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## Twenty years later ...



Lori laughs with her newly-found family at their reunion in October. Pictured left to right: Lori Smith-O'Neal, Sandra (last name unknown), George O'Neal, Margaret Smith and Lee O'Neal.

Courtesy Photo

### ■ After years of searching, Lockney's Lori Smith-O'Neal reunited with her birth mother and family

By Sara Sisemore  
Managing Editor

On Sept. 22, 2008, Lori Smith-O'Neal talked to her birth mother for the very first time. "I've been looking for her for 20 years," Lori said in an interview. "I finally found her."

Lori's story starts 38 years ago when her 15-year-old mother, Rebecca O'Neal, gave birth to her in a Dallas hospital. Becky, as Rebecca is known, had three options from which to choose, she told Lori as they talked about what happened all those years ago. She could keep Lori - whom she wanted to name Monica - and have her own mother help raise her, she could give Lori to an aunt and uncle to raise her or she could give her up for adoption. Becky said her mother already had eight kids, so that option wasn't very viable and that she couldn't stand the thought of having to pretend she was her own daughter's cousin. So, Becky chose to give Lori up for adoption.

"She never considered abortion an option," Lori said as she related the story.

Lori started looking for her birth mother when she turned 18. "I didn't know who I really was," she said when asked why she started searching for her birth mother. "When I was growing up, it was really hard."

Lori always knew she was adopted, she explained. She said she wanted to find her

birth mom for medical reasons, "but in the back of my mind, I was saying, 'At least I'll know who I am.'"

"My mother explained to me when I was about five years old what it meant to be adopted. I had a lot of medical conditions, and when the doctors asked for family medical history, my parents would tell them they didn't know, because I was adopted."

Speaking of her adoptive parents she said, "I had great parents. They were the

adoption agency called saying they had hit a brick wall. "If they hit a brick wall with all the information they have," questioned Lori, "then how am I going to find her?"

"I put it off several times over the years," Lori said of her search. "Things would happen ... I would say 'it's not going to happen,' but I would still pray and cry at night sometimes."

"Then I had another son die in 1996 (Lori lost her first child in 1990), and when he died I started looking again, wanting

to know my medical history. I got tired of telling the doctors 'I don't know anything,'" Lori exclaimed.

"I would look online, every adoption registry that I would come across I would sign up for. Nothing. Sometimes I

would get frustrated."

But finally her 20 years of searching paid off.

"I got on this adoptiondatabase.org. I posted all my search information and who I was looking for," Lori exclaimed. Finally, another adoptee from Dallas County told her how to find her birth mother.

"All you have to do is write a letter to the judge stating what you want and why you want it," the adoptee told Lori.

Lori was excited as this was just shortly before her birthday. "I thought, oh, wow, this is what I've wanted for my birthday all my life. I'm going to get it this year."

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**"I didn't know who I really was ... when I was growing up, it was really hard."**

-Lori Smith-O'Neal

most wonderful people you can imagine." Lori said her reasons for wanting to find her birth mom had nothing to do with her adoptive parents, Herbert and Sharon Smith of Providence: "It wasn't anything they did wrong, it was just something in my mind saying, 'you're not who people are telling you (that) you are. You're living a lie.' That's how I felt."

Lori started searching by going to the adoption agency where her adoptive parents had adopted her when she was six days old. The adoption agency had records from which to start the search, and they started looking for Becky through her brother, Lori related. A month later, the

## Floyd County tax abatement might not be allowed by law

By Sara Sisemore  
Managing Editor

After unanimous approval from the commissioner's court, a tax abatement agreement with Texas Land Partners, LP, was signed by Judge Penny Golightly Monday, Nov. 10.

However, the tax abatement agreement may or may not be allowed by law.

According to Renewable Energy Systems' (RES) representatives, Wes Jackson and Philip Moore, the attorney general (AG) has issued an opinion that says counties cannot enter into tax abatement agreements. This AG opinion will probably be discussed in the next legislative session.

Jackson and Moore said if the opinion is overturned, the tax abatement will already be in place, but if not, the abatement agreement will be null and void.

Judge Golightly asked what would happen if the legislature does not judge in favor of the abatements. Moore's reply was, "It would definitely put a cloud over the project."

The court was asked to consider the Justice Court Technology Fee resolution. Judge Golightly explained this was a small fee that would be taken out of court fees to help pay for the technology and computer programs the county needs.

Golightly explained, "This way it would come out of the criminals pockets instead of the taxpayers."

Approval of the resolution for

the Justice Court Technology Fee was unanimous.

The order for the Whirlwind Reinvestment Zone #2 Designation was unanimously approved, with Commissioner Jon Jones abstaining because of his personal property being included in the leased lands.

J.D. Ragland, Floyd County's extension agent, reported to the commissioner's court that the 4-H judging team will be leaving for Louisville, Kentucky, Thursday, Nov. 13, and will be gone for seven days traveling in Indiana and Kentucky. The team will have some time to practice their judging along the way, and Ragland plans to schedule in time to see some of the sights.

The judging competition will be held Tuesday morning, Nov. 18. "We should know how we did by Tuesday evening, but the official announcement won't be made until Wednesday," Ragland told the court.

The commissioner's court approved the replacement of two Floyd County Library Board members who resigned. Reeda Cay Smith will be replaced by Peggy Roberts for Precinct 2 and Priscilla Minter will be replaced by Carol Huggins as the Member-at-Large.

Danny Swepston's farm contract request to repair ranch roads approximately 22 miles northeast of Floydada was approved unanimously.

A motion was made, and unanimously accepted, to take bids on one Ford and one GMC pickup trucks.

## Floydada packing shoe box gifts for hurting children

■ Despite the Current Economic Situation, Floydada Collects Gift-Filled, Shoe Boxes Nov. 17-24 for the World's Largest Christmas Project

By Jennifer Porter  
(303) 745-9179

Local volunteers are collecting simple shoe box gifts personally packed by children, families, and individuals here in Floydada. From Floydada, the shoe box gifts will be sorted and sent using whatever means necessary—sea containers, trucks, buses, trains, airplanes, helicopters, boats, camels, even dog sleds—to reach suffering children around the world.

"Operation Christmas Child is a unique opportunity to do something as simple as packing a shoe box that will have a lasting impact on a child across the world,"

said Keri Pribble, Operation Christmas Child regional manager. "We are excited about the 2008 collection season as community members have already begun packing shoe box gifts."

**Local Collection Site, Nov. 17-24:**

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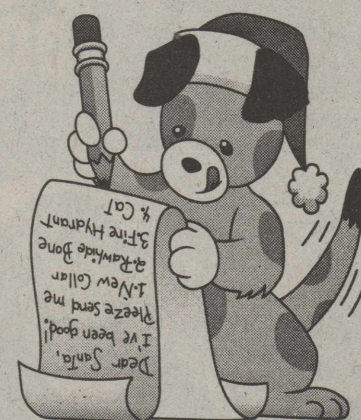
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Right now you can join the effort to help the world's largest

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## Santa Letter Deadline

The deadline for children's Santa letters is December 4<sup>th</sup>. All letters must be turned in to the Lockney or Floydada newspaper offices by the end of the day, Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. If your child's class does not do Santa letters you may bring the letter to the newspaper and we will make sure Santa receives them.



## Thanksgiving Early Deadline

All ad material and news must be at the newspaper by Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. for next week's edition. The newspaper will be on the stands Tuesday evening and delivered Wednesday morning, November 26<sup>th</sup>. We will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

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<b>Straight Party Vote</b>								
Republican Party	141	15	161	62	35	96	165	414
Democratic Party	64	14	76	92	97	59	155	343
Libertarian Party	1	1	2	2	2	1	3	8
<b>President</b>								
John McCain (R)	712	80	562	274	156	368	844	1784
Barack Obama (D)	187	20	139	213	170	96	355	729
Bob Barr (L)	0	0	2	3	2	2	4	7
<b>U.S. Senator</b>								
John Cornyn (R)	690	72	541	252	144	351	801	1699
Rick Noriega (D)	161	22	129	185	157	91	315	654
Yvonne Adams Schick (L)	7	2	7	5	5	5	15	26
<b>U.S. Rep. District 19</b>								
Randy Neugebauer (R)	704	72	557	279	156	360	839	1768
Dwight Fullingim (D)	148	22	126	154	155	93	285	605
Richard 'Chip' Peterson (L)	11	2	6	9	7	4	21	35
<b>Railroad Commissioner</b>								
Michael L. Williams (R)	553	60	474	198	115	309	641	1400
Mark Thompson (D)	237	31	165	206	175	115	399	814
David Floyd (L)	13	1	14	24	12	10	32	64
<b>Chief Justice, Supreme Court</b>								
Wallace B. Jefferson (R)	575	58	485	196	114	314	659	1428
Jim Jordan (D)	201	32	157	209	172	110	369	771
Tom Oxford (L)	14	2	11	16	9	8	24	52
<b>Justice, Supreme Ct, Place 7</b>								
Dale Wainwright (R)	534	53	470	191	109	306	614	1357
Sam Houston (D)	231	36	167	211	178	117	399	823
David G. Smith (L)	12	2	15	19	9	11	29	57
<b>Justice, Supreme Ct, Place 8</b>								
Phil Johnson (R)	598	70	496	207	123	330	685	1494
Linda Reyna Yanez (D)	180	19	147	201	174	98	343	721
Drew Shirley (L)	14	2	14	17	5	7	31	52
<b>Judge, Ct. of Criminal Appeals, Pl. 3</b>								
Tom Price (R)	560	60	485	208	122	317	646	1435
Susan Strawn (D)	208	28	154	204	170	106	370	761
Matthew E. Eilers (L)	10	2	11	11	6	7	22	40
<b>Judge, Ct. of Criminal Appeals, Pl. 4</b>								
Paul Womack (R)	590	67	489	200	120	324	672	1466
J.R. Molina (D)	174	23	148	206	178	101	351	729
Dave Howard (L)	11	1	16	12	4	10	20	44
<b>Judge, Ct. of Criminal Appeals, Pl. 9</b>								
Cathy Cochran (R)	640	70	530	268	164	342	764	1672
William Bryan Strange, III (L)	49	6	33	47	26	23	87	161
<b>State Senator, District 28</b>								
Robert Duncan (R)	725	75	552	290	173	358	859	1815
M.J. (Smitty) Smith (L)	39	6	40	45	18	26	73	148
<b>State Senator, District 85</b>								
Isaac M. Castro (R)	274	34	278	149	101	173	375	836
Joe Heflin (D)	594	60	412	303	216	282	777	1585
<b>Chief Justice, 7th Ct. of Appeals</b>								
Brian Quinn (R)	639	65	533	293	174	343	789	1704
<b>District Attorney</b>								
Becky Bybee McPherson (D)	644	74	490	356	256	331	870	1820
<b>County Attorney</b>								
Lex Herrington (R)	704	81	536	317	173	345	859	1811
<b>Sheriff</b>								
Paul Raissez (R)	716	79	560	331	181	366	889	1867
<b>Tax Assessor-Collector</b>								
Lori Morales (R)	417	44	353	203	88	230	493	1105
Delia Suarez (D)	465	54	324	285	241	218	692	1369
<b>County Commissioner, Pre. 1</b>								
Mike Anderson (R)	531	-	-	-	-	-	367	531
Cecil Jackson (D)	357	-	-	-	-	-	248	357
<b>County Commissioner, Pre. 3</b>								
Bill Quattlebaum (R)	-	31	-	-	77	-	71	108
Nathan Johnson (D)	-	70	-	-	235	-	199	305
<b>Justice of the Peace, Pre. 2 &amp; 3</b>								
Kelly Dunbar (R)	-	74	550	-	180	357	165	804

## Reunited ....

But, the first time around, the Dallas County courthouse lost her request. Then, their first response was lost by the post office.

Lori finally called them and asked, "Is there any information you can give me over the phone because I've been waiting so long?"

The lady said, "Hang on; let me look." She came back on the phone and said, "Her name is Rebecca O'Neal."

"Our first encounter was over the phone," Lori explained. "I tracked down one of her brothers (found through the information given her from the Dallas County courthouse)... and he said he'd have her call

me."  
"Within three hours I was talking to her."

When asked what the first thing she said to her birth mom over the phone after the facts had all been confirmed, she said she told her mom, "I have been looking for you for 20 years."

"Really?" Becky asked, "Because I've been looking for you."

At the end of October, Becky flew out to Dallas from her home in Chattanooga, Tenn., and she and her 35-year-old son Jonathan drove straight to Lockney to meet Lori in person.

When she saw her, Becky said, "Hello, baby, it's been a

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long time coming."  
"We both cried," Lori said.  
Lori now has a new, very large, family. She has six aunts and uncles still alive, as well as a great-aunt and great-uncle.

She also has two brothers and one sister, Jonathan, 35, Jeanette, 30, and Sean, 20.

Lori also discovered she has a second cousin living here in Floyd County: Allen Samuel, the manager of Producers in Floydada.

When asked how she felt now that she has found who she's been looking for all these years, Lori said, "I feel complete. I feel like I don't have to live a lie anymore, 'cause I know who I am."



During a family reunion the end of October in Terrell, Lori got to meet all of her living aunts and uncles. Pictured in the front row, left to right, is: Lori Smith-O'Neal, Rebecca 'Becky' O'Neal Black (Lori's birth mom), Doris Samuel (great aunt), Margaret Smith (aunt); (back row, l-r) Lee O'Neal (uncle), Kim Redmon (aunt), Lloyd Samuel (great uncle), George O'Neal (uncle), Anthony O'Neal (uncle) and Jody Noll (uncle). Not pictured is Harold Elrod, the oldest of Lori's mother's siblings, who passed away about four years ago.  
Courtesy Photo



Both mothers together with their daughter (left): Lori's birth mother, Rebecca 'Becky' O'Neal Black (left) and her adoptive mother, Sharon Smith Porter (right), stand together with Lori in this long-awaited meeting.  
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## Christmas ....

Christmas project hand-deliver some 8 million gift-filled shoe boxes to children in more than 100 countries suffering from natural disaster, war, terrorism, disease, famine, and poverty. What you can do to get involved:

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churches, scout troops, community groups and businesses to take part in creating shoe box gifts for needy children worldwide.

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available at [www.samaritans-purse.org](http://www.samaritans-purse.org).

Process—Sign up to join Operation Christmas Child volunteers at collection sites in Floydada as part of the effort to prepare millions of shoe box gifts for delivery to underprivileged kids on six continents.

### To the Voters of Floyd County:

From the depth of my heart I am grateful, pleased, and most appreciative to each of you for your support, endorsement, and votes in my unsuccessful candidacy for Floyd County Commissioner, Precinct III.

I heartily applaud, congratulate, and salute my opponent, Nathan Johnson, who conducted an honorable, above board, clean, and highly successful campaign. I wish him well.

The Citizenry of Floyd County has spoken and this is the beauty of the democratic process!

**For Quality, the Reelection of Quattlebaum failed to Occur**

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# THE PAPERBOY

By Chris Blackburn, Publisher

I never know what I'm going to come home to. A fire fighter, an astronaut, a cowboy, a football player, a mummy, Darth Vader and others ... and it continues.

Most call it Halloween. I call it the 31 days-plus of Halloween.

My sons, Jackson, 5, and Sutton Hawk, 3, have become costume experts and Halloween has now become a daily event. I don't want to sound like a jerk, but it's getting pretty old.

Since the boys dressed up this past weekend, a full week AFTER Halloween, there may be no end in sight.

The other night we were putting the boys to bed when my wife told Sutton to put his helmet, or mask, so some such thing in the "costume chest." That's right, you read that correctly. We now have a costume chest in the boys' room. It's not small either.

I guess it should come as no surprise. After all, my wife sells clothes. I'm not trying to place blame, I guess I'm just reaching out.

Perhaps I should just accept the fact that it's fun for them to dress up. Even better ... maybe I should

join in the fun. I wonder what the kids would think if a 6'4 250 lb. space alien came in through the back door? I bet it would get their attention.

"Hello Boys! Daddy's Home!" Or, maybe I should dress up like Santa and use it as a weapon to better their behavior.

Maybe they'll arrive soon and the real Darth Vader will be standing there waiting for them.

I guess I'd better rethink this because if I scare them too bad, I'll be causing myself more trouble than it's worth.

Anyhow, as most you and yours are getting ready for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's, think of me. I'll be at home watching my mummy and my dragon battle each other before their next costume change.

And if you happen to see a giant elf waling down U.S. 287, just ignore him. He's probably locked out of the house.

Christopher Blackburn is the President of Blackburn Media Group, owner of this publication. Feel free to comment on this column at <http://thenew-bastion.blogspot.com>.

Dear Editor,

I'm looking for any information on the whereabouts of Carlee Banks or Thelma and Josephine Summerland (maiden name).

If anyone has any information on how I can reach any of these people, I would appreciate a call or

letter.

Thank you,  
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Each November 11th, our nation comes together to observe Veterans Day, a time to honor the many soldiers who have sacrificed so much in defense of our freedom.

We give thanks to the many men and women who have served with honor and valor in our nation's armed forces. Honoring and caring for our veterans is a sacred duty.

When we remember their accomplishments for America and the world, we must always remember what each and every veteran sacrificed.

During this time of war, we must also keep in mind those currently serving in our military both at home and abroad.

Our men and women in uniform have chosen to defend our nation against terrorist attacks and have committed themselves to and have made remarkable sacrifices to defend our way of life and exterminate Islamic extremism. Because of the dedication and sacrifice of our military, we are achieving success in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

We are helping to purge these governments of corruption, rebuild infrastructures and bring healthcare and education to even the remotest areas.

Success in both Iraq and Afghanistan will result in strong allies as we continue to fight the War on Terror. America has always had a unique tradition of

being liberators, fighting for those we do not know or have not met, to preserve and protect the best of the human condition.

As we take time to thank and remember all those who have served this great country, we must also keep the promises we have made to our nation's veterans as they return home.

As a Member of Congress, I am committed to working hard for the veterans in the 19th District of Texas.

The Congress has taken a number of steps that I have supported to ensure those returning from Iraq and Afghanistan receive the care and services they have earned and deserved.

This includes improved health

care, with a focus on mental health and traumatic injury recovery, as well as a post 9/11 GI Bill for expanded benefits for those who have served since 9/11, including the ability to transfer unused education benefits to family members.

I will continue to work with local leaders to search for new opportunities to make life easier for those who have sacrificed for this nation.

Thank you and God bless our veterans, those currently serving, and God bless America.

In the meantime, do not hesitate to visit my website or call my office toll free district wide at (888) 763-1611 or my Washington, DC office at 202-225-4005.

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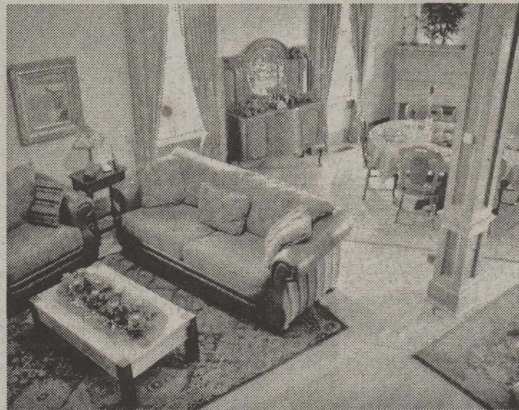
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# The Covey

- [Kuhv-ee] - noun, plural (coveys);
1. A brood or small flock of birds, especially quail.
  2. A group, set, or company; a small collection of people; a gathering place for humans (all others are for the birds).

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## 1950 STUDY CLUB

By Margaret Jones

On Tuesday evening, November 4th, the 1950 Study Club met in the First United Methodist Church. The program was introduced by Billie Jordan.

A very informative slide-show, concerning the African Mission Trip, was narrated by Les Hall, Laura Farris and Lee Battey.

Living in America and having all the modern conveniences at our fingertips is certainly a far cry from the primitive living conditions in such remote areas of the World. The smiles on the faces of the children warmed our hearts as story after story was shared of how hearts were changed by this experience. Following the program, hostesses Fern Hartsell and Martha Lotspeich served refreshments.

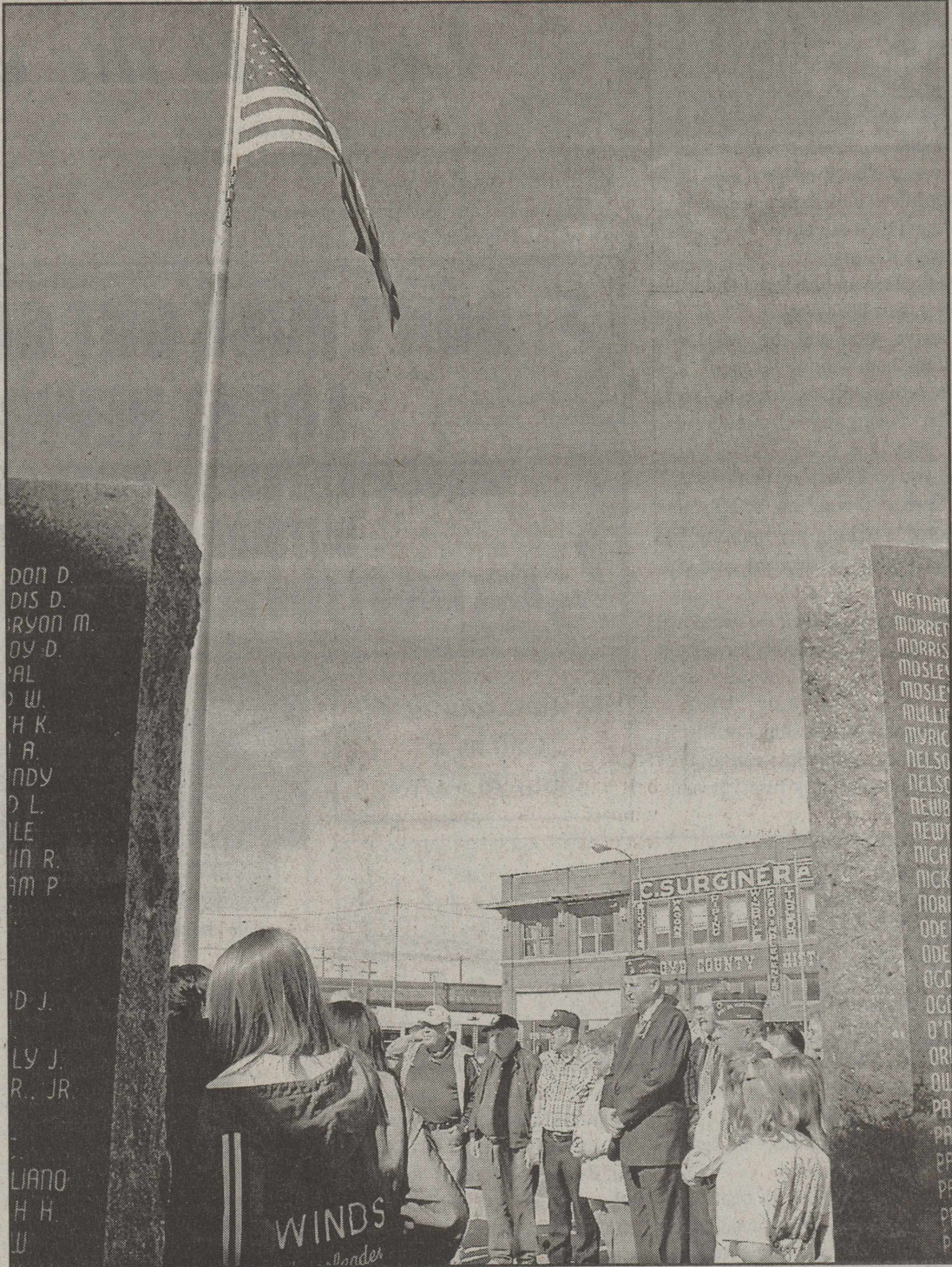
The president, Lovene Moore, began the business meeting. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Doris McLain, secretary. Martha Lotspeich, gave the treasure's report.

The annual Christmas Greeting Page, published in the Christmas edition of the Floyd County Hesperian, is our fundraiser for the club projects. Co-chairman this year are Shirley Morton and Carlyn Crawford. Each member received a list of names to contact.

The \$5.00 donation pays for the Greeting page and the club's donations to the Floydada Senior Citizens Center, the Floydada Re-hab and Care Center, honor the senior girls from Girlstown, and other projects. The club sincerely appreciates all of the participants in this fundraiser.

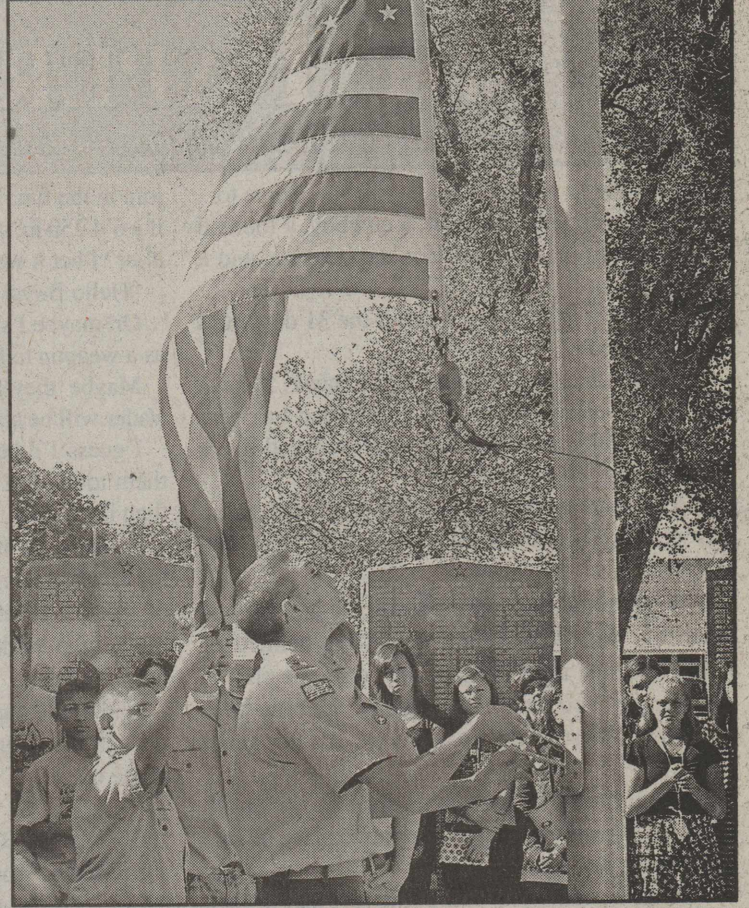
Members attending were Joy Assiter, Carolyn Cheek, Carlyn Crawford, Sue Daniels, Geneile Evans, Sandy Forehand, Fern Hartsell, Margaret Jones, Billie Jordan, Nancy Lawson, Martha Lotspeich, Sue Lovell, Jane McCulley, Doris McLain, Lovene Moore, Sue Moore, Shirley Morton and Mary Quattlebaum. Special guest was Judy Lain.

The next meeting will be December 2 at Shepherd's Meadow. The program will be presented by Gayla Griffin.



## Veterans honored

Floyd County veterans were honored Tuesday morning at a ceremony on the Floyd County Courthouse lawn. A wreath donated by Floydada High School's art class was presented in honor of the veterans Tuesday morning at the Veteran's Memorial in Floydada. The flag waves (above) in the breeze as veterans, their families, and Floydada students gather at the Floydada Veteran's Memorial for a special wreath laying ceremony. The Floydada Boy Scouts (above, right) lower the old flag at the Veteran's Memorial.



## FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

By Margarette Word

Sylvia and her crew will prepare a "Fundraiser" breakfast for everyone at the Center this Saturday, November 15th starting at 8:00 a.m. The charge will be \$4.00 per plate. They will fix carry-outs for you if you request it. We do appreciate your support.

My Sunday School Class ate lunch at the Center on Wednesday, November 5th. We enjoyed a wonderful turkey and dressing dinner.

We have had very good hot meals this past week. We have had a few visitors. We do encourage people 60 years and older to come and join us. The fellowship is great and it helps a person to feel good by getting out of the house and enjoy a hot meal and visit friends. It helps us if you would call the Center at 983-2032 if you plan on eating lunch.

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

In memory of **Johnny West** - Tom and Jerry Pearson  
 In memory of **Edna Duke** - Tom and Jerry Pearson  
 In memory of **Ronnie Tyler** - Tom and Jerry Pearson  
 In memory of **Paul Lloyd** - Tom and Jerry Pearson

In memory of **Scott Faulkenberry** - Tom and Jerry Pearson  
 In memory of **Joe Rainer** - Tom and Jerry Pearson, RayNell Bearden

In memory of **Doyle Walls** - Tom and Jerry Pearson, Mac and Charlene Smitherman

In memory of **Elena Hopper** - Tom and Jerry Pearson, Mac and Charlene Smitherman

In memory of **Weldon Fannon** - Dale and Carolyn Smith

Today is November 11th, "Veteran's Day" and a celebration will take place at the Whirlwind Gym at 9:00 a.m. I've had five family members to serve our country and I'm proud of them as I am of all veterans who serve our country to keep us free.

Thank you all veterans for your sacrifice and service. I love seeing the flags all over town. Thanks to the Boy Scouts and their leaders.

"Thought for the Week" - To freshen the air in your car - place a sheet of Bounce under the front seat.

### MENU

**November 17-November 21**  
**Monday** - Green chili chicken, beans, roll, baked apples  
**Tuesday** - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, salad, Italian blend vegetables, garlic bread, pears  
**Wednesday** - Tortilla soup, pimento cheese sandwich  
**Thursday** - Lemon pepper chicken, broccoli and cheese, roll, banana pudding  
**Friday** - Stew, blackeyed peas, cornbread, apple sauce cake

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## LOCKNEY SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

By Vera Jo Bybee

The Center wants to thank the Fischer's for sharing their garden with us. This week they brought some big beautiful tomatoes and some new potatoes.

How about them Raiders!!!! The ballgame Saturday was another good one. I just hope they can keep up their winning ways.

On Thursday, November 6th the 48ers ate at the Center. We enjoyed Wanda's chicken and rice and the trimmings. Those visiting were Erma Hall Mickey of Plainview, Elna Sanderson Closes of Sandhill, Bobbye Casey Bean of Silverton, Gleyne Earle Norman Cummings and husband, Sterling of South Plains, and me, Vera Jo Rogers Bybee of Lockney.

Guests that visited the Center Monday for coffee and lunch was Audvie and Betty Barnett from Lubbock. Wouldn't you know that happen to be the day I was having car trouble and didn't go to the Center. I missed seeing them.

Even though my birthday is today, Monday, November 10th, I celebrated it Sunday. My son, Louie and wife, Cynthia from Providence and my daughter, Becky and husband, Steve from Lockney and grandson, Matt and wife, Megan and their son, Payce McPherson of Plainview went with me to my Methodist

Church in Lockney and then we all went to Plainview for lunch.

J.W McPherson called me and said he was sorry he couldn't make it to church and lunch but he was thinking about me. Then today my daughter, Dara Faries of Plano and my other four grandchildren, Kara Faries Womble of Decatur, Clint Faries of Neosho, Missouri. Bryan Bybee of Levelland and Tyler Bybee of Roundrock, also called to wish me Happy Birthday.

Sometimes I still have some pity parties cause I miss Donnie but these children, grandchildren and great-grands are what my life is all about now - a days. I went to the Mangold Memorial Hospital last week and visited with Wanda Moats and Leslie Patterson. They are both taking rehab therapy due to their hip surgeries.

I talked to Lynda Holley several times last week on the phone. She said "they sat her up in a chair for the first time since she has been in the hospital." I told her she was on all our prayer lists and hoped she would get better soon.

I also talked to Judy Macha, our Lockney reporter for the Hesperian-Beacon last week. She is recuperating at home from having orthoscopic knee surgery. She thought at first that she wouldn't miss much work but now I think she might be out

longer than she thought.

Hurry up and get well Judy so you can help them at the paper correct all my mistakes. Her mom is here visiting and helping Raynard take care of Judy.

**Food for Thought:** There is so much to be thankful for if you will only take time to look. Have a fantastic day and keep smiling and counting those blessings.

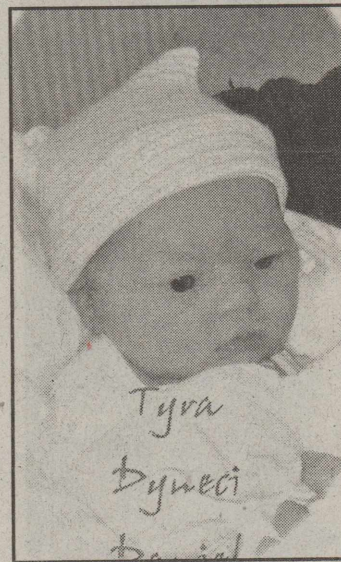
**MENU**  
**Monday** - Hamburgers  
**Tuesday** - Mexican chicken  
**Wednesday** - Turkey & dressing (Thanksgiving meal)  
**Thursday** - Salmon  
**Friday** - Brisket

## Lockney Community Storehouse

A window of opportunity has opened for us here in our community! City Bank plans to give away \$10,000 to five area charities. This is where you come in! Go to [www.citybanktexas.com](http://www.citybanktexas.com) until December 21 and cast your vote daily for the Community Storehouse.

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## Births



### TYRA DYNECI DANIEL

Derrick and Kristal Daniel of Plainview are the parents of a daughter, Tyra Dynecy Daniel, born at 11:51 p.m. October 16, 2008, at Mangold Memorial Hospital in Lockney under the care of Dr. Moore and Dr. Gary Mangold. She weighed 6 pounds 15 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Walter Daniel and the late Tami Daniel of Plainview and Randy and Rhonda Morton of Plainview. Great-Grandparents are Jane Nelson of Plainview; Larry and Barbara

McMurrin of Plainview; Dorothy Morton of Edmonson; Betty Ralls and husband, Harold of Plainview; Alice Fitzgerald and husband, Jack of Plainview.  
 Great-great-grandparents are the late Guy and Halva Chennault, formerly of Plainview and Garland and Elizabeth Wallace of Plainview.  
**KENNEDY HOLT**  
 Kennedy Holt is proud to announce the birth of her new brother, Kannon Jack Holt. He was born October 27, 2008 in Seton Southwest Hospital in Austin, Texas. He weighed 6 lbs. 7 ozs and was 20 inches long. Kannon is the son of Kip and Jennifer Holt of Wimberly, Texas.  
 Proud grandparents are Ken and Jackie Holt of Lockney, Mary Lillard of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and Michael Spiniello of The Woodlands. Lucille Frizzell of Lockney is Kannon's great-grandmother.

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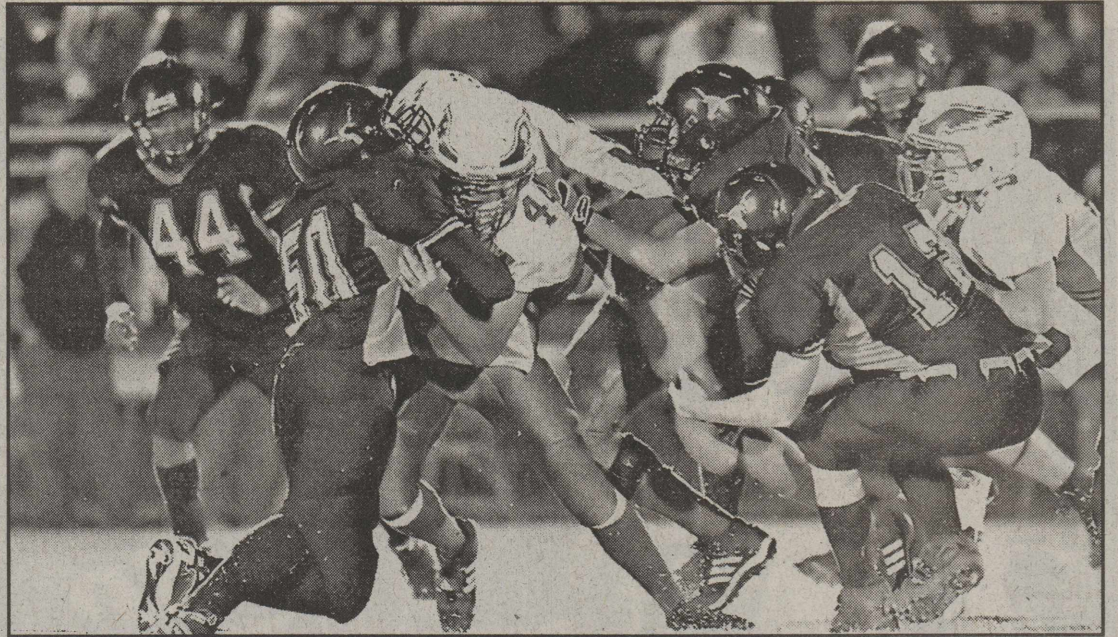
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Nathan Johnson



The Lockney Longhorns wrapped up their 2008 season at home last Friday against Hale Center. Hale Center won the contest 42-8.

Photos by Connie Barnett

## Final football contest results

Cristina Cervera, Wes Campbell and Jon LaBaume are the winners in the final football contest of the year.

Cervera of Floydada was the only entry this week to miss only 4 games. She will receive the first place cash prize of \$25.00.

There were three entries that missed 5 games each. They were Campbell and LaBaume of Floydada and Vera Jo Bybee of Lockney. The first tie-breaker game between Lockney and Hale Center was used to determine second and third place.

The final total score of this tie-breaker was 50. Hale Center won over Lockney by a score of 42-8. Campbell picked Hale Center to win and chose his final total score to be 43 (7 points off), LaBaume also picked Hale Center to win and chose 41 as his final total score (9 points off) while Bybee

chose Lockney to win over Hale Center.

Campbell will receive the second place cash prize of \$15.00. LaBaume will garner the third place prize of \$10.00. Honorable mention goes out to Vera Jo Bybee.

Also getting honorable mention are the entries that missed 6 games each. They were Sammy Mercado, Ricky Coronado, Jr. and Bob Alldredge, all of Floydada and Sarah Belt of Lockney.

Remember if you are a winner, you need to come by the office in Floydada to pick up your cash prize.

We would like to thank all the sponsors that made this contest possible. They were: KFLP Radio, Stapp Paint and Body Shop, Providence Farm Sup-

ply & Grain, Muncy Elevator, Raceway Fuel, Lighthouse Electric Coop, Scott Gin & Cotton Candles, Clark Pharmacy, First National Bank of Floydada, City Auto, Windmark Insurance (Clar Schacht), Quality Body Shop, Ray Lee Equipment, Oden Chevrolet, Inc., Schacht Flowers, Jewelry and Gifts, Heart's Desire, Floydada Power and Light, Davis Lumber, Lowe's Pay-n-Save, Floydada, D&J Gin, Inc., Lockney Cooperatives, Lowe's Pay-n-Save, Lockney, Payne Family Pharmacy, Triple T. Restaurant, Cogdell Clinic / PNS / Salman Ahmad, MD, Cornelius Conoco Services, Script Printing and Office Supplies, City Bank, Hammond Sheet Metal, Producer's Coop Elevator, Blanco Press and DeBruce Ag Services



Lockney's Little Longhorns this week are pictured here left to right: (back row) Ryder Race, Esteban Pena, Joshua Guerra, Neri Enriquez, Jake Moore, Gabriela Solis, Alma Mendez, (center row) Sierra Martinez, Kalebh Cook, Lee Jimenez, Devin Deleon, (front row) Dylan Morgan, Joel Valdez, Jadrian Ascencio, Tuff Aruajo and Raymundo Alvarado. Photo courtesy of Connie Barnett



The 2008-2009 Lockney Junior High Cheerleaders: (back row, l-r) Janette Ybarra, McKenzie Kemp, Tanae Ramos, (front row) Lindsay Stewart, Alexis Rodriguez and Rayann Race.

## Lockney School Menu

November 17 - November 21

### Monday

Breakfast-Pancakes or cereal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch - Hot dog w/chili, or ham & cheese, broccoli/ranch, corn, pineapple, milk

### Tuesday

Breakfast-Scrambled eggs or cereal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch-Beef tacos or comdgos, refried beans, salad, fruited gelatin, milk

### Wednesday

Breakfast-Breakfast pizza or cereal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch-Pizza or chicken patty on bun, salad, sliced peaches, milk

### Thursday

Breakfast-Breakfast burrito or cereal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch-Chicken noodle soup or grilled cheese, salad, applesauce, crackers, milk

### Friday

Breakfast-Cinnamon roll or cereal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch - Hamburger or chicken

## Wreaths Across America here Dec. 13

By Sara Sisemore  
Managing Editor

All of the servicemen and women who have been killed in action will be honored by the reading of their names during this year's Wreaths Across America ceremony. The ceremony will be held on Saturday, December 13, at the Lockney Veteran's Memorial Park.

Wreaths Across America is a nationwide event where wreaths are laid simultaneously at cemeteries and memorials across the country. Their mission statement reads, "to remember the fallen; honor those who serve; (and) teach our children the value of freedom."

Sponsors are still needed to donate \$15 per wreath for the wreaths that will be laid at the Veteran's Memorial Park in Lockney during the ceremony. There will be a fund raiser closer to time to help raise the \$600 still needed for the ceremony. For more information on how you can help honor our KIA's, please contact Ed Marks of Lockney (806-652-3157).



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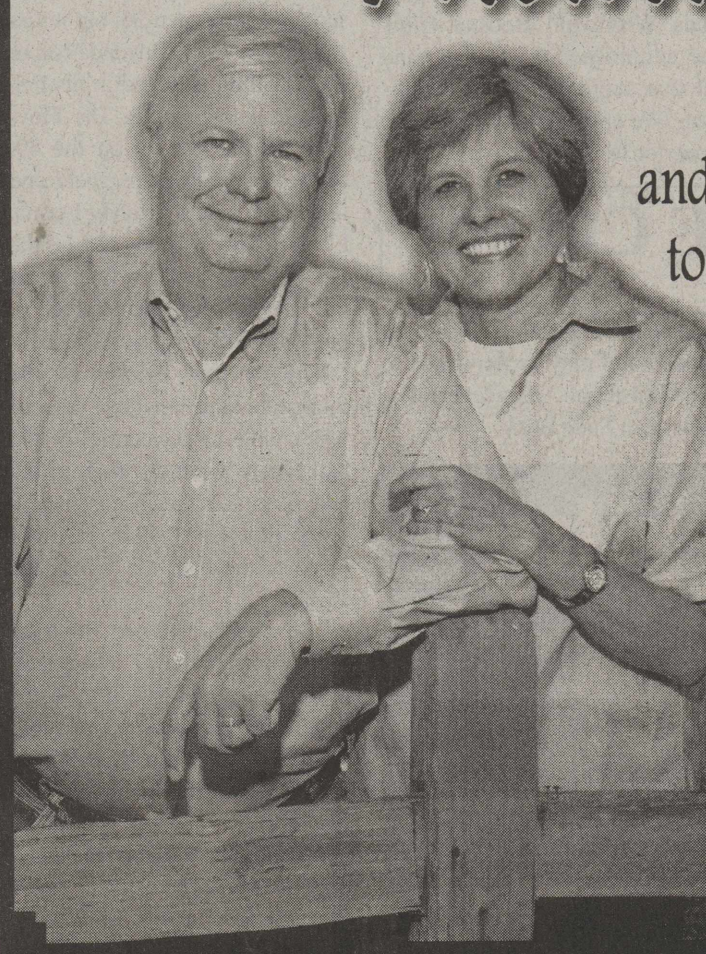
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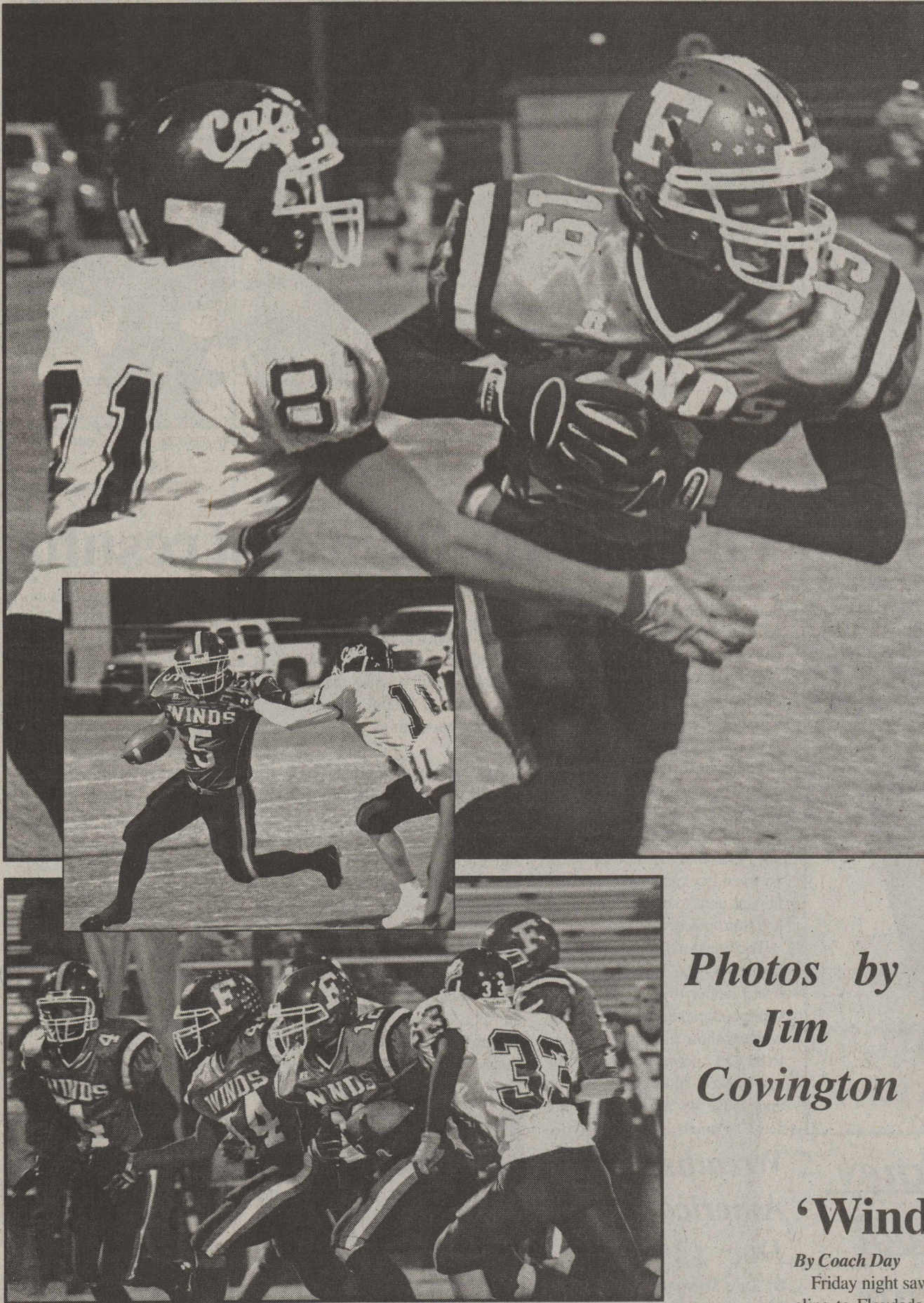


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## 'Winds finish season with 47-20 win

By Coach Day

Friday night saw Dimmitt traveling to Floydada to take on the Whirlwinds in the last district game of the season. The game saw the Winds' offense once again put up good numbers and the defense hold the Bobcats' offense down winning 47-20.

The Winds took the opening kickoff and three plays later Floydada's Aaron Flores found the end zone from 21 yards out. The PAT was not good and with just one minute off the clock the Winds led the Bobcats 6-0.

The Bobcats took the kick and managed to dive the ball down to their own 44 before safety Damian Pleasant intercepted a Bobcat pass to end the drive.

The Floydada offense took over at the 14, but after a series of penalties, was forced to punt the ball away.

The Dimmitt offense once again took over but managed only 21 yards before the Floydada defense once again took the ball away after Steve Caballero recovered a Bobcat fumble at the 39.

Two plays later Flores scored his second touchdown of the night on an 84 yard run. The two-point try was good when Flores crossed the line for the third time and with 49 seconds left in the first quarter the Winds now led 14-0.

The Bobcats opened their next series on their own 26, but it was short lived when Floydada corner Byron Smith gathered in his first of three interceptions. The Floydada offense set up on the 49, but the Bobcat defense held and forced the punt by Randy Lerma. Lerma's kick was downed on the two-yard line and on fourth and nine the Bobcats were forced to punt out of their own end zone.

The punt was blocked by Joe Suarez, but the Floydada defense was unable to get control of the ball before it left the back of the end zone and the Winds had to settle for a safety. With 5:21 still to go in the half, the Winds led 16-0.

The Winds returned the kick by Dimmitt to the 27 where they began their next drive. It took just 1:28 for Flores to once again score from eight yards out. The PAT try was stopped and the Winds lead was 22-0.

The Bobcat offense managed only one play before the Floydada defense came up big again when #23, Sean Gutierrez, recovered a

fumble at the Dimmitt 47. With just two minutes gone since their last score, Flores found Caballero all alone in the end zone on the half back pass. The 28-yard touchdown pass made the score 28-0 in favor of Floydada.

Dimmitt fielded the kick at the 35, but just seven plays later Byron Smith collected his second interception of the game and the Floydada offense had the ball at the 36. The half ended two plays later with the Whirlwinds leading the Bobcats 28-0.

The second half had Dimmitt taking the kick but being forced to go three and out by a stingy Floydada defense. Quarterback Colton Covington and company opened up their first drive of the half at their own 37 and drove the ball out to the Dimmitt 46 before being forced to punt.

The punt was blocked by the Bobcat defense and was scooped up and returned 55 yards for Dimmitt's first score of the game. Floydada was again forced to punt on the next series but managed to get this one away cleanly.

The Bobcat offense seemed to be having some success when the Dimmitt quarterback found an open receiver for a nice 29-yard gain on third and six; however, just two plays later, Smith once again found the ball and collected his third interception of the game to kill the Bobcat drive.

Eight plays later Flores and company scored again to open the lead to 35-7. The Floydada defense stopped the Bobcat's next

drive at the 42, but on fourth and eight the Floydada defender was called for pass interference and the Bobcat offense had new life.

The Dimmitt offense took advantage of this opportunity and six plays later the Bobcat quarterback found an open receiver for a six yard score. The PAT was not good and the Bobcats cut the lead down to 35-13. The Winds fielded the onside kick and two plays later Covington handed the ball to #30, Joe Suarez, who found the end zone from 31 yards out to make the score 41-13.

On their very first play from scrimmage the Bobcats quarterback was once again picked off, this time by linebacker Anthony Segura, #52.

One play later Suarez found the end zone for the second straight time on a 46-yard run; the Floydada Whirlwinds led the Dimmitt Bobcats 47-13.

On their next series it took the Floydada defense just four plays to take the ball back when #8, Steve Caballero, intercepted the ball at the 5-yard line. The Winds were moving the ball down the field behind some good runs by back-up quarterback Jordan Cornelius and running back Fred Williams.

The Bobcat defense managed to strip the ball during a tackle and return it for the final score of the night. The two point try was intercepted by Floydada linebacker Dillon Chesshir who returned it to the Bobcat's 15 before being caught from behind.

## Junior high cross country boys district champs

By Coach McCandless

It has been a very exciting and successful year for the Floydada Junior High Cross Country Teams. Both boys and girls teams had several athletes who received medals in most if not all of the meets.

Both teams brought home first place plaques from the meet in Spur. Floydada High School has a lot of talented kids to look forward to next year along with Junior High.

The 2-AA District Meet was held October 27th at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock. Gerardo Ramirez received 2nd place with a time of 12:06. Isaac Rodriguez got 4th place followed by Anthony Ascencio 5th, and Adam Suarez 6th.

Other team members who did an amazing job were Jordan Woody, Reyes Casares, Hunter Schw-

rtner, Jesse Garza and Royce DeLosSantos.

The Floydada Junior High Boys Team is now DISTRICT CHAMPIONS! The Floydada Junior High Girls Cross Country team competed extremely well also bringing home the DISTRICT RUNNER-UP!

Ashley Lucke received 4th place with the time of 14:20, followed by Abby Vargas 5th, and Leandra Rodriguez 7th. Other excellent team members include Ahwdry Pecina, Emily Prisk, Anna DeLaFuente, Amelia Gonzales, Malorie Alaniz, Merritt Johnson, Tiara Villa, Braxton Turner, Mattie Sanders, Casandra Delgado, Emily Hall, Crissy Rodriguez, Mari Mar Lira, Linda Martinez, Kyarah Pecina, Cristal Irlas, Kelsey Nutt, Jessica Cervera, and Brittany Rodriguez.

## Cross country squad ends season

By Coach Styles

The Floydada Lady Winds cross country team competed in the Regional Cross Country Championships this past weekend at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock.

Samantha Rodriguez was the top finisher from Floydada placing 17th with a 12:50 two mile run only 7 spots away and 16 seconds from qualifying for the State Cross Country Meet. The top ten qualify for the state meet.

Our times were as follows: Kristan Sanchez (14:02), Leslie Alvarado (14:16), Tyler Whalen (14:42), Megan Aleman (15:15), and Elyanna Duran (16:31)

rounded out the Lady Winds team.

I was real proud of the effort of the girls Saturday. We finished 2nd in our district but were able to beat the two other teams that qualified for the region. Having 4 freshman, 1 sophomore, and 1 junior, along with a junior varsity, some girls that were injured plus a good group of 8th graders coming up, we should be very competitive for years to come.

I would like to thank the Floydada Whirlwind Booster Club, the administration, parents, and all that supported the team this year. We appreciate all you have done for us this year.

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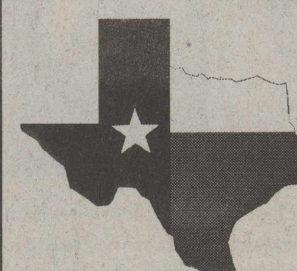
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## Floydada School Menu

November 17-November 21

Monday

Breakfast-Cheese pizza or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch-Chicken fajitas, refried beans, salad, orange smiles, chocolate pudding cup, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast-Sausage/biscuit or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch-Stuffed baked potato, baby carrots w/ranch, fresh fruit cup, Texas toast, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast-Pancakes with syrup or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch-Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot roll, strawberries w/ whipped topping, milk

Thursday

Breakfast-Oatmeal and cinnamon toast or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch-Meat and bean chalu-pas, Spanish rice, lettuce and tomatoes, rosie applesauce, milk

Friday

Breakfast-Breakfast burrito or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch-Submarine sandwiches, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, tater tots, baby carrots w/Ranch, brownie, milk

# Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

By Shawn Wade

The presidential election is finally over and the American people have tapped Barack Obama to lead our country through what may prove to be one of the toughest economic challenges we have ever faced.

American agriculture is right in the middle of this tumultuous situation and it is critical to have a good working relationship between producer groups and the top levels of an Obama-directed USDA.

For the last eight years the relationship between agriculture and the Bush-led USDA has been a challenging one, says Plains Cotton Growers Executive Vice President Steve Verett.

"We hope that the new Secretary of Agriculture will be an outspoken advocate for American agriculture's interests, and work to ensure a safe and reliable supply of food and fiber to American consumers," said Verett.

He concluded, "We look forward to working with the Obama administration at USDA and hope they will find a way to communicate their opinions about agriculture policy while simultaneously deferring to the will of Congress, and the bi-partisan spirit from which U.S. agriculture policy is developed, when delivering these programs."

Final 2007-Crop Cotton Price Calculation Reveals Need to Tweak NASS Procedures

The recent announcement that end of year revisions to preliminary price and marketing data for Upland cotton during the 2007 marketing year ended July 31 had resulted in a 2.2-cent decline in the anticipated 2007-crop Upland cotton Counter-cyclical program payment had many growers scratching their heads and left more than a few bankers scrambling to refigure balance sheets.

Initial frustration was directed at the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, which conducts the survey tracking cotton price and marketing data throughout the marketing year. The real crux of the problem, however, is that NASS waits until the end of the year to make adjustments to the preliminary price and marketing information they receive.

The use of this number by the Farm Service Agency to calculate the final Counter-cyclical program payment rate creates a situation that encourages cotton farmers, bankers and producer organizations track the monthly marketings being reported by NASS to anticipate what the final payment rate might be at the end of the year.

Unfortunately, the procedures NASS follows to ensure the accuracy of the final number, which includes not including late-filed monthly reports until the end of the marketing year and allowing survey respondents to revise previously reported data after the end of the year, are not very conducive to a running, end-of-year price projection.

"PCG discussed and made recommendations about the procedures used to gather the survey information with our

friends at NASS several years ago and we understand the process by which these numbers are gathered," explains Verett.

Understanding the process and the interest of producers in keeping track of prices and marketings during the growing season, Plains Cotton Growers Executive Vice President Steve Verett suggests USDA NASS consider modifying their procedures to provide for quarterly revisions to their preliminary data to provide a more timely reflection of the impact that late-filed survey responses and mid-year data corrections are having.

He explains that by revising the preliminary data "on the fly," USDA will limit the potential for a big surprise at the end of the marketing year when the final price calculation is made.

"Our suggestion isn't designed to add to the data collection burden on the folks at NASS," says Verett. "All we would really like to see is for them to take the initiative to update their preliminary numbers on a more timely basis as additional data is made available to them. We have the utmost respect for the job NASS does and this change would further enhance the confidence cotton producers have in the NASS data used to calculate key provisions of the safety net underpinning their operations."

The following table shows the preliminary and final price and marketing information reported by NASS for the 2007- Upland cotton marketing year.

Speaker Line-up Announced for 8th Annual Texas Commodity Symposium

The eighth annual Texas Commodity Symposium will be held December 3, and is hosted by Corn Producers of Texas (CPAT), Texas Grain Sorghum Association (TGSA), Texas Wheat Producers Association (TWPA), Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. (PCG) and the Texas Peanut Producers Board (TPPB).

The Symposium will be held in conjunction with the Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show in the Grand Plaza Room at the Amarillo Civic Center. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the Symposium will begin at 9 a.m. The event is free to all and will conclude with a catered lunch at noon.

Key speakers on the agenda for this year's Symposium include U.S. Congressman Mike Conaway, who will discuss the 2008 Farm Bill from a policy perspective, and Farm Service Agency Administrator Teresa Lasseter who will address farm bill implementation. Former Congressman and House Agriculture Committee Chairman Larry Combest will give remarks from the Southwest Council of Agribusinesses.

Also on the agenda to speak is Texas A&M Professor and Extension Economist Joe Outlaw, who also serves as the co-director of the TAMU Agricultural

and Food Policy Center. Outlaw will give an economic update on markets and other elements influencing commodity production.

"We're proud to offer attendees a great line-up of speakers at this year's Symposium who will lend useful insight into the issues affecting commodity producers' operations," said CPAT Executive Vice-President David Gibson.

Other confirmed speakers include Don Gohmert, State Conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and John Fuston, State Executive Director for the Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA), who will be giving important program updates. Chris Albracht, Morning Show Host and Program Director for KGNC Radio, will serve as the Master of Ceremonies for the event.

"The Symposium is a great opportunity for producers from different commodities to come together, exchange ideas and learn about the issues that impact their operations," said PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett.

All producers are encouraged to register early for a chance to win special door prizes. For more information, please contact Lindsay West, Corn Producers Association of Texas communications director, or Shawn Wade.

## PALO DURO BASIN OIL AND GAS REPORT

By Tom Musser

**Briscoe County:** Gunn Oil Company has completed drilling operations on the Turner Lease Well #1. The Turner #1 is located 6 1/4 miles southeast of Quitaque in Section 66, 1,163 feet from the North Line and 1,190 feet from the West Line of the section.

**Briscoe County:** Gunn Oil Company rigged-up and spudded the Winston Lease Well #1 Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2008. The Winston #1 is located five miles northeast of Quitaque in Section 55, 2,126 feet from the North Line and 2,027 feet from the West Line of the section.

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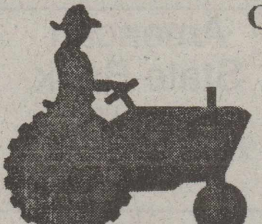
On Thursday, Nov. 6, 2008, Mr. Wayne Hughes, Executive Vice-President of the Panhandle Producers & Royalty Owners Association, visited the Briscoe County Well locations and received updates on the Palo Duro Basin Oil and Gas Exploration from Mr. Mike Long of Silverton.

Mr. Hughes and the PPROA have stayed informed on the Palo Duro Basin throughout this current activity since the year of 2001, including previous trips to the Palo Duro Basin and inviting Mr. Mike Long to make presentations about the Palo Duro Basin to the PPROA members.

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## Floydada students exceed blood drive goal

By Tammie Shuping

On Monday, October 20, 2008 the Floydada Elementary School held a "Be A Hero" blood drive. It was a great success and we exceeded our goal.

The original goal set by United Blood Services was 25 to 30 units of blood. Our total was 41 units. The students were given an incentive to help motivate them to reach their goal.

The class with the most donations would get to eat lunch with the Varsity Football team and Varsity Cheerleaders. The students loved this idea and in two days had signed up 52 people to donate.

On Friday, Oct. 24 the fourth grade class had lunch with the football team and cheerleaders.

The fourth grade students were so excited.

They decorated the cafeteria and prepared cheers for the team.

The top two students who had the most donors received an autographed whirlwind football jersey. Carson Turner in 4D received the top award. Payton Teeple in 1A received second place.

The high school students showed great leadership and character. They visited with the elementary students in the cafeteria and mingled with other grade levels after they finished eating.

They did not leave anyone out. They set a great example for our students.

We would like to thank Mr. Morren, Coach Purser and Mrs. Johnson for allowing our students to have lunch with their heroes.



A ceremony was held at Floydada High School's Whirlwind Gym Tuesday morning to honor veterans on Veterans Day. Top, (from left) Amando Morales, Chad Davis, Titus Miller, Jennifer Rainwater and Bill Weir honor the flag as the National Anthem is played. Above, William and Faye Bertrand, Margarette Word and Frances Gunter stand as the Floydada High School Whirlwind Band plays the U.S. Air Force anthem.

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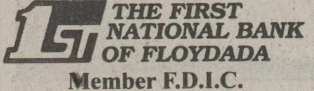
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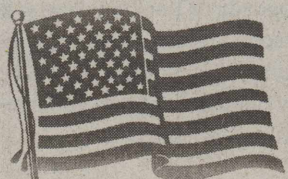
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## Buffalo Grass Chapter NSDAR

### September meeting

**By Sherry Colston**  
The Buffalo Grass Chapter NSDAR met on Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2008 for its first meeting of the new year at 6 p.m. in the Lighthouse Electric meeting room in Floydada.

Debra McCarty, regent, opened the meeting in ritualistic order. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read. The treasurer, Susan Dunavant, reminded us to pay our dues.

In honor of Constitution week, Sherry Colston read the Proclamation given by George W. Bush to commemorate the signing of our United States Constitution. Pricilla Minter read the National Defense report on rededicating ourselves to American principles and values. Violet Cooper gave the flag minute on the flag code. The Constitution sidelight was given by Sherry Colston on the history of the search warrant.

Following the salad supper hosted by Debra and Dana McCarty, Sherry Colston gave the program on the U.S. Constitution, A Historical Overview: Historical notes on the way the U.S. Constitution was formed.

Debra McCarty read a 'thank you' card for the donation of toiletries to the hospitalized veterans in Amarillo from Thomas E. Creek of the hospital. She also read a 'thank you' card from Lauren Stewart for the Good Citizen scholarship.

The constitutional luncheon was held in Amarillo Sept. 20, but no one from our chapter was able to attend.

The Panhandle Plains Regents meeting was held at the Arnett House in Lubbock on Oct. 4 at 11:30 a.m. R.S.V.P. by the 26th and the price is \$12.

Margaret Berry reported that 2,123 coupons at face value of \$2,537.90 were sent overseas during the summer. Margaret read a report on the amount of coupons sent to bases overseas up 'til now to be at a total face value of \$6,295,500.

Members attending were Debra McCarty, Pricilla Minter, Nancy Marble, Carolyn Cunningham, Violet Cooper, Margaret Berry, Dorothy Hodges, June Sherman, Susan Dunavant and Sherry Colston. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The next meeting was held on Oct. 28, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lockney Library with June Sherman giving the program on the First Ladies. We welcome all DARs and friends to attend our meetings.

### October meeting

**By Sherry Colston**  
The Buffalo Grass Chapter NSDAR met Tuesday, October 28, 2008 in Lockney at the Lockney Library. Regent, Debra McCarty, called the meeting to order and opened with the DAR ritual, the Pledge to the Flags, American's Creed and the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution.

The President General's message was ready by Susan Dunavant on stories on American Lives through Quilts. Pricilla Minter gave the national defense report on sending emails to soldiers overseas. Violet Cooper gave the flag minutes on special flags that can be purchased from your congressman that have been flown over the Capitol Building.

Sherry Colston read the minutes of the previous meeting and they were approved as read. Susan Dunavant reported that all but two members have paid their dues.

Constitutional side light on congressional powers was given by Sherry Colston. Dana McCarty gave the history of the squash blossom for the Native American highlight.

Following a meal of soup and dessert, June Sherman gave the program on interesting and unknown facts about the First Ladies of America. Regent, Debra McCarty, appointed June Sherman, Susan Dunavant and Sherry Colston to the nomination committee to elect officers for the next two years. The election will be held in January.

Debra McCarty read a letter about the Presidents General project - "Open Doors of Hospitality." The project is to restore the DAR building in Washington, DC. A letter was read from Nancy Revelo's husband about her health. She still wants to be a member and enjoyed the meetings while she was here in Floydada.

We will be having our Christmas Party in Lockney this year at the Honey Do's Restaurant. We will finalize the details at the November meeting.

Debra McCarty thanked the hostesses Carolyn Cunningham and Violet Cooper for the delicious meal.

Members present were: June Sherman, Violet Cooper, Carolyn Cunningham, Pricilla Minter, Dana McCarty, Debbie McCarty, Sherry Colston and friends of DAR Clemintine Carthel and sister, Kathy. We welcome all who would like to visit our chapter. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

### Books donated for reading program



Veterans and students at the Floydada Veteran's Memorial shared their support for the United Through Reading Program Tuesday, Nov. 11. Pictured left to right are: (back row) Joe Womack, Phillip Wilbanks, Ed Marks, Bill Weir, Bill Hendrix, Mattie Martinez, Jordan Cornelius, Shorty Turner; (front row) Brenda Heflin, Macee Brotherton, Brooke Galvan, Kennedy Coon, Mattie Sanders and Boone Adams.

### By Sara Sisemore

#### Managing Editor

Our soldiers must leave their kids for a while, some fathers have never seen their new born babies. But now, with our help, they'll have a chance to read a book to their child even though they're halfway around the world. A new book drive is beginning in Floyd County for the United

Through Reading program. The USO (United Services Organization) in Dallas/Fort Worth, in alliance with the Family Literacy Foundation, is proud to offer The United Through Reading (UTR) Program. The UTR Program is for all deployed service members interested, to help them remain connected to their special child while fostering the joy

## Obituaries



**ROBERT ANGEL**

### DE LOS SANTOS

Robert Angel De Los Santos, age 32, passed away Sunday, November 9, 2008, at the Covenant Medical Center Hospital in Lubbock.

An honorary service was held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 11, 2008 at the Rock of Salvation Church. Apostle Jacob De Los Santos officiated. A memorial service was held at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 11, 2008 at the Rock of Salvation Church. Pastor Noe De Los Santos, Sr. officiated.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at the Rock of Salvation Church. Pastor Noe De Los Santos, Sr. officiated. Burial followed at the Floydada Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

Robert was born November 21, 1975, in Crowell, Texas to Robert "Bobby" De Los Santos and Angie (Sanchez) De Los Santos. He attended public schools in Hale Center and graduated from Hale Center High School in 1995. He ministered at the Rock of Salvation Church of Floydada, Texas with his brother and father.

He is survived by his parents, Bobbie and Angie De Los Santos of Floydada; a son, Robert "Royce" De Los Santos and a daughter, Shiann Angel De Los Santos of Floydada; a brother, Noe De Los Santos and wife, Belinda of Abernathy; three sisters, Charlie De Los Santos, Diane Navarrete and husband, Jose, all of Hale Center and Beth Hernandez and husband, Carlos of Floydada and a host of nieces and nephews who he loved very much.

A Love Fund has been set up for Robert Angel De Los Santos at City Bank of Floydada, 105 S. Wall Street, Floydada, Texas 79235.

### MARTHA VIRGINIA ESPARZA

Services for Martha Virginia Esparza, 57, of Petersburg are pending with Lemons Funeral Home.

Mrs. Esparza passed away Monday, November 10, 2008 at Covenant Health System in Lubbock, Texas.

of reading. The service member chooses a book, reads it their special child and a video recording is taped. The DVD along with the book is mailed back home to the child to enjoy during their service member's deployment.

After volunteering at the USO in July with her sisters, Brenda Meyers and Charlotte Harte, Julianne Cornelius visited the Reading Room. Julianne said of the UTR program, "It is an awesome program...they need children's books for their United Through Reading Program." This new book drive is very important to her, and she hopes everyone will get involved.

The USO takes books for all ages - from infant to young adult chapter books. The only requirements are that the books must be brand new. Used books cannot be accepted. These new books will then be sent to the children of the deployed soldiers.

Your donation of new books can be dropped off at Cornelius Conoco in Floydada or the Floydada or Lockney Hesperian-Beacon offices from now until Friday, Dec.5, 2008. If you have any questions contact Julianne or Jordan Cornelius.

## Floyd County Church Directory

<b>AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Dennis Butler, Pastor Sunday School .....10:00 a.m. Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m. Evening Worship ...6:00 p.m. Wednesday.....7:30 p.m.	<b>GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST</b> Joe Bennett, Pastor Sunday School .....10:00 a.m. Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m. Evening Service.....7:30 p.m. Tuesday.....8:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:30 p.m.	<b>SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> Lockney Jim McCartney, Pastor Wed. Communion.....8:00 p.m. Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m.	<b>SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Joe Weldon, Pastor Sunday School .....10:00 a.m. Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.
<b>BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 810 S. 3rd, Floydada Darwin Robinson, Pastor 983-5278 Sunday School .....10:00 a.m. Morning Worship ..10:50 a.m. Evening Worship ....6:00 p.m. Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.	<b>MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Lockney Jay Don Poindexter, Minister Bible Study .....9:30 a.m. Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m. Evening Service.....6:00 p.m. Wednesday.....7:30 p.m.	<b>TEMPLO GETSEMANI ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> 701 W. Missouri Rev. Ray Gonzales 983-5286 (church) 983-3047 (parsonage) Sunday School .....9:45 a.m. Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m. Evening Service.....5:00 p.m. Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.	<b>ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> Floydada Father Jose Relente Phone: 983-5878 Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m. Mon. Wed. Mass.....6:30 p.m. Confession Sat.....10:00-11:00 a.m.
<b>CALVARY'S CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP</b> Floydada Armando Morales, Pastor Sunday School .....9:45 a.m. Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m. Bible Study .....6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening7:00 p.m.	<b>MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Floydada Rev. Ralph Jackson 401 N 12th St (983-5805) Sunday School .....10:00 a.m. Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m. Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m. Wednesday Study ...7:00 p.m.	<b>TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM</b> Lockney Rev. Joe Hernandez Sun. Prayer Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School .....9:45 a.m. Sunday Service .....11:00 a.m. Evening Worship ...6:00 p.m. Wed. Meeting .....7:00 p.m.	<b>TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Washington and 1st St. Sunday School .....9:45 a.m. Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m. Evening Worship .....5:00 p.m. Wed. Service .....7:00 p.m.
<b>CARR'S CHAPEL</b> Service Every Sunday: Morning Worship .....9:00 a.m. Sunday School .....10:30 a.m.	<b>CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> West College & Third, Lockney Steve McLean -Minister Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m. Evening Worship ...5:30 p.m. Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.	<b>NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Floydada Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges (806) 637-0430 Sunday Singing .....10:30 a.m. Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.	<b>TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA</b> Rev. Herman Martinez 308 W. Tennessee, Floydada Sunday School .....10:00 a.m. Evening Worship .....5:00 p.m. Tuesday.....7:30 p.m. Thursday Service.....7:30 p.m.
<b>CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Levi Sisemore, Minister Floydada Sunday Bible Study ..9:30 a.m. Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m. Evening Worship ...6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.	<b>OUT REACH HARVEST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH</b> Floydada Rev. David Ramos, Pastor Ester Ramos, Praise Leader Sunday Bible...10:00 a.m. Morning Praise..11:00 a.m. Evening Praise ....5:00 p.m. Wed. Worship....7:00 p.m.	<b>POWER OF PRAISE FULL GOSPEL CHURCH</b> 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.	<b>TRINITY ASSEMBLY</b> 500 W. Houston Floydada Henry Russell, Co-Pastor Vance Mitchell, Co-Pastor 983-5499 or 983-2887 Sunday School .....9:45 a.m. Morning Worship .....10:40 a.m. Sunday Evening .....6:00 p.m. Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.
<b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Anthony D. Sisemore, Pastor Terry Simmons, Minister of Ed./Music Eric Kaiser - Min. Students Sunday School .....9:15 a.m. Morning Worship .....10:30 a.m. Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.	<b>PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA</b> Lockney Jesus Caballero, Pastor Sunday School .....9:45 a.m. Worship Service ....11:00 a.m. Discipleship .....5:00 p.m. Wed. Service .....7:00 p.m.	<b>PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA</b> Floydada Pastor Reverend Raymond Asebedo Sunday School .....9:45 a.m. Morning Worship ..10:55 a.m.	<b>TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> Providence Community on FM 2301 293-3009 Rev. Peter W. Harrington Minister Sunday School .....9:45 a.m. Worship Service .....11:00 a.m.
<b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Lockney</b> Carl Moman, Pastor Chad Cook, Youth Min. Phil Cotham, Music Min. Sunday School .....9:45 a.m. Morning Worship .....10:45 a.m. Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m. Wednesday.....6:30 p.m. Wednesday (Youth).....7:15 pm	<b>FLOYD COUNTY HESPERIAN-BEACON</b> Floydada - Lockney 983-3737 - 652-3318	<b>LOCKNEY CO-OP GIN</b> 652-3377	<b>LOCKNEY INS. AGENCY</b> 105 N. Main 652-3347
<b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Floydada Rev. Les Hall, Pastor Early Worship .....8:30 a.m. Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morning Worship ...10:50 a.m. Youth (Sunday).....5:00p.m. Youth (Wednesday).....7:30 p.m.	<b>CLARK PHARMACY</b> 320 N. Main - Lockney 652-3353	<b>ODEN CHEVROLET INC.</b> 221 S. Main, Floydada 983-3787	<b>PAY-N-SAVE</b> 210 N. Main Lockney 652-2293
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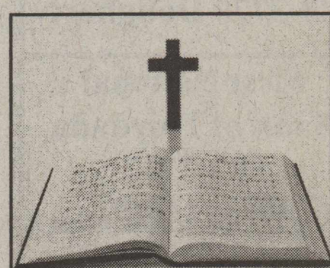
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