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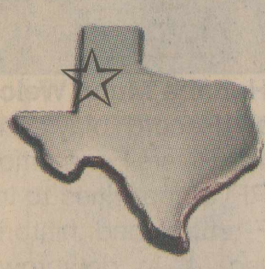
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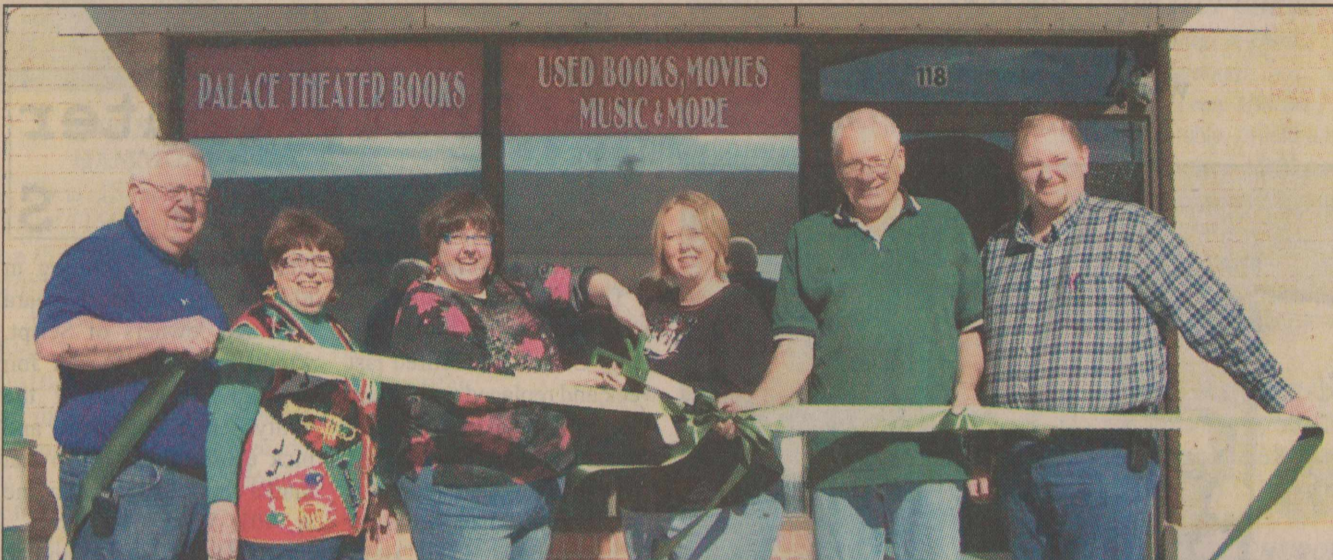
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Courtesy Photo
 THE PALACE THEATER BOOK STORE is now open for business. Their ribbon cutting was conducted by the Floydada Chamber of Commerce last Friday. The book store is located in the old Palace Theater building at 116 W. California (between Assiter Insurance and Caprock Hardware) in downtown Floydada. This is no ordinary used bookstore. Besides used books of all topics, both in hardback and paperback, they carry a wide variety of sheet music, DVS, VHS tapes and antiques. You can visit them on Wednesdays through Fridays from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. and browse their huge selection. Owners, Mona, Gary and Heather Mayer probably have it if you are looking for it in a used book. And the coffee pot is always on. Pictured at the ribbon cutting were (l-r) Mayor Bobby Gilliland, Mona Mayer, co-owner, Heather Mayer, co-owner, Chamber President Charla McHam, Gary Mayer-co-owner and Chamber Director Lance McHam. Assisting in the background were Chamber Directors Barbara Gilliland and Karen Houchin, (photographers). Ribbon used was courtesy of Cathy's Floral and Gifts.

Give the Gift of Life

The Floydada community and United Blood Services encourages all blood donors to be a part of the KLLL Country Christmas blood drive on Thursday, December 20 from 2:00 to 8:00 at the First Baptist Church. Requirements are simple. Donors must be at least 16 years old and in good health. All who reach these requirements are encouraged to roll up their sleeve and give from the heart. Donors will receive a KLLL Country Christmas t-shirt and also be entered into a drawing for a \$100 visa gift card and a \$20 Ultimate Electronics gift card each day. At the end of the KLLL Country Christmas blood drive one lucky donor will be win a 50" HDTV courtesy of Ultimate Electronics. All blood types are needed. One blood donation can save up to three lives and the entire donation process takes between 30 and 45 minutes. In west Texas alone 130 units of blood or blood products are needed each day. Every donation counts and only five percent of the eligible population actually donate blood on a regular basis. The need for blood is constant, and volunteer blood donors contribute to nearly all the blood used for patient care in the United States. "If all who are eligible to donate would do so on a regular basis (three to four times per year), blood needs could be met and shortages could become a thing of the past," said local spokesman, Brandon Baker.

County Commissioners discuss audits, burn bans, and extensions

By Homer Marquez
 This past Monday, Floyd County Commissioners met once again for what would be their last court session of 2010. In the meeting, the County Commissioners discussed several key agenda items including a burn ban, tax abatement extensions, and the County's preparations for an upcoming audit. Opening up the court meeting, Commissioners reviewed the Consent Agenda for the month. In the Consent Agenda, Commissioner discussed and approved the payment of accumulated bills and reimbursements for the month of November. The Commissioners also approved bonds for County Clerk Deputy Peggy Hill, Justices of the Peace Tali Jackson and Kelly Dunbar, Sheriff Paul Raissez, County Judge Penny Golightly, County Attorney Lex Herrington, District Clerk Patty Davenport, and Tax Assessor and Collector Delia Suarez. Consent Agenda items that were tabled for the next meeting included; deliberations on a new holiday schedule for Floyd County personnel and approval of court minutes. Shortly after, Jeanette Brosch of the South Plains

Association of Government, or SPAG, discussed with the Commissioners the possibility of adopting a policy that would name privately owned roads. Mrs. Brosch explained to the Commissioners that naming private roads and including them on updated maps would greatly assist first responders and mail services in finding homes and businesses in the county. The Court agreed, and approved a motion that would set a policy for naming privately owned roads. In the policy, owners of the roads will be required to put up their own road sign, an example would read; PR 194. Following the motion, Mark Carroll with Texas' Agrilife presented to the Court their monthly report. In the report, Mr. Carroll explained the success of Melissa Long's Food and Safety Manager's course, as well as the success of the health fair and 4-H projects. Mr. Carroll also commented that local gins were beginning to wrap up production for the year. After the Agrilife report, Dean and David Watson requested that the Court would allow them 30 more days to do some research on work that the County did on CR 290. Mr.

Watson contended that he was being overcharged for services that the County had done and was requesting time so he could do some research and get some estimates from other contractors. Reluctantly, the Court allowed for the item to be tabled. After approving a resolution to amend the Home Investment Partnership Program, the Commissioners discussed an extension request from Wind Turbine Developers, Renewable Energy Systems. The wind company RES, which already has a wind farm east of Floydada, requested that the County extend tax abatements and guidelines for their wind farms until 2016. The wind company, which was supposed to start construction in 2010 or 2011, wanted to wait for the completion of transmission lines and acquisitions energy buyers before breaking ground for construction. Feeling that the request was too long, the Commissioners contacted a RES representative. After a conference call, the RES representative and the Commissioners agreed only to extend the deal until Dec. 31, 2013, and if needed the Commissioners would address another extension when the time comes. After the agreement, the Court moved on to adopt a Burn Ban for Floyd County. Due to recent the dry conditions, County officials felt that it would safer to institute a burn

ban until the County gets its first heavy snow or rain. After the implication of the burn ban, County Commissioners moved on to discuss the county's preparation for an upcoming audit. Currently, the County is fulfilling requests issued by Auditor Rick Knapp; this includes an overhaul of the County's current Adult Probation Office's payroll system. After discussion with Chief Probation Officer, Nathan Mulder, the Court agreed to reintegrate the Probation office's payroll with that of the County's. Also, after the recent resignation of Budget Finance Clerk, Dennis Morgan, the County will be looking to find new ways of incorporating a smoother and more efficient way of handling financial duties. One of the ways will include the tweaking and improvement of the County's use of financial software, Hill County. The changes are predicted to make financial affairs in the Court House more streamline and efficient. The Commissioners agreed to wait to see what kind of work load will be put on Treasurer Jo Bunch Elliot, before deciding if extra help will be brought in, as of now the position of Budget Finance Clerk will not be refilled. Closing out the meeting, the Court voted to set the retailer's permit fee for alcohol sales at \$60.



Photo by Homer Marquez
 Lisa, owner of Lisa's Restaurant, hands out goodie bags to visiting kids during last week's Hometown Christmas celebration in Lockney. This past Thursday, Lockney's businesses celebrated the season by hosting late evening open houses, offering free gifts, door prizes and discounts to all their customers.



Courtesy Photo
 Santa visits with Kimberly Gatlin and baby Kaindyn Lane Reese at the Country Christmas that was held at the Fairgrounds in Lockney on Saturday. There were over 30 booths coming from Lockney, Floydada, Borger, Hereford, Hart, Plainview, Lubbock, and points in-between. They had wonderful items to sell - contemporary jewelry, clothes, vintage necklaces, turquoise and silver jewelry, great food, leather crafts, Christmas decor, toys, candles, and other interesting things. Santa was there to visit with the kids and take their requests for Christmas. The evening was capped off with a Dance with Suthrn Stone from Lubbock.

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Lockney Bands to Host Holiday Concert
 The Lockney Bands will present a "Holiday Concert" on Thursday evening; December 16th. The concert will begin at 6:30pm in the High School Gym. More than 215 of Lockney's talented musicians will be involved in this concert. Performing will be the 5th Grade Beginner Band, the 6th Grade Band, the Jr. High Band, eight Applied Music students and the Longhorn Band. The concert should last approximately one hour and fifteen minutes. There is no admission charge. Come out and enjoy the "sounds of the season".

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By **Margarette Word**

Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573. If you plan on eating with us at noon we are located at 301 E. Georgia. If you are 60 years or older come join us. It's a place to get a good hot meal and visit your friends.

If you are eating with us and you do not come very often, please call the Center at 983-2032 by 10 a.m. on the day you plan to eat with us. We want to have enough food cooked for all who attend.

Our Christmas Party will be Friday, December 17th at 5 p.m. at the Center.

I want to thank Evalene Goodnight for a bag of yarn she gave me. She no longer lives in this area. I crochet a lot making lap robes for care centers and etc. I also want to thank Dorothy Schweitzer who also gave me yarn.

If you have yarn you no longer want I'd love to have it. I crochet a lot and I give it all away to those who need lap robes.

Our sympathy to Donald Gowens on the loss of his brother, Robert Preston (Bob) Gowens.

Our sympathy to the family of Beth Eckert.

Our sympathy to the family of Doris (Shue) Hammonds.

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

In memory of Verna Lynne Stewart – Jerrold and Belle Vinson.

In memory of Carlton Fawver – John and Judy Dunlap, Louis and Ferne Anderson.

In memory of Sue Jones – John and Judy Dunlap.

In memory of Imogene Fortenberry – Louis and Ferne Anderson.

Thought for the Week – These are very busy days - just before Christmas. Stay healthy and enjoy each day. Come to the Center to eat a good meal and visit friends.

MENU

Dec. 20 – Dec. 23

Monday – Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, crispy chocolate bars

Tuesday – Spaghetti & meat sauce, salad, garlic bread, cake

Wednesday – BBQ ribs, potato salad, pinto beans, roll, brownie

Thursday – Pork stew, pinto beans, cornbread, fruit salad

Friday - CLOSED



Photo by Hanaba Munn Welch

Lockney resident Lucy Dean Record plays the showpiece grand piano of Three Rivers Foundation for the Arts and Sciences (3RF) at festivities to inaugurate The Foyer, a 3RF-refurbished historic building, Saturday night, Dec. 4, in downtown Quanah. Playing his guitar is fiddler Jimmy Burson of Silverton. Burson and Dean drew mostly on their Big Band Era repertoire for the Saturday night event and then played together Sunday morning for a Gospel music sing-along at old Trinity Church, a historic former Episcopal church also now owned by 3RF.

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By **Renee Armstrong**

Hello again from Lockney's Senior Center. It was just home folks at the Center this week. I received word that Vera Jo is going to the doctor on Tuesday; we all hope you get better soon! Our sympathies go out to Joey Reeves in the loss of her brother, Louie Strange; to Sylvia Hill in the loss of her mother, and to the Tueton Family in the loss of Laura.

Remember that the Center will be closed the 24th for Christmas, we will reopen on Monday the 27th. If I have for-

gotten anything please feel free to call the Center and let me know at (806)-658-2745.

MENU

Dec. 20-24

Monday-Hamburgers

Tuesday-Soup and Cornbread

Wednesday- Chicken Fried Steak

Thursday-Frito Pie



Photo by Homer Marquez

During Hometown Christmas, Theresa Andrade and Teresa Gonzales posed as they volunteered for Lockney's Salvation Army. Recently, Lockney's Boy Scouts helped to collect over 2,700 cans of food in this year's annual Canned Food and Health Fair Drives. The Salvation Army would like to thank the Boy Scouts and the Community for all their help.

From the archives....

FLOYD COUNTY HISTORY FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM

From the Floyd County Hesperian July 15, 1965

FIRE DEPARTMENT GOT HOSE IN 1909

W. H. Hilton once told this reporter he had been a member of the Fire Department when he was young, and he indicated that it takes youth to stay with it. And so when in 1940, V. L. Elliott, then the fire chief, said, "The Fire Department's history goes back to the days when Wamie Hilton was a young man," we know that there is quite a story. For Hilton, although fairly well-preserved, is not exactly a junior any more. Elliott, in a whimsical mood, stated, "I do know that it goes back to the horse and buggy days, because they used a two-wheel cart. I think Mr. Hilton pulled it himself until Roy Snodgrass, John McClesky, R. E. Fry, Ulmer White, Bob McGuire, and several other boys grew up."

200 FEET

It seems that in the early days there were about 200 feet of hose to use, this and other equipment being purchased sometime after 1909. As some references have it that only a "bucket brigade" was available for the 1911 fire, maybe this was really "quite some time after 1909."

MODEL T

In 1922 a big Model T red Fire truck was purchased. A Dodge truck came along in 1926. Elliot joined the group as a volunteer in 1929. R. G. Strickland was chief when Elliot joined, and "I give him credit for making the fire department what it is today (1940)." Elliot, long-time chief, began his service in that position in 1934. Time was when members thought, "The more water the better." Sometimes the greater part of the damage came from the water, not fire! Well, we live and learn, then something new

comes along that we didn't know about, and so we learn again. One of the "great memories" of firemen here is the big M System fire.

The story, now quite familiar in many places, of a volunteer fire department "making do" with little in the way of equipment, characterizes the story of the fire department here.

LOOKING BOTH WAYS

In 1940 a picture in the fiftieth anniversary edition of the Hesperian did two things that are common in anniversary editions: In effect it looked back to the past and forward to the future. At that time its members were: Buster Dickerson, Carl Nelson, Virgil Orman, Carl Rogers, Ike Finley (at the wheel of the truck), Melvin Henry, Verne Elliott, E. A. Thomas, J. L. Baxter, John Lewis, Bud Sparks, W. B. Hinkle, and night watchman Lee Howard.

Jerry Finley is the present Fire Chief. There are three paid workers; D. J. Baker serving as Fire Marshal and on day duty; Fred Lambert on night duty; and A. G. Tyler as relief for them. All three serve as truck drivers. There are only two pumpers, and no chemical truck at all, a serious situation in a town much smaller than Floydada. But it is hoped that next year there will be enough available from budget funds for a new pumper.

HALF PUT BACK

The volunteers, of whom there are 24 out of a quota of 25, are paid \$3 for each call they make; for a long time they have been turning half of this back to their own treasury, and with proceeds they have been able to buy a panel truck, for emergencies, first aid, rescue, etc., but it is still quite unhandy. Some chemicals are carried on the panel.

MUTUAL AID

Floydada and Lockney departments are accustomed to calling on each other for help in out-of-town fires, and of course in each town, when they need each other. Let's hope this is not too often.

ELECTIONS YEARLY

In addition to the functional line-up indicated above, there are also officers elected each year for business and social work.

GOOD STATE

An indication of the good state of things with the Fire Department today is shown in an article in the Hesperian for May 28, 1964. It reported that "A real test of ability for the fire department" came with a report of a fire on the Tom Battey farm six miles northeast of town. The called-in summons did not specify the kind of fire the men would be dealing with. This fire proved to be fueled by the butane tank of a tractor, and the fire had spread to a larger ground tank, holding about 1,000 gallons.

SEPARATE

The decision was made to separate the two flames, so "Billy Baker hooked a chain onto the tractor and the department pullet it away from the storage tank with a truck. They extinguished the tractor fire with water. A dry chemical was used to put out the remaining fire," an explosion being still a very live possibility. The only loss, exclusive of the butane consumed, was a pair of tires from the tractor.

COMPRESS

There was another fire at the Compress the same week, and when it was taken care of the manager, Henry Watson complimented the department thus, "We obviously have a very fine volunteer fire department. They were on the scene immediately after we called them, went right to work, and stayed alert. Surely the damage would have been much greater had it not been for their fine performance."

STAY PUT

If you are not a fire department member (even though an ex), not associated with the city government or utilities company, have no real business there, stay out of the way when there is a fire. Hats off!! The fire truck is passing by.

FLOYD COUNTY Friends Unity Center NEWS

By **Elaine LaBaume**

The United States of America Flag that flies at the Unity Center was retired last week and replaced with a new flag. The flag that was retired was donated by Melissa Long of Floydada. It was a new flag that had belonged to her daddy, B.O. "Bev" Roberson. Melissa's parents (her mother, Billyjo Roberson that lived at Floydada) would have been very proud of their flag being flown at the Unity Center. When Molly started showing pigs, they always came to see her show and had the "experience" of the old show barn and was very happy when the Unity Center was built and so very pleased that they had such a son-in-law, Nick Long, that spend hundreds of timeless hours in planning and raising funds to get the building to become a reality.

As we come to the end of the year and people are opening up their hearts and pocketbooks to make donations to all kinds of organizations and groups that make a difference in people's lives, I would ask that you consider purchasing a flag to be flown at the Unity Center.

The flagpole that was donated by the Marble Family in memory of Fred Marble is surrounded by beautiful landscaping that was completed this past spring.

The flags can be pur-

chased at Script Printing in Floydada. Bob and Barbara Gilliland, owners of Script, would be happy to call Jon LaBaume, manager of the Unity Center, to come by and pick up the flag or you can mail a check to Jon LaBaume at 901 West Lee Street, Floydada, TX 79235 and he will order a flag.

When a flag is retired LaBaume takes it to Gilliland as he is involved with the Boy Scouts of America and from time to time they have a "Retirement Ceremony" for retired flags.

Any donation is welcome to be donated to the Unity Center. You can contact Jon LaBaume, send it by mail to him or go by D & J Gin, Inc in Lockney and see David Foster or Shawnda Foster.

This past week activities held at the Unity Center were Floyd County Friends had their Annual Christmas Meeting. Elaine LaBaume made Taco Soup and the other members brought finger foods to accompany this.

C.J. Jacobs has continued her Dog Obedience Classes. These classes are offered for Floyd County 4-H members and is also offered to the public. Maybe she should have a "Dog Graduation" open to the public as it is amazing to watch those dogs "obey."

Floyd County 4-H Archery practices their skills twice weekly at the Unity Center.

1950 STUDY CLUB

By **Sue Daniels**

The 1950 Study Club met at 4 p.m. December 7, 2010 at the First Baptist Church parlor. Sandy Forehand gave a Christmas reading on the Bethlehem story through the eyes of the innkeeper's wife, entitled "First Christmas Stranger, glorious, believable". It was a figment of her imagination, written by Louise Harper, a freelance writer for the Plainview Daily Herald. Mrs. Forehand voiced a word of prayer.

Sue Daniels read the quote of the day, "...and they will call Him Immanuel - which means, 'God with us.' Matthew 1:23b." For roll call, the twelve members present responded by giving the title of their favorite Christmas carol.

Shirley Morton introduced

Terry Simmons, Minister of Music and Education of First Baptist Church, who presented several musical selections. Mr. Simmons gave a brief historical sketch of the evolution of church music since the early days of chanting. He sang the following Christmas carols: "Jesus, What a Wonderful Child", "What Child Is This", "Silent Night", "Do You Hear What I Hear", and "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas".

Refreshments of apple cake, sugar free cookies, cheese balls and crackers, coffee and apple cider were provided by hostesses Nancy Lawson and Sandy Forehand. Sandy Forehand presided at the business meeting. Members adjourned until the next meeting which will be held January 2010.

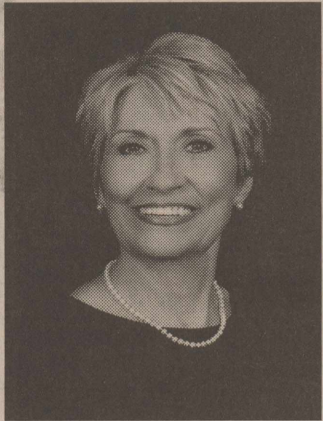
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Obituaries

JIMMY RANDALL CRADER

Jimmy Randall Crader, 64, of Floydada, passed away Monday, December 13, 2010 at his residence in Floydada. Services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, December 16, 2010 at the First Baptist Church in Floydada with Pastor Tim Franks officiating. Interment will follow at the Floydada Cemetery. Arrangements will be under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

and numerous nieces and nephews. Memorials may be made in Doris Hammond's name to the American Lung Association (COPD) at www.lungusa.org. Online condolences may be made at www.moore-rose.com.



SUE DYE JONES

Sue Dye Jones, 71, of Floydada and formerly of Amarillo, died December 4, 2010 in Amarillo.

Services were held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at Oasis Southwest Baptist Church, 8201 Canyon Drive, Amarillo with Rev. Tim Franks, pastor of First Baptist Church of Floydada officiating. Burial was held in the Claude Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Sue was born May 10, 1939 to Vernon and Mary Lou Dye of Claude. She attended Claude schools and graduated from Claude High School in 1957. She worked at American Land and Title and was a loan officer at Amarillo National Bank. Sue was a member of Junior League of Amarillo and an avid tennis player. She blessed all that knew her through her beautiful spirit and loving heart.

On August 17, 2002, she and Travis Jones of Floydada were married in Amarillo. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Floydada. Sue enjoyed her numerous travels and truly enjoyed visiting the peaceful mountains of Ruidoso. Since moving to Floydada, she made many special friends through her church and clubs.

Mrs. Jones was preceded in death by her parents and brother-in-law, Ralph York.

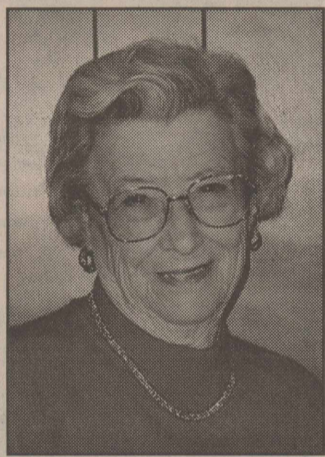
She is survived by her husband, Travis; two sisters, Rita Brown and husband, Luther, and Donna York, all of Amarillo. Other survivors include her niece, Karie York, her husband, Steven and children Jessica and Kale of Lubbock. She is also survived by four nephews, Brent York and wife, Tiffeni, and their daughters, Karsyn, Kenna and Kayden; Rodney York, Kyle York, and Phillip Wheeler, all of Amarillo. Mrs. Jones is also survived by four step-sons and their families, as well as her husband's two foster sons and their families. Step-sons and families are, Joe and Anne Jones and children,

Jurahee and Tate of Floydada, Jay and Laurel Jones and children, Travis, Drew and Darcy of Shallowater, Jon and Brenda Jones and daughter, Abby of Floydada. Mr. Jones' foster sons and their families are Nathan Johnson and wife, Connie and their children, Tracey and wife, Alicia and family, and Troy, all of South Plains; Derrell Monday, his wife, Jana of Vernon and children, Lychelle and husband, Don McIlroy, Emily and husband, Michael Smedley, Kathy and husband, Mark Flack and their families.

She is also survived by her beloved pets, Sadie and Annie. The family thanks all their friends and Odyssey Health Care System for their prayers, care and support.

The family suggests memorial donations be made to the Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106 or to The Animal Rescue Shelter, 12500 S. Washington Street, Amarillo, Texas 79118 or to the Haven Animal Care Shelter, 4501 N. FM 1729, Lubbock, TX 79403

Visitation was held from 5:30-7:30 pm on Monday, December 6, 2010 at Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.



LORRAINE "LAURA" TEUTON

Nellie Lorraine Pellegri Teuton, 83, of Lockney, Texas, joined her Lord and husband in God's Heavenly Kingdom, December 9, 2010.

A celebration and remembrance of her life and love of God's service was held at the First Baptist Church on Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at 10 a.m. officiated by Pastor John Franklin. Interment followed at the Lockney Cemetery.

Services were provided by Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Lockney.

The family receives friends and family at the funeral home from 6-8 p.m. Monday, December 13, 2010 at the funeral home. Pallbearers will be friends and deacons of First Baptist Church.

Laura, the name everyone knew her by, was born in Thibodeaux, Louisiana on October 24, 1927 to parents Gillis and Annorah Pellegri. She was the second of five children with siblings Francis, Preston, Mercedes and Lewis. She grew up in Thibodeaux but moved to New Orleans as a girl. With

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DORIS (SHUE) HAMMONDS

Doris (Shue) Hammonds, 81, of Floydada passed away on Thursday, December 9, 2010 in Lockney.

A memorial gathering was held Sunday, December 12, 2010 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Moore-Rose Funeral Home Chapel in Floydada with Pastor Tim Franks officiating.

Committal service was held Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at 1 p.m. at the New Hope Cemetery in Milam, Texas.

Doris was born November 27, 1929 to William Caldwell and Roseanna (Chambers) Shue in Time, Texas. She married Edgar Morrison Hammond on December 7, 1946 in Kountze, Texas.

She and her husband owned and operated Hammond Sheet Metal for over 35 years. Doris was a good caregiver and wife to her husband, Ed, who was an Alzheimer's patient.

The couple loved to travel and enjoyed their time together. Doris enjoyed working puzzles, playing games and bowling. She was a good mom and enjoyed her time at home with her family. Doris was a member of the First Baptist Church in Floydada.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 57 years, Ed, two great-grandchildren, three sisters, and son-in-law, Richard Marler.

Doris is survived by her two daughters, Linda Gail Johnson and her husband, Wesley of Goldthwaite, Rebecca Ann Hammond of Viterbo, Italy; her grandchildren, Trisha Gonzales and husband, Danny of Port Neches, Chuck Marler and wife, Emily of Elgin; and her sister, Audie Ingalls of Pasadena; eight great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren

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 Evening 7:00 p.m.

CARR'S CHAPEL
Service Every Sunday:
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 Study.....7:00 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 Frank, Pastor
Chad Cook, Youth Min.
Phil Cotham, Music Min..
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....6:30 p.m.



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Floydada
Rev. Les Hall, Pastor
Early Worship8:30 am.
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.
Tuesday.....8:00 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.

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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
Floydada
Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges
(806) 637-0430
Sunday Singing10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.

OUT REACH HARVEST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
310 E. Mississippi
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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 Reverend Raymond Asebedo
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:55 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Evening6:00 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
Floydada
Rev. Angelo Consentino
Phone: 983-5878
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 Service ...11:00 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.

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

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

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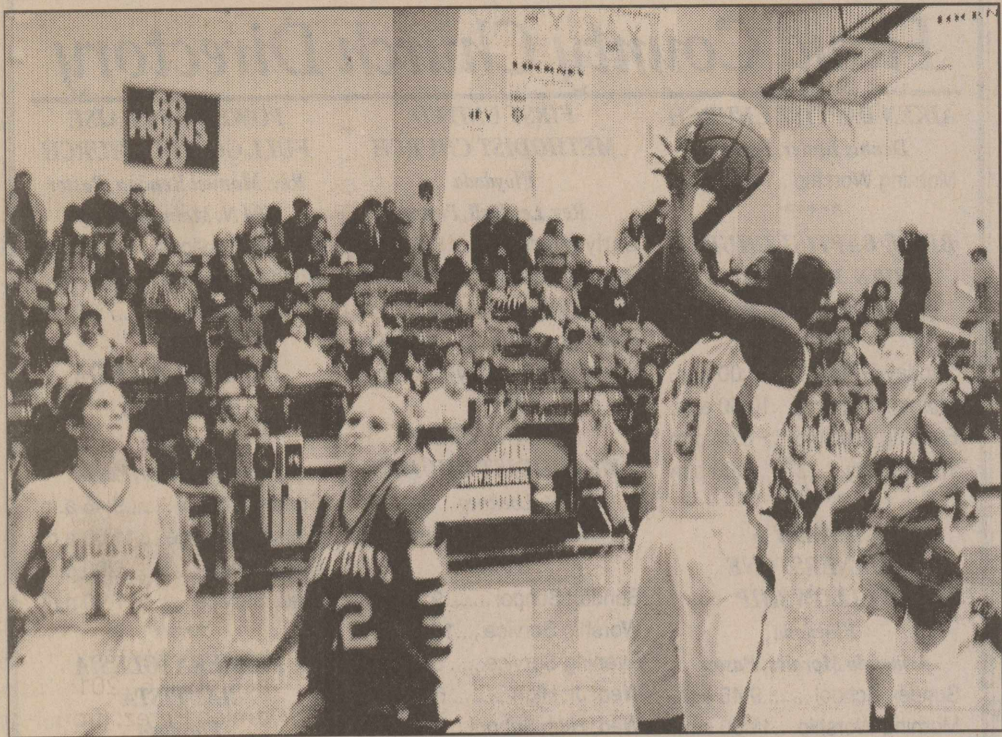


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Lockney's Renee Cruz (11) drove his way to the hoop during last Tuesday's game against the Smyer Bobcats. After the second half, the 'Horns made a valiant comeback, but would still fall 46-64 to the Bobcats. That following weekend the Longhorns traveled to Dimmitt for Tournament play. Unfortunately, Lockney would have a hard time finding a win, as they lost 70-24 to Dimmitt, 65-26 against Brownfield, and 75-43 against Denver City. The Longhorns will look to turn the season around as the Anton on Monday.

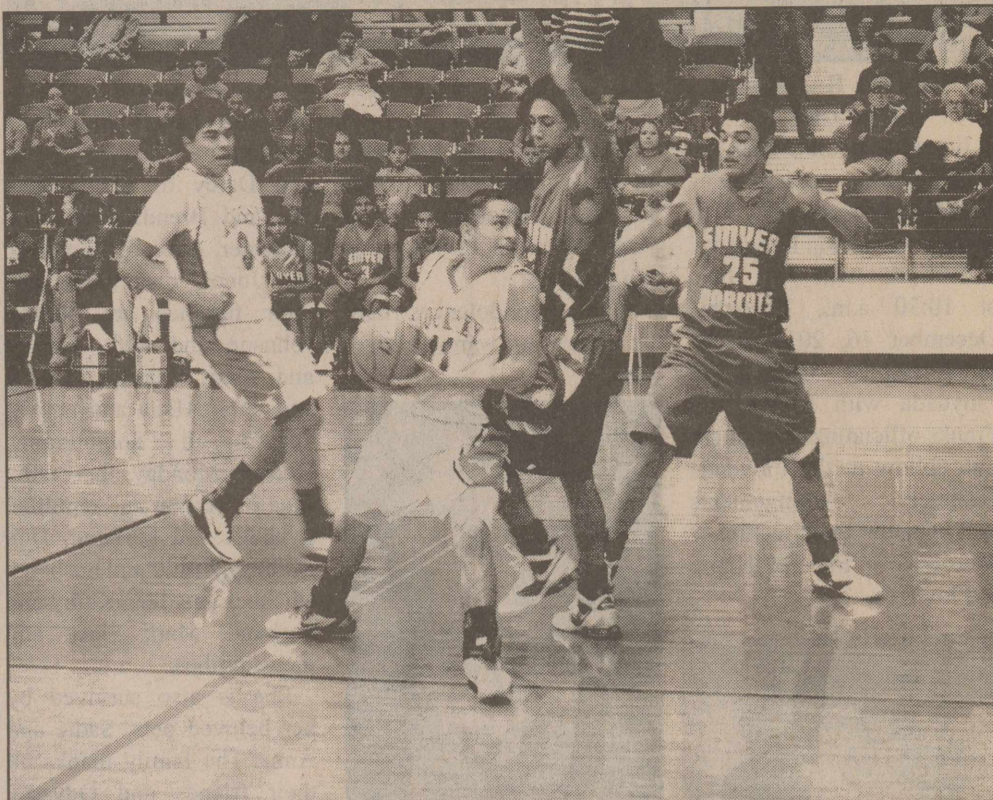


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Lockney's Quinn Jackson (3) puts up a jumper during last Tuesday's game against the Lady Bobcats. Jackson would go on to put up 11 points in that game. During a long hard fought battle with last year's State Champs, the Lady Horns would drop one, 43-67. That following weekend, the Lady Horns headed to Bridgeport for tourney play. Playing bigger schools, the 'Horns would hold their own against 2A, 3A, and 4A schools. Against Lone Star the 'Horns would lose a close one 42-38, against Timber Creek the Girls bring home a win in a nail-bitter 47-43, against Argyle the 'Horns would lost 67-23, and against Bridgeport the Girls fought hard in a 20-38 defeat. On Monday, the Ladies will take on Anton at home.

Lockney Junior High Lady Horns Basketball

By Coach Dunn

On Nov. 29th Lockney 7th and 8th grade girls basketball teams played Crosbyton at home. 8th grade girls won in overtime 25-21. Darby Long had 8 points and Haley Dunbar had 4 points. The 7th grade girls got beat 8-21. Brianna Hernandez scored 2 points and Marissa Luna also scored 2 points.

Dec. 6th we traveled to Hale Center to play the Lady Owls. The 8th grade was defeated 17-40. Ashley Roberts had 4 points and Yessenia Garcia had 3 points for that game. The 7th grade lost 10-18. Camryn Diaz scored 6 points and Karis Carstensen had 2 points. Both teams fought hard, but our turnovers got the best of us. So we are going to work hard on this in practice.

Both teams play New Deal at home on Dec. 13 at 5 p.m.

Lockney JV Scores

Lockney JV vs. Tulia					
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Tulia	10	3	7	4	24
Lockney	10	12	10	14	46

Scoring:
Andrew Hooten 8pts
Nathan Caballero 8pts

Lockney JV vs. Floydada					
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Floydada	10	8	5	9	32
Lockney	14	11	5	8	38

Scoring:
Ian Dunbar 12pts
Ky Teeter 9pts

Lockney JV vs. Olton					
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Olton	11	9	8	13	42
Lockney	7	10	2	15	34

Scoring:
Andrew Hooten 10pts
Ramon Cazares 8pts

Lockney JV vs. Levelland					
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Levelland	11	13	16	17	57
Lockney	10	7	5	19	41

Scoring:
Andrew Hooten 12pts
Ky Teeter 9pts



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Jr. High All-Region Band Tryouts: ATSSB All-Region Band tryouts were held on Saturday, December 4th, in Shallowater. Students from 22 Class A bands attended the tryout. Lockney's Jr. High Band had 11 students earn chairs in this prestigious organization. Lockney Band members earning positions in the All-Region Band were: Annabel Garza - Flute, Haley Dunbar - Oboe, Dixie Williams - Clarinet, Alyssa Soliz - Clarinet, Sarah Belt - Clarinet, Levi Kasner - Alto Sax, Brenna Tidwell - Trombone, Mauricio Davila - Baritone, Camryn Diaz - Snare Drum, Luke Ortiz - Snare Drum, John Salas - Snare Drum. The All-Region Band will rehearse and then present a public concert on Saturday, January 29th, at the Lubbock Civic Center.



Photo by Homer Marquez

Congratulations to Christopher Rodriguez for earning first-chair tenor saxophone in the 2011 ATSSB Honor Band. Christopher auditioned with students from Class A, AA and AAA high school bands from this region. He was selected as first-chair by all five of his judges. The Honor Band will rehearse and present a public concert on Saturday, January 29th, at the Lubbock Civic Center. In addition, Christopher advanced to the Area round of Texas All-State Band tryouts which will be held on January 8th, at Lubbock-Cooper High School. Christopher will compete with the winners from the El Paso, Midland-Odessa, Amarillo, Wichita Falls, Abilene and Lubbock. Just one tenor saxophone player will be selected for the 2011 Texas All-State Band from this area. Christopher is the son of Jerry and Sally Rodriguez. His saxophone instructor is George Riddell from Levelland.



LITTLE LONGHORNS FOR THIS WEEK: Freddie Bueno, Robert Idrogo, T.J. Wood, Ryder Race, John Cleto, Madai Chavira, Nathaniel Castillo, Jaden Ascencio, Megan Castro, Jonathan Cienfuegos, Josiah Rodriguez, Maranda Sarinana, Audrey Rexrode, Andrew Bustillos, Salvador Ascencio, and Ben Gonzales.



Courtesy Photo

At a recent Lockney 4-H meeting, members got into the Christmas spirit by decorating Christmas wreaths. This past week, the wreaths were delivered to the Lockney Care Center where the 4-H'ers decorated doors, walls and the tree with the wreaths. After all the decorating was done, the 4-H'ers sang Christmas carols to the residents.

Let's go Lady Horns and Longhorns!

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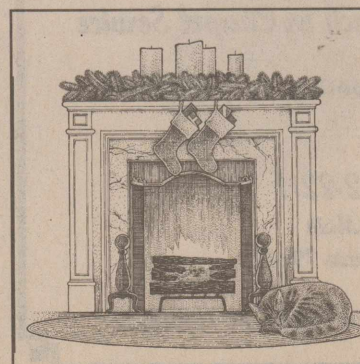
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Floydada's Liz Suarez (24) looks for an open lane as she takes it to the net in a recent game against Hart. This weekend, the Lady Winds once again took home the gold as they took first place in the New Deal Tournament. It seems that no one can stop the Lady Winds as they improve to 11-0 for the season. The undefeated will surely give the Winds more than enough momentum as they head into district play this week.



Photo by Jim Covington

The Floydada Whirlwinds look to be on the right track after an impressive 80-74 victory over the Hale Center Owls, which earned them the top spot at the New Deal Tournament this past weekend. With this season turnaround, the Whirlwinds look to dominate as they head into district play this week.

Whirlwinds win trophy

By Coach Renfro

The Floydada Whirlwinds defeated the Hale Center Owls 80-74 Saturday to earn the championship trophy in the New Deal Tournament. All 10 players suited for the game got into the scoring as Bryson Session led the way with 18 points, 9 rebounds, and 3 assists. Haden Lipham and Jordan Woody each contributed 13 with Woody also nabbing 3 steals. R.J. Deleon put in 9, while Cole Covington and Tyler Renfro had 6 each. Ventura Gonzales

and Greg Aleman added 5 apiece, as Aleman also led the team in assists with 7. John Angel Yannis scored 3. Jose Martinez added 2 to go with 6 assists. The win brought the Winds' season record to 6-4.

The Winds got to the championship game with wins over Slaton and Olton. On Thursday of the tournament, the Winds captured a 60-45 victory against Slaton with Session tallying 18 points and 17 rebounds. Woody added 10 points to go with 5 assists. Gonzales

scored 8 while Renfro and Deleon put in 6 each. Lipham had 4 assists in the game. In the semi-final game against Olton, the Winds notched a 64-57 victory behind Session's 25 points and 12 rebounds. Lipham had 12 points and 3 assists and Greg Aleman put in 7 points and had 5 assists. The Whirlwinds play Lubbock Cooper on Tuesday, December 14th before opening district play in Abernathy on Dec. 21st.

Pesina sisters receive Masters from WTA&M University

Corinne and Christine Pesina, daughters of the Mina Pesina and the late Delfino Pesina of Floydada, received their Master's degrees from West Texas A&M University.

Commencement ceremonies were on May 8, 2010 in Canyon. Dr. Patrick O'Brian, President of WTAMU, presented their degrees. The University celebrated its 100th

anniversary and specially designed Centennial diplomas were handed out to WTAMU graduates.

Corinne received a Master of Science in mathematics and Christine received a Master of Science in biology.

They are both proud graduates of Floydada High School and both are living in Plainview, Texas.

Lady Winds Stay Undefeated

By Coach Styles

The Floydada Lady Winds finished their preseason with their second tournament championship by winning the New Deal Tournament. The week before the Lady Winds won the Anton Tournament. Floydada is averaging 61.8 ppg and giving up 29.1 ppg. The Lady Winds are now 11-0. District play for the Lady Winds starts December 14th.

Below are the scores of all their games and the leading scorers. Also listed are the leaders in rebounds, assists, steals, or deflections.

Lockney 59-32

Whitley Beedy 11, Avery Miller 11, Liz Suarez 10, Sarah Sanders 7 rebounds, Breann Gooch 9 steals.

Olton 48-42

Avery Miller 18, Whitley Beedy 15. Sarah Sanders 7

rebounds, Breann Gooch 7 deflections.

Brownfield 47-31

Whitley Beedy 21, Avery Miller 10. Whitley Beedy 12 rebounds, Sarah Jo Miller and Sarah Sanders 4 steals.

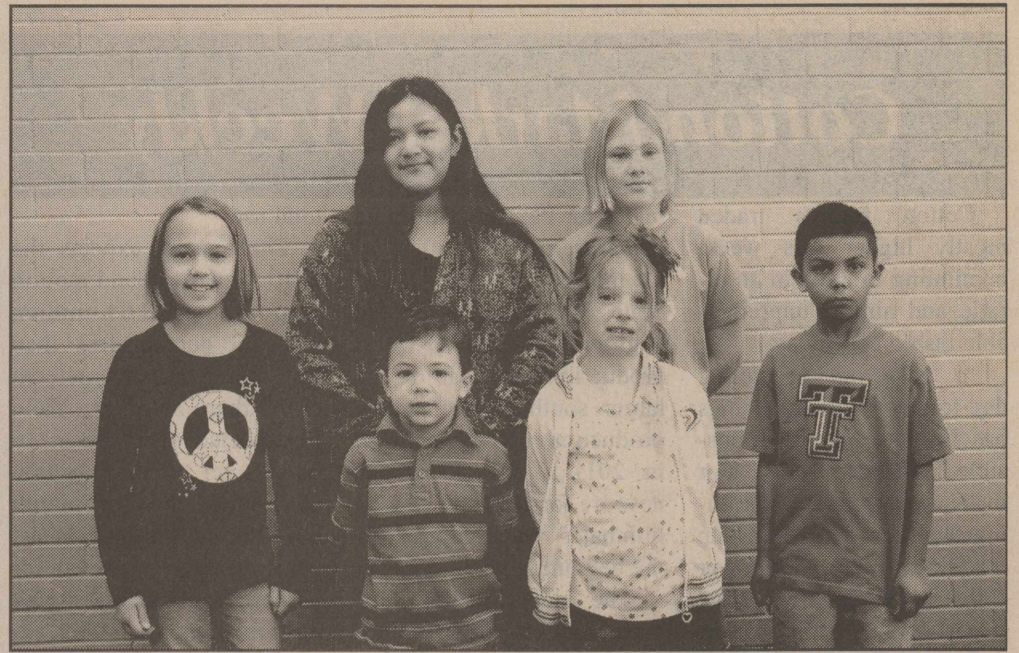
Slaton 44-31

Avery Miller 11. Sarah Sanders 12 rebounds, Breann Gooch and Brityn Helms 7 steals.

Hart 83-14

Whitley Beedy 18, Liz Suarez 16, Avery Miller 12, Sarah Jo Miller 12, Sarah Sanders 10, Brityn Helms 8, Breann Gooch 7. Sarah Sanders 12 rebounds, Avery Miller 8 assists, Sarah Jo Miller 6 steals, Whitley Beedy, Sarah Jo Miller, and Brityn Helms 7 deflections each.

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DUNCAN ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE WEEK for December 6, 2010 were (back row, l-r) Lauryn Franks, Mariana Olvera, Carly Leman, Damion Perez; (front row, l-r) Calin Teeple and Skylar Eckeberger.



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AB DUNCAN ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE WEEK for December 13, 2010 were (back row, l-r) Jazel Mendoza, Jarrah Gonzales, Kassanda Mendez, Noah Mendez, Emily Brums; (front row, l-r) Christopher Yannis and Noah Vega.

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2010

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	ARRA of 2009 Title XIV State Fiscal Stabilization	Other Governmental Funds	98 Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:				
5700 Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 2,613,160		\$ 481,826	\$ 3,094,986
5800 State Program Revenues	5,192,682		368,669	5,561,351
5900 Federal Program Revenues		448,114	1,909,153	2,357,267
5020 Total Revenues	7,805,842	448,114	2,759,648	11,013,604
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0011 Instruction	3,685,452	448,114	1,423,556	5,557,122
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	167,894		575	168,469
0013 Curriculum and Staff Development	92,488		12,530	105,018
0021 Instructional Leadership	121,992		135,645	257,637
0023 School Leadership	554,505		25,026	579,531
0031 Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation Services	172,445		66,390	238,835
0032 Social Work Services			35,101	35,101
0033 Health Services	57,764		1,227	58,991
0034 Student Transportation	299,132		109,615	408,747
0035 Food Service	13,936		472,286	486,222
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	469,829		95,450	565,279
0041 General Administration	324,170		2,812	326,982
0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations	1,250,204		1,393	1,251,597
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	2,371		26,440	28,811
0053 Data Processing Services	363,476		6,776	370,252
0061 Community Services			4,135	4,135
0071 Principal on Long-term Debt	256,896		58,228	315,124
0072 Interest on Long-term Debt			301,811	301,811
0073 Bond Issuance Costs and Fees			300	300
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	58,043			58,043
6030 Total Expenditures	7,890,597	448,114	2,779,296	11,118,007
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(84,755)		(19,648)	(104,403)
Other Financing Sources and (Uses):				
7915 Transfers In			62,322	62,322
8911 Transfers Out	(62,322)			(62,322)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)	(62,322)		62,322	
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	(147,077)		42,674	(104,403)
0100 Fund Balances - Beginning	4,223,670		163,130	4,386,800
3000 Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 4,076,593	\$ 448,114	\$ 205,804	\$ 4,282,397

Cotton Market Weekly

Cotton futures traded mostly higher this week, continuing to trade in an erratic and almost unpredictable fashion each day.

"I tell you, predicting day-to-day market swings has become all but impossible," a trader said. "For instance, Thursday morning the stars were lining up for a down day with lower Chinese futures prices, slow export offtake and a weaker dollar weighing on the market. Prices attempted to adhere to the early signals but eventually managed to rally," he explained.

Friday morning, cotton futures on the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) jumped to the highest price in almost a month after the U.S. government lowered its forecast for production and inventories.

USDA's 2010-11 world cotton estimates included revisions which raised production and reduced consumption, resulting in an increase in ending stocks from last month's estimate.

Global cotton production was raised nearly 300,000 bales as increases for Australia and Brazil more than offset decreases for Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Greece, and the United States.

World consumption was reduced based on lower esti-

mates for Pakistan and India that were partially offset by an increase for the United States. World trade was down slightly despite higher world production as most of the larger southern hemisphere production will be shipped in 2011-12. World stocks now are forecast at 43.4 million bales, marginally below the beginning level.

The department's estimates for U.S. cotton included slightly lower production and higher domestic mill use, resulting in a decrease of 200,000 bales in ending stocks compared with last month. U.S. upland production was pegged at 17.8 million bales as lower production in Texas was partially offset by an increase in the Southeast. The figure was down 1 percent from last month but up 51 percent from production totals in 2009.

Producers in Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas are expecting decreased yields from last month.

Domestic mill use was raised 100,000 bales based on stronger-than-expected consumption in recent months while the department left its export estimate unchanged. Ending stocks now are forecast at 1.9 million bales, or 10 percent of

total use.

The agency expects the 2010 Texas upland cotton crop to total 8.05 million bales, 3 percent less than last month but 74 percent more than in 2009. Yield is expected to average 716 pounds per acre, a reduction of 22 pounds from last month but 82 pounds more than last year. Acreage expected for harvest is estimated at 5.4 million acres, up 54 percent from 2009.

Meanwhile, USDA also reported net upland export sales of U.S. cotton totaled 323,400 bales in the week ended Dec. 2. The figure was equal to the number of bales sold the previous week but was down 15 percent from the four-week average. China, Turkey, and Bangladesh were the week's top three buyers.

Exports of 323,700 bales were up 65 percent from the previous week and 94 percent from the four-week average. Primary destinations included China, Mexico and Vietnam. Spot cotton sales remained brisk in the week ended Dec. 9 as producers in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas sold 56,622 bales online at prices ranging from \$1.23 to \$1.32 per pound. The previous week, producers sold 42,331 bales at \$1.06 to \$1.23 per pound.



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Country Christmas was held at the Fairgrounds in Lockney this past Saturday. There were over 30 booths coming from Lockney, Floydada, Borger, Hereford, Hart, Plainview, Lubbock, and points in-between. Wonderful items were on sale including contemporary jewelry, clothes, vintage necklaces, turquoise and silver jewelry, as well as great food, leather crafts, Christmas decor, toys, candles, and other interesting things. Santa stopped by to visit with the kids and take their requests for Christmas; and the evening was capped off with a dance with Suthrn Stone from Lubbock.

Poinsettias care and feeding

By Mark Carroll
County Extension Agent

With the holidays upon us, it is time to think about proper care of the poinsettias many of us receive during the Christmas holidays.

After the holidays, keep the plants in indirect sun and water regularly.

Poinsettias require moderately moist soil. Water the plants thoroughly, when the soil surface feels dry to the touch.

Remove the plant from decorative pots or covers and water enough to completely saturate the soil.

Do not allow the poinsettia to sit in any standing water. Root rot could result which could kill the plant.

It is not necessary to fertilize the poinsettia when it is in bloom.

After outside night temperatures reaches 55 degrees or above, place your plants outdoors where they can bask in the warmth of spring and summer.

When the leaves age and lose their aesthetic appeal, usually by late March or early

April, cut the poinsettia back to about eight inches in height.

By the end of May, you should see vigorous new growth. Around June 1, you may transplant your poinsettias into larger pots.

Select pots no more than four inches larger than the original inner pot.

A soil mix with a considerable amount of organic matter such as peat moss or leaf mold is highly recommended.

If you wish, you may transplant the poinsettias into a well-prepared garden bed.

Be sure the planting bed is rich in organic matter and has good drainage.

Pruning may be required during the summer to keep plants bushy and compact. Do not prune after September 1.

Continue regular watering during the growth period. Fertilize every two to three weeks throughout the spring, summer and fall months with a well-balanced, complete fertilizer.

For more information contact the County Extension Office at 806-983-4912

TEEA a great agency to join

By Melissa Long
CEA-FCS-Floyd County

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The 501
by Hanaba Munn Welch

My father's favorite Christmas toy was a little windup train engine. He played with it all one Christmas Day when he was a child in Arkansas and the family lived in a dogtrot-style two-room cabin, meaning it featured a room on each end with a breezeway between for the dogs to trot through, presumably coon dogs. Certainly not Chihuahuas.

Arkansas-born, Daddy was probably 3 when he got the memorable toy, making the year 1908. He could have been 4. He'd already lived in nearby Oklahoma when it was still Indian Territory. Soon the family would move there again. But for the moment, they were back in Arkansas, cozy and crowded, especially if grandparents were visiting. I think Daddy told me he played around the stove that

day. Or maybe I'm imagining that part. But where else would you play? Not off in a cold corner. Either way, it's one of my Christmas memories, even if I wasn't there.

Tonight the grandchildren and my husband's daughter, Rachel, came over to help us decorate our tree and make new memories. I, for one, will not forget that Cutter, age 4, said, "Let's get it over with."

Then he dived right in, sort of. His mother convinced him he was the only person small enough to go under the tree to straighten the tree skirt. The piece of red and green taffeta really is a skirt, by the way. Better said, it's an entire dress that Cutter's late grandmother wore in a family wedding many years ago. It's just one treasured item in the extensive Welch family Christmas

decoration collection.

Regarding Christmas, it's seems I've married into a sentimental-obsessive-compulsive bunch. That's OK. I believe in that approach too, even if the ornaments are all theirs. I've been invited, yea, even urged, to add some of my own. And I shall.

But my strongest personal attachments are to the decorations of my own past that no longer exist, namely, the string of hearty colored lights set in star-shaped reflectors, the shiny fragile balls that broke so easily, a bedraggled silver garland and wrinkled little silver icicles made of heavy metal instead of plastic. Some people liked to throw those icicles on their trees. We hung ours, painstakingly, a few at a time.

People with discretionary income could buy new icicles every year. We saved ours. Also, we had some nice cotton Mother got from Mr. Adkins, bookkeeper at the gin. She treated it like contraband. Maybe it was. It went under the tree and looked like snow. Eventually we ended up with a red felt store-bought skirt with gold fringe. I missed the cotton.

As for Cutter, after he'd straightened the tree skirt, sort of, he largely forsook decorating to play with a little windup toy train I myself collected piece by piece back in 2005 by eating several Kids' Meals at Sonic Drive-Ins. Yum.

Cutter had fun with that little train. Someday I'll tell him about Christmas 1908 in a dogtrot cabin in Arkansas.

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The Paperboy

It is okay to say Merry Christmas again!

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

Perhaps you've noticed a resurgence of the term "Merry Christmas" this year. I know I have, particularly in national advertising.

To that I say well done!

Honestly, if store A is wishing me a "Merry Christmas" and store B is telling me "Happy Holidays," I'm headed to store A.

It's about time Politically Correct freaks realized they don't own the written and spoken word. We've been PC'd to death for 20 years and it's time to reverse that trend. Merry Christmas is a great start!

There are several hotspots on the planet and if you pay attention to such things, it's a real pressure cooker out there.

We all know about the ongoing fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan, but tensions on the U.S.-Mexico border and between North Korea and South Korea are getting worse. Throw in the riots in various European countries due to the economic crisis and we could have a real global mess on our hands.

It's really too bad the United Nations is weak. I guess that's what happens when you let China and Russia dictate diplomacy and are guilty of atrocious acts and scandals. The UN also has a reputation of not enforcing resolutions so they lack a voice which could serve the globe.

This holiday season, President Obama could have to make several tough decisions. As severe as his domestic problems are, they could easily be overshadowed by issues on the foreign front. I certainly don't envy his position and I pray that he is receiving excellent intelligence and even better advice.

I was watching a show about the U.S. invasion of Japan during World War II on the History Channel the other evening and it got me to thinking: What is the cost of human life vs. that of a machine?

I wonder if a robot army, or remote controlled soldiers, will ever take the place of the human soldier?

Sure it sounds far-fetched, but have you ever looked at an iPhone or seen what our flying drones are capable of? We actually have the technology to take humans out of harms way and place them in a video game-type situation and fight wars.

How would the rest of the world view such a thing? How long before other countries developed similar machines?

There is no question North Korea, Iran and Venezuela are rogue and dangerous. They will all have long-range nuclear weapons very soon and as history has proven, insane dictators force their will on the innocent.

If find it sad and disturbing that the world allows these countries to indulge in nuclear weapons. I also find it ridiculous the leaders of these rogue nations are still breathing, but I digress.

We live in a world where technology consumes us. Barring a techno-disaster, we'll continue the march in this direction. The next technological leap in defense could be a large one.

While on the topic, any war machine of the future containing artificial intelligence should not be allowed. Maybe I've seen too many movies, but self-aware machines might not like how us humans do things...

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Other Opinions

Tax Deal a Diversion from Crippling Debt

By BILL WILSON

Starting today, Congress will begin the process of enacting the deal negotiated between the White House and the Republican Senate. It has been much more difficult than many had imagined to come to a clear cut position on this measure. As I and others have stated over the last several days, the country is on the horns of a dilemma.

If the deal goes through, with the automatic tax increases blocked for two years along with a host of tax "extenders", social spending and so-called "green" subsidies, the nation is likely to avoid a double-dip recession. But the price is we will be adding nearly \$1 trillion in more debt to the U.S. balance sheets because the deal will not address Washington's out-of-control spending.

If, on the other hand, the deal is rejected, taxes will soar, we will almost certainly get that dreaded double-dip and the budget deficit is likely to explode with added social expenditures.

Neither prospect is appealing. The \$120 billion payroll tax reduction is nothing more than Stimulus IV but by another name. Little can be expected from it except adding to the \$13.8 trillion debt.

While the outcome is in doubt, the odds favor the establishment. Their fear of another downturn in the economy has greater sway over the politicians than the legitimate

fear of opponents — real or feigned — of the growth in the national debt. This is yet another example of the American prejudice for immediate gratification.

But the debt must be addressed. An article in December 11th London Telegraph hit the nail on the head. It notes surging interest rates on U.S. government debt coming because Washington simply cannot rein itself in. "[T]he market is increasingly alarmed at the rate of increase of the U.S. government's already massive liabilities," writes Liam Halligan, adding, "America's government debt is set to expand by a jaw-dropping 42 percent over the next few years, reaching \$19.6 trillion by 2015 according to Treasury Department estimates presented (amid very little fanfare) to Congress back in June. Since then, government spending has risen even more. So U.S. debt service costs, like those of many other Western nations, are expanding rapidly in terms of both the volumes of sovereign instruments outstanding, and the yields on each bond."

That's awful news, and means that if spending is not brought under control in Washington, little else will matter. Rising interest payments on the national debt run the risk of cancelling out increased growth from keep tax rates steady.

In FY 2010, the \$228 billion in interest payments was \$19 billion more than the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) said

it would be in March for 2010. Back then they said it would be \$209 billion. So, interest owed on the national debt is already rising well above expectations, 9 percent more in 2010 alone.

The quicker those payments rise, the more likely those payments are to come into the 18 to 20 percent of revenue range Moody's has warned the nation against, resulting in a credit downgrade. Under CBO's previous projections, that downgrade would be in 2018. But, if CBO was off by 9 percent for each of those ten years, fiscal doomsday moves up to 2017, when interest payments would be \$735 billion instead of \$675 billion versus a projected \$3.869 trillion in revenue.

If CBO is wrong about revenue, too, the situation looks even worse. Its assumptions are based on the current tax rates expiring, and there being no recessions between now and then. But if growing fears about the debt overwhelm the markets, even if the tax rates are extended, we will not be able to grow out of this mess.

So, when all is said and done, what happens with the tax vote will be of momentary importance. The debt is killing us. The new, Republican-dominated Congress in January will have only one big choice to make. Either they will continue the head-in-the-sand policies, pretending to cut the budget by merely slowing the growth of spending; or, they can act decisively to

reverse course by addressing the dire debt situation head-on.

What would that mean? A meaningful set of actions would start with putting all spending levels in the next budget at 2007 positions totaling \$2.7 trillion instead of the current \$3.5 trillion, about \$800 billion of savings. And then they would have to cut from there. Only reductions to these levels can hope to stem the tide of red ink.

Unfortunately, it will be difficult to get tough on budget cuts. The weak-sisters and quislings are already shedding crocodile tears about being "too tough" on spending. They bring up revisionist stories of the 1995 so-called "shut-down" and warn that the GOP will lose badly in the elections if they take a stand now.

But what is obvious is that anything less than aggressive reductions in government spending, and the corresponding eliminations of government power over the lives of citizens and business, will be viewed as weakness and cowardice in the face of the greatest threat America has faced in more than a generation.

So, the vote on the tax bill is important and will have consequences on the lives of millions of Americans. But it is but a diversion compared to the work that must begin on January 3rd to drastically reduce spending below current levels. That's where the real action is regardless of the outcome of the vote on the "tax deal."

Other Views

Label Me Conservative

By DAVID BOZEMAN

The reason Democrats lost big in the recent mid-terms is labels. Yes, whenever the chattering classes start telling us that ideological labels impede constructive national dialogue, it usually means the liberal/progressive agenda is being soundly rejected again. So, buckle in, America, a well-organized campaign is about to tell you — for the umpteenth time this century — that you're too loud, too extreme, uncompromising, and limits on political advertising may well be prescribed to ensure a healthier civic dialogue.

And you may hear it from the right as well as the left. Columnist Kathleen Parker, who inexplicably passes for conservative, recently profiled a new organization called No Labels. I'll spare the reader the excruciatingly uninspiring details of its inception, except to say that it's a well-funded (more than \$1 million), bi-partisan effort to unite those independent voices alienated by the dominant extremes in the political arena.

Parker lauded their efforts, and though she cited Nancy Pelosi as an example of a leader whose rhetoric repels rather than invites opposing input, she offered at least three

examples of Republicans who reportedly lost for not regurgitating the anti-Obama rhetoric of the Tea Party. Maggie Hanson, a New Hampshire state senator, apparently lost because she was too moderate. In South Carolina, Republican congressman Bob Inglis lost to a Tea Party candidate because he (according to Parker) wouldn't claim that President Obama was a Muslim and not born in the U.S.

Cry me a river. Anyone who thinks the Democrats were crushed because of Obama's religion or birth status is drowning in the mushy middle and ignorant of the cold, hard economic realities of our time.

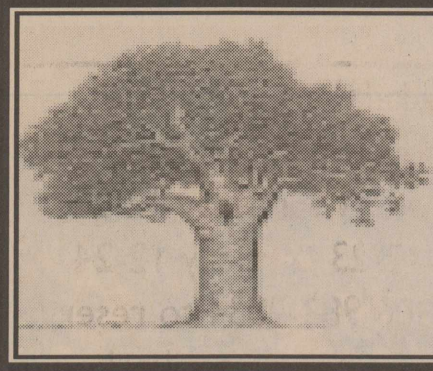
By virtue of our freedom, we Americans are passionate, excessive, sometimes loud and sometimes gaudy. We think for ourselves, but, out of necessity, we typically attach our ideas and agendas to movements of like-minded individuals. Unlike Pulitzer Prize-winning journalists, most of us are not bound by the etiquette of cocktail society, and because our individual opinions will never reach millions, our labels are the only megaphones we have, thus we, of all persuasions, proudly sport our buttons, bumper stickers and t-shirts.

America was built on the fiery, partisan voices of individuals with the guts to take a stand and identify themselves.

"Give me liberty or give me death" allows little room for compromise, wouldn't you say? "No taxation without representation" would be considered too divisive for the ill-educated tea partiers of the day to accept in a constructive context. And what compromise did Martin Luther King make to the segregationists of his time?

Politics certainly entails setting an agenda and picking your battles, but Americans, particularly conservatives, are leery of compromise, which they perceive works to the benefit of liberals, who are willing to unravel our freedom in increments, even tiny ones. Parker lauds Alaska Senator Lisa Murkowski for not going away quietly and for "promoting ideas and solutions" and "rebuking partisanship." The latter presumably includes her dismal 70 percent rating from the American Conservative Union and blather about getting along with President Obama.

What a pair. Obama the Democrat and Murkowski the Democrat-lite. Freedom offers little room for compromise and demands passion and that we speak its name lest we forget it. Paint it red, white and blue and by all means label it. And label its adherents small-government conservatives — we wear the name proudly.



HACKBERRY HAPPENINGS

BY CARLA MEADOR, MARKETING DIRECTOR

Christmas is in the air, especially this week, at Hackberry. Everything is decorated with beautiful trees, ornaments, lights and garland. A big thanks to our decorating volunteers for taking time out of their busy evenings to make Hackberry all Christmas and festive. Our Residents are very pleased!

We will celebrate our annual Family Christmas evening Friday, December 17. We welcome family members of our Residents to join us. Hackberry will prepare turkey and dressing, sweet potatoes and rolls, and we ask that family members bring a dish. You are also welcome to bring gifts for your loved ones. Santa Claus will be here to distribute the gifts. We really appreciate ole' Santa for clearing his schedule to come to Hackberry for awhile. We do understand

how busy he is this time of the year. We have one very special Resident, Mr. Donnie Ball, who absolutely loves Christmas and can't wait for Santa to arrive. In fact Donnie loves Christmas so much that he keeps his room festively decorated for the holiday all year long. Donnie is very special to everyone. All our Hackberry residents are very special!

Christina has "Frosty the Snowman" playing in our physical therapy department which adds to the holiday spirit. Last week, I joined several of our residents for a Christmas sing-along. We enjoyed singing all the old favorite Christmas carols, such as Silent Night, Joy to the World, Hark the Herald Angels Sing, It Came Upon a Midnight Clear and others. This made for a wonderful morning. It reminded me of the times I enjoyed singing Christmas carols

with my Granny. These sweet Hackberry ladies are like surrogate grandmothers and I can only hope they enjoyed this sing-along as much as I did. Thank you, ladies!

The Residents got a special treat Monday morning when the Kitchen Bible Study Group, led by Freida Burns, visited the Center. The group brought stockings and Santa hats filled with all kinds of goodies and presented them to each Resident. They walked through the halls and called on each Resident's rooms, to make sure they didn't miss anyone. We appreciate their visit so much and the Residents just loved their goodies.

We know that this is a very busy time for everyone, with Christmas shopping, decorating, baking and preparing for

holiday company, so it is with much appreciation that we extend our heartfelt thanks to all our volunteers who come to the Center to give to our Residents in any way. Whether you're decorating, fixing hair, giving manicures, or just sitting and visiting, you are a blessing to Hackberry.

SENIOR HEALTH TIPS 12 Tips for a Health Holiday

Wash hands often to keep yourself from spreading germs and getting sick.

Bundle up to stay dry and warm.

Manage stress. Don't over-commit yourself and prevent holiday anxiety and pressure.

Don't drink and drive or let others drink and drive.

Be smoke-free. Avoid smoking and second-hand smoke.

Fasten seat belts while driving or riding in a motor

vehicle. Always buckle your child in the car using a child safety seat, booster seat, or seat belt according to his/her height, weight, and age.

Get exams and screenings. Ask what exams you need and when to get them.

Get your vaccinations, which help prevent diseases and save lives.

Monitor the children. Keep potentially dangerous toys, food, drinks, household items, and other objects out of kids' reach. Make sure toys are used properly.

Practice fire safety. Most residential fires occur during the winter months, so be careful to never leave fireplaces, space heaters, stoves, or candles unattended. Have an emergency plan and practice it regularly.

Prepare food safely. Remember these simple steps: wash hands and

surfaces often, avoid cross-contamination, cook foods to proper temperatures, and refrigerate promptly.

Eat healthy, and get moving. Eat plenty of fruits and vegetables. Limit your portion sizes and foods high in fat and sugar. Be active for at least 2 1/2 hours a week and help kids and teens be active for at least 1 hour a day.

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This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS
On or about January 2nd the City of Lockney will submit a request to the Texas Department of Rural Affairs for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Section 104(f) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended, to undertake a project known as TxCDBG #710409 for the purpose of water system improvements to the current water system.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
The City of Lockney has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at City of Lockney- City Hall (address as listed above) and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the City of Lockney. All comments received by January 2nd, 2010, will be considered by the City of Lockney prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS
The City of Lockney certifies to the Texas Department of Rural Affairs that Mayor Rodger Stapp in his capacity as Mayor of the City of Lockney consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The Office's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Lockney to use Program funds.

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The Texas Department of Rural Affairs will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Lockney certification received by January 2nd, 2010 or a period of fifteen days from its receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of the City of Lockney, approved by the Office; (b) the (RE) has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the Office; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to the Texas Department of Rural Affairs at P.O. Box 12877, Austin, Texas 78711. Potential objectors should contact the Office to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Rodger Stapp, Mayor City of the City of Lockney

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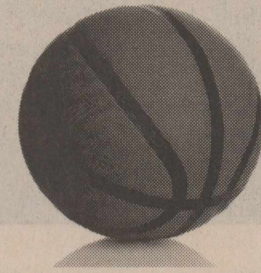
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Last Wednesday, at about 7:57a.m., two vehicles collided at the intersection of FM 97 and NE 3rd in Lockney, Texas. The driver of a silver Pontiac Bonneville, who was heading east on FM97, was attempting to turn north onto NE 3rd when the driver failed to see an oncoming westbound green Ford Explorer also traveling on FM 97; the green Explorer then slammed into the front right quarter panel of the silver Pontiac. Both drivers along with the 3 passengers traveling in the green Explorer, were transported to WJ Mangold Memorial Hospital for their injuries.

BASKETBALL

- Meadow 75-25**
Liz Suarez 16, Avery Miller 14, Brityn Helms 13, Whitley Beedy 12. Sarah Sanders 9 rebounds, Avery Miller 5 assists, Breann Gooch, Sarah Jo Miller, Brityn Helms 6 steals each, Avery Miller 8 deflections.
- Elida, NM 65-32**
Whitley Beedy 19, Liz Suarez 11, Avery Miller 10. Sarah Sanders 16 rebounds, Whitley Beedy 12 rebounds, Avery Miller 6 assists, Whitley Beedy 7 deflections.
- Anton 59-36**
Whitley Beedy 20, Avery Miller 12, Sarah Sanders 10. Sarah Sanders 11 rebounds, Breann Gooch 4 assists, Sarah Jo Miller 10 steals, Breann Gooch 7 deflections.
- Hale Center 72-23**
Breann Gooch 13, Avery Miller 12, Liz Suarez 11, Brityn Helms 10, Whitley Beedy 9, Nikki Seymour 6, Sarah Jo Miller 5, Emily Hall 4, Sarah Sanders 2.
- Springlake-Earth 57-36**
Whitley Beedy 19, Avery Miller 17, Whitley Beedy 9 rebounds, Breann Gooch 4 assists, Avery Miller 8 steals, Whitley Beedy and Breann Gooch 5 deflections each.
- New Deal 71-18**
Avery Miller 19, Whitley Beedy 14, Brityn Helms 9, Breann Gooch 8, Sarah Jo Miller 6, Nikki Seymour 5, Sarah Sanders 4. Whitley Beedy and Avery Miller 11 rebounds each, Avery Miller and Sarah Jo Miller 5 assists each, Sarah Jo Miller 7 steals, Sarah Sanders 7 deflections. Liz Suarez did not play because of injury.

OBITUARIES

her parents divorce in the early 1940's, she finished primary schooling and went to live with her God Mother, Eunice Boudreaux. During the years of WWII she worked as a telephone operator manually connecting and disconnecting calls from a panel punch board. It was on her shift that she took a call from an army man, who was calling his uncle Joe in Houma, Louisiana, Paul Teuton. Since it was not allowed for her to tell the caller her name, Paul, with repeated calls to get his favorite operator, decided

she should be called "Laura". When they finally did meet he was not surprised that her name was Lorraine, so she became his Laura. They eloped in June 1947 and moved to Texas. Paul and Laura were married for 60 years and farmed west of Lockney on the Teuton homestead of 1906 and managed the Teuton Family Trust. She never left his side and he was her strength and shield until his death in 2007. They raised three children: James, Pamela and Paula. During their later years they were Floyd County Pioneer

Couple of the Year in May, 2007. Laura loved to cook and will always be remembered for her willingness to bring food to any grieving family and to make the best German Chocolate Cake in the world. She was a sweet spirit and a continual prayer warrior for anyone and everyone whom she felt needed God's touch of healing and grace. Laura's heavenly homecoming was welcomed by her beloved Lord and Savior and husband Paul. At the gate to meet her were her parents and step parents, her younger brother, Lewis and

nephew, C.J. and two infant sisters whom she got to meet for the very first time along with a large host of former Lockneyites who gathered to join in the celebration of a precious soul returning from a far land. Remaining behind and waiting their own personal homecomings are her three children and their families: James Teuton and wife, Paula Jane and son, David; Pamela Smith and husband, Charles Carden and her sons, Josh Smith and Jason Smith and his fiancée, Kara with her sons, Malachi and Nehemyah; and Paula Funnell and husband,

Jerry. Also extended family members, her sister-in-law, Nina Teuton and family and Teuton nephews and nieces and their families: Larry Teuton and wife, Patti, Robert Teuton and wife, Sylvia, Bill Teuton and wife, Barbara and Vicki Teuton Smith and husband, Dan. Memorials may be made in her remembrance to the Benevolence Fund of First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 446, Lockney, Texas 79241. Online condolences may be made at www.Moore-Rose.com.

Leonard "Leroy" Thompson, Jr, age 56, passed away Friday, December 10, 2010 in Longview. Visitation was held Tuesday, December 14, 2010 from 6-8 p.m. at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney. Services were held Wednesday, December 15, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at the W. College and 3rd St. Church of Christ in Lockney. Interment followed at the Lockney Cemetery under the care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Lockney. Online guestbook at www.Moore-Rose.com

LEONARD "LEROY" THOMPSON, JR.

Lubbock Moonlight Musical

Lubbock Moonlight Musicals is in full preparations for its first dinner-theatre presentation, Irving Berlin's beloved musical, *White Christmas*. This production marks a wintertime addition to the offerings of Lubbock Moonlight Musicals. A catered, plated dinner will begin promptly at 6:30 pm. The show will begin at 7:30 pm. The audience will be seated at round tables of eight. The thrust stage will partially surround the audience, making them feel as though they are participating in the performance. The cast includes Moonlight Musicals regulars: Allison Smith and Mariel Morgan as the Haynes sisters (Betty and Judy, respectively) and brothers Matthew Smith and Andrew Smith as Bob Wallace and Phil Davis. General Waverly will be played by longtime Lubbock actor Mike Morgan. His daughter Hannah Morgan will play Susan Waverly. The cast also includes more than 25 local actors and dancers from the Lubbock area.

Performance Dates:
December 23, 29, 30, and 31, 2010
Lubbock Civic Center Banquet Hall
Dinner at 6:30 pm, Show at 7:30 pm
RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED
Ticket Prices: \$60 1st row, \$50 2nd row, \$35 3rd & 4th rows
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