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**Floyd County Schools honor Veterans**

**By Homer Marquez**  
 Last week, Floyd County schools took time to honor those who served in our nation's military with several Veterans' Day assemblies. Students and teachers paid homage to the sacrifices made by America's Bravest Men and Women last Nov. 11 by treating local Veterans to fun, food, presentations and entertainment.

In Floydada, the celebration began in the Whirlwind Gymnasium early Thursday day morning. Veterans sat center stage as Floydada's Boy Scout Troop

#357 started the events with a Presentation of our Nation's Colors, followed by a Pledge of Allegiance. Shortly after, Lucy Ramirez led the crowd in a beautiful rendition of our National Anthem. FHS Whirlwind Band would then take the reins by performing "One Nation under God" and "Armed Forces on Parade". After the presentation of the memorial wreath to Brayden Campbell, Jianna Davenport would go on to perform "An Honor to Serve" for the Veterans. The assembly concluded with a moment of silence and a performance

of TAPS by Tyler Campbell and Janet Gonzales. Following the assembly, students and Veterans meet at the courthouse to place the memorial wreath at the Floyd County Veterans Memorial.

In Lockney, the Lockney Elementary treated Veterans to a lunch in their honor. Lockney's entire 5th grade class had the opportunity to eat and converse with our Nation's heroes.

Shortly following lunch, the 5th graders honored the Veterans with a presentation on the history of Veterans' Day, as well as their own

rendition of Armed Forces on Parade. After a song by the 5th grade girls, the entire class presented the Veterans with the American Flag they received from Senator Robert Duncan in their recent trip to Austin. During their trip to Austin, the Lockney 5th grade class got a chance to tour the Texas State Capital as well as the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum. Ed Marks and the rest of the Lockney Veterans Association are planning to put the flag in a shadow box and return it to the school for display.

**Floydada ISD will host Technology Open House**

Floydada ISD and Apple will join forces to host a Digital Learning Environment Open House on Tuesday, December 7. This opportunity offers administrative and educational teams to observe 1:1 laptop schools and see best practices in technology use in class rooms throughout the district. The Open House is open to superintendents, principals, teachers, and board members across the state.

Beginning at 9 a.m., Superintendent Jerry Vaughn will host an informative progression of the technology growth and success of Floydada ISD in the high school auditorium. Campus visitations will begin at 10 a.m.

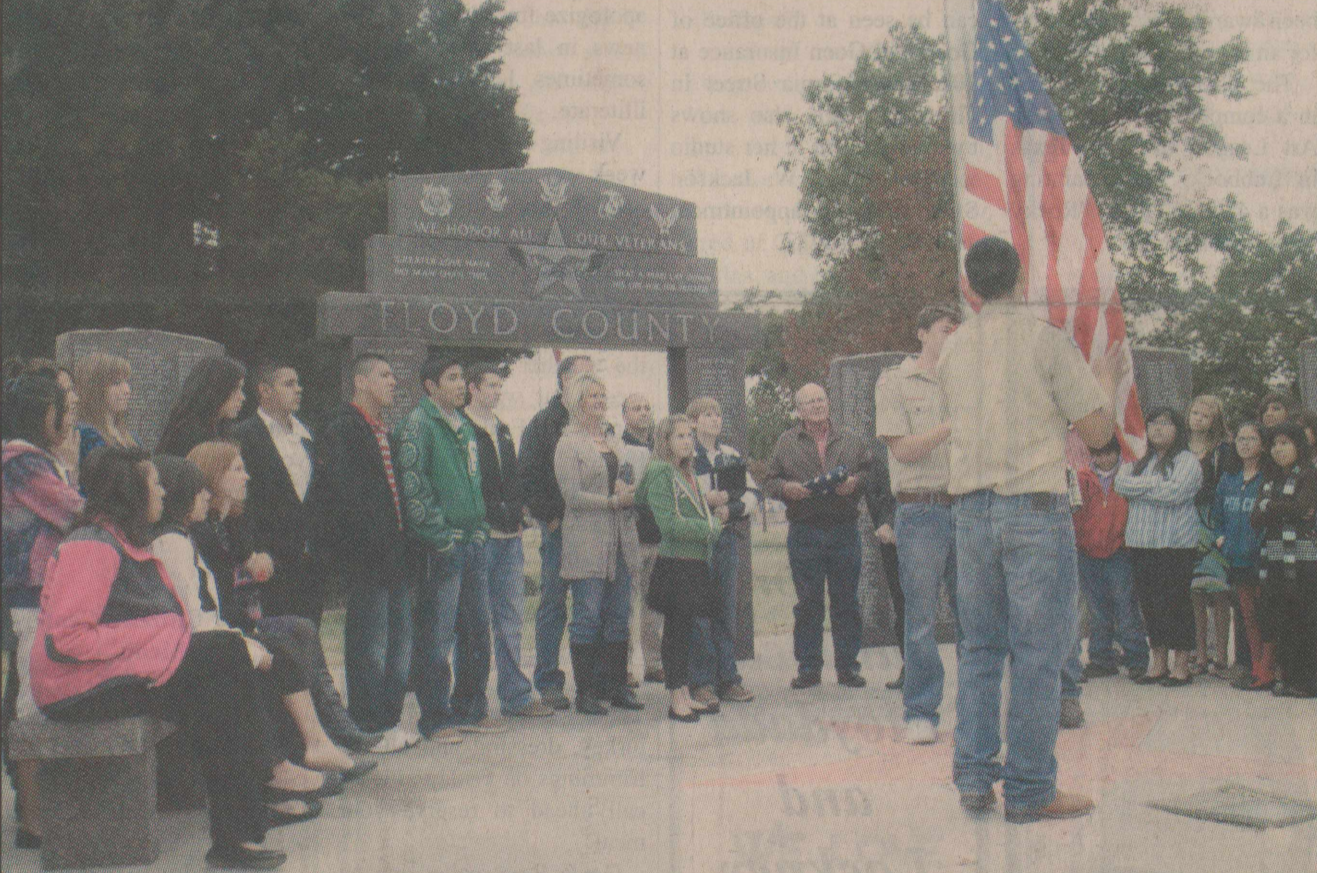
Visitors will be able to tour the three campuses and visit classrooms at all grade and subject levels. During these visitations, both teachers and students of FISD will demonstrate and model the many ways that technology is used daily in the instructional process. Lunch for the visitors will be hosted in the high school library from 12:00 - 1:15 p.m. Visitations will continue after lunch until 2 p.m., and the day will conclude with a question and answer session

in the auditorium until 2:30 p.m.

Floydada ISD has been recognized nationally for its innovative technological successes, and was recently awarded one of the twelve Texas Connections grants that will purchase new laptops for the fifth through twelfth grade students in the district and add laptops in the lower elementary grades. This grant also establishes the district as an official demonstration site for other districts throughout the state and nation.

Floydada High School has been selected as an Apple Distinguished school for two years, and is currently designated as an Apple Exemplary school. Only 38 schools in the nation carry this distinction. The district was also honored with the Sylvia Chapp International Award for Technology earlier this year, and it was ranked one of the top 100 schools in the state.

For more information on the event, contact Floydada ISD at (806) 983-3498 or [jvaughn@floydadaisd.esc17.net](mailto:jvaughn@floydadaisd.esc17.net). Additional information may be found at the Apple link, <http://edseminars.apple.com/event/3067>.



Staff photo by Homer Marquez

Veterans and students gathered at Floyd County's Veteran's Memorial Monument, last Thursday, to pay homage to those who served in our Nation's military. Following a Veterans' Day assembly at the Whirlwind Gym, students placed a memorial wreath at the monument as well as replaced the current American Flag with the new one that was donated by A.C. and Beth Pratt.

**Football Contest winners announced**



FOOTBALL CONTEST WINNERS: Coy LaBaume (right - 1st place), Brent Sanders (left - 2nd place), and Boyd Lee (center - 3rd place) show off the checks as they take home the first, second and third place prizes in this year's annual Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon Football Contest. The Hesperian-Beacon would once again like to thank all the sponsors and participants in this year's contest.

**Lockney's Community Thanksgiving to be held Nov. 21**

Lockney's Annual Community Thanksgiving will be held at the First United Methodist Church on November 21, 2010. Everyone is invited to attend as we unite as a community in shared faith, family, and gratitude. Canned foods and other non perishable items will be accepted to help stock the pantry at the local Salvation Army-Community Storehouse. The worship service will begin at 6 p.m. with refreshments following immediately after.

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GONZALO AND JULIA GONZALES

## Gonzales' celebrate 50th anniversary

Gonzalo and Julia Gonzales of Floydada will be observing their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Sunday, November 21, with a reception following the 11:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Floydada.

Both children of farm laborers, Gonzales and Julia Garcia were married on November 19, 1960 in Petersburg, Texas. Following their marriage, the couple lived in Lockney where Gonzales was employed by Lee Motor Company, while also driving a mail truck and serving as a reserve police officer for the city of Lockney. Julia was a housewife.

In 1969, they moved to Floydada where he went to work for a salvage shop. Julia worked at the Floydada

Nursing Home for 12 years. In 1971, Gonzales began working with the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation. He retired from TxDOT in 1993.

The couple has four children, Adam and his wife, Angie, of Floydada, Isabell Pena and Rosemary Gonzales, both of Plainview, and Hilda Garcia and her husband, Valentine of Round Rock.

They are grandparents to six girls, Ava and Aliana Gonzales of Floydada, Rebecca, Arlene and Valerie Garcia and Nicole and husband, Armando Estrada and two great-granddaughters, Daisy Estrada and Maya Garcia, all of Round Rock.

By **Margaret Word**

Our mailing address is PO Box 573. We are located at 301 E. Georgia. If you are 60 years or older come join us. Lunch starts at 12 noon. If you plan on eating with us, please call 983-2032 by 10 a.m. on the day you plan to visit us.

The last time we had a turkey and dressing meal, we served a large group. The ladies who prepare our meals would like to know how many to prepare for. We do not want to cook too much food, but we do want to have enough to feed all who come to the Center.

Calling helps them know better how to prepare for us. Thanks for your cooperation. Our phone number is 983-2032.

We had several visitors. I did not get everyone's names who ate with us. I like to list our visitors in my newsletter but I am afraid I will leave

off some names. We can have a better Center if you could come daily. Those who do show up daily love to visit and eat a hot meal.

One day last week Willie Mae Ferguson brought her friends, Don and Mazie Hegi to eat lunch with us.

A couple of Sundays ago, Bob and Charlene Alldredge's children all met in their home for a family get-together. Roger, their youngest son, who lives in California, was in town for several weeks. There were twelve in attendance. Charlene said they all brought the noon meal and she made the homemade hot rolls. They had a great time together visiting and playing games. Other family members came by in the evening to visit.

I think I forgot to list November birthdays in my past article. These months go by so fast. Happy Birthday to those who have a November

birthday. November 1 - Ila White; November 2 - Joyce Williams; November 5 - Toni Falcon; November 9 - Eva Parker; November 11 - Margaret Word; November 12 - Letha Lightfoot; November 13 - Dahlia Russell; November 15 - Janis Julian; November 16 - Bernice Mitchell; November 19 - J. L. Haynes; November 21 - John Moss; November 24 - Mary Alice Davis and Willie Mae Ferguson; November 26 - Kay Wilson, Dale Smith and Margie Sue; November 29 - John Reddy.

My birthday was November 11<sup>th</sup>. I received a lot of birthday cards. They were so pretty, some were funny. I enjoyed them all. I have so many friends. You are all so good to me.

Our sympathy to the family of Joyce McGuire.

Thank you for remembering the Center when you need to make a memorial donation.

**In memory of Jimmy and Joyce McGuire** - Willie Mae Ferguson.

**In memory of Verna Lynne Stewart** - Johnny and Margie Sue.

**In memory of Jackie Duke** - Johnny and Margie Sue.

**In memory of Imogene Fortenberry** - Johnny and Margie Sue.

**In memory of Billie Moore** - Johnny and Margie Sue.

### MENU

Nov. 22 - Nov. 24

**Monday** - BBQ franks, potato salad, pinto beans, cornbread, pistachio salad  
**Tuesday** - Beef stew, blackeyed peas, cornbread, cake

**Wednesday** - Chicken strips, green beans, potatoes, roll, cookies

**Thursday** - CLOSED  
**Friday** - CLOSED

## 1934 Study Club

By **Wilma Gowens**

The 1934 Study Club met Tuesday, November 9, 2010 in the home of Marie Warren with Wilma Gowens as co-hostesses. We were glad to have one-hundred percent attendance.

The meeting was called to order by President, Faye

Bertrand. Jo Lyles led in prayer, roll call was answered with "My Thanksgiving Plans" and club minutes were read by Willie Mae Ferguson.

Carolyn Cheek spoke to the Study Club about reading and encouraged us to read and to use the books

from the County library and also from the First Baptist Church library. She gave a very warm and encouraging program about improving our minds through reading.

Members present were Faye Bertrand, Wilma Colston, Betsy Dempsey, Willie Mae Ferguson, Diana

Glover, Wilma Gowens, Emagene Haenisch, Jo Lyles, Marie Warren and Margaret Word.

The next meeting of the 1934 Study Club will be Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. in the home of Faye Bertrand and program will be given by Connie Bertrand.

## Goen receives "Best Of Show"

Local artist Jo Goen has been awarded "Best of Show" for an oil painting.

The painting was entered in a competition held by the Art League of West Texas in Lubbock. Jo's painting was a 48"x36" titled "Rocky Mountain High".

A collection of Jo's works can be seen at the office of Goen and Goen Insurance at 102 E. California Street in Floydada. She also shows by appointment at her studio located at 902 W. Jackson Street. For an appointment call 806-983-3937.

## Lockney Senior Citizens News

By **Renee Armstrong**

Hello again from the Lockney Senior Citizens Center. I would like to apologize for not getting the news in last week's paper, sometimes I am computer illiterate.

Visiting Lucy Dean the past week was her son Breck and his wife Ann. He had given a seminar for court reporters in Amarillo, and had also sang at the church.

Tommy Messer was under the weather a few days this week, but was back at the center on Friday. Mildred Keaton also let me know that her daughter-in-law, Donna, will be at home a few days before they schedule gallbladder surgery.

The Center will be closed on Thursday the 26th for Thanksgiving. Speaking of Thanksgiving, we will have turkey, dressing and all the trimmings on Friday. Please call ahead to reserve your meal.

Gayle Reay called me on Sunday with a thank you note

from Bobby Ray and Surina Griffith and it reads: "We would like to thank everyone who furnished food for the lunch at the Senior Citizens Center on Saturday the Nov. 13. To those who attended the memorial service at the Lockney Cemetery for our daughter, Brenda Griffith, who passed away Oct. 26th in Denison, Texas and Frankie Griggs, Surina's mother, who passed away Oct. 11 in Seymour, Texas. We appreciate your love and concern for all of us, and extend our love to each of you."

I hope you all have a great week.

**Senior Citizen's Center Menu**  
**Nov 22-26**  
**Monday**- Meat loaf  
**Tuesday**- Soup and Cornbread  
**Wednesday**- Chicken Fried Steak  
**Thursday**- CLOSED  
**Friday**- Enchiladas

## "Christmas for our Soldiers" packages mailed

By **Linda Matsler**

The community of Floydada and friends of First United Methodist Church responded overwhelmingly to the request for donations

for the "Christmas for our Soldiers" project.

Eighty packages were mailed this past week to soldiers stationed in Afghanistan and Iraq, as well as a few stateside. Snack foods, Beanie babies for the children of Iraq and Afghanistan, writing tablets, paperback books, toilet articles, soup and cocoa mixes, and a myriad of other items were packed by 28 members of the church and members of Floydada High School's National Honor Society. NHS students and children of FUMC wrote personal letters of appreciation and made pictures which were also included in the packages.

Donations in the amount of \$2,089 were received to aid in mailing and filling the boxes.

Thanks for giving of your time, your donations, and your prayers for these men and women who serve our nation. What a wonderful community to live in! God bless America.

Thanks for reading!

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# Mangold Memorial Hospital to hold 18<sup>th</sup> annual Health Fair

W. J. Mangold Memorial Hospital announces it's 18<sup>th</sup> annual "Holiday Health Fair" to be held on Saturday, December 4 from 9 a.m. - 12 noon in the Lockney Elementary Cafeteria. Your admission to the Health Fair will be a donation of a canned good or a new toy to be donated to the Salvation Army Christmas Cheer Program.

There will be over 30 booths providing glaucoma checks, cholesterol screens, blood sugar and blood

pressure check, you can consult with a hearing specialist and United Blood Institute will be holding a blood drive.

Again this year at the Health Fair we will be providing Children's Photo Identification Cards, which will provide a picture and current information about your child. This is part of our effort to provide parents with personal safety id's of their children in the event of an emergency. The Children's Photo Identification Card is

being offered as a free public service to families in the area.

The "Holiday Health Fair" will have over 30 booths manned by various local and area organizations plus children's activities booths. Local and area merchants will provide door prizes, and Lockney Band will provide breakfast for a nominal fee.

This event is designed to be informative and fun for the entire family. Mangold Memorial Hospital invites everyone to attend.

## From the archives....

### FLOYD COUNTY HISTORY FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM

FROM THE LOCKNEY BEACON - May 25, 1951

### MRS. GRIFFITH IS A REAL PIONEER

(Note: The following story from the Lubbock Avalanche, tells some of the details of the life of Mrs. Mattie Griffith of Lockney, a real West Texas pioneer. Mrs. Griffith was honored on Mother's Day with the story on the front page of the Avalanche. Her grandson, B. L. Griffith of Abernathy, gave her an airplane trip to Dallas on Mother's Day, her first time to ride in a plane.)

### By Opal Dixon Avalanche-Journal Staff Writer

"My Children and my home are my life."

An 85 year old mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother made that remark, expressing the feeling of many mothers throughout the world, a few minutes before she stepped on an airplane at Lubbock

Municipal airport. She was Mrs. Mattie Griffith of Lockney, who has ridden in oxcart, wagon, hack, horseback, automobile—and now on a plane.

It was her first plane ride, but Mrs. Griffith has become accustomed to new experiences in a lifetime that has included such pioneering activities as using her needle and silk thread to suture a son's wound. The son, Jake, now of Lockney, had fallen on the wagon brake and suffered a severe cut on an arm while the family moved through the Blue Mountains by wagon.

Concerning modern transportation methods, Mrs. Griffith said, "I think it's wonderful to have them."

**Walked to School**

Then she smiled her cheerful smile and added that folks now "can hardly cross a street without riding." She recalled that when she attended a log cabin school in Bell county, she walked three miles to school.

Her first plane trip was a gift from a grandson, B. L. Griffith of Abernathy, who accompanied her to Dallas for a visit with her youngest son, Frank Griffith. They returned by plane that night. Mrs. Griffith had been

wanting a car, but decided that was "too dangerous" and compromised for the plane trip.

The trip brought another "first" to her. Just before she stepped on the plane, Pioneer airlines presented her with her first orchid.

**Does Own Housework**

Mrs. Griffith does her own housework. She lives in a two-story house across the street from Lockney High school. She has divided her home into apartments, which she keeps rented.

She sews for herself, her granddaughter and grandchildren.

She is the only living charter member of Lockney Methodist church. She has sung in the choir since it was organized.

She credits her good health and longevity to "turpentine and calomel," which she considers "the cure for all illnesses."

All of her children are living except one son, Wat, who died Feb. 28. They are Jim of Brownfield, Theodore and Jake of Lockney, Ray of Plainview, Fred of California, Frank of Dallas, and Mrs. Ida Dodson

See ARCHIVES on Page 9

# Floyd County Church Directory

## AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Dennis Butler, Pastor  
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.  
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## BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

810 S. 3rd, Floydada  
Darwin Robinson, Pastor  
983-5278  
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..10:50 a.m.  
Evening Worship .... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.  
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## CALVARY'S CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP

Floydada  
Armando Morales, Pastor  
Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.  
Bible Study .....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening7:00 p.m.  
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## CARR'S CHAPEL

Service Every Sunday:  
Morning Worship ....9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School .....10:30 a.m.  
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## CHURCH OF CHRIST

West College & Third, Lockney  
Steve McLean -Minister  
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship ....5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.  
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## CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST

Levi Sisemore, Minister  
Floydada  
Sunday Bible Study..9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship ....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.  
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## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Tim Franks, Pastor  
Terry Simmons, Minister of Ed./Music  
Josh Burgett -Minister of Students  
Sunday School .....9:15 a.m.  
Morning Worship ...10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study....6:30 p.m.  
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## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Lockney

John Franklin, 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.  
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## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Floydada  
Rev. Les Hall, Pastor  
Early Worship ....8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ...10:50 a.m.  
Youth (Sunday).....5:00 p.m.  
Youth (Wednesday)..7:30 p.m.  
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## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Lockney  
Rev. Ricky Carstensen  
Pastor  
Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service ....10:30 a.m.  
Evening Service..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Jr. High .....5:30 p.m.  
Wed. High School... 6:30 p.m.  
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## GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH

OF GOD IN CHRIST  
Joe Bennett, Pastor  
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service.....7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday .....8:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service .....7:30 p.m.  
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## MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

Lockney  
Jay Don Poindexter, Minister  
Bible Study .....9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday.....7:30 p.m.  
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## MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Floydada  
Rev. Ralph Jackson  
401 N 12th St (983-5805)  
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Study ..7:00 p.m.  
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## NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Floydada  
Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges  
(806) 637-0430  
Sunday Singing .....10:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.  
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## OUT REACH HARVEST

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH  
310 E. Mississippi  
Floydada  
Rev. David Ramos, Pastor  
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader  
Sunday Bible...10:00 a.m.  
Morning Praise..11:00 a.m.  
Evening Praise ...5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Worship.... 7:00 p.m.  
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## 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.  
Wednesday.....7:30 p.m.  
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## PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA

Lockney  
Jesus Caballero, Pastor  
Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service ....11:00 a.m.  
Discipleship .....5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service .....7:00 p.m.  
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## PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA

Floydada  
Pastor Reverend Raymond Asebedo  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..10:55 a.m.  
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Evening .....6:00 p.m.  
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## SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Lockney  
Jim McCartney, Pastor  
Wed. Communion....8:00 p.m.  
Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m.  
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## SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH

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

701 W. Missouri  
Joe Hernandez  
983-5286 (church)  
983-5156 (parsonage)  
Sunday School .....9: 45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.  
EveningService.....5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.  
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## ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Floydada  
Rev. Angelo Consemino  
Phone: 983-5878  
Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m.  
Mon.Wed. Mass.....6:30 p.m.  
Confession Sat.....10-11 a.m.  
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## TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM

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

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

Rev. Herman Martinez  
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada  
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship .....5:00 p.m.  
Tuesday .....7:30 p.m.  
Thursday Service.....7:30 p.m.  
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## Trinity Assembly

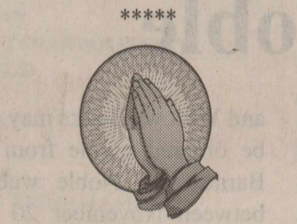
500 W. Houston, Floydada  
Henry Russell, Co-Pastor  
Vance Mitchell, Co-Pastor  
Children's Church ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 10:40 a.m.  
Sunday Evening ..... 5 p.m.  
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## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Providence Community  
on FM 2301 293-3009  
Rev. Peter W. Harrington  
Minister  
Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service ....11:00 a.m.  
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## WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Floydada 983-3548  
Sunday Worship ...10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening .....5:00 p.m.



**American State Bank**  
Member FDIC  
217 W. California  
983-3725

**Goen & Goen Insurance**  
102 E. California  
983-3524

**Barwise Gin**  
Barwise Community  
983-2737

**Lockney Co-op Gin**  
652-3377

**Tastee Burger**  
116 North Main  
652-2630

**Oden Chevrolet Inc.**  
221 S. Main, Floydada  
983-3787

**Clark Pharmacy**  
320 N. Main - Lockney  
652-3353

**Payne Family Pharmacy**  
200 S. Main, Floydada  
983-5111

**Davis Lumber**  
102 E. Shubet  
Lockney  
6523385

**Pay-n-Save**  
210 N. Main  
Lockney  
652-2293

**Sawaya Ins. Agency**  
120 E. 7th Street  
Plainview  
293-1318

**Schacht**  
Flowers, Jewelry & Gifts  
112 W. Poplar, Lockney  
652-2385

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- 1 two-door reach in cooler (good working condition)
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- 9 high back executive chairs
- 4 storage racks

Items will be available for inspection November 15-30, weekdays only (closed November 24-26). Persons interested in bidding will pick up a bid sheet from MCISD Central Office or print it from the school website. Write your bid on the sheet and return to Central Office or email it to [sfowler@motleyco.org](mailto:sfowler@motleyco.org) [sfowler@motleyco.org](http://sfowler@motleyco.org) (you will receive confirmation of delivery). All bids will be opened and awarded on Tuesday, 11/30/2010. View items at [www.motleyco.org](http://www.motleyco.org).

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Staff Photo by Homer Marquez

Lockney's Girls Junior Varsity basketball team mixed it up with Floydada last week during their first game of the season, unfortunately the girls would go on to be defeated by the Whirlwinds. This Thursday and Saturday the Lady Horns JV team will travel to Nazareth for a tournament.



Staff Photo by Homer Marquez

Lockney's Meagan Dunn (33) drives in the two-pointer during last Tuesday's game against county rival the Floydada Whirlwinds. Dunn would put up ten points in the game, but it wouldn't be enough to stop the Whirlwinds as the Lady Longhorns would fall 32-59. In Saturday's game, the Longhorns would redeem themselves with a 62-21 victory over the Petersburg Buffalos.

## Lockney School teams up with Barnes & Noble

Support the Lockney secondary schools by shopping at Barnes and Noble. In the effort to raise funds for their secondary library, the Lockney Media Center is working together with Barnes and Noble Booksellers by hosting a book fair at the secondary school library and at the Lubbock Barnes and Noble Store.

Between November 20 and November 27, the

Barnes and Noble Bookstore in Lubbock, Texas, will contribute a percentage of every sale made with a special book fair voucher to the Lockney Media Center. Vouchers will be available at the Media Center located at the Lockney High/ Junior High School.

On November 22 and 23, Barnes and Noble will have books on display and for purchase in the Media Center Located on the Corner of 4<sup>th</sup>

and Willow. Books may also be ordered online from the Barnes and Noble website between November 20 and December 2. Please enter the ID#10356715 at checkout.

The Lockney Media Center wishes to thank everyone for their support. For more information, contact Katy Young, Librarian at the Media Center or by email at [young\\_kathy@lockney.isd.tenet.edu](mailto:young_kathy@lockney.isd.tenet.edu) or by calling 806-652-4901

### LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU

NOV. 22 – NOV. 24

<b>Monday</b> Breakfast – French toast or cereal, toast, juice, milk Lunch – Pizza or burrito, corn, peaches, milk Tuesday Breakfast- Eggs/sausage or	cereal, toast, juice, milk Lunch – Fish sticks or ham, pinto beans, spinach, fruited gelatin, cornbread, milk Wednesday Breakfast – Cinnamon roll or cereal, toast, juice, milk	Lunch – Sack lunch or corndog, tater tots, apple slices, milk Thursday HOLIDAY Friday HOLIDAY
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**THANK YOU** to everyone for your support and encouragement during the election process. I will continue to work towards the improvement of Precinct 2 and all of Floyd County.

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## LOCKNEY HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Six Weeks

#### "A" Honor Roll

12<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Devin Cabellero, Kami Hunt, Christopher Rodriguez, Antonia Morales

#### 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

Logan Edwards, Steven Fernandez, Quinn Jackson, Amber Seqovia

#### 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

McKenzie Kemp, Rayann Race, Maison Ragland, Mary Sammann, Luke Sherman, Lindsay Stewart

#### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

Nathan Caballero, Michael DeLeon, Heather Fierros, Lance Fulton, Robert

Hunt, Kaitlyn Jackson, David Johnson, Bethany McCulloch, Matthew Teeter

#### "A-B" Honor Roll

#### 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Kacee Armstrong, Dora Bueno, Sabrina Guerrero, Shialo Huerta, Isabel Solis, Nefertiti Solis, Shaquille Thompson, Maria Castorena, Chase Thompson

#### 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

SyAnn Foster, Tanya Hernandez, Jessica Pena, Anissa Reyna, Danielle Thompson, Sunny Williams, Landon Kidd, Riley Teeter, Meagan Sorley

#### 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

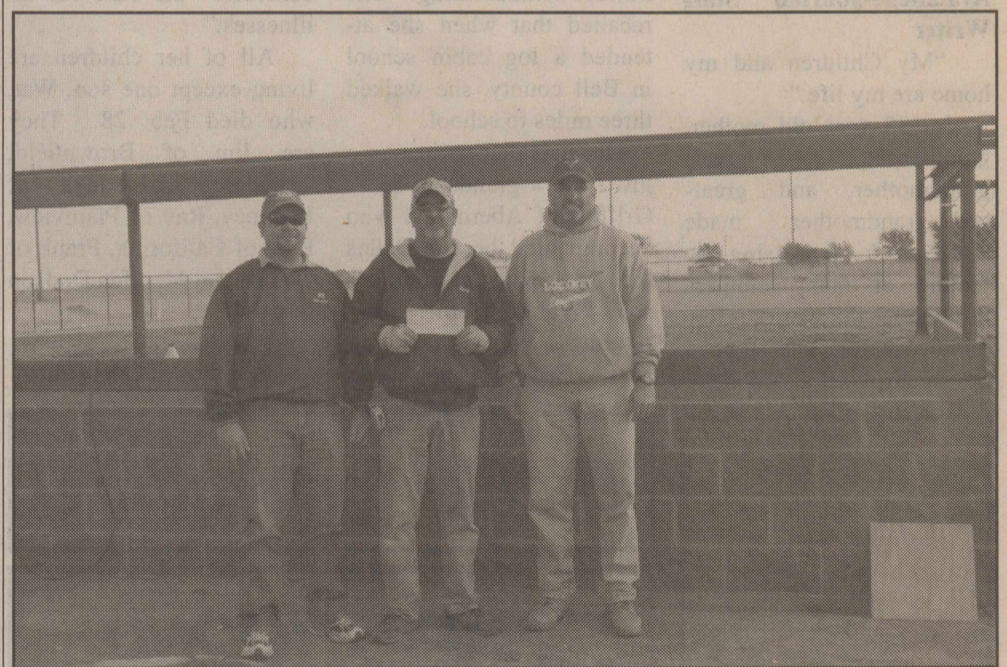
Erik Cortez, Ryan Diaz, Ian Dunbar, Jose Guerrero, Landry Kidd, Gates Lane, Karmichael Ramos, Candleria Rea, Taylor Rose, Susie Salas, Kelsie Stennett

#### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

Whitney Ascensio, Clay Bigham, Tanille Bigham, Jake Bramlet, Alyssa Cruz, Paula Cuellar, Anna Hernandez, Nikki Jimenez, Stephen Karlin, Memory Lane, Jasmine Pena, Cynthia Pesina, Tanae Ramos, Alenie Rendon, Alexis Rodriguez, Brenda Salazar, Enrique Segovia, Brittany Thompson, Hunter Thompson, Janette Ybarra



LITTLE LONGHORNS for this week were (back row, left to right) Karina Torres, Nick Diaz, Cesar Ciefnuegos, Cristo Martinez, and Diego Azua (middle row, left to right) Anyaleigh Tambunga, Malaki Alvis, Tosha Schuleter, Jayden Sustaita, Tyann Phillips. (front row, left to right) Mariah Ascencio, J'Ann Pena and Analys Jones



Staff photo by Homer Marquez

Construction to Lockney's new softball field gets a boost with the help of Phillip Garza and Wal-Mart Distribution. Last week, Matt Williams, Kenny Hooten, and Superintendent Phil Cotham (shown), accepted a \$1,500 grant made possible by Wal-Mart Distribution. The grant will greatly help the City's efforts to complete the field before the start of the season.

### Lockney Longhorns 2010 -2011

Alejandro Salazar	3	Jr.
Riley Teeter	4	Jr.
Erik Cortez	10	Soph.
Renee Cruz	11	Sr.
Landon Kidd	12	Jr.
Landry Kidd	14	Soph.
Marcos Bernal	22	Jr.
Tracy Williams	31	Sr.
Aaron Rendon	32	Sr.
Jonathan Luna	34	Soph.
Keenan Stennett	40	Sr.

Reyes Garza – Head Coach      Jeff Dunn – Assistant  
Malcolm Moerbe – AD  
Todd Hallmark – HS Principal      Phil Cotham – Supt.

*Hair by Leigh*

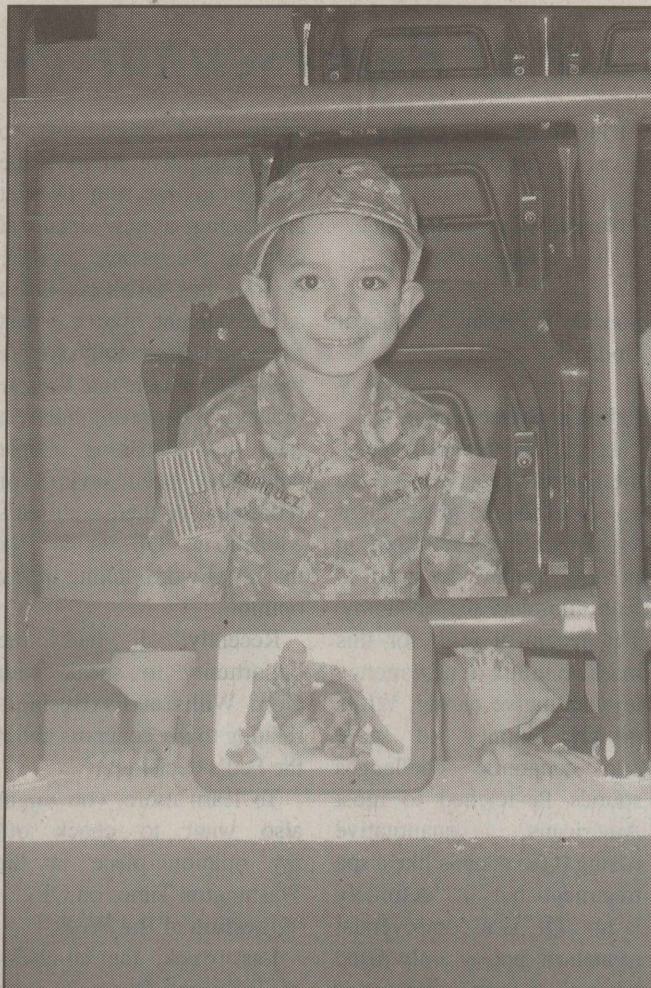
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# Flag draped coffin



Courtesy of Connie Enriquez

Aiden Enriquez, proudly displays a picture of his daddy who is currently serving in Afghanistan while he attended the Veteran's Memorial held at the Whirlwind Gym on Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Aiden is the son of Blanca Garza and Abran Enriquez.

All Americans should be given this lesson. Those who think that America is an arrogant nation should really reconsider that thought. Our founding fathers used GOD's word and teachings to establish our Great Nation and I think it's high time Americans get re-educated about this Nation's history. Pass it along and be proud of the country we live in and even more proud of those who serve to protect our 'GOD GIVEN' rights and freedoms. I hope you take the time to read this ... To understand what the flag draped coffin really means ... Here is how to understand the flag that laid upon it and is surrendered to so many widows and widowers. Do you know that at military funerals, the 21-gun salute stands for the sum of the numbers in the year 1776?

**Folding of the Flag**  
Have you ever noticed the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the United States of America Flag 13 times? You probably thought it was to symbolize

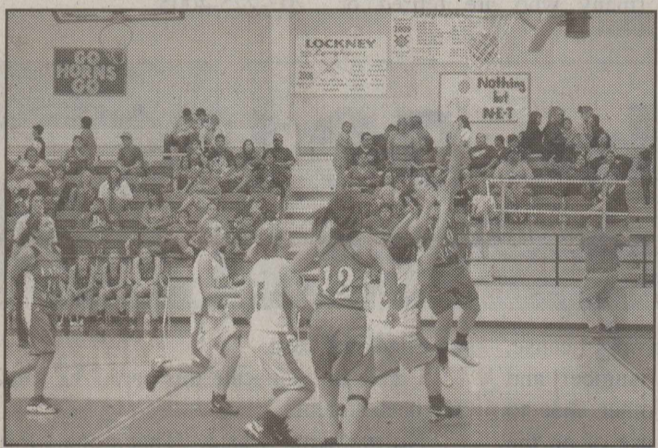
the original 13 colonies, but we learn something new every day!  
**The 1st fold** of the flag is a symbol of life.  
**The 2nd fold** is a symbol of the belief in eternal life.  
**The 3rd fold** is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing the ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of the country to attain peace throughout the world.  
**The 4th fold** represents the weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.  
**The 5th fold** is a tribute to the country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, 'Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong.'  
**The 6th fold** is for where people's hearts lie. It is with their heart that they pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States Of America, and the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with

Liberty and Justice for all.  
**The 7th fold** is a tribute to its Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that they protect their country and their flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of their republic.  
**The 8th fold** is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.  
**The 9th fold** is a tribute to womanhood, and Mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.  
**The 10th fold** is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of their country since they were first born.  
**The 11th fold** represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob  
**The 12th fold** represents

an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christians eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit  
**The 13th fold**, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding them of their nations motto, 'In God We Trust.'  
**After the flag** is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for them the rights, privileges and freedoms they enjoy today. There are some traditions and ways of doing things that have deep meaning.  
In the future, you'll see flags folded and now you will know why. Share this with the children you love and all others who love what is referred to, the symbol of Liberty and Freedom.

## FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU Nov. 22 - Nov. 24

<b>Monday</b> Breakfast-Scrambled eggs, toast, jelly or cereal, graham crackers, juice, milk Lunch- Pizza, seasoned corn, tossed salad, sliced peaches, milk <b>Tuesday</b> Breakfast- Mini banana loaf or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk Lunch-Pigs in blanket, corn, baked chips, pineapple orange	salad, milk <b>Wednesday</b> Breakfast-Pancake & sausage on a stick or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk Lunch-Oven crispy chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot roll, fancy gelatin, milk <b>Thursday</b> HOLIDAY <b>Friday</b> HOLIDAY
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Staff Photo by Homer Marquez

Floydada's JV Lady Wind, Jennifer Alonzo (40), takes it to the glass during their victory over the JV Lady Horns last Tuesday. This Friday the JV Lady Winds will travel to Abernathy to take on the Antelopes.



Staff Photo by Homer Marquez

Floydada's Sarah Jo Miller (21) brought the intensity during last week's game in Lockney. Miller put up 6 points during last Tuesday's impressive 59-32 victory over the Lady Horns. The Lady Winds game in Ralls was canceled last Friday, but this Friday the Lady Winds will travel to Brownfield to take on the Lady Cubs.

## THIS WEEK'S

<b>LOCKNEY SALVATION ARMY</b> The Lockney Salvation Army is in need of blankets, and coats (in all sizes). The Lockney Salvation Army is located at 205 E. Locust and is open from 12 Noon to 3 p.m. You may contact Alecia Luna at 806-652-3770 or 806-283-6452.	<b>COAT DRIVE</b> The Baptist and Methodist men of Lockney will be going door to door Saturday, Nov. 20 about 9 a.m. collecting coats for the Salvation Army- Community Storehouse's Annual Coat Drive.
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**GO LADY WINDS!**

## 2010-11 WHIRLWINDS AND LADY WINDS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Revised 10-26-10

DATE	OPPONENT	JHG	JHB	9G	9B	JVG	JVB	VG	VB	TIME
OCT. 30	COAHOMA (SCRIMMAGE)			H		H		H		10:00
NOV. 2	VALLEY/LBK. TRINITY (SCR)					H		H		5:00
NOV. 8	FRIONA	H			H					5:00
NOV. 9	LOCKNEY					T		T		5:00
NOV. 12	RALLS					T		T		5:00
NOV. 15	DIMITT	T	H	T	H					5:00
NOV. 16	OLTON					T		T		5:00
NOV. 16	SHALLOWATER						T		T	5:00
NOV. 18,20	ROOSEVELT TOURNAMENT	T		T						
NOV. 19	BROWNFIELD					T	T	T	T	5:00
NOV. 22	ABERNATHY	T	H	T	H					5:00
NOV. 23	SLATON					T	T	T	T	5:00
NOV. 29	LITTLEFIELD	H	T	H	T					5:00
NOV. 30	HART					H	H	H	H	5:00
DEC. 2-4	ANTON TOURNAMENT							T	T	TBA
DEC. 2-4	TAHOKA TOURNAMENT					T	T			TBA
DEC. 2-4	SLATON TOURNAMENT	T								TBA
DEC. 6	IDALOU(4:30 AT IDALOU)	T	H	T	H					5:00
DEC. 7	OPEN (BAND CONCERT)									
DEC. 9-11	NEW DEAL TOURNAMENT							T	T	TBA
DEC. 9-11	OLTON TOURNAMENT					T	T			TBA
DEC. 9-11	SLATON TOURNAMENT		T							TBA
DEC. 13	MULESHOE	H	T	H	T					5:00
DEC. 14	FRIONA					H		H		5:00
DEC. 14	LUBBOCK COOPER						T		T	5:00
DEC. 17	DIMITT					T		T		5:00
DEC. 21	ABERNATHY					T	T	T	T	5:00
DEC. 27-29	CAPROCK TOURNAMENT							T	T	TBA
JAN. 4	LITTLEFIELD					H	H	H	H	5:00
JAN. 6	TULIA	T	H	T	H					5:00
JAN. 7	IDALOU					T	T	T	T	5:00
JAN. 10	FRIONA	T	H	T	H					5:00
JAN. 11	MULESHOE					H	H	H	H	5:00
JAN. 13-15	CHILDRESS TOURNAMENT		T		T					TBA
JAN. 14	TULIA					T	T	T	T	5:00
JAN. 17	DIMITT	H	T	H	T					5:00
JAN. 18	FRIONA					T	T	T	T	5:00
JAN. 21	DIMITT					H	H	H	H	5:00
JAN. 24	ABERNATHY	H	T	H	T					5:00
JAN. 25	ABERNATHY					H	H	H	H	5:00
JAN. 28	LITTLEFIELD					T	T	T	T	5:00
JAN. 31	LITTLEFIELD	T	H	T	H					5:00
FEB. 1	IDALOU					H	H	H	H	5:00
FEB. 4	MULESHOE					T	T	T	T	5:00
FEB. 7	IDALOU(4:30 AT IDALOU)	H	T	H	T					5:00
FEB. 8	TULIA					H	H	H	H	5:00
FEB. 11	FRIONA						H		H	5:00
FEB. 14	MULESHOE		T		T					5:00
FEB. 15	DIMITT						T		T	5:00
<b>BOLD TYPE</b>	<b>VAR. &amp; JV GAMES</b>					7A, 8A, 9		5:00, 6:00, 7:00(HS GYM)		
<b>VAR &amp; JV</b>	<b>5:00, 5:00, 6:30, 8:00</b>					8B, 7B		5:00, 6:00 (JH GYM)		

Let's go Whirlwinds!

The Floydada Volunteer Fire Department will be cooking TURKEYS on Tuesday, Nov. 23rd and Wednesday, Nov. 24th. Call 806-983-2834 to reserve a spot on the cooker! Please deliver your THAWED turkey to the back of the firehall by 8 a.m. each day.

A minimum donation of \$10 will be appreciated.

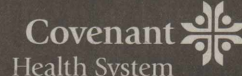


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# Cotton Market Weekly



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Cotton futures prices on the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) continued to record new highs this week due to continued supply concerns underscored by the latest USDA crop estimates. Downward revisions to both its U.S. and world cotton production estimates pushed the market higher this week.

In its November supply/demand report, USDA lowered U.S. upland cotton production to 17.9 million bales. Due to higher cotton prices, the department lowered domestic mill use by 150,000 bales to 3.45 million, while U.S. exports were raised 250,000 bales due to a shrinking world crop. As a result, U.S. carryover was reduced 500,000 bales to just 2.2 million, the lowest figure since 1925.

World cotton production was lowered 1.4 million bales due to crop reductions in China, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Pakistan, Thailand, the United States, Vietnam, Brazil, and Turkey. USDA's world export figure was raised 800,000 bales from last month as imports from China increased. Therefore, world carryover went from 44.6 million bales in October down to 42.2 in the current report, a five percent decline.

This week's USDA supply/demand report finally addressed the tight

supply situation in China, as beginning stocks were lowered by 3.0 million bales to 15.24 million, or around 3.5 months of mill use. For the current season, China's crop was lowered to 30 million bales and mill use was reduced to just 47 million bales.

"Despite this sharp drop in demand, the seasonal production gap in China remains very high at 17 million bales," a trader said. "Unlike last season, there are basically no more government reserves available to help bridge this gap, which means that nearly the entire shortfall will have to be covered by imports."

Despite a fair amount of changes in USDA's November supply/demand figures, it was a steep reduction in USDA's crop estimate for Texas that caught many in the industry by surprise this week. The department slashed its Texas production estimate to 8.3 million bales, based on conditions on Nov. 1, down seven percent from the October forecast of 8.9 million but up 80 percent from the 4.6 million bales harvested by Texas producers last season. The High and Rolling Plains accounted for all but 10,000 bales of the 600,000-bale statewide production cut.

Even with the newly lowered estimate, the Texas crop has the potential to be

the second largest crop on record for the state. Yields now are expected to average 738 pounds per harvested acre, down 53 pounds from last month but 104 pounds more than last season and up from the five-year average of 716 pounds. The harvest acreage figure for Texas was unchanged at an estimated 5.4 million bales, up 54 percent from 2009 when a 30 percent abandonment rate took a heavy toll on the area harvested.

Meanwhile, USDA reported net export sales of 432,200 bales for the week ended Nov. 4. The figure was down 23 percent from the previous week and eight percent from the four-week average. China, Turkey, and Indonesia were the week's top buyers. Sales of 83,100 bales for delivery in 2011-12 mainly were for Turkey, Peru, and Malaysia.

Export shipments of 145,100 bales were up 55 percent from the previous week and 51 percent from the four-week average. Primary destinations were China, Mexico, and Vietnam.

Spot cotton sales remained brisk in the week ended Nov. 11 as producers in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas sold 28,997 bales online at prices ranging from \$1.25 to \$1.38 cents per pound. The previous week, producers sold 36,990 bales at \$1.39 to \$1.48 cents per pound.

# The new House of Representatives

By Congressman Randy Neugebauer

For those of you keeping up with the recent elections, the makeup of the 112th Congress will look very different than the current 111th Congress. With just a handful of races still undecided, it looks like the House will have at least 94 new faces in January. When looking over these numbers, I found some of them particularly interesting, especially the breakdown of new Members and the fluctuation in the number of Blue Dog Democrats. I thought I would take this opportunity to share some of them with you:

- Number of incumbents re-elected: 336
- Number of pure freshmen: 91
- Number of ex-members returning: 3
- Incumbent running in a different district: 1
- Freshmen who are previous office holders: 54
- Freshmen never holding public office: 40
- Freshmen Republican: 85
- Freshmen Democrats: 9
- Freshmen/Returning Members (Male): 82
- New Members (Female): 12
- Total number of Blue Dogs before election: 54
- Blue Dogs Defeated: 22

Blue Dogs not seeking re-election: 6

Number of returning Blue Dogs: 26

Source: PRISM Political Update

## Printing Press Prosperity

In the last several weeks, the Federal Reserve gave the go ahead for the government to start printing \$600 billion in new money designed to help stimulate the economy. The technical term for this massive influx of new money is quantitative easing. While printing money to solve our economic challenges sounds far-fetched to most Americans, quantitative easing (QE) sounds like a spa treatment—but it definitely is not. QE is a controversial monetary policy only used when short-term interest rates have already been reduced to or near to zero. In other words, the federal government has tried to encourage lending in other ways, but they've failed. What the Fed plans to do now is to create money and use that money to purchase bonds from the federal government and from banks and corporations within the nation's banking system to drive long-term interest rates lower. Sound confusing? It is.

Basically, the federal government is just creating more uncertainty in an already uncertain economy. Another thing that greatly concerns me with QE is the unintended consequences for the "savers" out there. Under this policy, the Fed forcefully drives the rates of return for the savers (many who are retired or

approaching retirement) to zero or negative. Many of the retirees in the 19th District are facing a new financial crisis as the income on their savings has fallen as much as 70 percent over the past few years. Essentially, we are rewarding people that borrow money by lowering interest rates and punishing people who have been saving for retirement or their children's educations. QE is a risk that's not worth taking in my opinion.

Recently, I had the opportunity to speak with Gerri Willis at FoxBusiness relating to my concerns about the Fed's decision:

To learn more, you might also want to check out my opinion piece in the Washington Times on QE2. "Question of the Week"

Last week, the co-chairs of President Obama's Debt Commission released a proposal outlining their suggestions for reducing the debt. While the proposal includes many necessary spending cuts across the board, it also contains almost \$1 trillion in tax increases by ending the home mortgage deduction. Do you think tax increases of this level would actually help reduce the deficit or end up harming the economy even more?

Please visit my website to submit your answer to this week's question.

As always, when events unfold in Washington, I will be sure to update you. In the meantime, do not hesitate to visit my website or call my office toll free district wide at (888) 763-1611 or my Washington, DC office at 202-225-4005.

Mark your calendar to vote now!

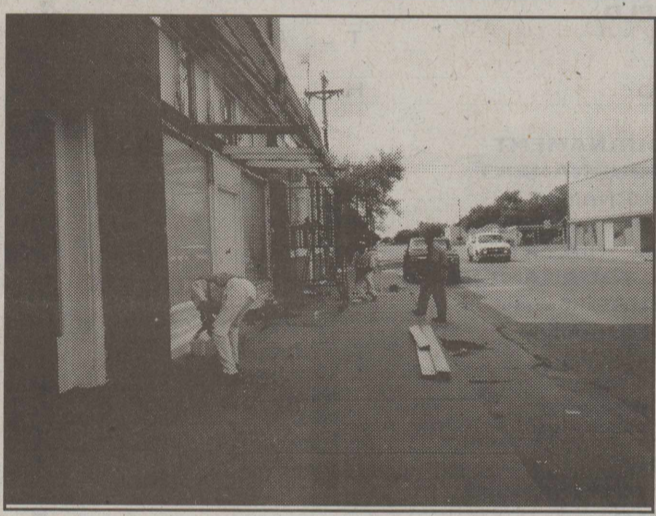
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The Texas Department of Criminal Justice volunteers a helping hand as they help to renovate the Barker Building in downtown Lockney. For the past couple of months the Building, which was donated by the Barker Family to Hospice Hands, has gotten a face lift with a new coat of paint and much needed maintenance. Currently, renovations have moved inside as Hospice Hands prepares for the reopening.

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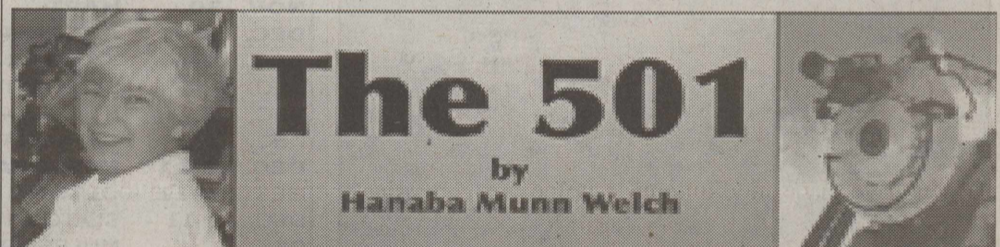
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If somebody steals your driver's license, credit cards, Social Security number and checkbook, you wait for the other shoe to drop. You hope they'll try to use one of the credit cards and get caught on the spot. You picture the cops slapping the handcuffs on with a nice loud click.

If they don't make use of your checks or credit cards, you realize they've decided simply to steal your identity. Unless they get a job and start paying into your Social Security account, you're in trouble.

I've never had anything stolen. I'm more of a loser. Once I lost all my credit cards on a city bus in Washington, D.C. I was going to church. When I arrived home in Texas a few weeks later, someone had mailed the cards back to me anonymously. They included a passage from the Bible. If you're going to lose your credit cards on public transportation in the Nation's capitol, the best time to do it is probably on Sunday morning.

Meanwhile, I'd reported all the cards as lost, JC Penney to Visa. But they didn't all get cancelled. For some of the cards a stipulation went into effect that my signature would have to be checked. That's how I remember it. Anyway, careless soul that I am, when I unexpectedly got all the original cards back, I didn't cull any. I just put them with the new ones I'd gotten to replace some of them. What a mess of cards I had.

Not too long after that, I bought a CD player and inadvertently handed the clerk my

cancelled Visa card.

"I have to confiscate this card," he said. "It's been stolen."

"No problem," I said. "That's one I lost and got back."

I then handed him my new Visa card. The transaction went through fine.

The name on both cards was "Hanaba Munn Noack." So, if the clerk thought the first card was stolen, who'd he think I stole it from? The other Hanaba Munn Noack? If he believed my lost and found story, he didn't show it. He just took the card. Company policy, I guess. Finders keepers.

Either way, I didn't protest. It was one way to rid myself of a card I shouldn't have kept in the first place.

Next, I got a letter from my bank scolding me for using the supposedly "stolen" card and asking me to pay \$50 toward the reward the bank had to pay for the recovery of the "stolen" card. No kidding.

When I asked the bank the total amount they had to pay, they told me \$55. I paid it all. That's what my father would have done.

That's my story.

My cousin Lawrence's story:

In the days before automated gas pumps at service stations, the guy in line to pay in front of Lawrence handed the clerk a credit card. After a moment the clerk handed the card back saying, "I can't take this card. It's stolen."

My kind of clerk.

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# OPINION



## The Paperboy

### Continued challenges of parenthood

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

My son Jackson is a bright boy. Since I know that, I demand he make grades which reflect his intelligence. I think all parents should do the same.

This seems to work although he's only in first grade. My wife and I figured if we placed high expectations on him early, he would eventually have high expectations himself. So far, so good, right?

The other day Jack, a first grader, made a silly mistake on a paper and made a 93. We've talked with him on several occasions about the importance of checking over his work, and when he does, the silly mistakes are caught. This was a case where he did not check his work.

I don't want you to think we are harsh on him when he gets sloppy. We are very positive and remind him that he is hurting himself by not checking work over before handing it in. We know if he gets into the routine now, it will become second nature for him.

Friday evening, Jackson started showing me his work when we came across the paper with the 93. He said, "Dad, I'm sorry and I wrote you a note on the back of the paper."

The note read:

"Dear Daddy - I'm sorry I made a grade in the 90s and I hope you can forgive me. Love, Jackson."

I was taken aback by the note. My initial reaction was, "Oh Lord, I'm putting too much pressure on the boy, and he's cracking at age 7."

My second thought was, "This is a preemptive strike, and he's attempting to deflect the fact he made a silly mistake by making me feel sorry for him."

I asked him, "Jack, did you check over the paper?"

He looked down and answered, "No sir."

So it turns out it was a preemptive strike to disguise his sloppiness, which reinforces the notion that he is bright. It also makes me question how ethical it is to put a guilt trip on old Daddy when the only thing old Daddy would have done is tell him to check his work closely, because when he doesn't, he hurts himself.

I told him I appreciated his thoughtfulness concerning my feelings on his grades and the next time he needs to write a note to himself reading:

"Dear Jackson - I'm sorry I made a grade in the 90s because if I would have looked over my work, I would have noticed that the word 'Are' does not work in place of the

word 'Our' and kept me from making a 100. Love, Jackson."

I guess my worry here is this: He was very close to calling my bluff. When I first read his note, I felt sorry for him, which was his intention. If you look at your relationship with your children as a chess match, I countered a pretty good move. I wonder what I'm in for down the road?

We know our children, and we pay attention and point out the various gifts or talents we notice. We then work to provide them an opportunity to develop those gifts. I figure that's part of our job as parents.

Parenting will always be a challenge, and I'm far from a perfect father. Sometimes I get sloppy and make mistakes. However, I've noticed I'm a better father when I go back and check myself on the decisions I make and the impact those decisions have. Sound familiar?

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### Ireland Shows No Time for Half Measures

By BILL WILSON

In Greek mythology, Cassandra was granted the gift of prophecy by Apollo, but because she refused to be his consort, the god punished her by making it so that nobody would believe her predictions.

Today, it appears that credit rating agencies have contracted a Cassandra syndrome. They have warned profligate nations, like Greece, Ireland, and the U.S., until they are blue in the face that they are spending too much. That their national debts are unsustainable. That unless drastic actions are taken to rein in unsustainable spending, dire consequences will follow.

Alas, the governments are not listening. They do not believe the Cassandra agencies.

Ireland is a perfect example where half measures have made little difference in the nation's fiscal outlook. Despite receiving praise when budget cuts were proposed over a year ago, the Irish government has largely not followed through with them. Its recent credit rating downgrade by S&P directly reflects the less-than-adequate cuts that have been made.

At the time, Ireland complained that S&P's downgrade had used an "extreme estimate" to calculate the size of its bank bailout. But, since then, Ireland has had to revise upward its estimate for recapitalizing Anglo-Irish Bank, now at €50 billion, as reported by the

Wall Street Journal.

This open-ended commitment amounts to bank losses being poured atop public debt. Fine Gael estimates that the bank bailouts in Ireland will eventually double the national debt. It is likely that the nation's debt will continue to grow to over 100 percent of GDP before the decade ends.

The budget situation overall has not improved much. After its budget peaked at €56.082 billion gross expenditures in 2008, Ireland has only cut down to a proposed €54.940 billion in 2010. It foresees keeping that level of spending indefinitely.

The nation's public pension system is largely considered to be one of its greatest accrued liabilities, at over €129 billion. But the only reforms to the public pension system thus far put forth in the 2010 budget are token ones: raising the retirement age to 66 from 65; and imposing a maximum retirement age of 70; pensions will be derived from a career average instead of final salary; and they're considering using their Consumer Price Index to calculate post-retirement increases.

The effect has been negligible. Ireland, despite all of its rhetoric of reforming the broken pension system, remains committed to a defined benefit scheme — even for new entrants. Overall, it has only cut about €1.2 billion from the budget, but its deficit is €13.718 billion. It foresees higher deficits until 2012.

Even then, the government only expects the deficit to drop because it thinks the economy will recover and revenues will rise, not because spending would be cut. In fact, overall spending won't be cut significantly in any upcoming budgets.

Overall, Ireland's debt has risen from a 25 percent share of GDP at the end of 2007 to 64.5 percent of its GDP at the end of 2009 at €75.2 billion.

All told, because it has done little more than freeze spending, and on top of that committed to a tremendous bank bailout, Ireland is still facing a worsening Greece-like crisis. Unfortunately, Ireland has not managed to substantially reduce its debt-and-deficit-to-GDP ratios.

This should be instructive across the pond here in Washington.

As the U.S. considers the preliminary findings of Barack Obama's National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform, it would do well to consider the Irish example, and consider listening to the Cassandra credit agencies. Moody's has warned the U.S. that if interest owed on the national debt rises to 18 to 20 percent of revenue, that our credit rating would be downgraded. As noted by Investor's Business Daily, that will be reached 2018 based on Congressional Budget Office estimates.

The deficit commission will do little to prevent that from happening, only propos-

ing cutting about \$15 billion a year in interest payments by 2018, which would still rise to \$696 billion that year. That's still above 18 percent of the revenue the CBO projects that year, \$3.83 trillion. This means that either the commission did not consider Moody's warning, which would be alarming, or they did consider it, but are okay with the credit rating being downgraded.

It gets worse. The commission will do nothing to balance the budget any time soon. In fact, it does not foresee a balanced budget until 2040. Frankly, we don't have thirty years to balance the budget.

Year-on-end, the \$13.7 trillion debt would continue to grow under the commission's proposal, surpassing 100 percent of GDP in just a few short years. To finance the debt, the Federal Reserve will print hundreds of billions of dollars, making it the top lender to the U.S. sometime in the not-so-distant future in 2011.

First and foremost, newly elected congressional Republicans must be committed to avoiding an Irish-like crisis. In order to do so, they must heed the warnings of the Cassandra credit rating agencies, before it is too late. That means when they present their budget proposal, it must take into account what Moody's has warned, and then tailor their proposal to avoiding the calamity prophesized.

### Freshmen Republicans Should Maintain Independence

By KEVIN MOONEY

Attention incoming House and Senate Republicans.

You are well positioned deep inside enemy territory to operate as constitutional insurgents. This means you are not part of the club and must remain separate and distinct from your party's leadership in order to remain effective. Incoming House Speaker John Boehner and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell deserve the loyalty and respect of their newly elected members. Both leaders operated effectively and shrewdly against a far-left administration that has significant majorities in both houses of congress. Irresponsible, intrusive, costly legislative items were fought, and a few defeated, thanks to their principled stand.

But it is important to remember that a fair amount of daylight exists between the Republican leadership and tea party activists who are committed to the ideals of the founding period. The November 2nd vote was more of a rebuke to the Democrats and Team Obama than it was an endorsement of Republican majorities. In many respects, the tea party movement began as a rejoinder to big government Republicans who walked away from the 1994 revolution. Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) has the right perspective here.

Although the media portrayed the government shutdowns in the 1990s as a victory of President Clinton, Republican majorities were re-elected in consecutive elections for the first time since the 1920s, Gingrich has observed. The party's conservative base was energized back then because it saw the shutdown as evidence Republicans were serious about controlling spending, he has explained to listeners at various speaking engagements.

Unlike their 1994 predecessors, the 2011 class of freshmen benefit can benefit the fresh experience of previous Republican majorities. Their initial curbs on spending that helped balance the budget and the successful push for welfare reform stand out as historical achievements. But after this initial success, too many GOP lawmakers became smitten with Washington, D.C. There is no sure way to resist the onset

of Potomac fever, but freshman Republicans should reach out to party members who have offered up serious, detailed anti-spending plans. The Republican Study Committee in the House is a good place to start. It has been a reliable incubator for small government initiatives that operates beyond the orbit of the party leadership.

Going forward, is also important to note that Rep. Boehner is opposed to term limits, which has become an article of faith for many constitutionalists. The presumptive House Speaker is certainly entitled to his view but there is no denying the strong correlation that exists between the time elected officials have in office and their unwillingness to control spending. Richard LaRossa, president and CEO, of the National Term Limits Coalition has put together a brilliant database on his site that tracks "Poster Children for Term Limits."

In the upper chamber, outgoing Sen. Jim Bunning (R-K.Y.) received a paucity of support from his own party members when he called for spending cuts to offset the costs of expanding unemployment insurance. This was an ever so modest proposal that was resisted by leaders in both parties.

But there some cause for encouragement looking ahead to 2011.

On November 3rd, Sen. McConnell in an interview with FOX News' Brett Baier spoke on increasing the national debt limit, "I think it will not be without some strings attached, if it happens, because they're going to have to seriously address spending and debt."

The idea here is to use the statutory limit on the national debt as leverage against additional spending. It would not be so easy for the U.S. Treasury to roll over debt as it comes due under this scenario.

The political establishment has already voiced its opposition.

"The government cannot function unless the debt ceiling is lifted," former Labor Secretary Robert Reich, moaned. "Ordinarily, it's automatic," he said, adding, "The public is in no mood for a government shutdown."

Here are a few more suggestions.

House Republicans should use their new majorities to

launch investigations into taxpayer funded groups that advance partisan political causes; yes that would be ACORN, known in full as the Association of Community Activists for Reform Now. Contrary to what has been widely reported the organization remains up and running under renamed affiliates. Rep. Darrell Issa (R-Calif.), the ranking Republican on the House Oversight Committee has already produced some highly detailed reports.

The extra-constitutional power grabs of administrative agencies have gone unchecked and unchallenged for far too long; it's high time Congress asserted itself. The transgressions of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are well documented and serve as a good starting point. But the problem is much more widespread. The Obama Administration's use of so-called policy Czars should come in for scrutiny.

Matthew Spalding, a constitutional scholar with the Heritage Foundation, suggests that the problem here is not so much with czars per se but with the expansion of administrative capacities that raises larger questions about the separation of powers. The testimony he delivered before the Senate Judiciary Committee in 2009 is worth reviewing.

However offensive or alarming the activities of a particular czar may appear in the eyes of administration critics, Congress is ultimately responsible for vague and open-ended laws that allowed the federal bureaucracy to grow, he explained in an interview.

"There is a larger and broader constitutional question concerning this massive delegation of authority from Congress to the executive branch," Spalding said. "In many respects, the czars represent an attempt by recent administrations to control this bureaucracy. The question I would raise touches on whether or not Congress is massively delegating authority unconstitutionally in the first place."

Republicans ought to be realistic about what can actually be achieved between now and 2012. That doesn't mean they should accommodate bipartisan exercises that work against taxpayer interests. There is a real opportunity to ignite a constitutional revival.



# HACKBERRY HAPPENINGS

BY CARLA MEADOR, MARKETING DIRECTOR

Our hearts are saddened this week by the loss of one our beloved Hackberry residents, Dorothy Jameson Nichols. Mrs. Nichols passed away Thursday, November 11. Graveside services were held Saturday, November 13 at the Northfield Cemetery. Mrs. Nichols was born in Northfield in 1921 to Claude and Ruth (Simpson) McDonald. She was a lifelong resident of Motley County. Her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Simpson, were pioneers of Motley County. Mrs. Nichols is survived by one daughter, Faye of Childress; two sons, Franklin and wife, Susan, of Northfield and Travis and wife, Lou Anne of Matador; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Nichols was a sweetheart and will be missed at Hackberry. Our thoughts and sympathy go to her family.

We are so thankful for all the wonderful Volunteers who give their time to Hackberry. We have so many giving Volunteers who come to the Center to help where needed. We have a group of ladies who come every week to give our ladies hairdos or

our gentlemen haircuts. We have a group who comes every week to do manicures and this group is in need a help. If you would like to donate a few short hours each week to help with the manicure group it would be so greatly appreciated. If you think this might be something you would be interested in, please call Joyce Campbell in Matador at 347-2793. We thank you in advance!

And, speaking of coming to the Center, we appreciate those various groups who come to the Center to visit. Last week the Red Hat Ladies from Spur visited. The ladies were all decked out in their purple outfits and red hats. They toured the facility and visited with residents. We appreciate this friendly group of nice ladies who took time from their day to visit Hackberry and our residents. We welcome groups to the Center.

Hackberry Veterans were honored last Thursday, on Veterans Day, when Mr. James Watson, a member of the local American Legion, came to the Center to present each Veteran with a flag. Those honored were, Mr. Silver (Max) Hill, Mr. Freddie

Zinck, Mr. Billie Fuston, and Ms. Mildred Long. We are so thankful for the sacrifices our Veterans made for our Country.

We appreciate those who have taken advantage of our out-patient rehabilitation or lab services. Please remember Hackberry if you are in need of some out-patient or short-term stay rehabilitation. Our rehab department offers physical, occupational, and speech therapy. We have an in-house rehab director with therapists on staff everyday. Our skilled medical services include comprehensive wound care, bariatric surgery recovery, cardiac recovery, post-intervention cancer, digestive disease, infusion therapy and respiratory therapy. We also offer out-patient lab services. For questions please call our therapy department at 347-2942.

Our Family Thanksgiving Dinner will be held Friday night, November 19, at 6:00 p.m. Our residents' families are invited to attend and enjoy a delicious traditional Thanksgiving meal with their loved one. Our dietary department will prepare a savory and delectable meal of turkey and dressing and

all the trimmings. We are asking family members who plan to attend to please RSVP by Wednesday evening or Thursday morning.

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**Another Reason NOT to Smoke**

We have been warned for many decades not to smoke. Now the World Health Organization says that tobacco is the leading preventable cause of death in the world, surpassing heart disease for the first time. Five million people die of causes linked to tobacco use annually.

Medical research is providing additional warnings to smokers. A study in the publication *Neurology* reported that older adults who smoke face an increased risk of Alzheimer's disease. In addition, worse mental health was also more likely in persons who smoke than in non-smokers.

Most people know that smoking cigarettes can cause lung cancer. However, smoking is also a risk factor for Alzheimer's disease – especially if you have the ApoE4 (apolipoprotein E4) gene. According to recent

research presented at the International Conference on Alzheimer's Disease in Chicago, heavy smokers (and heavy drinkers) develop Alzheimer's disease years earlier than people with Alzheimer's who do not drink or smoke heavily.

Approximately 15% of the population carries the ApoE4 gene, which causes their bodies to produce a certain lipoprotein—a combination of fat and protein that transports lipids (fats) in the blood. People who inherit the E4 gene from one parent are three times more likely than average to develop Alzheimer's; those who get the gene from both parents have a tenfold risk of developing the disease.

On top of this bad news comes some more: Smoking in midlife might increase the chance of Alzheimer's in later life among those who already carry this increased genetic risk. A population-based Finnish study with more than 20 years of follow-up concluded that carriers of the ApoE4 gene who smoked in midlife were seven times more likely to develop Alzheimer's disease than were carriers who didn't smoke.

According to Minna Rusanen, M.D., of the Kuopio (Finland) University Hospital, alcohol consumption seemed to exacerbate the smoking-associated risk. Those who drank frequently and smoked at midlife were more than 11 times as likely to develop Alzheimer's disease as were ApoE4 carriers who never smoked or drank heavily. Dr. Rusanen believes that the risk of developing Alzheimer's may be lowered by adopting an overall healthy lifestyle early in life. Of course, for those who already smoke, smoking cessation should be a top priority, and one that could help to prevent, or at least delay, the onset of Alzheimer's.


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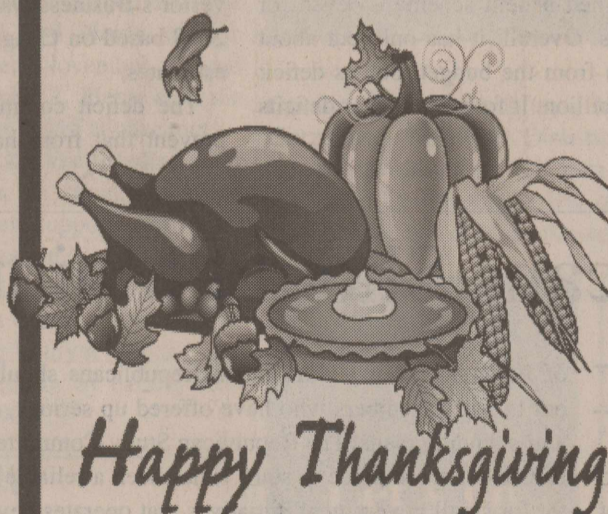
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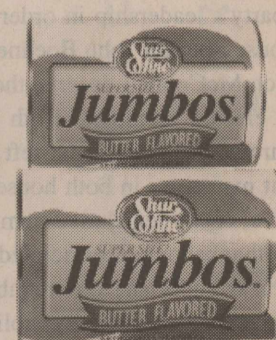
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# Veterans honored in Floyd County



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Jianna Davenport performs "An Honor to Serve" to a packed house of Veterans and students during last week's Veterans' Day Assembly in Floydada. Veterans took center stage as Floydada High School honored America's soldiers.

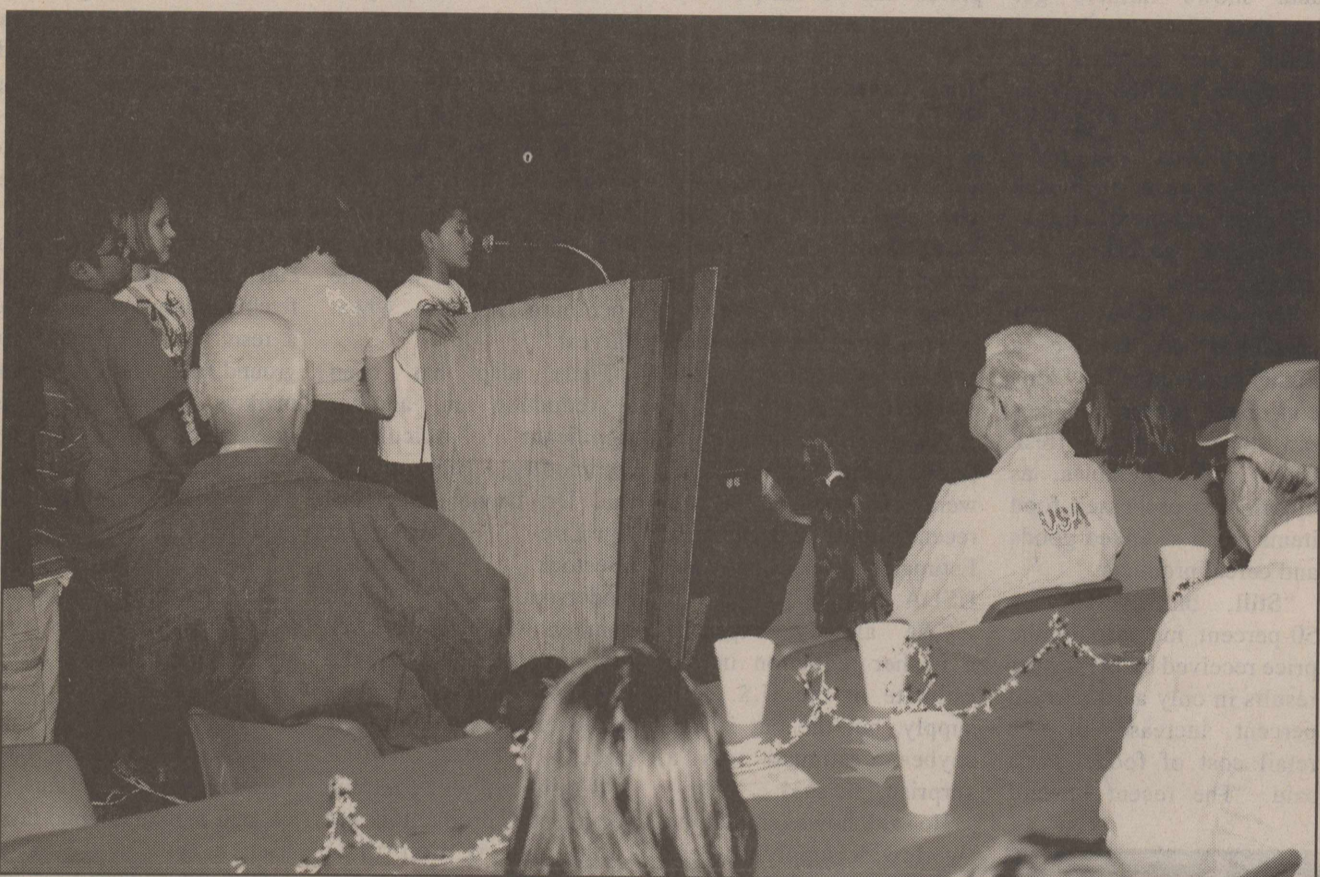


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Raymundo Alvarado along with Lockney's Elementary 5th graders paid their respects to the sacrifices made by Veterans during last Thursday's Veterans' Day luncheon. Lockney's Elementary honored America's heroes with a series of songs and presentations.

## CHRISTMAS ON THE SQUARE

By Paulette Robison

Yes, Santa Claus is coming to town. This year after checking his list, he will enjoy a traditional Christmas "Live Nativity Scene" and tree decorating and lighting on the Square.

After a huge success of "Punkin Days" the Floydada Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture is preparing for similar improvements to our annual December event.

On Thursday, December 2nd the Chamber will host Christmas tree decorating beginning at 3 p.m. Everyone is invited to bring outdoor Christmas ornaments to decorate the Christmas trees on the Courthouse lawn. The County will put lights on the Courthouse, but the Chamber will be responsible for the three trees. We need sponsors for Christmas lights. Please contact the Chamber to sponsor lights. The official tree lighting ceremony will be at 7 p.m.

Santa will arrive with goodies around 5 p.m. Children may visit with Santa at no charge. Pictures are

available for \$2 with printing donated by Payne Family Pharmacy. The First Baptist Church will have a Live Nativity Scene beginning at 4 p.m. They challenge other churches or groups to join them in one-hour intervals to keep the Nativity going into the evening.

The Floydada Police Department will have a booth to offer turkey legs, sausage wraps and hot chocolate to raise money for the skate park. The Floydada Volunteer Fire Department will have their train set up for rides. Local businesses are invited to hold open house from 3 to 6 p.m. and then come to the Square for the lighting.

Performances by the Floydada High School band, Christmas carolers and other activities are also scheduled.

Also please make plans to visit the Floydada businesses, as they will be having open house from 3-6 p.m.

Please be a part of our community and our Chamber. Trade at home to keep our economy strong.

Remember to pray for our troops!

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## ARCHIVES

of Lockney.

### Ever Day Wonderful

Since her trip was for purpose of making a Mother's Day visit, Mrs. Griffith commented on motherhood. "Every Mother's day I have is wonderful, because my children always remember me and come on Mother's day if they can," she said. "Just being with the children" is what she enjoys.

Her smile came frequently as she commented on her lifetime. Young People now have much more entertainment than her generation had, but "I wonder sometimes whether they enjoy it any more," she said.

### Born In Iowa

Mrs. Griffith was born in Iowa in 1865. She will be 85 Aug. 16.

She moved from Iowa to Missouri, then to Texas, when four years of age. She and her parents traveled in covered wagons pulled by mules. Enroute, her mother died and was buried across the Red river in Indian territory. The father settled in Bell county, where Mrs. Griffith married Daff Griffith in 1881 in Salado. Four years later they moved near Quanah, where they farmed seven years.

In 1881, they hitched their oxen to a covered wagon and moved to West Texas, settling in Floyd county on a section now known as Lockney City farm. Many hardships were endured their first few years on the South Plains. Their home burned and a new one was built. They would sell a load of feed, or butcher a yearling and sell it, or sell hogs and sheep. Those were their "money crops." The plowing was done with a Georgia stock or Cassidy plow.

### Had Plenty Of Grass

Normally, there was

plenty of grass, but grasshoppers destroyed grass and crops during one of the early years after they moved to Floyd county.

In 1898, the family moved to Portales, N. M., where Mr. Griffith worked on the railroad being build from Amarillo to Roswell. The family attended church and Sunday school in the depot. Mr. Griffith owned several buggies, which were used for transportation of the population.

The family then went to Oregon and lived six months, returning to Lockney in 1904. They made another venture by covered wagon and hack later, going to Washington. One night in New Mexico, when they were camping near the Canadian river, one of the horses became mired in quicksand. The next morning only its tail and head could be seen. The hack was hitched to the back of the wagon. Two or three days later, the family bought a horse for \$25.

In Bozeman, the family stopped for a month to rest their horses. Mr. Griffith and his sons helped in the harvest. It was soon after that when they resumed their journey and in the Blue mountains Mother Griffith calmly took her needle and thread and stitched her son's wound.

In Washington, the older boys and father worked. Roy worked in a bakery and Theodore and Fred hauled logs. Mother Griffith and the smaller children gathered and sold apples. At that time, a wagon load could be bought for \$1.

After two years they returned to their farm in Lockney and Mr. and Mrs. Griffith bought a store and named it "The Seven Brothers" for his seven sons.

Mr. Griffith died May 3, 1920.

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# Floyd County Commissioners discuss dying trees at Courthouse

By Homer Marquez

Floyd County Commissioner convened last week to discuss several key issues on their November agenda. Kicking off discussion was the item that pertained to the dying trees on the courthouse grounds. The potential threat of falling limbs possibly hitting pedestrians became an issue when a large branch broke off one of the trees about month ago. The commissioner called in Ross Miller for advice on what to do with the trees. Mr. Miller explained some of the options that the court could

do. One of the options was to cut the trees down piece by piece; another was to trim the trees giving them a few more years of life. But with the City of Floydada preparing to fix the sidewalks, the Commissioners were afraid that the roots may grow too long and eventually break the concrete.

Miller also suggested several ways the county could replace the trees, one suggestion was to give the public a chance to buy memorial trees that would include a small marker for a name. The Court showed

interest in the idea, but felt they needed a little more time to decide on how they would go about acquiring trees. The Commissioners did decide though to begin the process of cutting down the trees when time permitted.

After Miller's presentation, Mark Carroll took the floor to give AgriLife's monthly report. Mr. Carroll informed the Commissioners that the agency was in full swing, and was finding great success in the agency's planned activities. Activities like the big 4-H Family Auction which raised over \$11,000. Carroll

also told the Commissioners that they were preparing for the annual Gold Star Banquet on Nov. 22.

After Mr. Carroll's presentation, the Court moved to approve the consent agenda for the month that would pay the bills. Shortly after that, Floyd County Sheriff Paul Raissez asked the court for permission to bid on a new 2011 Chevrolet 1500 Pickup. Sheriff Raissez told the Commissioners that the pickup was very much needed and that the money would come out of his own

budget. The Commissioners approved the request as long as the pickup didn't cost more than \$24,983.

Next on the agenda, Commissioners discussed an issue concerning the housing of certain Floyd County inmates in local jails. Since the closing of the Floyd County Jail, inmates from Floyd County have been shipped to either Dickens or Plainview for holding. But with the Dickens' jail becoming more and more crowded and Plainview no longer accepting inmates with health or mental issues,

the County has decided to start sending the inmates to Lubbock. The holding of the inmates in Lubbock will cost the same as holding them in Plainview.

After a budget finance report, the Court meeting concluded by granting Ginger Morgan permission to buy a new computer tower.

This past Monday, November 15, the Commissioners convened once again to canvass the votes from the Nov. 2 election and discuss farm contracts.

# Increasing agricultural commodity prices cause some concerns

COLLEGE STATION -- Although the recent surge in agricultural commodity prices has caused some concern about a potential increase in food costs, an overall increase likely will be "modest," according to economists with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

"Commodity prices reached record or near-record highs in 2008, but weakened in 2009 and most of 2010," said Jose G. Pena, AgriLife Extension economist-management at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Uvalde. "Food prices increased in 2008 just as the U.S. was entering into what many economists describe as the worst recession since the Great Depression."

Pena and other AgriLife Extension economists recently assessed the effect rising farm commodity prices might have on retail food prices and whether those increases would result in increases similar to those experienced in and beyond 2008.

"Farm commodity prices fell sharply in 2009 and 2010 after reaching record levels in 2008," Pena said. "However, food prices continued to rise in 2009 and 2010 even as farm commodity prices returned to 2007 levels."

Pena said the U.S. Department of Agriculture recently forecasted the consumer-price index for food will rise between 0.5 percent and 1.5 percent this year and between 2 percent to 3 percent for 2011.

"From 1990 to 2006 the average annual food price increase was 4 percent and the increase in 2010 will be the smallest since 1992," he said. "While prices for basic commodities like corn and wheat are higher than they were in 2007, they remain well below the record highs of 2008."

Pena said adverse weather, a weaker U.S. dollar, increased exports, higher crude-oil prices and heavy commodity contract buying by speculative investor funds have contributed to increasing commodity

prices.

"Although the agricultural producer is sometimes vilified because of the increasing price of agricultural commodities, the lion's share of that increase is due to factors beyond the producer's control," he said. "USDA data shows farmers get less than 20 cents of every dollar spent on food. So the majority of the increase comes from the elevation of production and post-production costs, including the costs of energy, labor, advertising, packaging and transportation."

He added, however, that producers do receive a higher percentage for foods consumed closer to their raw form, such as fresh fruits and vegetables, as opposed to processed food items, such as baked goods and cereal products.

"Still, on average, a 50-percent increase in the price received by the farmer results in only a 10-percent increase in the retail cost of food," Pena said. "The recent upward

movement in commodities pricing is expected to have little immediate effect on the prices of basic food items."

He said consumers should expect to see a modest price increase in meat, poultry and dairy products in 2011, as well as an increase in grain prices due to temporarily tighter grain supplies.

"We're seeing commodity price increases across the board, but are looking at a situation relating to U.S. stocks of wheat, corn and soybeans," said Dr. Mark Welch, an AgriLife Extension economist at Texas A&M University in College Station who specializes in grain marketing.

Welch said quantities of these grain commodities were all reduced in the recent Supply and Demand Estimates released by the USDA.

"We already expected a further reduction in the estimate of the U.S. corn supply, but the cut in the soybean estimate was a surprise," he said.

He said, however, that the worldwide supply of these grains is in good shape with carry-over stocks above their 20-year average, but there is a "pipeline" problem affecting their short-term supply in the U.S.

"The reduction in U.S. corn and soybean supplies can be offset by production

in and exportation from other countries, but there is some concern about whether there will be adequate stock to comfortably carry the U.S. consumer over until we get more," he said. "With lower grain production, as the supply tightens the prices will increase - certainly at least in the short term."

"There also was a small reduction in the wheat estimate, but that may be offset by increased production in Argentina, Australia and elsewhere. Plus, we'll need to wait and see what happens with the upcoming Russian wheat harvest."

There also has been a reduction in another significant agricultural commodity, beef cattle, said Dr. David Anderson, AgriLife Extension livestock economist. Anderson said cattle numbers will be fewer over the next decade, but the price of corn will dictate the level and spread in calf prices.

"I think we will continue seeing beef production and cattle numbers drop off in the next couple of years," he said. "We are forecast to produce 25.4 billion pounds of beef in 2011 versus 25.9 billion pounds in 2010. That will lead to increases in price, but it also depends on corn prices and (their effect on) calf prices."

Anderson said the first

quarter of 2010 resulted in the least amount of beef supplies since 1997, after factoring out exports, and he expects that during each quarter through 2012 the beef supply will continue to decline.

"Overall, beef demand has been hurt by the recession, but has been strong due to consumers 'trading down' to stretch their income," he said. "That's led to more grinding of specific cuts of beef - chucks and rounds - to take advantage of the hamburger demand."

He added, however, that cull cattle have also been fetching premium prices as a result of the demand for ground beef, and that export markets also continue to grow and show strength, with Vietnam emerging as a top customer for U.S. beef exports, in 2009.

"What I'm suggesting is that booming exports tighten domestic beef supplies even more and should lead to higher cattle prices for the next couple of years," Anderson said. "Supplies keep cutting back because we're not making enough money to build herds back."

Generally, however, the economists agreed that in spite of the commodity increases and the possibility of slightly higher food prices in the future, American consumers can still expect to have adequate supplies of the best and safest food in the world at the lowest overall cost.

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Nov. 6	Slaton-scrim	There	JVG, VG	3:00
Tues Nov 9	Floydada	Here	JV & V G	5:00
Fri. Nov 12	Petersburg	Here	JV & V G	5:00
Tues Nov 16	Whitharrel	Here	JVG, JVB, VG, VB	4:00
Nov 18 & 20	<b>Naz Tourn</b>	There	JVG	<b>TBA</b>
Fri Nov 19	SLE	There	JVG, JVB, VG, VB	4:00
Tues Nov 23	Abernathy	Here	JVG, JVB, VG, VB	4:00
Wed Nov 24	Petersburg	Here	VG, VB	1:00
Tues Nov 30	Slaton	There	JVG, JVB, VG, VB	5:00
Dec 2-4	<b>Nazareth Tourn</b>	There	VG, VB	<b>TBA</b>
Dec 2-4	<b>Tahoka JV tourn</b>	There	JVB	<b>TBA</b>
Tues Dec 7	Smyer	Here	JVG, JVB, VG, VB	4:00
Dec 9-11	<b>Bridgeport Tourn</b>	There	VG	<b>TBA</b>
Dec 9-11	<b>Dimmitt Tourn</b>	There	VB	<b>TBA</b>
Dec 9-11	<b>Olton Jv Tourn</b>	There	JVB	<b>TBA</b>
Tues Dec 14	Naz	There	JVG, JVB, VG, VB	4:00
Fri Dec 17	<b>OPEN</b>			
Mon Dec 20	Anton	Here	JVG, JVB, VG, VB	4:00
Dec 28-30	<b>Littlefield Tourn</b>	There	VG, VB	<b>TBA</b>
Tues Jan 4	Olton	There	JVG, JVB, VG, VB	4:00
Fri Jan 7	<b>Ralls</b>	There	JVG, VG	
Fri Jan 7	<b>OPEN</b>		VB	
Tues Jan 11	Sudan	Here	JVG, JVB, VG, VB	4:00
Fri Jan 14	<b>Crosbyton</b>	Here	JVG, JVB, VG, VB	4:00
Tues Jan 18	<b>Hale Center</b>	There	JVG, JVB, VG, VB	4:00
Fri Jan 21	<b>New Deal</b>	Here	JVG, JVB, VG, VB	4:00
Tues Jan 25	<b>Ralls</b>	Here	JVG, JVB, VG, VB	4:00
Fri Jan 28	Sudan	There	JVG, JVB, VG, VB	4:00
Tues Feb 1	<b>Crosbyton</b>	There	JVG, JVB, VG, VB	4:00
Fri Feb 4	<b>Hale Center</b>	Here	JVG, JVB, VG, VB	4:00
Tues Feb 8	<b>New Deal</b>	There	JVG, JVB, VG, VB	4:00
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