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Coaches sound off on new U.I.L realignments

By Homer Marquez
 Floyd County sports will look a little different next year as the UIL released its biannual sports district realignments last Thursday. Making their decision based on the school's student enrollment numbers, the UIL shuffled both Lockney and Floydada's 2012 and 2013 district schedules around based on the 159 students currently enrolled in Lockney and the 218 enrolled in Floydada.

In football, Lockney will stay in 1A however the Horns will move out of the four team district which included Panhandle, Clarendon, and Quanah. For the next two years, Lockney will be playing a little closer to home as District 2-1A will now be a five team district consisting of Lockney, Hale Center, New Deal, Sundown, and Tahoka.
 "It is pretty much what we expected," commented Lockney Athletic Director

Malcom Moerbe, "It will be tough but we have a chance to be very competitive."
 Lockney's new district will include 1A big boys New Deal and Sundown who both made it to the state playoffs in 2011. Last year, New Deal reached the bi-district contest, where they were defeated by Seymour; while Sundown, who went undefeated in their regular season, made it to Regional's, where they too were knocked out of the playoffs by Seymour.

However despite tough competition, Coach Moerbe is confident that preparations being made right now by the Longhorns will make Lockney contenders next year.
 "As we have told our kids, the success of our team next year will be determined by what we do for the rest of the school year in the off season program and during the summer," added Coach Moerbe. "We have a schedule of some new teams

we haven't played in a while, both in non-district and district. This combined with having homecoming next year and being in a district where we can compete, points to an exciting season."
 In Floydada, the next two years will match up the Whirlwinds with Abernathy, Lubbock Roosevelt, Olton, Post, and Tulia in District 2-2A.
 "I feel Floydada was treated as fairly as it could have been by the UIL with this

realignment," commented Floydada Athletic Director Todd Bandy, "We have a very competitive district that is reasonably close in travel and reasonably close with the numbers turned in by the high schools."
 In the new district, there was only be two schools that reported a higher number of enrollment then the 218 students turned in by Floydada. Tulia reported an U.I.L.
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Lighthouse honors Morton's long career



Photo by Homer Marquez
 In honor of her long and fulfilling career, Lighthouse Electric Cooperative held a special reception in honor of Shirley Morton's 42 years at the company. Pictured above are Shirley Morton (middle), former Lighthouse General Manager Alton Higginbotham, and current Lighthouse General Manager Bill Harbin.

By Homer Marquez
 It was a full house at the Lighthouse Electric Cooperative on Friday as friends and family held a special reception in honor of Shirley Morton who retired last week after 42 years at the electric company. "She's been kind of the glue that has held this thing together," explained Lighthouse Member Service Advisor Larry Ogden as he described the company's gratitude towards Morton's many years of service, "I hate to see her go."
 The overall sentiment of the reception was pretty much the same as friends, family, and co-workers engulfed Mrs. Morton with thank you's and best wishes

Friday afternoon.
 "This job has been so good to me," commented an obviously emotional Mrs. Morton, "it's been my life, it's helped me raise my girls and I've made lots of wonderful friends."
 The Morton family arrived in Floydada in late 1969 after Shirley's husband, Ray, landed a job selling irrigation pipe. That following year, on Feb 3, Mrs. Morton was hired at the Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, which at that time was located on California Street.
 At the beginning, Mrs. Morton worked as the capital credits clerk and hand posted the cooperative's debts, credits, as well as handled the balancing. A few months

later, she was moved to the front of the building as she became Lighthouse's newest cashier/receptionist. A natural people person, Mrs. Morton loved the move because it gave her a chance to meet new people; "I made tons of friends that way," she explained, "I really like to visit with people, I always have, so I liked that."
 In 1972, Mrs. Morton became the secretary to the company's general manager, who at that time was Alton Higginbotham. This past Friday, Mr. Higginbotham, who is now retired, traveled from his home in Burleson, Texas to Floydada so he could attend the reception.
 After serving as the GM's secretary, Mrs. Morton

became Lighthouse's Staff Assistant where she managed and organized personal type duties like employee benefits and insurance as well as operation travel arrangements.
 Through the years, the new position created even closer bonds between Mrs. Morton and her co-workers as the title's duties allowed her to assist her fellow colleagues with important matters like insurance and benefit coverage; "The people here, you just bond with them; because your with them so much," explained Mrs. Morton as she described Lighthouse as her second family, "it means a lot to me
MORTON
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Floyd County **NEIGHBORS**



Photo by Kat Wallace
 Meet Kay McCulloch, she has been a resident of Floyd County now for 12 years. Kay is the Manager of Allsup's in Lockney and has been for about 3 years. Kay graduated Plainview High School. She has 4 children Tommy-30, Kimberly-24, Ashley-22 and Bethany-15. She also has four grandbabies: Shandi-3 years, Kaindyn-2 years, Lakoda-11 months and Kulter-2 months. Kay attends First United Methodist Church in Lockney. Some of her hobbies include reading, computers and spending time with her family. Nice to meet you Kay.

City Park Church of Christ to host a cappella concert



Konstantin Zhigulin
 Floydada, Texas - The City Park church of Christ will be hosting two a cappella singing groups for a night of worship, music, community, and cultural exchange. The free concert begins Friday, February 17 at 7 p.m. It will be held in the church auditorium, located at 505 South Fifth Street in Floydada.
 The featured group of the evening will be **Psalom Spiritual Music Ensemble**, from Saint Petersburg, Russia.
 Opening for Psalom will be the **Generations Quartet** from Lubbock, Texas.
 Light refreshments will follow in the church fellowship hall. All members of the community are encouraged to come and share this uplifting evening, a true East-meets-West event. Contact Levi Sisemore for more details at office@cityparkcoc.org or (806) 983-2570.
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Courtesy Photo
 Ofelia Hammond (left) and Ila White (right) were recognized recently as the employee with the longest service and the resident who has resided at Shepherd's Meadow Assisted Living Center the longest. Ofilia started working for Shepherd's Meadow only a few weeks after it was opened on May 3, 2006 and is a highly valued member of the staff. Ila moved into Shepherd's Meadow as soon as the doors opened for residents and is loved by all of the staff and administration. As a long time Sunday School teacher at the First Baptist Church of Floydada, she laughs when she tells stories about the children she taught and loved. Ila loves to have visits from family and friends.

Lockney's Chamber of Commerce Banquet is coming up on March 24th...They are now accepting nominations for Citizen of the Year. Please send your picks to P.O. Box 477 in Lockney, Texas 79241 or drop them off at J and K Insurance or Kaleidoscopes in Lockney

LIFESTYLES

Long and Jensen to marry

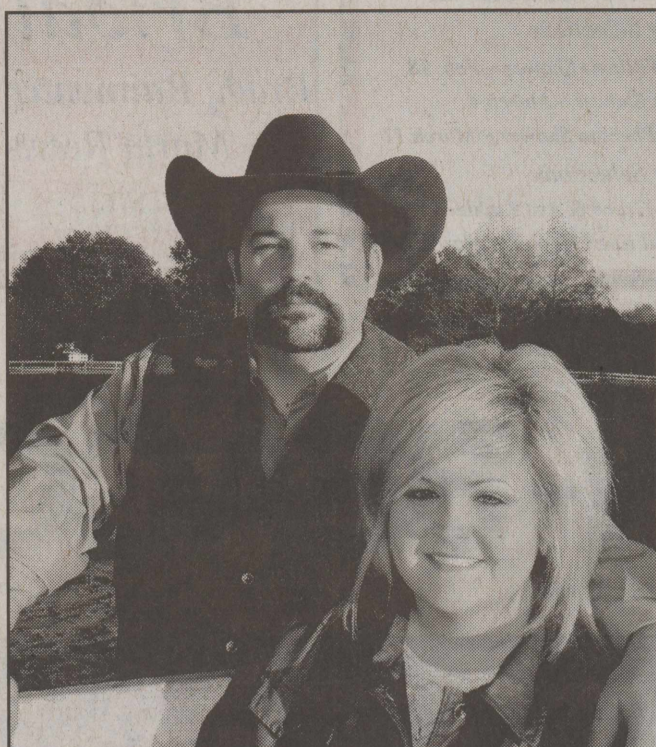
Nick and Melissa Long of Floydada, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Molly Kaye Long of Big Lake, Texas to Wesley Jensen, son of David and Janell Jensen all of Sealy, Texas.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Floydada High School and Texas Tech University with a degree in Human Development and Family Studies. She is employed by Reagan County ISD as a first grade teacher.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Katy High School and Sam Houston State University with a degree in Psychology. He is the owner of Johnny Creek Cattle Company.

The couple will marry June 24, 2012 in Maui, Hawaii.

A dinner reception will be hosted on July 21, 2012 at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center.



MOLLY LONG AND WESLEY JENSEN

Guerrero and Williams to wed

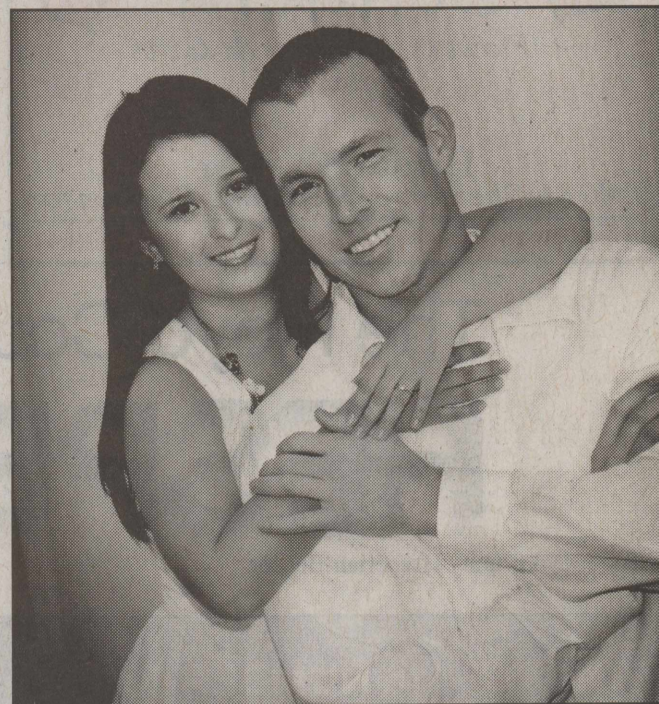
Rene and Silvia Guerrero of Lockney are happy to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Leticia Guerrero to Michael Williams of Fort Worth, Texas. Michael is the son of Earl and Nancy Williams of Colleyville, Texas.

The bride-elect is a 2002 graduate of Lockney High School and a 2006 graduate of The Art Institute of Dallas.

Leticia is the granddaughter of the late Rueben Guerrero and Adelina Guerrero of Lockney and Tomas and Eudelia Rendon of Lockney.

The prospective groom is a 2006 graduate of The Art Institute of Dallas.

The couple will marry April 21, 2012 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Bedford, Texas.



LETICIA GUERRERO AND MICHAEL WILLIAMS

THIS WEEK'S FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

By Margaret Jones

The Super Bowl has come and gone and I hope your Favorite Team and Favorite Player won the Long-awaited-and-sought-after-coveted-award as THE NUMBER ONE WINNING TEAM AND THE MOST OUTSTANDING PLAYER. If not...just wait...As quickly as Time passes, there will be something much more vying for attention and wanting your support.

What a wonderful surprise as I entered the Center today for lunch! There were Streamers of red and silver HEARTS and Doilies with Hearts scattered around on the tables as well as Glittered cut-out Hearts and Hearts with xox written on them. What a pleasant surprise for this Special Month of VALENTINES.

A special thanks to the FLOYD COUNTY QUEENS who did the decorating for their projects this year. The QUEENS are...TINY MISS...Anyaleigh Tambunga. LITTLE MISS...Kristina Sanchez. JUNIOR MISS...Lauren Hall. TEEN MISS...Ashley Roberts. MISS FLOYD COUNTY...Darby Long. Their sponsors are Ann Anderson and Barbara Carthel. THANK YOU, girls and sponsors for making this Valentines a very special time for Senior Citizens this year. You are Very Special.

Jon and Elaine LaBaume were in Mesquite this past week to visit his sister, Ann Haynes. While there, their other sister from Plano Jane Bell, joined them. After a couple of days visiting there they went to

Ft. Worth to attend the stock show. There were several kids from Floyd County showing animals. While there they saw J.D., Angela and Brady Ragland, they actually sat by them during the steer show. On Friday they drove to Abilene and spent a couple of days with Jon's twin brother, Don and his wife, Janice.

The Floydada Senior Citizens wishes to thank you for all donations and Memorials. Please send those to: Floydada Senior Citizens, P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235.

MEMORIALS:

In memory of Margie Hicks - Kay Hicks and family

In memory of Irvin Seymour - Shorty Turner, Wayland and Margaret Jones

In memory of Glenna Rodden - Shorty Turner, Janice Lloyd, Wayland and Margaret Jones

In memory of Greg Campbell - Shorty Turner, Janice Lloyd

In memory of Lorene Newberry - Naomi Battey, Genelle Breed

In memory of Floyd Bradford - Naomi Battey, Genelle Breed

In memory of Rilla Sue Woody - Wayland and Margaret Jones

In memory of Emagene Haenisch - Denice Holcomb, Genelle Breed

In memory of Dorothy Thornton - Genelle Breed

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Sour-Cream Raisin Pie

8 ounces sour cream, 2-3 egg yolks, 1 tablespoon Oleo, ¾ cup Sugar, 2 tablespoons

Flour, 1 teaspoon corn meal, ¼ teaspoon salt, ½ teaspoon cinnamon, 1 cup Raisins, 1 teaspoon vanilla. Mix sour cream, egg yolks, Oleo. Add sugar, flour, corn meal, salt, cinnamon, and raisins. Cook until thick. (Stir while cooking)...Add vanilla. Pour into cooked and cooled pie shell. May top with meringue or whipped cream (as desired).

This recipe was given to me by Bell Vinson. It was her mother's, Inez Fults, and was the Family Favorite Recipe. Enjoy!!!!!!!

Thought for the Week - Bless all you meet with a SMILE!

MENU

- February 13 - February 17**
- Monday** - Ham and beans, cornbread, margarine, spinach, seasoned corn, orange pineapple cup, country apple crisp, low fat milk
- Tuesday** - Rigatoni with meat sauce, garlic bread, seasoned lima beans, tossed salad w/dressing, mandarin oranges w/whipped topping, low fat milk
- Wednesday** - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, stewed okra, seasoned corn, pumpkin square, low fat milk
- Thursday** - Beef soft taco, Spanish rice, broccoli, seasoned corn, mandarin oranges w/whipped topping, low fat milk
- Friday** - Herb roasted chicken, potato wedges, whole wheat roll, margarine peas and carrots, strawberries w/whipped topping, low fat milk

LOCKNEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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LOCKNEY EX-STUDENT ASSOCIATION

The Lockney Ex-Student Association has set September 21-22 as

the 2012 Homecoming Weekend. The first meeting for planning will be

Tuesday Feb 21 at 7 p.m. at the Main Street Church of Christ Fellowship Hall in Lockney. Everyone is welcome! Please make every effort to attend.

FAIR BOARD TO MEET

The Floyd County Fair Board will meet Thursday, February 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the Lockney Library meeting room. Please make plans to attend.

SALVATION ARMY LOCKNEY

Despite current unfortunate circumstances, the Salvation Army Store in Lockney will continue to be open and will still be taking donations.

"TRASH TO TREASURE" SALAD LUNCHEON

"Trash to Treasure Ladies" Salad Luncheon, First Baptist Church, Matador, Saturday, February 18th at 12 noon.

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Floyd County Fair board members begin planning

By Carol Huggins

The Fair is around 8 months away; but, it takes lots of pre-planning to make it happen - and lots of people to do the planning. The last Fair was the result of 10-15 people doing most of the work. It is just not physically possible to keep everything going with so few people.

We must have more people to help during the actual Fair time, and we must have more people on the Fair Board who are com-

mitted to the project and willing to devote their time to getting and keeping the Fair activities going.

When a few people are trying to keep everything going, everything suffers. We have lots of good ideas, but no one to carry them out. It is hard to do things well when they all happen at the same time. With more people, we could build on what

we already have in place and add more fun activities.

So, we on the current Fair Board are asking/begging for more people to get involved. This is a great community activity - one of the few truly community-wide activities we have in Floyd County. The Fair has the potential to once again be something recognized through-

out the area as an activity not to be missed each year.

If you are interested at all in keeping the Fair going, please come to the meeting on Thursday, February 9 - and invite your friends here and in the surrounding counties, too. Attendance at this meeting may determine the fate of yet another long-time tradition.

Trash to Treasure ladies' luncheon to feature music from area churches

All women of the area are invited to attend and bring their friends to the upcoming Trash to Treasure Ladies' Salad Luncheon on Saturday, February 18, at 12:00 noon at First Baptist Church, Matador.

Trash to Treasure, a musical focus on God's redemptive

work within us, will feature music presented by several area churches. The theme is based on Psalm 51:10, "Create in me a clean heart, O God."

Guests who would like to bring a salad are encouraged to do so, but this is not required.

Also, women attending as a group are asked to bring one salad for every two or three women in the group.

The event is hosted annually by the Women on Mission of the church's WMU.

For more information, call Doris Moore (347-2875).

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OBITUARY

JOY NELL HARDY
Joy Nell Hardy age 64 of Mena, died Monday, January 30, 2012 at her home. She was born on Thursday, November 27, 1947 to Martin Luther and Dorothy Faye Royal Bradley in Chickasha, Oklahoma. Joy graduated from Lockney High School in 1965 in Lockney, Texas. She is preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her husband, Clarence Hardy of the

home; one son and daughter-in-law, Lanny and Amanda Hardy of Blanchard, Oklahoma; one brother, Van Bradley of Lockney, Texas; two sisters, Gay Huddleston of Sapulpa, Oklahoma and Glee O'Banion of Lubbock, Texas; two grandchildren, Kayla and Landon Hardy both of Blanchard, Oklahoma; several nieces and nephews and a host of other relatives and friends. Funeral services were held Friday, February 3, 2012 at 2 p.m. at the Bowser Family Fu-

neral Home Chapel in Mena with Ron Broussard officiating. Interment followed in the Pinecrest Memorial Park in Mena. Visitation was held Thursday, February 2, 2011 from 6-8 p.m. Memorials can be made to the Special Olympics, C/O Sally Hardin, 586 West Thomas Street, Booneville, Arkansas 72927. Online Guestbook: www.bowserffh.com

'Marriage On The Rock' Simulcast To Be Hosted By Silverton Methodist Church February 10-11

This Valentine's weekend, give your spouse the gift that will change his or her life: an intimate, passionate, fulfilling and healthy marriage. Join Jimmy and Karen Evans for their Marriage on the Rock seminar via online broadcast/simulcast. On Friday and Saturday, February 10-11 the First Methodist Church in Silverton, Texas will be hosting this 'Marriage On The Rock' online broadcast for area couples or soon to be married couples. Tickets are available, but not required for attendance. Times are Friday 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. - 12 noon. Are you tired of a mediocre marriage? Do you and your spouse feel like you're only existing together—or growing apart? Has your re-

lationship lost its spark? A better marriage is possible. At this MarriageToday live event you and your spouse will learn (1) the four foundational laws of marriage. (2) elements of financial intimacy (3) how to disarm destructive behaviors of husbands and wives (4) keys to intimate fulfillment in marriage. "My husband and I have been married for 39 years and this was the best marriage seminar we have ever attended. It included honest, practical information and insights that were so obviously God-inspired. Jimmy Evans has been a blessing and favorite of ours for many years. Getting to know Karen was also a treat. It doesn't matter how long you have been married,

you can always gain wisdom to enhance your relationship. My thanks for spending your Valentine weekend enriching the lives of others!"— Vicki from Lubbock Jimmy Evans is one of America's leading experts on family and marriage relationships. He is founder of MarriageToday and co-host of MarriageToday with Jimmy and Karen, the marriage ministry and national award-winning broadcast that airs to millions of homes each week. A popular church and conference speaker, he has also authored a number of books, including Marriage on the Rock and 7 Secrets of Successful Families. Jimmy and his wife, Karen, have two married children and three grandchildren.

Lockney Senior Citizen News

By Renee Armstrong
We need someone to volunteer to put together the yearbook for the Center; please call the Center if you would like to do this. Dorothy Stapp is recuperating from gall bladder surgery; I hear she is doing well. Lynda Holley is in ICU at

Covenant in Lubbock. She is doing somewhat better. Please keep these and those that have lost loved ones in your prayers. Remember Pot Luck on Thursdays at 6pm, with games to follow; Ladies exercise on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays at 9-9:30pm; and

Coffee time, Monday-Saturday at 9:30-10:30am. Have a great week! **Senior Center Menu Feb 13-17** Monday-Baked Potatoes Tuesday-Tacos Wednesday-Fried Chicken Thursday-Spaghetti Friday-Brisket

FROM THE ARCHIVES

From the Lockney Beacon
May 14, 1978

LOCKNEY'S ATHENA JUNIOR STUDY CLUB COMPLETES 17TH YEAR

By Felicia Applewhite
When a group of young Lockney women met March 10, 1961 to organize a study club, they chose the name "Athena Junior Study Club." In taking the name "Athena," they dedicated their efforts as a club to wisdom, beauty and love of art.

"Imagination added to wisdom, beauty and love of art produces a new modern-day Athena. She open doors to new dimensions," they wrote in their yearbook.

The Athena Club completed 17 years of organization and community service when they closed out this club year with the last meeting this month.

They were admitted to membership in The Texas Federation of Women's Clubs May 1, 1961, about two months following organization. They were admitted to General Federation of Women's Clubs February 13, 1962.

Within a year the Athena Club influence was being felt at district and state levels. The young club brought home a first in over-all club reports; first in the department of Council of International Affairs; first in the department of fine arts and a first in the department of education—all from the club's first attendance to the Caprock District of Federated Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Joe Taylor, a charter Athena Club member, was elected District Junior Director of Texas clubs early in the club's organization.

An ever-widening influence began to be felt in the state by the Athena Club, "Athena Junior Club Wins Five State Texas Federated Women's Clubs Awards," headlined a story in the news in May 1965.

"Athena Junior Study club played an important role in helping Caprock District win a tremendous amount of awards at the 68th annual Convention of Texas Federated of Women's Clubs in Ft. Worth in May."

That year the Athena press book won first place representing junior clubs from communities with populations between 1500 to 5,000 where there were no daily newspapers.

In Texas Federated Women's Clubs convention in 1966, Felicia Louise Applewhite won second place art award for Athena Club when she entered an

oil titled "If My People Called by My Name."

Mrs. Pat Frizzell was elected club woman of the year representing Caprock District at a state meeting in Dallas in 1967. That year awards totaling \$1,000 was presented to three different clubs. First place award of \$500 went to Athena Club. Mrs. Frizzell was president of the club.

The club has found local avenues of service a challenge. In 1963, they began a move to organize a hospital auxiliary. The stated purpose of the organization was, "to assist the hospital in the development of better patient care by providing volunteer service. The auxiliary volunteer does not replace paid employees."

Forty women were present for the organizational meeting. Four women from Methodist Hospital in Lubbock were present to explain the work and as-

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Dear Friends,
The family of Greg Campbell is extremely grateful to all of you for your expressions of love, support, and sympathy in our time of sorrow. Greg was a devoted son, brother, father and friend and we will miss him very much.
Although deeply saddened by our loss, we are also overwhelmed by your kindness. Because we are unable to personally thank everyone at the service, we hope you will accept this expression of our gratitude.
Thank you Friends,
and may God bless you.

Floyd County Church Directory

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| <p>AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Dennis Butler, Pastor
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
*****</p> <p>BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
810 S. 3rd, Floydada
Darwin Robinson, Pastor
983-5278
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday7:00 p.m.
*****</p> <p>CALVARY'S CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP
Floydada
Armando Morales, Pastor
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
Bible Study6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
*****</p> <p>CARR'S CHAPEL
Service Every Sunday:
Morning Worship9:00 a.m.
Sunday School10:30 a.m.
*****</p> <p>CHURCH OF CHRIST
West College & Third, Lockney
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Afternoon Worship ..1:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.
*****</p> <p>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 Worship6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study7:00 p.m.
*****</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Tim Franks, Pastor
Terry Simmons, Minister of Ed./Music
Josh Burgett - Min. Students
Sunday School9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study...6:30 p.m.
*****</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Lockney
Jonathan Sullivan, 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 p.m.
*****</p> | <p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Floydada
Rev. Les Hall, Pastor
Early Worship8:30 a.m.
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ...10:50 a.m.
Youth (Sunday).....5:00 p.m.
Youth (Wednesday).....7:30 p.m.
*****</p> <p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Lockney
Rev. Ricky Carstensen Pastor
Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Worship Service10:30 a.m.
Evening Service..... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Jr. High5:30 p.m.
Wed. High School... 6:30 p.m.
*****</p> <p>GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Joe Bennett, Pastor
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.
Evening Service.....7:30 p.m.
Tuesday8:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:30 p.m.
*****</p> <p>MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST
Lockney
Jay Don Poindexter, Minister
Bible Study9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday7:30 p.m.
*****</p> <p>MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Floydada
Rev. Ralph Jackson
401 N 12th St (983-5805)
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Study ...7:00 p.m.
*****</p> <p>NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Floydada
Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges (806) 637-0430
Sunday Singing10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
*****</p> <p>OUT REACH HARVEST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
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.</p> | <p>POWER OF PRAISE FULL GOSPEL CHURCH
Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor
704 N. Main, Lockney
Sunday Services....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday7:30 p.m.
*****</p> <p>PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Lockney
Jesus Caballero, Pastor
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Worship Service11:00 a.m.
Discipleship 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:00 p.m.
*****</p> <p>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. Evening7:00 p.m.
*****</p> <p>SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH
Lockney
Jim McCartney, Pastor
Wed. Communion...8:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m.
*****</p> <p>SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH
Joe Weldon, Pastor
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting..... 7:00 p.m.
*****</p> <p>TEMPLO GETSEMANI ASSEMBLY OF GOD
701 W. Missouri
Joe M. Hernandez
983-5286 (church)
..... Sunday School
English..... 9:45 a.m.
Spanish..... 11:00 a.m.
Spanish Worship9:30 a.m.
English Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Evening Service.....5:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.
*****</p> <p>ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Floydada
Rev. Angelo Consemino
Phone: 983-5878
Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m.
Mon./Wed. Mass.....6:30 p.m.
Confession Sat.....10-11 a.m.
*****</p> <p>TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM
Lockney
Rev. Joe Hernandez
Sun. Prayer Service 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School9:45 p.m.
Worship Service ...11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Meeting7:00 p.m.
*****</p> <p>TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Washington and 1st St.
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:00 p.m.
*****</p> <p>TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA
Rev. Herman Martinez
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship5:00 p.m.
Tuesday7:30 p.m.
Thursday Service.....7:30 p.m.
*****</p> <p>TRINITY ASSEMBLY
500 W. Houston
Henry Russell, Co-Pastor
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983-5499 or 983-2887
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ...10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening6:00 p.m.
*****</p> <p>TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Providence Community on FM 2301 293-3009
Rev. Peter W. Harrington Minister
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Worship Service11:00 a.m.
*****</p> <p>WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Sunday Worship ...10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening5:00 p.m.</p> |
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LOCKNEY SPORTS

Pair of wins clinch playoff spot for Lady Horns



Photo by Homer Marquez

The Lady Horns clinched a playoff spot with a pair of wins last week against Hale Center and Crosbyton. Last week's wins improved the ladies to a district record of 6-1 and a tie for first place before heading into a district championship, winner take all fight against New Deal this past Tuesday. For Tuesday's game results head over to the Floyd County Hesperian Beacon's webpage or Facebook for scores.

On Tuesday, Lockney sailed to a 76-49 victory as they hosted Crosbyton. The Lady Horns lead the entire game outscoring Crosbyton 40-29 in the first half and

finishing them off with another 36 points in the second half. Leading scores in that game were Tanae Ramos with 18 points, Anissa Reyna with 19, and SyAnn Foster with 15 points.

Friday's game would be a repeat act for the Horns as they dominated the Hale Center Owls with a 58-40 win. The Ladies lead at the half 33-19 before continuing their dominance, outscoring the Owls 21-25 in the second half. Lead scores in that game were Anissa Reyna with a whopping 27 points, Tanae Ramos with 14 points, and Meagan Dunn with 10.

Thrilling game against Crosbyton shows Lockney's determination



Photo by Homer Marquez

By Coach Strickland

On Tuesday night the Lockney Longhorns capped off the night with a 44-42 win over the Crosbyton Chiefs. Both teams went back and forth throughout the whole game. Marcos Bernal led the Horns in scoring with 16 points, while Ky Teeter added another 10. The win was a total effort by the whole team offensively and defensively.

The Lockney Longhorns lost a close game last Friday night against the #7 Hale Center Owls 36-45. The horns led after first quarter 11-9 and were tied at half 23-23.

Marcos Bernal led the longhorns with 8 points, while Ian Dunbar added 7 and Landry Kidd had 6. The loss brings the record to 8-18 overall and 2-4 in district.

In Junior Varsity action, the Horns dropped to Crosbyton 22-50; leading scoring that game was Eli Guerra with 13 points and Tyler Covington and Kameron Hunt with 3 points. Friday would see another loss for the JV as the fell to the Owls 65 to 19; leading in scoring that night were Eli Guerra with 8 points and Ryan Poole with 7.

Ty Young Makes Distinguished Students List at Tarleton

STEPHENVILLE, TX -- Ty Young of Lockney was recently named to Tarleton State University's Distinguished Students List for the fall 2011 semester. Young is enrolled at the

university's Stephenville campus, and is majoring in Industrial Technology.

Students on the list include freshman and sophomore students who have a minimum 3.25 grade point

ratio (GPR) and no grade lower than a 'C,' and juniors and seniors who have a minimum 3.5 GPR with no grade lower than a 'C.' All must be in good standing with the university.

SPC will host Senior Sneak Preview for high school seniors

LEVELLAND -- Area high school seniors will get a preview of college life during the annual South Plains College Senior Sneak Preview set for Feb. 17.

The day-long event begins with registration at 9 a.m. at the Texan Dome. SPC cheerleaders and student leaders will host the opening assembly at 9:30 a.m.

High School seniors will have the chance to talk with SPC faculty and current students about career choices, programs and student life during the Program Showcase at 10 a.m.

Parents will be included in the festivities with their own special session in the Physical Education Complex. They will receive information about financial aid, scholarships, testing, career planning, housing and admission.

Campus tours will begin at 11 a.m. followed by an Open House at 11:30 a.m.

Lunch will be served during the Open House in the P.E. Complex with entertainment provided by the SPC Creative Arts Department.

For more information, call SPC Enrollment Management at (806) 716-2113.

Lockney eighth graders finish season with win against Lions

By Coach Ragland

The Lockney 8th grade boy's basketball team finished their season on a high note Monday night defeating the New Deal Lions 55-31. The

team finished the year with a 10-1 mark their only loss was to Hale Center the week before. The team was led in scoring by Ruben Ascencio with 25, Daylon Gatica with

14, Levi Kasner 6, Derick Patel 4, Stephen Setliff 2, and Alex Rea 2. It was a great season for these young men they greatly improved from the beginning of the year.

Lockney seventh grade basketball finishes up season

The Lockney Longhorn 7th grade boys' basketball team finished their season at 9-3 with a win Monday night against the New Deal Lions 43-29. "I was very proud of the way the kids played tonight. We wanted to end the season on a good note and we accomplished that tonight. It has been a lot of fun coaching them this season." Coach Kyle Browne. The Horns were led in scoring by Trevor Ascencio with 16, Ethan Fernandez with 14, Jonathon Rodriguez with 8, Tavian

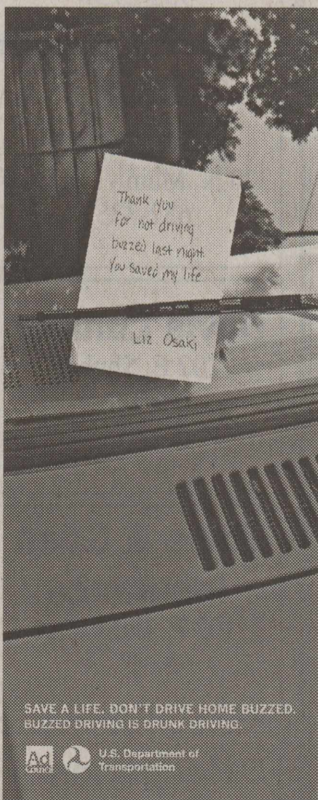
Walrath with 4, and Josh Guerrero with 1.

The Lockney Longhorn B team finished its season off with a big win over the New Deal Lions 8-6. "I was very proud of the kids tonight, they always work hard and do what you ask them to do and tonight showed that. It has been a lot of fun coaching them this year." Coach Kyle Browne.

The Horns were led in scoring by Trip Fortenberry with 6 and Lawson Sullivan with 2.

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Lockney School Lunch Menu

Feb. 13-17

Monday	Wednesday	milk Friday
Breakfast-Muffin or Cereal, toast, juice, milk	Breakfast-Rice or Cereal, toast, juice, milk	Breakfast- Cinnamon Roll or Cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Chicken Nuggets or Tuna Sandwich, potatoes, mixed vegetables, pineapple, roll, milk	Lunch-Chicken Noodle Soup or Ham and Cheese, salad peaches, crackers, milk	Lunch-Hamburger or Steak on a bun, baked tots, baby carrots, orange, chocolate chip cookies, milk
Tuesday	Thursday	Menu subject to change without notice; Peanut butter and Jelly Sandwich- 3 rd choice daily
Breakfast-Breakfast Pizza or Cereal, toast, juice, milk	Breakfast-Eggs and Bacon or Cereal, toast, juice, milk	
Lunch-Beef and Bean Chalupa or Steak Fingers, salad, corn, applesauce, milk	Lunch- Fish Sticks or Chicken Patty, pinto beans, spinach, mac and cheese, fruited gelatin, cornbread,	

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FLOYDADA SPORTS

Floydada tied for second in district

A win against Muleshoe on Friday and a lost against Idalou last Tuesday have put the Lady Winds in a three way tie for second in District 2-2A with Floydada, Idalou, and Littlefield all with 9-4 district records; Tulia tops the district with a 12-1 district record. In order to gain a playoff spot, the girls must have beaten Tulia this past Tuesday. Because of printing deadlines, you can find the score of the Floydada-Tulia game on the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon web page or Facebook page.

Last Tuesday, the Ladies dropped a close one as they fell to Idalou 52-48. At the break Floydada lead Idalou by one; heading into the locker room 26-25. In the third quarter,

Idalou grabbed a huge lead, outscoring the Winds 15-4. The fourth would see a better performance by the Lady Winds as they outscored Idalou 18-12; however the comeback would not be enough to bring home the district win as they fell 55-47. Leading scorers in the game were Hall with 12 points and A. Miller with 10.

Friday, during Senior Night, the Lady Winds had a better outcome as they defeated Muleshoe 55-47. Floydada dominated the first half going into the break with a 32-16 lead; the second half's performance would be the same as Floydada sailed to another district victory. Top scorers for Floydada were A. Miller with 21 points and Suarez with 16.



Photo by Homer Marquez

Winds get needed win from Muleshoe



Photo by Homer Marquez

By Coach Renfro

The Floydada Whirlwinds picked up a much needed district win over the Muleshoe Mules at the Whirlwind Gym. The win keeps the Winds' playoff hopes alive going into the last 3 district 2-2A games.

Jordan Woody turned in a memorable performance. Woody scored 14 points, but more impressively grabbed 10 steals. He also had 5 assists and 3 rebounds. Tyler Renfro had

12 points to go with 5 rebounds and 3 assists. Michael Cisneros had one of his best games, coming off the bench to put in 11 points. Haden Lipham also hit double digits with 10 points, 5 steals, and 5 rebounds.

Ruben Deleon added 6 points as he led the team with 9 rebounds, Cole Covington put in 4 points and grabbed 5 rebounds, and Jose Martinez and Venturo Gonzales each put in 3 points. Gonzales also grabbed 5 rebounds.

Floydada School Menu

February 13 – February 17

Monday
Breakfast-Breakfast pizza or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

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

Tuesday
Breakfast- Sausage/biscuit or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch-Country style steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, savory green beans, hot roll, strawberry shortcake, milk

Wednesday
Breakfast-Pancakes/syrup or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch-Chicken spaghetti, garden salad, fresh apple, Texas toast, brownie, milk

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

butter bar, milk
Friday
Breakfast-Breakfast burrito or cereal and graham

crackers, juice, milk
Lunch- Pizza burger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, tater tots, fresh grapes, milk



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Digital photography class at SPC Plainview set for Saturday

PLAINVIEW – South Plains College Plainview Center will offer a Digital Jump Start photography class from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday (Feb. 4) at the campus located at 1920 W. 24th Street.

The class costs \$40.

Wes Underwood, SPC Photographer, will be in the instructor.

Digital Jump Start is a class designed for the person who has just started digital photography. This class can be taken with a point-and-shoot camera or a digital SLR

camera. Students will get instruction on camera functions and shooting in the manual mode. Shooting will take place indoors and outdoors.

For more information and to register for the class, contact Kasey Reyes at (806) 716-2341.



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Under freezing conditions, and following snow or rain events under freezing temperatures, it would be advised to stay away from the towers.

For a period of time after the freezing temperatures, thawing conditions may also cause ice and snow to fall or be flung from the towers or blades.

These conditions could be dangerous to humans and animals, and it would be recommended to stay at a safe distance.

Brett Marble

Operations Manager

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sist the group in setting up the auxiliary.

There was time left from all the club's activities to sponsor an annual Halloween carnival as a fund-raising project.

A club project involving the entire neighborhood and creating unusual interest was a fall style show.

"The style show featured fall fashions from Brown's Department store showing the season's most flattering fashions, colors and fabrics for all ages. The fashions were modeled by local boys, girls, women and men," reported the Lockney Beacon.

"Lockney in Review" named another style show that followed some time later with its aim to, "present a spectacular show to the people of the community, and it promises to be one of the most entertaining of the season. An outdoor marquee at the entrance of the auditorium, planned by Wilson Photography, will greet those attending. Large lighted photos of models will set the mood for the evening with Mrs. Ted Carthel hostess.

"Entertainment will be provided by the Strum-Alongs, a high school music group composed of Debbie Brotherton, Anelle Ashton, Sally Dodson and Bobby Moore and by a high school combo band, the "Individuals" composed of Bobby Miller, Byron Schacht, David Scheele and Joe Neal Greer. Ushers will be Loretta Lacewell, Celia Copeland, members of the Honor Society.

Practically every business firm in Lockney shared in sponsoring decorations for "the extravaganza which evolved around three scenes—a sports scene, a western scene and a spring scene."

The Athena Club brought all of Lockney out to see this "spectacular scene." Tickets sold for \$1.00. The First National Bank complimented the occasion with beautiful original programs.

In that same year, Athena won first place in an antique window decorations contest at the Old Settlers' Reunion in Floydada. The "interesting scene depicted an old-fashioned bride looking in Mrs. Floyd Jackson's old-fashioned oval mirror."

Also, in 1965, the club "gave \$25 to Lockney Friends of Floyd County Library."

With Mrs. Douglas Meriwether as chairman, Athena sponsored use of the Christmas Seal Mobil Chest x-ray unit, belonging to the Lubbock-Hale Tuberculosis, to Lockney. Everyone in the community was urged to have his chest x-rayed.

In the busy year of 1966, "Healthy Babies" a pre-natal course for Latin-American mothers, became a club project. In that year, the club reports and forms,

completed officially to nominate Mrs. Joe Taylor as Club Woman of the Year and Mrs. G. C. Applewhite as teacher of the year. In commemorating 75 years in organization of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

A most noted community contribution was when "the members of the Athena Junior Study Club raised funds to purchase a piano to be placed in Nichols Manor Convalescent Home."

Later an outstanding headline read "Happy Book Day Observed at School." This day was observed "at the Lockney Elementary School by school librarians and Athena Junior Study Club. One-hundred-fifty three books were distributed to children who do not have any type of reading library at home."

At the same time, the club established a West Texas State University student Loan fund for deserving Lockney students attending the college. The \$50 fund was arranged with Mrs. Gene King serving as chairman of the project.

The requirements for the loan stated, "Students must maintain a "C" average, must have a co-signer, carry at least a nine-hour load and must practice good citizenship."

When the Satellite School opened in Lockney, the Athena Club donated a new record player from their educational fund. This was the year that Athena's Kay Williams designed the costume that was adopted as an official Texas Junior Club garment. It was to be worn at the General convention the following summer in San Antonio.

The costume symbolized Texas history: Full legged bell-bottom pants representative of Spain; long-sleeved, full white blouse similar to those worn by early Frenchmen in our state; vest, representing Mexican and Indian influence on Texas culture, and an embroidered red "Howdy" on the back indicative of friendly, cowboy culture.

With Sandra Turley as this year's president, the club theme has been "Moving On."

They have "moved" into local school interests in poetry written by students and in Interscholastic League's events.

They also have moved into a safety first program when a member of the Plainview Police force gave members a written driving test that followed with a demonstration on emergency-driving situations and how to handle them. The officer gave advice on mechanics for women drivers.

When the Athena Club, "moves on" into the next year of work, it begins another year based on the club's objective. The objective is stated in the club's Constitution as "The object of this club shall be to stimulate intellectual growth of our city and to strengthen individual effort by organization."

Official Notice of Nominating Committee Meeting

10:00 a.m. February 14, 2012

Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc. Headquarters
East U.S. Highway 70
Floydada, Texas

In accordance with Article IV, Section 4.06 of the Bylaws of Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc., the Board of Directors has appointed a Committee on Nominations to prepare a list of nominations for Directors to be elected at the annual membership meeting of the Cooperative on April 26, 2012. Three (3) Directors, one each from District 2, District 5, and District 8, will be elected in 2012. Although Directors are nominated from the District they represent, all members in attendance at the annual meeting vote on all candidates who may be properly nominated.

SECTION 4.02 QUALIFICATIONS:

No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of the Cooperative who is a close relative of an incumbent director or an employee of the Cooperative, or is not a member in good standing of the Cooperative and receiving service within the District he/she represents; PROVIDED, that the operating or chief executive of any member which is not a natural person, such as a corporation, church, etc., or his/her designee, shall be eligible to become a director, from the Directorate District in which such member is located, if he/she or such designee (1) is in substantial permanent occupancy, direction or use of the premises served by the Cooperative, and (2) is a permanent and year-round resident within or in close proximity to an area served by the Cooperative; BUT PROVIDED FURTHER, that no more than one (1) such person may serve on the Board of Directors at the same time. No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of, or to hold any other position of trust in, the Cooperative who does not have the legal capacity to enter into a binding contract or is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise, or a business selling electric energy or supplies to the Cooperative, or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures or supplies to, among others, the members of the Cooperative. No person shall take or hold office as a Director who is the incumbent of or candidate for an elective public office in connection with which a salary is paid.

SECTION 4.05 DIRECTORATE DISTRICTS

The territory served by the Cooperative shall be divided into nine (9) Directorate Districts. Each District shall be represented by one director and the Districts are described upon the map of the territory served by the Cooperative attached to the Bylaws and made a part hereof.

SECTION 4.06 NOMINATIONS

It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint, not less than thirty (30) days nor more than one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the date of the meeting of the members at which directors are to be elected, a Committee on Nominations, consisting of not less than five (5) nor more than eleven (11) members. The Committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least twenty (20) days prior to the meeting a list of nominations for directors to be elected, listing separately the nominee(s) for each Directorate District from or with respect to which a director must, pursuant to this Article, be elected at the meeting. The Committee may include as many nominees for any director to be elected from or with respect to a Directorate District as it deems desirable. Any fifteen (15) or more members of the Cooperative, acting together, may make additional nominations in writing over their signatures, listing their nominee(s) in like manner, not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting, and the Secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the Committee is posted. The Secretary shall mail to the members with the notice of the meeting, or separately, but at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting, a statement of the names and addresses of all nominee(s) for each Directorate District from or with respect to which a director must be elected, showing clearly those nominated by the Committee and those nominated by petition, if any. The chairman at such meeting, after all nominations so made have been duly announced, shall call for additional nominations from the floor and shall ascertain and announce, after any nominations made from the floor, the particular Directorate District from or with respect to which any additional candidates have been nominated.

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COTTON MARKET WEEKLY

Cotton futures on the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) had a mixed performance this week while the general direction of the market remained sideways, according to traders. Thursday, cotton futures found good support as buying lifted nearby contracts to their highest settlement in three days.

"Although cotton prices closed in the plus column, it was a result that almost didn't happen," a trader said. "The market started out the day with a pretty dismal export sales report from USDA."

The department reported an export sales reduction of 164,000 bales, as sales to Bangladesh, Turkey, and India were more than offset by cancellations from China, Vietnam, and South Korea. Net sales of 17,800 bales for delivery in 2012-13 were reported for China and Mexico. The bright spot in the report was the export shipment figure. At a marketing year high of 366,000 bales, exports were up 83 percent from the previous week and 97 percent from the four-week average.

Sales on the spot cotton market also were considerably lower as Texas, Oklaho-

ma, Kansas, and New Mexico producers sold 11,278 bales online in the week ended Feb. 2 compared to 43,816 bales the previous week. Average prices received ranged from 77 to 83 cents per pound.

Bringing the 2011 season to a close, very little cotton remained to be ginned in Kansas where weather related issues earlier in the season caused delays in harvesting. Field preparations for spring planting of the 2012 crop were nearing completion in South Texas and the Coastal Bend, and beneficial rainfall was reported in many areas of both regions this week. Rain also was received in Central Texas over the past week helping to alleviate drought conditions but delaying fieldwork. Scattered thunderstorms were reported on the Texas High Plains as well, but much more rainfall is needed to ease the severe drought conditions there.

Ironically, fears of another year of drought conditions may result in fewer irrigated and more dryland cotton acres on the Texas High Plains this year, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service expert. Typically, Texas High Plains cotton acres are

almost evenly split between dryland and irrigated.

"Last year, we had 4.6 million acres total, with about 55 percent being dryland cotton," said an extension cotton specialist in Lubbock, Texas. "Usually, our cotton acreage would be split with about a 52/48 percent mix of dryland and irrigated. Looking ahead, there's a chance that we'll see a little more dryland than irrigated cotton planted this year." With the area remaining dry, fears of continued drought are the biggest issue facing producers and will be at the heart of any additional shifts in planting, he said.

"Cotton farmers will go ahead and plant, but if we don't get some help from Mother Nature, a lot of the irrigated producers here have indicated they will just wait and see how things look before committing to an irrigated practice in 2012," he explained.

Cotton observers in the High Plains area say the "wait-and-see" game could play until July 15 which is the latest date producers can certify a crop as dryland for crop insurance purposes. The situation certainly gives analysts something to monitor for many months ahead.

Xcel Energy files for lower fuel costs in Texas

AMARILLO, Texas — Xcel Energy submitted plans to the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) today for a revised fuel cost formula and factor that will reduce residential bills of 1,000 kilowatt-hours by an average of \$1.83, or about 1.8 percent, starting April 1.

The fuel factor is a pass-through charge on customer bills to recover the cost of fuel used by generation plants and energy purchased from other generators. The factor on customer bills can be adjusted up to three times a year in Texas to reflect rising and falling costs along

with fuel mix changes. A drop in natural gas prices over the past year has offset higher natural gas usage in the company's generation fleet.

Another factor holding down fuel costs this year is the delay of a costly new federal emissions rule that was set to take effect on Jan. 1. Xcel Energy's only viable short-term compliance option to the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule was to reduce the output of lower-cost coal-fueled power plants and depend on natural gas-fueled plants for the bulk of power generation. Compliance would have increased costs of all fossil fuel generation despite lower natural gas prices. A federal appeals court issued a stay of the Cross-State rule Dec. 30, which temporarily delayed the effective date of the rule until the court takes up the merits of lawsuits filed in opposition.

"We're pleased to announce the reduction in the fuel cost factor, and that our joint efforts to oppose the Cross-State rule have helped contain expected increases in bills," said Riley Hill, president and CEO of Southwestern Public Service Company, an Xcel Energy company. "Moving forward, investments in new, more efficient generating units and new transmission lines

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USDA Announces CRP General Sign-up Landowners and Producers Will Have 4-Week Window Beginning in March to Enroll

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1, 2012—Acting Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services (FFAS) Michael Scuse announced today that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will conduct a four-week Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) general signup, beginning on March 12 and ending on April 6. CRP has a 25-year legacy of successfully protecting the nation's natural resources through voluntary participation, while providing significant economic and environmental benefits to rural communities across the United States.

"It is USDA's goal to ensure that we use CRP to address our most critical resource issues," said Scuse. "CRP is an important program for protecting our most environmentally sensitive lands from erosion and sedimentation, and for ensuring the sustainability of our groundwater, lakes, rivers, ponds and streams. As always, we expect strong competition to enroll acres into CRP, and we urge interested producers to maximize their environmental benefits and to make cost-effective offers."

CRP is a voluntary program available to agricultural producers to help them use environmentally sensitive land for conservation benefits. Producers enrolled in CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving covers to im-

prove the quality of water, control soil erosion and develop wildlife habitat. In return, USDA provides participants with rental payments and cost-share assistance. Contract duration is between 10 and 15 years. Producers with expiring contracts and producers with environmentally sensitive land are encouraged to evaluate their options under CRP. Producers also are encouraged to look into CRP's other enrollment opportunities offered on a continuous, non-competitive, signup basis.

Currently, about 30 million acres are enrolled in CRP; and contracts on an estimated 6.5 million acres will expire on Sept. 30, 2012.

Offers for CRP contracts are ranked according to the Environmental Benefits Index (EBI). USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) collects data for each of the EBI factors based on the relative environmental benefits for the land offered. Each eligible offer is ranked in comparison to all other offers and selections made from that ranking. FSA uses the following EBI factors to assess the environmental benefits for the land offered:

- Wildlife habitat benefits resulting from covers on contract acreage;
- Water quality benefits from reduced erosion, runoff and leaching;

- On-farm benefits from reduced erosion;

- Benefits that will likely endure beyond the contract period;

- Air quality benefits from reduced wind erosion; and

- Cost.

Over the past 25 years, farmers, ranchers, conservationists, hunters, fishermen and other outdoor enthusiasts have made CRP the largest and one of the most important in USDA's conservation portfolio. CRP continues to make major contributions to national efforts to improve water and air quality, prevent soil erosion by protecting the most sensitive areas including those prone to flash flooding and runoff. At the same time, CRP has helped increase populations of pheasants, quail, ducks, and other rare species, like the sage grouse, the lesser prairie chicken, and others. Highlights of CRP include:

- CRP has restored more than two million acres of wetlands and two million acres of riparian buffers;

- Each year, CRP keeps more than 600 million pounds of nitrogen and more than 100 million pounds of phosphorous from flowing into our nation's streams, rivers, and lakes.

- CRP provides \$1.8 billion annually to landowners—dollars that make their way into local economies, supporting small businesses and creating jobs; and

- CRP is the largest private lands carbon sequestration program in the country. By placing vulnerable cropland into conservation, CRP sequesters carbon in plants and soil, and reduces both fuel and fertilizer usage. In 2010, CRP resulted in carbon sequestration equal to taking almost 10 million cars off the road.

In 2011, USDA enrolled a record number of acres of private working lands in conservation programs, working with more than 500,000 farmers and ranchers to implement conservation practices that clean the air we breathe, filter the water we drink, and prevent soil erosion. Moreover, the Obama Administration, with Agriculture Secretary Vilsack's leadership, has worked tirelessly to strengthen rural America, implement the Farm Bill, maintain a strong farm safety net, and create opportunities for America's farmers and ranchers. U.S. agriculture is currently experiencing one of its most productive periods in American history thanks to the productivity, resiliency, and resourcefulness of our producers.

Fundings announced for support business development and marketing opportunities

CHICAGO, Feb. 1, 2011 –FRIDAY, Agriculture Deputy Secretary Kathleen Merrigan will announce that USDA

has selected 298 recipients in 44 states and Puerto Rico to receive business development assistance and pursue market-

ing opportunities for agricultural commodities. Funding is made available through USDA Rural Development assistance

under the Value-Added Producer Grant (VAPG) program.

The grants will help independent producers, farmer and rancher cooperatives and agricultural producer groups produce new products and secure new markets. The funded projects will create jobs for agricultural producers, businesses and families in hundreds of rural communities across the country. The grants act as a catalyst for business development and entrepreneurship by

providing access to capital and technical assistance.

WHAT:

Agriculture Deputy Secretary Kathleen Merrigan will announce 298 grants made available through the Value Added Producer Grant program.

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USDA seeking applications to provide assistance to agriculture producers

TEMPLE, TX- January 24, 2012 – Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that USDA is seeking applications to provide assistance to agricultural producers and rural small businesses to complete a variety of energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. Funding is available from USDA's Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) authorized by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Farm Bill).

"Renewable energy development presents an enormous economic opportunity for rural America," said Vilsack. "This funding will assist rural farmers, ranchers and business owners to build renewable energy projects, providing opportunities for new technologies, create green jobs and help America become more energy self-sufficient."

"We're pleased to offer this funding availability to those who are interested in identifying and implementing projects that will conserve energy," said Paco Valentin, Texas State Director of USDA Rural Development. "Projects funded through Rural Development's REAP program reduce our dependence on foreign resources and help America's farmers, ranchers and rural businesses become more energy efficient."

The Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) is designed to help agricultural producers and rural small businesses reduce energy costs and consumption and help meet the Nation's critical energy needs. For 2012, USDA has approximately \$25.4 million budget authority available to fund REAP activities, which will support at

least \$12.5 million in grant and approximately \$48.5 million in guaranteed loan program level awards. USDA is accepting the following applications:

- Renewable energy system and energy efficiency improvement grant applications and combination grant and guaranteed loan applications until March 30, 2012;

- Renewable energy system and energy efficiency improvement guaranteed loan only applications on a continuous basis up to June 29, 2012;

- Renewable energy system feasibility study applications through March 30, 2012; and

- Energy audits and renewable energy development assistance applications through February 21, 2012.

This funding is an example of the many ways that USDA is helping revitalize rural economies to create opportunities for growth and prosperity, support innovative technologies, identify new markets for agricultural producers, and better utilize our nation's natural resources. Projects producing any form of en-

ergy; including heat, electricity or fuel may qualify for REAP funding. In addition, funding is available for energy efficiency improvements and studies to determine the feasibility of renewable energy systems.

In 2011, 66-projects totaling over \$1.8 million, were funded throughout Texas under the REAP program. This funding was used for projects ranging from installation of solar and wind renewable energy systems, construction of new irrigation systems, upgrades to air conditioning and refrigeration units, and retrofitting poultry houses with more energy efficient equipment.

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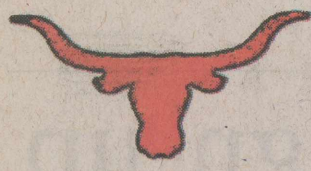
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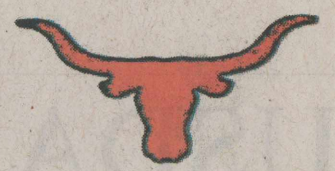
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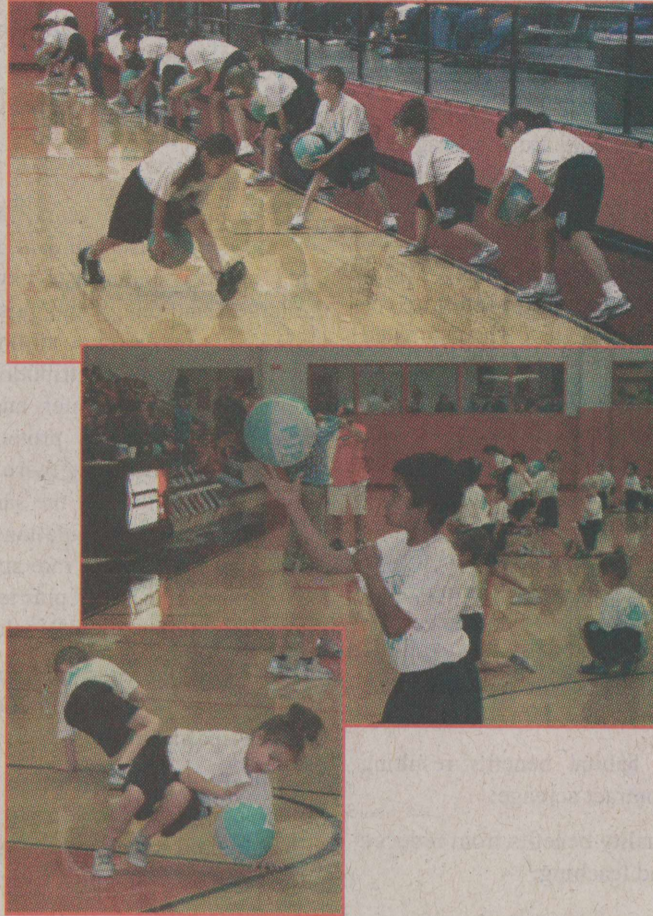


Teacher Spotlight



Jay Ragland grew up in Lockney, Texas, but moved to Odessa after fifth grade. After graduating from Odessa Permian in 1985, he went on to college to become a teacher. One of the reasons he wanted to get into education was because of the teachers and coaches that he enjoyed having in school. He eventually returned to Lockney in August, 2009, after being gone for 31 years. In the 20 years that he has been in education he has taught Texas History, American History, World History, Government, Economics, Computers, and has coached various sports including football, basketball, baseball, and track. What he enjoys most about being a teacher are the children that he teaches. One of his most memorable moments is when one of his former students comes back to thank him for being a good teacher. He has a wife, Melody, which teaches 9th and 10th grade English; a son, Maison, that's a junior and a daughter, McKenzie, that's in sixth grade. What he likes most about Lockney is that it is a small town and has a slow paced life.

P.I.P's against Crosbyton



Courtesy Photo
During last week's Longhorn games against Crosbyton, the Players in Progress program or P.I.P's took center stage as kindergarten through sixth grade students showed off their basketball skill in front of a cheering home crowd.

Student Spotlight

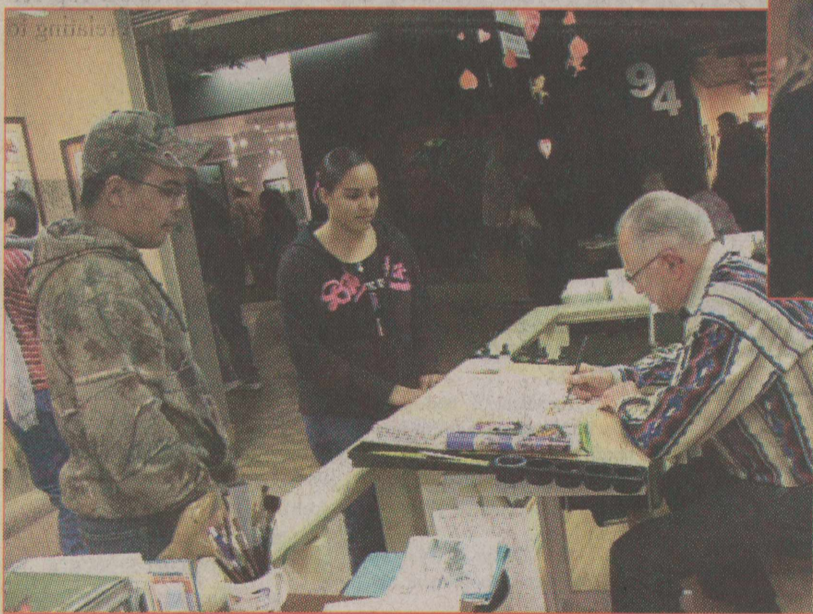


Nicole Thompson grew up in Dalhart, Texas. She has been in Lockney for four years. She has one sister, Brittany Thompson which also attends Lockney High School. Nicole's hobbies are hanging with friends and reading books. She enjoys all the people at LHS. Her most memorable moments about LHS is making new friends. Outside of school Nicole enjoys walking her dogs Mojo and Bruno. Her friends describe her as sweet, shy and beautiful. Nicole's favorite thing about Lockney is that it's small and peaceful. Nicole describes herself as quiet, artsy and sweet. Ten years from now Nicole sees herself at a hospital as a radiologist.

Mister & Miss LHS

Feb 11th, 6:00 p.m. in Lockney Elementary Cafateria

Art Walk



Photos by Tyler House
Last week, Lockney Art Club students traveled to Amarillo's Galleries at Sunset Center Art Walk to get a firsthand look at local art work and their artists.

Genetics Update Conference

Thirteen LHS students from D'Lyn Morris' chemistry and physics classes attended the Genetics Update Conference on Monday, January 30, at Monterey High School. The featured speaker, Mr. Sam Rhine, presented a review of genetics and the development of the human embryo, genes and the development of human cancer, and the development of new stem cell technologies.

Mr. Rhine predicts the end of many forms of cancer within the next 25 year or less due to the increase understanding of its cause and development of preventative therapies. Stem cells hold the key to the production of new organs such as bladders, kidneys and hearts as well as mass production of meat grown from a few cells to help feed the world.

Mr. Rhine is an internationally recognized genetics educator who has presented these one-day conferences across the country for over 30 years. The conferences are designed to teach the latest in genetic advances, hot research areas, and career opportunities. In addition to presenting new genetic information, the possible ethical dilemmas that each of us will face as technological advances continue were posed to students and teachers.

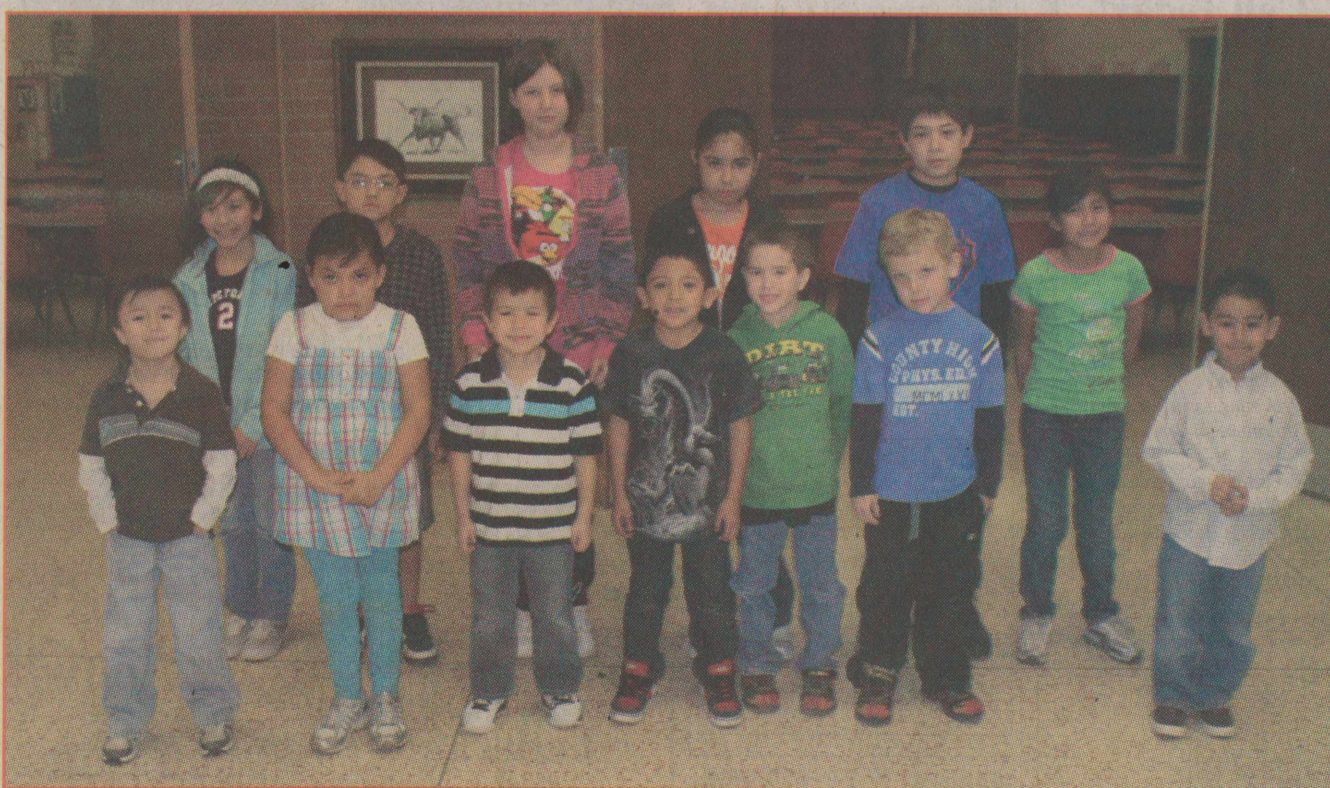
Along with Mrs. Morris the following students attended the Genetics Conference on Monday.

- Jake Bramlet
- Erik Cortez
- Ian Dunbar
- Taylor Esty
- Jose Guerrero
- Rene Guerrero
- Andrew Hooten
- Landon Kidd
- Taylor Rose
- Mary Sammann
- Luke Sherman
- Nicole Thompson
- Rico Trejo

Lockney High School calendar

Saturday, February 11th Mr. and Miss LHS
Saturday, February 11th Boys only Powerlifting meet & Seminole

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Little Longhorns: Nick Perez, Christina Sanchez, Cole Poole, Abby Rogers, Bernice Astorga, Saria Martinez, Nathan Hernandez, Daniel Palomin, Debbie Cervantes, Jacob Sanchez, Creek Evens, Colby Guerrero, Tony Hernandez.

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Students Aim High for Success



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1. Proud Parent, Elda Morales, celebrates this wonderful accomplishment of her daughter, Amelia Gonzalez. 2. NHS Sponsor, Dana Crossland. 3. Senior and President of NHS, Hannah Griffin. 4. Senior, Imelda Reséndiz lights the scholarship candle. 5. 2011-2012 A. E. Baker Chapter of NHS. 6. New inductee, Christina Muniz, enjoys cake and punch with her family and friends. 7. Senior, Gracie Cervera, watches as new NHS member, Cole Covington, signs the induction book. 8. Landry Morren uses his sword to swear in new inductee, Emily Prisk. 9. Sarah Jo Miller carefully pins new member, Homero Ramirez.

By: Emily Hall- Staff Writer

Every year the A.E. Baker Chapter of the Floydada High School National Honor Society inducts new members based on the four qualities

of leadership, scholarship, citizenship and service. This year ten students at FHS met these requirements. The ceremony was held in the high school auditorium on February 2, 2012 at 7 pm.

"I was excited as well as very surprised when I find out that I was accepted into NHS," said new inductee Amelia Gonzales. "I was also proud of myself."

Many parents showed their support for their children. Throughout the auditorium there was a sense of pride radiating from the parents.

"I am very proud of my daughter. I hope she goes on to be very successful. I'm speechless because of Amelia's great accomplishment," said Elda Morales, parent of new inductee.

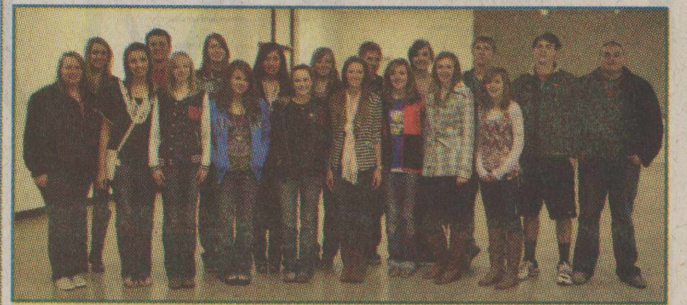
There are specific expectations each student has to meet in order to remain a member of this organization.

"I expect them to uphold the ideals of the National Honor Society. We base our membership on the four characteristics and we expect our members to live up to those. I have no doubt that they will," said NHS sponsor, Dana Crossland.

Even though there are many new members, there are also members who will be leaving the organization next year.

"I'm definitely going to miss helping out our community with the projects we do throughout the year," said president and senior member of NHS, Hannah Griffin.

BPA Students Blast Away the Competition



By: Sarah Jo Miller- Staff Writer

Since the beginning of this school year, twenty students have been working tirelessly for the Business Professionals of America Area IV Region I Conference on January 21, 2012. As a result of their efforts, all twenty students qualified to compete at state. The events they excelled in include: Fundamental Spreadsheet, Advanced Spreadsheet, Banking & Finance, Keyboarding Production, Fundamental Word Processing, Basic Office Systems, Legal Office, Medical Office, Admin Support Research, Network Administration, PC Servicing, Computer Security, Computer Animation Team, Website Design Team, Interview Skills, Advanced Interview, Extemporaneous Speech, Prepared Speech, Presentation Team, and Parliamentary Team. In addition to all of these impressive state qualifications, Hunter Schwertner was elected as the BPA Area IV Region I President.

Attention FISD Seniors

Visit with the high school counselor, Mrs. Jahay to set up dates and times for your Financial Aid assistance with Margie Morales from LEARN. The best dates available are February 22, March 7, March 21, April 4 and April 18.

Upcoming Events for Floydada ISD

By: Emily Hall- Staff Writer

- February 8: High School UIL Cross Examination (CX) Debate
- February 9-26: San Antonio Stock Show
- February 10: JV/Varsity Boys Basketball VS Friona There, 5:00/6:30 pm
- February 11: Softball Scrimmage TBA
- February 13: 7/8/9 Boys Basketball VS Muleshoe Here, 5:00/6:00/7:00 pm
Baseball Scrimmage VS Lubbock Trinity
- February 14: JV/Varsity Boys Basketball VS Dimmit Here, 5:00/6:30 pm
- February 16: Post One Act Play Festival
- February 17: JV/Varsity Baseball VS Lockney TBA
JV/Varsity Softball VS Denver City Here, V-5:00/ JV-6:30 pm
- February 17-18: Tennis @ Levelland
- February 20: No School
JV/Varsity Baseball VS Trinity There, V-5:00

List Ten Reasons and Reap the Rewards

By: Homero Ramirez-Staff Writer

The *Top Ten List Scholarship* is being offered to students needing financial assistance for college. Students must be legal residents of the fifty states and plan to enroll in an accredited post-secondary institution of higher education no later than the fall of 2018. Applicants must submit an online written response (250 words or less) regarding the topic: "Create a Top Ten List of the top ten reasons you should get this scholarship." For more information relating to this and other scholarships visit the web addresses below.

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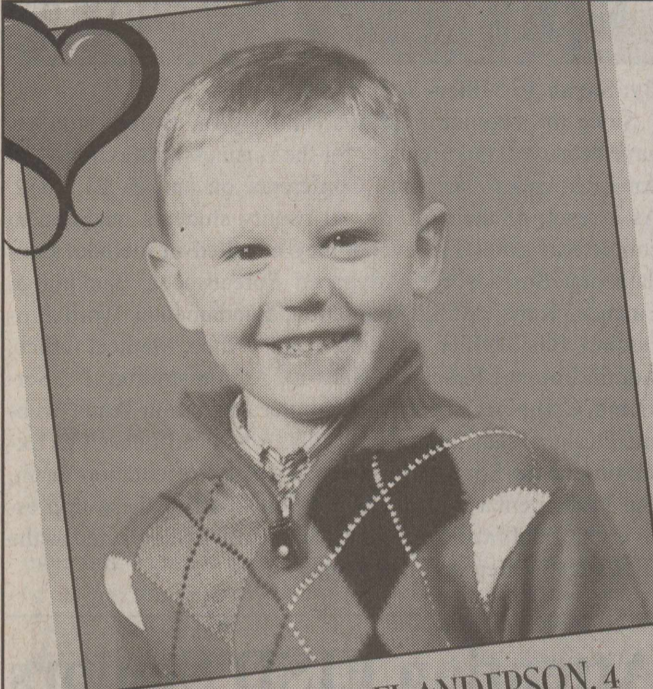
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Daughter of Dusty and Brook Anderson of Celina, Texas. Grandparents are Mike and Barbara Anderson of Floydada, Texas and Mitch and Michelle Harrison of Quinlan, Texas. Great-grandparents are Joyce Adkins of Ralls, Texas and the late Lawrence M. Simmons, Jr. of Crosbyton, Texas, Louis and Ferne Anderson of Floydada, Texas, Robbie Mayo of Quinlan, Texas and Merl Harrison of Dallas, Texas and the late Tom Harrison.



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SEBASTIAN JAMES MARQUEZ, 1

Son of Homer and Sara Marquez of Plainview, Texas. Grandparents are Rogelio and the late Nelda Marquez of Plainview, Texas and Ron and Paula Gowman of Plainview, Texas. Great-grandparents are Tom and Charlene Jackson of Amarillo, Texas, Jerry Dustman of Lubbock, Texas and the late Ynninceo and Elida Martinez of Petersburg, Texas.



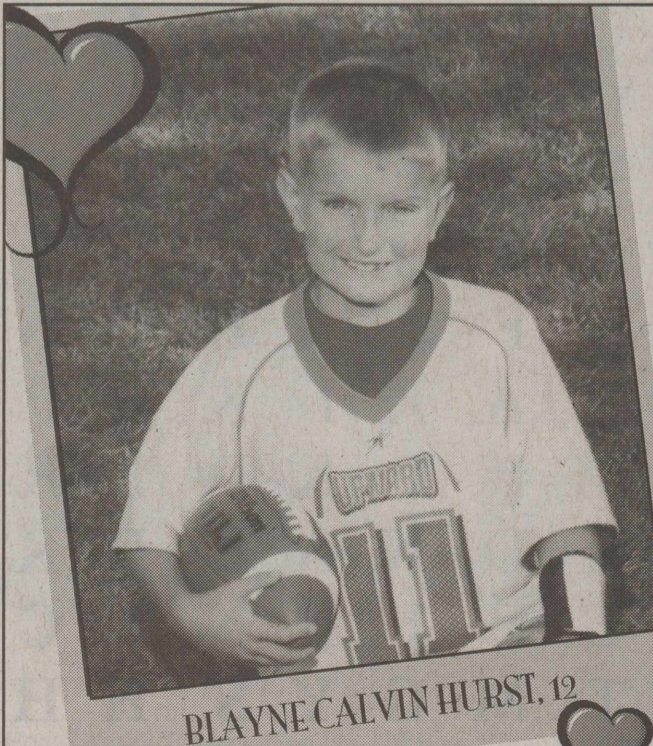
TAYTUM ANN ANDERSON, 2-1/2, MACI TEAGAN ANDERSON, 8, JAYLEE RAIN ANDERSON, 7, AND LAYNEE MORGAN ANDERSON, 6

Maci and Taytum are the daughters of Todd and Ashley Anderson of Whitney, Texas. Jaylee and Laynee are the daughters of Brady and Donna Anderson of New Deal, Texas. Grandparents are Steve and Donna Anderson of Floydada, Texas. Great-grandparents are Louis and Ferne Anderson of Floydada, Texas.



MADDOX MAE BROWN, 20 MONTHS

Daughter of Chad and Morgan Brown of Amarillo, Texas. Grandparents are Lyn and Roxene Hurst of Amarillo, Texas. Uncle is Blayne Hurst of Amarillo, Texas. Great-grandparents are Gary and Charlene Brown of Floydada, Texas and Cal and the late Lena Hurst of Wellington, Texas. Great-grandmothers are Ismanell Gray of Clarendon, Texas and Sybil Brown of Groom, Texas.



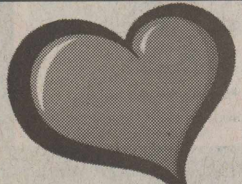
BLAYNE CALVIN HURST, 12

Son of Lyn and Roxene Hurst of Amarillo, Texas. Grandparents are Gary and Charlene Brown of Floydada, Texas and Calvin and the late Lena Hurst of Wellington, Texas. Great-grandmothers are Sybil Brown of Groom, Texas and Ismanell Gray of Clarendon, Texas.

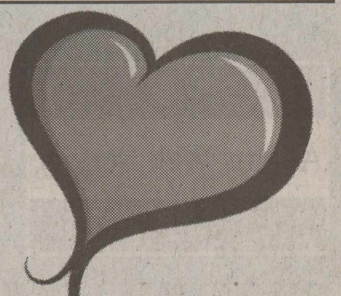


KELTON KALICHE HILL, 12, AND KYNDALL LYNN HILL, 10

Children of Wallace and Rhealene Hill of Canadian, Texas. Grandparents are Frankie Hill of Canadian, Texas and Gary and Charlene Brown of Floydada, Texas. Great-grandmothers are Sybil Brown of Groom and Ismanell Gray of Clarendon, Texas.



Happy Valentines





DEMPSTER KEN CAMPBELL, 3

Son of Jason and Robin Campbell of Dougherty, Texas. Grandparents are Polly Campbell and the late Ken Campbell of Dougherty, Texas and T.C. and Shelley Conner of Ozona, Texas. Great-grandparents are Betty Campbell and the late Vance Campbell of Dougherty, Texas and the late Leon and Margaret Wilson of Modesto, California. Also, great-grandparents are Katy Jones and the late Dempster Jones of Ozona, Texas and Raleigh and Jean Conner of Ozona, Texas.



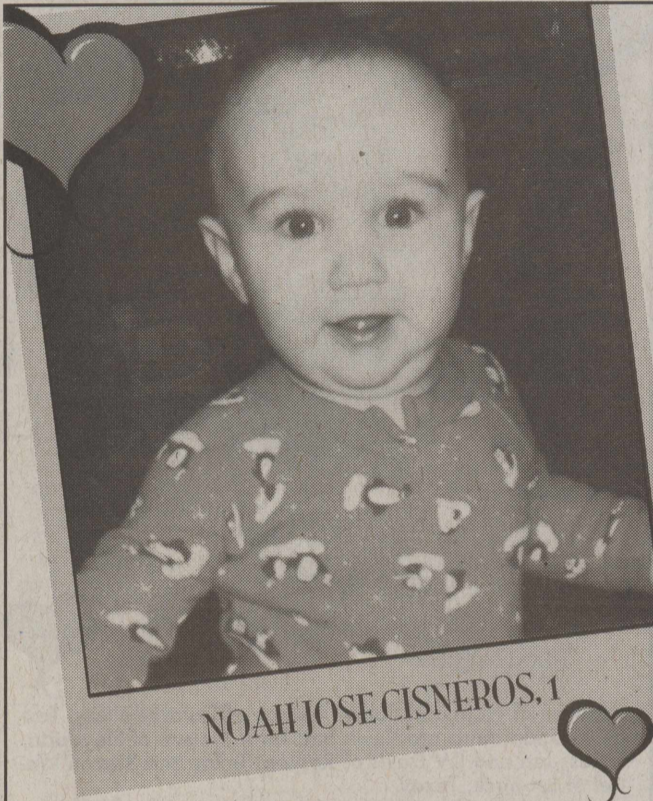
ELLEIGH CAMPBELL, 6, AND CHAYCE CAMPBELL, 2

Daughters of Meredith and Craig Campbell of Dimmitt, Texas. Grandparents are Clar and Judy Schacht of Floydada, Texas. Great aunt is Margaret Schacht of Lockney.



KARAH LIANNE CAVAZOS, 1 YEAR 10 MONTHS

Daughter of Andrew and Felisha Cavazos of Floydada, Texas. Grandparents are Salvador Cavazos of Floydada, Texas, Julie Cavazos of Floydada, Texas, and Robert and Connie Luna of Floydada, Texas. Great-grandparents are Robert and Gloria Cavazos of Floydada, Texas.



NOAH JOSE CISNEROS, 1

Son of Mary Jane Cisneros of Floydada, Texas. Grandparents are Elvia Cisneros and the late Joe Cisneros of Floydada, Texas.



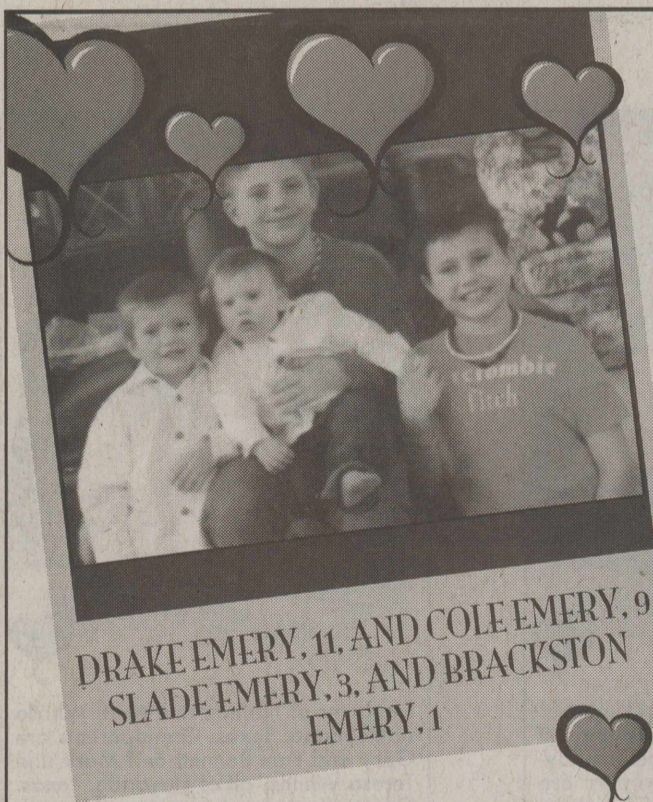
JAKOB ALLEN CUELLAR, 4

Son of Jaime Cuellar and Kim Garza, both of Floydada, Texas. Grandparents are Jaime and Maria Cuellar and Javier and Martha Garza, all of Floydada, Texas. Great-grandparents are Dolores DeLaFuente, Oscar and Cande Garza and Juan Garcia, all of Floydada, Texas and Dora Enriquez of Lubbock, Texas.



LANEY DAWN CUMMINGS, 2

Daughter of Adam and Ashley Cummings of Canyon, Texas. Grandparents are Zach and Sandra Cummings of Lockney, Texas and Denzil Traylor and the late Sherry Traylor of Fritch, Texas. Great-grandparents are Sterling and Gleyenn Earle Cummings of Lockney, Texas, Rochelle Dorman and the late John Dorman of Lockney, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Traylor, Ms. Jane Traylor and Ms. Tina Hall.



**DRAKE EMERY, 11, AND COLE EMERY, 9
SLADE EMERY, 3, AND BRACKSTON EMERY, 1**

Drake Emery and Cole Emery are the sons of Coby and Rhanda Emery of Wink, Texas. Slade Emery and Brackston Emery are the sons of Clint and Leslie Emery of Lubbock, Texas. Grandparents are Randy and Julie Hancock of Lockney, Texas and Ted and Debbie Emery of Bentonville, Arkansas. Great-grandparents are Wayland and Margaret Jones of Floydada, Texas, Doyle and June Davis of Hart, Texas and Dorothy Hancock of Plainview, Texas.



GRACE ADDISON GONZALES, 3

Daughter of Freddie and Nikki Gonzales of Floydada, Texas. Grandparents are Johnny and Corina Gonzales of Lockney, Texas and Sue McCully of Mason, Texas. Great-grandparents are Noe and Rachel Blanco of Lockney, Texas and Virginia Beam of Fredericksburg, Texas.



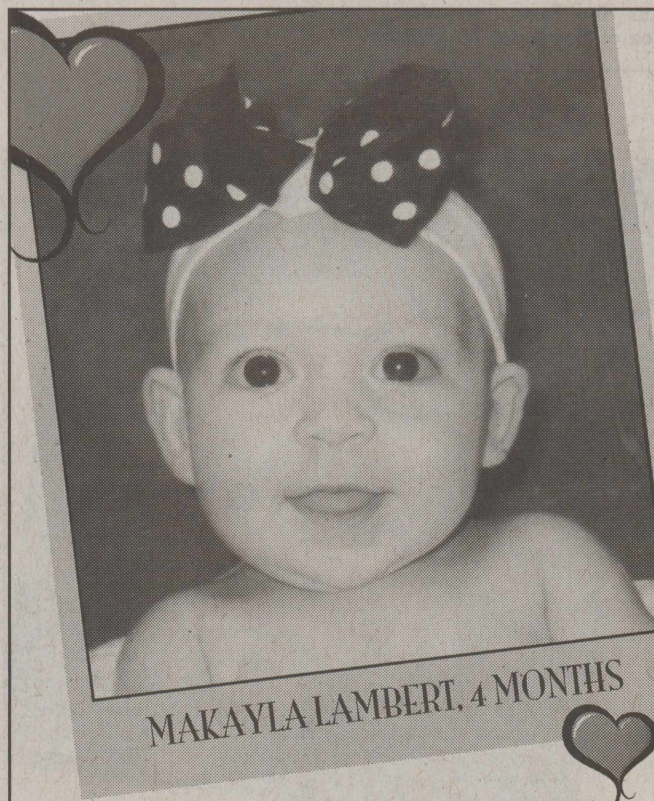
BRYLEE REESE HEFFLIN, 1

Daughter of Ty and Jenna Hefflin of Floydada, Texas. Grandparents are Rick and Brenda Hefflin of Floydada, Texas and Bernie and Cindy Ford of Lockney, Texas. Great-grandparents are Rob and Edna Hefflin of Plainview, Texas, Kay Hicks of Floydada, Texas, Byron and Patsy Ford of Lockney, Texas and Carole Dyer of Dimmitt, Texas.



TARA HUGHES, 20, REAGAN HUGHES, 14, AND BRODY HUGHES, 4

Children of Roger and Tiffany Hughes of Floydada, Texas. Grandparents are Gary and Pam Bennett of Floydada and Janice and the late Butch Hughes of Flomot, Texas. Great-grandparents are Harold Wayne and Geneva Bennett of Floydada, Texas.



MAKAYLA LAMBERT, 4 MONTHS

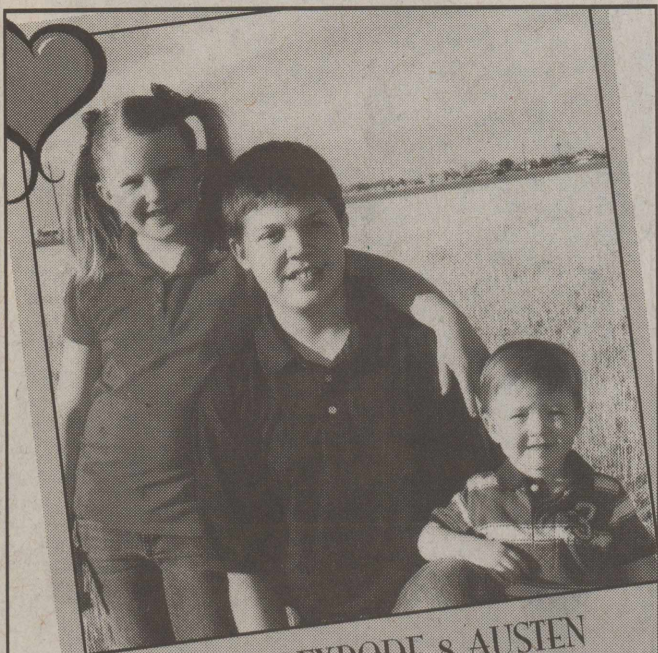
Daughter of Casey and Amber Lambert of Lockney, Texas. Grandparents are Dickie and Peggy Lambert of Quitaque, Texas, Ricky and Laura Mason of Plainview, Texas and Paul and Trish Kammerdeiner of Plainview, Texas.



RILEY GONZALES, 5

Daughter of Trudi Gonzales of San Angelo, Texas. Grandparents are Dickie and Peggy Lambert of Quitaque, Texas.





AUDREY REXRODE, 8, AUSTEN REXRODE, 11, AND AAREN REXRODE, 2

Children of Heath and Jeri Rexrode of Lockney, Texas. Grandparents are Dickie and Peggy Lambert of Quitaque, Texas and Joe Neil and Margie Rexrode of Lockney, Texas.



FAITH BRADLEY, 12, AND DAWSON BRADLEY, 9

Children of Jimmie and Becky Bradley of Ft. Worth, Texas. Grandparents are Dickie and Peggy Lambert of Quitaque, Texas and Van and Cheryl Bradley of Lockney, Texas.



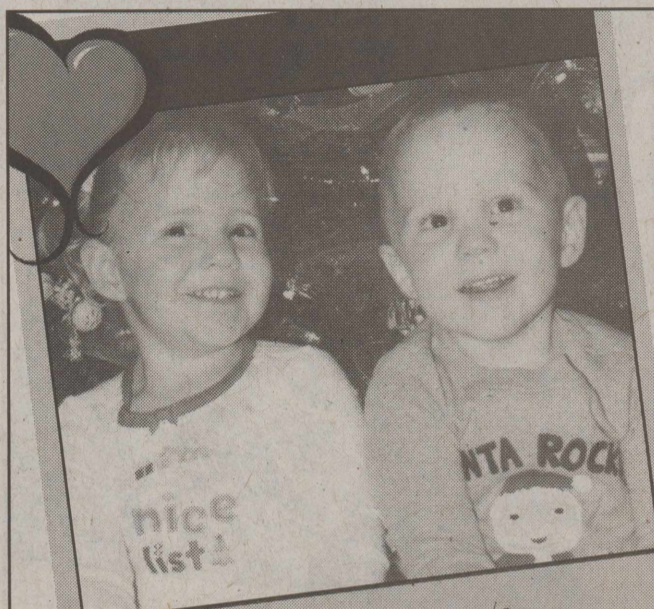
TUCKER SCHLUEIER, 6, JETT MARTIN, 6, TRISTAN SCHLUEIER 11, JONATHAN MARTIN, 7, TRINITY SCHLUEIER, 5, CHARLIE DEWBRE, 2, AND TASHA SCHLUEIER, 9

Grandchildren of Jim and Kay Martin of Lockney.



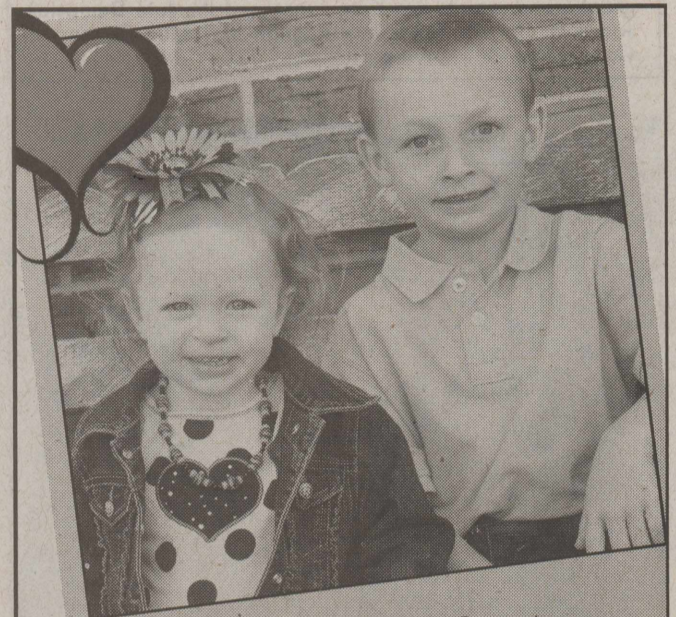
CADEN GRIFFITH, 7, AND CARLEY GRIFFITH, 5

Children of Jeff and Lindsey Griffith of Amarillo, Texas. Grandparents are Mike and Ginger Mathis and Ricky and Linda Griffith, all of Lockney. Great-grandparents are Deanie and Nita Henderson of Plainview, Texas, Warren and Barbara Mathis of Lockney, Texas and Julie Griffith of Lockney, Texas.



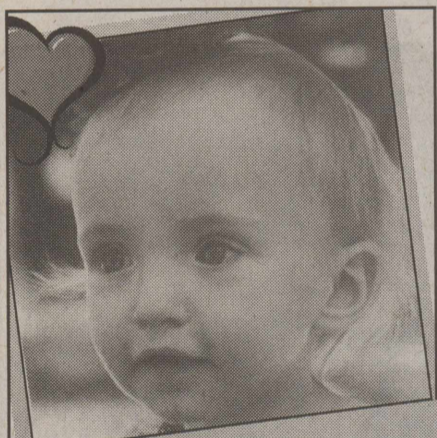
LANEY SCOTT, 2-1/2, AND MASON SCOTT, 2-1/2

Twin children of Kaci and Kodi Scott of Lubbock, Texas. Grandparents are Mike and Ginger Mathis of Lockney, Texas and Ocie and Mary Scott of Idalou, Texas. Great-grandparents are Deanie and Nita Henderson of Plainview, Texas, Warren and Barbara Mathis of Lockney, Texas, Marge Lewis of Lubbock, Texas and Tilden and Lorene Wilson of Humbolt, Kansas.



ELLIE NELSON, 2, AND KAYDEN NELSON, 6

Children of Neal and Sammi Nelson of Colorado City, Texas. Grandparents are Kevin and Terry Nelson of Floydada, Texas, Jan and LW Davis of Roscoe, Texas and Barron Wetsel of Lubbock, Texas.



EVELYN MATHIS, 18 MONTHS

Daughter of Garrett and Lindsie Mathis of Lockney, Texas. Grandparents are Mike and Ginger Mathis of Lockney, Texas and Carroll and Denise Gerber of Nazareth, Texas. Great-grandparents are Deanie and Nita Henderson of Plainview, Texas, Warren and Barbara Mathis of Lockney, Texas and Evelyn Rossi of Tulia Texas.



AIVREY JADE BENNETT, 3

Daughter of Alyssa Bennett and Raul Mendoza, Jr. of Floydada, Texas. Grandparents are Ricky and Jill Bennett of Post, Texas and Raul and Diana Mendoza of Floydada, Texas. Great-grandparents are Harold Wayne and Geneva Bennett of Floydada, Texas, Roy Lee and Sue Walker of Seymour, Texas, the late Jesusa Mendoza of Floydada, Texas and Tomas and Virginia Hernandez of Floydada, Texas.



KORBYN RAELENN HAYES, 3

Daughter of Brooke Hayes of Lubbock, Texas. Grandparents are Rick and Jill Bennett of Post, Texas and the late Rayland Hayes. Great-grandparents are Roy Lee and Sue Walker of Seymour, Texas, Harold Wayne and Geneva Bennett of Floydada, Texas and Delbert Hayes of O'Brien, Texas.



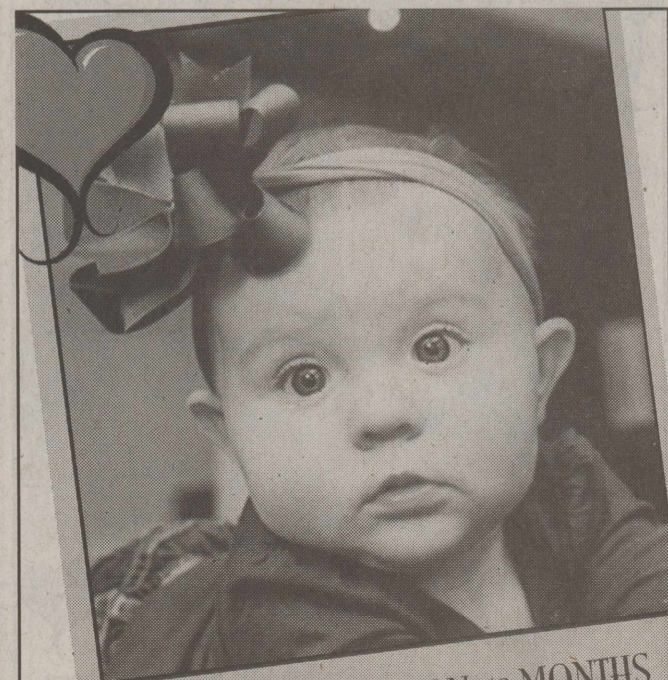
MAKINLEY WHITTLE, 3

Daughter of Nathan and Kristi Whittle of Floydada, Texas. Grandparents are Gary and Pam Bennett and Mark and Teresa Whittle, all of Floydada, Texas. Great-grandparents are Harold Wayne and Geneva Bennett and Cleo Whittle, all of Floydada, Texas.



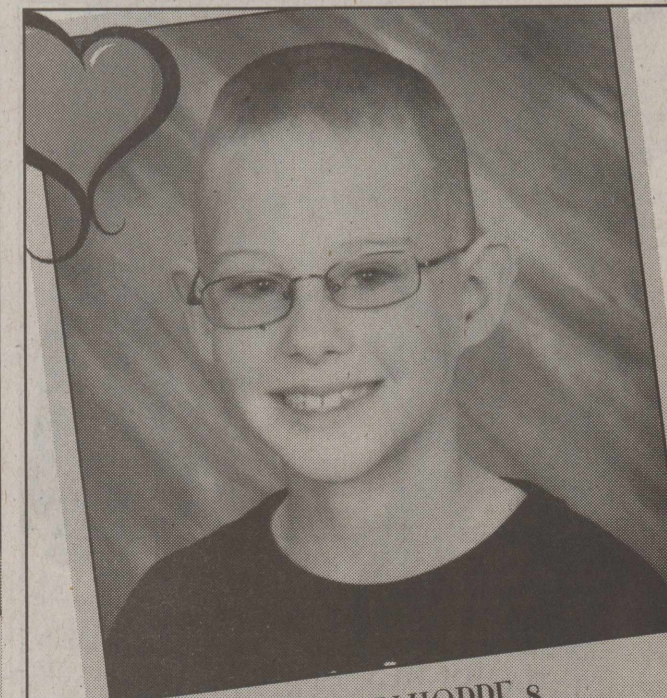
JAYLEE NICOLE DELGADO, 18 MONTHS

Daughter of Laci Nixon and Jerry Delgado, both of Floydada, Texas. Grandparents are Danny and Mitzi Nixon and Jessie and Maria Delgado, all of Floydada, Texas. Great-grandparents are Margaret Soudelier of Floydada, Texas and Richard and Teresa Hale of Borger, Texas.



KEEGAN PAIGE NIXON, 10 MONTHS

Daughter of Scott and Leslie Nixon of Lubbock, Texas. Grandparents are Danny and Mitzi Nixon of Floydada, Texas and Henry and Linda McBroom of Lubbock, Texas. Great-grandparents are Margaret Soudelier of Floydada, Texas and Richard and Teresa Hale of Borger, Texas.



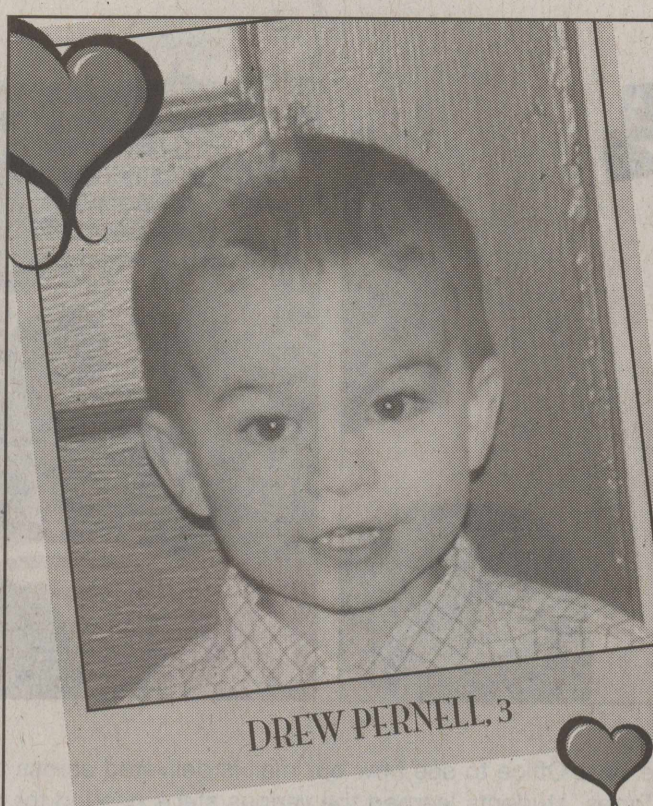
CAMDEN HOPPE, 8

Son of Scott and Leslie Nixon of Lubbock, Texas. Grandparents are Danny and Mitzi Nixon of Floydada and Henry and Linda McBroom of Lubbock, Texas. Great-grandparents are Margaret Soudelier of Floydada, Texas and Richard and Teresa Hale of Borger, Texas.



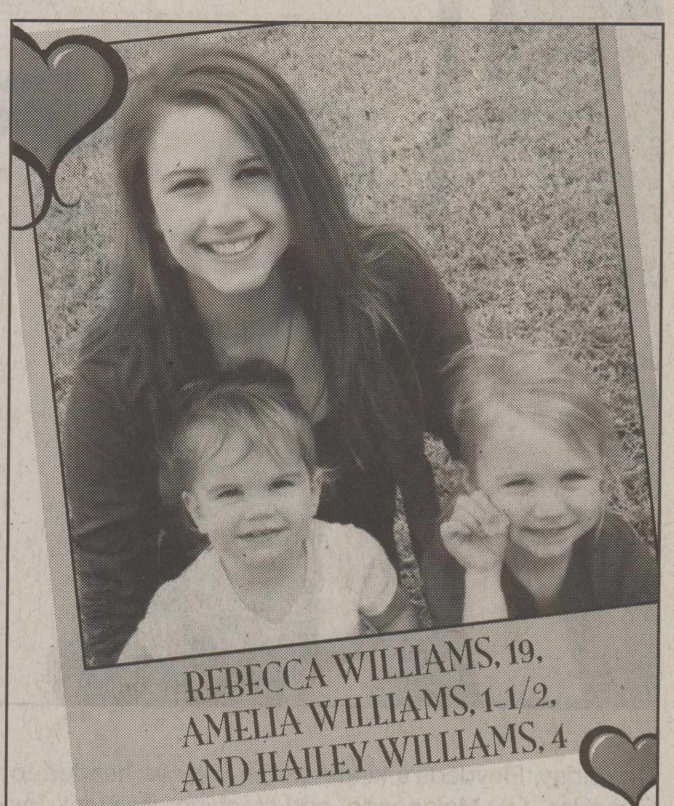
PAYTON RILEY ABLES, 16 MONTHS

Daughter of Sean and Ashley Ables of Idalou, Texas. Grandparents are Gerry and Vickie Norrell of Floydada, Texas and Pat and Donna Ables of Lubbock, Texas. Great-grandparents are Harold and Charlene Norrell of Floydada, Texas, Inette Johnson of Tulia, Texas, Sherry Ables of Lubbock, Texas and Don and Janet Copeland of Lubbock, Texas. Great-great-grandmother is Nell Hendricks of Lubbock, Texas.



DREW PERNELL, 3

Son of Rance and Marijon Pernel of Dougherty, Texas. Grandparents are John and Oleta Myatt of Granbury, Texas, Randy and Denise Pernel of Dougherty, Texas and Revis Pernel of Slaton, Texas. Great-grandparents are Jessie and Donna Pernel of Floydada, Texas, Dennis and Betty Mahaffey of Roswell, New Mexico and Sue Wheeler of Slaton, Texas.



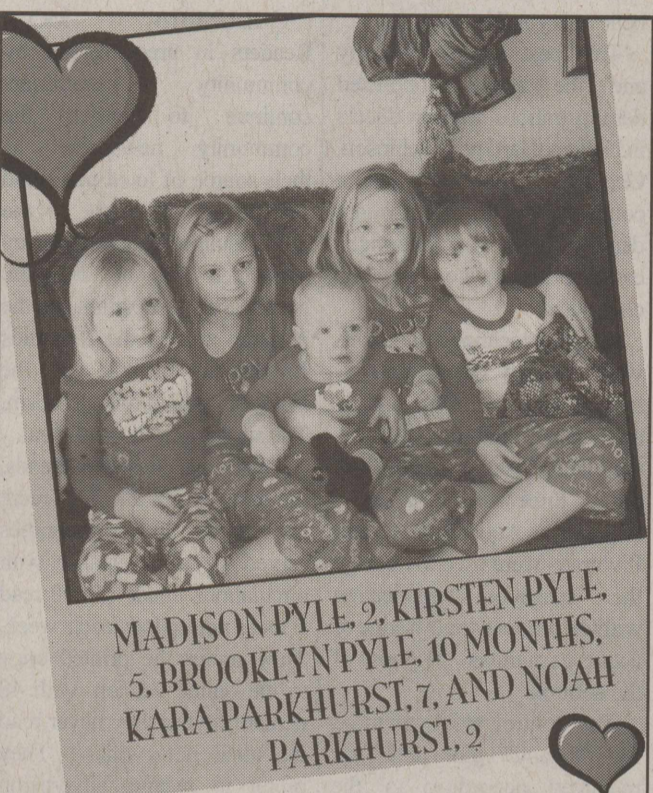
REBECCA WILLIAMS, 19,
AMELIA WILLIAMS, 1-1/2,
AND HAILEY WILLIAMS, 4

Daughters of Reagan and David Williams of Dallas, Texas. Rebecca is also the daughter of Paul and Tricia Melton of Rochester, Minnesota. Grandparents are Clifford Williams of Atlanta, Texas and Randy and Denise Pernel of Dougherty, Texas. Great-grandparents are Jessie and Donna Pernel of Floydada, Texas and Dennis and Betty Mahaffey of Roswell, New Mexico.



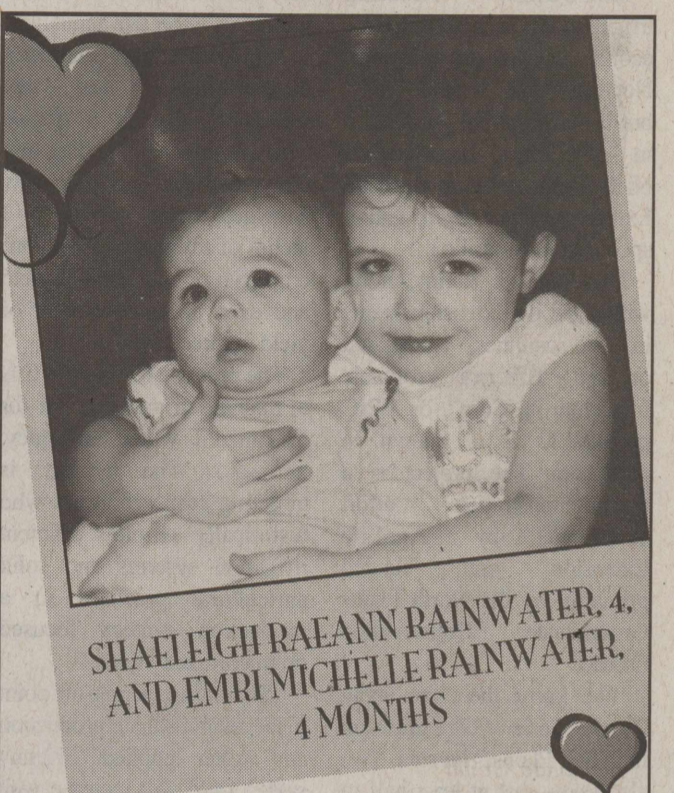
ASPEN HOWARD, 12-1/2, AND
TALON HOWARD, 9-1/2

Children of Richard and Reagan Howard of Stinnett, Texas. Grandparents are Dennis and Debbie Howard of Stinnett, Texas, Randy and Denise Pernel of Dougherty, Texas and Revis Pernel of Slaton, Texas. Great-grandparents are Jessie and Donna Pernel of Floydada, Texas, Dennis and Betty Mahaffey of Roswell, New Mexico and Sue Wheeler of Slaton.



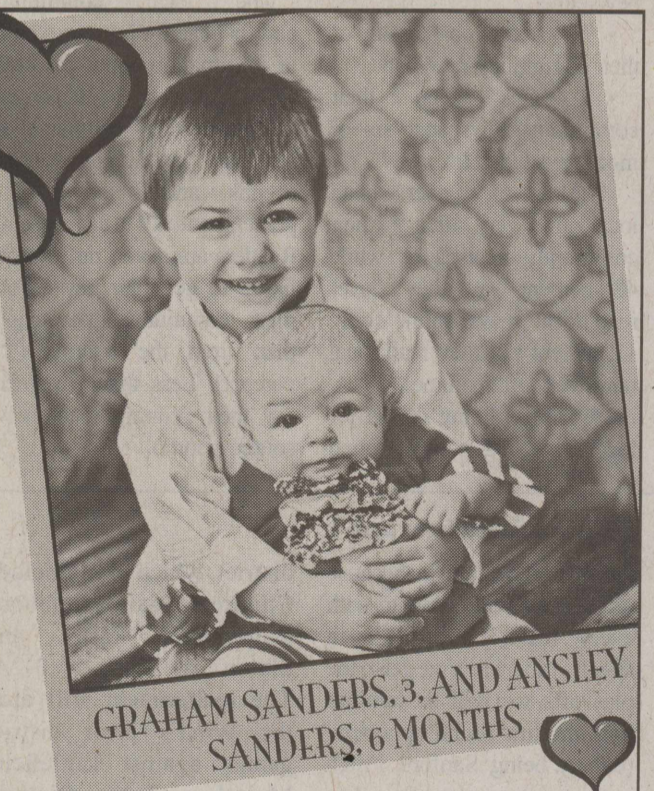
MADISON PYLE, 2, KIRSTEN PYLE,
5, BROOKLYN PYLE, 10 MONTHS,
KARA PARKHURST, 7, AND NOAH
PARKHURST, 2

Madison, Kirsten and Brooklyn are the daughters of Jason and Lindsey Pyle of Floydada, Texas. Grandparents are Robert and Paula Pyle and Rick and Kelli Reddy, all of Floydada, Texas. Kara and Noah are the children of Joel and Amber Parkhurst of Amarillo, Texas. Grandparents are Robert and Paula Pyle of Floydada, Texas, Ronnie Parkhurst of Weatherford, Texas and Sharon Parkhurst of Amarillo, Texas. Madison, Kirsten and Brooklyn's great-grandparents are Sterling and Gleyann Earle Cummings of Lockney, Texas, Louis and Virginia Pyle of Floydada, Texas, Carol Lyons of Lubbock, and Dick and Dorothy Lyons of Blue Springs, Missouri. Their great-great-grandmother is Faye Cranston, Dysart, Iowa. Kara and Noah's great-grandparents are Sterling and Gleyann Earle Cummings of Lockney, Texas and Louis and Virginia Pyle of Floydada, Texas.



SHAELEIGH RAEANN RAINWATER, 4,
AND EMRI MICHELLE RAINWATER,
4 MONTHS

Daughters of David and Danon Rainwater of Amarillo, Texas. Grandparents are Michael and Karol Rainwater of Dougherty, Texas and David and Debbie Crain of Channing, Texas. Great-grandparents are Rosalyn Rainwater of Dougherty, Texas and Johnny and Phyllis Hicks of Amarillo, Texas.



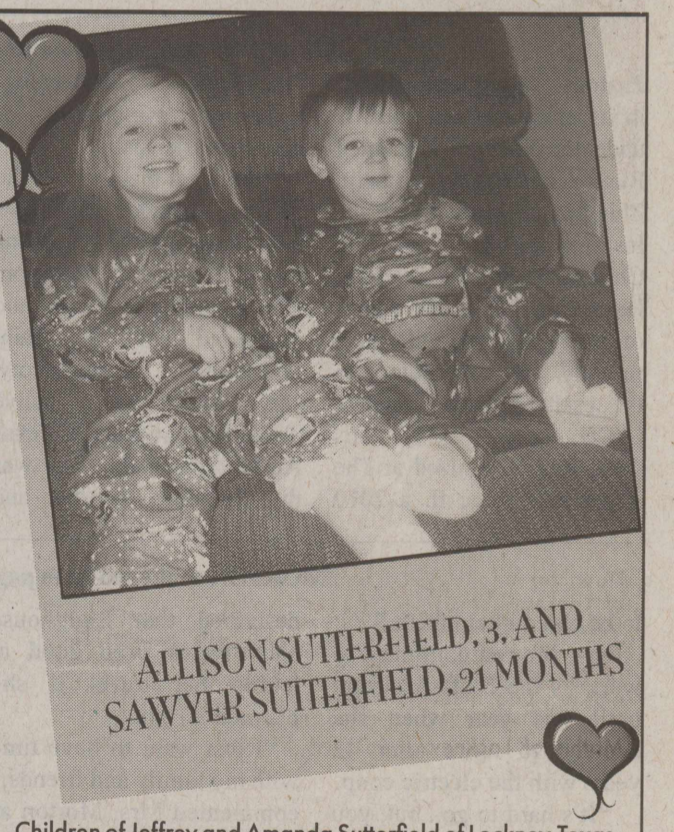
GRAHAM SANDERS, 3, AND ANSLEY
SANDERS, 6 MONTHS

Children of Dane and Robin Sanders of South Plains, Texas. Grandparents are Mark and Dee Sanders of Floydada and Larry and Nancy Kirk of Levelland, Texas. Great-grandparents are Connie Sanders and Sterling and Gleyann Earle Cummings, all of South Plains, Texas, Louis and Ferne Anderson of Floydada, Texas and Betty Motley of Olton, Texas.



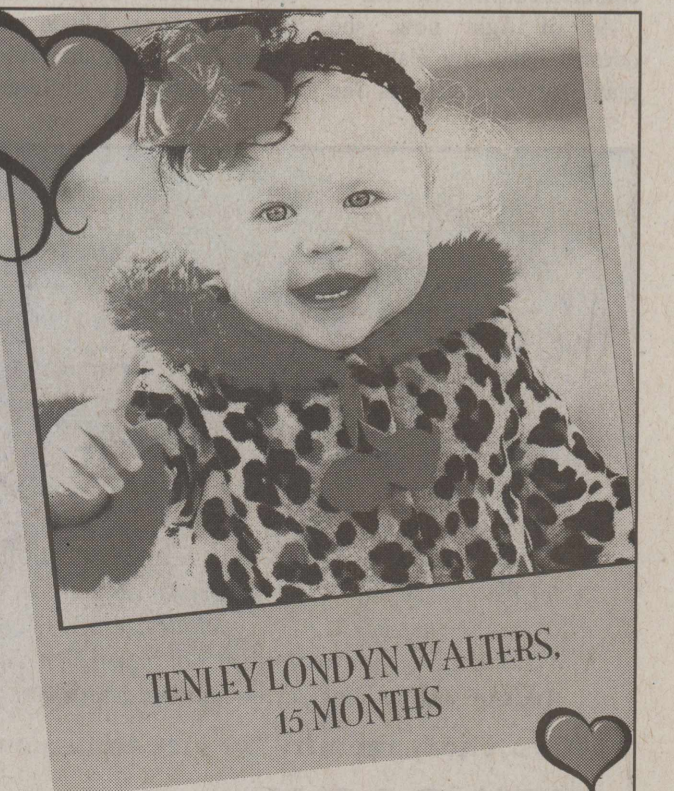
SAWYER FRANCIS, 6, AUBREY
FRANCIS, 3, AND ELI FRANCIS,
9 MONTHS

Children of Matthew and Kylan Francis of Silverton, Texas. Grandparents are Mark and Dee Sanders of Floydada, Texas and Dan and Donna Francis of Silverton, Texas. Great-grandparents are Sterling and Gleyann Earle Cummings and Connie Sanders, all of South Plains, Texas and Denny and Johnnie Mack Quisenberry of Floydada, Texas.



ALLISON SUTTERFIELD, 3, AND
SAWYER SUTTERFIELD, 21 MONTHS

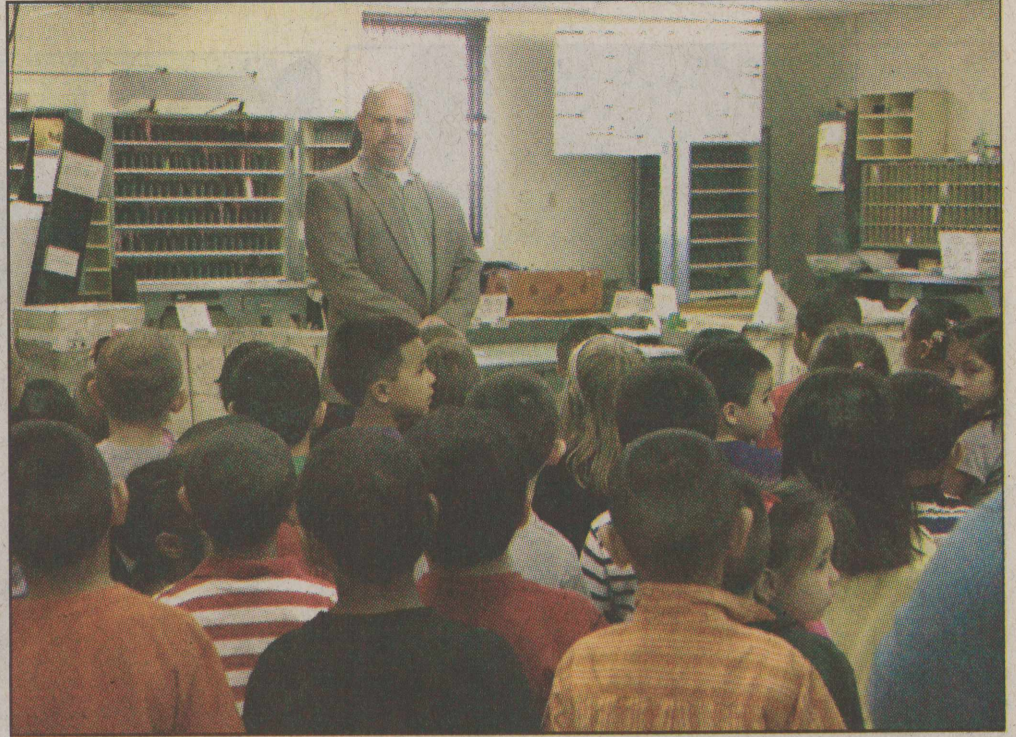
Children of Jeffrey and Amanda Sutterfield of Lockney, Texas. Grandparents are Don and Shirley Sutterfield of Lockney, Texas.



TENLEY LONDYN WALTERS,
15 MONTHS

Daughter of Bart and Tikka Walters of Rowlett, Texas. Grandparents are Dan and Reeda Cay Smith of Lockney, Texas. Great-grandparent is Dorothy Smith of Plainview.

Be My
Valentine



Courtesy Photos

On Friday, Floydada's kindergarten classes headed to the Post Office to see how our mail is delivered across the country. Accompanied by teachers Ruth Reed, Nikki Gonzales, Lily Maldonado, and teaching assistant Josie Torres, students learned the various steps needed for postal workers to deliver letters to our friends and family. During the field trip, each student sent letters and valentines to parents, grandparents, and family members across the country.

Reduced irrigation can improve economics, yields on corn

AMARILLO — Reducing irrigation can actually improve economics when growing corn. Not only does it save water, but it can improve production in some cases, according to Nich Kenny, a Texas AgriLife Extension Service irrigation specialist in Amarillo.

Last summer Kenny, along with AgriLife Extension agents in five counties, cooperated on the "Efficient Profitable Irrigation in Corn" or EPIC project, as it is known to producers. The project is a result demonstration effort conducted by AgriLife Extension and funded primarily by the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District.

"We know there are about 900,000 acres of corn grown in the High Plains," he said. "We also know that at least half of those acres are managed by producers who are shooting for the highest yield. If we can reduce irrigation by 1 inch annually on that half of the acres aimed at high yields, it would equate to saving 37,500

acre feet of water or 12 billion gallons of water use annually."

And if this past summer's demonstrations are any indication, that is a doable result, Kenny said, adding that the producers involved saw anywhere from 1 inch to 3 inches of savings on their corn crop with no reduction of yield and even an improvement of yield in three cases.

The premise behind EPIC is to manage irrigation water for maximized water efficiency, he said. The project is targeting corn producers who historically employ efficient irrigation systems and solid agricultural practices in a production strategy focused on maximized yields.

"There's a tapering-off point in the relationship of production and water applied," Kenny said. "Yield will increase with each increment of water only up to a point, and then the law of diminishing returns applies."

"Our question was 'If you manage for maximum profitability instead of yield, will you be able to save water,

and initially the answer we believe is yes," he said.

This past summer, Kenny and the agents conducted demonstrations with producers in Dallam, Hartley, Hutchinson, Ochiltree and Sherman counties. The Dallam County demonstration was under such extreme drought it could not be completed.

In all the locations, situations were selected where side-by-side plots were used, one as a "control" and the other as the "EPIC" plot. On the EPIC plots, three technologies — AquaSpy, AquaPlanner and Pivotrac — were used to manage the irrigation application without producer knowledge or access to maintain the purity of the control.

The control plot was titled the "legacy" plot and was managed according to the specific producer's standard practice. The EPIC plot was managed with AgriLife Extension inputs based on best management practices and information from management tools, Kenny said.

Survey: Readers prefer community paper for news

COLUMBIA, MO— Readers in areas served by community newspapers continue to prefer the community newspaper as their source of local news and advertising, according to the 2011 results of an annual survey conducted by the National Newspaper Association and the research arm of the Reynolds Journalism Institute at the Missouri School of Journalism. The survey is in its sixth year.

Following consistent trends, the study shows that 74 percent of people in communities served by a newspaper with circulations under 15,000 read a local newspaper each week. They prefer the printed copy to the online version, with 48 percent saying they never read the local news online. They prefer to receive advertising through the newspaper (51 percent) instead of on the Internet (11 percent). And only about a quarter of respondents said they had found local news through a mobile device in the past 30 days. Slightly more (38 percent) said they had received local shopping information by mobile device.

They also have a strong preference for government accountability through newspaper public notice, with 80 percent saying the government should be required to publish notices in the newspaper.

NNA President Reed Anfinson, publisher of the Swift County Monitor-News in Benson, MN, said the study demonstrates that citizens

believe in newspapers.

"The survey indicates a majority of respondents believe that the newspaper does a better job, provides more background and depth and is more useful to them personally than other news sources," Anfinson said. "It reinforces not only the strong bond between local communities and their newspapers, but it demonstrates that people do value good journalism."

Since 2005, NNA has done research on how people read and what they think about their local newspaper. Results have been consistent over the years, even as sample and community sizes have been adjusted slightly.

The early data indicates that the positive findings in the earlier surveys are consistent for community newspapers:

- 74% of those surveyed read a local newspaper each week.
- Those readers, on average, share their paper with 2.33 persons.
- They spend about 38.95 minutes reading their local newspaper.
- 73% read most or all of their community newspaper.
- 43.8% keep their community newspaper six or more days (shelf life).
- 61% of readers read local news very often in their community newspaper, while 48 percent say they never read local news online (only 11 percent say they read local news very often online).
- Of those going online for local news, 52 percent found

it on the local newspaper's website, compared to 20 percent for sites such as Yahoo, MSN or Google, and 25 percent for the website of a local TV station.

• 33% of those surveyed read local education (school) news very often in their newspaper, while 68 percent never read local education news online.

• 27 percent read local sports news very often in their newspaper, while 70 percent never read local sports online.

• 40 percent read editorials or letters to the editor very often in their newspaper, while 64 percent never read editorials or letters to the editor online.

• 80 percent think governments should be required to publish public notices in newspapers, with 23 percent reading public notices very often in their newspaper.

• 70 percent have Internet access in the home, but 80 percent never visit the Web site of their local chamber of commerce.

• Of those with Internet access at home, 89 percent have broadband access.

The local community newspaper is the primary source of information about the local community for 51.8 percent of respondents compared to seeking information from friends and relatives (16 percent) and TV (13.2 percent). Readers are seven times more likely to get their news from their community newspaper than from the Internet (7.4 percent). Less than 6 percent say their primary local news source is radio.

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Psalom (www.psalom.org), in its ninth overseas tour, is under the direction of talented Russian composer Konstantin Zhigulin, a graduate of the Institute of Theology and Christian Ministry in Saint Petersburg. He is the author of many hymns and, most recently, a contributor to the psalter-hymnal *Timeless* (ACU Press, 2011). His work was recognized at The Ascending Voice II, a 2010

Pepperdine University-sponsored symposium of church musicians.

Additional members of the quintet include Zhigulin's wife, Leena, Brad and Lena Cawyer, and Jeff Matteson. Though living in Russia and associated with the Saint Petersburg Conservatory, Mr. Cawyer is a native Texan and graduate of Texas A&M University. He was the founding director and

conductor of the Texas A&M University Orchestra. Matteson, preacher for the Luling, Texas Church of Christ, is an accomplished vocalist and harmonica player, having recorded with The Bluegrass Messengers.

Generations Quartet sings spiritual music in the Southern Gospel style. **Generations** has performed at many churches in the Lubbock area, as well as other social events.

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to be able to help them."

Mrs. Morton continued to work as the Staff Assistant until this year when she decided to retire after 42 years with the electric coop.

"It's hard to go...but, you just come to a time where you just feel in you heart that its time to let the younger ones come on and do the job," commented Mrs. Morton.

As of right now, she doesn't have any elaborate plans for retirement as she

described that Lighthouse had always been good at letting her travel if she planned it right.

"I just want to have time with my family and friends," commented Mrs. Morton as she explained that she will definitely spending more time with her two daughters and her grandchildren, Kelly and Melinda Turner and their daughters, Alison and Avery; and Craig and Julie Ellison with their children,

Kyler and Konner.

She is also planning to spend more time doing her favorite hobbies like reading, watching movies, shopping and watching her favorite teams the Texas Rangers and the Dallas Cowboys. Mrs. Morton is also planning to continue living in Floydada, where she commented, "It's wonderful...the people, you couldn't ask for better, real good friends."

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enrollment at 251 students; while Lubbock Roosevelt, who moved from 3A to 2A, reported 297 students. Post reported 212 students enrolled in their district, Abernathy reported 208, and Olton 206. "This district will be very competitive each and every Friday night," commented Coach Bandy.

Many high school sports pundits are already expecting Abernathy and Lubbock Roosevelt to be the top teams of the district because of last year's success in Abernathy, which resulted in Regional playoff run for the Antelopes, and because Roosevelt dropped for 3A to 2A. However the Wind's are confident that they will make their presence known in the new district.

"We are very excited about

the district we are in because we feel we will compete with every team," added Coach Bandy, "and when we get to the play-offs we will be familiar with the first round opponent, (either) being Sanford Fritch or Spearman, unless Canadian does not win that district to the north. The only two new teams in that district that we have not played the last two years will be Canadian and Boys Ranch. We just hope we will stay healthy throughout the year and have some good things happen for us to give us the best chance to reach the Texas state play-offs once again in 2012."

The UIL's realignment will also bring a few changes on the hardwood as basketball districts changed as well.

In basketball, Floydada will drop to a six-team

district which will include Childress, Idalou, Lubbock Roosevelt, Post, and Slaton in District 3-2A. The realignment will drop the Wind's prior district games against Littlefield, Muleshoe, Tulia, Dimmit, Abernathy, and Friona.

"I am happy to no longer be in an 8 team district," commented Floydada Head Basketball Coach Troyce Renfro. "We are in a very competitive district now, and I feel that next year we will be playing tough games in district as well; however, having two fewer teams to prepare for does take some of the stress out of the equation."

Lockney will stay in their current 4-1A basketball district which is made up of Crosbyton, Hale Center, New Deal, and Ralls.

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