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Juanita & Ozell Chappell, along with 4-Her Brayden Campbell are shown holding the flag that the Chappell's children and grandchildren presented to them to be flown in their honor for the Floyd County Veteran's Memorial. Ozell proudly served his country in the U.S. Army in 185th signal battalion 15 Corp. in the Korean War from January 1951 through January 1953. He was then transferred to a reserve unit until October 1956. He attended basic training at Camp Gordon, Georgia where he trained as a pole lineman and from there into advanced training as a mechanic. He then transferred to Camp Polk where he was placed in a unit for possible overseas duty but was never called, then to Fort Hood, TX. While in Fort Hood he participated in Operation Longhorn maneuvers. Juanita along with her time as an army wife during the 1950's served on the committee led by 4-Her Skyler Cornelius to erect the Floyd County Veterans Memorial 2001-2002. Many hours were spent researching names, branch of service, and years of service of Floyd County veterans. Their children are Kathy and George Lange of Lubbock; Jerry and Darla Chappell and Judy and Steve Lloyd of Floydada. The flags at the Veteran's Memorial are replaced every three months because of wear and tear from 24-hour use. Individuals wishing to donate a flag for replacement should contact Julianne or Eric Cornelius in Floydada. The flags are returned to the previous donor when replaced.

Lady Winds garner their third consecutive District Championship Title



Courtesy Photo

District Champs once again: Teamwork and determination led the Lady Winds to their third consecutive District Championship this past week. The Lady Winds would finish out the regular season 25-4, and 12-2 in district play. The Lady Winds are (back row) Coach Eddleman, Sarah Jo Miller, Brityn Helms, Coach Styles, Whitley Beedy, Sarah Sanders, Avery Miller, and Coach Cook. (front row) Emily Hall, Breann Gooch, Nikki Seymour, Liz Suarez.

By Homer Marquez

After another astounding year of basketball, there was no way of slowing down the Lady Winds as they cruised to another 2-2A District Championship. "It's amazing how hard they work," explained Floydada girls basketball Coach Mark Styles, "there is no quit in them, there's a lot fight."

Finishing off the regular season with a record of 25-4 and 12-2 in district play, this district crown will be the third consecutive championship for the Floydada Lady

Winds.

For the past three years the Lady Wind's record has been in impressive 68-24. "They have great chemistry," Coach Styles elaborated, "they play well together, and they enjoy being around each other...they are a fun group to coach." This Friday, the Lady Winds will play the winner of the Crane and Slaton bi-district contest in the Area Playoff game. For the past two years, the Lady Winds have not advanced past the Area game, but this year, the Winds look strong enough to bring home the title.



The Floyd County Hesperian Beacon would like to correct the title of a car build off competition story that we ran several weeks ago. The name of the show that will include local car builder Andy Stapp is named "Car Warriors" and not "Wheel Wars" as previously reported. The show will still premiere on Feb. 23 on the Speed Channel.

Commissioners hear report on "Power of the Wind" program

By Homer Marquez

Commissioners for Floyd County had plenty to talk about as they met for their February meeting this past Monday. Items on this month's agenda included farm contracts, accepting the results from last year's audit, and hearing the monthly report from Floyd County's AgriLife office.

Leading off Commissioner's Court, the

commissioners first took care of the essentials as they unanimously passed to approve the payment of the bills and granted several farm contracts. Farm contracts were awarded to Joe Delgado to spread a pile of dirt on his property, Danny Nutt to repair waterways for soil conservation, Darty Gin to push debris into the pit located at the gin, and to Victor Smith to level a terrace

and repair wash farm.

After approving the consent agenda, Auditor Rick Knapp, presented the court with the results of last year's annual county audit. "The good thing to see here is that our revenues did support the operations of the county this year...so you did a good job of managing that process." Mr. Knapp explained as he reviewed the results of the audit with

the commissioners. Overall, the auditor seemed to be pleased with the findings in his audit, no major changes were reported this year, expenditures however did go up, but revenues for the county were right there with them. Mr. Knapp did express though that some of the financial procedures and policies of the county used

COMMISSIONERS
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2011 Pioneers In Agriculture Series Workshop And Field Day

With current drought conditions and uncertainty in the future of agriculture, water management has become increasingly important to West Texas farmers. In response, Texas Alliance for Water Conservation (TAWC) has coordinated the 2011 Production Agriculture Planning workshop.

As part of the Pioneers in Agriculture series, topics to be discussed include predictions on 2011 community prices; emerging technologies for managing water; optimal

irrigation strategies to grow more with less water; and a panel to discuss the future of commodities in agriculture during 2011 and years ahead. The field day will be on Thursday, February 24 starting at 8 a.m. at the Floyd County Unity Center in Muncy, Texas.

Designed to connect today's producers with the latest research information, the Production Agriculture Planning workshop draws on

PIONEERS

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Photo by R. K. Hunt Photography

After a grueling regular season, the hard work of the Lady Longhorns paid off as the team earned second place in the 1-2A district standings and a spot in the playoff. This past Tuesday, the Lady Horns traveled to Amarillo for their first playoff game against Wheeler.

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Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margarette Word

Remember our mailing address is P.O. Box 573. We are located at 301 E. Georgia. Lunch starts at 12 noon. If you are 60 years or older come join in. We do have a one-time a year due which is \$15 per person.

We did get two new members this past week. I'm sure there are several more that need to join us and come daily or when you can, visit with friends, eat a good hot meal and enjoy getting out of the house for a couple of hours.

With all the bad weather our attendance has been low. If it is really bad, I don't get out of my house either. None of us need to fall. I'm writing this article on Saturday. The weather seems to be getting better so I'm sure our attendance will be better this coming week.

Our visitors this past week were Carolyn Marble and Lee Battey.

Jon LaBaume had minimally invasive (laser) back surgery in Irving at the Las Colinas Medical Center on Tuesday, February 08th. He had two herniated discs.

Elaine and their son Coy LaBaume of Plainview was with him for the surgery as well as Jon's sisters, Ann Haynes of Mesquite and Jane Bell of Plano. They went home on Tuesday afternoon before the ice storm hit late Wednesday night.

Coy stayed in the motel Wednesday due to icy conditions until it thawed mid afternoon and Elaine stayed with Jon. He was released Thursday morning and they returned home with several stops on the way. He is at home recuperating.

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

In memory of Douglas Walding - L. B. Stewart and Charles and Ann Carr.

In memory of Louise Turner - Naomi Battey.

In memory of Peggy Probasco - L. B. Stewart, Donald and Jane Bean, Jo Wester, Ruth Hammonds, Class of 1970, Betty Baker, Eva Parker.

In memory of Cline McDonald - Carolyn Marble.

In memory of Louis Lloyd - Bolinger, Segars,

Gilbert & Moss, L.L.P., Jo Wester, Charles Craig, Betty Baker, Eva Parker.

In memory of Sue Jones - Donald and Jane Bean.

In memory of Julian Dean Lipham - Julianne and Eric Cornleius, Skylar and Jordan.

In memory of Stephan Paul Wilson - Betty Baker.

In memory of Bud Turner - Betty Baker.

In memory of R. C. Fawver - Eva Parker.

The center will be closed Monday, February 21st.

Thought for the Week - Success always occurs in private and failure in full view.

MENU

Feb. 21 - Feb. 25 Monday - Closed

Tuesday - Baked ham w/ pineapple, au gratin potatoes, peas, roll, applesauce cake

Wednesday - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, cobbler

Thursday - Chicken & dumplings, mixed vegetables, roll, fruit salad

Friday - Hamburger steak, scalloped potatoes, spinach, roll, rocky road pudding

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong

Hello again from the Lockney Senior Citizens Center. Geneva Barclay spent a few days in the hospital this last week with pneumonia. We hope she is feeling better.

Delbert Rose was also ill and in the hospital, he is recuperating at Prairie House in Plainview. Jr. Belt is at Prairie House and last we heard he was having to take IV fluids. We hope you all get better soon.

I would like to let everyone know that I will be out of town next week. We are taking my daughter, KaCee to San Angelo for a stock show. We will be gone the 23rd through the 25th and Cecil Jones will be cooking for me.

Hope you all have a great week. Quilt tickets are on sale now for a \$1 a ticket, or 6 for \$5

Menu

Feb. 21-25 Monday-Hamburgers

Tuesday-Salmon

Wednesday-Beef Stroganoff

Thursday-Tamale Pie

Friday-Swiss Steak

1934 Study Club

By Wilma Gowens

The 1934 Study Club met Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. in the First Baptist Church Parlor for Guest Day. The meeting was hosted by Emagene Haenisch and Betsy Dempsey with helpers, Willie Mae Ferguson and Wilma Colston. Delicious refreshments were served.

Faye Bertrand called the meeting to order. Prayer was given by Emagene Haenisch. Roll call was given by Willie Mae Ferguson. Each member answered with her name and introduced her guests.

The program was given by Lou Bureson. Lou gave

a very interesting enactment of Myra Maybelle Shirley, better known as Belle Starr Bandit Queen. Belle was born in 1848. Belle was a well educated woman and a fiery wild horse rider. She became a Confederate Sympathizer after her brother was killed by Federal Troops during the Civil War. Her family moved to Texas and lived in Indian Territory with the Cherokee Indians. Belle married three times and two of her husbands were killed trying to escape the law.

Members and guests attending were Faye Bertrand and guests, daughter, Jill

Warren and daughter-in-law, Connie Bertrand; Wilma Colston and guests, Geraldine Gentry and Barbara Willis; Betsy Dempsey and guest, Mary Quattlebaum; Willie Mae Ferguson and guests, Mazie Heggi and Hope Crabtree; Diana Glover; Wilma Gowens and husband, Donnell Gowens; Emagene Haenisch and husband, Charles and guests, Bill and Roberta Hardin; Jo Lyles; Margarette Word and guest, Maria Brown.

The next program will be Tuesday, March 8, 2011 in the home of Emagene Haenisch with Margarette Word as co-hostess.

Lockney Look and See



Courtesy Photo

Make way for the King and Queen: On February 11, George and Laverne Long were voted the King and Queen of Hearts at Lockney's Health and Rehabilitation Center. George and Laverne have been married for an astounding 62 years.

By KC Spencer Administrator and Lorri Morales Director of Nursing

The air is full of sweet tidings, smell of roses, and heart shaped boxes of chocolates with spring right around the corner. Our residents were all giddy with the heart decorations on their doors for secret admirers to drop little love notes. Although there has been a chill in the air outside, inside our halls our hearts are warm.

On Friday, February 11, 2011 we voted on King and Queen of Hearts here at Lockney. The proud recipients were George and Laverne Long. The couple met in college and is originally from Floydada, TX. George was a retired farmer and Laverne was a homemaker. This happy little couple came to Lockney

in December 2009. They have been married for 62 years and continue to show their affections for another daily. Laverne was thrilled when she presented with her tiara by the activity director, Latasha Peralez.

Here at Lockney Health and Rehab our residents have started a new regime of chair dancing in their exercise program. Our residents were moving and shaking to the sounds and beats of Jodi Stolove's Chair Dancing: A New Concept in Aerobic Fitness. For the remainder of the month of February, we will continue to provide our tri weekly music groups, bingo, and church services.

Yolanda Morin was voted as our Employee of the Month for February. Yolanda was been an employee for over 25 years. She has been instrumental in the care of our residents. You can always count on Yolanda's smile,

kind words, and warm heart to pull you through any day. She is a respected and valued member of our nursing team here at Lockney. Thank you, Yo-Yo for all you do!

Texas House of Representatives has a proposed bill named HB1 that will be up for vote this upcoming session. This bill will be devastating to our residents who received Medicaid. This bill has a proposed cut of 33% to Medicaid Funding to Nursing homes across the state of Texas. Texas is currently ranked 49th in reimbursement for skilled nursing care. Although Texas is facing enormous economic, social, and demographic challenges, we must preserve seniors' quality care, protect good local jobs, and sustain quality skilled nursing and rehab facilities that are a mainstay of our local community. We are asking that a letter be written to your state representative asking him to vote NO against HB1. This cut could mean the difference between quality care and no care. Everyone is encouraged to write a letter in your handwriting stating the impact this will have on a loved one in a nursing home. Letters can be dropped off by February 24th in person or mailed to PO Box 1060 Lockney, TX. These letters will be delivered to the House personally before voting occurs this session.

Please join us anytime for a game of Bingo or round of dominoes. Our door is always open. Please stop by and see us anytime.

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FLOYD COUNTY Unity Center NEWS

By Elaine LaBaume

Floyd County Friends Unity Center started the new year of 2011 "with a big bang." There were six events with the largest being the 67th Floyd County Stock Show. That involves a lot of work to get it set up, have the show and then to clean up the Unity Center. It took eleven days to do all of this. It keeps manager, Jon LaBaume, really busy.

Immediately following the stock show the Floyd and Crosby County Annual Cotton Conference was held. A total of 1145 people enjoyed the six different events held in January.

Remember that the Unity Center can be rented by anyone for most any occasion. Just contact manager Jon LaBaume and he will be happy to assist you for any event. Home: 806-983-3334 - Cell: 806-847-7414

Memorials can be mailed to Elaine LaBaume 901 West Lee Street, Floydada, TX 79235

Memorials that have been received are for **R.C. "Carlton" Fawver** and **Peggy Probasco**.

Carlton and Louise Fawver donated the land that the Floyd County Friends Unity Center is built on.

Thanks for reading!

Obituaries



BEARIE COLEMAN

Mrs. Bearie Coleman, age 107, died February 1, 2011 in Plainview. Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Monday, February 7, 2011 at the First Baptist Church in Floydada. Interment followed at Forest Lawn Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

Mrs. Bearie Rauls Coleman was born September 30, 1903, in Oakwood, Freestone County, Texas to Anderson and Willie Alford Rauls; she was the eldest of two children. She attended school and spent her early childhood in Freestone County and there she met T. J. Coleman, Senior, who became her husband in 1919. It was the beginning of an era for them that proved to be the pillar of strength, inspiration and love for the family (13 children and one adopted son). Mrs. Coleman and her family moved to Floydada, Floyd County, Texas in 1929. In the Floydada community, she never met a stranger and thrived on the many friends she acquired there. Family was first and foremost to Mrs. Coleman, but she also took pleasure in cooking, gardening, fishing, and offering her assistance to those in need.

Mrs. Coleman is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and six children —Willie Mae Stephens, Anderson Coleman, Florine Mann, Myrtle Coleman, Allen Rochelle Coleman, and T. J. Coleman, Junior.

She leaves with cherished memories, a family who was fortunate to call her "Mother," her daughters, Ruth Popnaugh, Pearl Cooper-Thompson (Andrew), Betty King (James), and Marie Jones; her sons, Joe Coleman (Mary), Chester Coleman (Dorothy), Paul Coleman, and Quinn Coleman; and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, as well as

other relatives and friends. Memorials may be made in Bearie Coleman's name to: Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 401 N. 12th St., Floydada, Texas 79235. Online condolences may be made at www.moore-rose.com.



GRACE MARIE DILLARD

Funeral services for Grace Marie Dillard, 90, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at the South Lawn Baptist Church in Amarillo. Dr. Don Rogers officiated.

Burial was held in the Llano Cemetery in Amarillo. Services were under the direction of Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors Coulter Chapel in Amarillo.

Marie was born on November 21, 1921 in Floyd County to Henry Herbert and Grace Irene Gross Graham. She graduated from Floydada High School in 1939. She married Flake Dillard in 1939 in Childress, Texas.

Marie was a charter member of South Lawn Baptist Church in Amarillo. There she taught Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and was WMU president for several years. She moved to Oklahoma City in 1969, where she was an active member of Kelham Baptist Church from 1969 - present. She assisted her husband, who was a Shamrock Jobber in Oklahoma City. He preceded her in death in 1975.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Arthur and Ervin Graham.

Survivors include a daughter, Anita Honeycutt and husband, Al of Oklahoma City; a son, Fred Dillard and wife, Mary Anne of Arlington; two brothers, D.T. "Buddy"

Graham and wife, Jane of Plainview and Herman Graham and wife, Bonnie of Floydada; a sister, Ima Lea Gamblin of Amarillo; two grandsons, Jay Dillard and Scarlett of Dallas and David Dillard and wife, Felicia of Arlington; granddaughters, Julie Boenker and husband, David of Fort Worth, Shelley Orchard and husband, Brad of Oklahoma City, and Jennifer Honeycutt of Dewey, Oklahoma; 11 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews that dearly loved their aunt "Ree."

The family suggests memorial contributions to South Lawn Baptist Church, 4306 S. Washington Street, Amarillo, TX. 79110.

DEVIN LANCE MARTINEZ

Devin Lance Martinez, 19 day-old infant son of Derrick and Shondra Martinez died February 10, 2011 in Amarillo.

Graveside service was held on Monday, February 14, 2011 at 1 p.m. at Memory Gardens Cemetery. Sherman Eastland, Chaplain of Odyssey Healthcare officiated. Burial was held at the Memory Gardens Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Schooler Funeral Home in Amarillo.

Devin was born January 22, 2010 in Amarillo. Although his time with us was short, he showed an extraordinary personality and life. He was the strongest child we have ever seen or known and he showed more heart in 19 days than most do in a full lifetime. Devin will be loved and missed; but we take comfort knowing he is in the arms of another who has called him home.

Survivors include his parents; a sister, Elizabeth; grandparents, Curtis and Vickie Emert of Floydada, Texas and Eutimio, Jr. and Mary Martinez of Floydada, Texas; great-grandparents, Cora Mae Emert of Dougherty, Texas and Sabina Martinez of Lubbock, Texas; and two loving aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

The family suggests that any memorials be made to the Ronald McDonald House, 1501 Steirt, Amarillo, Texas 79106.

Floyd County Church Directory

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

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
810 S. 3rd, Floydada
Darwin Robinson, Pastor
983-5278
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m

CALVARY'S CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP
Floydada
Armando Morales, Pastor
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
Bible Study6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening7:00 p.m.

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Morning Worship9:00 a.m.
Sunday School10:30 a.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
West College & Third,
Lockney
Steve McLean -Minister
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship5:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST
Levi Sisemore, Minister
Floydada
Sunday Bible Study..9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study7:00 p.m.

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Lockney
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.



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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Lockney
Rev. Ricky Carstensen
Pastor
Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Worship Service10:30 a.m.
Evening Service..... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Jr. High5:30 p.m.
Wed. High School... 6:30 p.m.

GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Joe Bennett, Pastor
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.
Evening Service.....7:30 p.m.
Tuesday8:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:30 p.m.

MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST
Lockney
Jay Don Poindexter, Minister
Bible Study9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:30 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Floydada
Rev. Ralph Jackson
401 N 12th St (983-5805)
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Study ...7:00 p.m.

NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
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Sunday Singing10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.

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

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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

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Lockney
Jesus Caballero, Pastor
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Worship Service11:00 a.m.
Discipleship5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:00 p.m.

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Floydada
Pastor Lupe Rando
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:40 a.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Evening7:00 p.m.

SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH
Lockney
Rev. Patrick Maher, Pastor
Wed. Communion...8:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m.

SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH
Joe Weldon, Pastor
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting..... 7:00 p.m

TEMPLO GETSEMANI ASSEMBLY OF GOD
701 W. Missouri
Joe Hernandez
983-5286 (church)
983-5156 (parsonage)
Sunday School9: 45 a.m.
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.
Evening Service.....5:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m.
Mon. Wed. Mass6:30 p.m.
Confession Sat.....10-11 a.m.

TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM
Lockney
Rev. Joe Hernandez
Sun. Prayer Service 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School9:45 p.m.
Worship Service11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Meeting7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Washington and 1st St.
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA
Rev. Herman Martinez
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship5:00 p.m.
Tuesday.....7:30 p.m.
Thursday Service.....7:30 p.m.

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Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5 p.m.

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Rev. Peter W. Harrington
Minister
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Worship Service11:00 a.m.

WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST
Floydada 983-3548
Sunday Worship ...10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening5:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church in Matador hosting luncheon

All women of the area are invited to attend and bring their friends to the upcoming Loving God Ladies' Salad Luncheon on Saturday, February 26, at 12:00 noon at First Baptist Church, Matador. Special guest Deirdre LaNoue will share a presentation on Loving God: Heart, Mind, Soul & Strength. Deirdre, a member of Valley

Ranch Baptist Church in Coppel, has been on church ministry staffs and on the teaching faculty of two universities. Presently, she is working with a parachurch organization, training missionary staff, and she also assists her own church in the area of discipleship. The meal, hosted by

Women on Mission of the church's WMU, will be a salad luncheon. Guests who would like to bring a salad are encouraged to do so, but this is not required. Also, women attending as a group are asked to bring one salad for every two or three women in the group. For more information, call Doris Moore (347-2875).

Manic Drive Band to perform at FBC Matador

Internationally known band MANIC DRIVE will bring its "Tear Down These Walls" Tour to First Baptist Church, Matador, on Friday, February 18. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Doors open at 6:30 pm & the concert

begins at 7pm. Manic Drive's music can be heard on the largest syndicated radio network, Air1 Radio. The hit single "Walls" topped the Air1 charts early last year, and more recently, "Music" has been in the Top Ten. Also appearing with Manic

Drive will be News from Verona and Blood and Tears. For info & tickets, call FBCM Youth Minister Cameron Lynch at (432) 288-7569. See also: <http://www.myspace.com/events/View/9727809/>

THIS WEEK'S

OLD SETTLERS ASSOCIATION
The Old Settlers Association will hold a meeting on Monday, February 21st at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of the First National Bank of Floydada

FLOYD COUNTY FAIR BOARD
The Floyd County Fair Board will meet on Thursday, February 17th at 6:30 p.m. in the Loicney Library. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

CALVERT HOME HEALTH BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC
Calvert Home Health holds their blood pressure clinics on every first and third Thursday of each month between 9 – 11 a.m. at the Community Room of the First

National Bank of Floydada.
LOCKNEY HIGH SCHOOL BLOOD DRIVE
United Blood Services and

Lockney High School will be sponsoring a blood drive on Friday, February 25 from 9:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. in the donor coach by the gym.

The family of Bearie Coleman extends their thanks to the First Baptist Church of Floydada for allowing us to have the memorial service there. To Dr. Ahmad, thank you for making a difference in the quality of life mother received under your home care visits.
Our gratitude goes to the home health providers with Interim Hospice, the private pay providers, to Hackberry Creek Care Center, to Moore-Rose Funeral Home and to the entire community for the visits, prayers, telephone calls, florals, food and words of encouragement during the time of bereavement.
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Lady Horns earn playoff spot

By Homer Marquez

It's been a long road for the Lady Horns this basketball season, but their determination and perseverance has paid off big as they grabbed a second place finish in the 1-1A district standings. The second place finish would earn the Lady Horns a well deserved playoff spot. "I'm extremely proud of them," Lady Horn Head Coach Shoemaker explained, "they're good kids who work hard every day and they keep doing better and better things."

Relatively a young team, the Horns

only had two seniors on their team this year; considering that this year would be a rebuilding year for the Lady Horns, Coach Shoemaker filled the teams pre-district schedule with 2A, 3A, 4A, and 5A teams. "These kids have stepped up and they have had to go through some growing pains to get to the point where we are today," Coach Shoemaker elaborated, "we've had some ups and downs throughout our season but I think we've grown up a lot." The Lady Horns playoff drive began this Tuesday, as the team faced off against Wheeler.



Photo by Homer Marquez

Lady Horn, Quinn Jackson (3) makes it look easy after she sinks another one in a recent home game in Lockney. The Lady Horns traveled to Caprock High School this past Tuesday for their first round of postseason play.



Photo by Homer Marquez

During a recent game in Lockney, Longhorn, Riley Teeter (4) got big air as he laid up an easy two points. Even though it seemed to be a tough season for the Horns, this year's basketball season had many bright spots, bright spots that will undoubtedly prove to be valuable during next season's games.

The Fair Needs Your Help

By Carol Huggins

The Floyd County Fair Board will have its first regular meeting of the year on Thursday, February 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the Lockney

Library.

Since the Fair was such a great success last year, the Fair Board would like to build on this success, but we need more help to do this.

The building is in pretty good shape (except for the roof), but there are still many things that could be done to improve the surroundings. We would like to have more activities, too, but we need people to give us ideas and to take charge of making these things happen.

The Floyd County Fair is one of the few local community events we have in Floyd County. It has the potential to be a great draw for our county, but it takes participation from everyone to make that happen. Please come to the meeting on February 17 and make your ideas known. We welcome any and all to our organization.

Let's help to put Floyd County on the map!

THE CITY OF LOCKNEY WILL TAKE SEALED BIDS FOR LOTS 5-7, BLOCK 1, SOUTHWESTERN HEIGHTS ADDITION, ON MARCH 10TH. PLEASE BRING SEALED BID TO CITY HALL, 218 E. LOCUST ST., LOCKNEY, TX. 79241

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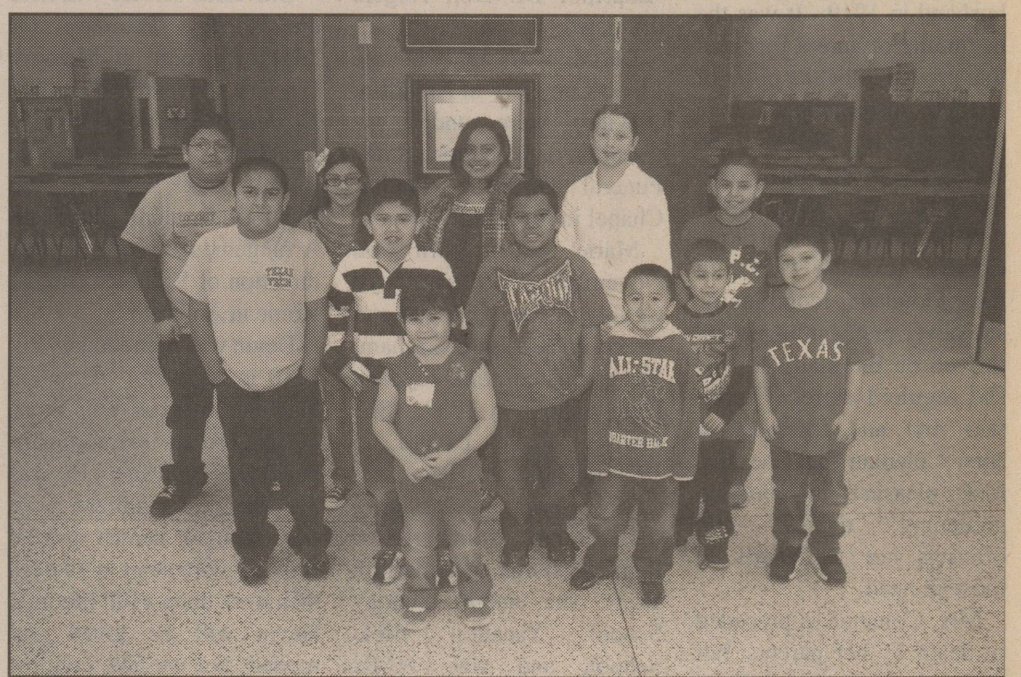
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Cotton Market Weekly

A service provided by
Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

For the third time this week, cotton futures contracts hit the newly expanded seven-cent trading limit on Thursday as aggressive buying lifted futures to new record highs. Traders said cotton futures climbed to a record for the second straight day after the release of a strong export report.

USDA's export report continued the prevailing pattern of excellent sales in both the old crop and new crop positions. Old crop

sales registered at 111,100 bales in the week ended Feb. 3 with Turkey, Brazil and South Korea topping the list of buyers. Net sales of 193,700 bales for delivery in 2011-12 mainly were for Pakistan, Bangladesh and China. Export shipments reached a marketing year high at 497,800 bales with China, Turkey and Mexico as the week's major destinations.

As old crop cotton availability continued to dwindle, spot cotton sales were considerably lower in the week ended Feb. 10 as producers in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas sold 5,916 bales online at prices ranging from \$1.59 to \$1.79 per pound. The previous week, producers sold 14,484 bales at \$1.57 to \$1.69 per pound.

Market observers were somewhat disappointed by the release of USDA's monthly U.S. and world supply/demand reports. The department's 2010-11 U.S. cotton supply and demand

See COTTON on page 6

Lockney School Lunch Menu Feb 21-25

- Monday**
Holiday
- Tuesday**
Breakfast-Bagel or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Chicken Fajitas or steak fingers, refried beans, salad, pineapple, tortilla, milk
- Wednesday**
Breakfast- Sausage biscuit or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Steak Patty or chicken patty, potatoes, mixed vegetables, strawberries and bananas, roll, milk
- Thursday**
Breakfast- Pancakes or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch- Pizza or burrito, corn, applesauce, milk
- Friday**
Breakfast- Cinnamon Roll or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Corndog, or grilled cheese, western beans, tater tots, orange, milk

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LOCKNEY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS AUGUST 31, 2010

	Major Fund General Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 5,692,481	\$ 2,652	\$ 5,695,133
Investments - Current	470		470
Property Taxes - Delinquent	109,703		109,703
Allowance for Uncollectible Taxes	(18,099)		(18,099)
Due from Other Governments	2,462	49,151	51,613
Due from Other Funds	35,214	1,420	36,634
Other Receivables	7,991		7,991
Total Assets	\$ 5,830,222	\$ 53,223	\$ 5,883,445
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	\$ 341,355	\$	\$ 341,355
Accrued Wages Payable	173,970	27,250	201,220
Due to Other Funds	1,420	22,401	23,821
Accrued Expenditures	3,032	1,562	4,594
Deferred Revenue	91,936	2,010	93,946
Total Liabilities	\$ 611,713	\$ 53,223	\$ 664,936
Fund Balances:			
Designated For:			
Construction	\$ 3,505,000	\$	\$ 3,505,000
Capital Expenditures for Equipment	375,000		375,000
Unreserved and Undesignated	1,338,509		1,338,509
Total Fund Balances	\$ 5,218,509	\$ 0	\$ 5,218,509
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 5,830,222	\$ 53,223	\$ 5,883,445

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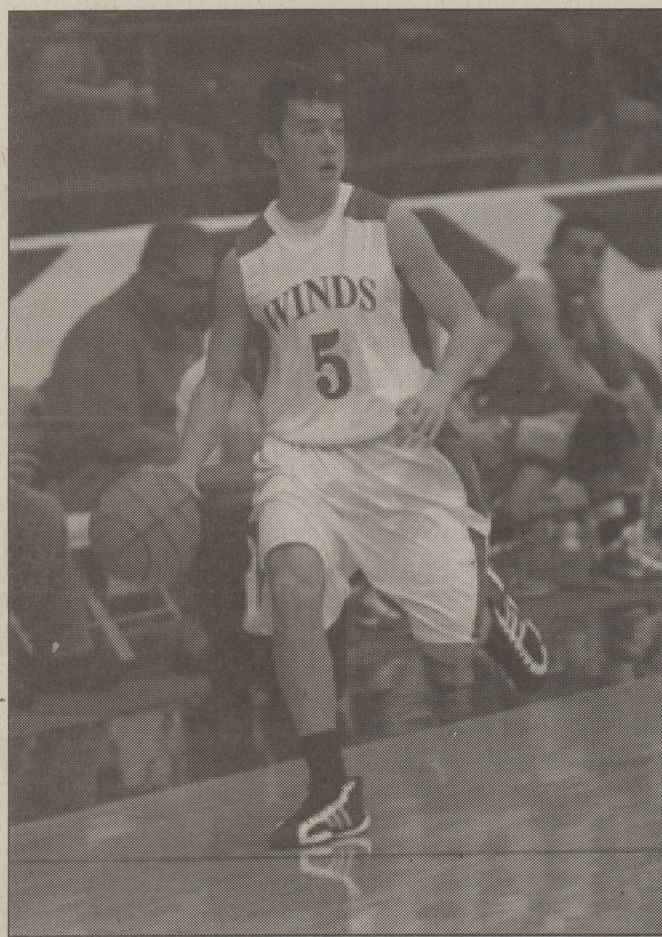


Photo by Jim Convington

Whirlwind, Cole Covington (5) takes it down the court during Floydada's 58-44 victory over the Friona Chieftans. In that game, Covington would put up a total of 5 points; during Floydada's 70-52 victory over Tulia, Covington would help change the pace of the game by scoring 6 of the 11 points in the Whirlwinds second quarter comeback.

Lady Winds capture district crown for 3rd straight year



Photo by Tonya Gooch

With their third district championship under their belt, the Lady Winds will look to advance past the Area playoff game after they defeat the winner of the Slaton or Crane bi-district game.

By Coach Styles

The Floydada Lady Winds defeated the Tulia Lady Hornets 65-49. The Lady Winds jumped out of the gate quick and raced to a 16-8 first quarter lead. Floydada had a chance on several occasions to blow this game wide open. The Lady Hornets still had some sting in them and would give all they had to prevent this. The Lady Winds went into intermission leading 36-20.

The Lady Winds would keep the pressure on and not let Tulia get and closer than 14 and led 48-30 after three quarters. Aided by six three pointer from Tulia they kept fighting back. The Lady Winds were able to net five 3's themselves enroute to a 65-49 win.

Avery Miller had 16 points and 7 rebounds. Brityn Helms 11 points including 3-3's, Whitley Beedy 10 points and 8 rebounds. Liz Suarez 7 points including 4 of 4 from

the line. Emily Hall had 7 points and 6 rebounds. Sarah Sanders had 6 points and 5 rebounds. Sarah Jo Miller had 6 points and 8 steals. Breann Gooch had 2 points and 5 steals. Nikki Seymour had 1 deflection.

Three years ago the Lady Winds wanted to do something no other Floydada Lady Winds team had done since girls began playing five-girl basketball. That is to win the district championship without sharing the title with another team. This year would be a challenge that would not be easy. With 8 teams in the district who could beat you on any given night, you had to be prepared each night.

The Lady Winds laid claim to their 3rd consecutive district championship outright. The Lady Winds would go through district with a 12-2 record and currently are 24-4 on the year.

Great job Lady Winds. Keep it rolling.



Courtesy Photo

DUNCAN STUDENTS OF THE WEEK for February 14, 2011 were (back row, l-r) Luke Holcombe, Ruth Ramirez, Rolando Olvera, Alex Torres; (front row, l-r) Matthew Luna, Ray Reyes, and Victoria Cervera.



2010-2011 FLOYDADA LADY WINDS JUNIOR VARSITY



Photo by Sara Sisemore

Pictured as FISD students of the month for January are first grader Braylen Lemons (front), seventh grader Jorge Torres (middle), and sophomore Lizbeth Orozco (right). Support staff of the month was Mita Chavarria (left). Educators of the month were Brandi Cook (not present) and Desmond Ayala (not present).

Lady Winds JV Basketball

By Coach Eddleman

The Lady Winds JV team played Littlefield on January 4, 2011 and lost by 2 points. The score at the buzzer was 36-34. Scoring results are as follows: Jennifer Alonzo - 17 points; Kelsey Nutt - 8 points; Kristan Sanchez - 4 points; Elyanna Duran - 2 points; Merritt Johnson - 2 points.

The junior varsity Lady Winds won against the Idalou Lady Cats on January 7th by a score of 40-30. Scoring results are as follows: Jennifer Alonzo - 24 points; Jianna Davenport - 8 points; Anna Delafuente - 4 points; Kelsey Nutt - 2 points; Merritt Johnson - 2 points.

On January 11th the Lady Winds on

another district game over Muleshoe by a score of 59-42. Scoring results are as follows: Sierra Gomez - 20 points; Elyanna Duran - 10 points; Kristan Sanchez - 8 points; Amelia Gonzalez - 8 points; Jianna Davenport - 7 points; Merritt Johnson - 4 points; Anna Delafuente - 2 points.

The Lady Winds JV team played Tulia on January 14th and for only the second time this season lost. The final score was 58-49. Scoring results were as follows: Kristan Sanchez - 11 points; Kelsey Nutt - 8 points; Anna Delafuente - 3 points; Merritt Johnson - 2 points; Jianna Davenport - 2 points; Elyanna Duran - 1 point. Season Record: 16-

See JV on page 13

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU Feb. 21 - Feb. 25

- Monday**
Breakfast-Scrambled eggs, toast, jelly or cereal, graham crackers, juice, milk
- Lunch-** Pizza, seasoned corn, tossed salad, sliced peaches, milk
- Tuesday**
Breakfast- Mini banana loaf or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
- Lunch-**Pigs in blanket, corn, baked chips, pineapple orange salad, milk
- Wednesday**
-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

See MENU on page 13

SOUTH PLAINS COMMUNITY ACTION ASSOCIATION, INC.

NEWS RELEASE/BULLETIN AVAILABILITY OF COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

South Plains Community Action Association, Inc. (SPCAA) has received additional funding from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to operate the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) **January 2011-December 2011.**

The primary intent of this is to make funds available to enable SPCAA to respond to energy needs affecting low-income households. Priority will be given to eligible households containing one or more persons age 60 or above, a handicapped individual and families with young children under the age of six.

The basic philosophy of energy self-sufficiency will be the central theme in the CEAP. The program is designed to offer flexibility to allow for creative implementation and innovation. Service delivery not only entails utility payments on behalf of the client, but also a system that addresses the underlying contributing causes of energy-induced hardship.

For additional information concerning this program, please contact:

SPCAA Center Worker - Dalia Arivizu
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FISD Board Discusses Cheerleader Selection Process & AEIS Report

By Sara Sisemore
Correspondent

The Board of Trustees of the Floydada Independent School District met on Jan. 13, 2011 to discuss the possibility of changing the selection process of cheerleaders. Citizen Amado Morales was present to address the board concerning the cheerleader selection process. He presented a handout to the board and requested they specifically notice the sections labeled "Candidate" and "Teacher/Student." Morales shared concerns from some in the community that there is a lack of ethnic diversity among Floydada's cheerleaders.

By way of explanation, Principal Wayne Morren said he and Morales had "discussed cheerleaders and how we select cheerleaders." Morren continued, "If we change our process of selecting cheerleaders, there will need to be some changes made in the handbook to support those changes." He said, "I'm looking at taking the teacher vote out of it and have thought about taking the student vote out of it."

In summary Morren stated, "We're not through with the review of our policy yet, but I think we'll have some things that will be positive for our district."

Interim Superintendent Cliff Stephens said he thought taking the teacher vote out is good because it takes a lot of pressure off of the teachers. The board took no action on the matter at that time.

The board accepted the Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) Report and Annual Performance Report for the 2009-2010 school year as presented to the board by Curriculum Director Anne Carthel. In a public meeting held prior to the board meeting, Carthel had presented the AEIS Report and Annual Performance Report. She explained this is state accountability, not federal (which is the AYP or Adequate Yearly Progress) and all districts

are required to publish an annual performance report which indicates measurable indicators, such as test scores, growth, campus goals for improvements, and school safety information.

Carthel was pleased to report the district had met AYP, rating FISD as a "Recognized" district, with Gold Performance in the following categories: College-ready Graduates (Class of 2009), Recommended High School Program (Class of 2009), and Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Mathematics.

FISD's scores were as follows: Reading/ELA 84%; Writing 92%; Social Studies 92%; Math 78%; Science 76%. The percent met standards with Texas Projection Measure (TPM) were: Reading 92%; Writing 96%; Social Studies 99%; Math 86%; Science 88%.

A.B. Duncan received a campus rating status of "Recognized," with scores of: Reading 83%; Writing 91%; Math 79%; Science 83%. With TPM, A.B. Duncan's scores were: Reading 91%; Writing 99%; Math 88%; Science 83%.

Floydada Junior High received a campus rating status of "Academically Acceptable, with Gold Performance in Comparable Improvement in Mathematics. Their campus scores were: Reading 77%; Writing 93%; Social Studies 90%; Math 72%; Science 54%. With TPM, the Jr. High received the following scores: Reading 88%; Writing 93%; Social Studies 99%; Math 79%; Science 92%.

Floydada High School received a campus rating status of "Recognized," with Gold Performance in the following areas: College Ready Graduates (Class of 2009), Recommended High School Program (Class of 2009), and TSI Mathematics. Their scores were as follows: Reading/ELA 91%; Social Studies 92%; Math 83%; Science 81%. With TPM, percent met standards were: Reading/ELA 95%; Social Studies 99%; Math 93%;

Science 89%.

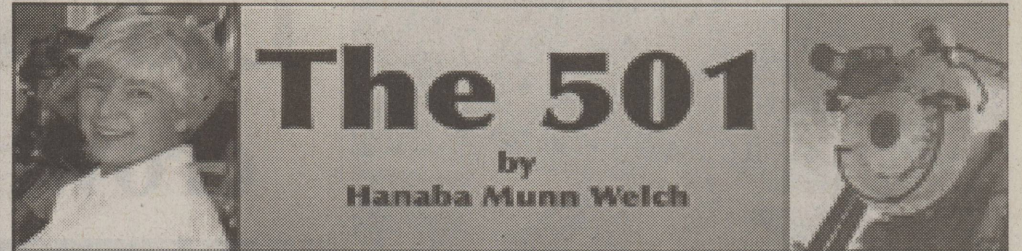
Carthel shared with the board the district's plans for improvement which included a grant funded mentoring program for new teachers in the district, stronger emphasis on college readiness in both junior high and high school, and continued/increased professional development focusing on differentiation in the classroom, on special needs populations, and on data identified areas of weakness.

The students of the month for January were Braylen Lemons (1st grade), Jorge Torres (7th grade), and Lizbeth Orozco (sophomore). Educators of the month were Brandi Cook (English/Coach at the high school) and Desmond Ayala (Physical Education/Coach at the jr. high). Support staff of the month was Mita Chavarria.

Stephens presented information to the board about the need for a new 71-passenger bus which would cost the district around \$85,000. He informed them they had not included any money in the budget for a school bus, so some money would have to be pooled from several different accounts in order to make it happen. Stephens asked for direction on what course of action the board wanted him to pursue.

The board discussed the possibilities of getting a new bus to keep up with their rotation schedule, and also the possibility of replacing one of the school suburbs.

There was a motion by Dr. William Dean to go out for bids on a bus and a suburban which was seconded by Charles Tyer. Marty Lucke made a motion to amend Dean's original motion to include going out for a bid on a passenger car. Lucke's amendment to the motion was seconded by Lyle Miller. The amended motion passed, with five voting for it (Miller, Lucke, Rachael Castillo, Charles Tyer and John Woelfel) and two against (Freddie Morren and Dean).



You've heard of snow ice cream. Now there's snow coffee. I'm having some right now.

Stuck on the farm and lacking store-bought water, I opted to gather snow to brew my morning cup of java. I could have used gyp water from the well, but gyp water makes bad coffee. How did my parents drink gyp water coffee all those years? And how did I drink it straight? And I'm just talking about the water.

Never mind that the temperature this morning is between zero and ten. And never mind that I'd recently heard that snow ice cream is bad for you, meaning that snow coffee likely would also kill me.

After I melted the fresh snow in the microwave, strained it through a paper towel to removed foreign matter (the stuff you eat when you make snow ice cream) and coaxed my one habitual cup from my little espresso machine, I searched the Internet to see exactly why I shouldn't drink it, already intending

to drink it anyway.

In the background, morning television show hosts were talking about newly discovered dangers of drinking diet sodas -- not one of my vices. The news should have made me feel bad for people who drink diet drinks. Instead I felt a little smug.

Besides, as I drank coffee made from what I feared to be radiation-laced snow, it was comforting to think other people were killing themselves with diet Coke or whatever. Maybe it's the misery-loves-company syndrome. Or maybe it's just the idea that everything sort of balances out, as in "name your poison."

But, as I perused the Internet, coffee in hand, to learn what dangers lurked in snow, it became apparent that all the warnings about ingesting snow seem to be urban legends. My cursory search turned up nothing about radiation. I was almost disappointed. Instead, the bogus rumor seemed to be only that children who eat snow thereby stunt their growth.

Hmmm. If only that were true, maybe snow ice cream

could be the remedy for today's epidemic of juvenile obesity. But nothing's ever that easy.

Also, if it were true that snow stunts growth, then my cup of coffee might be a diet drink, except for the half-and-half.

Like I said, nothing's ever that easy.

Except last night I saw on television that a new way to get rid of fat is to freeze it. No kidding. It's like liposuction but requires no surgery. Instead, an external suction machine latches onto flab and freezes the fat cells without damaging the skin. Nifty.

Is it painful? Apparently not. The woman undergoing the procedure was reading a book.

It almost looked easy enough to figure out a way to do it at home.

Maybe someone will at least start an urban legend:

Lying on your belly naked in the snow will help you lose unwanted fat.

Me, I'd rather believe in the legendary stunt-your-growth properties of snow and have a bowl of snow ice cream. It's really good with half-and-half.

USDA Releases Status of 2010 Counter-Cyclical Payments for Certain Commodities and Peanuts Affected by Marketing Losses

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9, 2011 – Farm Service Agency Administrator Jonathan Coppers announced today that USDA will not issue partial 2010-crop counter-cyclical payments to producers of certain covered commodities. Payments will not be made to producers of wheat, corn, grain sorghum, barley, oats, upland cotton, long grain rice, medium grain rice, soybeans, sunflower seed, rapeseed, canola, safflower, flaxseed, mustard seed, crambe, sesame seed, dry peas, lentils, small chickpeas, large chickpeas, and peanuts. For all covered commodities and peanuts, market price projections exceed these payments.

"Counter-cyclical payments are authorized by

the 2008 Farm Bill to provide producers with a safety net during periods of low crop prices; but I know our farmers overwhelmingly prefer to receive compensation for their efforts from the marketplace," said Coppers.

In addition to the 2010 crop information, USDA announced it will not issue final 2009-crop counter-cyclical payments for long grain rice and medium grain (including short grain) rice because their average market prices exceeded levels that would trigger these payments.

For more information on the direct and counter-cyclical payment programs, including a table displaying the target price, projected average market price, loan rate,

direct payment rate, effective price and projected counter-cyclical rates, visit your local FSA office or the FSA DCP website: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dcp>.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

The City of Lockney, Texas, will receive bids for construction on the Lockney Poole Renovation until 10 a.m. on the 7th day of March, 2011 at the Lockney City Hall, 218 E. Locust Street, Lockney, TX. 79241. Mailing address: City of Lockney, P.O. Box 387, Lockney, Texas 7924, at which time and place all bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bids are invited for the construction of the following:

- 475 SY of Decking
- 260 LF of Tile
- 412 SY of Poole Plaster
- 225 LF of Coping
- 1 LS for Plumbing, Filters, Jets, Drain Covers and Ladders

Contract documents, including plans and specifications, are available at the office of OJD Engineering, LP., 502 N. Dowden Rd., Ste. 102, Wolforth, TX 79382, Phone 806-791-2300, Fax 806-791-2301. Documents may be purchased at a cost of \$50 per set. This fee is not refundable. Questions concerning this project should be addressed to Ben Lewis, P.E.

This bid is a unit price contract. Method of payments to contractor will be via check by the municipality after approved requests for payments.

A Bid Bond in the amount of 5% of the bid, issued by an acceptable surety, shall be submitted with each bid. A certified check or bank draft payable to the City of Lockney or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (at par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond. The successful Bidder must furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each in the amount of the contract, from a Surety Company holding a permit from the State of Texas, to act as a Surety or other Surety or Sureties satisfactory to the Owner. If the total bids is less than \$25,000, a Payment Bond will not be required.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Commerce and contained in the Contract Documents must be paid on the project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

Attention is called to General Condition 309, "Restrictions on Public Buildings and Public Works Projects". The Bidder certifies by the submission of its bid that it:

1. Is not a Contract of a foreign country included on the USTR list.
2. Has not and will not enter into any subcontract with a subcontractor of a foreign country included on the USTR list.
3. Will not provide any product of a foreign country included on the USTR list.

The City of Lockney reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any formalities in the bidding.

Bids may be held by the City of Lockney for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidders qualifications prior to awarding of the contract.

City of Lockney
Roger Stapp, Mayor
February 14, 2011

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COTTON

estimates were unchanged from last month while the 2010-11 world cotton figures showed marginal revisions. Production was reduced for Uzbekistan, while consumption was lowered for Bangladesh and Taiwan. The world ending stocks forecast was unchanged at 42.8 million bales.

"While the U.S. data was unchanged across-the-board, given the 20 cent price rise seen over the past 21 trading days since the department's last report, the fact that consumption didn't go down is a clue to the robust demand side of the balance sheet," an analyst said.

USDA released other information this week that some analysts found supportive to cotton in the long term. The data indicated that cotton will not be the first planting priority for the world's farmers in the 2011-12 season as food, not fiber, will come first in the agricultural landscape in the years ahead. Due to this situation, market

watchers say there is a very real chance that the new crop value could be drawn up to where old crop values are currently.

Adding support to the data reports from China show the government there has increased the minimum price farmers will be paid for their rice crop next season. The announcement was made in response to fears that food shortage may result from the drought conditions affecting the nation. Cotton analyst world-wide will be watching for additional moves from the Chinese government to ensure that as much food as possible is grown in China which will only amplify the resulting decrease in the importance placed on cotton production.

In the meantime, analyst still are optimistic about the future of U.S. cotton and the prospect for increased export to Asian mills.

"The bull continued to have his way this week as cotton prices soared to new record highs on textile mill price fixations," a trader said. "Both the technical and fundamental pictures remain supportive of higher prices. The U.S. dollar continues to strengthen against the Euro but finds itself under limited pressure against the Asian currencies. Thus, I think the demand for cotton from the great Asian textile industry should provide excellent fundamental support for the remainder of the year," he explained.

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OPINION



The Paperboy

People kill people

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

Those who advocate gun control take heed: Maksim Gelman, 23, is charged with killing his ex-girlfriend and her mother as well as his father and a pedestrian with a knife.

Gelman is alleged to have stabbed his father to death in Brooklyn. Police say he had a fight with his mother when she refused to let him use her Lexus and his 54-year-old father intervened. Six hours later he arrived in his ex-girlfriend's house, where he murdered her 56-year-old mother, also with a knife.

Yelena Bulchenko, 20, the girlfriend, called the police when she found her mother's body. However, Gelman was still in the house and chased her outside before stabbing her 11 times.

While fleeing the scene in the Lexus, the suspect hit 62-year-old Stephen Tanenbaum, who later died of his injuries.

The bottom line is this: people have been killing each other forever. If it's not guns, it's knives. If there are no knives around, they'll use rocks.

Let's say the federal government decides to rewrite the constitution and take away firearms from citizens. That's a tall order. How many of you would surrender your guns without putting up a fight?

Like so many problems in the U.S., it's not law abiding citizens which are the problem. The proof lies in the millions of gun owners who hunt or collect firearms with very few incidents recorded each year.

It's safe to say when someone is unstable enough to commit murder, they'll do it by any means necessary.

There are laws on the books which allow for common

sense gun control. When those laws are broken, people with bad intentions obtain weapons.

It's a slap in the face to gun owners to be held in the same regard as gang members and bank robbers.

Consider this, there are currently strict gun laws in Mexico. The law abiding citizens don't have them. So how is Mexico leading the hemisphere in murders? Because the criminals own the guns and can force their will on the citizens.

Last century, Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia took firearms from the citizenry. Shortly after, millions of unarmed citizens were murdered by their own government.

Those who say guns are used only to kill innocent human beings lack an important point in their reasoning. That sentiment fails to distinguish between moral and immoral uses of force. Do the police and soldiers carry guns to kill innocent people? Does a convenience store owner with a shotgun under the counter want to kill innocent human beings?

There is no way the Founding Fathers could envision the guns of today. Fair enough. However, they trusted responsible, well-armed citizens as a hedge against tyranny, whether by individuals or governments.

Keep the guns out of the hands of criminals and those deemed mentally unstable. As far as the rest of us are concerned, as the late Charlton Heston once voiced, "There's no such thing as a good gun. There's no such thing as a bad gun. A gun in the hands of a bad man is a very dangerous thing. A gun in the hands of a good person is no danger to anyone except the bad guys. So they can have my gun when they pry it off my cold dead fingers."

President Obama is off base when it comes to invest-

ments and that mentality is leading to increased spending at a time when we need to cut back.

I don't seem to remember the U.S. government at Kitty Hawk making the first flight.

Correct me if I'm wrong, but the government was not in Detroit rolling Fords off of the assembly line.

The government did not invent the computer and Bill Gates and Steve Jobs have done wonders in this world with their innovative thinking.

I understand Obama wants to turn the economy around, but investing in areas where the private sector sets the pace, is not a way to reduce spending.

This country was built through innovation and competition with little government intervention. In my opinion, that's how it will grow again.

If you recall, Uncle Sam intervened in 2008 to "save" several companies including General Motors. GM, which lost \$26.4 billion last year, has announced it will give \$400 million in bonuses to top executives. The automaker will also give an average bonus of \$4,000 each to hourly workers.

Does that make any sense at all? No, but that's how the government spends your tax dollars.

The government needs to protect us and get out of the way. Instead, Uncle Sam continues to grow to the point of being so large, he can't get out of the way of working Joe. The philosophy of big government is a failed one. One which will eventually lead to our demise as a world economic leader and a country as a whole.

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Other Opinions

A Debt that Cannot Be Paid

By BILL WILSON

This week, Barack Obama submitted his ten-year budget from the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB). With a straight face, he said of the proposal, "[W]e're going to have to get serious about cutting back on those things that would be nice to have but we can do without."

Obama explained, "That's what families across the country do every day — they live within their means and they invest in their family's futures. And it's time we did the same thing as a country. That's how we're going to get our fiscal house in order." Again, all with a straight face.

Unfortunately, Obama does not propose doing "the same thing" as families do every month, which is actually balance the budget.

In fact, under his plan, the budget will never be balanced. The national debt, now \$14.1 trillion, will never be repaid. It will continue to grow into perpetuity, as it has every year since 1958. Even under the rosier of scenarios projected by the Obama Administration, the debt will be growing faster than the economy and be larger than the economy — for the foreseeable future.

By 2021, under the Obama budget, the national debt will balloon to \$26.3 trillion from its current level of \$14.1 trillion, an 86.5 percent increase. The Gross Domestic Product (GDP), on the other hand, will only grow by 69 percent during that same time frame to

\$24.896 trillion.

This year alone, the national debt will grow to \$15.4 trillion, larger than the entire economy for the first time since World War II. Thereafter, the debt-to-GDP levels will stay above 100 percent, growing every single year.

If spending is not cut drastically and the debt paid down at fixed intervals like a mortgage payment, one day the debt will become too large to service, let alone be paid down. Net interest alone will be \$844 billion annually by 2021, a number that will easily double by 2030, if not triple.

But even that number hides the full amount of interest that actually must be paid on the debt. "Net interest" as reported by the government does not include the amount of interest paid into the Social Security, Medicare, and other government trust funds, according to an obscure spreadsheet released by OMB entitled, "Outlays for Mandatory and Related Programs: 1962–2016".

For example, in 2010, the government reports that \$196 billion in "net interest" was paid. What it does not readily mention is that in 2010, the Treasury actually paid out \$413 billion in interest. \$216 billion went into the trust funds, but were subtracted out from the deficit, even though they essentially added to the debt. And even though it is a real obligation that must be paid.

This accounting gimmick allows the government to underreport the real budget deficit

every single year and simultaneously count the trust fund interest payments to Social Security and Medicare solvency. House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan had a similar objection to \$500 billion in Medicare cuts from ObamaCare being counted twice by the government to make its numbers look better.

Of course, nobody believed ObamaCare's claims to being deficit-neutral. And nobody should believe the government's similar claims that these interest payments can be controlled.

Right now, this financing challenge for the Treasury is currently met only by borrowing ever more money. That the challenge is understated by their own government should be alarming to most Americans.

In reality, the total interest owed will actually be over an eye-popping \$1.2 trillion in 2021. And since the government never anticipates the debt being paid down, the number will easily grow to over \$2.4 trillion by 2030. Again, that's a real obligation that must be paid — every year.

But eventually, we will not be able to pay it. What nobody can say for certain is where the tipping point is. But what is certain is that no system can be sustained that always spends more than it takes in and never repays any debt. It has never happened in history, and it never will happen.

That is why Congress must consider real proposals to significantly reduce the deficit and pay down the debt, before these numbers

become reality. Because once they do, and once the debt becomes so large that it cannot be serviced, the U.S. will default on its obligations.

Will we default at 100 percent of debt-to-GDP? 200 percent? 300 percent? Again, it is hard to say when it will happen, but it is certain that we will eventually default on this trajectory.

It is through this lens that all spending proposals must be judged, whether from Obama or congressional Republicans. Does the proposal avert the now-inevitable default? Does it prevent the debt from growing by leaps and bounds? Does it include a repayment plan?

So far, no serious plan answers those questions. But those are the questions that Americans across the country can easily answer about their own family budgets. They are not in danger of default, because they reduce their debt load every year and make their payments on time and in full. That, in fact, is "what families across the country do every day" and what government has not been able to do for more than a generation.

Americans really do want a government that can live within its means. But that is not what Obama is offering. If his budget is not brought under control soon, it will reduce the standard of living for every American family. When the house of cards comes tumbling down, the dollar will collapse, interest rates and taxes will soar, and it will be perfectly clear that the debt cannot be paid.

Other Views

Wisconsin Takes on Big Labor

By ADAM BITELY

Wisconsin is yet again leading the way forward for the entire nation. Governor Scott Walker, in a bold and brave step, is making drastic and far reaching changes to the relationship between his state and the government employee unions that represent Wisconsin government employees.

The changes could not come soon enough, as Wisconsin is facing devastating budget shortfalls.

The plan proposed by Governor Walker effects most state and local employees, including teachers. Most local law enforcement and fire fighters will be exempt from his proposal.

The proposal that Governor Walker has put in front of the legislature will greatly limit the role that the government employees' unions play in Wisconsin. Walker's plan would:

- Eliminates the ability of state employees to bargain over anything except wages. This excludes benefits and work rules from the bargaining table;
- Makes state & local employees right-to-work;
- Requires an annual vote for unions to remain recognized as workers' collective bargaining representatives;
- Prohibits state agencies from collecting union dues;

- Requires wage increases above and beyond inflation to be approved by a popular referendum;

- Requires state employees to contribute half of the cost of their pension payments, up from nothing now. This works out to 6 percent of their salaries;

- Requires state employees to cover 12 percent of their healthcare premiums.

In effect, Walker's plan completely curbs the power of the union — a good first move to get Big Labor's money sucking tendencies under control.

Of course, Big Labor doesn't feel good about Walker's proposal. Reacting to the Governor's plan, Wisconsin State AFL-CIO President Phil Neuenfeldt said, "Instead of balancing the budget on the backs of hard-working Wisconsinites, we need to come up with a balanced approach that looks at shared sacrifice from everyone."

The statement from Neuenfeldt ignores the fact that the budget shortfall burden is indeed on the backs of hard-working Wisconsinites. After all, the taxpayers in Wisconsin are the ones who pay the bills that the government and the union, rack up.

And why shouldn't taxpayers have the right to decide if

state employees should receive compensation raises that are absurd anywhere else in the marketplace. Governor Walker's proposal would drastically limit the ability of public sector unions to extort absurd levels of compensation from Wisconsin taxpayers.

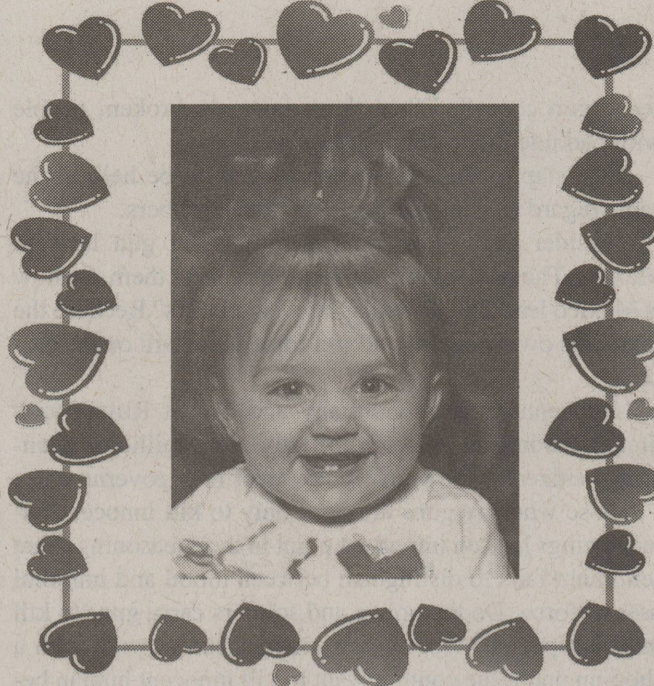
If passed, the proposal would also severely limit the ability for the extremely partisan union in playing a major role inside of government. For far too long, the AFL-CIO has been allowed to run around the inner workings of government without check. This proposal would tamp down the role that the left-wing labor group can play in Wisconsin — a move that puts government on a more fair playing field for all Wisconsinites.

States across the nation should be looking at Governor Scott Walker's plan as a model for their own states. As state budget crises loom from coast to coast drastic changes are needed more than ever. Allowing state budget malfeasance to continue only invites disaster. Wisconsin has set a path forward for states to reign in their out-of-control spending — we can only hope that others are paying attention.

Happy Valentine's Day



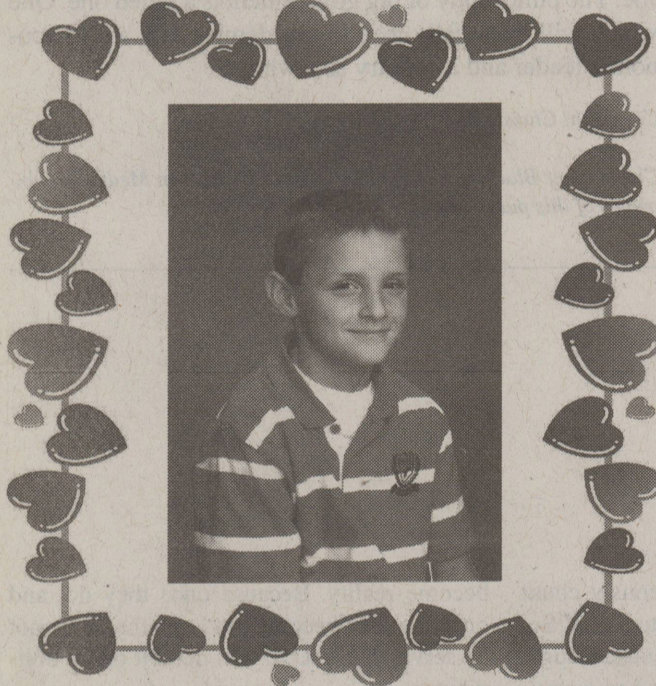
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BELLA RYAN ANDERSON, 13 MONTHS, daughter of Dusty and Brook Anderson of Celina. Grandparents are Mike and Barbara Anderson of Floydada and Mitch and Michelle Harrison of Quinlan, Texas. Great-grandparents are Joyce Adkins of Ralls and the late Lawrence M. Simmons, Jr. of Crosbyton, Louis and Ferne Anderson of Floydada, Robbie Mayo of Quinlan and Merl Harrison of Dallas and the late Tom Harrison.



CHLOE LILYANN ANDERSON, 8 MONTHS, daughter of Monty and Ginger Anderson of Celina. Grandparents are Mike and Barbara Anderson of Floydada, Greg and Patty McDonnell of Collinsville and Mike and Denise McHorse of Odessa. Great-grandparents are Joyce Adkins of Ralls and the late Lawrence M. Simmons, Jr. of Crosbyton, Louis and Ferne Anderson of Floydada, Martin Omra and Joan McHorse of Menard and the late Gray and Mary Alice Webb of Crane.



TRENT ESPINOSA, 9, son of Dusty and Brook Anderson of Celina. Grandparents are Mike and Barbara Anderson of Floydada and Mitch and Michelle Harrison of Quinlan, Texas. Great-grandparents are Joyce Adkins of Ralls and the late Lawrence M. Simmons, Jr. of Crosbyton, Louis and Ferne Anderson of Floydada, Robbie Mayo of Quinlan and Merl Harrison of Dallas and the late Tom Harrison.



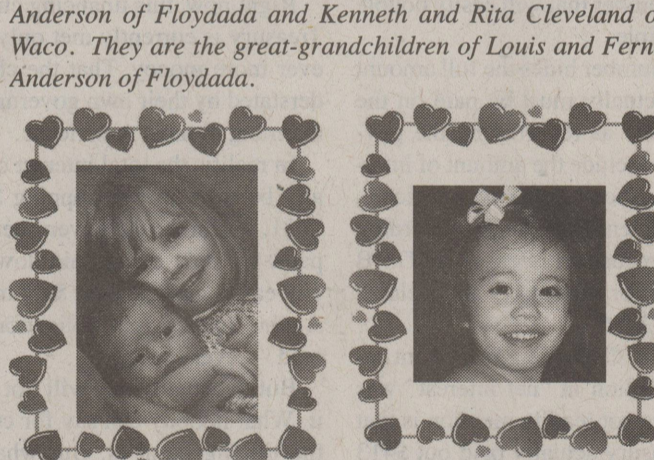
MACI TEAGAN ANDERSON, 7, TAYTUM ANN ANDERSON, 22 MONTHS, LAYNEE MORGAN ANDERSON, 5, AND JAYLEE RAIN ANDERSON, 6. Maci and Taytum are the daughters of Todd and Ashley Anderson of Whitney. Grandparents are Steve and Donna Anderson of Floydada and Mike and Kim Sharrow of Whitney and Kenneth and Rita Cleveland of Waco. Laynee and Jaylee are the daughters of Brady Anderson of New Deal and Andrea Anderson of Waco. Grandparents are Steve and Donna Anderson of Floydada and Kenneth and Rita Cleveland of Waco. They are the great-grandchildren of Louis and Ferne Anderson of Floydada.



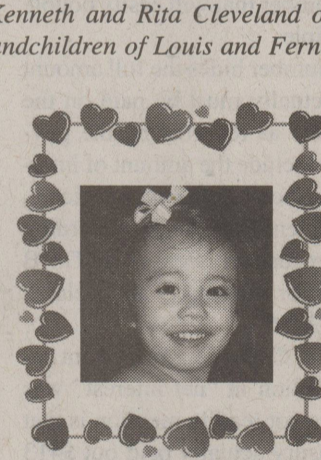
PAYTON RILEY ABLES, 4 MONTHS, daughter of Sean and Ashley Ables of Idalou. Grandparents are Gerry and Vickie Norrell of Floydada and Pat and Donna Ables of Lubbock. Great-grandparents are Harold and Charlene Norrell of Floydada, Inette Johnson of Tulia, Sherry Ables of Lubbock and Don and Janet Copeland of Lubbock. Great-grandmother is Nell Hendrick of Lubbock.



MADDIE MCENDREE, 8, GREYSON ADRIAN, 9, PARKER MCENDREE, 7, AND JACKSON ADRIAN, 12. Maddie and Parker are children of Erin and Darryl McEndree of Millsap. Greyson and Jackson are the children of Clay and Shea Adrian of Shallowater. Grandparents are Larry and Sandy Adrian and Donnie and Judy Jackson, all of Lockney. Great-grandparents are David and Bettye Jackson of Lockney, Gladys Wood of Olton, Donald Adrian of Petersburg and Carlos Edgemon of Oklahoma.



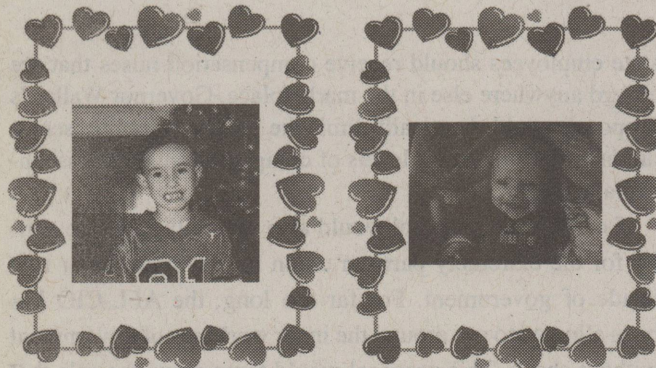
JOEY ARNOLD, 7 MONTHS, AND CAROLINE ARNOLD, 4, children of Jay and Beth Arnold of Pleasant Hill, Illinois. Grandparents are Bruce Atkinson and the late Beth Atkinson of Floydada. Great-grandmother is Margarette Word of Floydada.



AIVREY JADE BENNETT, 2, daughter of Alyssa Bennett and Raul Mendoza, Jr., both of Floydada. Grandparents are Ricky and Jill Bennett and Dianna and Raul Mendoza, both of Floydada. Great-grandparents are Harold Wayne and Geneva Bennett of Floydada, Roy Lee and Sue Walker of Seymour, Tomas and Virginia Hernandez of Floydada and the late Jesusa Mendoza of Floydada.



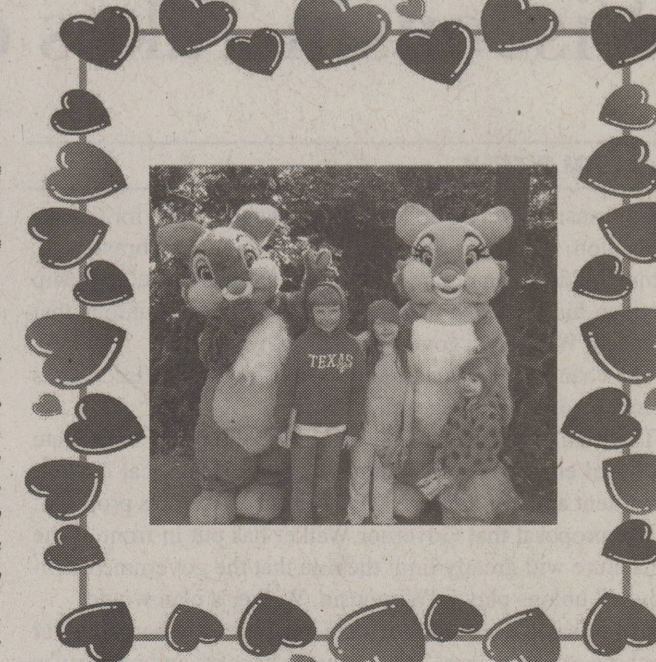
BRAE BREWER, 3, son of Shayla Brewer of Lockney. Grandparents are Terry and Charlotte Brewer of Daingerfield. Great-grandparents are Ledell Brewer and the late Dowell Brewer of Lockney.



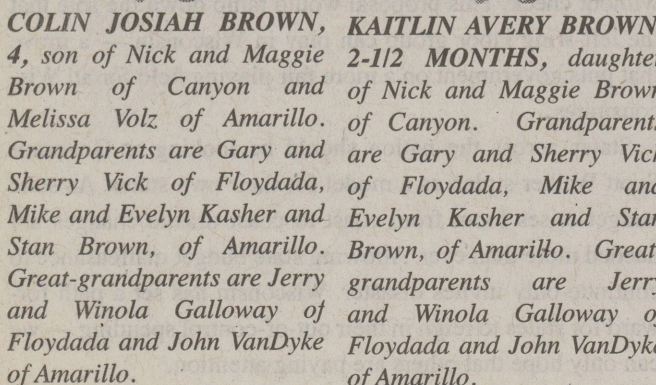
WYATT ALAN KEITH BROWN, 5, son of Nick and Maggie Brown of Canyon and Melissa Volz of Amarillo. Grandparents are Gary and Sherry Vick of Floydada, Mike and Evelyn Kasher and Stan Brown, of Amarillo. Great-grandparents are Jerry and Winola Galloway of Floydada and John VanDyke of Amarillo.



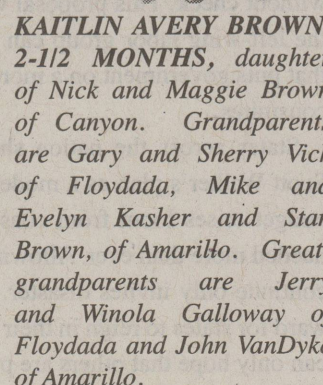
DEMPSTER KEN CAMPBELL, 23 MONTHS, son of Jason and Robin Campbell of Dougherty Community. Grandparents are Polly Campbell and the late Ken Campbell of Dougherty and Tom and Shelley Conner of Ozona. Great-grandparents are Betty Campbell and the late Vance Campbell of Dougherty Community, Katie Jones and the late Dempster Jones of Ozona and Raleigh and Jean Conner of Ozona.



MALCOLM CARR, 9, CHARLOTTE CARR, 8, AND SASHA CARR, 5, children of David and Michelle Carr of Los Alamos, New Mexico. Grandparents are Charles and Ann Carr of Floydada. Great-grandmother is Margarette Word of Floydada.



COLIN JOSIAH BROWN, 4, son of Nick and Maggie Brown of Canyon and Melissa Volz of Amarillo. Grandparents are Gary and Sherry Vick of Floydada, Mike and Evelyn Kasher and Stan Brown, of Amarillo. Great-grandparents are Jerry and Winola Galloway of Floydada and John VanDyke of Amarillo.



KAITLIN AVERY BROWN, 2-1/2 MONTHS, daughter of Nick and Maggie Brown of Canyon. Grandparents are Gary and Sherry Vick of Floydada, Mike and Evelyn Kasher and Stan Brown, of Amarillo. Great-grandparents are Jerry and Winola Galloway of Floydada and John VanDyke of Amarillo.





CALLIE CRISWELL, 11, BRADY CRISWELL, 4, CAMDEN JOHNTSON, 7, BODE CRISWELL, 8 MONTHS, RILEY CRISWELL, 2, AND CASH JOHNSTON, 9 MONTHS. Callie, Brady and Bode are the children of Marri and Casey Criswell of Shallowater and Callie is also the daughter of Lana and Scott Gibbs of Bonham. Camden and Cash are the sons of Corey and RaNay Johnston of Floydada. They are the grandchildren of Hulon and Anne Carthel of Floydada.



KARAH LIANNE CAVAZOS, 10 MONTHS, daughter of Andrew and Felisha Cavazos of Floydada. Grandparents are Robert and Connie Luna, and Salvador Cavazos and Juile Cavazos, all of Floydada. Great-grandparents are Robert and Gloria Cavazos of Floydada.



JAKOB ALLEN CUELLAR, 3, son of Jaime Cuellar and Kim Garza of Floydada. Grandparents are Jaime and Maria Cuellar and Harvey and Martha Garza, all of Floydada. Great-grandparents are Dolores DeLaFuente of Floydada, Oscar and Cande Garza of Floydada, Juan Garcia of Floydada and Dora Enriquez of Lubbock.



CHARLIE DEWBRE, 19 MONTHS, son of Ryan and Sarah Dewbre of Portland, Texas. Grandparents are Jim and Kay Martin of Lockney and Jerry and Kathy Dewbre of Corpus Christi. Great-grandparents are Naomi Johnston of Lockney and JoAnne McGiboney of Flower Mound.



ABIGAIL FLIPPIN, 10, daughter of Ty and Brandi Flippin of Georgetown. Grandparents are Dennis and Kathy Ross of Floydada and Ricky and Susan Flippin of Edmonson. Great-grandparents are Herman and Bonnie Graham of Floydada, Mary Henderson of Plainview, Wanda Flippin of Plainview and Faye Walker of Lubbock.



HANNAH FLIPPIN, 8, daughter of Ty and Brandi Flippin of Georgetown. Grandparents are Dennis and Kathy Ross of Floydada and Ricky and Susan Flippin of Edmonson. Great-grandparents are Herman and Bonnie Ross of Floydada, Mary Henderson of Plainview, Wanda Flippin of Plainview and Faye Walker of Lubbock.



SAWYER FRANCIS, 4, AND AUBREY FRANCIS, 2, children of Matthew and Kylan Francis of Silverton. Grandparents are Mark and Dee Sanders of Floydada and Dan and Donna Francis of Silverton. Great-grandparents are Sterling and Gleyenn Earle Cummings of South Plains, Connie Sanders of South Plains and Denny and Johnnie Mack Quisenberry of Floydada.



CAMPBELL MARIE FERRELL, 5, daughter of Brandi Ferrell of Floydada. Grandparents are Robert and Tina Carter of Crosbyton.



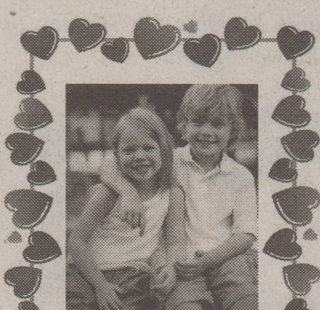
KEEGAN FERRELL, 7, son of Brandi Ferrell of Floydada. Grandparents are Robert and Tina Carter of Crosbyton.



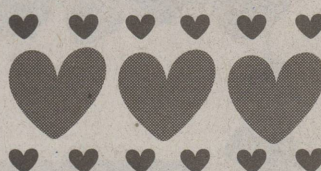
GRACE ADDISON GONZALES, 2, daughter of Freddie and Nikki Gonzales of Floydada. Grandparents are Johnny and Corina Gonzales of Lockney and Sue McCully of Mason, Texas. Great-grandparents are Noe and Rachael Blanco of Lockney and Virginia Beam of Mason, Texas



ISAIAH JOEL GONZALES, son of Johnny Gonzales Jr. and Jessica Ruiz Gonzales. Grandparents are Johnny and Corina Gonzales of Lockney and Josue and Blanca Ruiz. Great-grandparents are Noe and Rachel Blanco



KELLIS GREEN, 7, AND RAINEY GREEN, 4, daughters of Kori and Pat Green of Fort Worth, Texas. Grandparents are Rick and Kathy Kellison of Lockney, Jack and Patty Burgess of Waco and Craven and Nancy Green of Waco. Great-grandparents are Kathleen Thornton of Lockney and Jean Morris of Waco



BROOKLYN, 5 MONTHS, JACKSON, 3, WESTIN, 5 MONTHS, GAGE, 5 MONTHS AND KYNLEE, 5 MONTHS, children of Clint and Jackie Hacker of Lubbock. Grandparents are Sherry and Clifford Hacker of Knox City. Great-grandparents are LeRoy and Loretta Burns of Floydada.



KORBYN RAE LYNN HAYES, 2, daughter of Brooke Hayes. Grandparents are Ricky and Jill Bennett of Floydada. Great-grandparents are Harold Wayne and Geneva of Floydada, Roy Lee and Sue Walker of Seymour and Delbert Hayes of Munday.



BRYLEE REESE HEFLIN, 1 MONTH, daughter of Ty and Jenna Hefflin of Floydada. Grandparents are Bernie and Cindy Ford of Lockney and Rick and Brenda Hefflin of Floydada. Great-grandparents are Byron and Patsy Ford of Lockney, Rob and Edna Hefflin of Plainview, Kay Hicks of Floydada and Carole Dyer of Dimmitt.



JAIVYN JAMES IBARRA, 1-1/2, son of Jesse Ibarra, Jr. and Tiffany Vasquez, both of Floydada. Grandparents are Lucio and Irma Vasquez and Jesse and Cindy Ibarra, all of Floydada. Great-grandparents are Maria Briones, the late Luis and Juanita Vasquez, and Jesse and Irma Ibarra, all of Floydada and Servando and Luz Maria Charles of Slaton. Great-great-grandparents are Juan Ibarra and the late San Juana Ibarra of Floydada, Juanita Charles of Silverton and the late Rojelio Charles, and Tomasita DeLeon of Lockney.



ELLA GRACE HIGHTOWER, 5 MONTHS, daughter of Cody and Katie Hightower of Andrews. Grandparents are Brent and Sarah Sanders of Floydada and Rickey and Shelly Hightower of Lamesa. Great-grandparents are Oneta Hightower and the late Earl Hightower of Lamesa, William and Sarah Hatchett of Lamesa, the late Sam Puckett and Frances Puckett Sheppard of Floydada and the late M.L. and Polly Simpson of Dimmitt.



KINLEY JADE JOHNSON, daughter of Carson and Lindsay Johnston of Lubbock. Grandparents are Carlton and Diane Johnson of South Plains and David and Debbie Roberts of Hale Center. Great-grandparents are Byron and Patsy Ford of Lockney and LN and Carlene Johnson of South Plains. Great-great-grandparents are Margie Kerchum of Muleshoe and Patricia Givens of Hale Center.



BROCK ALLEN HENDERSON, 2, son of Hank and Megan Henderson of Lockney. Grandparents are Randy and Nancy Henderson of Lockney and Suzanne and Larry Hampton of Wheeler. Great-grandparents are JoAnn Stevens of Lubbock and Melvin and Jenelle Brock of Amarillo.



CHRISTOPHER HUDSON LEE, son of Allison and Colby Lee of St. Louis Missouri. Grandparents are Dr. Gary and Brenda Mangold of Lockney and Danny and Kim Lee of Midland.



KATIE LEE, 9, daughter of Johnny and Tammi Lee of Lubbock. Grandparents are Jerry and Winola Galloway of Floydada, Freddie Lee of Tulia and Paula McAdams of Frankston. Great-grandmother is Georgia Lee of Tulia.





HAGEN MICHAEL HINSLEY, 4, AND RILYNN CHRISTINE HINSLEY, 2, children of Chad and Kelli Hinsley of Floydada. Grandparents are Michael and Linda Hinsley, Glen Bertrand and Debbie Bertrand, all of Floydada. Great-grandparents are Wanda Williams, Wynell Hinsley, Austin and Dovie Holmes and Helen Bertrand, all of Floydada.



TARA HUGHES, 19, BRODY HUGHES, 3, AND REAGAN HUGHES, 13, children of Roger and Tiffany Hughes of Floydada. Grandparents are Pam and Gary Bennett of Floydada and Butch and Janice Hughes of Flomot. Great-grandparents are Harold Wayne and Geneva Bennett of Floydada.



CASH JOHNSON AND CANON JOHNSON, sons of Tanner and Paige Johnson of Paducah. Grandparents are Carlton and Diane Johnson of South Plains and Linda Meador of Lubbock. Great-grandparents are Byron and Patsy Ford of Lockney and LN and Carlene Johnson of South Plains. **PARSON PATTON AND PECOS PATTON** sons of Josh and Velvet Patton of Burnet. Grandparents are Carlton and Diane Johnson of South Plains and Tim Patton of Odessa. Great-grandparents are Byron and Patsy Ford of Lockney and LN and Carlene Johnson of South Plains.



ALEXXA LOHN, 3, daughter of Will and Tobi Lohn. Grandparents are Dart and Joann Carthel of Lockney and Billy and Jackie Lohn of Brady. Great-grandparents are Bobby and Mervean Carthel of Lockney, Bobby and Ann McCormick of Lockney, and Patsy Lohn of Brady.



JETT MARTIN, 5, son of Allen and Brandy Martin of Canyon. Grandparents are Jim and Kay Martin of Lockney and George and Maria Blanch of Hixon. Great-grandparents are Naomi Johnston of Lockney and JoAnn McGiboney of Flower Mound.



JONATHAN MARTIN, 6, son of Allen and Brandy Martin of Canyon. Grandparents are Jim and Kay Martin of Lockney and George and Maria Blanch of Nixon. Great-grandparents are Naomi Johnston of Lockney and Jo Anne McGiboney of Flower Mound.



ELYANNA MEDELLIN, 8, AND NORIA LYNA MEDELLIN, 2. Elyanna is the daughter of Martin and Crystal Medellin and Jacqueline Rendon, all of Floydada. Nori is the daughter of Martin and Crystal Medellin of Floydada.



JENNAD'NEAMARTINEZ, 13 MONTHS, daughter of Justin and Rina Martinez of Lockney. Grandparents are Tony and Shelly Martinez of Dougherty and Johnny and Corrina Gonzales of Lockney. Great-grandparents are Bill and Ersie VanCleve of Dougherty, Noe and Rachel Blanco of Lockney, the late Joe and Lila Martinez of Dougherty and the late Manuel and Eloisa Gonzales of Lockney.



COLSON PATE AND HAGEN PATE sons of Derrick and Leigha Pate of Lockney. Grandparents are Lanny and Connie Barnett of Lockney, Johnny and Teresa Wood of Lockney and Dennis Pate of Lubbock



KASSANDRA LIZETT, 8, CHRISTIAN ALEXANDER, 7, CHRISTOPHER EVAN, 3, AND KATELYN ANAHILE, 3, grandchildren of Martin and Francisca Ramirez of Floydada.



KEENAN NIXON, 11, KIRBY NIXON, 13, AND RANCE NIXON, 6. Keenan and Kirby are the sons of Gary and Robin Nixon of Floydada. Grandparents are Leslie and Doris Nixon of Floydada and Bob and Nancy Bowden of Plainview. Great-grandparent is Ena Trauer of Houston, Texas. Rance is the son of Keith Nixon and Amy Nixon, both of Dallas. Grandparents are Leslie and Doris Nixon of Floydada and Gloria Nicoud of Dallas.



KIRSTEN LYN PYLE, 4, AND MADISON PAIGE PYLE, 20 MONTHS, daughters of Jason and Lindsey Pyle of Floydada. Grandparents are Robert and Paula Pyle and Rick and Kelli Reddy, all of Floydada. Great-grandparents are Louis and Virginia Pyle of Floydada, Sterling and Gleyenn Earle Cummings of Lockney, Caroly Lyons of Lubbock and Richard and Dorothy Lyons of Blue Springs, Missouri. Great-grandmother is Faye Cranston of Dysart, Iowa.



ETHAN PATRICK REA, 3, AND ELLISYN DREW REA, 16 MONTH are the children of Crystal and David Rea of Lubbock. Grandparents are Tami and Jon Nielson of Floydada, Kathleen and Johnny Harris of Hartsville, South Carolina and Terry and Patricia Rea of Andrews. Great-grandparents are Glenda and James Sullivan of Levelland, Jean and Chuck Nelson of Lindrieth, New Mexico and Dolly and JR Rea of Andrews.



KAINDYN LANE REESE, 1, is the son of Kimberly Gatlin of Lockney. Grandparents are Kay McCulloch of Lockney and Dale Gatlin of Plainview. Great-grandparent is the late Floeita Ames of Plainview.





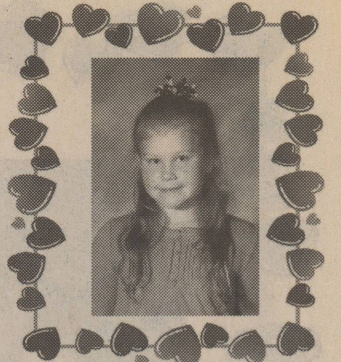
MARIA ELISA SALDANA, 2 YEARS 7 MONTHS, daughter of Eladio Saldana and Crystal Linda Alvarez of Lubbock. Grandparents are Benito Jr. and Carmen Alvarez, Victor Del Toro and Maria Saldana, all of Floydada. Great-grandparents are Benito Alvarez, Sr., of Plainview, Jose Carmen, Maria Suarez and Romana Alvarez.



GRAHAM SANDERS, 2, son of Dane and Robin Sanders of South Plains. Grandparents are Mark and Dee Sanders of Floydada and Larry and Nancy Kirk of Levelland. Great-grandparents are Connie Sanders of South Plains, Sterling and Gleyenn Earle Cummings of South Plains, Louis and Ferne Anderson of Floydada and Betty Motley of Olton.



SAMUEL SCHEELE, 15, PETER SCHEELE, 15, AND LYDIA ZHEN ZHEN SCHEELE, 7, children of Ralph and Debra Scheele of Rockwall. Grandparents are Don and Martha Gregory of Crescent, Oklahoma and Otero Scheele and the late Albert Scheele of Providence.



TASHA SCHLUETER, 8, daughter of Shad and Cynthia Schlueter of Lockney. Grandparents are Jim and Kay Martin of Lockney and Duayne and Sue Schlueter of Sweetwater. Great-grandparents are Naomi Johnston of Lockney and JoAnne McGiboney of Flower Mound.



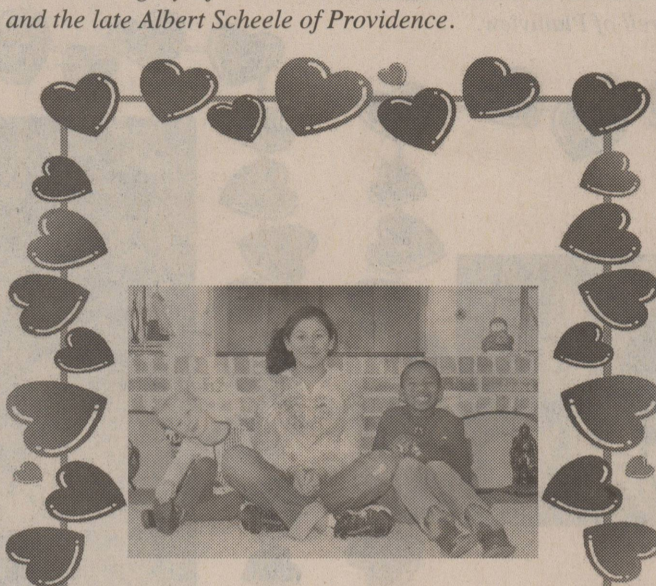
TRISTAN SCHLUETER, 10, son of Shad and Cynthia Schlueter of Lockney. Grandparents are Jim and Kay Martian of Lockney and Duayne and Sue Schlueter of Sweetwater. Great-grandparents are Naomi Johnston of Lockney and JoAnne McGiboney of Flower Mound.



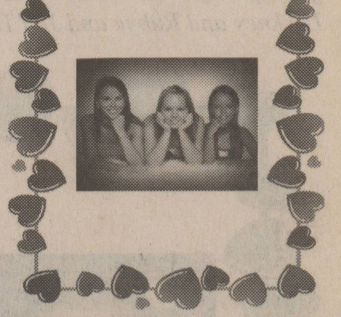
TUCKER SCHLUETER, 5, son of Shad and Cynthia Schlueter of Lockney. Grandparents are Jim and Kay Martin of Lockney and Duayne and Sue Schlueter of Sweetwater. Great-grandparents are Naomi Johnston of Lockney and JoAnne McGiboney of Flower Mound.



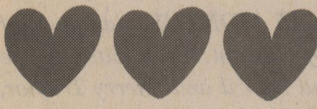
TRINITY SCHLUETER, 4, daughter of Shad and Cynthia Schlueter of Lockney. Grandparents are Jim and Kay Martian of Lockney and Duayne and Sue Schlueter of Sweetwater. Great-grandparents are Naomi Johnston of Lockney and JoAnne McGiboney of Flower Mound.



KELSEY, 4, ZAHNA, 11, AND ELIAS, 7, children of Gary and Ange Armstrong of Amarillo. Grandmother is Mary Shurbet of Floydada.



LOGAN SPRY, 17, NIKKI SPRY, 14, AND EMY SPRY, 11, daughters of Katee Spry and Bobby Spry, both of Lexington, North Carolina. Grandparents are Mary Garrett and Tom Garrett, both of Floydada. Great-grandmother is Margarett Word of Floydada.



BAYLEE STAPLES, 11, daughter of Bill and Mika Staples of Waxahachie. Grandparents are Howard and Annelda Staples of South Plains and Mike and Lisa Hawkins of Wichita Falls.



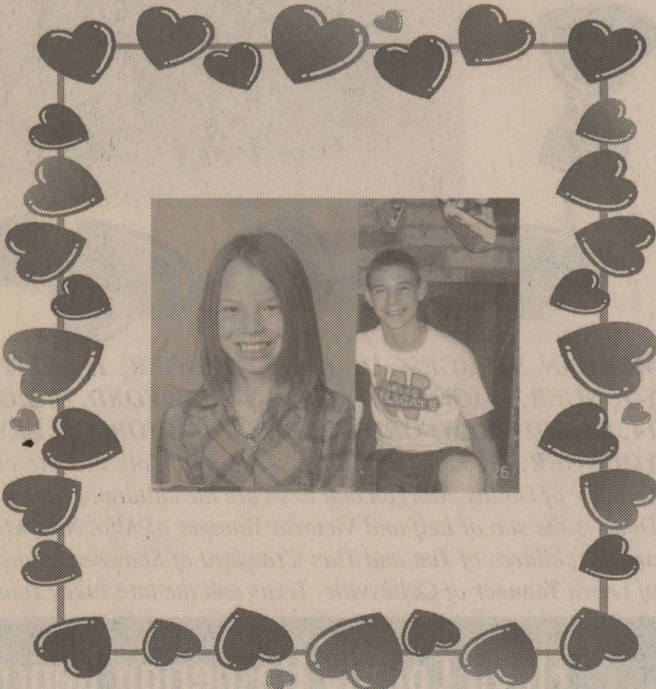
MALIEYA STAPLES, 18 MONTHS, daughter of Kevin and Nelyn Staples of Fort Worth. Grandparents are Howard and Annelda Staples of South Plains.



JACOB STARK, 6 MONTHS, AND BRAXTON STARK, 4, sons of Vance and Marilyn Stark of Dougherty. Grandparents are Mike and Cheryle Stark of Dougherty. Great-grandmother is Betty Jean Campbell of Dougherty Community.



HENLEY RANE STOERNER, daughter of Heath and Cailey Stoerner of Plainview. Grandparents are Martin and Robin Stoerner of Lockney and John and Chris Truitt of Bangs.



SHAYLEE TYANN STOVALL, 9, AND ZAC FITZGERALD, 15, children of Ty Stovall of Grady and Debra and Monte Swanson of Lubbock. Grandparents are Robert and Darlean Stovall of Floydada and the late Sid and D'Anne Tetens of Lubbock.



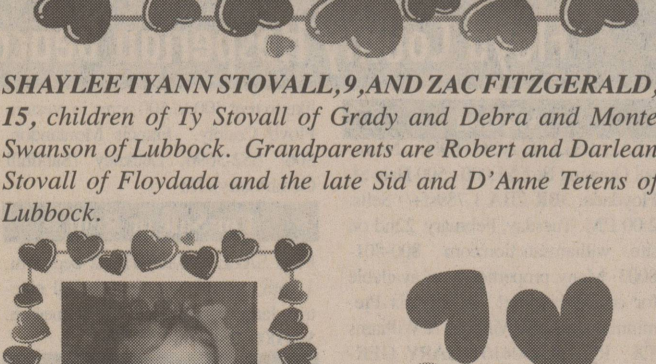
LYNNLEE SURLER, 18 MONTHS, daughter of Jason and Kristen Surler of Dilley. Grandparents are Rick and Kathy Kellison of Lockney and Chris and Lea Surler of Dilley. Great-grandparents are Kathleen Thornton of Lockney, Vea Goode of Kerrville, and Clint and Martha Surler of Palestine.



PAYTON TEEPLE, 8, AND CALIN TEEPLE, 4, children of Brian and Aimee Teeple of Floydada. Grandparents are Alan and Kathi Fondy of Plainview and Dwight and Helen Teeple of South Plains Community. Great-grandparents are Evelyn Fondy of Greenville and Juanita Teeple of Plainview.



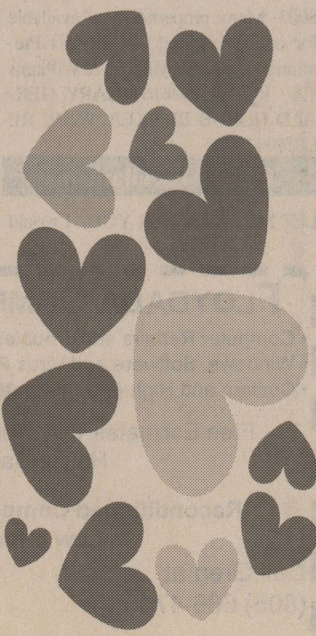
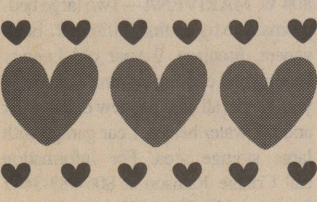
ALLISON SUTTERFIELD, 2, AND SAWYER SUTTERFIELD, 10 MONTHS, children of Jeffery and Amanda Sutterfield of Lockney. Grandparents are Don and Shirley Sutterfield of Lockney and Ronnie and Dixie Ward of Clarendon.



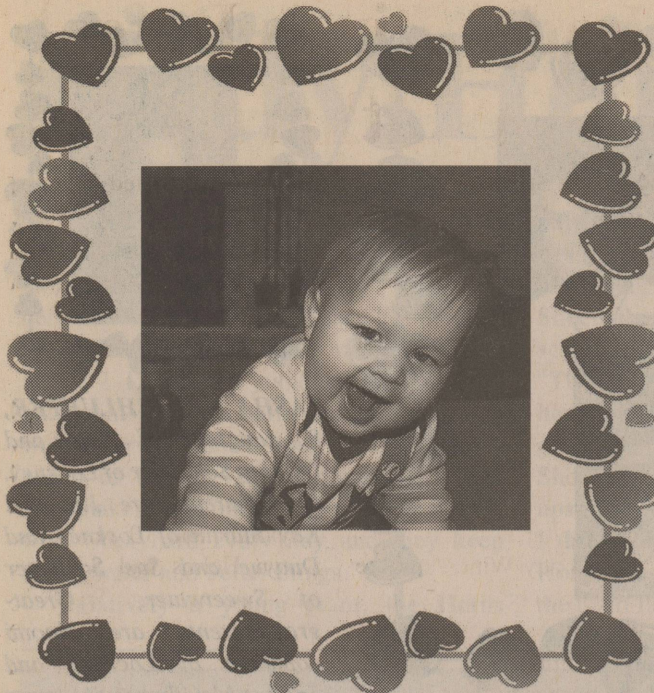
MAKINLEY WHITTLE, 2, daughter of Nathan and Kristi Whittle of Floydada. Grandparents are Mark and Teresa Whittle and Gary and Pam Bennett, all of Floydada. Great-grandparents are Cleo Whittle, Wilma Colston and Harold Wayne and Geneva Bennett, all of Floydada.



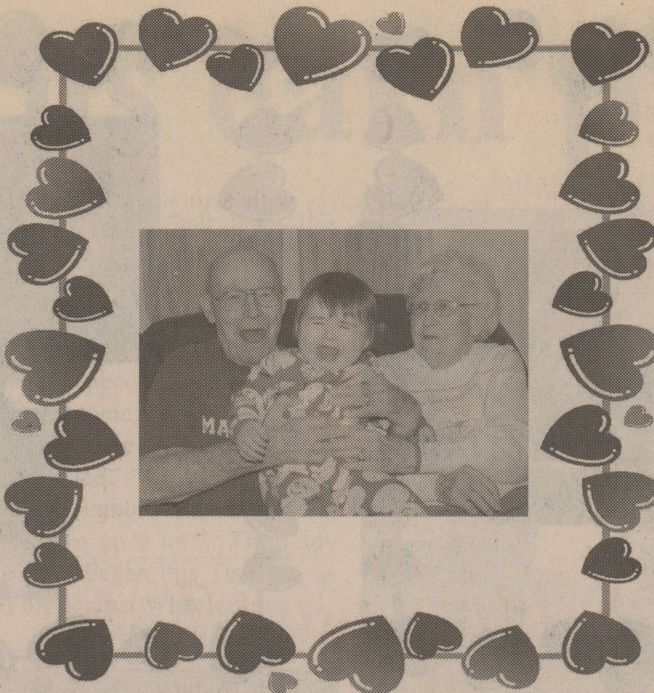
TOBY LEWIS ZEPEDA, 16 MONTHS, son of Adam and Laura Zepeda of Floydada. Grandparents are Rick and Kelli Reddy of Floydada, Maryann Enriquez of Amarillo and James and Bethany Zepeda of Vancouver, Washington. Great-grandparents are Carole Lyons of Lubbock, Richard and Dorothy Lyons of Blue Springs, Missouri and Adela and Joe Maciel of Plainview. Great-grandmother is Faye Cranston of Dysart, Iowa.



Valentine Brag Ads



JEFFREY ALAN TERRELL, 1, son of Lance and Keri Terrell of Hewitt. Grandparents are Jeff and Gay Terrell of Lockney and Royce and Claudia Marion of Wheeler. Great-grandparents are Susie Frizzell and the late Pat Frizzell of Lockney and Rubye and Jeff Terrell of Plainview.



LUCYLYNN TOMBUL, 15 MONTHS, great-grandaughter of Charles and Emagene Haenisch of Floydada. LucyLynn really does love her Daddy Chick and Mama Jean!



TANNER WEBSTER, 16, DALTON WEBSTER, 8, AUSTIN WEBSTER, 18, sons of Larry and Cathy Webster of Floydada. Grandparents are Bill and Charline Hendrix of Floydada, Fred and Georgia Speck of Lubbock and Larry Sr. and Linda Webster of New Smyrna Beach, Florida.



KASSIDEE GRACE STOVALL, 4, AND KOOPER GRANT STOVALL, 1, children of Grant and Denise Stovall of Lubbock. Grandparents are Robert and Darlean Stovall of Floydada and Mac Davis and the late Phyllis Davis of Lubbock.



LUCYLYNN SERVET TOMBUL, 15 MONTHS, daughter of David and Angie (Dean) Tombul of Falls Church, Virginia. Her Papa and Momo are Bill and Jo Lynn Dean of Floydada and her Babaanne is Servet Tombul of Kayseri, Turkey. Great-grandparents are Charles and Emagene Haenisch of Floydada.

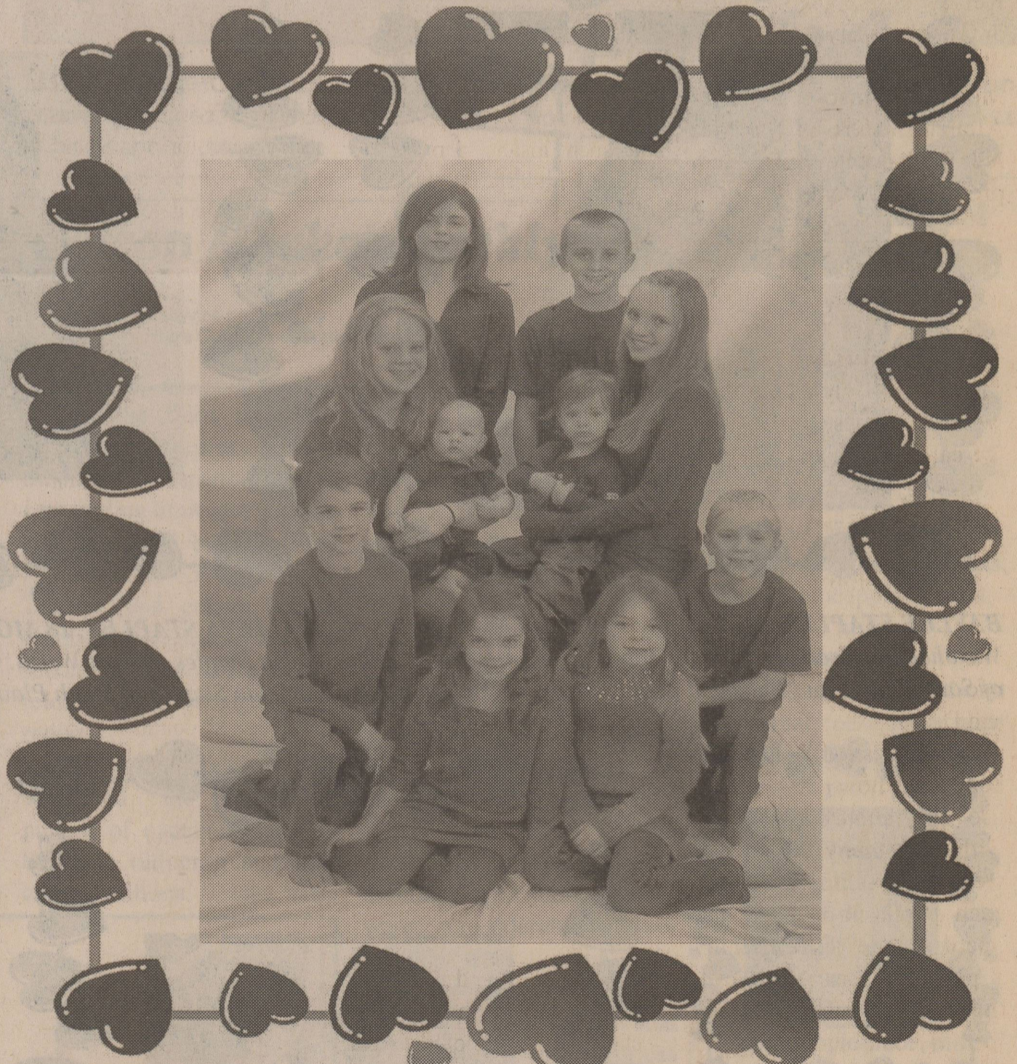


LANEY DAWN CUMMINGS, 15 MONTHS, daughter of Adam and Ashley Cummings of Canyon. Grandparents are Zach and Sandra Cummings and Denzil and Sherry Traylor. Great-grandparents are Sterling and Gleyann Earle Cummings, Rochelle Dorman, Jane Traylor, Tina Hall, and Quency and Gail Traylor.



Photo by Homer Marquez

The Silver Thimble Quilters group has completed their quilt which was made in the memory of longtime friend, Molly Huffman; the quilt is made up of scraps of fabric that once belonged to Molly. The Silver Thimble Quilters have donated the quilt to the Lockney Senior Citizens Center where it is currently being raffled off; tickets for the raffle can be purchased at the Center for a \$1 a ticket or 6 for \$5. (Above) Silver Thimble members and sewers of the quilt; Wanda Smith, Johnnie Quisenberry, Dorothy Stapp, Anabell Bramlet pose with the quilt. Sewers not pictured are Jody Baccus and Geneva Barclay.



MORGAN STURGES, 11, JAKE YOUNGER, 11, KAITLYN YOUNGER, 12, DANE YOUNGER, 5 MONTHS, LOCKLAN CRAWFORD, 16 MONTHS, LAUREN YOUNGER, 14, KARCH CRAWFORD, 7, CREE CRAWFORD, 6, ERYN STURGES, 9, AND COLE YOUNGER, 7. Lauren, Kaitlyn, Jake and Cole are the children of Moody and Jennifer Younger of Dallas. Morgan and Eryn are the children of John and Misti Sturges of Grapevine. Dane is the son of Leif and Victoria Younger of Alto, New Mexico. Karch, Cree and Locklan are the children of Tim and Tian Crawford of Shawnee, Kansas. They are the grandchildren of Leora Younger of Colleyville, Texas and the late Jake Younger.

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Auction
REAL ESTATE AUCTION...Nominal Opening Bid: \$1,000. 500 Hale St, Floydada. 3BR 2BA 1,789sf+- Sells: 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, February. 22nd on site. williamsauction.com 800-801-8003. Many properties now available for online bidding! A Buyer's Premium may apply. Williams & Williams TX RE LIC#504161 GARY GER-ALD HOLUB BROKER, W&W RE LIC#0425937

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Lockney Health and Rehabilitation Center is currently looking for volunteers for games and activities. Anyone interested can contact Latasha Perales or KC Spencer at 806-652-3375 or stop by the Lockney Health and Rehab Center.

Lockney Health and Rehab PT licensed Social Worker needed. Experience is a plus, but not needed. Please apply in person at 401 N. Main, Lockney, Tx. Or fax resume to 806-652-3466.

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2; District Record - 5-2.

On January 21st the Lady Winds won their district game against Dimmitt 56-32. Leading the scoring was Kristan Sanchez - 11 points; Jennifer Alonzo - 11 points; Kelsey Nutt - 8 points; Ashley Diaz - 6 points; Amelia Gonzalez - 6 points; Elyanna Duran - 4 points; Merritt Johnson - 4 points; Jianne Davenport - 4 points; Anna Delafuente - 2 points.

The Lady Winds played Littlefield on January 28th and lost by a score of 31-29. Scoring results are as follows: Sierra Gomez - 12 points; Kristan Sanchez - 6 points; Kelsey Nutt - 6 points; Jianna Davenport - 3 points; Elyanne Duran - 2 points.

The Lady Winds played Tulia on February 8th for their last district game. They won by a huge score of 45-9. Scoring results are: Jennifer Alonzo - 11 points; Jianna Davenport - 10 points; Kristan Sanchez - 8 points; Anna Delafuente - 6 points; Kelsey Nutt - 4 points; Merritt Johnson - 4 points; Amelia Gonzalez - 2 points. SEASON RECORD: 20-4; DISTRICT RECORD: 10-4

**C O A C H I S
C O M M E N T S :**
Congratulations girls on a very good season. 20-4 for the season and 10-4 in district. Leading scorer for the year was Jennifer Alonzo - 415 points; 2nd in scoring - Kristan Sanchez - 166 points; 3rd in scoring - Kelsey Nutt - 119 points and Jianna Davenport - 113 points. Leading rebounded was Elyanna Duran and Kelsey Nutt. Leading on defense was Elyanna Duran, Amelia Gonzalez and Merritt Johnson. Jennifer Alonzo and Kristan Sanchez led in 3-point shots. Very proud of this team!

Whirlwind Powerlifters compete in Levelland Invitational

By Coach L. Bandy

The Floydada Powerlifting team attended the Levelland Invitational on Saturday, February 12th. The team placed 6th over all out of 28 teams.

Troy Morales places 2nd in the 123 class with a total of 915 lbs. (Squat-350, Bench-205, deadlift-360). Ben Alvarez placed 4th in the 132 class with a total of 910lbs (Squat-310, Bench-225, Deadlift-375). Joseph DeOchoa, placed 5th

in the 242 class with a total of 1265 lbs. (Squat- 500, Bench- 290, Deadlift- 475). Homero Rameriz, placed 7th in the 275 class with a total of 1145 lbs. (squat- 435, bench- 275, deadlift-425). Also competing was Librado Chavarria in the 242 class, Librado finished with a total of 860 lbs.

The Whirlwinds have one more meet to compete in before the regional meet. The Whirlwinds will travel to Bovina on March 5th.

Whirlwinds blow past Tulia

By Coach Renfro

The Floydada Whirlwinds used a huge second quarter to take a 35-27 lead over the Tulia Hornets en route to a 70-52 victory at the Whirlwind Gym. Trailing 15-17 after one period, the Whirlwinds racked up 22 points in the second, paced by Cole Covington who scored 6 of his 11 points in the second frame. The Winds then pushed their lead to 52-36 in the 3rd as Bryson Session put

in 8 of his game high 16 during the period. Haden Lipham scored 11 for the game to along with 5 rebounds as RJ Deleon put 8 points and grabbed 6 rebounds. Greg Aleman had 7 points to go along with 3 steals and 3 assists. Jordan Woody also tallied 7 points and totaled 5 boards. Ventura Gonzales and Tyler Renfro scored 7 each, and John Angel Yannis dished out 3 assists.

Floyd County History From The Archives Of The Floyd County Museum

Information given from several issues of the Floyd County Hesperian—We are reprinting excerpts from several different issues of the Floyd County Hesperian with dates of each issue.

BUILDING THE 1925 COUNTY JAIL

October 30, 1924..... Comments from the grand jury "We have examined the county jail, and find that the same is small and not adequate to care for the present number of inmates, and we would recommend to the county commissioners' court that they take such steps as are necessary to provide and maintain a proper and adequate place to properly care for all prisoners and such insane persons as may be with us."

March 12, 1925 3-STORY JAIL WILL BE BUILT BY COUNTY

Commissioners' Court Adopts Plans and Specifications for Contractors Bids. Plans and specifications for a jail to be located on one of the corners of the court house yard....a structure costing between \$40,000 and \$50,000 will be built three stories high, and will be paid for with a warrant issue.

Their statement was "Responding to an urgent and long-felt need, the Commissioners' Court of Floyd County has concluded that a county jail should be erected. The present court house has been in use about thirteen or fourteen years. When it was built there was not much need for a jail, and the two rooms in the basement that were equipped for a jail were

entirely adequate.....But such conditions no longer exist."

..... "One of the two rooms is unsafe for any but minor offenders. Practically all prisoners must be kept in one room."

April 16, 1925 SOUTHERN STEEL CO. AWARDED JAIL CONTRACT

Contract for the construction of a jail for Floyd County, at a cost of \$47,000, was awarded by the Commissioners' Court Tuesday to the Southern Steel Company, of San Antonio, who were the successful bidders out of three submitted. Rice Construction Company of Amarillo and Pauly Jail Building Co., of Dallas, were the unsuccessful bidders.

See ARCHIVES on Page 14

Lady Winds Defeat Whitharral

By Coach Styles

The Floydada Lady Winds defeated a very good Whitharral team 46-40, Saturday at Hale Center. Whitharral entered the contest at 25-6 and ranked #8 in the state in their classification. They are one of the favorites, if not the favorite to make it to Austin (state championship) in this region.

The Lady Winds and the Lady Panthers engaged in a defensive battle in the first half. Whitharral put a shot in at the buzzer to take a 17-15 lead at halftime. Whitharral drained a 3-pointer to open the second half and built their lead as high as 6 points.

The Lady Winds toward the end of the quarter made a run of their own and trailed 26-28 entering the fourth quarter. The Lady Winds would score on several give and go baskets to take the lead. Their press started paying dividends in the 4th quarter as Whitharral turned it over several times.

Floydada connected on 11 of 15 shots from the free throw line in the 4th quarter when Whitharral was trying to get the ball back and had to foul. This was a hard fought, come from behind win.

Whitley Beedy had 14 points and 5 rebounds. Avery Miller had 13 points and 4 rebounds. Sarah Sanders had 12 points and 10 rebounds. Brityn Helms had 5 points and 4 deflections. Sarah Jo Miller had 2 points and 10 deflections. Breann Gooch had 2 steals. Nikki Seymour had 2 assists. Liz Suarez had 1 steal. Emily Hall had 1 deflection.

The Lady Winds will play the winner of the Slaton-Crane bi-district contest, which is being played Tuesday, 15th. The Lady Winds will more than likely play Friday, 18th. The site and time will not be determined till after this contest.

Come out and support the Lady Winds as they advance in the playoffs.

Winds play spoilers to Friona

By Coach Renfro

The Floydada Whirlwinds damaged the play-off hopes of the Friona Chieftans Friday night grabbing a 58-44 victory over a team that came in to the contest tied for the last playoff spot. The Whirlwinds jumped out to an 18-15 lead after one quarter of play, but were clinging to a narrow 1 point lead at halftime 23-22.

The game remained close until the 4th quarter, with the Winds holding a 37-35 lead, but the Winds pulled away early in the last period as Jordan Woody scored all 6 of his points

in the final frame and RJ Deleon scored 5 of his 7 points while the Winds outscored Friona 21-8 in the decisive period.

Haden Lipham led the Winds in scoring with 12, and Greg Aleman hit three 3 pointers for 9 points. Bryson Session had a season low 6 points, but still grabbed 10 rebounds and had 5 steals. John Angel Yannis hit two 3's for 6 points and played excellent defense on one of the area's leading scorers. Cole Covington and Tyler Renfro each put in 5 and Ventura Gonzales added 2. The Whirlwinds have a season record of 13-15.

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Thursday
Breakfast- English muffin with egg, cheese, sausage or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch-Nachos grande, lettuce & tomato, orange smiles, cornbread, milk

Friday
Breakfast - Cinnamon roll or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch - Corn dog, oven fried potatoes, fresh broccoli w/ranch, sparkly apple, crispy cereal treat, milk

FISD

two against (Freddie Morren and Dean).

Woelfel asked if a log is kept to see how many people use the suburbans, along with how many passengers were in the vehicle and other such details in order for the board to see if purchasing a passenger car was worth the district's consideration. Rex Holcombe, director of Technology and Federal Programs, said he'd check into it.

The motion to go out for bids on a 71-passenger bus, suburban and car carried with only one opposed (Morren).

Stephens thanked the board for their hard work and dedication as January was Board Recognition month in Texas. Stephens said, "We felt like it was important to say 'thank you' in a small way, to tell you how much we appreciate all you do because you care about kids. I hope and pray it'll always be about the kids." Principal Gilbert Trevino presented letters from the elementary school students thanking the board for the many ways they serve.

Stephens reported that FISD was over the 22/1 ratio by three students and asked the board to approve the Class Size Survey for the Spring Semester 2011, as well as to request a waiver from the State. The board unanimously did so.

During the Superintendent's report, Stephens said the earnest money from the sale of R.C. Andrews Elementary had been received with the

remaining balance to be paid at closing. He reported the district had finally received the insurance payment from TASB Risk Management for the damage claim from vandalism that occurred during the Thanksgiving break.

He also informed the board a sprinkler system is to be installed at the football field in the spring and the district is installing shades on the west side of A.B. Duncan to help lower utility costs while also making the building look more inviting. He said the shades should cost approximately \$6,300.

Also, Stephens noted that Rachael Castillo (District 3) and Lyle Miller's (At-Large) terms are ending and the School Trustee Election is set for May 14, 2011 so if they wish run again for their districts they must file between Feb. 12th and March 14th.

Business Manager Sharon Rainwater presented the tax report. The M&O current tax roll was \$2,670,030.16 with collections at \$2,181,278.81. I&S tax roll was \$291,478.33 with net collections at \$244,537.79. The percent of current roll collected was 85.76 percent compared to 84.76 percent at this time last year. Rainwater said the cash flow was projecting an increase in the fund balance of roughly \$495,000. The investment report was also given.

The board unanimously approved a motion to continue to use Robison, Johnston & Patton as the district auditor for 2011-2012.

Official Notice of Nominating Committee Meeting

10:00 a.m. February 28, 2011

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

In accordance with Article IV, Section 4.06 of the Bylaws of Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc., the Board of Directors has appointed a Committee on Nominations to prepare a list of nominations for Directors to be elected at the annual membership meeting of the Cooperative on April 28, 2011. Three (3) Directors, one each from District 1, District 3, and District 4, will be elected in 2011. Although Directors are nominated from the District they represent, all members in attendance at the annual meeting vote on all candidates who may be properly nominated.

SECTION 4.02 QUALIFICATIONS:

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

SECTION 4.05 DIRECTORATE DISTRICTS

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

SECTION 4.06 NOMINATIONS

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

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2011

District 1	
Robin Robertson 1742 CR 174 Crosbyton, Texas 79322	Jimmie Wheelless 2381 CR 136 Crosbyton, TX. 79322
District 3	
Jay Lackey 4506 101st Street Lubbock, Texas 79424	Bud Taylor 806 West Missouri St. Floydada, Texas 79235
District 4	
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COMMISSIONERS

were proving to be inefficient and messy; Mr. Knapp gave the analogy that even though everyone in the household was getting fed, the house was kind of messy. But as Mr. Knapp went on to explain, the mess was minor and through his audit he found no evidence of criminal mischief. Mr. Knapp suggested some small tweaks that would greatly improve the policies of the financial system; tweaks like reconciling funds more often so that the responsibility of balancing funds is not piled on at one point in time, and the county would probably need to increase the micromanaging and monitoring of some of its departments. One case in particular involving the probation department; with state tax cuts across the board, the adult probation department alone is expected to lose about 57% of its state funding. Mr. Knapp suggested that it would be better to stay on top of the issue and make sure that no department over spends in lieu of the upcoming tax cuts. The court agreed, and with elimination of the financial clerk position, the court was almost positive that improvements to the financial procedures of the County would be immediate. After

Mr. Knapp's presentation, the court unanimously moved to except the audit. Next on the agenda was the monthly report of the AgriLife Extension representatives, Melissa Long and Mark Carroll. The two gave a status report of their 4-H program; Melissa Long told the court that the 4-H was extremely busy participating in a number of activities including; photography, junior master gardeners, archery, rifles, fashion design, and educational presentation classes. Melissa Long also elaborated on the success of her nutrition classes; currently Melissa is traveling all round the county teaching kids and seniors the importance of eating healthy. Mark Carroll was also proud to announce that the wind energy company, Horizon Wind Energy, will be funding an educational curriculum that will teach 5th graders in both Floydada and Lockney the power of the wind. The program, which is called the Power of the Wind, will give the 5th grade science classes a chance to get a hands-on scientific learning experience. Students will learn how a wind engineer thinks as they assemble a small windmill kit that will teach the student how

to measure wind speed and how to measure the electricity that the windmill produces. Moving along, the court discussed the possibility of installing a security-panic button for offices in the courthouse, but was withheld to do research. The court also approved an escape plan for the courthouse, as well as passed a resolution that would be sent to Austin. The resolution would ask Texas Legislators that anything mandated during the 82nd legislator session will be state funded and will not be the responsibility of the counties to fund it. After that, the court approved to pass a grant that will allow the Sheriff's department to receive Watch Guard video and audio recorders for their vehicles. To conclude the meeting, Commissioner Nathan Johnson made a motion to lift the burn ban; Commissioner Johnson felt that snowfall in the past several weeks was enough to lift the burn ban. The other commissioners did not agree and expressed that the snow was not enough to provide enough saturation for the ground and the liability of lifting the burn ban was currently too great. The motion died for the lack of a second.

Lockney City Council meets to discuss variances and election

By Homer Marquez

Last Thursday, members of Lockney's City Council convened once again for their monthly meeting. During the meeting, Council members discussed a number of agenda items including amending the city's current RV Park ordinance, the awarding of bids for the sidewalk grant, and the discussion of a proposed project that would repair Lockney's and Floydada's water pump station.

Opening up the meeting, Vince Vialle, the Managing Director for the Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority, presented to the council with the Authority's plan for allocating bonds that would go towards the rehabilitation and painting of three of the four water storage tanks that the Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority is in charge of. The Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority was created in 1965 by Texas Legislatures for the purpose of furnishing water to the municipalities of Floydada, Lockney, Silvertown, and Tulia. After its creation the four cities would then finance the development and construction of land, dams, a water treatment plant, pipelines, and pump stations for the water being pumped out of Lake Mackenzie. The pump stations are known as the County Line Pump Station, the Rock Creek Pump Station, the Lockney Pump Station, and the Tulia Pump Station. In 1983, storage tanks were constructed and placed in strategic locations to better serve the water demand of the four municipalities; the ground storage tanks are known as the County Line ground storage tank, the Lockney ground storage tank, the Tulia ground storage tank, and the Rock Creek storage tank. For the past 27 years, the storage tanks have collected their fare share of wear and tear and now the Water Authority is opting to use bonds, which will be paid for by the four municipalities, to service and rehabilitate the condition of the storage tanks. Repairs to the 1.5 million gallon tank include; a new roof hatch and vents, new ladders, the removal and reinstallation of electrical and control equipment and the construction of a new roof. In 2001, the County Line ground storage tank

was serviced and now the Authority is looking to follow suit with the other three storage tanks. Cost for the repairs to the Lockney ground storage tank, which sends about 60% of its water to Floydada and 40% of its water to Lockney, will add up to around \$785,000; this price tag will include; construction, costs of issuance, and a debt service reserve fund. Now because of the conditions set forth by the Water Authority in 1965, the cost for the repairs done to the Lockney ground storage unit will be split between Lockney and Floydada. Floydada will pay for 66% of the cost, which will be a total of \$355,872, and Lockney will pay 34% of the cost, which will add up to \$183,328; along with that cost, Lockney and Floydada will also chip in with Silvertown for the repairs needed for the Rock Creek tank. Since both cities draw water from the tank, Floydada will pay for 32% of the bill and Lockney will pay 16%; which figures to about \$82,836 for Floydada and \$43,565 for Lockney. All in all, the divided grand total for all repairs to the tanks will come out to a price tag of \$438,708 for Floydada and \$226,893 for the City of Lockney. Now because this is a contract, Floydada and Lockney will only be responsible for paying for its own share, and will not be responsible if one party cannot pay their portion of the bill; so if either Lockney or Floydada cannot pay their bill for some reason, the debt will not be added on to the other cities. Currently, the Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority is offering bonds to the municipalities, which in turn, will allow the municipalities to pay back the bonds using a debt service system. As of right now, the four cities are still paying for the initial construction cost for the water transmission lines; it was scheduled that Lockney and Floydada would pay off their \$2,469,250 debt in 2019, but because the repairs were needed, the extra \$785,000 needed for the project will be added on to the back end of the debt service schedule. Payments to the debt service will not dramatically increase because throughout the years any excess funds paid by the municipalities have always been applied to the principle of the debt; it is scheduled that the end of the debt will be extended to 2022. The council agreed that the repairs needed to be done, but because the Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority did not meet the deadline to become an actionable agenda item, the council could not approve the item. The Council will plan to meet in the near future to pass the item; this week Vince Vialle will meet with Floydada's City Council. The project is proposed to begin as soon as funding is secured; it is

projected that repairs to the storage tanks will be up and running 180 days after the execution of contracts. After unanimously passing a motion to pay the bills, the Council moved on to discuss and consider granting Lyndon Morris a variance for an RV park. For the past several months, Mr. Morris has been preparing to open an RV park on the north side of his business, Floyd County Farm Supply. In order to continue with his construction, Lyndon Morris needed to receive a variance on the City's RV Park Ordinance. Since about December, the City Council has wanted to review and amend several items of the ordinance so it would fit with the conditions presented in the city of Lockney, but because of scheduling conflicts, the Council has been unable to hold a workshop. On Thursday, Mr. Morris explained to the Council that in order for him to move on with the construction of his RV Park, the Council would need to amend the ordinance or grant him the variances as soon as possible. Then Mr. Morris, who has reviewed the Ordinance, presented the Council with a list of the variances that he would need. After discussing and reviewing the suggestions, the Council moved to grant the variance to Mr. Morris with the following stipulations; that Mr. Morris needed to keep a registered record for three years or as required by state law, the city would not require the RV Park to have natural gas hook ups, the City would not require an asphalt street but would require an all-weather type of surface, the City would grant a variance that would allow the RVs to be 600ft from a fire hydrant, and the City would not require a concrete pad for the RVs to set. The variance will be granted once a license has been issued to Mr. Morris by the City.

Moving on, the Council awarded the contract for the second phase of the Sidewalk Grant to Concrete Connection; since the bids for the repair of the sidewalks on the east side of Main Street were so low, the City was allowed to add on a second phase to the sidewalk grant. The second phase will allow the City to repair other areas of damaged concrete around the city; this would include several places on Locus Street.

After that, the Council moved on to set a date for the upcoming election for Mayor and council members in districts 4 and 5. The date would be set for Saturday, May 14th, and as of now no one has stepped forth to challenge the current incumbents. Concluding the meeting, the Council did not award a bid winner for the pool grant because of the lack of bids, the Council has decided to extend the bid deadline.

PIONEERS

the knowledge-building tradition of field days. "This field day is an opportunity to see the latest research, learn of new energy and water saving technologies and hear first-hand from commodity groups and political leaders the future directions for agriculture and water management," said Rick Kellison, project director for TAWC. The TWAC project utilizes on-farm demonstration sites, including cropping and

livestock systems, to identify the various production practices, technologies and systems that help maintain individual farm profitability while improving water usage efficiency. One of the main goals of this project is to extend the life of the Ogallala Aquifer, while maintaining the viability of local farms and communities. The Texas Alliance for Water Conservation is a unique partnership of Floyd and Hale county producers, data collection technologies,

and collaborating partners that include: individual industries, universities, and government agencies. The TAWC project was made possible through a grant from the Texas Water Development Board. For more information and a final schedule for the field day, please visit the official website of the project: <http://depts.ttu.edu/tawc>. To RSVP to this event, please call Angela Beikman at 806-742-2774 or complete the online form at <http://depts.ttu.edu/tawc/pages/contactus.htm>

ARCHIVES

The contract price is for a three-story jail building, a site for which has not been decided upon. If constructed on the courthouse square, as proposed, it will harmonize in architecture with the court

house itself. The plan is the same as the jail now being built at Plainview. The contract price is \$1,000 less than that for the building at Plainview, it is stated. Warrants will be issued

for the payment of the construction company as the work progresses. All warrants will be dated May 1st, 1925, and will be taken at par and accrued interest.

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