranda Sarinana- I am thankful for my parents making sure for geting me some clothes, and my food, and taking car, of me and taking me to school.

Mireya Ascencio- I am thankful for my family because they help me with stuff and if i get hurt they help me.

Brianna Rodriguez- I am thankful for my family because they help me lern.

Aidan Bustillos- I am thankful for my family and friends and my cuzens because they love me.

Clare Smith- I am thankful for my parents because they take care of me. I'm thanful for my brothers because they are fun to play with.

Joshua Jimenez- I am thankful for my perents they love my brother and

my sister and me the love us and they make sure they give us food and close.

Jason Jay Samarripa- I am thankful for God and I hope that he will take good care of my family.

Deserae D. Salas- I am thankful for my mom and dad because they take care of my sisters and me.

Lilly Vanlandingham- I am thankful for my parints cuos they cook.

Austin Rodriguez- I am thankful for God for macking us and the wold thats wy we go to charch.

Emma Dunn- I am thankful for the popole in the Navy because they fite for us I am thankful for my family becuse they take care of us and buy us shose and clase and everthing.

J'Ann Pena- I am thankful for thansgiving becous it is a day to get weth your famly.

Gabby Cervantes- I am thankful for my mom my dad and my brother because they all care about me.

Maliea Huerta- I am thankful for a teacher because she teaches us stuff and were lerning about pilgrams.

Isaac Lopez- I am thankful for my parents because they take care of me. I'm thanful for my brothers because they are fun to play with.

Taylor St.Dennis- something to eat, and some clothes for some shoes.

Ky Rendon- I am thankful for my mom.

I am thankful for...

Lockney Elementary 4th Grade

Madai Chavira- I am thankful for my family, Jesus, School, the U.S.A. I'm also thankful for soliders, and the turkey we eat. Plus, friends, our town, food, drinks.

Nick- I am thankful for my food, I am also thankful for Jesus, God, and most important I am thankful for family, mom, grandpa, grama, Dad are other people I am thankful for.

Elias Ascencio- I am thankful for God. I am also thankful for our flag. I am thankful for family.

Edwin Martinez- I am thankful for my Mom and Dad because They always Treat me like their only son. I am also Thankful for friends and family because they help me when I am hurt and when I need help. I am thankful for the world, the veterans and my flag. That we

live in America and Texas, the soldiers, the community, food, God and Jesus, People and my life. I am also thankful for my school because I wouldn't learn anything and I won't have a good job to get money and I also won't have food.

Tabitha- I am thankful for veterans. I am also thankful for our soldiers, the flag, my life, my house, and my family, my friends are something else I'm thankful for. Im glad we live in Texas!

Shawn- I am thankful for people in the world and Raden Days are cool for Friends and My life this can be Good for my Books and Soldiers.

Joel Valdez- I am thankful for stores, food, neighbors, doctors, police and soldiers, I am also thankful for veterans, our community, the flag and teach-

ers.

Brett Moore- I am thankful for my dogs, my house, my family, my friends, and my cats. I'm also thankful for food, soldiers, Presidents, Jesus, God, holidays, movies, books, cars, eletricity, trees, football and basketball.

Josiah Rodriguez Luna- I am thankful for my famly. I am also thankful for food to eat, and water to drink, a free country, so we won't have to be worried, God and Jesus who made us. I am also thankful for Abraham Lincoln who stopped slavery.

Ainslee Dunn- I am thankful for our flags, God, Jesus, President, Veterans and other people that risk their lives for us, plus families, movies, tv, games, radios, newspaper, maganzes, papers, pencils,

I am thankful for...

Lockney Elementary 3rd Grade

Kalebh Cook- I am thankful for my pet dog, my parents, my sister, my room, my meais my house.

Kristina Sanchez- I am thankful for my family and health im my body and God and people in heven wating me.

Kassandra- I am thankful for my dad and mom love because i'm good.

Mary Jane Sanchez- I am thankful for the children and me myself and the people who live in schools.

Tasha Lynn Schlueter- I am thankful for my town my God my anaimal my school

my Jesus my church my teacher my home my famiel my wored.

Cristian Gonzalez- I am thankful for my mom and my brother and they relly love me and every reltive and every holiday I relly love God and Jesus.

Silas- I am, thankful for my dad and my mom and my famiely because I love them.

Ashton- I am thankful for my family cause I love them so much cause they stuff for my birthday and Christmas.

RyAnn Castillo- I am thankful for my dogs I get to play with them every day

when I get home.

Justus Abbott- I am thankful for the school I am in. I am also thankful for the education the teachers give us.

Miguel A. Lara- I am thankful for doing my chores and doing what i'm suppost to do, and listin to my parents and lerning at school Lockney Elamentry.

Matthew Martinez- I am thankful for food family friends house money and I'm really thankful for a life, and that I can be free.

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Sara-I am thankful for the hole world.

Marie-I am thankful for the school.

Maria Perez-I am thankful for my mom and my dad. I am thankful for...my dada because he works to put food on the table so I could eat.

Alex-I am thankful for my dog and keeping my puppies.

Armando-I am thankful for my dad's bos because he fought for are cantry.

Jadin-I am thankful for mom and dad for making me food and making me sweets. I'm thankful for mom waking me up for school and not making me late for school.

Yanellie Bernal-I am thankful for my parents my grandma and grandpa all of my cosins my brother and sister that I have food to eat and my clothes my teaches my family

Joshua-I am thankful for Breakfast and lunch and my teachers that can help me learn more things.

Michael Luna-I am thankful for this school

and lunch and my teacher and vetrans for my house and grandfather and thank you for helping as vetrans for doing everything.

Elias-I am thankful for helping my mom throw the trash and folding clothes and helping with the loungry.

Payton-I am thankful for helping others of cancer

Anson-I am thankful for my mom and my dad

Kaimee-I am thankful for my family and my friends

Esai Garcia-I am thankful for my mom and my dad and my brother and sister and school I would be dumb

Dylan Morgan-I am thankful for The army for serving are Country

Hunter Reese Lefevre-I am thankful for my brother, sister and the rest of my family.

Townlei Henandes-I am thankful for My house, My school, My teachers, My Mom, Dad and my littel brother named Nathan. Andy my sister named Anna she is in the band. Have

a great day.

Audrey Rexrode-I am thankful for my family, friends, Mrs. Burgett, Church, food, drinks, the Whole world.

Andrue-I am thankful for my bike.

Celesle-I am thankful for my family and my brothers.

Celeste-I am thankful for my grandma and grandpa and my cusions and Ant.

Janae-I am thankful for the food and I am thankful for the Hostpittle and all of our family I am thank you for the vetrans and thank you vetrans.

Sebastian Perez-I am thankful for The Army cause they fight for us and I am thankful for the Airforce cause they fight for us to.

Gabriel-I am thankful for haveing good Parents and haveing good food and the best school and the best Teachers and the best friends.

Yamilette-I am thankful for my mom giving me food and Buying me clothes.

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