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Soldier dies at childhood home

By Sara Sisemore
Managing Editor

Staff Sergeant Wesley Hunter has fought his last battle. Thursday, Sept. 18, 2008, will forever mark the day of his victory.

Wounded from an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) that destroyed his armored Humvee while on tour in Iraq in February 2006, Hunter had since then fought a daily battle against the never-ending pain of having shrapnel still left in his body. While visiting his parents in Lockney, Texas, during his tenth year high school homecoming, Hunter laid down to take a nap - a nap from which he never awoke.

Hunter will be missed by many friends and family, including his wife Rayanne; his two children, Westlin and Tavie; his parents Bill and Kathy Hunter; and his brother Jeffrey Hunter.

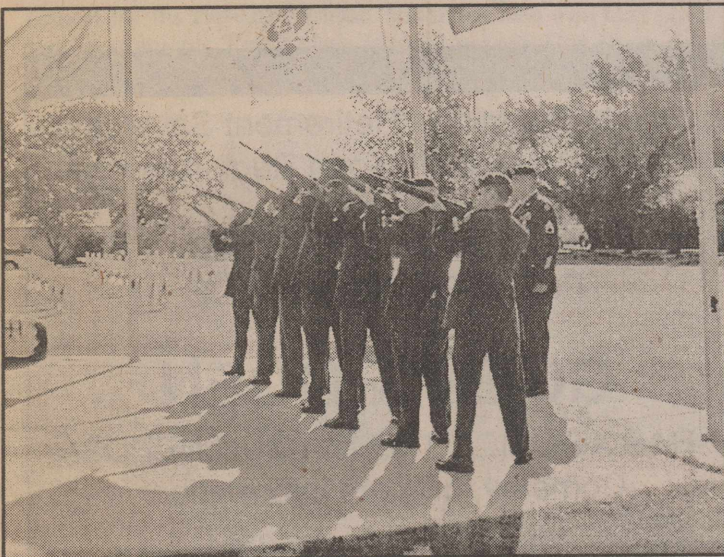
A military autopsy was per-

formed to determine the cause of death, but results are still pending.

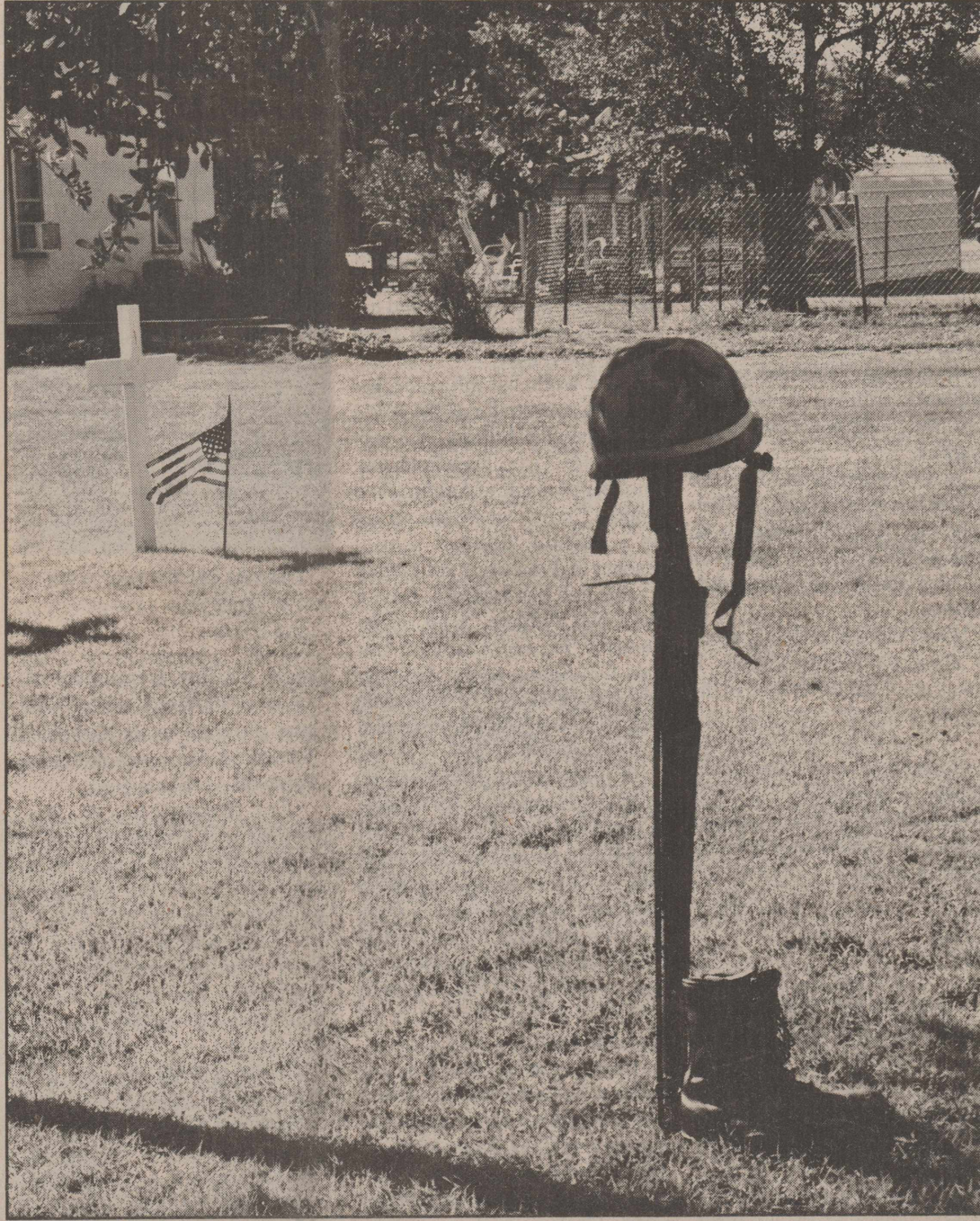
A military memorial was held Tuesday morning, Sept. 23, at the Lockney Veteran's Memorial. Many friends of the family gathered to celebrate and commemorate the sacrifice Hunter and his family made to help defend our country. Hunter's wife received a flag in memory of her husband, a three-volley salute was given and "Amazing Grace" was played on bagpipes as friends filed by to pay their respects to the family.

Funeral services were held at Main Street Church of Christ in Lockney on Tuesday at 4 p.m., and burial will follow later in Denver, Colo., at Fort Logan National Cemetery.

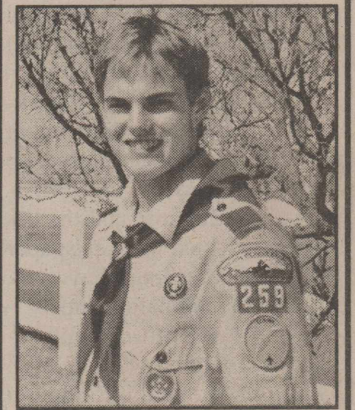
Family and friends know Hunter is now celebrating his victory at home with his Lord - the best homecoming of all.



WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THE SACRIFICE Wesley Hunter made for us and our country. Above, soldiers give a three-volley salute during a military memorial service held for Staff Sgt. Hunter Tuesday morning in Lockney. Staff Photo



Doucette designated Eagle Scout



PATRICK DOUCETTE
Patrick Doucette of Boy Scout Troop 259 of Lockney has been honored with Boy Scout's highest award, the rank of Eagle Scout.

To receive this award, Patrick had to be recommended by a Board of Review who evaluated his scouting record to determine whether he was deserving of Boy Scouting's highest honor.

Patrick had been with Scouting since the 6th grade during which he completed all of his required merit badges and advanced his way up through five ranks to become an Eagle Scout. In addition, Patrick was required to do a Leadership Service Project.

The Lockney Rotary Club had purchased four benches for his Leadership Service Project. He enlisted the help of fellow scout members: Blake Milstead, Jonathon Sustaita, Isaiah Gonzalez, Zach Montandon, Brian Cooper and Danny Huggins as well as Santos Mariscal, Jr. and Patrick's dad, Jim. Patrick had to supervise the project through to completion. The project included figuring out how much concrete was needed, preparing the ground and installing the forms and setting the benches in concrete. While they were working on this project they fixed the sprinkler system as well.

Patrick completed his Leadership Service Project last fall and had his Board of Review this past May. After the Review, Patrick received the honor of Eagle Scout. Patrick is the son of Jim and Denise Doucette of Lockney and the grandson of Leo and Alice Bertholf and the great-grandson of Mary Donaldson of DeLand, Fla. A Court of Honor will be held on Sunday, Oct. 19 at 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church in Lockney.

All are invited to attend.

4-H Livestock Judging Team wins Tri-State Fair Contest

Segayle Foster receives top award at annual event

By J.D. Ragland

Five Floyd County 4-H members recently competed at the Tri-State Fair Livestock Judging Contest in Amarillo on Saturday, Sept. 13. First place senior division High Team Overall went to the Floyd County 4-H team. Senior members were: Segayle Foster, SyAnn Foster and McCrae McCormick.

Individually Segayle Foster received 1st High Individual Overall. Additionally SyAnn Foster was 9th High Individual Overall.

The Floyd County Junior team received 5th place High Team Overall. Junior team members were: Madolyn McCormick, Kirby Nixon and not pictured, Taylor Orr.

4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM winners are pictured as follows: (back row l-r) Segayle Foster, SyAnn Foster, McCrae McCormick, (front row l-r) Kirby Nixon and Madolyn McCormick. Not pictured was junior team member Taylor Orr.



Farm Bureau Sends Volunteer Fireman to 79th Annual Training School

Trevor Mathis, volunteer fireman of the Floydada Volunteer Fire Department in Floydada, and Jackie Lynn, volunteer fireman of the Silverton Volunteer Fire Department in Silverton, attended the 79th Annual Municipal Fire School July 20-25, 2008. The school, attended by nearly 3,000 students, was held on the Texas A&M University campus in College Station.

Representing fire fighting personnel from more than 750 cities in 25 states, the annual school educates firemen on a variety of subjects, including specialized fire suppression and rescue techniques, emergency dispatching, officer training, fire investigations and more.

Fireman Mathis was sponsored by Floyd County Farm Bureau and Fireman Lynn was sponsored by Briscoe County Farm Bureau with Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies contributing toward the cost of the school. Since volunteer firefighters are interested in attending this school to help do a better job for fire fighting and fire prevention, 125 county Farm Bureaus and Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies in the statewide program sponsored 125 firemen at the school.

"Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies believe volunteer fire departments have



MEMBERS OF THE FLOYD COUNTY FARM BUREAU BOARD congratulate volunteer firefighter Trevor Mathis (front row) for completing training at the 79th Annual Training School held in College Station, Tex. Representing the Farm Bureau Board were Tanner Smith (far left), Dane Sanders (second from left), Wesley Campbell (third from left, back row), Troy Bigham (third from right, back row) and Marty Covington (second from right). Chris Fulton (far right) represented the Farm Bureau. Staff Photo

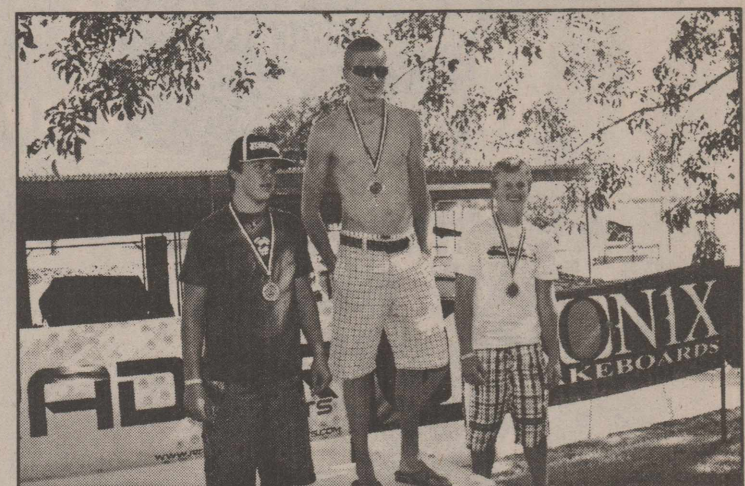
been very effective in reducing the amount of loss involved by fire in rural areas," said Texas Farm Bureau President, Ken-

neth Dierschke. "It is our hope in sponsoring this program that the firefighters will help the Volunteer Fire Departments in

Floydada and Silverton better serve the residents of Floyd and Briscoe counties."

FHS
Homecoming
Friday & Saturday!

Cornelius headed to California



THE TOP THREE FINALISTS in the Men's Novice Wakeboard Division from last summer's competition. First place went to Floyd County's Jordan Cornelius (center). Courtesy photo

By Julianne Cornelius

Jordan Cornelius qualifies for the National U.S. Championships tournament in the International Novice Tour (INT) Wakeboard Series, at Ski West Village in Bakersfield, Calif., Oct. 1-4. He will compete over the course of four days to win the U.S. Champion title.

Four hundred and fifty participants will travel from over 25 states to compete in this tournament and over 1,000 spectators are expected.

Jordan competed in the Men's Novice Wakeboard Division against other riders from Texas

and Louisiana this past summer in Austin and Dallas. Novice division riders perform six specified novice tricks. After the six are completed, novice riders can perform a seventh or wildcard trick.

He has been wakeboarding for seven years, having grown up practicing on Possum Kingdom Lake. Jordan is 16 and a junior at Floydada High School. He is the son of Eric and Julianne Cornelius. His brother is Skyler Cornelius of Houston, and his grandparents are Jim and Pat Cornelius of Possum Kingdom Lake, and Julian and Joyce Lipham of Texarkana.



'Old Fashioned' Saturday a success

By Judy Macha

Lockney and surrounding area residents and friends enjoyed Lockney's Old Fashion Saturday festivities under a beautiful clear sky. However, the joy was mixed with sadness over the recent loss of one of Lockney's own - Staff Sgt. Wesley Hunter. He was remembered during the opening ceremony Saturday morning by Cooter Durham, and honored by all present by a minute of silence.

Six year old Adam Bustillos, son of Gloria Torres of Lockney, amazed those present at the opening ceremony with his rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner." Chamber president Kay Martin commented afterward, "He can really belt it out!"

Main Street was bustling with activity from one end to the other Saturday. There were all sorts of food booths ranging from excellent lemonade to curly potatoes, barbecue, roasted corn on the cob, Mexican foods, German sausage, sandwiches, and all kinds of sweets... you get the idea! A small town at its best, offering food, fun activities and fellowship to people of all ages.

There were also booths offering clothing, leather goods, handmade items, toys, face painting, pie throwing and, of course, the infamous dunking booth. A person could even get a manicure/pedicure at one booth.

Young and old were amazed

at all the beautifully restored/customized/modified cars, trucks and motorcycles entered in the Lockney Car Show. A lot of hard work, organization and expense went into putting it on, and it paid off.

The Lockney Library held its annual bake sale and it was reported to have been a great success. This area has some of the best cooks anywhere!

Four very talented young ladies blew everyone's socks off during the evening's entertainment. Everyone was wondering where those strong, loud voices were coming from as all four girls were seven years of age or younger! They were billed as "The Itty Bittys." They each sang a solo, as well as singing together in harmony. Terri Caldwell of the Cactus Theater is their voice instructor and local Caitlann Wiley also helps them.

Other local bands, tumblers, and soloists added to the evening's enjoyment as well.

An added feature to this year's celebration was the fact it took place simultaneously with Homecoming. More Lockney exes than usual were "home" to enjoy the fun and visiting.

Texas Pedal Pullers, the Car Show, the parade, the entertainment, and all the food and fun added up to a successful day which came to a close with a street dance.

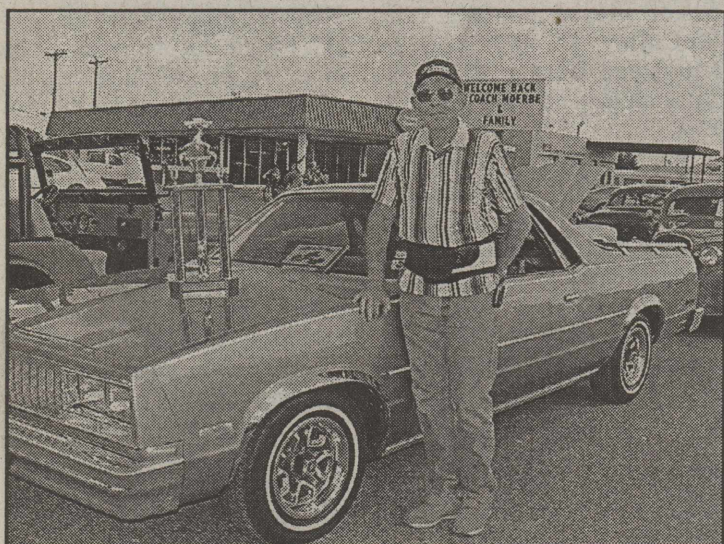
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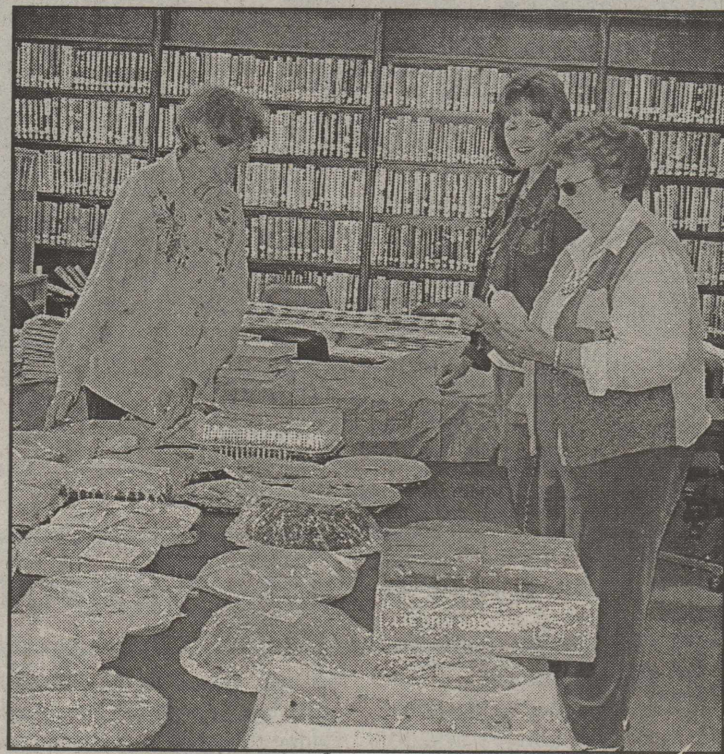
POWERFUL ENTERTAINMENT IN SMALL PACKAGES--- "The Itty Bittys" really surprised and delighted the audience with their talent. (l-r) seven year old Katie Rogers, seven year old Cassidy King, six year old Cady Grace Wynn, and six year old Avery Winter. The girls' voice coach is Terri Caldwell of Lubbock. They are helped by Lockney's Caitlann Wiley also.

Staff Photo



BEST OF SHOW TROPHY went to Claude Burnett, Jr. of Hale Center for his 1984 El Camino. His truck also won first place in the Gentlemen's Truck class at the Lockney Car Show during Old Fashioned Saturday.

Staff Photo



LOCKNEY LIBRARY--- annual bake sale goodies offered during Old Fashioned Saturday. (l-r) Neta Marble, Robin Stoerner, and Vida Hrbacek.

Staff Photo



OLD FASHIONED SATURDAY PARADE---Lockney's Mangold Memorial Hospital won first place for best commercial float.

Staff Photo



LOCKNEY HIGH SCHOOL BAND AND FLAG TEAM marching in the Old Fashioned Saturday parade.

Staff Photo

Notice to Floyd County Taxpayers

It is important that you, as Taxpayers, be made aware of a little known fact, which is, the following items in Floyd County's 2008/09 Budget, are mandated by law, regulation, or rule. The Floyd County Commissioner's Court has absolutely no discretion nor latitude in regard to the payment of these expenses.

1.	Audit	\$14,000
2.	Ads (public notices)	\$1,500
3.	Ambulance (EMS)	\$10,000
4.	Central Plains MHMR	\$6,373
5.	Child Welfare	\$3,000
6.	Court Appointed Attorneys	\$35,000
7.	Elections	\$14,000
8.	Forensic Services	\$4,000
9.	Juvenile Probation	\$37,213
10.	Prisoner Care	\$167,000
11.	Prisoner Medical	\$1,000
12.	Prisoner Transportation	\$8,700

Total \$301,860

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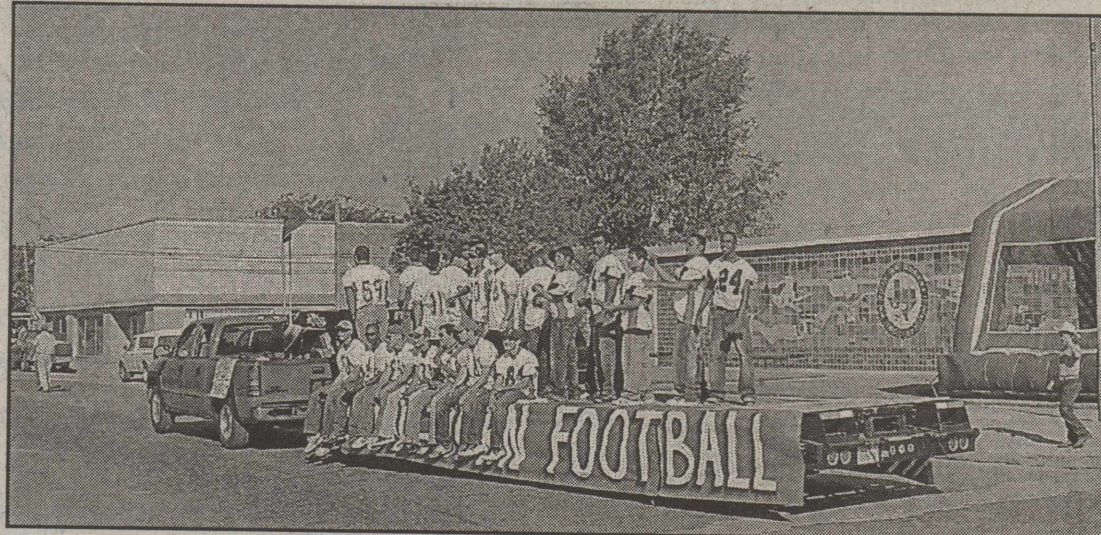
AIDAN BUSTILLOS, who just turned six years old, wowed the crowd at the opening ceremony for Old Fashioned Saturday with his rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner". "My mom taught me to sing. I love it and sing every day," said Bustillos.

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ALL AGES ENJOYED Old Fashioned Saturday.

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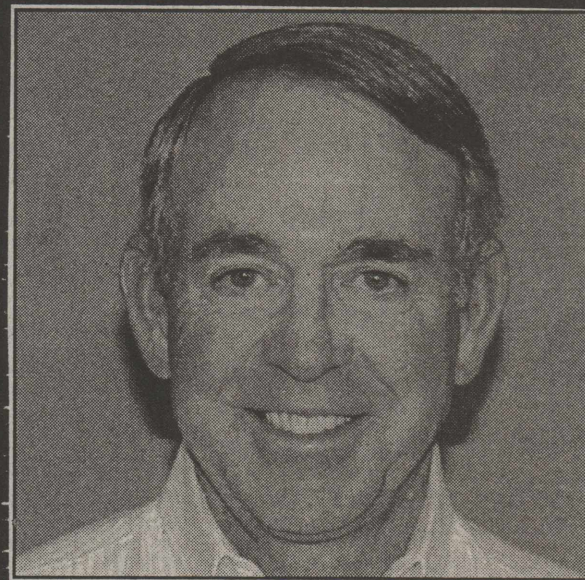


OLD FASHIONED SATURDAY PARADE---The Longhorn football team won first place for best club or community float.

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Elect Mike Anderson

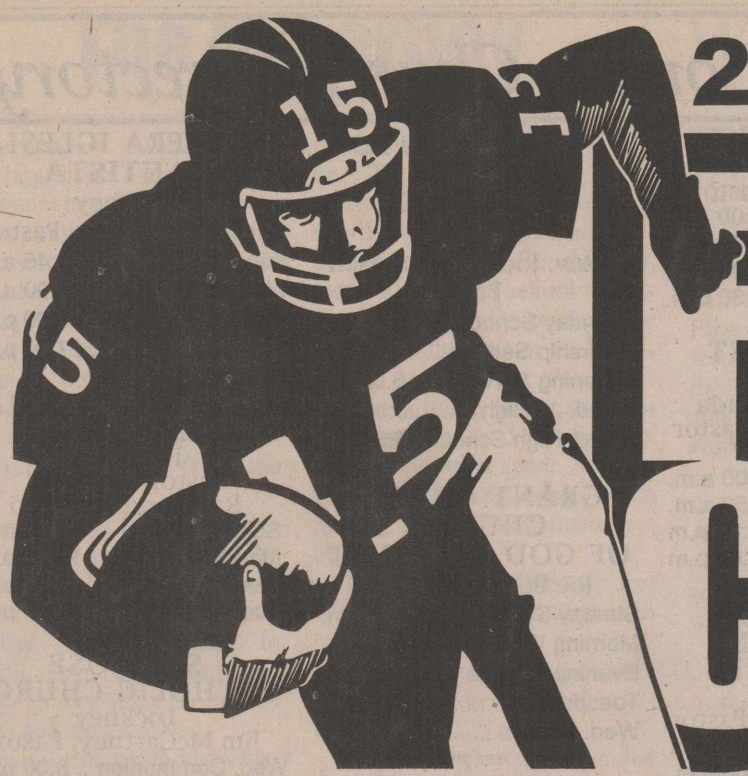
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FOOTBALL CONTEST

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

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

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Scott Gin & Cotton Candles 11. Clarendon 12. Sunray	Clark Pharmacy 13. Seagraves 14. Crosbyton	First National Bank of Floydada Member FDIC 15. Morton 16. Sundown	City Auto 17. Idalou 18. Shallowater	Windmark Insurance (Clair Schacht) 19. Spearman 20. Boys Ranch
Quality Body Shop 21. Perryton 22. Canadian	Ray Lee Equipment 23. Borger 24. Muleshoe	Oden Chevrolet 25. Happy 26. Kress	Schacht Flowers, Jewelry and Gifts 27. Texas A&M 28. Army	
Floydada Power and Light 29. Texas 30. Arkansas	Davis Lumber 31. Rice 32. North Texas	Lowe's Pay-n-Save Floydada 33. Alabama 34. Georgia	D&J Gin, Inc. 35. Illinois 36. Penn State	
Lockney Cooperatives 37. Auburn 38. Tennessee	Lowe's Pay-n-Save Lockney 39. Cowboys 40. Redskins	Payne Family Pharmacy 41. Bears 42. Eagles	Triple T Restaurant 43. Vikings 44. Titans	Cornelius Conoco Service 45. Falcons 46. Panthers
City Bank Member FDIC 47. Jets 48. Cardinals	Hammond Sheet Metal 49. Saints 50. 49'ers	Producer's Coop Elevator 51. Broncos 52. Chiefs	Blanco Press 53. Chargers 54. Raiders	DeBruce Ag Services 55. Bills 56. Rams

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Official Entry Form

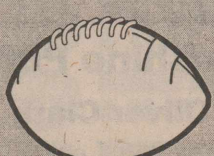
Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon Football Contest

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Tie Breakers

circle winner and write total combined score in football

Lockney
vs Nazareth

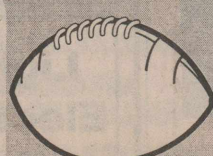


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Floydada
vs Bushland



Contest Rules

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

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

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

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

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

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