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Rains flood county

By Sara Sisemore
Managing Editor

This past week Floyd County received rainfall everywhere from as little as one and a half inches in the Sterley Community to 12 inches in Dougherty according to citizens in those communities.

Flooding occurred in Floydada and Dougherty, but Lockney only suffered from muddy alleys and delayed trash pickup according to Lockney's City Secretary Charlotte Hooten. In regards to Lockney having any flooding, Hooten said in the flooded areas water stayed standing "not even a day."

Floydada City Manager Gary Brown, when asked how the city handled all the water, replied, "With mops and buckets and pumps [...] and the help of the highway department."

Brown said there was no major damage in town, but "we got close around the south side of town." According to Brown, the Dairy Queen lakes came "close to being in people's houses."

AREA RAINFALL TOTAL

September 10-16, 2008

Barwise Gin.....	6.0 inches
Barwise Gin Elevator.....	8.0 inches
Blanco Gin.....	7.5 inches
Darty Gin.....	12.0 inches
Floydada Airport.....	4.7 inches
Floydada Sheriff.....	4.2 inches
Harmony.....	6.0 inches
Lockney D&J Gin.....	4.5 inches
Marble Bros.....	4.7 inches
McCoy Gin.....	5.5 inches
Muncy Elevator.....	6.3 inches
Scott Gin.....	6.0 inches
Sterley Community.....	1.5 inches

Unfortunately Mackenzie Lake, according to Brown, only received one and six-tenths inches of rain from this storm:

Darty Gin owners Randy and Denise Pernell said Dougherty received over 12 inches of rain in a 24 hour time frame. Pictures from the area showed streets, cotton fields, and the gin yard

completely inundated with standing water. Denise Pernell said even after the rain stopped, water continued to run across the roads to lower ground.

Jim Covington of Floydada reported that the area north of Dougherty probably received close to 24 inches of rain in 24 hours.



A VIEW OF FLOODED FIELDS AFTER THURSDAY'S RAIN three miles west of Dougherty. Photo courtesy of Jim Covington

Lighthouse Electric Co-op Sends Help to East Texas Co-ops Hit Hard by Hurricane Ike

By Larry Ogden

Seven employees of Lighthouse Electric Cooperative are East Texas-bound to help rebuild power lines downed in the wake of Hurricane Ike. Ike, a Category 2 hurricane, struck the Galveston/Houston area of the Texas coast late Friday night/early Saturday morning, then continued on a path north and east through East Texas leaving major damage in its wake.

The volunteers include Foreman Johnny Gourdon, Todd Williams, Tate Glasscock, Adrian Martinez, Fidel Valdes, and Ray Perez from the Floydada headquarters and Dickie Cloyd from the Hall County District office in Memphis. The crew left Monday morning to drive the 500 miles to San Augustine, Texas, headquarters of Deep East Texas Elec-

tric Cooperative, whose electrical system sustained major damage from hurricane force winds and torrential rains associated with Ike.

The Texas statewide association requested all available Texas cooperative workers be dispatched to assist their fellow cooperatives in East Texas, said Tiffin Wortham, vice president of member services/loss control for Texas Electric Cooperatives (TEC), the statewide cooperative association.

Even before Hurricane Ike pounded the Gulf Coast, Texas' electric cooperatives geared up for deployment to assist linemen in storm-damaged areas.

"Only two days after land fall, in a true testament to the cooperative spirit, we have already dispatched approximately 281

men and their associated equipment from 32 TEC member systems to the 11 electric cooperatives with major damage," Wortham said. "The hardest hit systems begin their restoration efforts with 100 percent of their system without power, and the others average 50 to 75 percent of their total system without power."

"If I was facing the situation these East Texas co-ops are facing, with power lines down and practically all my members out of power, the best thing I could hope to see would be Johnny Gourdon and his crew arriving to help," noted Lighthouse General Manager, Bill Harbin. "It's something we do as co-op people. We help each other."



THE PARKING LOT OF ACE HARDWARE in Floydada on the South Ralls Highway flooded because of Thursday's rain. Ace Hardware kept their main front doors shut, but their middle doors allowed them to continue on with business as usual. Staff Photo

Floydada school board honors students and educators

By Sara Sisemore
Managing Editor

In their Sept. 9 meeting, the Floydada Independent School District Board of Trustees met to discuss the tax report and cash flow statement, view the elementary school construction project, hear the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) report and review the class size surveys for grades K-4.

There were four students honored as "students of the month." Principal Gilbert Trevino of A.B. Duncan Elementary introduced "students of the month" second grader Jazmine Rivas and fifth grader Klarissa Mendoza. Junior high principal Mac Sherman introduced eighth grader Cody Alaniz. Principal Wayne Morren introduced senior Brett Whalen.

Also honored as "educators of the month" for A.B. Duncan Elementary were Shelia Joiner (third grade) and Tavia Davis (first grade).

Business manager Sharon Rainwater gave the tax report: "M&O current tax roll is \$1,656,220.13; net collections are \$1,607,429.81; I&S tax roll is \$184,025.44 and net collections are \$178,603.29." According to Rainwater, the percent of roll collected thus far is "97.05 percent" compared to last year's "97.02 percent."

The board heard a report from Bert Moffitt from Grimes & Associates on the construction at A.B. Duncan Elementary. According to superintendent Jerry Vaughn, progress continues, but no new sizable aspects of the project have been completed.

Next, the board discussed FISD's FIRST report. According to the management report, FIRST is "a financial-accountability system for Texas school districts developed by the Texas Educa-



THE SCHOOL BOARD HONORED STUDENTS AND EDUCATORS OF THE MONTH at their Sept. 9 meeting. Two educators were honored: Shelia Joiner (far right) and Tavia Davis (middle back). Four students were also honored: Jazmine Rivas (front left), Klarissa Mendoza (front right), Cody Alaniz (back left) and Brett Whalen (not pictured).

tion Agency." This same report says there are four possible financial accountability ratings for school districts, from highest to lowest, "Superior Achievement," "Above-Standard Achievement," "Standard Achievement" and "Substandard Achievement."

The FISD passed with flying colors for the 2007-2008 school year, earning a rating of "superior achievement."

After a motion by board member Lyle Miller, the board unanimously accepted the FIRST report for 2007-2008.

The board was pleased to hear the class size survey of grades K-4 showed there were no classes over the state mandated 22/1 ratio. The addition of a new kindergarten teacher, Kami Sanders, enabled the school district to stay within legal limits.

According to the minutes, Vaughn was requested by the

board to begin getting prices on items the board is considering for improvement projects for FISD in the 2008-2009 school year.

During reports from the principals, Morren said the high school has 243 enrolled, Sherman stated there to be 174 students in the junior high, and Trevino reported 454 students at the elementary school.

According to Morren, the high school band has 20 freshmen. He said, "We are working on confidence."

Sherman informed the board, "There will be a part-time reading interventionist hired." Also, he wanted the board to know of the upcoming mini Olympics - to take place next week - and the pep rally at 3 p.m. on Thursday.

Rex Holcombe, FISD's Technology Coordinator, announced "things have not been so smooth." He reported problems

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LIGHTHOUSE ELECTRIC CO-OP CREW pictured Monday morning just before leaving for San Augustine (left to right): Ray Perez, Dickie Cloyd, Johnny Gourdon, Fidel Valdes, Adrian Martinez, Todd Williams and Tate Glasscock. Courtesy Photo

Lockney Homecoming:
Sept. 19-20

Floydada Homecoming:
Sept. 26-27

Longhorns record first victory of the season 32-0

By Coach Garrett

The Lockney Longhorns recorded their first victory of the season Friday night, using balance in all three phases of the game as they defeated the visiting Claude Mustangs 32-0.

Lockney started off quickly as the team took the opening kickoff and reached paydirt on an 11 yard run by Angel Cruz. Jonathan Coleman's 2 point conversion run gave the Longhorns an 8-0 lead.

The score stayed that way until the second quarter when the Horns reached the end zone again, this time on a 32 yard pass from Kyler Ellison to Brett Johnson. Ellison passed to Cruz for the conversion to make the score 16-0.

The defense corralled the Mustang offense on the next series and the home team quickly added more points as Coleman scampered through the right side of the line on a 22 yard run. His two point conversion upped the score to 24-0 and that is how the score remained going into the halftime break.

The third quarter was scoreless as both teams had trouble sustaining offensive drives but

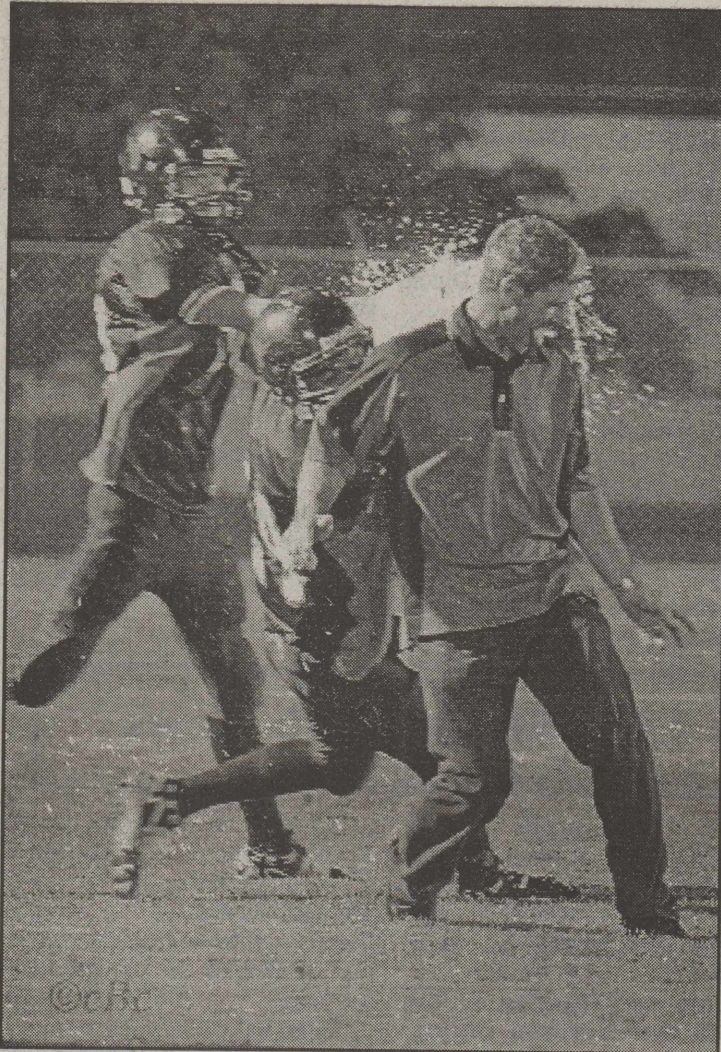
Lockney put the game out of reach with a final score early in the 4th quarter. A Coleman run of 14 yards and a Brent Zambrano conversion run finished the scoring.

Claude mounted its best drive of the evening on their final possession, but the Longhorn defense held on 4th down and the offense ran out the clock which led to a tumultuous celebration as the Horns recorded their first victory in over two years.

Statistics showed the dominance of the longhorns as they outgained Claude in total yardage 292 to 96. Coleman accounted for a large portion of that yardage as he ended the evening with 160 yards on 18 carries.

Coach Heard commented after the game, "It has been a long time coming but it feels good. We are all very happy for the kids. It was good to see the victorious excitement on the field and in the locker room after the game."

Lockney's next game should be an exciting affair as the school celebrates its first homecoming since 2004 with a 7:30 tussle against the Springlake-Earth Wolverines Friday at Mitchell-Zimmerman Field.



COACH MOERBE gets the old cooler dumped on him after Lockney's win against Claude Friday night.

Photo courtesy of Connie Barnett

Lockney JV wins 20-14 over Floydada

By Coach Young

The Lockney JV Football increased its record to two wins without a defeat Thursday, September 4, with a 20-14 victory over Floydada.

For the second week in a row Lockney fell behind as Floydada scored early to take a 7-0 lead. The Horn offense had trouble moving the ball in the first quarter but the defense came to the rescue as Alejandro Salazar broke up a Whirlwind pass and Ruben Valdez caught the ball in mid-air and raced untouched into the end zone for a 42 yard interception return.

Following another stop by the Lockney defense Marcos Bernal put the Horns up for good with an 8 yard run behind fine blocking by the offensive line of Dylan Aufill, Emilio Guerra, Aaron Rendon, Edgar Ruiz, and Shaquille Thompson. Riley

Teeter's 2 point conversion pass to Jonathan Molina gave the Horns a 14-7 lead. A Rex Mathis touchdown run increased the lead to 20-7 at halftime.

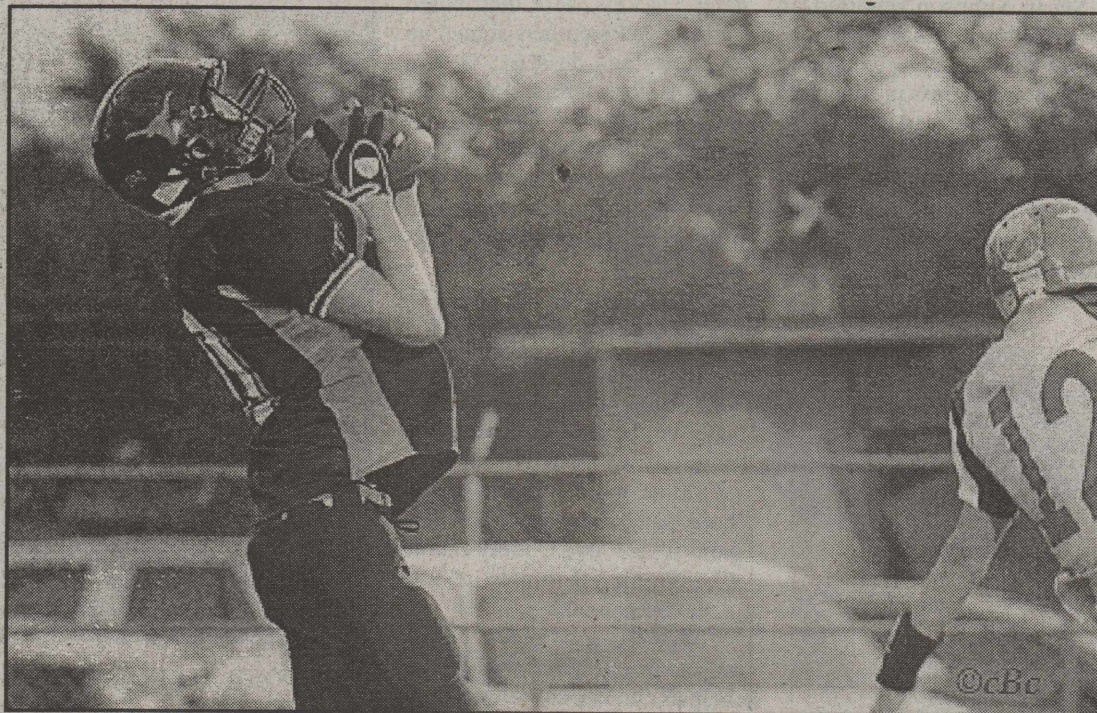
Although Floydada scored a late touchdown to make the score 20-14. It wasn't enough as the Horns defense stiffened and held for four consecutive downs on the Winds last possession of the game.

JV defensive coordinator Keegan Reynolds commented, "We didn't play as well as the week before, but we did make the plays when we had to. Ruben's interception gave us a spark and kind of got us going. But we need to learn to start the game with more enthusiasm and intensity. We had a very good crowd at the game supporting us and I would like to thank them for attending. It meant a lot to the kids to see a lot of people in the stands."

Homecoming 2008!
Friday Night:
Wolverines vs. Longhorns
 Kick-off: 7:30 p.m.

Bonfire Thursday night at old fairgrounds at "dark thirty."
 Fund-raiser meal at 6:00 p.m. before the Lockney Booster Club meeting, Monday, Sept. 22 at 7:00 p.m.

Go, Longhorns!



BRETT JOHNSON (#80) CATCHES THE BALL

Photo courtesy of Connie Barnett

Lockney 2008 Homecoming Schedule of Events

Bonfire - Thurs., Sept. 18, 8:30 p.m. at the Old Fairgrounds

Registration - Fri., Sept. 19, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. at the High School Library

Pep Rally - 2:30 p.m. at the new High School Gym

Enchilada Supper - 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at the Elementary Cafeteria; \$6.00 for 12 years and over, \$4.00 for under 12 years of age, (sponsored by the LHS Cheerleaders.)

Hospitality Room - 7:00 p.m. - ? at the Lockney Community Center. It will be open during and after the football game for your enjoyment!

Football Game - Lockney Longhorns Vs. Springlake-Earth Wolverines

Registration - Sat., Sept. 20, 9:00 a.m., at the Lockney Elementary School.

Catered Meal - 11:30 a.m. at the Lockney Elementary School, \$10.00 per person.

Business Meeting and Memorial Service - 1:00 p.m. at the Lockney Elementary School.

The High School will be open for your remembrances on Friday afternoon and possibly Saturday morning. Please check the registration tables for times.

HAVE A NICE DAY!

*September 29 through October 2 is Parent Teacher Conference Week. Parents of Elementary age children should be expecting a call or letter from their child's teacher for a scheduled conference time.

*Lockney Junior High will have their first Pep Rally about 12:15 p.m. Thursday in the old gym.

LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU

Lockney School Menu

September 22 - September 26 Monday

Breakfast-Waffle or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Pigs in blanket or ham and cheese, corn, applesauce, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast-Breakfast burrito or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Chicken fajitas or steak on bun, salad, pinto beans, fruited gelatin, flour tortilla, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast-Scrambled eggs/ham or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Hot dog/chili or tuna sandwich, pork and bean, baby carrots, pears, milk

Thursday

Breakfast-Oatmeal or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Pizza or grilled cheese, salad, sliced peaches, milk

Friday

Breakfast-Cinnamon roll or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Hamburger or chicken patty, tater tots, salad, orange slices, milk

LOCKNEY HIGH SCHOOL ALUMI BAND

Practice will be held Friday, September 19th (after LHS Pep Rally) in the band hall from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Call Rob Lovett at 652-4940 if you plan to participate or need more info.

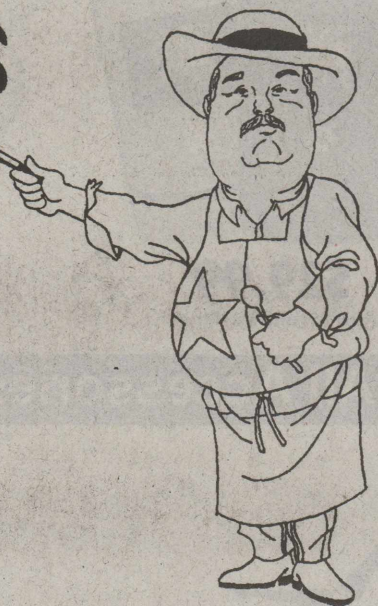


DINNER BELL will set up in front of The Lockney Library

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Old Fashion Saturday

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 9:00 A.M. - MIDNIGHT

9:00 a.m. "Opening Ceremony"
 Veterans' Memorial Park

9:30 a.m. Parade Line-up
 Behind Lockney Health and Rehab Center

10:00 a.m. Parade begins at Rehab Center, down Main Street, west onto Locust Street, onto Southwest First Street, east onto Poplar Street, to Main Street, and down to Davis Lumber.

Activities:

Arts and Craft Booths

Custom Cars, Trucks, and Motorcycles Show (trophy presentation at 4:00 p.m.)

Frisbee Golf

Texas Pedal Pullers

Lockney Library Bake Sale

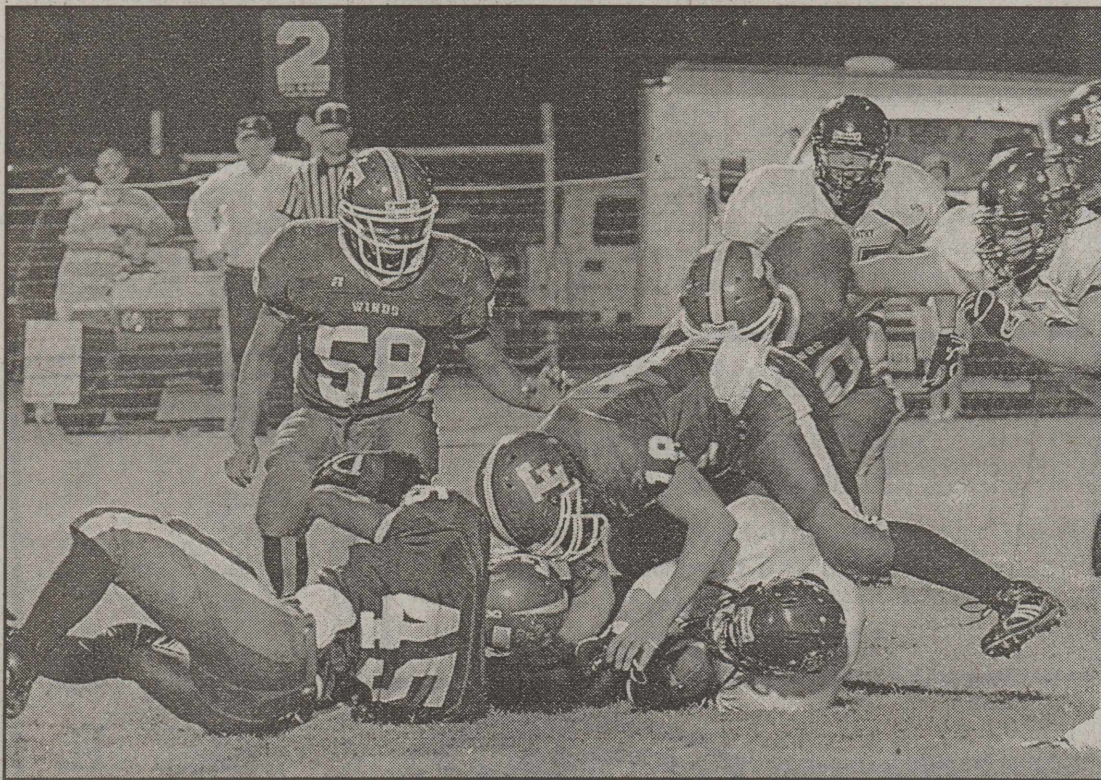
Entertainment in the Afternoon

9:00 p.m. to Midnight:
 Dance on Main Street

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



A.B. DUNCAN ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE WEEK for the week ending Sept. 5 were: (front row left to right) PK1 Michael Rios, K1 Mercedes Alaniz, 1A Leslynn Ortiz, (back row left to right) 2A Alesse Davis, 3A Miguel Pena, 4A Albert Dehoyos and 5A Delaney Lucke.



GETTING DEFENSIVE: Leo Torres (58), Fred Williams (45) and Chris Trevino (18) take down an Abernathy runner Friday night.

Perez deployed to Afghanistan

Air Force Maj. David D. Perez is currently deployed to Afghanistan serving on the anniversary of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 in New York and Washinton, D.C.

The airman serves with the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing at Bagram Air Field, to help ensure terrorist insurgents do not regain a foothold in the region. The air field is the largest military installation in the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

The primary mission of the air expeditionary wing is to support the Global War on Terrorism by providing aerial support for U.S. and coalition forces on the ground during Operation Enduring Freedom. Servicemembers combat terrorism and help the Afghan people build for a better future.

Perez, an F-15 tactical aircraft weapons systems officer, is serving as a wing standardization and evaluation chief on his fourth tour to Afghanistan. He has

flown more than 200 combat missions in the F-15E and EA-6B aircraft. The major has served in the military for 12 years.

He is the son of Efen and Maria Perez of Lockney.

His wife, Rebecca, is the daughter of Greg Ainslie and Marilyn Ainslie, both of Cornelius, North Carolina.

In 1991, Perez graduated from Lockney High School and received his Bachelor's degree in 1996 from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas.

4-H club holds meeting

By Merritt Johnson

A Floyd County 4-H meeting was held September 15th at 6:00 p.m. at the MAC.

The pledge was said by Kirby Nixon and the 4-H motto was led by Kortney Campbell. Inspiration was said by Bradon Campbell. Montana Williams shared the mini demo.

The project report was performed by Preston Mallory. There were 11 new members in 4-H.

At the recruitment supper there were about 54 people attending. Punkin Days is set for Saturday, October 11th. 4-H will have a booth and help will be

greatly appreciated.

The South Plains Fair is September 27th. Community service this month is Trunk or Treat, so bring candy to the Extension Office. Bobby Gilliland did the officer installment.

The door prizes were won by Sylvia Espinoza and Jay Potts. Sign up for the 4-H auction and for food group. You need to have your swine ear tags ordered by September 24th. You must place your order in the Extension Office.

You can validate your swine on November 11-12 or November 24-25. October 22nd is the last day to validate your sheep or

goats.

The 4-H auction is October 21 so please invite family and friends and bring items. The meal is at 5:30 p.m. and the auction starts at 6:00 p.m.

The date to fill out major stock show papers has changed to November 6-7. If it is a county and little stock show, the date to fill out paperwork is December 15th.

Thanks to the Millers and Campbells for snacks. The next meeting is October 20th at the Extension Office. We will go out to the Assiters' at 6:00 p.m.



LOCKNEY'S JONATHAN COLEMAN (#44) Photo courtesy of Connie Barnett

Free GED night classes begin Sept. 22

Need your GED? Floydada and Lockney night classes will resume beginning the week of September 22. Floydada classes will meet at the Caprock Community Action Agency, 701 East Lee Street on Monday and Tuesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Lockney classes will be at the Lockney Elementary, room # 39, on Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Come enroll in the class in your town. If you cannot make it, come the next meeting time. Everyone works on their own level and at their own pace. A teacher will assist you as you have questions. Consumable booklets can be taken home so you can progress faster. They are brought back to check and the teacher will answer any questions.

In almost every workplace, interviews and resumes made for jobs require a person to have a high school diploma or an equivalent certificate (GED). These classes can make that possible. However, even if you already have a high school diploma or a GED, and if you just want to learn a specific subject in order to help your kids with homework, you can come to get help on one subject only. You do not have to work on all courses of study to attend. You can study what you want or need.

Math, Science, Social Studies, Reading, and Writing are the tested areas when getting a GED. You may choose to work out of books or on the computers. Whether you want a GED or just want to learn more so you can help your kids, you are welcome to attend.

These classes will remain available in this area only if people come. If Floydada and Lockney have no participants, individuals may have to travel to Plainview or Lubbock for this service because once the funding is cut for small towns, it probably

will not resume. If this opportunity is to continue locally, there must be enrollees.

Regular attendance is important. If you can only stay one hour, come on anyway. Plan to attend for at least 3 to 6 weeks so you can see your progress. Regular attendance is necessary to help you progress and in order to keep the classes open.

No childcare can be provided. This is a classroom setting where attention is solely on the course of study, so swap out baby-sitting with a friend or come when you can find a sitter.

If you need more information, call 652-3321 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. or after 3:00 p.m. on weekdays or you are welcome to call 652-3764 on weekends.

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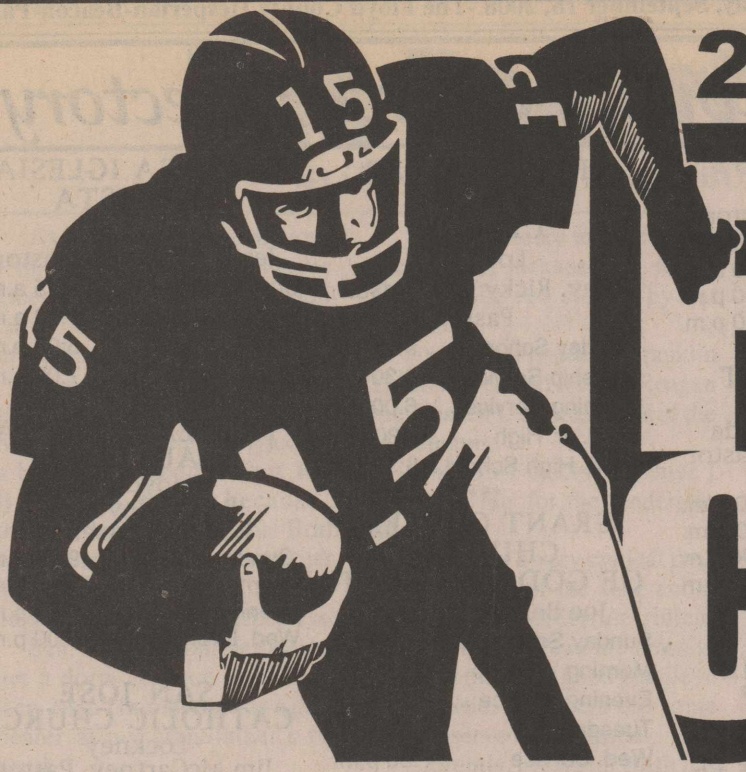
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Winners will be announced in next week's issue of the Hesperian-Beacon.

1st Place: \$25 2nd Place: \$15 3rd Place \$10

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Official Entry Form Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon Football Contest

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15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42
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Tie Breakers

Floydada vs Post circle winner and write total combined score in football Lockney vs Springlake-Earth

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Contest Rules

Any subscriber or purchaser age 7 or older is eligible to enter this contest. Only one entry per week per person.

To play, circle the number of the teams you believe will win on the official entry form. To indicate a tie, circle the numbers of both teams playing the game. Also, write a guess of the combined total points to be scored by the two teams listed in each of the tie-breaker games.

Only entries on official entry forms brought to a Hesperian-Beacon office in Floydada or Lockney no later than 5 p.m. on Friday will be accepted. Photocopies and mail entries will not be accepted.

Three cash prizes are awarded each week. In the event of ties (the same number of correct games and equal scores on the tie breakers), prizes will be combined and shared equally by those tied. The tie-breaker scores will be used only to break a tie on the number of games correct.

Print your name and address plainly on the official entry form and double check your choices before clipping out the entry form and depositing it at a Hesperian-Beacon office before 5 p.m. on Friday.

Entries are limited to one per person per week. Weekly winners are limited to one per household.