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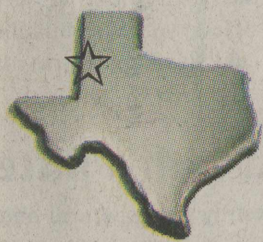
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## Stock show Jan. 15-18

The Floyd County Junior Livestock Show will be held January 15- 18, 2010. The show will be held at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center and the following schedule will apply.

A livestock Showmanship Clinic will be held on Friday, January 15, 2010 at 6:30 PM. This will be a chance to learn and gain proper showmanship skills to better prepare you and your animal for the 2010 Floyd County Stock Show.

### Friday, January 15, 2010

9 a.m. - Barn Open

1 - 3 p.m.

All Animals in Place

All Animals Weigh-In

### Saturday, January 16, 2010

9 a.m. - Goat Show

10 a.m. - Lamb Show

11 a.m. - Heifer followed by Steer Show

1 p.m. - Swine Show

Gilts show first followed by barrows.

### Sunday, January 17, 2010

2 p.m. - Set-up for Premium Sale

### Monday, January 18, 2010

5 p.m. - Buyers Meal

6 p.m. - Auction Sale

\* For 2010 Show - There will be NO rabbit show.

\* For 2010 Show: Goats are eligible for premium sale.

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Staff Photo by Jim Huggins

**POOL DONATION** - J&K Insurance contributed \$1,000 to the Friends of the Lockney Swimming Pool repair fund. Pictured left to right: Lesca Durham, Kay Martin, Jim Martin.

### Agency makes \$432,000 investment in Floydada through home replacement funds

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) and State Senator Robert Duncan today announced a \$432,000.00 award to the City of Floydada to fund the construction of new houses for low-income homeowners. The construction of new houses will allow a minimum of 5 current homeowners to have a house that is safe and energy efficient plus provide a shot in the arm to the local economy.

Floydada officials anticipate the funds will fund the building of a minimum of five new houses for income eligible households.

"I am extremely

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### Final call for names to be on Crosby County Veterans Memorial

By Jean Appling

We will continue to take names to be added to the Crosby County Veterans Memorial until 5 p.m. January 29<sup>th</sup>.

If you have someone or know of a veteran who was born, resided, or is buried in Crosby county, and received a honorable

discharge, we would be glad to have the name, the war in which they served, and \$50.00 per name. Make checks payable to: Crosby County Veterans Memorial.

Please send info to: Jean Appling, 212 CR 215, Crosbyton, Texas 79322.



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**COLD IN FLOYD COUNTY** - After a mild autumn, winter arrived right on schedule in December and has kept the area chilly, snowy and icy ever since. Even colder temperatures are forecast for this week, with single-digit lows predicted.

**It's time to start bragging on those kiddos!**  
**Valentine's Day Brag Page**  
**Deadline Monday, February 1!**

# OPINIONS



## The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

### Endless Possibilities

I love small towns. It's in small towns where the individual stands out. Small towns nurture their own. I've yet to see or hear of a homeless person in any small town I'm affiliated with where attempts to help were not made. Simply put, the vast majority of rural Americans are compassionate.

Business owners in small towns tend to be compassionate as well. They support schools, civic groups, athletic teams, etc... Believe me when I say small business owners take care of their own.

Over the past year, Blackburn Media Group has invested heavily in several small towns and counties including, Collingsworth, Cottle, Hall, Harmon, Okla., Childress, Knox, Garza and Floyd Counties.

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We're just scratching the surface on how BMG can help you and/or your business. In coming issues, you will see house ads which demonstrate exactly what we offer and how we can best serve your business and grow your customer base.

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### CHANGE is a Bowl of Cherries... with a pitter

By Rob Kall

Pardon me if I stretch this metaphor too far.

The cherry season has returned and sweet, juicy cherries are back, at about \$4.99 a pound.

I used to be allergic to cherries. Not any more. I used to accept the fact that I had to deal with the cherry pits. Then I got a pitter. I can pit a dozen cherries in two minutes and add them to all kinds of food and now, I think of cherries differently. Imagine if we could have Democrats without the "pits."

Last year I received a cherry pitter for my birthday and I've put it to great use. The cherry pitter is a very simple but also wonderfully handy device that takes a fruit that forces you to bite, chew, then spit out one pit at a time and turns it into a fruit that you can add to all kinds of foods, with no fear of biting into a pit. Imagine if the Democrats were the same-- if we could trust them.

Then, I heard on one of the Sunday talk shows or was reminded of the phrase "life is just a bowl of cherries." In this case, they were saying it wasn't.

So I took the cherries I bought last night, put 'em in a bowl and as an afterthought, since the cherry pitter has changed my relationship with cherries, threw the pitter into the image.

Then, I started playing with some of the one and two dollar and free iPhone photo image processing apps I've picked up recently. There's the one that creates the images that look like the Obama logo.

I put the cherries with the pitter with the word hope. Nah. Then, I put it with the word CHANGE and it hit me. The pitter pulls the pits out of cherries. That makes it easy for me to add them to cereal, oatmeal, yogurt, pastries, ice cream, kugel (get it at Wegmans or a Jewish Deli.) etc. You have to try hot oatmeal with 15-20 cold pitted cherries. Same with yogurt with a dozen cherries-- forget about the eeny weeny bit of fruit soaked with sugar they put on the bottom.

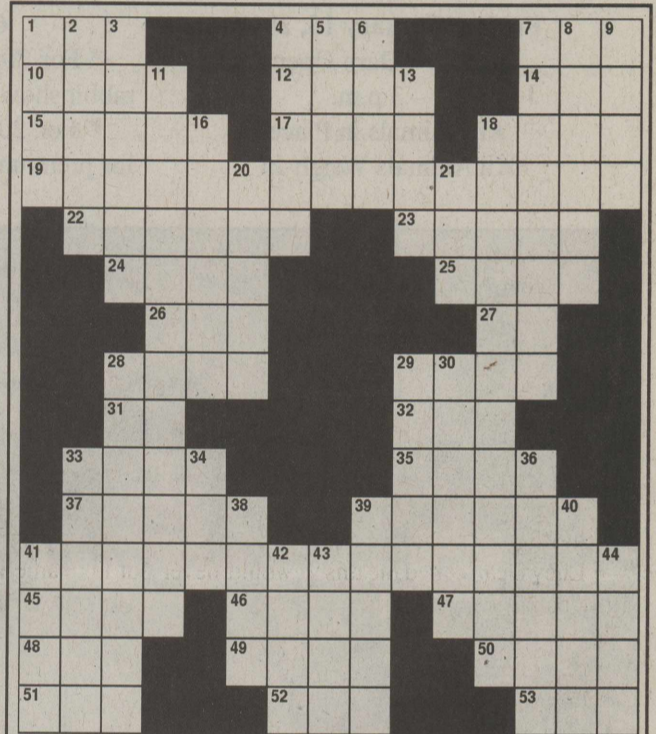
We need a "pitter" for the congress to get rid of the blue dogs and the sell outs to the banksters and insurers. Jane Hamsher's been doing extraordinary work on it. Markos Moulitsas has been standing up to the Democrats. This is where the nation needs to go. We need battalions of pitters in every state, way ahead of the primaries, to chop out the DINOs, blue-dogs and sellouts-- the Liebermans and Baucuses, Mary Landrieus, Ben Nelsons, Barney Franks and Nancy Pelosi who have betrayed their base or operated in a cowardly, impotent manner or as failed leaders. Whoever says Harry Reid did a brilliant job is a whitewasher. If the health reform legislation comes out of conference with serious improvements, then I'll change my tune on Reid and Pelosi. So far, they fit the profile as backstabbers of the middle class.

Some cherries have pits so big they won't go through the hole in the pitter. You have to dislodge them, tear the cherry apart a bit in the process. Maybe the Democratic party has to be torn apart a bit, face a bit of chaos as well. It looks like this November, unless the Dems do some major improvements very fast, they will be simply decimated. They'll be replaced by disgusted voters who, justifiably, felt betrayed. Those Democrats will be replaced by far worse right wing extremists who will accelerate the death of the American middle class. I'm not saying the current batch of Democrats, especially some of the committee heads, are not helping to

destroy the American middle class, but the right wingers will speed up the process.

So, what we need are some Democrat pitters. You can get a cherry pitter at Hamacher Schlemmer. You can BECOME a Democrat pitter. If you're a progressive, you have it in you. Find that pit ejector and start putting it into action.

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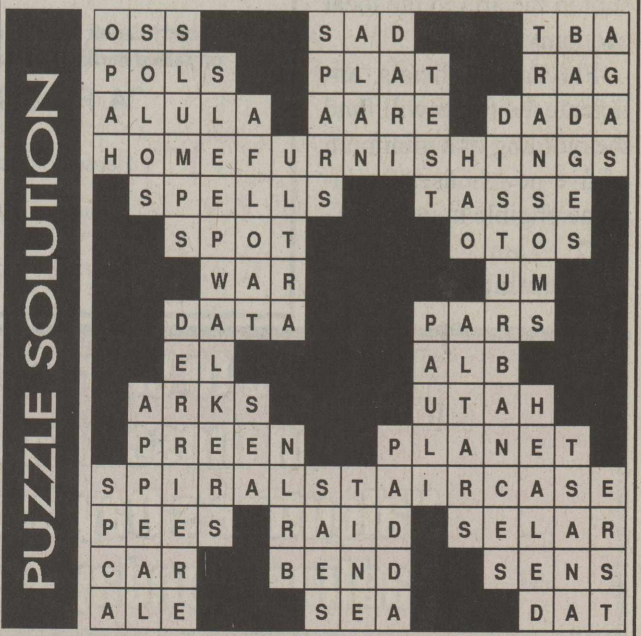


### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Former CIA
- 4. Unhappy
- 7. Don't know when yet
- 10. Party men & women
- 12. A braid
- 14. A scrap of cloth
- 15. Calypter
- 17. Swiss river
- 18. A baby's father
- 19. House decor
- 22. Magical incantations
- 23. Thigh armor
- 24. Dick & Jane's dog
- 25. Ph\_\_\_\_ - pictures
- 26. Armed conflict
- 27. Expression of doubt
- 28. A collection of facts
- 29. Average golf scores
- 31. Raised railroad
- 32. Vestment gown
- 33. Boats for Noah
- 35. Western state
- 37. Primp
- 39. Celestial body
- 41. Steps for limited space
- 45. Tee\_\_\_\_ - conical tents
- 46. Foray
- 47. Big-eyed scad genus
- 48. An automobile
- 49. Curved segment
- 50. "\_\_\_\_e and Sensibility" by Austin
- 51. Brew
- 52. Black or Mediterranean
- 53. A digital tape recording of sound

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Moonfish
- 2. Flies alone
- 3. Sags or droops
- 4. Short bouts
- 5. \_\_\_\_ Ladd, actor
- 6. Afghan language
- 7. Windows over doors
- 8. Scout achievement insignias
- 9. Turkish leader titles
- 11. Noctambulists
- 13. Exam
- 16. On a boat or ship
- 18. Perturbations
- 20. Far beyond the norm
- 21. Vietnamese currency unit
- 28. Headquarters
- 29. St. \_\_\_\_ girl, brand of beer
- 30. Communion tables
- 33. Earnest or urgent request
- 34. A very large body of water
- 36. Mended
- 38. Mediation council
- 39. Weaverbird genus
- 40. Ethiopian lake
- 41. Prevents harm to creatures
- 42. Bur\_\_\_\_ - joint sacs
- 43. Prong
- 44. Formerly (archaic)



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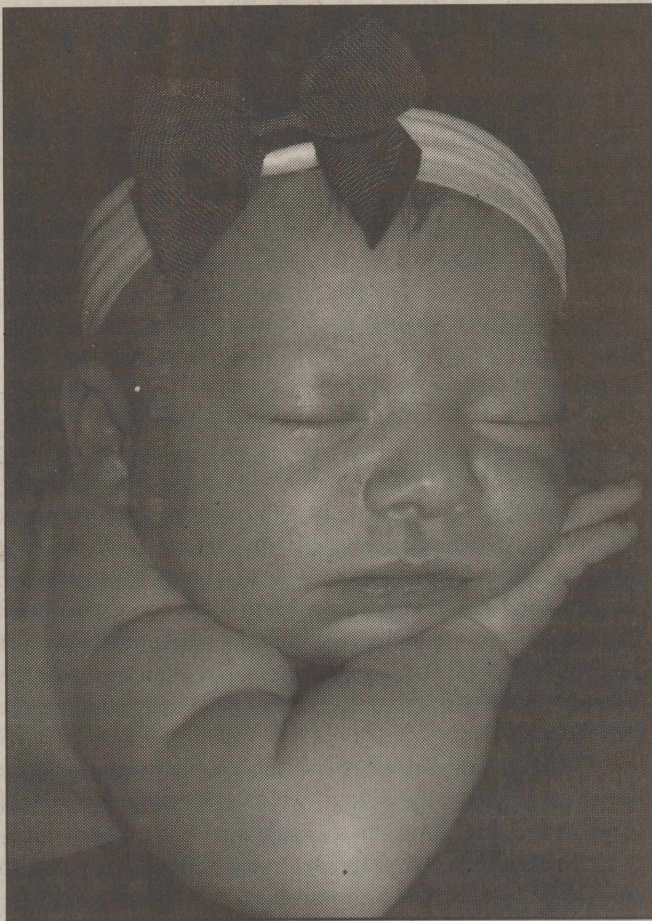
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# Look Who's New



**CUMMINGS**

Adam and Ashley Cummings, of Canyon, are proud to announce the birth of their first child, a girl, Laney Dawn. Laney was born on November 17, 2009, weighing 7 pounds, 13.5 ounces and 20.25 inches.

Grandparents are Zach and Sandra Cummings of Lockney and Denzil and Sherry Traylor of Fritch.

Great-grandparents are Rochelle Dorman and the late John Dorman of Lockney, Sterling and Gleyann Earle Cummings of South Plains, Quincy and Gail Traylor of Winters, Jane Traylor of Dumas and Tina Hall of Borger.

## VJ's News

By Vera Jo Bybee

Another weekend of watching great football. The Dallas Cowboys and Tech's Red Raiders games were so exciting. I loved both of them 'cause they both won their games.

I can't believe it is already year 2010. With Christmas and New Year coming on Thursday and Friday I have got my days all mixed up. Maybe this week will be better.

Lucy Dean called me this afternoon and said Turkey's "Henry Baker's Western Swing" that she plays with has been cancelled for the month of January. They will resume playing on every 2nd Saturday in February.

Guests with Durrel and Faye Fortenberry over this Christmas holidays were his mother Ruth Fortenberry of Hereford and his sons Donnie and wife Carla of Lubbock, Michael and Juany of Littlefield, Bryan and Juanita of Amarillo and John and Melanie of Lubbock, and John's grandsons Michael Shawn and Jordon.

Gladys Bobbitt enjoyed the Christmas holidays being with both her daughters Donna Mitchell and Susan Griggs.

Gay and Gale McPherson celebrated their Christmas on Monday, December 28. Guests were David and Darlee Foster and children Addie and Will and his guest Abigail Miller of Floydada, Steve and Becky and children Matt and Megan, Payce and Elle, J.W and his guest Stephanie Stephenson of Canyon. Also Gale's brother Robert.

While Jackie Spencer was spending Christmas with her daughters Donna and Sharon in Weatherford, Oklahoma she suffered a heart attack and was taken to Oklahoma City where she underwent a four bypass surgery. Wileta Isom said she talked with her on the phone and Jackie said she was still real sore and at that time was still in the hospital in Oklahoma City.

I talked to Pat Frizzell tonight and even though his voice was fairly strong he said he and this feeding tube he now has don't like each other very well.

Jr. Brotherton is recuperating at home now after staying in the Lubbock ICU Hospital for a couple of weeks. One time when I put his name in the paper Jr. got mad at me and said a few things to me that hurt my feelings so I told him I would never put his name in VJ's News again, but since he wanted me to I did.

Please keep Pat, Jackie and Jr. and all our other ill friends in your thoughts and prayers.

Our sympathy is with Tracy Long and her family on the passing of her father Delbert Wiley December 26 in Dallas. Memorial service was held in Dallas followed with a memorial service in Ballinger where he was buried.

I want to thank everyone who remembered their friends and loved ones with a memorial to the Center.

**REGINA JACK WALTERS:** Charles and Cindy Huffman, Bobby and Ann McCormick, Delton and Clydell Jack, C.F. and Wanda Barber, Paul and Gayle Schacht, Don and Carolyn Hardy, Dorothy Smith.

**HUFORDSUE:** Charles and Cindy Huffman, Don and Carolyn Hardy.

**ELSIE McANNALY:** Tom and Dixie Johnson, Don and Carolyn Hardy.

**WILMA DUDLEY:** Dorothy Smith.

**RUBY McWATERS:** John and Elaine La Baume, Louis McDaniel.

**BETTY WEEMS:** Ike Johnson, Lucy Dean Record, Tom and Dixie Johnson.

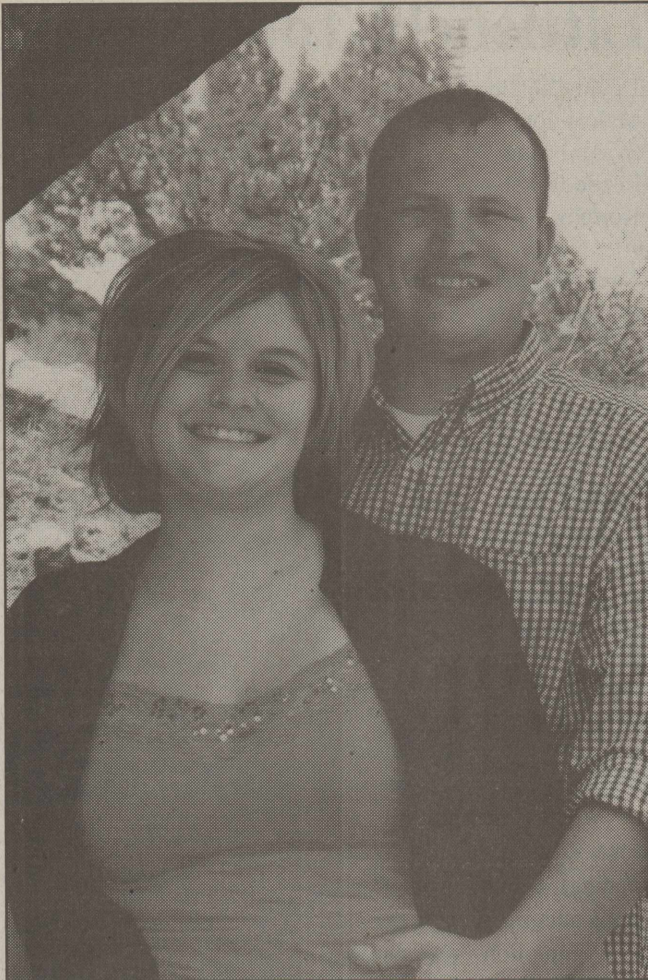
**WILMA BROWN:** Dorothy Smith.

**AILENE ALLEN:** Claude Brown.

**BILL BOLINGER:** Claude Brown.

**IRA HENDERSON:** Jerry and Dani Johnson.

**DOYLE POOLE JR.:**



**MAGGIE VICK AND NICK BROWN**

## Vick and Brown to wed

Gary and Sherry Vick of Floydada are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Maggie Vick to Nick Brown of Canyon, Texas.

The bride-elect is a 2003 graduate of Floydada High School and a 2009 graduate of West Texas A&M University.

Maggie is the granddaughter of Jerry and Winola Galloway of Floydada and Jimmy Vick of Wolfforth, Texas.

The prospective bridegroom is a 2002 graduate of Randall High School and a 2009 graduate of Amarillo College. He is currently attending West Texas A&M University.

Brown is the son of Evelyn Brown-Casher of Canyon and Stan Brown of Amarillo.

The couple will marry March 13, 2010 at the Party Barn in Amarillo.

Larry and Sandra Hammit, John and Donnie Bowman.

**CLO ANN HANST:** Larry and Sandra Hammit.

**JAMES TAYLOR:** Charles and Cindy Huffman, Larry and Sandra Hammit.

**JESSIE GARZA:** Don and Carolyn Hardy, Claude Brown.

**JOHN ALVIN DORMAN:** Jerry and Dovie Davis, W.O. Clarke, Boyd and Gayle Reay, Claude Brown, Don and Carolyn Hardy.

**MACON ULMER:** Jana Whitaker, Claude Brown, Meredith McCullough, Claude Brown.

**BILLIE COOK:** Boyd and Gale Reay, W.O. Clarke, Don and Carolyn Hardy, Charles and Cindy Huffman, Jerry and Dovie Davis, Claude Brown.

**LARNCE McCAIN:** W.O. Clarke, Don and Carolyn Hardy, Charles and Cindy Huffman, Claude Brown.

**AUBREY KENT:** Don and Carolyn Hardy.

**SANDY SMITH BAILEY:** C.F. and Wanda Barber, Charles and Cindy Huffman, Lynda Holt.

**DOROTHY ARMSTRONG:** J.W. and Joyce Mason.

**MENU**

**January 11-15**

**Monday:** baked potato and chicken salad sandwich

**Tuesday:** baked ham

**Wednesday:** chicken fried steak

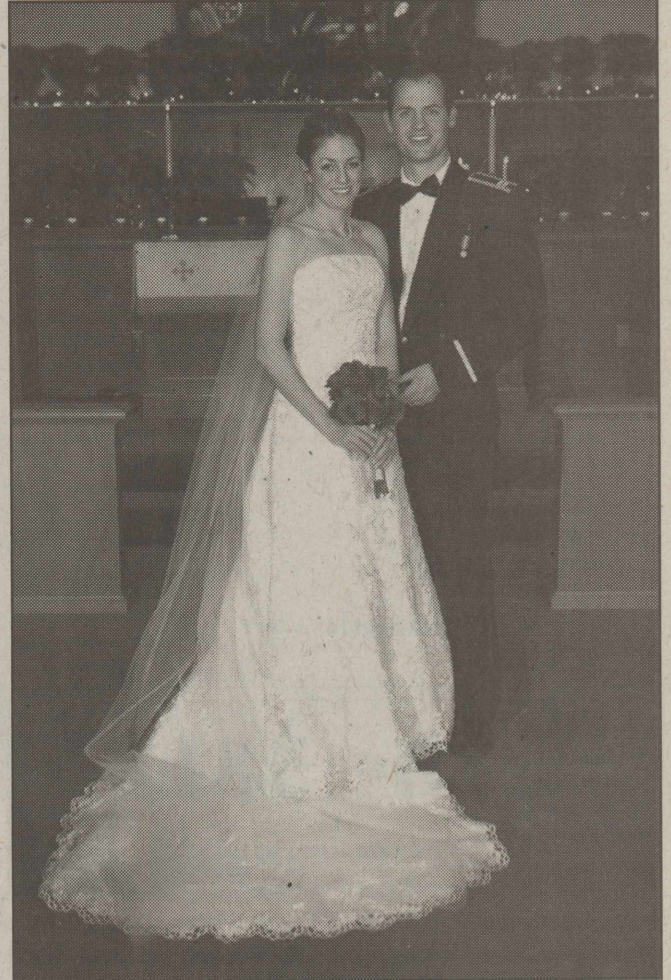
**Thursday:** fried chicken

**Friday:** brisket

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**DRS. JOSEPH AND LEZLIE KUEBKER**

*Nee Lezlie Rene Warren*

## Warren and Kuebker exchange vows

Lezlie Rene Warren and Joseph Maurice Kuebker were united in marriage at 6:00 p.m. on December 5, 2009 in the sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church of Floydada, Texas. Rance Young, pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Silverton, Texas performed the ceremony.

Martin and Jill Warren of Floydada are the bride's parents; Dr. Craig and Jeanmarie Kuebker are the parents of the groom. The bride's grandparents are William and Faye Bertrand of Floydada, Robert Warren of Tahoka, Texas and Leta Warren of Lubbock, Texas. The groom's grandparents are Dr. William and Joan Kuebker of San Antonio, Texas.

While guests were seated by ushers, the Ellsworth String Quartet performed various selections of classical pieces. The quartet played "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring", and "Cannon in D" for the processional. "Trumpet Voluntary" was played as Lezlie was escorted down the aisle by her father.

She wore an A-line, ivory gown, with detailed, silver crystal beading and Battenberg lace featured at the hem. She also wore a cathedral length veil with a vanishing edge. For "something old" and "something borrowed", she carried her maternal great-grandmother's gold collar pin that she had received when she was 16. Her "something new" was her dress and veil. Her "something blue" was a ribbon which was sewn onto her petticoat, and was embroidered by her mother with the couple's names and wedding date. She carried a bouquet of red roses with accents of purple statice.

The groom wore his official military "mess dress" Air Force uniform with accompanying medals. The groom's father and grandfather were also dressed in military mess dress attire as they are both retired Air Force veterans.

Lindsey Cate, friend of the groom sang "In This Very Room" accompanied on the piano by Dr. Jane Anne Wilson. Later in the ceremony, the couple performed a "Unity Candle Ceremony" while the string quartet played "Oh Holy Night". Scripture readings were recited by Philip McKnight, friend of the groom, and by Shawn Dunn, brother-in-law of the bride.

As part of the recessional, the Sabre Flight Drill Team from the R.O.T.C. detachment at Texas Tech University performed a "sabre arch" as the couple walked under it, down the aisle.

The matron of honour was Rebecca Dunn, sister of the bride from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The other bridesmaids were Dr. Allison Boyareddigari of Houston, Texas, friend of the bride, and Jennifer Ramos and Emily Kuebker of San Antonio, Texas, both sisters of the groom.

The bridesmaids wore identical iridescent dark winter blue, taffeta ball gowns and carried bouquets of red and white roses.

The best man was Dr. James Sander of Houston, Texas. Other groomsmen were Jason Linahan of San Antonio, Chad

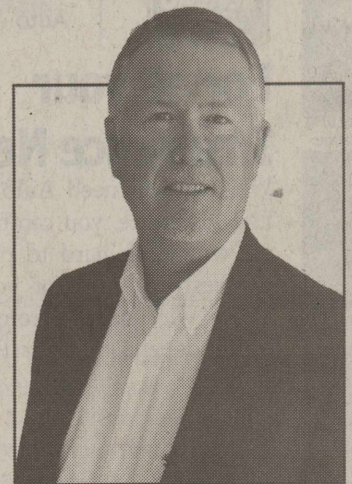
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# Lady Horns Second At Littlefield Tournament

By Coach Keegan Reynolds

The Lockney Lady Horns traveled to the Littlefield Basketball Tournament December 29-31. They played a good three days of basketball, making it to the final game to play district opponent Anton. The Lady Horns came up 6 points shy of the Bulldogs to get the second place trophy. The games and stats are as follows:

### Lockney (70) vs. Olton (58)

Bethany Wilson - 16  
Devin Caballero - 6  
Sunny Williams - 2  
Malory Johnson - 20  
Syann Foster - 8  
Lezlie Jackson - 6  
Kortney Williams - 12

### Lockney (48) vs. Littlefield (43) - OT

Bethany Wilson - 7

Devin Caballero - 8  
Malory Johnson - 18  
Syann Foster - 3  
Lezlie Jackson - 2  
Kortney Williams - 8

### Lockney (51) vs. Dalhart (49) - OT

Bethany Wilson - 16  
Devin Caballero - 2  
Malory Johnson - 17  
Lezlie Jackson - 4  
Kortney Williams - 12

### Lockney (43) vs. Anton (49)

Bethany Wilson - 12  
Devin Caballero - 4  
Malory Johnson - 21  
Syann Foster - 2  
Kortney Williams - 4

# Lady Horns Start Year With Victory

By Coach Keegan Reynolds

The Lady Horns hosted the Paducah Dragons January 1. The Lady Horns started off the new year with a 56-43 win over the Dragons.

Quinn Jackson - 4  
Bethany Wilson - 8  
Devin Caballero - 4  
Sunny Williams - 2  
Malory Johnson - 23  
Syann Foster - 5  
Lezlie Jackson - 2  
Anissa Reyna - 2  
Kortney Williams - 7

### Lockney (56) vs. Paducah (43)

## USDA Enhances Integrity And Defensibility of Farm Programs

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31, 2009 - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that USDA is partnering with the Internal Revenue Service to reduce fraud in farm programs and streamlining payment limits for family farmers. The actions are intended to strengthen the integrity and defensibility of USDA farm safety net programs and help the agricultural industry to meet requirements included in the 2008 Farm Bill.

"Today's announcement will ensure that the producers who depend upon the safety net of USDA programs will have future access to these programs by enhancing the overall integrity of the programs," said Vilsack. "It will also provide more flexibility for family farm operations across the country."

As part of today's announcement, USDA has finalized a Memorandum of Understanding with the Internal Revenue Service to establish an electronic information exchange process for verifying compliance with the adjusted gross income provisions for programs administered by USDA's FSA and Natural Resources Conservation Service. This agreement will ensure that payments are not issued to producers whose adjusted gross income (AGI) exceeds certain limits. The limits set in the 2008 Farm Bill are \$500,000 nonfarm average AGI for commodity and disaster programs; \$750,000 farm average AGI for direct payments; and \$1 million nonfarm average AGI for conservation programs.

The electronic process that USDA developed with IRS reviews data from tax returns, performs a series of calculations, and compares these values to the AGI limitations from the 2008 Farm Bill FSA and NRCS will receive a record that indicates whether or not the program participant appears to meet the income limits. Written consent will be required from each producer or payment recipient for this process. No actual tax data will be included in the report that IRS sends to USDA. As part of the review and evaluation process, participants whose AGI may exceed the limits will be offered an opportunity to provide third party verification or other information to validate their income.

Meanwhile, beginning with the 2010 program year, USDA has amended the rules that govern the requirements to be 'actively engaged' in farming. These rules apply to eligibility for payments under the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) or Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program administered by the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA).

USDA has implemented the following change to permit certain operations, most often family-run operations, to meet 'actively engaged' in farming requirements under less restrictive rules.

Every stockholder or member of a legal entity, such as a corporation, does not have to contribute labor or management if both of the following apply:

\* at least half of the interest in the legal entity is held by stockholders or members who are providing active personal labor or active personal management that altogether qualifies as a significant contribution to the farming operation;

\* the total direct payments received, both directly and indirectly, by the legal entity and each of the members does not exceed \$40,000.

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The human condition. Novelists distinguish themselves and their work when they address it. But if you really want to know what makes people tick, read the classifieds.

Speaking of novels, I've been listening and listening to Ayn Rand's "Atlas Shrugged" on compact discs -- 42 discs in all. I'm currently on the 37th. Rand has been on her sturdy soapbox from the start, using clearly drawn characters in her novel to get her survival-of-the-fittest philosophy across definitively. Appearance-wise, the main physical trait of the good guys and gals is a lack of flab. In fact, Rand is so firm on that point that I think someone could file a lawsuit charging her with discrimination or stereotyping or something. But as for my flabby self, I've got better things to do -- like read the classifieds.

I've been reading all the ads through an Ayn Rand filter. After 40 hours of "Atlas Shrugged," you would be too.

If you've never read Rand, let me clue you in with a quote from disc No. 37:

"... life is a value to be bought and ... thinking is the only coin noble enough to buy it."

(Forgive me, but the "Thrifty Nickel" logo comes to mind.)

Rand, who is speaking through the voice of one of her heroic non-flabby characters, John Galt, expounds by stating the axiom "Existence exists" and saying the only choice people need to make is the choice "to live."

Well, I think I thought that already.

There's more. Reason, purpose and self-esteem are the three values that comprise morality. As for virtues, the Rand-Galt list names seven:

rationality, independence, integrity, honesty, justice, productiveness and pride.

When you boil it all down (I'm saving you some reading), I think what Rand really admired most in people was gumption -- "shrewd or spirited initiative and resourcefulness" in dictionary terms. All Rand's characters seem to be defined either by having it or not. The only two misguided characters who redeem themselves in "Atlas Shrugged" (at least so far) do it by having the gumption to think.

Anyway, when I peruse the classifieds wearing my Ayn Rand glasses, I see people Rand would have liked. It takes gumption to place an ad. I see capitalism unfettered. Rand is known as a capitalist par excellence of the laissez-faire variety. When I take off my Ayn Rand glasses, I spot a few characters who probably have gumption but lack honesty and integrity -- con artists, if you please. Like I said, capitalism unfettered. Either way, the classifieds are the makings of a novel of Randesque proportions -- a description of the human spirit and essence of existence described by what people buy, sell and trade, meaning everything from artisan breads to wolf-American Pit Bull cross puppies to oil derricks.

Speaking of the human condition, it's a great time of year to buy a like-new fitness machine that somebody else bought a year ago to fulfill a New Year's resolution.

In the final analysis, there's no excuse for flab.

### Lockney Band Boosters Meeting January 21

Lockney Band Boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, January 21 in the band hall. Accrued points for the May band trip will be presented.

### Lockney School Menu January 11-15

**MONDAY**  
Breakfast: pancakes or cereal, toast, juice, milk  
Lunch: steak fingers or chicken patty, potatoes, broccoli, applesauce, roll, milk

**TUESDAY**  
Breakfast: breakfast pizza or cereal, toast, juice, milk  
Lunch: chicken casserole or burrito, salad, fruited gelatin, roll, milk


**WEDNESDAY**  
Breakfast: oatmeal or cereal, toast, juice, milk  
Lunch: spaghetti or corn dog, green beans, pineapple, bread stick, milk

**THURSDAY**  
Breakfast: breakfast burrito or cereal, toast, juice, milk  
Lunch: chicken fajitas or ham & cheese on bun, pinto beans, salad, sliced peaches, milk

**FRIDAY**  
Breakfast: cinnamon roll or cereal, toast, juice, milk  
Lunch: hamburger or tuna sandwich, baked fries, salad, orange smiles, milk

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Krysta has worked as a physician assistant since October 2006. Her specific duty and number one priority is patient care. Krysta has patients here in the clinic and also in Silverton. She assists the doctors in the clinic by covering the walk-ins. Her friendly smile and great personality make the patients feel comfortable. She always does a terrific job. Krysta enjoys her work environment as well as the people she works with. She likes mountain biking, refurbishing furniture and camping.

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# Whirlwinds Earn Consolation Trophy At Caprock Classic

The Floydada Whirlwinds competed at the annual Caprock Classic in Lubbock from December 29-31, a tournament consisting of 28 teams in the boys "Red Division." The Winds earned a consolation trophy, with Bryson Session being named to the all-tournament team.

Floydada began the tournament with a 78-58 loss to 3A Perryton despite a 26 point effort from Session. Joseph Segura also hit double figures with 11.

The Winds played twice the second day, beginning with a 85-54 victory over Tahoka. Session again led all scorers with 19, while David Diaz put in 16 and Mason Lipham 13.

The Winds defeated Gruver later that evening by a score of 66-62. Lipham led the team with 16, Session and Diaz scored 14 each, and Segura and Fred Williams each had 10.

On the last day of the tournament, the Whirlwinds again played twice. The morning game was a 72-49 victory over Midland Christian. Session had 22, Lipham 20, and Segura 13.

The consolation game featured two district 2-2A opponents as the Winds played the Dimmitt Bobcats. The Whirlwinds earned a 45-34 victory, giving them the consolation trophy behind Lipham and Diaz who scored 10 each.

The Whirlwinds season record is 11-4 with pre-district games against Crosbyton and Nazareth remaining.

The Winds will begin district play on January 15.



Courtesy Photo

**HOOPIN' IT UP**—The Floydada Whirlwind played in the Caprock Classic in Lubbock on December 29-31 and brought home the consolation trophy. After they lost their first game to 3A Perryton, the Winds won four straight games against Tahoka, Gruver, Midland Christian and their 2-2A opponent Dimmitt Bobcats. Bryson Session was also named to the All-Tournament team.

## Floydada School Menu

### January 11 – January 15

#### Monday

Breakfast-Scrambled eggs, toast/ jelly or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch- Pizza, seasoned corn, tossed salad, sliced peaches, milk

#### Tuesday

Breakfast- Mini banana loaf or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch-Pigs in blanket, corn, baked chips, pineapple orange salad, milk

#### Wednesday

Breakfast-Pancake & sausage on a stick or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch-Oven crispy chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot roll, fancy gelatin, milk

#### Thursday

Breakfast – English muffin with egg, cheese, sausage or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch-Nachos grande, lettuce & tomato, oranges smiles, combread, milk

#### Friday

Breakfast-Cinnamon roll, fruit, toast or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch-Corndog, oven fried potatoes, fresh broccoli w/ranch, sparkly apple, crispy cereal treat, milk

## Keeping winter skin at bay

**HOUSTON** – Just because the temperatures are dropping doesn't mean you should drop your skin care routine. Dermatologists at Baylor College of Medicine say continuing to wear sun block and moisturizers during the colder months is important for healthy skin year round.

"It's very common to have dry skin during winter due to the colder, drier weather and the use of heaters," said Dr. John Wolf, professor and chair of dermatology at BCM. "Going untreated, dry skin could lead to discomfort or even an itchy, painful rash known as winter itch."

The key to prevention is moisturizing the skin. Wolf recommends starting with a lukewarm shower using a mild soap for sensitive skin. Before completely drying off, apply lotion or hand cream to damp skin.

"This traps moisture onto your skin," Wolf said. "If you are adding lotion or hand cream to dry skin there will be some relief but you aren't hydrating the skin as well as you could be."

Wolf said the type of lotion isn't as important as when you put the moisturizer on. As long as you like the brand and it doesn't irritate your skin then it will work. For dry skin that needs extra help, Wolf suggests using a lotion or cream that contains petroleum jelly.

"For your face, make sure to find a lotion that includes some type of sun block (SPF) protection," Wolf added. "The sun's rays can still be harmful during the winter."

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## NOTICE OF SALE

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DATED December 31, 2009, and issued pursuant to a judgement decree of the District Court of Floyd County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date in the hereinafter styled and numbered causes, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Court, I have on Decemeber 31, 2009, seized, levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in February, 2010, the same being the 2nd day of February, 2010 at the Courthouse door of said County, in the city of Floydada, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock A.M. and 4:00 o'clock P.M. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Floyd and the State of Texas, to-wit:

### CAUSE NO.

### STYLING, DEFENDANTS AND PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

5477TS	Floyd County Appraisal District v. Unknown Heirs to the Estate of Atilno Garcia and Sylvia Garcia Zaumeyer, Individually and Heir to the Estate of Atilno S. Garcia  The East 1/2 of Lot 2, and all of Lot 3, Block 113, Original Town of Floydada
5498TS	City of Floydada v. Manuel Barrientos and Ramona Barrientos  North 46 feet of Lot 10, Block 117, Original Townsite of Floydada
5500TS	Floydada Independent School District v. Angela Rodriquez Castro  Lot 15, Block 17, Bartley Heights Addition to the City of Floydada
5508TS	Floydada Independent School District v. Modesta Leal f/k/a Modesta Adela Garcia  Lot 8, Block D, Andrews Addition to the City of Floydada
5513TS	City of Floydada v. Venturo Gonzales, Jr. and Rachael Gonzales  All of Lot 4 and South 1/2 of Lot 5, Block 1, Honerhea Addition to the City of Floydada
5517TS	Lockney Independent School District v. Tommy Russell Hutton  Block K, J.D. Burleson Acres Survey, City of Lockney
5520TS	Floydada Independent School District v. Sammy Ochoa and Linda Ochoa Lot 1, Block 108, Original Townsite of Floydada
5534TS	Floydada Independent School District v. Rosemary Segura  All of Lots 11 and 12 and the West 15' of Lot 13, Block 1, South Heights Addition, City of Floydada
5539TS	City of Floydada v. Eduardo Navarrete, Jr. and Estella Navarrette  Lot 15, Block 65 in the Town of Floydada
5552TS	Floyd County Appraisal District v. Danny C. Jordan and Kandyce Jordan a/k/a Candice Jordan  All of Lots 5, 6, and 7 Block 1, Southwestern Heights Addition, City of Lockney
5568TS	Floyd County Appraisal District v. Guadalupe Torrez and Josephina Torrez  The North 2/3 of Lot 8, Block 45, Original Townsite of Floydada
5600TS	Floyd County Appraisal District v. Lola Dean Anderson a/k/a Lola Anderson f/k/a Lola Dean Smith (In Rem)  Lots 9, 11, 15 and 16, Block 81, Original Townsite of the Town of Floydada  All of Lot 11 and part of Lot 13, Block 98, Original Townsite of the Town of Floydada  Part of Lot 11, Block 102, Original Townsite of the Town of Floydada
5601TS	Floyd County Appraisal District v. Termik Enterprises, Inc.  The West 30' of Lot 4 and all of Lots 5 and 6, Block 141, Original Townsite of Floydada
5571TS	Floyd County Appraisal District v. M.H. Ragle and Ida J. Ragle  a 145 'x 150' tract of land, more or less, out of the N.B. Davis Survey #9, out of Abstract 590 and also known as Tracts 5 & 6, Block D, City of Lockney
5613TS	Floyd County Appraisal District v. Jessie Lee Williams  Lot 4, Block 33, Original Townsite of the Town of Floydada
5615TS	Floyd County Appraisal District v. Carrie M. Wiley a/k/a Carrie Wiley  Lots 6 & 7, Block 3, Byars Addition, City of Lockney

For upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgement for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest and costs of suit and sale; subject, however, to the right of redemption, the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the period of time and in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgement for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest thereon and costs of suit and sale, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

DATED December 31, 2009, at Floydada, Texas

By Paul Raissez  
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You may contact the Plaintiff's attorney at 325-6724870.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of ELAYNE S. REID, Deceased, were issued on December 31, 2009, in Cause No. 5844, pending in the County Court of Floyd County, Texas, to:

CITY BANK and JOE CARRICK REID,  
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The residence of JOE CARRICK REID is Ector County, Texas and the principal place of business of CITY BANK is Lubbock County, Texas. The post office address for the Estate is:

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The City of Lockney will hold a public hearing at 9 a.m. on January 14, 2010, at Lockney City Hall in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for an Outdoor Recreation Grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local parks and recreation needs, the amount of TPW funding available, all eligible TPW activities, and the use of past TPW funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TPW application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Charlotte Hooten, City Administrator at City Hall in Lockney. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact the City of Lockney to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact the City of Lockney at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

South Plains & Caprock Community Action Association, (SP-CAA/CCA) is soliciting bids for the **Repair and Replacement** of heating and cooling appliances and **Energy Assessment Inspections** of heating and cooling appliances under the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program in a six county area consisting of Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Hale, King, and Motley County. Do not have to bid on both.

Interested persons may obtain bid packets at the Caprock Community Action located at 2813 W. 8th, Plainview, TX or 224 S. Berkshire Crosbyton, TX.

Sealed Bids must be received no later than 2:00 p.m., January 19, 2010 delivered to 2813 W. 8th Plainview, TX. Sealed bids will be publicly opened at 2:15 p.m. January 19, 2010 at the Caprock Community Action 2813 W. 8th, Plainview, TX.

SPCAA/CCA reserves the right to refuse any and/or all bids. All qualified bidders will receive consideration for award of contract without regard to race, color, creed, sex, religion, national origin, disability, marital status, parenthood, or age.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. January 11, 2010 at 2813 W. 8th Plainview, TX. For additional information, contact Henry Tarango at (806) 894-5153.

## SUDOKU

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ANSWER:

# Obituary

## RICHARD ROYCE "JAKE" JACOBS

Richard Royce "Jake" Jacobs, age 75, passed away on Tuesday, December 29, 2009 at Covenant Hospital in Plainview.

Services with full military honors will be held at a later date at Santa Fe National Cemetery in NM. Services are under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

Jake is survived locally by his wife of 23 years, Cathy of South Plains, and daughter, Kaidria and husband, Sid Weekes of South Plains.

## Neugebauer Urges Democrat Leadership To Air Health Care Negotiations On C-Span

Washington, DC - Congressman Randy Neugebauer issued the following statement in support of a request by C-SPAN that all future health care negotiations be open to the public through media coverage:

"People from the 19<sup>th</sup> Congressional District and across the country continue to speak out against the Democrat plan to pass a massive government takeover of health care. Instead of listening to the will of the people, a handful of House and Senate Democrats plan to meet behind closed doors to draft their final health care bill. I don't think the American people want the future of their health care being determined by a small group of leaders from just one party without an open conference committee process. Now is not the time to play politics with healthcare. Now is the time for everyone to work together to achieve what matters most: more affordable, more individualized and personalized healthcare.

"During the campaign, President Obama

promised voters that health care negotiations would be televised live. How many more promises will the President continue to break? Recently, C-SPAN wrote congressional leaders asking that all future health care negotiations be open to the public through media coverage. The people of the 19<sup>th</sup> Congressional District deserve a seat at the table, and so I strongly support this request by C-SPAN, and urge Speaker Pelosi and the Democrat leadership to do so as well.

"Families and small businesses struggle during these difficult economic times, it is important that Congress pass responsible health care reform that lowers costs and provides greater access to affordable care. We need to fix what is broken in our health care system but we must be cautious of proposed government fixes that increase government spending, raise taxes and increase health care costs. We need targeted reform with measurable results that improves patient care-not a politicized, radical restructuring."

## Rep. Heflin Appointed to Study National Agriculture and Rural Policy At National Conference of State Legislatures

Crosbyton, Texas - Agriculture and Energy Committee appointed to study national agriculture and rural policy by Committee Chair Sally Young, a Maryland House Delegate. Heflin, along with state representatives Sue Wallis of Wyoming and Maralyn Chase of Washington, will study and make recommendations concerning NCSL's national agriculture and rural policy before the organization's spring conference in Washington, D.C. The current policies, adopted in 2007, are scheduled to sunset in 2010 unless renewed.

Rep. Heflin expressed his gratitude for the appointment, saying, "This provides a great opportunity for me to bring the interests of rural West Texas to the forefront by helping to craft policies that will benefit our rural economic development and agriculture industry. The challenges we face can best be resolved when state and national governments are on the same page and working together. I look forward to helping that happen."

Rep. Heflin is one of three members of the NCSL

The National Conference of State Legislatures is one of the country's premiere national legislative organizations and works to enhance the role of states and state legislatures in the federal system. NCSL opposes unfunded federal mandates and preemption of state authority and seeks to provide state legislatures with the flexibility they need to innovate and be responsive to the unique needs of the residents of each state.

The Agriculture and Energy Committee on which Rep. Heflin serves is one of 13 standing NCSL committees and oversees state and federal agriculture and rural development legislation along with natural resources, energy, and electric utilities legislation. The committee seeks to ensure that Congress and federal agencies are sensitive to the impact of proposed laws and regulations on rural areas and communities. More information about NCSL and its committees can be found at [www.ncsl.org](http://www.ncsl.org).

Rep. Heflin encourages interested individuals to express their views about any issue by calling him at his District Office in Crosbyton, 806.675.0017, at his Capitol Office in Austin, 512.463.0604, or in Big Spring, at 432.213.2897. He represents Texas House District 85, including Borden, Crosby, Fisher, Floyd, Garza, Glasscock, Hale, Howard, Jones, Kent, Lynn, Irion, Reagan, Sterling, Stonewall, and Terry Counties.

## Cotton Market Weekly



A service provided by Plains Cotton Cooperative Association



On the tail of a rally in China's futures market, cotton futures prices on the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) rose Monday. However, quiet, range-bound activity characterized the market for the rest of the week as traders squared their positions ahead of the New Year's holiday.

According to data released Wednesday, ICE March cotton futures had risen 18.5 percent in the last quarter of 2009 as tight world cotton supplies prompted buying. USDA now projects world cotton production will fall short of consumption by almost 12 percent in the ongoing 2009-10 marketing year, and U.S. producers hope exports will increase.

Additionally, recent market chatter implies that China's 2009-10 cotton crop will come in lower than the 31.5 million bales estimated by USDA. Adding credit to the rumors, China, the world's leading cotton producer, importer, and textile producer, now has doubled its import quota for 2010 to curb the rise of cotton prices there and to help bridge a domestic shortfall.

Some in the industry say the announcement of China's 2010 import quotas rallied ICE futures early in the week and underscored demand expectations as mills sought purchases. However, others believe the increased quota was anticipated, and the market volatility came from traders "squaring positions."

"It's not unusual for cotton prices to see wild swings between Christmas and the end of the year as thin trading volume exaggerates price moves," a trader commented.

Meanwhile, U.S. export figures remain strong. USDA reported net export sales of U.S. cotton reached a marketing year high in the week ended December 24. At 349,600 bales, the figure was 64 percent higher than the previous week and 47 percent more than the four-week average. China, Turkey, Thailand, and Vietnam were the week's top buyers. Net sales of 5,300 bales for delivery in 2010-11 were for South Korea.

Export shipments of 124,900 bales were up 14 percent from the previous week and 15 percent from the four-week average. Primary destinations included China, Turkey, Vietnam, and Taiwan.

Spot cotton sales also were higher as growers in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas sold 33,369 bales online in the three trading days ended Dec. 30. One week before, just 7,976 bales were traded in five trading days. Prices received by producers ranged from 65.04 to 66.35 cents per pound versus 63.50 to 65.18 cents per pound the previous week.

In other news, virtually all of the 2009-10 U.S. cotton crop now is out of the field, and much-needed moisture has been received in most of the nation's cotton growing regions. The entire Cotton Belt has been showered with precipitation in one form or another in the past two weeks.

Several winter storms have moved across the state of Texas bringing much needed precipitation to South Texas. After severe drought destroyed much of the 2009-10 crop

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## Floyd County Church Directory

<p><b>AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Dennis Butler, Pastor Morning Worship...11:00 a.m. *****</p> <p><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. *****</p> <p><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 Evening 7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>CARR'S CHAPEL</b> Service Every Sunday: Morning Worship...9:00 a.m. Sunday School.....10:30 a.m. *****</p> <p><b>CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> West College &amp; Third, Lockney Steve McLean -Minister Morning Worship...10:30 a.m. Evening Worship...5:30 p.m. Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m. *****</p> <p><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. *****</p> <p><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Terry Simmons, Minister of Ed.Music 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. *****</p> <p><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Lockney</b> John Franklin, Pastor Chad Cook, Youth Min. Phil Cotham, Music Min.. Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morning Worship...10:45 a.m. Evening Worship...6:00 p.m. Wednesday.....6:30 p.m. *****</p>	<p><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).....5:00 p.m. Youth (Wednesday)..7:30 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Lockney Rev. Ricky Carstensen Pastor Sunday School.....9:30 a.m. Worship Service...10:30 a.m. Evening Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Jr. High.....5:30 p.m. Wed. High School...6:30 p.m. *****</p> <p><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. *****</p> <p><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 Worship...6:00 p.m. Wednesday.....7:30 p.m. *****</p> <p><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. *****</p> <p><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. *****</p> <p><b>OUT REACH HARVEST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH</b> 310 E. Mississippi 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. *****</p>	<p><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. *****</p> <p><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. *****</p> <p><b>PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA</b> Floydada Pastor Reverend Raymond Asebedo Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morning Worship...10:55 a.m. Evening Worship...6:00 p.m. Wed. Evening.....6:00 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> Lockney Jim McCartney, Pastor Wed. Communion...8:00 p.m. Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m. *****</p> <p><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. *****</p> <p><b>TEMPLO GETSEMANI ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> 701 W. Missouri Andy Rodriguez 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. *****</p> <p><b>ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> Floydada Rev. Angelo Consemينو Phone: 983-5878 Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m. Mon.Wed. Mass.....6:30 p.m. Confession Sat.....10-11 a.m. *****</p> <p><b>TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM</b> Lockney Rev. Joe Hernandez Sun. Prayer Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School.....9:45 p.m. Worship Service...11:00 a.m. Evening Worship...6:00 p.m. Wed. Meeting.....7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p><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. *****</p> <p><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. *****</p> <p><b>Trinity Assembly</b> 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. *****</p> <p><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. *****</p> <p><b>WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Floydada 983-3548 Sunday Worship...10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening.....5:00 p.m.</p>
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<p><b>American State Bank</b> Member FDIC 217 W. California 983-3725</p>	<p><b>Goen &amp; Goen Insurance</b> 102 E. California 983-3524</p>
<p><b>Barwise Gin</b> Barwise Community 983-2737</p>	<p><b>Lockney Co-op Gin</b> 652-3377</p>
<p><b>Tastee Burger</b> 116 North Main 652-2630</p>	<p><b>Oden Chevrolet Inc.</b> 221 S. Main, Floydada 983-3787</p>
<p><b>Clark Pharmacy</b> 320 N. Main - Lockney 652-3353</p>	<p><b>Payne Family Pharmacy</b> 200 S. Main, Floydada 983-5111</p>
<p><b>Davis Lumber</b> 102 E. Shubert Lockney 6523385</p>	<p><b>Pay-n-Save</b> 210 N. Main Lockney 652-2293</p>
<p><b>Sawaya Ins. Agency</b> 120 E. 7th Street Plainview 293-1318</p>	<p><b>Schacht</b> Flowers, Jewelry &amp; Gifts 112 W. Poplar, Lockney 652-2385</p>
<p><b>Lighthouse Electric Coop</b> 703 A Matador Hwy 983-2814</p>	<p><b>Sunshine Pump</b> Oliver Clark Box 266, Lockney 983-5087 - 774-4412 (Mobile)</p>
<p><b>Shepherd's Meadow Assisted Living</b> 1230 S. Ralls Hwy Floydada 983-8177</p>	

# Winter chill races through the Lone Star State

COLLEGE STATION -- A big chill came to Texas, stalling winter forage growth and stressing cattle and plant life, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel.

For the most part, the cold has not been too hard on livestock as long as they've got shelter and hay, but the up-and-down temperatures have been hurting them. Much of the cold has been accompanied by moisture, either as rain or snow. The moisture has generally been good for wheat and small grains already planted, but bad for those producers who were late getting small grains planted, according to reports from AgriLife Extension offices throughout the state.

In other areas, notably South Texas, the wet weather has greatly improved the agricultural situation, stimulating cool-season forage growth and raising soil moisture levels in anticipation of spring planting.

But it's not a blessing in wetter areas, such as Trinity County, southwest of Lufkin, reported Armon Hewitt, AgriLife Extension agent.

"Cold, wet weather in Trinity County is creating an environment in which producers are having to feed hay, which is in very short supply, at an alarming rate," Hewitt said. "Thus far, the winter has been the worst we've had in many years. Hay feeding sites must be changed frequently because of the abundance of rainfall and muddy conditions."

The situation in McLennan County is also wet, and similar to that throughout much of the Central AgriLife Extension district, said Shane McLellan, AgriLife Extension agent, Waco.

"We've had an up-and-down of cold weather," McLellan said. "We had a few cold spells, then we had several days of warm weather, then back into the cold spells, with non-traditional, non-historic, arctic weather later in the week."

It's not as hard on the cattle as it has been on plant life, he said. McLennan County and the Waco area are in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's plant hardiness zone 8a. Plant hardiness zones are geographical regions defined by climate ranges.

"We can historically expect an average annual minimum temperature of between 10 and 15 degrees Fahrenheit," McLellan said.

"Duration of cold, especially temperatures below freezing, can allow plant tissues to be more deeply penetrated by low temperatures. This can harm what I will refer to as plants marginal to our area such as oleander, some palms and even perennials such as lantana."

McLellan said the extent of the damage may not become apparent until March or early April when buds open. He did not expect oaks, pecans, hollies and others plants to be damaged because "they are well suited to the extremes of our area." The following summaries were compiled by AgriLife Extension district reporters:

**CENTRAL:** Soils remained soggy, making it difficult for farmers and ranchers to get into fields. Some wheat was not planted because of heavy rains. Some producers planted oats in place of wheat. Cold weather increased the need for beef producers to provide supplemental feed to livestock. Hay was in short supply.

**COASTAL BEND:** The outlook for the 2010 crop season was much improved by recent rains. However, below-normal temperatures and rain held up most field work. Producers continued supplemental feeding of livestock because standing forage was scarce due to freezing temperatures a couple of weeks earlier.

**EAST:** Cold temperatures across the region slowed winter forage growth to a crawl. Most counties reported from adequate to too much soil moisture. Livestock were in fair to good condition with producers providing supplemental feed. Feral hogs continued to be a problem.

**FAR WEST:** Pecan harvesting fell behind schedule because of a late freeze. All cotton was harvested and processed by gins. Soil moisture was very low due to high winds and cold weather.

**NORTH:** The soil moisture ranged from adequate to surplus. Because of cold temperatures and waterlogged fields, farming activity came to a stop. The weather hit dairy and beef producers hard. Some producers reported they lost calves. The weather necessitated livestock being fed considerably more hay and supplements than in previous winters. Hay supplies were currently holding, but a shortage was anticipated before spring.

Winter wheat was still being planted over the holidays. Because of the wet conditions, only about 50 percent of the fields typically put into wheat and oats were planted. The winter pastures that were planted were in fair to good condition. Overstocking has caused some pastures to deteriorate. The pecan harvest neared completion. Cotton was in fair condition with the harvest nearing completion. Peach producers were pruning trees. Rangelands and pastures were in fair to good condition.

**PANHANDLE:** Weather was cold with some snow. Soil moisture levels were short with little moisture received from the snow. The cotton harvest was nearly complete, and some producers were starting to prepare fields for spring planting. Irrigated wheat was reported in good condition, and stocker cattle were put on it to graze. Dryland wheat needed moisture and producers were only allowing limited grazing on it. Cattle were in good condition, but rangeland was in poor condition. Most producers were providing supplemental feed.

**ROLLING PLAINS:** Winter hit hard, bringing several inches of snow and blizzard-like conditions. Two snow storms helped to replenish soil moisture levels. This moisture was needed by some of the more mature stands of winter wheat that have been grazed as well as the emerging stands. Winter wheat began to perk up after receiving some moisture, but some producers worried that it came too late. Most of the cotton has been harvested, with surprisingly good yields after a dry growing season. A few cotton modules remained in the fields. Pastures were in good condition after the snows. Cattle on pasture were doing well with ranchers providing supplemental feed.

**SOUTH:** Adequate soil moisture levels were reported throughout the region with the exception of one county in the western part of the region. The northern part of the region had light rain followed by cool, dry conditions. Wintery weather in the eastern part of the region limited forage production except for winter oats. However, the outlook for the 2010 crop season was much improved as a result of nearly constant rain. In the western part of the re-

gion, growers were actively harvesting both fresh-market and processing spinach. The cabbage harvest was ongoing. After irrigation, onions made good progress. The sugarcane, citrus and vegetable harvests continued in the southern part of the region. Producers were providing supplemental feed at a steady pace. Stock water tank levels remained low. Livestock remained in fair condition.

**SOUTH PLAINS:** From 2 inches to 8 inches of snow fell. Cold temperatures ranged from highs in the 20s and lows in the single digits. Soil moisture was short to adequate. A few cotton gins completed their 2009 season, and it was expected that the rest of the region's gins would finish processing soon. Winter wheat was in fair to good condition, and should improve thanks to the moisture from the snow. Pastures and rangelands were in fair to good condition and also should improve with the moisture. The wet and cold weather stressed livestock, but they remained in fair to good condition. Beef producers continued supplemental feeding.

**SOUTHEAST:** Bermuda grass pastures went dormant. Winter-annual grass growth was good thanks to plenty of moisture. Clover was emerging in many pastures. Rain continued to replenish the groundwater supply. Topsoils

were saturated. Pastures were in poor condition in some area because of continued overstocking. Wet conditions continued to delay spring crop preparations. Livestock were doing well, considering the conditions. A hard freeze in Montgomery County damaged many trees.

**SOUTHWEST:** Close to 70 percent of the 17 inches of rain that fell during the year came in the last four months of 2009, making a big difference to the agricultural situation. The forage situation significantly improved. The rain made both small-grain planting for winter pastures and early spring row-crop planting possible. The rain delayed the fall vegetable and pecan harvest. A hard freeze in early December damaged some spinach that was ready for harvest. However, growers were able to quickly resume the harvesting of spinach, cabbage, carrots, lettuce and broccoli thanks to the relatively dry weather that followed. The pecan harvest remained behind schedule but was nearly complete.

**WEST CENTRAL:** Days and nights were very cold with snow reported in many areas. The snow improved soil moisture levels, though the low temperatures slowed melting. Producers continued supplemental feeding of livestock because of the bad weather. Livestock were in fair to good condition.

## Cotton...

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in South Texas, producers there now are optimistic about planting cotton in the spring after receiving an abundant amount of rainfall in the months of November and December.

"We have a long way to go, of course, but South Texas cotton growers have

not been this excited about the upcoming crop since the fall of 2005 when crop conditions were ideal," said a local analyst. "In my opinion, if we don't get a single drop of rain from now until planting time, we will still have the opportunity to make a crop."

## Kuebker Wedding...

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LeMaire of Houston, Texas and Will Warren, brother of the bride from Los Angeles, California.

The registry table was hosted by San Antonio friends, Kelley Sunkin and Dr. Kamara Thompson.

Following the wedding ceremony, the couple left the church in a horse-drawn carriage adorned with twinkle lights and Christmas decorations, and were taken to the reception at the Covey Hotel in downtown Floydada. The Covey was beautifully decorated for the holidays with 5 real Christmas trees and many other festive accents. The guests were treated to a variety of stationed buffet lines. The wedding cake was white with ivory details and decorated with fresh cut roses and sugared winter fruit. The groom's cake carried out the holiday theme with a "snow couple" on the top layer and Christmas balls accenting the other layers.

The couple danced on the candle-lit patio to a variety of songs. Their first dance was to "My Best Friend" by Don Williams. The father-daughter dance was to the song, "San Antonio Rose".

Following a honeymoon in Playa del Carmen, Lezlie and Joe will make their home in San Antonio, Texas. Joe is a Captain in the United States Air Force, completing his training in the field of Urology. Lezlie is a Major in the Air Force, serving as a radiologist at Wilford Hall Medical Center.

The groom's family hosted a rehearsal dinner Friday night at the Floydada Country Club catered by James and Elaine McNeill.

Lezlie and Joe were honored with bridal showers at the home of Sandy Vaughn in Floydada, and in the home of Jennifer Ramos in San Antonio, Texas. Rebecca Dunn hosted a lingerie shower for her sister. The couple was also given an engagement party in the home of the groom's parents in San Antonio.

## Floydada...

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pleased to know that some of my most vulnerable constituents will benefit from these home funds," said Senator Duncan in making the announcement. "Living in poor housing conditions can often lead to health and safety concerns, particularly for elderly persons and households with young children. Rural communities such as Floydada often do not have the resources to help and I encourage TDHCA to continue its commitment to Texas homeowners."

Providing the resources needed to provide safe housing is a critical mission of the department, as it helps preserve homeownership and revitalize rural communities," said Michael Gerber, TDHCA Executive Director. "In addition, the local economy will benefit from the infusion of construction payroll funds as well as taxes and fees to local governments that help provide other essential public services.

We are proud to help contribute to an improved quality of life for the residents of Floydada."

TDHCA awards home repair funds to qualifying applicants through the Department's HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program, which helps repair or replace homes owned and lived in by low-income homeowners.

A house that has deteriorated to the point it is no longer cost effective to repair, it may be demolished and replaced either by a traditional "site built" house or a manufactured home.

Qualifying applicants include eligible cities and counties, public housing authorities, Community Housing Development Organizations and other nonprofit housing groups and certain for profit organizations.

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is the funding source for the HOME Program.

The program serves households earning no more than 80 percent of the area median family income, which for Floydada equals an annual income of \$36,500 for a family of four.

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs is the state agency responsible for affordable housing, community services, energy assistance, colonial housing programs and disaster recovery housing programs.

It currently administers \$2 billion through for profit, nonprofit and local government partnerships to deliver local housing and community based opportunities and assistance to Texans in need.

## Stock Show...

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\* For 2010 Show - Only a (total of 4 head) of steers, swine, lambs, goats, heifers or a combination of totaling only 4 may be entered per exhibitor

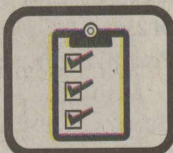
\* For 2010 Show - Junior Heifers eligible for premium auction

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### STAY HOME

If you get sick, stay home until you're well so you don't spread more germs. Steer clear of others who are sick.



### PLAN

Even if you're not sick, plan ahead. Stock food and medicine to last several days for family and pets. Also check into alternate work options and child care, in case your family gets the flu.



### STAY INFORMED

Get the latest updates at TexasFlu.org, and check your local news for any canceled events or closings.



### DIAL 2-1-1 FOR FLU ADVICE

Medical professionals can provide information about managing flu symptoms. They can also give advice on when to seek medical care.

Stopping the flu is up to you.



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on those kiddos!  
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