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## Producers and Water District discuss new water restrictions

By Homer Marquez

In Muncy, tensions were palpable when around 152 local farmers and representatives from the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District met to discuss new 2012 water restrictions last week.

The conference, which was thrown by the Floyd and Briscoe AgriLife Extension office and the Texas Farm Bureau, was designed to educate as well as clear up any questions local farmers may have had on the new water restrictions that will be implicated by the High Plains Water District in 2012.

The High Plains Water District was created by Congressional legislation in 1951 and is in charge of the conservation and preservation of the region's underground water source, the Ogallala aquifer, within the boundaries of the district. The High Plains Water District oversees 16 Southern High Plains counties including Floyd and Hale.

According to the Water District, rapidly depleting water levels in the Ogallala, along with this past summer's scorching drought has prompted the District to amend their water usage rules in the efforts of trying to conserve the region's water supply.

However in what seems to be a controversial decision, the new amended rules are designed to limit the amount of water being pumped out of the ground by tightening the belt on the amount of water farmers can pump out of their own land; and this approach has farmers up in arms as they see the restrictions as violations of their rights as landowners.

"They're taking control of property and property rights that doesn't belong to them," commented citizen and representative of the

Protect Water Rights Coalition, J.O. Dawdy, "the state ceded over all the rights to the land when they patented the land out...when it was first doled out to people, in this case being 1907; and it doesn't say that the state reserves any rights or any control over any of this property, they ceded all rights, and it says forever.. To us, this is a matter of taking property rights."

At the beginning of the meeting, Water District General Manager, Jim Conkwright, gave a brief history lesson about the Water District and explained that in a nutshell that state and federal governments dictated the District's actions.

As fresh water issues moved into the center of the national and international stage; state laws mandated that underground water districts adopt and enforce rules that would better conserve groundwater conservation.

According to the water district's numbers, an expected population increase in Texas within the next 50 years is expected to increase the state's water consumption by 27 percent between 2010 and 2060. During that same time span, the state's existing water supply, according to the Water District, is expected to decrease 18 percent, while Texas' underground water supply is expected to fall 32 percent. In commenting about our region's water need, Mr. Conkwright added that our region had "a large demand, a minimal supply, and a great deal of need."

As a way to comply with state law, the High Plains Underground Water District instituted the 50/50 management goal, which is designed to save 50 percent of the current Ogallala aquifer water level, and make it



Photo by Homer Marquez

Above, General Manger for the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District, Jim Conkwright, explains to producers the new water rules that will be implicated at the start of 2012

available for use in 50 years. "We are a small part, but we are a part of a big picture," commented Mr. Conkwright.

In order to hit this 50/50 goal, the High Plains Water District amended its water usage rules and for the first time-ever set a limit on the amount of water, farmers, municipalities,

public water suppliers, and others can pump out of their own underground water supply.

The new water restrictions were officially adopted by the Board of Directors of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District  
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## A tradition of service



Photo by Tommy Ogden

Pictured above is J.M. "Jimmy" Willson along with Lion's Club President, Penny Golightly and Rotary Club President Bill Smith. On Wednesday, Mr. Willson was presented with a proclamation commemorating his years of service in both organizations; Mr. Willson, whose father, James Willson Sr., helped start the organizations, has been in both clubs for 63 years.

By Homer Marquez

The dedication that the Willson family has had to wards their community has

served as a keystone in the development of Floydada's rich history. For generations, their constant commitment towards community involvement and service has enriched the lives of numerous friends and neighbors. Through their involvement in a number of community organizations, the Willson family has been able to make a significant impact in Floyd County.

To express their gratitude towards this family's long tradition of service, this past Wednesday, the Lions Club and the Rotary Club held a joint meeting to honor the services of J.M. "Jimmy"

Willson, Jr. who has served with both clubs for the past 63 years and who has just recently turned 90 years of age. "I love the community and the people, we got the best people in the world," commented Mr. Willson.

On Wednesday, Willson was presented with a proclamation commemorating his years of service in both organizations. Throughout his years, he has accomplished a great deal with the two organizations that his father, J.M. Willson, helped start in Floydada. After becoming a member in 1946, Mr. Willson has done a world a good through both club's community service and charity programs.

While in the Rotary Club, Willson has served as the club president twice; from 1955-1956 and was the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary President 1978. Mr. Willson served for 29 years as the Club Secretary-Treasurer, as well as served as the Rotary District Governor in 1963 and again in 1965. With the Lions Club, Mr. Willson helped to reorganize the Club in 1946 and served as the Deputy District 2T2 in 1984. In 1996, he became the president of the Lion's Club.

However, with his accomplishments with these clubs, it is only a fraction of what he has done in the community.

Born in 1921 to James M. and Mavis L. Willson, he was raised his entire life in Floydada. From 1942 to 1946,

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## 'Spirit of Christmas' in need of volunteers

By Ginger Morgan

The "Spirit of Christmas" dinner will be on Christmas Eve this year. We are in need of donations, turkeys and volunteers.

Volunteers are asked to meet at the First United Methodist Church in Floydada at 7 p.m. Thursday, December 22 to prepare and cook the turkeys and return again at 9 a.m. on Friday morning, December 23 to debone the turkeys.

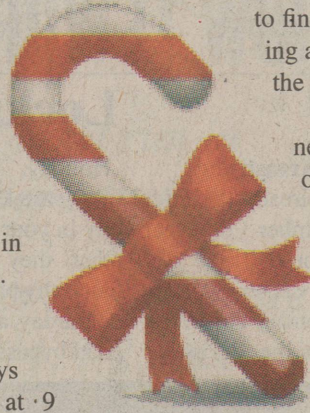
The preparation of the din-

ner will begin at 6 p.m. Friday and volunteers will need to be at the church on Saturday, December 24 at 7 a.m.

to finish the cooking and to deliver the meals.

We also need names of persons or families that need this meal. Please contact Dennis Morgan at 806-983-

3626 or Ginger Morgan at 806-983-4900.



## Cotton Gin Totals for 2011

Barwise Gin turned out 10,909 bales, Darty sent out 7,888 bales, D&J hit 21,980 bales, Floydada Coop processed 27,275 bales, Lockney Coop clocked in 21,526 bales, McCoy ran 13,187 bales, and Scott Gin turned out 12,543 bales; totaling for the year 115,308 bales. It is no secret, that this year drought had a toll on production as the total came in significantly lower than last year's 254,000 bale total.

## First National Bank Holding 'Annual Christmas Open House'

The First National Bank of Floydada will be hosting their "Annual Christmas Open House" on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> in the Community Room. The open house will be from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Everyone is invited to come!

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# County Commissioners Temporally Lifts Burn Ban

**By Homer Marquez**  
On Monday, Floyd County Commissioner voted unanimously to temporally lift the county's burn ban which has been in affect for a little over a year. The burn ban lifting will be in affect for 30 days starting this past Monday; however Commissioners will revisit the issue next month to decide if weather conditions will prompt the reinstition of the burn ban or if the lifting will be extended. The lifting of the burn ban comes at the heels of concerns over health and safety issues as mounds of trash have attracted animals like skunks, coyotes, and rats to demositic areas, affictively increasing health risks. Along with the health risks, it has been a challenge to contain the trash as wind has blown trash all over the county. Hale County has also temporally lifted the burn ban for health issues.

Floyd County is still classified by the Texas

Parks and Wildlife Department as a extreme drought area; however Commissioners felt that heavy CRP land in the county has recieved a significant amount of moisture. The Commissioners did advice that citizens exercise extreme caution anytime they are burning trash or participating in any other similar activities.

Also during this month's meeting Commissioners accepted the resignation of Agrilife Extention Agent, Mark Carroll. Mr. Carroll has a accepted a new position within Agrilife and is now the 4-H Specialist in Brownwood.

"I'm not leaving because of anything to do with here; this has been a very good county, and my family has really enjoyed it here and you have one of the very best extension programs that there is," commented Carroll, "I honestly mean that, it's an exceptional program; but they offered me an opportunity that I

just can't turn down, but I have thoroughly enjoyed it here."

Carroll has served as an AgriLife Agent for Briscoe and Floyd County for a little over a year; and in that short time he has done a excellent job in continuing the strong tradition of Floyd County's 4-H program. "We wish you the best," commented Judge Penny Golightly as Mr. Carroll addressed the court, "we hate losing (you) but we understand...We sure enjoyed them." Carroll's last day will be Dec. 31.

In other 4-H news, the District held it's Gold Star Banquet which reconized Jake Bramlet, Geanann Davenport, and Jerry Chapel. On Thanksgiving Day, Jake Bramlet left for Atlanta, Georgia for the National 4-H Congress.

The 4-H also donated over \$300 a piece to Lockney and Floydada's Fire Department through a recent fundraiser; the donation was also supplemented

by a \$200 donation from the Floydada Lion's Club. The 4-H was also able to raise \$1,700 donation from the Friend to Friend Pink Event; the donation will be given to the Susan G. Koman Foundation.

Entries for this year's Floyd County Stock Show have been rolling in and it is looking like the show will have about the same amount of entries as last year. This is a very positive outlook for the program as other counties' 4-H programs have seen a decrease in show participants. This year's stock show will see about 100 pigs, 50 lambs, 10 to 12 goats, and the 4-H have validated 23 steers for the show.

Also during the meeting, the Commissioners appointed Commissioner Amado Morales to the Appraisal District Board, appointed Deputy Daniel Spain who will serve as a reserve deputy, as well as voted to purchase a caller I.D. system for the Lockney Justice of the Peace office.

## 1950 STUDY CLUB

**By Sue Daniels**

The 1950 Study Club met at 4 p.m. December 6, 2011 at Shepherd's Meadow to carry out the theme "Concentrating on Christmas". Lovene Moore, program hostess, called the meeting to order and presided over it. The opening prayer was given by Fern Hartsell and roll call was made by Genielle Evans.

Sandy Forehand gave an autobiographical sketch of the peasant girl, Mary, as the angel of the Lord appeared to her and told her of the upcoming birth of her Son, Jesus; as is told in the second chapter of the book of Luke.

Lovene Moore introduced the ensemble, "First Ladies", a group from First Baptist Church which is under the direction of Molly Stringer. Members of the ensemble

who entertained club members and Shepherd's Meadow residents included: Molly Stringer, Margaret Jones, Shirley Varner, Kay Phillips, Elaine Galloway, Sue Daniels and accompanist, Kathy Johnson.

Musical selections sung were: "Jingle Bells", "Rudolf The Red-Nosed Reindeer", "Winter Wonderland", "Silver Bells", "White Christmas", "I'll Be Home", "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem", and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas".

The hostesses for the occasion were Sue Moore and Doris McLain. Delicious refreshments of sandwiches, cookies and an assortment of other delightful treats and tea or lemonade were served. They assisted the staff of Shepherd's Meadow.

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

OF THE FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM

**From the Lockney Beacon April 16, 1978**

**"WE HAVE TRIED TO GIVE PEOPLE THE BEST" — MAYOR BROWN**

**By Felicia Applewhite**

Mayor Claude Brown has his own soft-spoken way of relating his business, military and civic experiences. His store reveals an enterprising personality that has had dynamic expression since his early youth.

His experience as a business man began while selling newspapers on the streets of Lockney before he was old enough to count change.

His next business venture was as a shoe-shine boy in a barber shop when he was nine years of age. Shine boys were "pretty much in demand." They earned 10 cents a shine.

"On Saturday nights, men wanting a shine often formed a line that was long enough to keep me business until midnight," he remembers.

Shine-boy Claude had certain patrons that sent their shoes in for him to shine. Other patrons had him come for their shoes and return them after the shine.

"Once I went to the grocery store that was located where the post office is now for change to take to a customer whose shoes shined. When I took the change back to my customer, I saw that they had given me a quarter too much at the grocery store so I returned it. The quarter had been given to me purposely to see whether I would return it or keep it. Doesn't sound like much, but very few people had quarters during those hard years," he tells it as "one of the little things that happened all through the years."

Once Claude went into this grocery store and found that

they were tearing out shelves. The owner explained that it was not necessary to tear out the shelves, but that it made business better if something were happening. Claude later thought of that when he tore out so many partitions in his store.

One man with the "biggest feet in town" came in each Saturday morning to have his shoes shined.

Claude was born in Muncy south east of Lockney a few miles. His mother had come here in 1900 with her parents who were farmers.

"I went through high school in Lockney. When I was a sophomore, I started working for Glenn Carroll in a cleaning shop. Then I worked for Reecer's Cleaners for a while.

"Later, when I was a high school senior, I worked for Mr. Wilkes who had a cleaning shop in Plainview, and who opened one in Lockney. I managed his Lockney shop after school and on Saturdays for 6 months. My mother manager the shop during school hours," he says.

Following graduation from high school in 1939, he worked 3 1/2 years in Tulia where he met Wilma Holcomb. They were married April 12, 1942 while Claude was working in Lubbock just before he joined the Air Force military service.

While en route to Puerto Rico, on his first military assignment, he was informed of the birth of his daughter, Ann. He was not allowed to come home to see her because military restrictions specified furloughs for emergencies only. Ann lacked 6 days being a year old when he finally saw her.

When Claude's squadron shipped out from New Orleans, they left in a convoy for Trini-

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## FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZEN MENU

**December 19 – December 23**

**MONDAY**

Baked Chicken Breast  
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Chocolate Pudding  
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**TUESDAY**

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Sour Cream  
Seasoned Broccoli  
Pineapple Gelatin  
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**WEDNESDAY**

Bbq Beef Sandwich  
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Carrots And Zucchini  
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**THURSDAY**

Taco Salad /Chips  
Seasoned Corn  
Peach Cobbler  
Lowfat Milk

**FRIDAY**

Oven Fried Chicken  
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Broccoli Raisin Salad  
Fruit Cocktail  
Lowfat Milk

## FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

**By Margaret Jones**

Christmas times a comin' .....Christmas times a comin'.....The Babe in a Manger...Oh! Joy to the Word...the Lord has come....

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Center Thursday night the 15<sup>th</sup> for the Pot Luck and a time of great Entertainment, Fun, Food and fellowship. You won't want to miss Lou Burleson and her many talents. Be there at 6 p.m. to Celebrate the Season.

Emagene Haenisch is back in the Lockney hospital with pneumonia. Please pray for her and Charles during this stressful time.

Floyd Bradford will remain in the Lockney hospital for an extended period of time. Remember Euna in prayer as she travels back and forth.

Wayland and Margaret were in San Angelo this past Saturday to attend the college graduation of Jake Ferguson. Jake received his degree in Criminal Justice. He is the son of Johnny and Amy Ferguson of Big Lake.

Margarette Word is feeling better and hopes to return home as soon as possible. We are so glad to hear the good news, Margarette, and continue to

wish you well. It will be good to see our smiling face and visit with you.

Elaine LaBaume was honored on her "70th" birthday December 3, 2011. Her children Coy LaBaume of Plainview and Charles, Kelli, Harrison and Kate Childre of Lubbock hosted the party. A luncheon was held in the LaBaume home for the family and the party was held at City Park Church of Christ. Those attending from out of town were Bill & Linda Powell of Stephenville, Charlie and Julie Schur of Knox City and Elaine's sister and brother-in-law Gary & Nena Hunt of Clarendon and Don and Mazie Hegi of Petersburg.

Memorials made to the Center are:

**In memory of Sharon Galloway** – L. B. Stewart

**In memory of Roy Kinard** – L. B. Stewart

**In memory of Noma Lou Rainer** – Roger and Bo Poage and family

**In memory of Betty Holmes** – Carolyn Marble

**"Thought for the Week"** – As the wonder of Christmas surrounds us, may your spirit be renewed with special joy at the miracle of His birth.

## Lockney Senior Citizen News

**By Renee Armstrong**

Here it is already the middle of December this year has really gone by fast. Remember the center will be CLOSED Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> of December for the Christmas

Holiday.

Please keep the Stapp family in your prayers. I was told that they have transported Dorothy back to Lubbock on Saturday, also her son Randall had bypass surgery on Friday,

he is doing well.

If you have any news for me or any updates on those that are sick please call me at the center or on my cell 983-4335. I hope you all have a great week.

**Senior Citizen Menu**

**December 19-23**  
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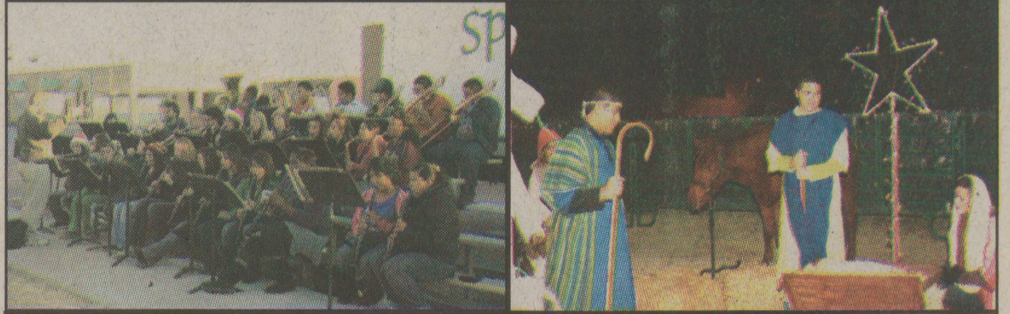
### Second annual Country Christmas



Photos by Homer Marquez

On Saturday, Lockney help their second annual Country Christmas at the fairgrounds. Throughout the day, shoppers got an opportunity check thing off their gift list as vendors offered a wide selection of goodies.

### Floydada's annual Chirstmas on the Square



Photos by Frankie Luna and Cynthia Smith

On Thursday, Santa came to Floydada for the town's annual Christmas on the Square. During the gathering, citizens were able to catch the Christmas spirit as they enjoyed shopping and music while they waited for the tree lighting.

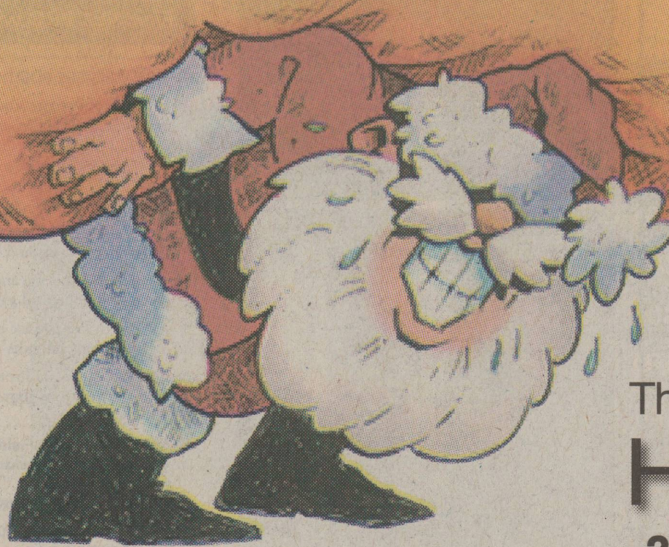
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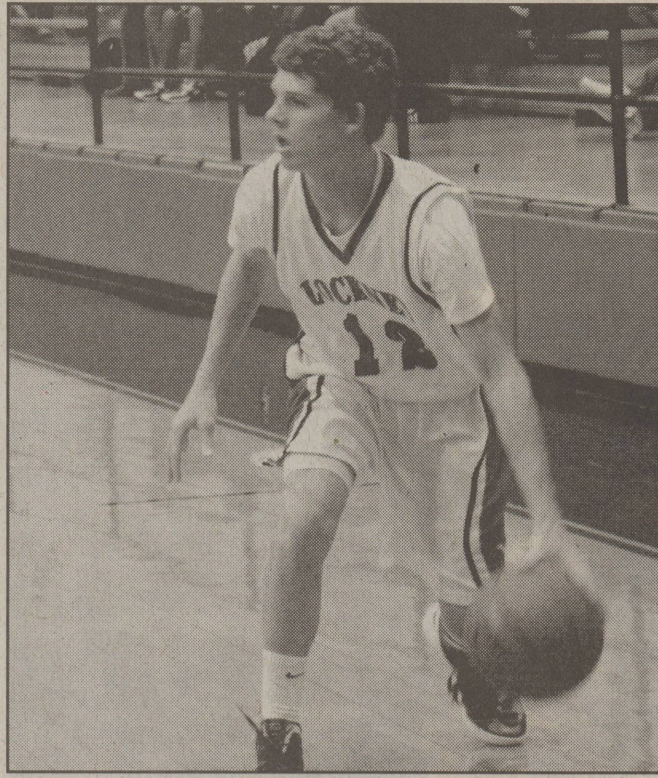
## Lockney Boy Scout Troop 259



Courtesy Photos

Over the weekend, Lockney Boy Scout Troop 259 went door to door collecting food for the Salvation Army. Throughout the day the Troop was able to collect 2,280 cans of food; pictured on the right are scouts from Troop 259, on the left Salvation Army workers Teresa Gonzales, Alisa Luna, and Astidia Gonzales short the cans.

## Horns improve to 4-7



Courtesy Photo

Over the weekend Longhorn boys' varsity played at the North Plains tournament in Claude. The Horns ended up 2-1. Thursday they played West Texas High and won 72-62; Marcos Bernal had 22 points and Ian Dunbar had 17. Friday, Lockney played Tullia and lost 38-50; Bernal grabbed 9, Dunbar grabbed 8, and Laundry Kidd scored 7. On Saturday, Lockney played Sunray and won 41-34; Erik Cortez scored 14 and Ian Dunbar had 6. Last Tuesday the Horns played at Smyer; Lockney would lose 63-68 in overtime. Marcos Bernal had 18 points while Ky Teeter added 14 and Ian Dunbar had 13; the Horns' record is now 4-7.

## Lady Horns play in Claude



Courtesy Photo

would see a win for the Lady Horns as the grabbed a 61-31 win over West Texas High; top scores for the game would be Anissa Reyna with 17 points and Tanae Ramos with 12. However the Horns would see losses in the next three games as they lost to Gruver 51-40; Anissa Reyna would again hit 17 points; Dalhart got the win over the Horns with a score of 61-39; SyAnn Foster would hit 10 in that game; and in the last game, Cluade edged out Lockney 50-48. After an impressive performance Anissa Reyna would be selected to be on the All-Tournament Team.

Lockney's varsity girls played in the Claude Tournament over the weekend. The ladies would play a total of four games in the tourney. The first game

That past Tuesday, the Lady Horns played the number one team in the state, the Smyer Bobcats, in that game Smyer got the "W" with a score of 75-42.

### Eight Graders stay undefeated

The Lockney 8th grade boy's basketball team continued their unbeaten streak Monday night traveling to New Deal and defeating the Lions by a score of 41-17. The team was led in scoring by Ruben Ascencio with 16 points, followed by Levi Kasner with 10, Derick Patel and Josh Cruz each had 5 points, Daylon Gatica with 3, and Justin Suarez with 2. The record for the Shorthorns is now 5-0 and won't play again until after the Christmas Holidays.

### JV gets win over Hale Center

Lockney junior varsity dropped a game to Floydada last week by a score of 51-14; top scores in that game were Tyler Covington and Mauricio Davila with 4 points apiece. However the JV boys picked up a win in Hale Center by a score of 27-19; to scores that game were Mauricio Davila with 7, and Kameron Hunt with 6. In their game against Olton, the boys fell 16-23; top scores in that game are Mauricio Davila with 6, and Nic Sherman with 3.

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## Maintain a healthy mouth during the holidays

The holiday season is in full swing, and smiles abound. That holiday mistletoe over the doorway also may lead us to closer contact with a special someone.

Dentists at the Texas A&M Health Science Center Baylor College of Dentistry say a healthy mouth is key to having fresh breath and an attractive smile.

"We find in dentistry that there are a few things patients want with their teeth, and the biggest is a 'pretty smile,'" says Dr. Charles W. Wakefield, professor and director of the Advanced Education in General Dentistry Residency Program at TAMHSC-Baylor College of Dentistry. "Most patients put esthetics as the top priority item."

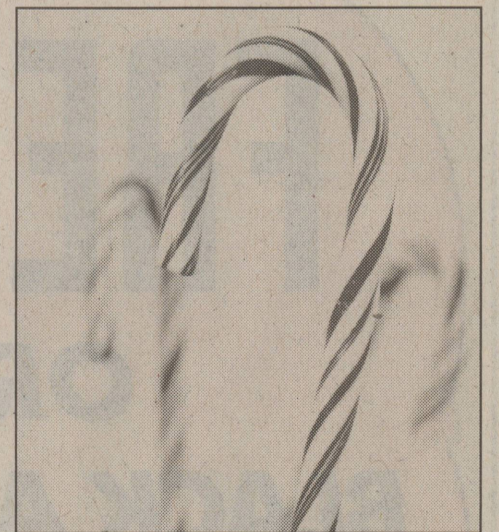
But a healthy smile covers a mouth capable of revealing the health and wellness of our whole bodies.

"If you brush or floss and notice even a tiny amount of bleeding around your teeth and gums, this means all the pathogenic germs in your mouth are circulating all over your body, and this can affect cardiovascular disease, kidney disease, diabetes, Alzheimer's, pre-term and low-birth weight babies and many other conditions

we find that have a connection to oral health," Dr. Wakefield says.

Dr. Wakefield advises patients to practice some common sense lifestyle tips during the holiday season and throughout the year. Brush at least twice a day, floss daily, eat healthy foods, watch alcohol consumption, stay away from tobacco products, and drink plenty of water.

"Make this the time of year you take control of your oral health," Dr. Wakefield says.



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## Dunlap receives Doctor of Chiropractic Degree from Parker University College of Chiropractic

Parker University College of Chiropractic presented Melissa Dunlap the Doctor of Chiropractic degree during its 79th graduating class ceremony held at Irving Bible Church in Irving, Texas on December 10, 2011.

Dr. Dunlap is the daughter of John and Judy Dunlap, and is a native of Floydada, Texas.

She completed a rigorous program, including three trimesters as an intern at one of Parker University's wellness centers, to earn the degree. Parker students have extensive classroom education and practical training in many areas of study. The study of chiro-

practic involves numerous hours of training in anatomy, physiology, diagnosis and orthopedics (the musculoskeletal system).

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concurrently with the Doctor of Chiropractic degree.

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## Whirlwinds capture 3rd place in New Deal Tourney

**By Coach Renfro**

The Floydada Whirlwinds defeated the host New Deal Lions Saturday afternoon to bring home a third place trophy in the New Deal Tournament. Haden Lipham had 12 points and Cole Covington had 10 points and 7 rebounds in the Winds 61-49 victory. Jose Martinez had a season high 9 points, and RJ Deleon put in 8 points to go with 4 assists. Jordan Woody had 6 points, 5 assists and 3 steals, while Tyler Renfro had 6 points and 8 assists. Michael Cisneros and Venturo Gonzales finished off the scoring with 4 each.

The Whirlwinds lost the Friday afternoon game to the Hale Center Owls 57 to 39. Lipham led the scoring with 15, Covington had 7 points and 4 steals, and Deleon had 6 points

and 8 rebounds. Renfro had 5 points and 4 assists, Woody had 4 points and 5 steals, and Gonzales had 1 point and 8 rebounds.

The Whirlwinds began the tournament on Thursday with a 53-48 overtime win over Lubbock Roosevelt on Thursday. Lipham had a strong offensive game with 21 points and 6 rebounds. Deleon had 10 points and Covington had 9 points to go with 4 steals. Woody put in 6 points and dished out 5 assists, while Cisneros added 3 points. Gonzalez and Renfro each put in 2 points and Renfro added 5 assists.

The Whirlwinds will play Lubbock Cooper in their final non-district contest before opening district play with the Abernathy Antelopes on Tuesday, December 20.

## Lady Winds JV Basketball

**By Coach Eddleman**

The Floydada Lady Winds JV team hosted the Lockney JV girls on November 8 and came away with a huge win by a score of 48-22.

Scoring results: Merritt Johnson - 15 points; Anna de la Fuente - 14 points; Cristal Irlas - 6 points; Braxton Turner - 5 points; Stephanie Lerma - 4 points; Kelsey Nutt - 3 points; Jianna Davenport - 2 points.

On November 11 the Lady Winds JV team played Amarillo Caprock JV and won by a score of 55-21.

Scoring results: Jianna Davenport - 10 points; Anna de la Fuente - 9 points; Merritt Johnson - 6 points; Annette Pena - 6 points; Kelsey Nutt - 5 points; Stephanie Luna - 4 points; Braxton Turner - 4 points; Aimee Chavarrá - 3 points; Lindsey Deleon - 2 points; Cristal Irlas - 2 points; Micheala Jackson - 2 points.

The Floydada Lady Winds JV girls played Olton on November 15th and won by two points, 34-32.

Scoring results: Anna de la Fuente - 11 points; Kelsey Nutt - 10 points; Jianna Davenport - 6 points; Braxton Turner - 4 points; Stephanie Lerma - 4 points; Merritt Johnson - 2 points.

On November 18th the Lady Winds JV girls played the Brownfield JV Lady Cubs. The final score was 57-21 with the Lady Winds taking the win.

Scoring results: Jianna Davenport - 22 points; Kelsey Nutt - 11 points; Anna de la Fuente - 5 points; Micheala Jackson - 4 points; Merritt Johnson - 4 points; Braxton Turner - 2 points.

The Lady Wind JV took on the Slaton Lady Tigers JV girls and lost by a score of 34-22.

Scoring results: Anna de la Fuente - 6 points; Braxton Turner - 5 points; Merritt Johnson - 5 points; Kelsey Nutt - 4 points; Crissy Rodriguez - 2 points.

On November 29 the Lady Winds JV traveled to Lubbock High to take on the Lady Westerners JV girls and lost by a score of 40-30.

Scoring results: Anna de la Fuente - 11 points; Jianna Davenport - 8 points; Merritt Johnson - 4 points; Kelsey Nutt - 3 points; Cristal Irlas - 3 points; Micheala Jackson - 1 point.

On December 1 the Lady Winds JV girls played in the Tahoka Tournament and play the Coahoma JV team in their first game. The Lady Winds won by a score of 38-27.

Scoring results: Braxton Turner - 9 points; McKenna Johnson - 6 points; Anna de la Fuente - 5 points; Kelsey Nutt - 4 points; Merritt Johnson - 4 points; Jianna Davenport - 2 points; Bethany Morales - 2 points; Cristal Irlas - 2 points.

In their second game of the Tahoka Tournament the Lady Winds JV team played Tahoka JV girls and won by 2 points, 34-32.

Scoring results: Anna de la Fuente - 10 points; Kelsey Nutt - 8 points; Jianna Davenport - 8 points; Braxton Turner - 4 points; Cristal Irlas - 3 points; McKenna Johnson - 2 points.

In their final game of the Tahoka Tournament the Lady Winds JV played Littlefield and lost by a score of 31-24. The Lady Winds JV team captured 2nd place in the tournament.

Scoring results: Jianna Davenport - 8 points; Braxton - 6 points; Bethany Morales - 6 points; Kelsey Nutt - 2 points; Anna de la Fuente - 1 point; Merritt Johnson - 1 point.

## Lady Winds Win New Deal Tournament

**By Coach Styles**

The Lady Winds improved their record to 8-4 by winning the New Deal Tournament this past weekend. The Lady Winds have now won 8 or the last 9 games after starting out 0-3.

Floydada played Shallowater Jr. Varsity and won 58-23 on Thursday. After a sluggish first half and leading 21-9. The Lady Winds revved up their motor and won the second half 37-14.

The Lady Winds beat Olton in the second game 51-30, who had previously beat them by 2 earlier in the year. Olton had only previously been beat once, so this was a quality win for Floydada. The Lady Winds came out determined and built leads of 14-8, 28-12, and 38-18. This was a total team effort.

In the championship the Lady Winds would take on the home team, the New Deal Lady Lions. The Lady Winds put themselves in a tough situation by sending the Lady Lions to the charity stripe 33 times. This would eventually cause Floydada to incur some foul trouble in the second half. The Lady Winds

scratched and clawed their way back to eventually tie the game at the end of regulation. In the four minute overtime period Floydada came out on fire and outscored New Deal 17-5 to secure the championship trophy.

The girls have continued to improve each game. With district starting this week we are starting to hit our stride. Let the fun begin. Stats of the three games are below.

### Shallowater JV:

Points: Avery Miller 20, Sarah Jo Miller 18, Sarah Sanders 7, Liz Suarez 4, Rebekah Hall 4, Kristan Sanchez 2, Emily Hall 2.

Rebounds: Sarah Sanders 7, Rebekah Hall 5.

Steals: Sarah Jo Miller 9, Avery Miller 7.

Assists: Nikki Seymour 3, Liz Suarez 3.

### Olton:

Points: Avery Miller 12, Rebekah Hall 11, Sarah Sanders 8, Sarah Jo Miller 6, Liz Suarez 4, Amelia Gonzalez 4, Emily Hall 4, Nikki Seymour 2.

Rebounds: Rebekah Hall 16, Avery Miller 8, Sarah



Sanders 5, Sarah Jo Miller, Liz Suarez 4.

Steals: Sarah Jo Miller 4.

Assists: Avery Miller 5, Sarah Jo Miller 3.

### New Deal:

Points: Avery Miller 19, Rebekah Hall 14, Sarah Sand-

ers 8, Liz Suarez 8, Sarah Jo Miller 4, Nikki Seymour 2, Emily Hall 2

Rebounds: Rebekah Hall 6, Emily Hall 4.

Steals: Sarah Jo Miller 7, Assists: Liz Suarez 4, Avery Miller 3, Sarah Jo Miller 3.

## Upcoming Events for FISSD

**By: Emily Hall-Staff Writer**

December 16: JV/Varsity Girls Basketball VS Dimmit Here, 5:00/6:30 pm

12:00 Dismissal

December 20: JV/Varsity Girls Basketball VS Abernathy Here, 5:00/6:30 pm

JV/Varsity Boys Basketball VS Abernathy Here, 5:00/8:00 pm

December 28-30: Caprock Tournament, Varsity Girls/Boys Basketball

January 2: Teacher Service Day: No School for Students

January 3: Classes Resume

JV/Varsity Girls Basketball VS Littlefield There, 5:00/6:30 pm

JV/Varsity Boys Basketball VS Littlefield There, 5:00/8:00 pm

January 5: Varsity Girls Basketball Lion's Club Lunch

7/8/9 Girls Basketball VS Tulia Here, 5:00/6:00/7:00 pm

7/8/9 Boys Basketball VS Tulia There, 5:00/6:00/7:00 pm

January 6: JV/Varsity Girls Basketball VS Idalou Here, 5:00/6:30 pm

JV/Varsity Boys Basketball VS Idalou Here, 5:00/8:00 pm

January 9: 7/8/9 Girls Basketball VS Friona Here, 5:00/6:00/7:00 pm

7/8/9 Boys Basketball VS Friona There, 5:00/6:00/7:00 pm

January 10: JV/Varsity Girls Basketball VS Muleshoe

There, 5:00/6:30 pm

JV/Varsity Boys Basketball VS Muleshoe There, 5:00/8:00 pm

January 12: Varsity Boys Basketball Lion's Club Lunch

January 12-14: 7/8 Boys Basketball Childress Tournament

## 7th Grade Whirlwind Basketball

**By Coach Ayala**

The 7th grade Whirlwinds Green team played Littlefield and came out with a win by a score of 36-29.

Scoring results: Albert Deltagos - 12 points; Brayden Campbell - 4 points; Corey Mathis - 4 points; Christian Coronado - 3 points; Sammy Segura - 3 points; James Ponce 3 points; Jesse Segura - 2 points.

The 7th grade Whirlwinds White team played Littlefield and won by 1 point, 19-18.

Scoring results: M. Nunez

- 6 points; Joe Johnston - 5 points; L. Alaniz - 4 points; Justin Rodriguez - 2 points.

The Floydada 7th grade Whirlwinds traveled to Abernathy and won big by a score of 56-27.

Scoring results: Albert DeHoyos - 22 points; Sammy Segura - 6 points; Corey Mathis - 6 points; Tyler Saldana - 5 points; Christian Coronado - 4 points; James Ponce - 4 points; Jesse Segura - 3 points; Brayden Campbell - 3 points; Gilbert Mora - 2 points; Estaban Lerma - 1 point.

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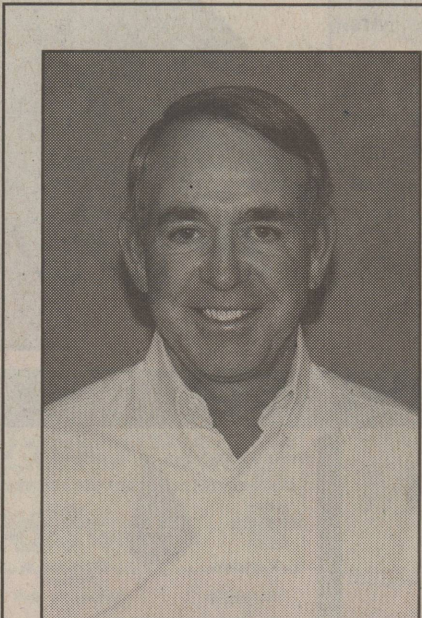
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# Whirlwind News

## The Spirit of the Winds Band Makes a Joyful Noise



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FISD students welcome Santa to Floydada: A) Dustin Trotter shares his foal with Duncan students as they await the arrival of Santa Clause. B) L-R, Ryan Chavarria, Hunter Galvan and Hannah Griffin entertain the crowd with the Nativity Scene. C) Stephanie Barrera merrily takes a snapshot with Santa. D) Tiffany Vasquez and Karla Chavanna take advan-

tage of the super savings at Hair by Leigh's Salon and Boutique. E) The Spirit of the Winds Band performs Christmas Classics as they welcome Santa to the Square. F) The FMUC youth group delights the crowd with a beautiful Christmas classic. G) Kirby Nixon "fiddles" his way into the hearts of many on-lookers at this year's Christmas at the Square.

**By: Cynthia Smith-Editor**  
Here comes Santa Clause right down Christmas lane! This classic Christmas number was heard throughout the downtown square of

Floydada last Thursday. The FHS band performed this traditional piece as Santa arrived to the "Christmas at the Square" annual celebration. Although this was only their

second year to perform at this event, the students of the band put on a phenomenal show. In addition to "Here Comes Santa Clause," the students also played songs such as:

"Jingle Bells," "Santa Clause is Coming to Town," "Winter Wonderland," "Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire," "Jingle Bell Rock," and "Feliz Navidad."

## Spreading Christmas Cheer by Playing Loud for All to Hear

**By: Merritt Johnson-Staff Writer**

The Floydada High School held its annual Christmas concert on Tuesday, December 6. The auditorium was filled with supporting family members and friends. The sixth grade band performed first with some cheerful songs like "Jingle Bells" and "Up on the House Top." Next, the seventh and eighth grade band played merry tunes such as "Little Drummer Boy" and "Reindeer Boogie." The Junior High

Symphonic band presented more jolly melodies namely, "The Reason is the Season" and "Coventry Carol." The final performance was that of the high school band. A few of their Christmas songs included "Winter Wonderland" and "Deck the Halls." Overall, the Christmas concert was an absolute success. While leaving the production there was only positive feedback throughout the crowd about how all of Floydada's bands have improved and were a delight to watch.

## Staff's Corner



Courtesy Photos

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! ~ The FHS Journalism Staff: Front Row (L-R) Staff Writers- Emily Hall, Homero Ramirez, Merritt Johnson, Back Row- Sarah Jo Miller. Not pictured: Staff Writers- Shani Ross, Taylor Orr, and Editor/Advisor- Cynthia Smith

**By: Cynthia Smith-Editor**

**"May the spirit of Christmas bring you peace, the gladness of Christmas give you hope, and the warmth of Christmas grant you love."**

~Author Unknown

Believe it or not, it's that time when we gather with family and friends to spread Christmas cheer. As I pondered my final thoughts for this year, I looked back over all the Staff's Corners that I have written. I wondered, "With what should I end 2012's column?" Then it hit me! "Leave your readers with what you've given them all semester." With that being said, I would like to share a few quick reminders for this holiday edition. 1) While we are out searching to find our last minute Christmas gifts, be careful and respectful of others. 2) Take this time to reflect on the many blessings that we have and spend less time thinking about the materialisms that this holiday may or may not bring forth. 3) Remember that we should cherish our families, for so many people will be without one this year. 4) Know that nothing says thank you better than a sincere smile filled with gratitude. And last but not least, 5) On Christmas morning, when you begin to look around and see a room full of happiness, take a moment of silence to acknowledge the One whose birth is the true reason for this season. Until next time, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

## High student of the month



Shani Ross

Floydada High School's student of the month is, junior, Shani Ross. She is 17 years old. Shani is the daughter of Mitch and Becky Ross, and she has one sister, Kelsey and a niece, Presley, whom she

just adores. Shani's hobbies are rodeoing, going camping and spending time with family and friends. Her chemistry teacher, Mr. Willson, comments, "She is a conscientious and persistent learner, who is very

easy to teach and always gives a good effort. Shani's favorite class is Journalism and her favorite teacher is Miss Smith. When she grows up, she hopes to become an elementary school teacher!

## Jr. high teacher of the month

Ms. Janna Williams is this month's junior high teacher of the month. She has 15 years of experience. "I have a great mom with whom I am fortunate to get to spend a lot of fun times, says Williams. "I have a sister and brother-in-law whom I love to visit in Houston. I have a brother in Lubbock and a niece who

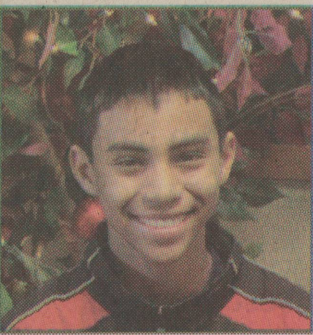
I think of as a daughter. Then of course there are my two dogs. " Ms. Williams' hobbies include: surfing, swimming, photography, drawing, walking her dogs, traveling, reading, and watching T.V. When asked what her most memorable moment that she has had at school was, Williams replied, "There have

been many memorable moments at school. Most of them are watching our students succeed in all of their activities from basketball and track to band concerts and UIL. My most recent memorable moment would have to be seeing our Jr. High OAP win the district contest. It was fabulous!"



Ms. Janna Williams

## Jr. high student of the month



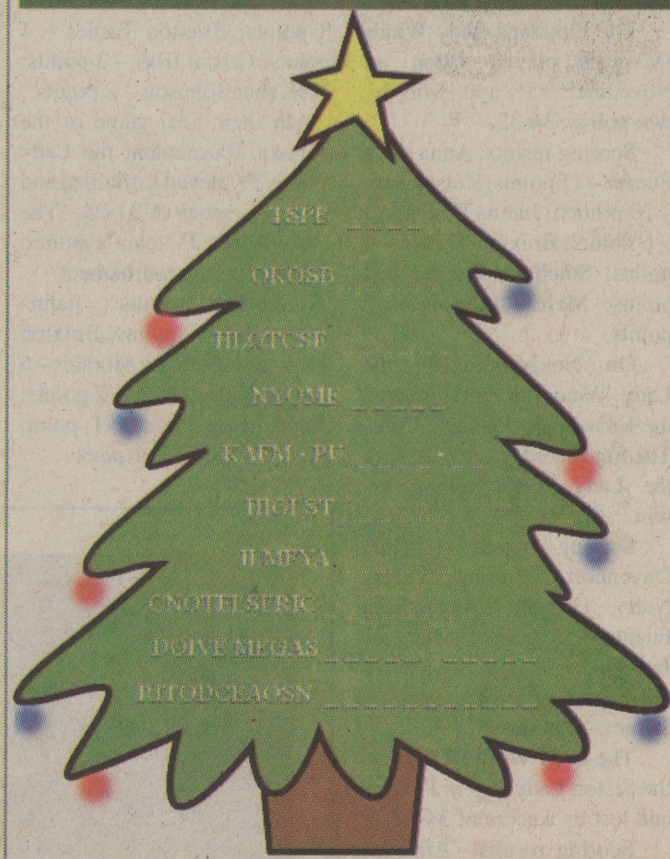
Alfonzo Mendoza

December's Junior High Student of the Month is twelve year-old Alfonzo Mendoza. He is the son of Jay and Maria Mendoza, and he has two brothers, Alonzo and Andrew, and a sister named Alyse. His favorite hobbies include

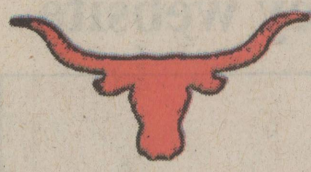
reading, running, playing sports and videos games, and watching TV. Alfonzo doesn't just have one favorite class or teacher because all of this classes and teachers are his favorite. When he grows up, Alfonzo would like to be

anything in which the job pays a lot of money. Mrs. Melva Dorman, the seventh grade science teacher, says that Alfonzo is a great student who is bright, motivated, and fun. He's kind, thoughtful, and always willing to help others.

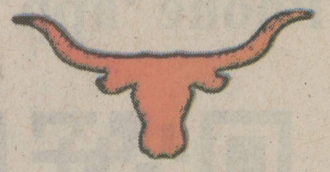
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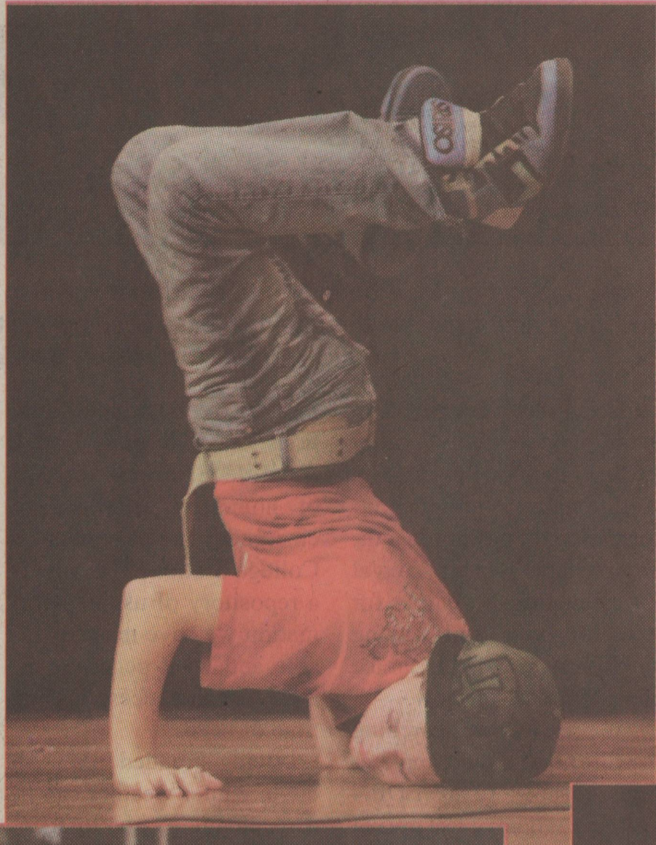


# Longhorn News



## Rock the 45's

On Friday, Lockney Elementary rocked the house, or at least the cafeteria, as they held annual Rock the 45's musical show. During Rock the 45's show, students took center stage as danced and performed songs with their own written lyrics.



Photos by Connie Barnett

## Santa Letters

Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas is to spend some time with my family and friends at home and not at the hospital this year. I'm not asking for much this year so I'm hoping you give me the things I ask for this year. I would also like to get a new bed set for my room. I would also like to get a new car so I wouldn't have to be late every day to school. Also please take the kids that are sick some toys too because they need it more than we do and that way they can have some hope. And please help the people who have no places to stay find a place so that they can have a great Christmas this year as well. Well that is all I'm asking for this year thanks and have a safe trip from and back to the north pole.

Love Always  
Racquel Mejia



Racquel Mejia



Brenda Mavery Salazar

Dear Santa,

How are you? I hope you're doing great! Well this Christmas I would like a new North Face Jacket, an iPhone 4, a Coach wristlet, Sparkly Uhg Boots, a gas card (if you have gas cards) with a new car! The 2012 bug would be nice! I prefer red or black! If you bring me these things I will always think of you while driving my new car! I heart you!

Sincerely  
Brenda Mavery Salazar

Dear Santa,

I have been a really good girl this year. So please get me what I want! :) I don't want much this Christmas, all I ask for is mainly two things which are boots, and a new phone. I also want all my family to be together and happy! If you give me these things I will leave you milk and cookies.

P.S I would love to go on the polar express and go to the North Pole, and visit all the elves, and reindeer, and most of all YOU!! :)

Thanks, love  
Kayla Jimenez



Kayla Jimenez

## Teacher Spotlight: Debby McCarty

By Johnny Rose

Mrs. McCarty grew up in Lockney, where she graduated in 1969. Mrs. McCarty is in her 29th year with Lockney ISD. She began as an aide with the 4th grade and during her career has worked with various grade levels including the high school, where she has been for the past 20 years.

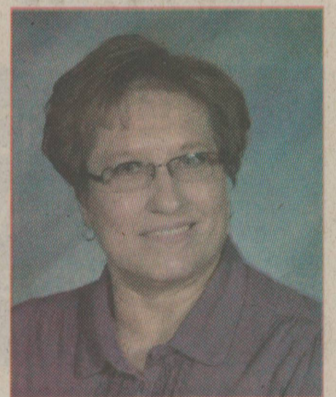
Mrs. McCarty currently works with the High School Special Education department where she assists students in with their courses. In addition to working in the Special Education department, she also serves as the facilitator for the ITV dual credit courses through South Plains College.

She has two daughters that attended schools here. Her oldest daughter, Dana, started school here in the second grade and attended school here throughout her junior year and then transferred to Floydada mid-way through the first semester of her senior year and graduated in 1993, from Floydada. Her youngest daughter, Deidra Ray, attended Lockney schools all through her school years. She

graduated from LHS in 1995.

Dana is living here and works for Cargil Cattle Feeders and raising her 2 year old daughter named Harley, she also has an older daughter named Shelby and she is currently a senior at Smyer High School. Deidra lives in Canyon, where her family and husband live; she works for Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital as the Financial Services supervisor. She has four children, Brittany 17 a Senior at Clovis High school; Cheyenne 9, a third grader at Lakeview Elementary, Caitlyn 5, a kindergartener at Lakeview Elementary, and Dalton 4 who is the only boy in our family.

The Most challenging thing about her job is trying to keep up with all of the work the Special Education students as well as the other students are doing in class. She goes into the classroom with the Special Education students, so that she can see what is being taught and she can help them with their work. Her biggest accomplishment is seeing my children succeed in the life as



Debby McCarty

well as the Special Education students succeed in classes well as in life after school.

She enjoys being around her family, grandkids and participating in the activities they are involved in. She loves to cook and bake for her family. She enjoys Lockney because this has always been home to her. She has lived in several different places, but this is the place she calls home, and it also has the best people in the world. She thinks people would be most surprised to know that she is afraid of heights, but she also said to she would love to go skydiving! She says this would be a great way to overcome here fears.

## Junior High participates in All-Region tryouts

Lockney Junior High band members participated in All-Region Band tryouts on Saturday, December 3rd. Tryouts were held at Shallowater Middle School. Students from

32 junior high schools were at this audition. Jake Moore (flute), Scott Lass (clarinet), Camryn Diaz (Snare Drum), and Luke Kasner (Snare Drum) all qualified for the

All-Region Band. Camryn made 1st Chair. The All-Region Band will rehearse and then give a public concert at the Lubbock Civic Center on January 28, 2012

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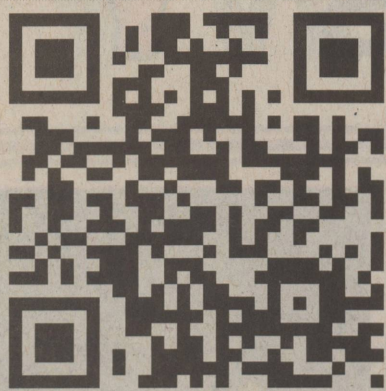
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# Phone 'app' for stranded motorists added to disaster, emergency website



Scan this QR code with a smart phone to access the Texas EDEN website. Or visit [texashelp.tamu.edu](http://texashelp.tamu.edu)

By Paul Schattenberg

A new free phone application for Texans and others stranded on the road during snow and ice storms has been added to the Texas Extension Disaster Education Network, or Texas EDEN website, said Texas AgriLife Extension Service experts.

The Winter Survival Kit app is now one of many disaster- and emergency-related materials available through the Texas EDEN website, <http://texashelp.tamu.edu>. It is a smartphone application provided by the North Dakota State Univer-

sity Extension Service and is available at no cost for use with iPhone and Android, according to its developers. The app was developed as a means of helping motorists stuck in winter weather.

"With the amount of snow and ice during winter in the Panhandle and North Texas, plus the possibility of unusual cold weather occurrences elsewhere in the state, we felt it would be helpful to many Texans to make this app accessible through the website," said Dr. Joyce Cavanagh, Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialist in family economics and resource management and a member of the national Extension Disaster Education Network.

Cavanagh said the app also would be of use to Texans who plan to drive to states which typically have

more ice and snow during the winter — and are unfamiliar with the roadways they will be traveling.

"The Winter Survival Kit app can be as critical as a physical winter survival kit if you find yourself stuck or stranded in severe winter weather conditions," said Bob Bertsch, North Dakota State University Agriculture Communication web technology specialist who led the team that developed the app.

Bertsch said the app will help users find their current location, call 911, notify friends and family and calculate how long it is possible to run a vehicle's engine to keep warm before running out of fuel.

"You can use the Winter Survival Kit app to store important phone and policy numbers for insurance or roadside assistance," he said. "You can also designate emergency contacts you want to alert when you become stranded."

The app also alerts the user every 30 minutes as a reminder to turn off the vehicle's engine and check the exhaust pipe for snow



A free application for iPhone and Android that will help motorists stranded in snow and ice is now available through the Texas EDEN website.

Texas AgriLife Extension Service photo by Kay Ledbetter

buildup, which is critical to avoiding potentially deadly carbon monoxide poisoning. Additionally, it provides information on putting together a physical winter survival kit, preparing a vehicle for winter driving and staying safe when stranded in an ice storm or stuck in snow.

"We're always searching for information and applications for the Texas EDEN site that will be of use during

disaster or emergency situations," said Dr. Andy Vestal, AgriLife Extension director of homeland security and emergency management in College Station. "The site is a repository of useful information we have made available and want people to be aware of and access in their time of need."

"Being stranded in a vehicle in winter weather can be a challenging, not to men-

tion potentially fatal, situation and this app may literally become a lifesaver for someone."

To access the application through the Texas Eden website, click on the Hot Topics tab at <http://texashelp.tamu.edu>. For other website materials relating to winter weather, click the Disaster Information tab on the home page and go to Winter Storm Resources.

## Agriculture Secretary Vilsack Announces \$1.2 Million Grants to Improve Access to Education and Health Care in Rural Texas

TEMPLE, TEXAS, December 9, 2011 — Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that recipients in 34 states and one territory will receive funding to improve access to health care and educational services in rural areas. Beneficiaries in Texas will be awarded a total of \$1.2 million in grants provided through the USDA Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Program.

"This program delivers educational and medical opportunities that are urgently needed in remote, rural areas," Vilsack said. "President Obama has said that no matter where you live in America, you should have access to quality educational opportunities. Rural Americans deserve the same opportunities for educa-

tion and medical care as metropolitan-area residents, and these funds will make that happen."

"Schools and health care systems in rural Texas have increasingly tighter budgets each year. Distance Learning and Telemedicine grants are powerful tools for providing expanded educational and medical opportunities which otherwise may be unavailable to students and residents of rural communities," said Paco Valentin, USDA Rural Development State Director of Texas.

Education Service Centers 4, 15 and 20 have been awarded funding for video conferencing equipment to enhance current, or establish new, distance learning technology throughout each region. ESC-4 will use the funding to bring video tele-

conferencing to 25 elementary, middle and high schools in five counties throughout East Texas, with Huston serving as the hub site. ESC-20 identified 10 schools in South Central Texas with the greatest need for access to services. It will use the funding to bring distance learning course, particularly math and science courses, to middle and high-school classrooms. Classes geared toward adults, GED and high school diploma courses, and parenting and ESL classes will also be offered, along with professional development training for teachers. ESC-15 will use the funding to improve their current system which covers 30 schools over 2,500 miles of territory throughout Mid-West Texas. Schools will use the equipment to

provide classes to each other, and share teachers and learning techniques to offset classes currently not available in each school. Course will be available for K-12 students as well as professional development courses for teachers, continuing education class for adults and workforce development for community members. Funding will enable each school to link with educational opportunities previously unavailable in some locations.

A grant was also announced for the Crane County Hospital District. The hospital will use the funding to replace an obsolete radiology system with a new digital system that will vastly improve the level of care for community members. Images will now be instantly displayed on the new monitor, reducing patient exposure to radiation. Additionally the image will be immediately sent to the Radiologist in Odessa to evaluate, thus reducing travel time wait time for results.

Additionally, a grant was provided to the 12<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Memorial Museum in Abilene to unite three Texas school districts to a New York State district, Cisco College in Cisco, Texas and the museum. The museum houses an extensive collection of artifacts, research, photos and history on World War II and the Holocaust that they intended to use for interactive courses and projects between the schools. By linking Cisco College, the participating rural schools will receive distance learning courses and will be able to engage in more rigorous classes to offset the barriers of isolation in rural communities. The college will also offer vocational courses and health programs using their simulation lab for students and adult learners.

Awards are contingent upon the recipients meeting the terms of the agreement with USDA. For information on how to apply for DLT grants, or any other USDA Rural Development funding please, visit [www.rurdev.usda.gov/TX](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/TX).

USDA, through its Rural Development mission area, administers and manages housing, business and community infrastructure and facility programs through a national network of state and local offices. These programs are designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America. Rural Development has a portfolio of more than \$160 billion in loans and loan guarantees.

## Texas Deer Association Applauds Efforts of Texas Parks and Wildlife

SAN ANTONIO — The Texas Deer Association (TDA) applauds the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) for their commitment and continued vigilance in monitoring deer in Texas to minimize risk of disease transmission to both wild and breeder deer populations. TDA notes the stepped up efforts are especially needed to preserve and protect the contributions of the breeder deer industry to the state's struggling economy.

The TPWD reported that recent confirmation of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in a farmed white-tailed deer in Missouri has caused the department to increase its surveillance efforts in Texas. As part of their efforts, they plan to have state biologists at locker plants and processing facilities for deer hunters who may want to voluntarily donate harvested deer brain tissue samples for CWD testing, even though extensive testing since 2002 has not yielded a single positive test in Texas.

CWD is an infectious neurological disease known to occur only in white-tailed deer, mule deer, black-tailed deer, moose, elk and sitka. The TPWD news report noted, "There is no indication that CWD in deer can lead to disease in native livestock or people. Wildlife officials regard prevention as the primary and most effective tool to combat CWD." The deer breeding industry continues to cooperate with both the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) and TPWD as they have from the inception of the CWD surveillance program to develop standards and guidelines to minimize risk and to punish violators. Deer breeders are subjected to stringent testing and reporting requirements with operators keeping detailed records of every deer born, living or dying under their care. "Texas deer breeders are required to test 20 percent of all deaths at their own expense, and many test 100 percent of all mortalities. Texas breeders have tested over 41% of all deer tested. At \$100 per average total test cost, that amounts to an estimated \$1,287,900, a significant and growing investment that deer breeders have spent to assure their industry remains secure. In addition, TDA has a strict internal code of ethics and standards to take steps against members who violate

TDA's internal ethics policies applicable to its members has been complimented by TPWD's Scott Boruff, Deputy Executive Director for Operations.

Carter Smith, TPWD Executive Director, stated, "More than 1,200 permits are issued annually to deer breeders in Texas covering an estimated 80,000 whitetails held in captivity. The vast majority of deer breeders operate within guidelines designed to minimize risk of disease transmission." He reported that TPWD has tested about 800 illegally-possessed deer from 32 violators, and that all deer tested were found to be free of CWD. Unfortunately, there is no available test for live animals at this time.

In 2005, TAHC and TPWD implemented a ban importation of deer into Texas. Since then, subsequent monitoring and testing of CWD has not shown the disease to be the health risk once feared, and everyone involved in the deer industry wants to keep it that way. According to information provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services, approximately 164,500 farmed cervids (both deer and elk) have been tested across the nation since 2002 and, of that number, only 171 farmed cervids tested positive for CWD. Of those, USDA reported CWD was detected in 13 farmed white-tailed deer herds and 39 farmed elk herds in 11 states: CO, KS, MI, MN, MO, MT, NE, NY, OK, SD, WI. Out of approximately 775,000 free-ranging wild cervids tested since 2002, approximately 3,130 animals were found to be positive in 15 states: CO, IL, KS, MD, MN, ND, NE, NM, NY, SD, UT, VA, WI, WV, WY. According to this data, CWD is more prevalent in wild, or free-ranging, cervids than in farmed, or 'ranch-raised' cervids by a ratio of 4 to 1. TPWD reports that, from 2002 through 2010, a total of 31,325 ranch-raised and wild cervids have been tested for CWD, but CWD has never been found in Texas in white-tailed deer or any other cervids.

Dr. Don Davis, Associate Professor, Veterinary Pathobiology, College of Veterinary Medicine, Texas A&M University, expressed his concern that other diseases that are known to exist in Texas, including

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# OBITUARY



**KENNETH EUGENE "PECOS" HART**  
Kenneth Eugene "Pecos" Hart, age 81, of Amarillo, passed away on Monday, November 28, 2011.

Celebration of Life Services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, December 6, 2011 in the Cox Funeral Home Benton Chapel. Cremation by Cox Funeral Home. Private interment will be in Floydada Cemetery.

Kenneth was born February 12, 1930 in Floydada to Leland and Opal Hart. He grew up in Floydada graduating from Floydada High School in 1948.

After graduation, Mr. Hart worked as assistant station agent at Quanah Acme & Railroad Depot in Floydada. He then went into the Army from May 1952 to April 1954 serving in Germany as a Corporal.

He received a B.B.A. in 1957 and a M.B.A. in 1960 from West Texas State University. He received his Ed. D. from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma in 1972.

In his working career Mr. Hart worked for the Childress ISD from 1957 to 1959; the Hereford ISD from 1959-1963; and the Amarillo ISD from 1963 to 1969 as a Distributive Education Teacher. From 1969-1970 he worked at South Plains College in Levelland as a Mid-Management Teacher. From 1972-1973 he was a Teacher Educator for special projects at North Texas State University. In 1973 he joined the Canyon ISD as a Vocational and Community Education Administrator until his retirement in 1989.

Hart was a member of the Masonic Lodge since 1951. He was also a member of the American Bowling Congress, Texas Teacher Retirement System, Amarillo Senior Citizens Association, American Association of Retired Persons, Oklahoma State University Alum, Amarillo Retired Teachers Association, District 16 Retired School, and Employees Association.

Survivors include his daughters, Karen Ware and Katrina Pace, both of Amarillo; brother, Rick Hart and his wife, Teresa of Lubbock; sister, Renette Layton of Lubbock; granddaughter, Amy Winkler and husband, Tanner; and great granddaughters, Tristen and McKayla, all of Pampa; and his love and companion, Dora Faye Smith of Amarillo.

Memorials may be made to the Special Olympics of Amarillo, 203 SW Eighth Avenue, Suite 14026 Amarillo, Texas 79101



**NOVA JEAN IVY**  
Funeral services for Nova Jean Ivy, 78, were held at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 30, 2011 at Moore Funeral Home in Arlington. Interment followed at Moore

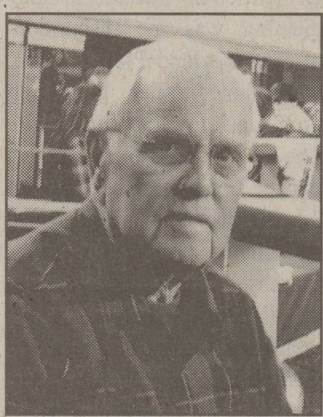
Memorial Gardens in Arlington.

Nova Jean was born on November 19, 1933 to Johns and Vera Cox in Lockney. She graduated from Lockney High School in 1950 and married Freddie Joe Ivy on March 15, 1952 in Clovis, New Mexico. They lived in Plainview and Lubbock until moving to the Dallas-Fort Worth area in 1970 and then moved to Mansfield in 1976.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Freddie, in February 2009.

Survivors include her daughter, Sheila Ivy Young of Mansfield; her son, Rick Ivy of Mansfield; sisters, Marjorie Holcomb and husband, Mel of Lockney and Wanda Moore and husband, Wesley of Canton; grandchildren, Lisha Caldwell of Mansfield, Jason and April Young of Frisco, Casey and Syrice Bogert and Cody Bogert of Mansfield, and Jessica Ivy of San Marcos; and great-grandchildren, Todd, Derek, Cheyenne, Lochlin and Charles.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to American Hospice, 6421 Camp Bowie Blvd., Fort Worth, Texas 76116.



**JIM HUE JACKSON**

Family and friends will gather to celebrate 79 years of life for Jim Hue Jackson on Thursday, December 15, 2011 at 2 p.m. at the Lake Ridge Chapel, 6025 82<sup>nd</sup> Street in Lubbock, Texas with Elder Steven Bloyd, officiating.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at Lake Ridge Chapel & Memorial Designers, 6025 82<sup>nd</sup> Street, in Lubbock, and the family received friends at the funeral home that evening from 6-8 p.m.

Jim will be laid to rest next to the love of his life, Barbara. Private family interment will held at the Idalou Cemetery.

Our cherished father, brother, and grandfather passed away Friday, December 9, 2011 in Plano, Texas surrounded by his children. A tribute page is available at [www.memorialdesigners.net](http://www.memorialdesigners.net); where you may leave memories and expressions of sympathy for his family.

Jim was born on February 1, 1932 in Bailey, Fannin County, Texas to Theodore Roosevelt Jackson and Jenny Mae London Jackson. He graduated from Neosho High School in Missouri in 1950. He moved to Idalou in 1950 and attended Texas Tech University from 1950-1953. He married Barbara Marie Johnson on December 23, 1953 in Idalou.

He proudly served in the U.S. Army, where he was stationed in El Paso from 1953-1955, and served in the U.S. Korean Conflict as a ballistics instructor. Jim and Barbara moved to Floydada in 1956, where they farmed for 40 years until 1996. Jim served as President of the National Farmer's Organization (NFO) in the 1970's era. While in Floydada, they served the Floydada New Salem Primitive Baptist Church faithfully for a combined 40 years (1956-1996) as members, and where Jim served as a Deacon and then as their Pastor. Jim was ordained as a gospel minister in 1980. Jim was preceded in death

by his wife on October 4, 1994, by his parents, and both brothers, Randy and Dale Jackson.

Jim moved to Granbury, Texas in 1996, and served as Pastor of the Paradise Primitive Baptist Church in Arlington, Texas from 1996-2005. He moved to Frisco, Texas in 2005 and focused on religious philanthropy. During this time, Jim focused spending time with his family and the hunting and ranching operations at his family ranch in Madill, Oklahoma.

Jim is survived by two daughters, Rhonda Gaye Wong and husband, Dr. Matt Wong, and their daughter, Emily of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Nesa Lin Anders and husband, Larry K. Anders, and their children, Adam, Auston, and Allison of Plano, Texas; one son, Jimmy H. Jackson and wife, Cherylon, and their son, Jantz of Plano, Texas; and one sister, Maxyne Cadenhead of Lubbock, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA), 12655 N. Central Expressway, Suite 230, Dallas, TX 75243 and Juvenile Diabetes Foundation (JDF), 9400 North Central Expressway, Suite 1201, Dallas, TX 75231.

**LAURA WINES**

Laura Wines, 91, of Plainview, passed away on Monday, December 05, 2011. Funeral Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at Kornerstone Funeral Directors Chapel with Dr. Max Browning officiating.

Burial followed at Plainview Memorial Park under the care of Kornerstone Funeral Directors of Plainview.

A visitation was held from 1 p.m. until the service on December 7, 2011 at the funeral home.

Laura was born on March 24, 1920 in the Cahill Community near Alvarado, Texas to Charles and Mable Childress. On June 1, 1941, she married A.O. Wines in Chillocothe, Texas. He preceded her in death in 1983. Laura was a beautician, a homemaker and a longtime member of Plainview First United Methodist Church and the Wesley Sunday School Class.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Mable Childress; three brothers, Charles, James and Mack Childress; and one sister, Freda Sargeant.

Survivors include nieces and nephews, her friends, and her loving caregivers.

The family suggests memorials in Laura's name to First United Methodist Church 1001 W. 7th Street Plainview, Texas 79072.

Online condolences may be made at [www.kornerstonefunerals.com](http://www.kornerstonefunerals.com).

## Floyd County Church Directory

**AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Dennis Butler, Pastor  
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.  
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**BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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Darwin Robinson, Pastor  
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Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..10:50 a.m.  
Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.  
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**CALVARY'S CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP**  
Floydada  
Armando Morales, Pastor  
Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.  
Bible Study .....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening7:00 p.m.  
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Morning Worship ....9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School .....10:30 a.m.  
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West College & Third,  
Lockney  
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.  
Afternoon Worship ..1:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.  
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**CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Levi Sisemore, Minister  
Ivan Gomez, Minister  
Floydada  
Sunday Bible Study..9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship ....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.  
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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Tim Franks, Pastor  
Terry Simmons,  
Minister of Ed./Music  
Josh Burgett - Min. Students  
Sunday School .....9:15 a.m.  
Morning Worship ...10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study...6:30 p.m.  
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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,**  
Lockney  
Carl Moman, Pastor  
Chad Cook, Youth Min.  
Phil Cotham, Music Min..  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ....10:45 a.m.  
Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday.....6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday (Youth)....7:15 pm  
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**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Floydada  
Rev. Les Hall, Pastor  
Early Worship ....8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ...10:50 a.m.  
Youth (Sunday).....5:00 p.m.  
Youth (Wednesday)..7:30 p.m.  
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**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Lockney  
Rev. Ricky Carstensen  
Pastor  
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service ....10:30 a.m.  
Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Jr. High .....5:30 p.m.  
Wed. High School... 6:30 p.m.  
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**GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**  
Joe Bennett, Pastor  
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service.....7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday .....8:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service.....7:30 p.m.  
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**MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Lockney  
Jay Don Poindexter, Minister  
Bible Study .....9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ...10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship ...6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday .....7:30 p.m.  
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**MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Floydada  
Rev. Ralph Jackson  
401 N 12th St (983-5805)  
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Study ...7:00 p.m.  
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Sunday Singing .....10:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.  
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Floydada  
Rev. David Ramos, Pastor  
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader  
Sunday Bible...10:00 a.m.  
Morning Praise..11:00 a.m.  
Evening Praise ....5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Worship.... 7:00 p.m.  
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704 N. Main, Lockney  
Sunday Services.....10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening ..... 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday.....7:30 p.m.  
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**PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA**  
Lockney  
Jesus Caballero, Pastor  
Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service .....11:00 a.m.  
Discipleship .....5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service .....7:00 p.m.  
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**PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA**  
Floydada  
Rev. Lupe Rando  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..10:40 a.m.  
Evening Worship ....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Evening .....7:00 p.m.  
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**SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Lockney  
Jim McCartney, Pastor  
Wed. Communion...8:00 p.m.  
Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m.  
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**SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Joe Weldon, Pastor  
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting..... 7:00 p.m.  
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..... Sunday School .....  
English.....9:45 a.m.  
Spanish..... 11:00 a.m.  
Spanish Worship .....9:30 a.m.  
English Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service.....5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.  
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Rev. Angelo Consemينو  
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Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m.  
Mon.Wed. Mass.....6:30 p.m.  
Confession Sat.....10-11 a.m.  
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**TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM**  
Lockney  
Rev. Joe Hernandez  
Sun. Prayer Service 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School .....9:45 p.m.  
Worship Service ....11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Meeting .....7:00 p.m.  
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**TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Washington and 1st St.  
Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship .... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service .....7:00 p.m.  
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**TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA**  
Rev. Herman Martinez  
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada  
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship .....5:00 p.m.  
Tuesday .....7:30 p.m.  
Thursday Service.....7:30 p.m.  
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Morning Worship ...10:40 a.m.  
Sunday Evening .....6:00 p.m.  
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Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service ....11:00 a.m.  
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### Cotton Market Weekly December 9, 2011

The cotton market's four-day winning streak came to an end on Wednesday as cotton futures prices on the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) joined most of the other commodities in the red column. Analysts shook their heads in wonder and grasped for reasons for the fall, ultimately blaming it on the anticipation of USDA's supply/demand report on Friday and a technical correction.

Thursday's export sales report from USDA provided further fuel for the bears as net upland sales reductions of 34,100 bales for the 2011-12 marketing year resulted when cotton sales to China, Mexico, and Turkey were more than offset by sales cancellations by Bangladesh, South Korea, and Vietnam. Export shipments of 225,200 bales were up 48 percent from the previous week and 59 percent from the four-week average. Primary destinations included China, Turkey, and Mexico.

Sales on the spot market also were lower as producers in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, and New Mexico sold 19,995 bales online in the week ended Dec. 8 compared to the previous week when 33,408 bales were sold.

Meanwhile, USDA's 2011-12 U.S. cotton supply and demand estimate released Dec. 9 included lower production, domestic mill use, and ending stocks compared with last month. Production was reduced 473,000 bales due to decreases in all regions except the Far West. Domestic mill use was reduced 200,000 bales based on lower-than-expected use in recent months while the department's export estimate remains at 11.3 million bales. As a result, ending stocks now are forecast at 3.5 mil-

lion bales, or 23.5 percent of total use.

Lower consumption boosted the 2011-12 world ending stocks forecast by 2.7 million bales this month. Beginning stocks were raised almost 300,000 bales and world production was forecast nearly 500,000 bales lower due mainly to the reduced forecast for the U.S. crop. World consumption was reduced sharply, reflecting continued weak mill demand owing to an uncertain world economic outlook and a loss of fiber share to polyester. In fact, cotton consumption was lowered for most major world cotton spinners and included a 1.0-million-bale reduction for India and reductions of 500,000 bales for both China and Turkey.

World trade was revised slightly higher, despite lower world consumption, due to strong import demand by China which is supported by purchases for the national reserve. World ending stocks now are forecast at 57.7 million bales, an increase of 27 percent from 2010-11, and accounting for 52 percent of world consumption.

The 2011 U.S. cotton season quickly is coming to a close. Cool, mostly dry weather across the South promoted a rapid harvest pace for cotton early in November while parts of Texas, Oklahoma, and the Delta region received beneficial rainfall toward the end of the month. In Texas, harvest was advancing quickly in the Northern High Plains due to a freeze that aided with defoliation. By November 13, USDA reported nationwide harvest, at 79 percent complete, was advancing at the quickest pace since 2001. Toward month's

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### Floydada City Council Approves Action of Floydada EDC

By Sara Sisemore - Correspondent

The Floydada City Council met on Dec. 12 to appoint new members to the Floydada Housing Authority Board, hear of work being done by the Floydada Economic Development Corporation, and extend a lease agreement with Reach Broadband.

The council unanimously reappointed Jimmy Cervantes to serve another term with the Floydada Housing Authority Board after a motion by councilmember Betty King. The council is still searching for new members for two vacant positions on this board.

Councilmen Sam Green and Jon Nielson, both of whom serve on the Floydada Economic Development Corporation's Board of Directors, updated the city council on recent activity of the EDC. Green reported there are two new prospective business owners who want to open businesses in Floydada who have submitted requests to the EDC for some financial assistance. According to Green, the EDC Board of Directors has agreed to provide some assistance per the requests of Pure Legacy, LLC and Floyd County Supply, LLC, based upon the EDC's established guidelines that these new business ventures create new local jobs.

After the discussion was finished, King made a motion to support the action of the EDC Board of Directors to financially help Pure Legacy, LLC. Councilmember Alicia Turner provided a second to the motion and the vote passed four for and one against, with Councilman Nielson voting in opposition to the motion.

Green then made a motion to support the EDC Board's action of financial support for Floyd County Supply, LLC. King seconded the motion and the motion passed with a vote of four for and one against, with Nielson again voting in opposition.

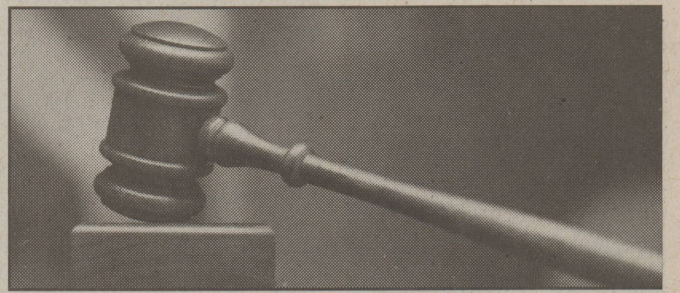
The council took no action after considering Reach Broadband's request to extend their lease agreement for an additional five years. This lease would allow Reach Broadband to have space on the water tower for their wireless internet equipment.

City Manager Gary Brown updated the council on the demand of Republic Power for West Texas Municipal Power Agency (WTMPA) to pay them approximately \$9 million. Brown, who is also president of WTMPA, shared as much information about the situation as he legally could. The WTMPA Board of Directors would be meeting again on Dec. 13 to decide what their next step was.

In other business, the council discussed Resolution 11-5 which if passed would give the City of Floydada authority to tax goods in transit. After discussion on the item, Green made a motion to take no action on the resolution. King seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The city council unanimously approved the Nov. 12 meeting minutes and agreed to pay the November bills.

### New judge to hear motion requests from Alpha-Tex



By Homer Marquez

After an appeal was granted to Alpha-Tex Kennels; Judge of the 181st State District John B. Board has been selected to preside over the appealed Alpha-Tex Kennel trail after Floyd County Judge Penny Golightly officially recused herself from the case.

Last week after the Judge's appointment to the case, Alpha-Tex Attorney Paul Holloway filed several motions to the new judge. These motions would include a request asking to change of the court venue for the case, claiming that Floyd County may hold a local preju-

dice; Holloway requested that the trial be moved to Briscoe County.

Attorney Holloway also made motions that requested that the case be a jury trial; as well as motions claiming that the seizure of the around 200 dogs from the Alpha-Tex Kennels was an illegal seizure and that all evidence found at the seizure be removed.

A hearing has been set for Friday, Jan. 6, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. so Judge John Board can consider motions filed by Alpha-Tex Attorney Paul Holloway; the hearing will be at the Amarillo District Courthouse.

### Lockney EDC Seeking Memorial Donations

The Board of the Lockney Economic Development Corporation met in regular session on Thursday, December 8th. Of particular interest in this meeting was the discussion of JD Copeland Plaza, which was named after the long time Lockney icon in 2010. The EDC would like to place planter boxes and benches in the area and are asking for area residents to sponsor memorials for these items. Plaques will be installed on sponsored items.

In other business, the EDC recently completed a farm-

ers market at the intersection of Main Street and Locust Street. The Board is currently working on guidelines for the use of the facility. The Board also voted to pay at least half of a tarp to cover the newly renovated swimming pool. The projected cost of the pool cover is \$8,900.

For more information on memorials for JD Copeland Plaza, contact Charlotte Hooten at 652-2355. Donations may be sent to City of Lockney, P.O. Box 387, Lockney, Texas, 79241.

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dad off the coast of Venezuela. There was no convoy from Trinidad to Puerto Rico; they were told the disturbing news on arrival at Puerto Rico that they had been followed by a submarine.

In Puerto Rico, he began his service in the Post Exchange and did tailor shop work.

Following his Puerto Rico assignment, he was en route from the United States 9 days to Hawaii where he worked for a time in the Post Exchange. The captain in charge of the PX saw that Claude could manage it and asked him to take charge.

The last assignment was Okinawa. He was 30 days in a ship going to Okinawa. While he was en route, the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima.

Even though he was in the Air Corps he was sent by way of boats to his separate assignments. When the war was over, during his time of service, he had spent 72 hours on the water—more than some seamen.

"Most of the was over, when we landed in Okinawa just off the coast of Japan. Clean up operations were going on," he adds.

Once again, he managed a tailor shop and post exchange. They were housed in tents while he was there six months. There were "no permanent buildings on the whole island." There was just one more tailor shop on the island. It was run by Sea-bees.

Here in Okinawa, he had 12 men to work for him in the post exchange. He had only one man to work in the tailor shop.

"Between the two of us, we kept the sewing machine busy almost day and night. We sewed on service stripes, chevrons, theater patches and altered, uniforms to fit. All of this was necessary in preparation for men to make the trip home. We also made silk scarves out of condemned parachutes. These scarves were sent home as gifts," he says.

Through Claude's efforts, a third tent was added to the two there. He had so much responsibility in the tents that the men named him "Mayor of Tent Village."

During the time in Okinawa, a typhoon tore up all the tents except the two-man tent that housed the tailor shop.

The typhoon had such force that it was necessary to crawl in hands and knees. It was impossible to stand up in it to walk.

"During the typhoon, some of the people went in the caves for protection, but the bodies of the Japanese that had been killed in the invasion were still in the caves. The offense caused by these decaying bodies

was 'too much.' We had had to take our time in removing the bodies because of the mined areas. When we landed, there were still bodies all over the beach. We were some time in getting them moved," he explains.

There was a hill between the tents and air base. The typhoon sent pieces of wrecked planes over on us. Sheets of metal sailed through the air. In spite of it, there were no casualties in our squadron," he adds.

At the end of the war, men were sent home to the United States on the point system. A specified number points were given for combat ribbons, and a specified number of points for dependability and the like. When the war ended Claude Brown had the necessary points to be returned to the United States and was assigned to a plane to make the trip home.

He thought until the last minute that he would be on the plane for departure, but he was told at the last minute that there was not room enough. The plane took off leaving him. This plane was never heard of again. It is supposed that it went down in the water.

"When I came back to the States, we came by the New York harbor. We were in a storm for five days. It was frightening. The waves looked like mountains. Water came washing across the decks. It was so scary that no one would go on the decks," he says.

"I came home when I was out of the service in December 1945 and opened a dry cleaning shop January 10, 1946. I was open for business in less than three weeks after I had my discharge.

"When I first put in my business of dry cleaning, new equipment was not available, so I bought used equipment from a tailor in Amarillo. I found that I had a lot of junk. When the corrosion was cleaned out, I found that the boiler had no bottom. I worked on that boiler half of the time the first year I was in business. If Joe Handley had not had a blacksmith shop next door, I could not have stayed in business," he laughingly states.

Cars were not available when the war was over, so it was necessary to walk back and forth from home to town.

The Lockney Beacon gave the report on the day of the formal opening of Brown's Department Store in 1960: "The Browns set up their first dry cleaning shop in the Rose building at the corner of Main and Locust streets. But soon they bought a building of their own just a half block north which is a part of their present store building. It was

after moving to their own store building that they decided to get into retailing men's wear.

"Their first order for merchandise was one for \$66 worth of men's socks. Mrs. Brown was skeptical of the order thinking it would require a long time to sell \$66 worth of socks. But the store's stock of men's clothing gradually grew and with it the building grew. Additions were built on the side, and then on the rear to give the store more room to display merchandise."

At one time Browns had two "full grown" retail stores and one thriving cleaning business in Lockney.

The first move under one roof came early in 1960 when they bought the building from Lloyd Wofford that housed the Wofford sucker-rod company.

Occasionally, salesmen ask, "How can you afford to have a store this size with this much merchandise in a town this size?"

Claude answers, "the town has done it. We couldn't have just started out this way. People in Lockney have always been good to us in the cleaning and in the department store."

"We have been burglarized a number of times. Once in a two-year period, we lost \$20,000 to burglars. Of course, this made it a little harder. It took us a long time to recover from that. One time, just before Christmas, we lost all our suits. This broke into our Christmas sales to say nothing of the total loss on suit investment," he says.

After a burglar had been caught stealing in another town, he confessed to stealing from Brown's Department Store and was given 12 years in the pen. None of Brown's merchandise was recovered.

The burglar used the same method of entrance in the Lockney store that had been used in other places. He "just came in, broke out the front door and was gone in a few minutes."

"We now have put in three types of burglar alarms. One is rigged with the telephone at our house," Claude explains.

The well-staffed store as bookkeeper the daughter Ann Race, whose husband, Bill Race, farms and gives a helping hand in the store. The Race children are Karl 14 and Randy 10.

All the time during the growth of department store, there has been constant growth of the town of Lockney itself. This growth has brought on the problems typical of any growing town.

Claude Brown has been voted to places of responsibility

in town government over a period of 20 years.

"I was first elected to the city council in 1956 and served 3 terms. I ran for mayor. I am in my seventh term as mayor and have not missed a meeting in that time. At the end of this term, I will have served 20 years in the two offices."

During this time, he has been president of the local Rotary Club twice and President of the Lockney Chamber of Commerce twice.

The requirements for mayor are difference now that there is more control by the government. Budget hearings and hearings on revenue sharing take time.

The city budget records must be filed with the state comptroller's office in Austin now.

"I don't really see any need of it, but there is a law to that effect," the Mayor explains.

"I have done a little differently from mayors in other towns, I suppose. We have city councilmen to be in charge of each department. This helps to even the load of responsibility.

"The street and alley department has the biggest problems. Every year, we seal-coat a percent of them.

"One government regulation requires the inspection of the city dump yard. A state health official said last month that the dump grounds are in the best condition that they have ever been in.

"We keep a man out there all the time when the gates are not locked. He shows people where to dump.

"Two or three years ago we bought additional acres to have a reserve when we have used up all we have."

The county pays \$2,000 a year supplement to pay for county people using the dump grounds. The county also digs the pits. These pits are about 20 feet deep. It is necessary to cover every week. When a pit has been covered for a while, it can be used again.

Also, the mayor's department has control of the water used by the city. In face, the water department is a "pretty big item" with its 4 wells to operate.

Another matter in the mayor's control is sewage. A 160-acre plot was bought for the purpose of having a place for sewage. The acreage is farmed on the 1/2 - 1/4 plan. The farmer pumps water from the sewage pits for irrigation.

In discussing the department store business and civic responsibilities, Claude Brown summarizes, "The main thing that we have tried to do is to give the people the best we can give."

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Blue Tongue, Anthrax and Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD), have been especially devastating to both wild and farmed deer this year resulting in the loss of hundreds if not thousands of deer. He explained, "Anthrax always occurs at some level annually in the Southern Edwards Plateau generally in native and free-ranging ruminants." In the summer of 2007, landowners in nine Texas counties lost as much as 34% of their free ranging white-tailed deer to an outbreak of common diseases, including Anthrax, which underscores the need for research on all diseases affecting white-tailed deer.

Dr. James Kroll, renowned expert on white-tailed deer, echoed Dr. Davis' concern in previous legislative testimony. He reiterated, "Texas A&M University, College of Veterinary Medicine, stepped forward to help with deer disease research but received no public funds to do so in spite of a 2009 legislative request for such funding. The TDA has contributed to research on EHD and Blue Tongue, perhaps the most significant diseases of free-ranging and ranch raised whitetails." Dr. Kroll hopes the increased attention at this time on preventing CWD will help the state to also focus on the need for education, prevention and research on deer diseases confirmed to exist in Texas.

A Texas A&M Economic Study on Deer Breeding concluded the "industry is a growing and important segment of the Texas economy, contributing to the vitality of rural areas of the state." They reported the deer industry including hunting, deer breeding and tourism have an economic impact to the state of over \$2.2 billion. Earlier this year, Dr. Kroll spoke on the industry's current status, "Texas has been a leader in deer management since the 1970s, and now enjoys a leadership role in deer breeding. Today, there are over 1,200 active deer breeders, most of which represent small landowners and family-run operations. Whereas, managing for trophy whitetails once was the purview of the wealthy landowner with thousands of acres, deer breeding allows the small family operation to compete. It is safe to say, deer breeding is contributing to saving the family farm or ranch in many cases."

On a national level, individuals involved in the deer industry have been working for several years to secure funding for a research measure successfully included in the current U.S. Farm Bill. The North American Deer Farmers' Association (NADeFA), with the assistance of Texas U.S. Congressman Michael Conaway, along with individuals representing the deer industry from across the nation, including TDA members, were able to secure a measure in the bill to include a Deer Research Initiative to focus on the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of infectious, parasitic and toxic diseases including research dedicated to developing vaccines for EHD and Blue Tongue disease in ranch-raised cervidae. Texas Department of Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples as well as U.S. Senator John Cornyn were also helpful in bringing initial attention to the need for the research effort. Funding for that measure has yet to be secured, but efforts will continue on this vitally needed project. Texas A&M University, College of Veterinary Medicine is regarded as a likely site for the program.

TDA's president, Gilbert T. Adams, III, affirmed the goal of TDA co-founder Dr. James Kroll, "TDA will continue to advocate for a comprehensive, long-term plan to develop a healthy deer industry in our State. Such a plan will respect the philosophical differences of naturalists and alternative livestock operators while also requiring a cooperative effort between state agencies, the legislature and private landowner/operators; one that acknowledges the need for the management of game animals and respects the role of the private landowner whose stewardship is key to the continued existence of game animals."

Headquartered in San Antonio, the Texas Deer Association is the only non-profit organization solely committed to improving the quality of Texas deer herds through improved habitat practices, modern harvest strategies and use of superior deer to enhance the deer herds. To learn more about the TDA or for membership information, visit [www.texasdeerassociation.com](http://www.texasdeerassociation.com) or call (210) 767-8300. Office is located at 403 East Ramsey Ste 204, San Antonio, TX 78216.

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end, favorable weather in the West allowed ample time for producers in Arizona and California to continue harvesting their crop and some areas had finished harvesting in the Southeast. By November 27, cotton producers had harvested 92 percent of the nation's crop, two percentage points ahead of last year and 10 percentage points ahead of the five-year average, according to USDA data.

USDA reported Georgia objective yield data showed boll weight to be the highest on record while North Carolina yield data showed boll weight to be the lowest since 2005. Due to historical drought conditions, objective yield data in Texas showed boll weight to be the lowest since 2000.

THIS WEEK'S

FIRST NATIONAL BANK ANNUAL CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

The First National Bank of Floydada will host their Annual "Christmas Open House" on Friday, December 16th in the Community Room From 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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CALVERT HOME HEALTH BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

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

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trict on July 19, 2011.

With the new rules in place, starting on Jan. 2012 through 2013, all those pumping from the Ogallala from an existing, new, pre-district well or well system must limit their water pumping to 1.75 acre-feet or 21 inches per contiguous acre.

The following year, the limit will drop to 1.5 acre-feet or 18 inches per contiguous acre during 2014-2015. In third year, the limit will be lowered again to 1.25 acre-feet or 15 inches per contiguous acre; the 1.25 rate will also extend beyond 2016.

Along with limiting pumping, the District's new rules will require the metering of underground water usage as well as an annual report of consumption.

Starting in 2012, all new water wells or systems in the district will be required to have a meter placed on it before it can be used. Existing water wells or systems are allowed to use an alternative measuring method for the next four years, from 2012 to 2016, this would include measuring consumption through a electricity bill or water bill. However water well systems must be equipped with meters by 2016.

The District added that a list of approved meters could be found on their web site. Wells or well systems with fully functioning meters may be "grandfathered" as an accepted meter system if it meets the District criteria. Well meters can also be installed by farmers if they follow the manufactures guidelines.

Yearly water reports will also need to be turned into the Water District; however the District added during the meeting, that this year will be a practice year so everyone could get used to the system and make sure everything is working. During this time, the District will not issue penalties for over usage.

A concerned producer then asked if the District had the authority to issue penalties that he had read could reach \$10,000 a day. Mr. Conkwright answered that legislation allowed the District to fine that much; however the Water District stated that in Feb. they are planning to adopt similar rules followed by the North Plains Groundwater Committee. These rules penalize producers only \$25 fine if they pump an acre foot over what is allowed. The next infraction is a \$75 fine, then a \$225 fine on the third violation. On the fourth violation the well could be shut, but remedial steps can be taken to open the well back up.

Municipalities will also be subject to water pumping restrictions; but because the amount of water consumption in a city is so erratic, the Water District asked cities to provide the records of the past three years of water consumption. The city is then allowed to pick the highest year of consumption and is not allowed to go over that year; if consumption does pass the allowed amount, the city must ensure water rights from another source to cover water consumption. However if the city does go over, the Water District will not shut the city off of water but the district said the city and district will have "serious negotiations."

Closing their presentation, the Water District said that through time the restrictions may change but added that the restrictions would more then likely become more relaxed as time went on; even farmers were encouraged share new techniques and practices with Water District if producers found ways to make the new water metering system more efficient.

However, despite the open invitation, the majority of those in attendance still had a bad taste in their mouth as their speculations over the regulations became apparent in the open forum of the meeting. Concerned farmers commented that despite the results of an economic study by the Water District which showed that there would be no significant impact in the overall county from the restriction; individual farmers could be affected.

In one case, a smaller farm may have used an extra amount of water to produce an exceptional crop that would easily compete with the crops of bigger farms; these farms may not have access to the quantity but makes up in quality. However with the water restrictions, the smaller farm would not have the resources needed to produce that caliber of crop. Other farmers expressed there concerns over the district ability to drop the water pumping limit even lower if drought conditions continued into the coming year; and if their was a possibility that water pumping limits could drop to zero. Mr. Conkwright did express that the district could drop the limit even lower if the drought continued but he hoped that they would never have to do that.

"I think it is in the best interest of this region to extend its water supply as long it can, this region lives on ground water not surface; and when its down to where its diminished so that our agriculture industry can't survive; I think that will be the worst thing that ever happen and our property value will reflect it." added Mr. Conkwright.

Along with the feeling of discontent because farmers felt that since the meters are a government mandate and should be paid by the government; and that some farmers felt that these restrictions would not have an effect on the water levels. The big issue was that farmers felt their rights as landowner were being violated; and that when they paid for the land, they paid for the water and the right to use it as they pleased.

After challenging the state's and the district's decisions, local resident Gary Lewis addressed representatives of the Water District; "Life is changing up right now for us...I don't think this has a darn thing to do with conservation, I think it has to do with taking our water away from us; now I think this needs to be challenged. You may be a believer in what you are doing, but I think you are really ill informed on this thing."

As a way to combat the new restrictions, the Protect Water Rights Coalition is planning to file a lawsuit in the hopes of changing the law. The PWRC was started this past June and is made up of local citizens and producers; "It's an organization that was formed actually for our self protection, that any one person wouldn't be held liable for the cost of a lawsuit," commented J.O. Dawdy, "We are like minded people and we put our money where our mouth is, and intend to contest this and hopefully have a good outcome"

Flyers that were being handed out by the PWRC, made their message clear as they wrote "Water confiscation is not water conservation." To contact the PWRC, visitors can head to www.protectwaterights.com

Nevertheless, as of right now the rules will be instituted at the beginning of the year, the Water District is encouraging everyone with question over the new rules to feel free to contact by phone or on the Water District's website www.hpwd.com.

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Willson served in the U.S. Army; during his time, he was able to graduate from Southern Methodist University in 1943.

In 1946, Willson would marry Anne Newman of North Carolina; they would have five children. Anne Willson would also be an active part of the community as she served as the first president of the women's Chamber of Commerce and worked diligently with the Girl Scouts.

After leaving the Army, Willson returned to Floydada and worked in the family business, Willson and Son's Builder Mart.

Throughout his career, he became a very active member of the community. Along with his work with the Rotary and Lion's Clubs; Willson served two terms as Floydada's Mayor and three terms on the City Council. Mr. Willson also served on Floydada's Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for over 35 years as well as served as the president of the Floydada Development Cooperative.

Along with this, Willson stayed active in the Boy Scouts of America receiving numerous honors including the Eagle Scout Award, the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award, and the Silver Beaver Award. He also served as the District Chairman of the Haynes District, the Finance Chairman, and was a member of the Executive Board of the South Plains Council.

In the American Legion, Mr. Willson served 55 years as a member of the McDernett Post #118 and served as a past

Post Commander.

Running parallel with these activities, he continued to be an active member of The First United Methodist Church in Floydada where he taught Sunday school for 15 years and served as the chairman of the administrative board.

Mr. Willson would also become a distinguished member of the Floydada Masonic Fraternity. He received many honors as an active Mason and was raised to a Master Mason in 1947. Willson served several times as the Master of the Floydada Lodge; in 1967 he was invested with the 33 degree of the Scottish Rite. Along with a number of other honors as a Mason, most notable would be his installment as the Grand Master of the Texas Masons on Dec. 5, 1981.

While the entire complete resume of Mr. Willson accomplishments and contributions would fill this entire page, he still holds a modest and humble attitude and testifies to whom he believes gave him the strength to accomplish so much, as he commented, "The Lord's been good to me"

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