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## City of Lockney appoints new council member

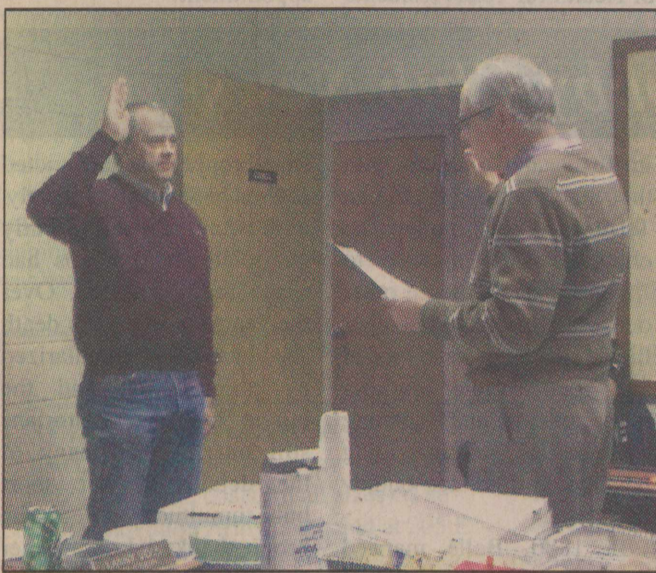


Photo by Shad Schlueter

City Attorney Lanny Voss swears in newly appointed Lockney City Council member Bill Anderson during last week's city council meeting. Bil Anderson, who is also on the board of the Lockney EDC, was appointed to replace former council member, Shanna Jackson.

### By Homer Marquez

Board members of Lockney's City Council convened last Thursday to address some key issues on this month's agenda. Starting off the meeting, were reports from council members and advisory boards. In his report on police matters, Chief of Police Casey Wallace told the council that they were starting to prepare for a possible rise in crime due to the up-coming holiday season. Traditionally, reports of theft and burglary seem to increase as Christmas gets closer. During a report from the Administration department, City Secretary Charlotte Hooten gave a status report concerning the renovation of the City pool. In her report, Mrs. Hooten explained to the Council that

the engineers of the pool renovation where currently constructing a site plan to meet with the requirements set by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Some of the improvements to the pool will include; a resurfacing the pool floor as well as the sidewalk repair, the renovation will also fix the deck and the pump house. Also in her report, Mrs. Hooten informed the council that the City will begin work on the new sidewalk grant on the first Monday of January. Starting next year, the City will work with Thrasher's Concrete to repair the sidewalks on the east side of Main Street as well as several other damaged sidewalk locations around the city. In the Sanitation report, Council member

Shad.Schlueter reported to the council that they are still under negotiations with the Fair Board over the use of the collection point/burning site located near the newly renovated Fair Building. Mr. Schlueter reported that the City is getting closer to reaching an agreement with the Fair Board on what they can and can't do in the collection site. A possible outcome to the negotiations may include a leasing of the land to the City, nevertheless what ever the outcome is the agreement will be writing. After the conclusion of Council reports, the Council moved on to approve the Consent Agenda which included the payment of the bills.

Shortly after, the Council moved to appoint Bil Anderson as a member of the City Council. Mr. Anderson, who is also a member of the Lockney EDC, was appointed to the position to replace former council member Shanna Jackson. Following the Oath to Office, the council appointed new department heads. Michael Deleon will be in charge of Fire Department matters, Tina Graves will be charge of Water and Sewage, Shad Schlueter will be over Police and Street matters, Mayor Rodger Stapp will head Municipal Court matters, Kelly Prayor will head Administration matters, and Bil Anderson will be in charge of Sanitation. After the appointments, the Council discussed and considered allowing Lyndon Morris

to put up a RV Park north of his Floyd County Farm Supply building. Mr. Morris explained to the council that the new RV Park will greatly benefit the City of Lockney once construction to the wind farms begins. Mr. Morris explained that location was ideal for temporally housing construction crews that will travel to build wind turbines. Mr. Morris expressed that the construction crews will greatly improve commerce in the City. Pleased with the idea, the Council informed Mr. Morris that there were still some ordinances that needed to be followed, the Council then gave Mr. Morris a copy of the ordinances so he could review them and plan accordingly.

Next on the agenda, the Council collected the signatures required for opening up a bank account so the City could start raising money for the paving grant. The money will be used to match the grant money that will be awarded. Shortly after, the Council accepted OJD. Engineers' bid for the Water and Sewer grant, and also appointed Dennis Carter to the Floyd County Appraisal Board of Directors. Due to time issue a couple of agenda items were tabled for next month's meeting, these include; consider financial benefit analysis for the purchase of 20 water meters from Western Industrial, Consider a bid from Isler Demolition, Inc. to tear down the old water tower above the Police Station.

## Mangold Memorial Hospital to hold 18th annual Health Fair

W. J. Mangold Memorial Hospital announces it's 18th annual "Holiday Health Fair" to be held on Saturday, December 4 from 9 a.m. - 12 noon in the Lockney Elementary Cafeteria. Your admission to the Health Fair will be a donation of a canned good or a new toy to be donated to the Salvation Army Christmas Cheer Program.

There will be over 30 booths providing glaucoma checks, cholesterol screens, blood sugar and blood pressure check, you can consult with a hearing specialist and United Blood Institute will be holding a blood drive.

Again this year at the Health Fair we will be providing Children's Photo Identification Cards, which will provide a picture and current information about your child. This is part of our effort to provide parents with personal safety id's of their children in the event of an

emergency. The Children's Photo Identification Card is being offered as a free public service to families in the area.

The "Holiday Health Fair" will have over 30 booths manned by various local and area organizations plus children's activities booths. Local and area merchants will provide door prizes, and Lockney Band will provide breakfast for a nominal fee.

This event is designed to be informative and fun for the entire family. Mangold Memorial Hospital invites everyone to attend.

Remember our mammogram clinic will be held at Cogdell Clinic Lockney on December 28, 2010. To make an appointment for a mammogram call 1-800-377-4673.

For more information about the Holiday Health Fair contact Marsha Allen at 806-652-3373.

## Lockney Chamber of Commerce sponsors Christmas Contest

It's time to untangle the lights and take out your tree because Christmas is on its way, and to celebrate Lockney's Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring its first Christmas decorating contest.

Starting today to Dec. 15, residents of Lockney will have the opportunity to grab their ladders and light up the city, in the efforts of taking home big money from Lockney's Chamber of Commerce.

On Dec. 17 judges will drive around town and award the top three decorated houses with a \$200 First Prize, a \$100 Second Prize, and \$50 Third Prize.

And local businesses, don't feel left out, because the most decorated business will receive a \$50 cash prize. So grab your staple gun, and help the Lockney Chamber of Commerce light up Lockney.

## 'Country Christmas' Coming to Fairgrounds

The Floyd County Fair Association will be hosting a "Country Christmas" at the Fairgrounds in Lockney on Saturday, December 11. This will be an all day event with Arts and Crafts vendors setting up their booths in the Fair Building. If you are interested in renting a booth to show your wares, it is \$25 for an 8 x 10 booth. Please call Darlene Broseh 652-2029 or Carol Huggins 652-3115.

Later in the afternoon/evening, Santa will arrive and everyone can visit with him and have their picture taken for a small fee. The evening will close out with a dance in the Entertainment Building with a live band - Southern Stone based out of Lubbock - at \$5.00 per person.

There will be more information and times for activities in next week's edition of the Hesperian-Beacon.

## 'Christmas on the Square' to be held December 2

The Floydada Chamber of Commerce is getting ready for a traditional "Christmas on the Square" on Thursday Dec. 2 beginning at 3 p.m. We are excited about the arrival of Santa at 5:30 p.m. and all of the festivities leading up to the "lighting of the tree" on the Courthouse lawn at 7 p.m.

There will be a "Live Nativity Scene" which will involve area churches, and Christmas caroling, featuring local talent, under the Pavilion. Kids activities include the bouncy house from the Floydada Police Department and the train from the Floydada Volunteer Fire Department. There will also be food and lots of fun for everyone.

Santa Clause will be all

dressed up and ready to visit with all the good little boys and girls, beginning at 5:30 p.m. There will be no charge to sit on Santa's lap, but pictures will be available for \$2. Payne Pharmacy will sponsor the pictures and they will be available for pickup at the pharmacy Friday afternoon, December 3rd.

Please make plans to visit the Floydada businesses who will be having Open House from 3-6. Lets all make plans to be a part of this community gathering and support the Floydada Chamber of Commerce and the local businesses.

If you would like to sponsor lights or decorations for the trees, please contact the Chamber at 983-3434.

## Floydada EDC publishes Program of Work Booklet

### By Homer Marquez

Floydada's Economic Development Corporation has recently published its Program of Work booklet for upcoming fiscal year. The new EDC booklet, which highlights the economical strengths of the City of Floydada, introduces the unified theory that the Floydada EDC will use to promote and attract new and current businesses in the city.

Even in this excerpt from the preface of the booklet, the EDC reinforces its plan to achieve economic development through consistency and focus, "An organization without a focus lends itself to constant change of direction by the latest idea that seems like the best thing to do at the time. As a result, the leadership finds it difficult to answer the question, "What have we accomplished?" Therefore, the drafting of this document aims to focus the organization's energies in such a way that creates a sense of continuity. In doing so, goals are met, programs

are completed and the activity of the organization becomes measurable in such a way that communicates value to the community and those whom are served."

This way of thinking has already proven to be very successful for the city of Floydada and the EDC. A unified plan of action has helped Floydada and Floyd County reach huge milestones in the development of Wind Energy last year, as well as has helped with the growth of business and commerce in the city. In this year's Program of Work booklet, the Floydada EDC will look to mirror the same success as last year with introduction of new and innovative ideas which will no doubt boost Floydada's growing economy.

First on the agenda, the EDC will continue to target industries that will bring jobs into the county. With the potential economic boom that wind farms provide, the EDC has set its cross-hairs on attracting wind developers

EDC

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### Lockney Senior Citizens News

**By Renee Armstrong**  
Happy Thanksgiving... We hope you have a great week with your family and remember the Center will be closed the 25th and the 26th for Thanksgiving. A very special thank you to all of you who have made memorial donations in the memory of a loved one, we appreciate you kindness. Our sympathy goes out to the Mosley Family for their loss of Boyce "Pete"

Mosley. Also our sympathy to Bill Bollman of Houston, Mr. Bollman passed away Sunday and services are pending. Bill is the youngest son of Mary Lou and Henry Bollman.

**MENU**  
**Nov. 29-Dec.3**  
**Monday- Meat Loaf**  
**Tuesday- Fried Chicken**  
**Wednesday- Steak Fingers**  
**Thursday- Salmon**  
**Friday- Enchiladas**

### Nursing Home's Family Council prepares for auction Nov. 28

**By Merle Mooney**  
For more than twenty years a group of women called a Family Council has helped at Lockney's nursing home. All of us have or has had mothers there. We meet regularly to discuss what we could do to help the residents. Here at these meetings, the idea for having an auction to buy Christmas gifts for all the residents was born. Since that time we have raised thousands of dollars to buy gifts and other needs for the residents. Families

and the staff at the nursing home have helped through out the years; the Activity Director to the Home always gets a list of wants and needs of each resident. We then shop to buy the gifts, wrap them and present them at a special Christmas Party. Grammy and Pop Francis have always played Christmas Music. It is a labor of love that we have love doing. The auction will be held on Nov. 28 at 2 pm at the Lockney Health Care and Rehab.

### DCHC announces community Christmas Show

*Spur, Texas November 22, 2010:* The Dickens County Historical Commission has announced that the *Flying J Wranglers* from Ruidoso, N.M. have been booked for the annual Community Christmas Concert at the historical Palace Theater in downtown Spur, Texas. Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm  
The *Flying J Wranglers* have a unique blend of music and comedy, featuring traditional and cowboy Christmas songs in a heart warming two hour show that will leave every family member filled with the spirit of the season.

Tickets are only \$15.00 for adults and children under 12 are just \$8.00.  
Harry Martin of the Historical Commission said "We are very excited to have the *Flying J Wranglers* here for the concert. It'll be an evening you'll never forget!"  
Spur, Texas is just one hour southeast of Lubbock, just off the historic Llano Estacado, and the historical Palace theater is a wonderful place to take in a show. Seating is extremely limited, so call now for a seat.  
For tickets, directions or information about the show, call 806 271 4050 or Harry Martin at 806 294 5401.

**Be safe this hunting season!**

*Our family would like to thank everyone who helped us harvest our crops. We know this is a busy time for everyone and we are grateful for the sacrifice you made to help us and thank you so much.*  
*Your kindness and friendship has been a blessing to us during this difficult time.*

**Don and Shirley Sutterfield**  
**Glenn and Amy**  
**Jeffrey and Amanda**

**Coming Soon**  
**Palace Theater Books**  
Downtown Floydada inside the Old Palace Theater  
Come see us Dec. 2 from 3 to 6 p.m.  
**OPEN HOUSE**  
Refreshments will be provided

### Floydada Senior Citizens News

**By Margarette Word**  
The Center will be closed Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26 to celebrate Thanksgiving Day. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573. If you eat lunch with us we are located at 301 E. Georgia. If you are not a regular member please call the Center at 983-2032 by 10 a.m. on the day you plan to eat with us. We do not want to cook too much food, but do want to have enough for those that do show up.

We had several visitors last week. They were Judy Payne came with Dixie Harris. Johnnie Ward and her husband, Chuck Barton of Lubbock and Millie Burgett

of Amarillo came with Ruby Gooch. I noticed they went to the Floyd County Historical Museum after lunch to spend time looking at things in the museum.

I drove to Amarillo Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> to visit my sister, Melva Fowler, her son, Russell and his wife, Sandy Fowler. We had a very nice visit.

Geraldine Callaway is home after spending 3 weeks in the Lockney Hospital. We pray she will continue to get stronger and be able to come to the Center soon.

Happy Birthday to those who have a December birthday. December 1 – Wilma Gowens; December

3 – Janice Lloyd and Elaine LaBaume; December 13 – Jerrold Vinson; December 14 – Betsy Dempsey; December 16 – Harold Norrell; December 17 – Alice Baker; December 18 – Charlene Norrell; December 24 – Ferne Anderson; December 26 – Jerry Pearson; December 28 – Tiny Lowrance; December 29 – Helen Lipham.

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

**In memory of Verna Lynn Stewart** – Mazie and Don Hegi, James Randall and Connie Bertrand.

**In memory of Billie**

**Moore** – Larry and Karon Guy.

**In memory of Irene King, Evelyn Pallon and Alma Petty** – Sisters of Johnnie Ward and her husband, Chuck Barton.

Thought for the Week – "Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family".

**MENU**  
**Nov. 29 – Dec. 2**  
**Monday** – Sausage, cabbage, pinto beans, cornbread, banana pudding  
**Tuesday** – Lasagna, Oriental vegetables, salad, garlic bread, cookies.  
**Wednesday** – no info  
**Thursday** – no info  
**Friday** – no info

### Mangold Memorial Hospital to host Mammography Clinic

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening and Mammography Clinic at W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital/

Cogdell Clinic, located at 320 N. Main Street, in Lockney on December 28, 2010.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection

by having a breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents

who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only.

Call 806-356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

### South Plains Hobby Club News



**Courtesy of Carolyn Marble**  
Lou Burleson portrays the notorious outlaw, Belle Starr. She is shown dressed in a riding habit as she tells the life story of Belle Starr to the South Plains Hobby Club.

**By Sandra Lass**  
The South Plains Hobby Club met at the South Plains Baptist Church on November 10, 2010 for a portrayal of Belle Starr, by Lou Burleson, the History Teller. Members present included Janis Julian, Betty Deavenport, Carolyn Marble, Helen Teeple, Glenda Ford, Margie Young, Dorothy Turner, Peggy Roberts, Mary Quattlebaum, Ann Hartman, Margaret Kitchens, Joy Smitherman, Lou Burleson, Wanda Lane and Sandra Lass.

Lou Burleson began her program by playing an imaginary piano (in synch with a recording of old timey saloon music.) She was dressed in a riding habit, with a six-shooter belted around her waist and wearing a Stetson hat with a large feather stuck in the brim. Then Lou stood beside a side-saddle with a rifle propped against the seat and introduced herself as the notorious outlaw -Belle Starr. She said she was born in 1848 in Carthage, Missouri and named Myra Belle Shirley. She said she was born into a wealthy family. Her father, John, was an Innkeeper. Her mother, Elizabeth Hatfield Shirley, was descended from the Hatfield family involved in the Hatfield-McCoy feud. Belle attended an expensive academy for girls and obtained the finest education a girl could get in those days. Belle could play classical piano music and could "even speak a little French." But Belle was "feisty" and liked to fight. One of her childhood friends was Cole Younger and she later became friends with

the other Younger brothers as well as with Jesse and Frank James.

Belle and her family moved to Sycene, Texas shortly before Carthage was burned down by Confederate guerillas during the Civil War. After the Civil War, when Belle was 18 years old she married Jim Reed, a former guerilla who fought for the south with Quantrille. The couple was married on horseback, "dressed and armed to the teeth." Their daughter, Rosie Lee "Pearl" and son, James Edwin "Ed" were born in 1868 and 1871, respectively. At this point, Belle really began to lead a wild life. She loved playing the piano in saloons, riding her horse (but always sidesaddle) and shooting her six-shooter up and down the street. She and Jim became friends with the Starr family, a Cherokee Indian family known for stealing and selling whiskey and cattle in the Indian Territory (Oklahoma). Later, when Jim killed a man, they took their children and moved to California. But Jim had to leave California for passing counterfeit money and murdering another man and the family fled back to Texas. It wasn't long before, once again, Jim got into trouble. This time, Jim robbed a Creek Indian farmer and later held up a stagecoach in Texas and robbed the passengers. A bounty was placed on his head, but when the law finally caught up with him, Jim was shot to death in 1874 while trying to escape. After Jim's death, Belle left her children with relatives

in Texas and took up with the Starr family in Indian Territory. Using money she obtained while married to Jim Reed she harbored other outlaws, participated in other illegal schemes and aided and abetted other outlaws in organizing and planning robberies as well as bribing lawmen to free her outlaw friends.

In 1880, Belle married Sam Starr and continued participating in outlaw activities. While she had caught the attention of the "Hanging Judge," Isaac C. Parker of Fort Smith, Arkansas, she was able to elude capture and prosecution until 1882, when a jury found Belle and Sam guilty of horse theft. Judge Parker sentenced each to a year in prison. Belle proved to be a model prisoner and even "taught the warden's children how to play the piano." However both were released after nine months, even though Sam was no model prisoner. After prison, Belle and Sam returned to Indian Territory and to thieving, carousing in saloons and general mischief making. Over the next few years, Belle was arrested several times and charged with robbery, but never convicted. After Sam's death in a shootout with a man named Frank West (who Belle had told Sam to kill), the Indian nation threatened to take her land away from her if she didn't stop robbing and thieving. She started renting to sharecroppers, perhaps to establish some semblance to legitimac. Nevertheless, Belle was left again without a husband. She still continued to play the piano in saloons.

Belle married another Indian, Jim July (a man 15 years younger) in order to keep her land in Indian Territory. In 1889, shortly before her 41st birthday, Belle was ambushed and shot in the back. Pearl, her daughter, found Belle shortly before she died. True to character, Belle was dressed to the nines in one of her fancy riding habits. Lou concluded by saying that when researching Belle's life history that it was difficult to separate "fact from fancy." For example, it is rumored that Pearl's father was Cole Younger, not Jim Reed, and that Belle once lived with Blue Duck, the same Blue Duck as described in Larry McMurtry's book *Lonesome Dove*. The identity of Belle's murderer was never determined although various sources speculate that that it was her son, Ed, with whom she had a strained relationship or an angry

sharecropper she had evicted or even her husband Jim July, with whom she had recently quarreled and perhaps had never really married. Over the years since Belle's death she has been popularized by pulp fiction and the movie industry. Historians still puzzle over many of the details of her short but tumultuous life. The group thanked Lou for her delightful performance of Belle Starr - Bandit Queen.

Helen Teeple, RN, reported that SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) at Wayland Baptist University will safely dispose of any expired or unused medication or injectables. These can be taken to the Nunn Business Building, 1st Floor at the corner of 6th Street and Igo Blvd., in Plainview, the second Wednesday of every month from 9AM to 12 Noon. This will help keep drugs out of our water supply. She added that drugs should never be flushed down the toilet, not even by those of us who have septic systems as many drugs (especially antibiotics) can interfere with the delicate balance of anaerobic and aerobic bacteria so necessary to keep our septic systems healthy. In addition, Helen said that medications should never be thrown out with the trash, unless you live where you can burn your trash. Helen reported the Crisis Center in Plainview needed old or unused cell phones and cell phone battery chargers that the Center can reprogram for women at risk for use in emergencies.

Hostess, Peggy Roberts, invited the group to help themselves to cookies, coffee and tea. The helpful hint for this holiday season: Wouldn't it be great if there were a sweet that could help you get sleepy brains cells back to work? Well. There is: Butterscotch candy! The director of a leading brain research center says that its distinctive smell and taste improve our ability to remember what we need to know.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 8, 2010 at Sandra's house. A Christmas luncheon is planned. Please bring a dish for the luncheon, a wrapped \$10.00 gift to exchange with fellow Hobby Club members, and an unwrapped toy as well as old cell phones and/or cell phone battery chargers (if you have any) for the Crisis Center.

The photo of Lou Burleson as Belle Starr was taken by Carolyn Marble.

*To our Friends and Neighbors,*  
*We want to thank everyone for all the cards, calls, prayers, and for the concern you have shown us.*  
*Please continue to pray for Don. We still have a long way to go.*

**Don and Shirley Sutterfield**

# Obituaries



**DON RANDALL BARBER**

Memorial services for Don Randall Barber were held a 2 p.m. Thursday, November 18, 2010 at the St. Mark's Episcopal Church in San Antonio. Rev. Michael Chalk officiated.

Arrangements were under the direction of Porter Loring Mortuary of San Antonio.

Don Randall Barber was born to Henry Goodson Barber and Corine Jones Barber on June 25, 1936 in Vernon, Texas. At age 4, Don moved to Floydada, Texas where his parents were school teachers.

Don graduated from Texas Tech in 1961. He played football for the Red Raiders and was a member of Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity. Don was with IBM for twenty-

five years.

He is survived by Ann J. Barber, his wife of 49 years. He is also survived by his children, Ann Blake Barber, Don Randall Barber and his wife, Bernadette, and Kathryn Barber Eckel and husband, Steve. He is survived by two grandchildren, Miller Susan Eckel, and Henry James Eckel.

Don loved hunting and fishing with his friends and family. He was also an amazing cook. He found so much joy in entertaining his family and friends with delicious meals and hilarious stories. Most importantly, he was an incredible husband, father, grandfather and friend.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 315 E. Pecan, San Antonio, Texas 78205.

You are invited to sign the guestbook at [www.porterloring.com](http://www.porterloring.com)

**BOYCE "PETE" MOSLEY**

Boyce Albert "Pete" Mosley, 81, of Lockney, passed away Tuesday, November 16, 2010.

A graveside service was held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, November 17, 2010 at Plainview Memorial Park. Services were under the

direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home.

Pete was born December 14, 1928 in Lockney to Elmer Clay and Vera Edwin (Cox) Mosley. He graduated from Lockney High School. Pete and Bonnie Inez Dunavant were married in Lockney in May of 1949. Bonnie preceded him in death on October 5, 2006.

Pete was a longtime farmer in the area and had served as President of the Floyd County Farm Bureau Board, the Old Settler's Committee, the Lockney Band Boosters. He was elected Man of the Year for Lockney, and served for many years as an Elder at West College and Third Street Church of Christ.

Pete is survived by his children; daughters, Carol Elaine Mosley, of Plainview, Susan Futch, of Denton, son, Ricky Mosley and his wife, Lisa, of Lubbock; three nephews; one niece; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Pete was also preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, and one brother.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages memorial donations to the Lockney Senior Citizens Association, Inc., 118 W. College Street, Lockney, TX. 79241.

## THIS WEEK'S

**LOCKNEY SALVATION ARMY**

The Lockney Salvation Army is in need of blankets, and coats (in all sizes). The Lockney Salvation Army is located at 205 E. Locust and is open from 12 Noon to 3 p.m. You may contact Alecia Luna at 806-652-3770 or 806-283-6452.

**LHS STUDENT COUNCIL BLOOD DRIVE**

The annual Lockney High School Student Council Blood Drive is scheduled for Saturday, December 4 from 9 a.m. - 12 noon at the Lockney Elementary.

## From the archives...

**FLOYD COUNTY HISTORY FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM**

From the Floyd County Hesperian April 16, 1953

**LETTER OF 1912 EXTOLLS GREAT PLAIN COUNTRY**

(Ed. Note: The following is an article that was printed in the "Southern Advocate," in Ashland, Mississippi. The year was 1912 and R. L. Ormon has been on the plains of Texas for approximately six years.)

**From Lockney, Texas**

Mr. G. P. Harrison, Editor of Southern Advocate.

Dear Sir --Through the kindness of four of my nephews, I am getting the Southern Advocate every week, and I assure those boys that they could not have sent me anything that I would have appreciated half as much for the reason that I can read in it the news of my native home.

I was born and reared and married my wife in old Benton county, and at the time I had left there I knew almost every man in the county. But how would it be if I was there today, after being gone for twenty years? I would be almost a stranger, and yet I would feel just like I had got back home, as there are lots of people there that I knew in my childhood.

I have known you, Mr. Editor from my early boyhood, and I am more than glad to know that you are still the editor of the Ashland paper. You were the editor of the Ashland Register when I left there twenty years ago. I don't know whether you will remember me or not, but I would be very glad to see you again.

I was born and reared just south of old Liberty church, and that old Liberty hill is a sacred place to me. My old father and mother and a brother that I loved better than

I did myself are all buried at Liberty. I have two brothers and two sisters still living there in the neighborhood, whom I haven't seen since 1900. There are many people there that I would love to see, while many of my schoolmates have moved away and some have crossed over the River of Death. Still some of the boys are there yet—J. M. Reid, R. L. Roberts, Dave Hicks, Dave Roberts and others that I grew up with—and they are dear to me yet. Then others are J. R. Roberts and J. B. Hicks—God bless these old men; they seem more like fathers to me than friends.

**He Drifted West**

Well, it seems that I was the prodigal boy of the Ormon family. All of the rest stayed at home while I drifted west. I first stopped at Oglesby, Texas, where I stayed fourteen years, rented land thirteen years from the same man and paid his \$7,000 rent while there—enough to have paid for a good home. I moved from there to this county (Floyd) in the fall of 1906, and have been here ever since.

Now I will try to give you some idea of this country. Floyd county is situated right in the heart of what is know (sic) as the staked plains of Texas, said to be the biggest body of level land in the union, and to a man that has

ever seen it, it is perfectly reasonable to believe that the statement is true. It is just immense to get out here and look at the country. It is a solid prairie, something near two hundred miles square, with not a single tree or bush to be seen. Except fruit and shade trees round the homes. This country is just in its infancy. It has always been a stock country but the cow is fast giving away to the farmer. To give you some idea of how fast it is settling up, I will tell you what it has done in six years. When I came here six years ago, there was only about 350 legal voters in the county, and now there are 1,100. Land has advanced from \$5 and \$10 per acre to all the way from \$15 to \$40 and still advancing. At least 95 per cent of this country is good, tillable land not over 5 per cent of it in cultivation.

**Young Orchard Doing Well**

As to our farm crops, we raise corn, cotton, wheat, oats, Kafir corn and maze (sic), and garden vegetables and fruit grows to perfection here. I have a nice orchard, just now old enough to bear. We canned 400 cans of peaches, apples and plums last season. Now that sounds like a heap of fruit,

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**ATTENTION ALL MEDICARE RECIPIENTS**

**The Medicare Annual Enrollment Period is NOW OPEN!!!**

November 15 through December 31 is the time to change your "Plan D" coverage without a penalty. Each year Medicare makes changes to coverage, benefits, premiums and co-pays that can affect you.

So compare a list of your medications to the drugs covered by your plan as well as those covered by other plans available.

**DON'T DELAY!** If you need help stop by your local pharmacy, or call 1-800-772-1213 or visit [www.socialsecurity.org](http://www.socialsecurity.org).

# Floyd County Church Directory

**AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Dennis Butler, Pastor  
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m..  
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**BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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  
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**CALVARY'S CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP**  
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.  
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**CARR'S CHAPEL**  
Service Every Sunday:  
Morning Worship ....9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School .....10:30 a.m.  
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**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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.  
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**CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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.  
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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Tim Franks, Pastor  
Terry Simmons,  
Minister of Ed./Music  
Josh Burgett -Minister of 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.  
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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,**  
Lockney  
John Franklin, Pastor  
Chad Cook, Youth Min.  
Phil Cotham, Music Min..  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship .... 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday..... 6:30 p.m.  
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**American State Bank**  
Member FDIC  
217 W. California  
983-3725

**Barwise Gin**  
Barwise Community  
983-2737

**Tastee Burger**  
116 North Main  
652-2630

**Clark Pharmacy**  
320 N. Main - Lockney  
652-3353

**Davis Lumber**  
102 E. Shubet  
Lockney  
6523385

**Sawaya Ins. Agency**  
120 E. 7th Street  
Plainview  
293-1318

**Lighthouse Electric Coop**  
703 A Matador Hwy  
983-2814

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Floydada  
Rev. Les Hall, Pastor

Early Worship .... 8:30 am.  
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ...10:50 a.m.  
Youth (Sunday).....5:00 p.m.  
Youth (Wednesday)..7:30 p.m  
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**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
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.  
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**GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**  
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.  
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**MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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.  
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**MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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.  
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**NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Floydada  
Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges  
(806) 637-0430  
Sunday Singing .....10:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.  
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**OUT REACH HARVEST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**  
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.  
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**Goen & Goen Insurance**  
102 E. California  
983-3524

**Lockney Co-op Gin**  
652-3377

**Oden Chevrolet Inc.**  
221 S. Main, Floydada  
983-3787

**Payne Family Pharmacy**  
200 S. Main, Floydada  
983-5111.

**Pay-n-Save**  
210 N. Main  
Lockney  
652-2293

**Schacht**  
Flowers, Jewelry & Gifts  
112 W. Poplar, Lockney  
652-2385

**Sunshine Pump**  
Oliver Clark  
Box 266, Lockney  
983-5087 - 774-4412  
(Mobile)

**POWER OF PRAISE FULL GOSPEL CHURCH**  
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  
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**PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA**  
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.  
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**PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA**  
Floydada  
Pastor Reverend Raymond Asebedo  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..10:55 a.m.  
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Evening .....6:00 p.m.  
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**SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Lockney  
Rev. Patrick Maher, Pastor  
Wed. Communion.....8:00 p.m.  
Sunday Mass .....11:30 a.m.  
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**SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Joe Weldon, Pastor  
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting..... 7:00 p.m.  
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**TEMPLO GETSEMANI ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
701 W. Missouri  
Joe Hernandez  
983-5286 (church)  
983-5156 (parsonage)  
Sunday School .....9: 45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
EveningService.....5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.  
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**ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Floydada  
Rev. Angelo Consemino  
Phone: 983-5878  
Sunday Mass..... 11:30 a.m.  
Mon.Wed. Mass .....6:30 p.m.  
Confession Sat.....10-11 a.m.  
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**TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM**  
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.  
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**TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
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.  
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**TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA**  
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.  
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**Trinity Assembly**  
500 W. Houston, Floydada  
Henry Russell, Co-Pastor  
Vance Mitchell, Co-Pastor  
Children's Church ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 10:40 a.m.  
Sunday Evening ..... 5 p.m.  
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**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Providence Community  
on FM 2301 293-3009  
Rev. Peter W. Harrington  
Minister  
Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service .... 11:00 a.m.  
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**WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Floydada 983-3548  
Sunday Worship ....10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening .....5:00 p.m.

**Shepherd's Meadow Assisted Living**  
1230 S. Ralls Hwy  
Floydada  
983-8177

## Longhorns JV get big win over Tulia

By Coach Dunn  
The Lockney JV boys won 43-38 over Tulia. Ian Dunbar led the way with 22 (14 in the 4th quarter). Ky Teeter and Nathan Cabellero had 6 each. Jose Guerrero had 4, while Andrew Hooten 3, and Ryan Diaz 2. Scores by Quarter: Lockney 10-6-9-18 Tulia 4-13-6-15.



Photo by Homer Marquez

Longhorn Aaron Rendon (32) puts up two during last Tuesday's season opener against Whitharrel. Trailing most of the first half, a strong second half would drive the Longhorns to a 43-39 victory. That following Friday, the Longhorns would travel to Dimmitt to take on the Bobcats, Marcos Bernal would up 13 points in that game, but it wasn't enough to stop the Bobcat, as Lockney would go on to suffer a 69-31 defeat.

## 7th grade B Team start season with win over Jackrabbits, 15-8

By Coach Browne  
The Lockney Longhorns Black team started its season off with a victory with a win over the Ralls Jackrabbits 15-8. The Horns played really hard and played really good defense. The hustled throughout the entire game and never gave up. The Horns were lead in scoring by Luke Ortiz with 6, followed by Toribio Rodriguez with 4, Marcus Salas and Marcos Bueno with 2 and Josh Cruz with 1.

November 19, 2010				
Lockney Longhorns Varsity Vs Dimmitt				
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
<b>Final</b>				
Dimmitt	16	26	17	10
Lockney	5	14	9	3
<b>Scoring:</b>				
Dimmitt				
Johnson	20 pts			
Cisneros	12 pts			
Reyes	11 pts			
Lockney				
Bernal	13 pts			
Luna	6 pts			
Cruz	5 pts			
Salazar	3 pts			
Cortez	2 pts			
Stennett	2 pts			

### LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU NOV. 29 - DEC. 2

- Monday HOLIDAY**
- Tuesday**  
Breakfast - Muffin or cereal, toast, juice, milk  
Lunch - Chicken nuggets or steak patty, potatoes/gravy, green beans, applesauce, roll, milk
- Wednesday**  
Breakfast - Rice or cereal, toast, juice, milk  
Lunch - Hot dogs/chili or grilled cheese, tater tots, apple slices, milk
- Thursday**  
Breakfast - Pancakes or cereal, toast, juice, milk  
Lunch - Pizza or burrito, corn, pineapple, milk
- Friday**  
Breakfast - Cinnamon roll or cereal, toast, juice, milk  
Lunch - Hamburger or chicken patty o bun, salad, baby carrots/ranch, peaches, milk

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Lockney Longhorns Junior Varsity Vs Dimmitt JV				
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
<b>Final</b>				
Dimmitt JV	10	12	7	14
Lockney JV	14	14	6	7
<b>Scoring:</b>				
Dimmitt				
Dones	12 pts			
Velasquez	11 pts			
Lara	8 pts			
Byrd	7 pts			
Diaz	3 pts			
Sifuentez	2 pts			
Lockney				
Williams	15 pts			
Teeter	7 pts			
Dunbar	5 pts			
Hooten	4 pts			
Guerrero	4 pts			
Fulton	4 pts			
Caballero	2 pts			

## Lockney Lady Horn JV wins 34-15 over Whitharrel

By Coach Reynolds  
The Lockney JV girls hosted the Whitharrel Panthers this past Tuesday. The Lady Horns played well coming out with a win 34-16. Scoring for the Lady Horns was as follows. Rayann Race n 3, Alexia Rodriguez n 3, Alanie Rendon n 4, Mary Sammann - 5 and Memory Lane - 19. The Lady Horn JV will be traveling to Nazareth to participate in their tournament starting Thursday. Good job Lady Horns and good luck in the tourney.



Photo by Homer Marquez

Lady Horn Anissa Reyna (23) pushed her way to the glass during last week's impressive 52-45 victory over Whitharrel. The Lady Horns will look to continue their domination of the 1A division as they travel to Slaton on Nov. 30

## Lockney 8th Grade Longhorns lose to Jackrabbits, 34-31

By Coach Ragland  
The Lockney boy's 8th grade basketball team started its 2010 basketball season on the road in Ralls on Monday night with a loss to the Jackrabbits by a score of 34-31. A slow start in the first half where the Longhorns only scored 4 points left the team trailing 16-4. After a few words of encouragement at half time the team came out and put 27 points up on the board closing the gap on the Jackrabbits, even taking a lead late in the 4th quarter. The rally fell short and led to the first loss of the season for the Longhorns. Lockney was led in scoring by Ignacio Tapia with 14 points, Alex Rogers with 6 points, Mauricio Davila with 5 points and Will Prayor and Darin Deleon each adding 2 points each. With only one week of practice before the first game there is still plenty of room to improve and hopefully we can continue to improve each and ever week.

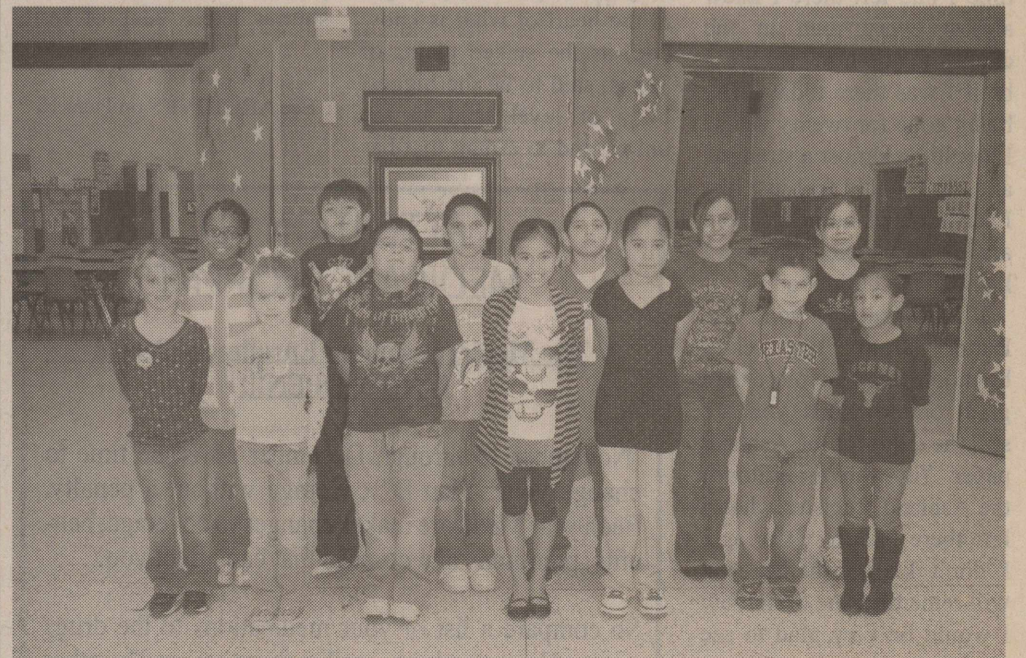
## Lockney 7th Grade Longhorns win over Ralls

By Coach Browne  
The Lockney Longhorn 7th grade boy's basketball team started the season off with a big win over the Ralls Jackrabbits 41-26. The Horns got off to a slow start but picked it up fast to go into half with a 21-18 lead. With great defense from the Horns the Jackrabbits were only able to score 8 points in the second half. For the Horns Daylen Gatica lead the way with 11 points. Followed by Ruben Ascencio with 10, Derik Patel with 6, Mark Solis with 6, Levi Kasner with 4, and Noah Ramos and Tevin Phillips each with 2. The Horns next game will be at home as they will play the Sudan Hornets, with tip off coming at 5pm.



Courtesy Photo

Lockney's own SyAnn Foster 'cleans house' in this year's West Texas Fair in Abilene. SyAnn took home top honor winning the Simmental Heifer and Senior Simmental Showmanship Championships with her heifer FBFS Wild Child 502W. SyAnn also won the ORB Heifer and Showmanship Championships with her Chianina heifer, TGK Miss Jackie 1W.



Staff photo by Homer Marquez

LITTLE LONGHORNS for this week were Tyra Rosales, Nehemiah Ascencio, Ricky Cuellar, Israel Cuellar, Haven Ruelas, Avery Poole, Litzy Reyes, Saria Martinez, Emma Dunn, Clare Smith, Michael Lara, Kalob Pritchard, Senayda Bernal.

# WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR?

## LOCKNEY ELEMENTARY 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Anson- I am thankful for my mom because she takes care of me. I am thankful for my grandpa because he was sick. I am thankful for my cat because she eats the mice.

Payton- I am thankful for my grandma because I love her. I am thankful for my mom because she takes me to go buy a toy. I am thankful for my dad cause I stay with him on Friday. I am thankful for my teachers because I like doing math. I am thankful for my friend because I play tag. I am thankful for nurses because they help us get well.

Tasha- I am thankful for my dog because she is playful. I am thankful for my alarm clock because it wakes me up for school. I am thankful for my toys because they keep me entertained. I am thankful for my school because I like to learn. I am thankful for bed because to sleep on. I am thankful for the firemen because they put out fire in my home.

Joshua- I am thankful for turkey because the people who make the food because they serve the food for us. I am thankful for my Dad and Mom and my little sister and my little brother and my big brother. I am thankful for my Dad's Dad because he is in Iraq he is fighting for our country.

Cristian- I am thankful because my uncele he is in the military. I am thankful for church because we learn about God. I am thankful because I get to spend time with my family.

Cole- I am thankful for the air that God gave us. Because so we could live.

Marie- I am thankful I for my mom because I Love you mom I Love you Dad and mom and you big sistr

Armando- I am thankful, for God Because he made us. I am thankful, for my family

because the cep me safe. I am thankful for my school because we all lem

Kristina- I am thankful for my mam and dad, because the are good people. I am thankful for my cousins because the help whith my math. I am thankful for my brathers and my sister because they pley whith my when I'm sad.

Megan- I am thankful for miy Mom because I Lve you Mom

Yamilette- I am thankful for My Mom and dad because The By Me clothes and shous. I am Thankful for my uncles and my ants Because They take Me to Mcdonds and They Take Me to They comdvel. I am Thankful for My gramal and grandpal becas They By Me Bocks to read and crachs and colrein book.

Jadin- I'm thankful for god because He gave us water he gave us evry thing. I'm thank full for my mom because I love her and my Brothers and my sisters. I am thanfull fore evrthing because I love my world.

RyAnn- I am thankful for my family because they Love me as much as I Love them. I am thankful for my dog's because they are playful and I Love them. I am thankful for my friend's Jada and Kristina because they help solve problems when I have them.

Dylan- I'm thankful for my mom because she feeds me every nigt and morning. I'm thankful for my dad because he shares his hammer with me to build a wooden airplane. I'm thankful for my big brother Dusty he plays with me and he babysits for me.

Kalebb- I am thankful for my family because they watch over me I am thankful for the army because they fight for are country I am thankful for the Docters and nurses

Koh- I am thankful for jesus because he died on the cross for us. I am thankful for God

because he gave us are life and us animals. I am thankful for my whole family because They are my brothers and sisters in gods way.

Silas- I am thankful because my mom and dad take care of me and God to he takes care of me the most I am thankful for my ants and uncls.

Yanelle- I am thankful for my teacher's and school because they help us lean. I am thankful for my home and my food and my clothes because I eat it, and I wear it, and I live in it. I am thankful for fireman and police man because they save us.

Caregy- I'm thankful for being adle to help others because I like being kind. I'm thankful for God because he creadid me. I thankfull for my dog Becase I love him.

Gabriel- I'm thankful for my mom-dad, brothers and sisters becuas they are olvas there for me. I'm thankful for my friends at school that play with me becuas if they did not play with me I will be loley. I'm thankful for the firemen becuas if we did not have firemen all of are houses wher bern down.

Kassandra- I an thankful for my mom because she bouthes my clothes for school. I an thankful for my ant because she lest me have sleep orves. I am thankful for my teachers because they teach me to learn.

Hunter- I am thankful for... my family because we get to gether on Thanksgiving and Crisma. I am thankful for... the military because they are fighting for our contry. I am thankful for... the hospitals, nurses, doctors because they help us get well.

Esai- I'm thankfue for the school because they help me learn. I'm thankfue for the hospitals because they help me feel good. I'm thankful for my friend because they help me

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feel happy. Deseray- I am thankful for my family because thay are there for me win I need help. Friend Kristen and Yelley and Rinyn.

Maria- I am thankful for... my family because they love my. I am thankful for... my friend Jayda because she plays with me. I am thankful for... our school because they teech us.

Justus- I am thankful for my famly sence they have always been there for me. I am thankful for are God and for everthing he has gone through for us. I am thankful because I get to with my famly on Thanksgiving.

Jayda- I am thankful for my mom, dad, sister, broths, because they love and I love them. I love my dog because she play with me. I am thankful for my friede Kassandra and Ryann.

Matthew- I am thankful for food because it helps you grow. I am thankful for friends because there fun to play with an to hang out with. I am thankful for family members because the help me make better choices.

Sebastian- I am thankful for my mom because she cooks for me. I am thankful for my friends because they play with me. I am thankful for my teacher because she helps me write.

Ashton- I am thankful because of my Mom Dad Gramall and Grampa. I am thankful because I make a good good Thanksgiving at my house. Does not have a stuck.

Mary J- I'm thankful because God helps me a lot. I'm thankful because my friends are nice. I'm thankful because my family is great. I'm thankful because my mom is pretty. I'm thankful because my teacher is friendly. I'm thankful because doctors are nice. I'm thankful my Mom

bies everthing. I'm thankful because my dad is a worker.

David- Im thankful for Jesus. Im thankful for all my family. Im thankful for being here.

Elias- I am thankful for thanksgiving because I love it. I am thankful for school because school is the best. I am thankful for my dog because he is cuat.

Kamiee- I'm thankful for my sister my brother my mom and my dad and Im. Im a daddys girl and a mommys girl I love my mom and my dad and God I love to play and play because I like to ride my bike.

Audrey R.- I am thankful for my dog because they loves me. I am thankful for my family because they tak care of me. I am thankful for my friends because they are sweet.

Janae- I am thankful for my Mom and dad and sisters and My brother and I got and to get adopted because I love my Mom and dad, and my grandma. Mom and dad play with thy play hind and-go- seek.

Celeste- I am thankful of my grandparents becues they are nise to me. I am thankful of my school because thay have good food. I am thankful of our President because he Brot the U.S. bak togetre.

### 3rd Grade

Devan- I am thankful of my God and what I do. I am thankful for what I wear and the things people do for me.

Madai- I am thankful for my family and cousin. I am thankful for my teachers. I am thankful for Tyra, Anahi, Tiffany, Abby. I am thankful for my dad and mom. I am thankful for everyone.

Tyra- I thankful for my family and friends and a home a place to play and a place to learn and for my dad he saved our coutry and uncles aunts for everything and place to call home and a favorite teacher. I am thankful for my bff's Anahi

Madai we play ever day for ever holiday.

Andrew- I am thankful for my mom for always being there for me.

Elias- I am thankful for my mom and dad and santa.


Carly- I am thankful for God giving me a family. I am mostly thankful for me being alive. I am thankful for me having a home. I am thankful for me getting to eat food. I am thankful for getting to go places with my family. I am thankful for having something sweet and something to drink. I would be better off with food than not having any. And I'm glad we have thanksgiving.

Edwin- I am thankful for God teaching me how to swim in the deep. I am thankful for the food God gave us. I am thankful for the healthy water God gave us. I am thankful for being nice to everyone.

Josiah- I'm thankful for my mom and dad for putting me under a roof and giving me a bed and clothes shoes food water and toys and a brother and a birthday party in November 13 and I'm glad I have a mom and a dad and a Grandma and a Grampa and a brother Mom I Love you and dad and Thank you for all the things you done for me dad I Love you and Zach and Thank you for making us live in Lockney cause I have a lot of freinds here and I never want to move and Thank you for putting me in this school and thank you for a dog and a cat and a coucen and a uncel for everything that you did for me and I Love my family and I'm glad I have a thea beckey and a cosin mial and a couisun Jermia and a cousin Joshua and a cousin estebon and a brother andrew and a cousin Gabby and a cousin Brak Thank you.

Jablha Hernandez- I am thankful for our lifes and our clothes, and for our hair stuff. Plus our shoes. Plus our bikes, for our videogames. Plus our Wii. Plus our skatboards. Plus

**TO OUR NEIGHBORS AT THANKSGIVING**




During that first hard winter, the Pilgrims discovered that it took a lot of determination plus a little help from their friends to get by. In much the same way, we wouldn't be here without the support of good neighbors like you.

Happy Thanksgiving and many thanks from all of us.

**Davis Lumber**  
102 E. Shubert, Lockney  
806-652-3385

*To All Our Good Neighbors At Thanksgiving*



As we count our blessings this Thanksgiving holiday, we realize that your friendship is at the top of the list, and for this we are truly thankful.

From all of us to all of you go our sincere best wishes for a happy Thanksgiving filled with the blessings of family, good friends, good food and good fun. You deserve it!

**Darty Gin**  
315 Motley St  
Dougherty, TX 79231  
(806) 983-2956

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS**



*What better occasion than Thanksgiving to express our gratitude to our loyal customers, and wish you all a very happy Thanksgiving holiday.*

**D&J Gin**  
309 E. Shurbet, Lockney  
806-652-3351

**TO OUR GOOD NEIGHBORS AT THANKSGIVING**



*We'd like to join you and your family in giving thanks for the many wonderful blessings we share, including the gift of friendship.*

*It's been a real pleasure to know and serve you.*

**Cargill Cattle Feeders**  
North of Lockney  
806-652-3307  
806-652-4952

*Have a Happy Thanksgiving!*

**Thanks Aplenty!**

We have a lot to be thankful for, including your kind patronage, Happy Thanksgiving

**CITY BANK**  
105 S. Wall Street  
806-983-5116  
201 N. Main, Lockney  
806-652-3355

**Happy Thanksgiving**



*In this season of celebration Good folks like you have our admiration. We feel blessed by your friendship and business, too'Cause we wouldn't be here without all of you. So without any fuss or further delay We wish you all a great Thanksgiving Day!*

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our new car. he'll Pray to God and hill help you live our lifes. and for our school supplies and our school.

Nehemiah- I am thankful for real restrooms. I am thankful for Healthy Water. I am thankful for having a parent. I am thankful for being in a free coutry. I am thankful for having a home. I am thankful for a having a car.

Trathy- I am thankful for my dogs, my family, the whole wide world, the food and God.

Jerry- Im thankful for a toilet and nice clean bread and clean water a bed and a house a school close Sunblock toys video games and cars, trucks, vans, cartoons table platse land chairs.

Abby- I'm thankful for my mom and dad. Im also thankful for my food, cousins, aunts, uncles, brother, sister, dogs, education, friends, water, teachers, animals, smarts, home, air, clothing a bed, blanket, T.V., Love, seasons, toys, myself, and God.

Brett- I'm thankful for my mom, Dad, clay and Jake thankful for my food and thank for my cousins and for my whole family thankful for my friends thankful for TV, my home, may babysitter Norma.

Ainslee- I'm am thankful for my family, God, plants, food, drinks, Jesus, my friends and people I meet. I am thankful for insects, bugs that aren't insects, people who I haven't met, beds, tables, tv's, books, houses, chairs, couches, CD's, moveies, towns, states, countries, the world, college, jobs and the universe.

Tiffany- I am thankful for my grandma and thankful for everbody. Thankful for the food we get on Thanksgiving like turkey, dressing, fruit, cake and all kinds of food. And thankful for my family. I thankful for God, I thankful for my teacher's and the stuff that I get like clothes, shoes, sock. I am thankful for my school and my Cousin and my nephew and my aunts. And thankful the people who talk English and thankful who the people who

are wonderful. And thankful for my friends.

Joey- I'm thankful for my omalopa, mom, dad, stormy, for my dogs wiskey, cheif, for my sisters Lani Belles Lillian, for my Horse Stormy, for my cats, Cally, pailcat, Snow ball and red, and for my cosins, Jacob, Jorden, Witly, Wignat, Cip and Coty, for Jason, for Sally for lalas and Lasun and ant Judy

Elida- I am thankful for my Mother. I am thankful for My Sister. I am thankful for my Aunt. I am thankful for my cousin. I am thankful fo my uncle. I am thankful for family. I am thankful my Aunt Lisa. I am thankful for my God. I am thankful for people in the world. I am thankful for my Grapal. I am thankful for teachers. I am thankful for the princible.

Nick- I am thank for my mom dad, grand, grandpa and mall, aunts.

Jayden- I'm thankful for my Dad my Mom my two sister's my three brothers my Grandma and my Grandpa my Uncles and my ant's and I'm thankful for my friends and I'm thankful for GOD!

Shawn- I am for my family and for everybody

Joel- I am thankfull for my mom. I am thankful for my dad. I am thankful for my ucle. I am thankfull for my friends.

Kayla Archer- I am thankful for my mom and my grandparents. I am thankful for God, family and shelter.

Isaiah- I am thankful for my mom and dad becues they provde for me the things. I want and thay take me to paces I want to go.

J.D.- I am thankful for my mom and Dad Also for my sister Anissa and God

Anahi- I am thankful for my family because my mom and dad take care of me and my brother plays with me and I love them.

Keanu- I am thankful for my mom, dad, sisters, grandmom, graddad, my life, food, house, schools, teaches and God.

Gunnyr- I am thankful for food and water, am thankful for

my mom. I am thankful for my school.

Tyft- I am thankful for fasa. I am thankful my mom, I am thankful for grandma.

5th Grade

Destiny Marie Soliz- I'm thankful for my baby brother and how he laughs and crys with his big brown eyes. I'm thankfull for my Mom and Dad and how they care for me and my sisters and brothers. They cook a big huge feast for Thanksgiving, stuffing, turkey, mashpatatoes, corn, Macaronie and good old pumpkin pie. I'm Thankful for my family. They care and love me. We giggle and play all together. The it's time for dinner that is why I Love Thanksgiving!!!!

Karina Torres- I am thankful for my niece. I don't care if she is a pain but I still Love her. She buys me stuff if I don't tell her to. But she is a pretty little girl. I love her so much. All of my family loves her to. Another thing that I am thankful for is my family. I get to see them every holiday. They come and say hi to me. They, love me so much I like my cousins alot.

Adree- I am thankful for my family because they are sweet to me. I can play with my cousins and family I don't see a lot. Family is good to have when I am sad or hurt. They take care of you. They love you. They help you when you ar sick. I am thankful for Christmas, when I see all my family, Christmas songs come on, eat Christmas cookies. Exspesialy when we open presents. I like when Christmas movies come on and singing Christmas cards.

Lani B. Van- I am grateful for my writing skills. Everytime I write a story, I give God glory. I always use a pencil, maybe a pen too. My stories are always fiction somehow. I love the way my imagination thinks of characters like, Amber Moris, or Sophi Brown. I love my dog. He loves me too. We cudle up with fuzzy blankets. My dog always jumps on my bed, like a frog leaps on a lily pad. My dog has a cute name which is Chief, which, is the

laziness monator. I am thankful for everything.

Ricky Cuellar- I am thankful for my family because they treat me special. I am also thankful because they buy me clothes, school supplies, and shoes, because that is what I need. I am thankful for my teachers because they help me learn. I am thankful for them because they helped me read a book and a news paper. I am thankful for stores and furniture because that's what we need. I am thankful for the food drinks because we need food to live. I am thankful for the animals because some kids want pets to play with. If they didn't have things to play with what would they do. That is why I'm thankful for pet's and toys.

Austen Rexrode- I am Thankful for my family because they feed me and they put a roof over my head. They also put clothes on my back, and play with me. They gave me a wounderful brother and sister, they care for us. We are a perfect family. They brought me into this world and loved me.

Evony McCulloch- I'm thankful for a warm house because if I didn't have one I wouldn't be warm and I would be covered in snow. I would be wet, and cold. I'm also thankful for a brother because he teaches me how to play my trumpet and he's funny and nice, to me. I'm also thankful for a loving family because if I didn't, I wouldn't know what to do.

Alma Mendez- I am thankful for what God has given me in life, clothes for me to cover myself, shoes to put on my feet to keep them warm. I am also thankful for my family being there for me and my sister, Family is very important. If one family member gets hurt, I can call my aunt or uncle. So, family is very important to me if I didn't have any clothes or shoes, I would be so cold. I also need a house over my head and I am thankful for the one I have. So that is what I

am thankful for, what God has given me.

Efren- I am thankful for my parents because they buy everything for me, and pay for the sports I am in. Without them I wouldn't have anything like food and clothes. They buy a house for me to live in so our family wouldn't have to live on the streets an be asking people for money. They also pay for me to go to college. I am thankful for everything they do for me.

Ryder Race- What I am thankful for is a lot of things, I am thankful for "video games" because I can have a lot of fun with them. I am also thankful for "food" and "water" because I could not live without them and because they are "yummy". I am also thankful for my "family" because they provide things for me and they love me and I love them too. Also I am thankful for service men and women because they are protecting me and all the other "people" who live in America. But the thing I am most thankful for is Jesus. And I am also thankful for all the "teachers" who taught me, and the ones who are teaching me right now. They give me A great "education"! All of that is what I am thankful for.

Tristan Schluetar- I am thankful for my house and my parents, they got me are dogs and they give me a place to sleep. They feed me and care for me. They helped me with sports and school. They gave me brothers and sisters and take me places. My parents help me learn and tell me stuff that helps me too. I am very thankful for my parents.

Joe- I'm thankful for my brothers because they Play football and soccer with me most of the time. I'm thankful for my friends. It's fun when we get a bunch of friends to come over to play football. Everyone stays until it's dark.

Mariza Alonzo- I am thankful for my family, they're such a Joy to have around. Also thankful for my whole life and all the places I got to go to!

I am thankful for my pets all my dog's Sissy, Coco, Snoopy, Peanut, Tiny and my cat's Tom, Peapea, Panther, Vilot. They are all so cute. Also thankful for the earth that I live on and all the cool things that on it. Thankful for the school that I can go to and leran new things every day! I am thankful for all my friends at school! Most of all I am thankful for is my God.


Jose Gonzalez- I'm thankful for my family so that I can give them great big hugs and a big wet kiss. I'm also thankful for my friend's because they can give me a hand and say your not alone. I can give thanks for the men and women that serve our Country. I can give thanks to our Lord of God because he gives me a great life.

Aleah Jimenez- I am thankful for my family because they love me and take care of me. They give me food and a bed and other special things like a baby brother. I am also thankful for my friends because without them I would be lonely. I am thankful for God because he made the world he also made us and without us and animals the world would be quiet and boring. That is all I am thankful for.

Alyssa Gutierrez- I am thankful for my family and friends. My life wound'nt be the same without my mom. What about my friends, everything's perfect. Smiling, laughing, having fun, I coundn't ask for anything more. That the shy is blue. Then I'm in the mood for some turkey and dressing or maybe a bucket or two. How about some delicious "pecan pie", or cherry, maybe even some pumpkin pie. How bout a special pie just for me that would be more delicious than anything. "yum yum" I just love Thanksgiving.

Freddie Bueho- I'm thankful for my mom, dad, cousins, Grandmas, grandpas, and me. My mom is the greatest to me and my dad takes care of me and comes down and visits me. My cousins live here and I get to see them at school


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To have Neighbors Like You!



*We're counting our blessings at the holiday, and your friendship is at the top of the list!*

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**THANKSGIVING GREETINGS**

As we welcome another Thanksgiving season, we wish you and yours all the trimmings of a wonderful holiday complete with our best wishes and heartfelt gratitude. Thanks for giving us so much to celebrate.

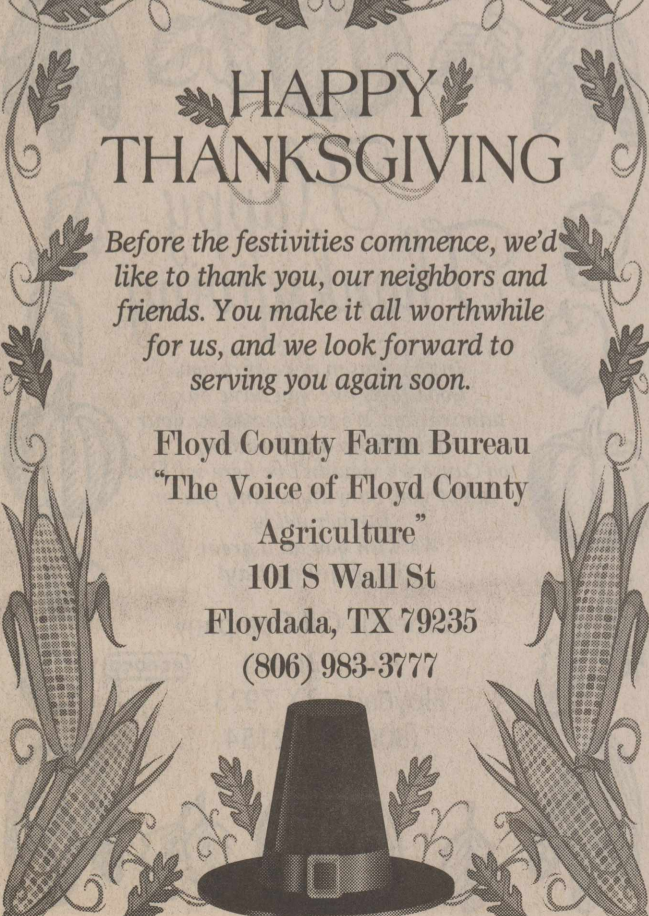
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*Before the festivities commence, we'd like to thank you, our neighbors and friends. You make it all worthwhile for us, and we look forward to serving you again soon.*

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and at their house. I wish I could go to their house everyday. I'm grateful for my grandparents. They also take care of me when my parents are not home.

Raymundo Alvarado- I am thankful for my Parent's. They give me everything I need and they also give me a room, furniture, and clothes. When I'm sick they take care of me and give me medicine. They have given me a lot of love and a Xbox 360. They also give me a bike, a four wheeler and a bed to sleep on.

CJ Perales- I am thankful for my Xbox 360 because without it I would be in a bad mood. I am thankful for my family. Without them I would be Crazy. I'm thankful for my cat and dog. Without them people might break into my house. I'm thankful for my brother and sister. Without them I would be bored. I'm thankful for my house. Without it I would be living on the streets.

Israel Cuellar- I am thankful for my family because they buy me everything and they let me play. I'm thankful for my car because I don't have to walk and I had to walk everywhere before. I'm thankful for my parents because they get me what I want, sometimes, they get me shoes and clothes, but they get me what I need. I am thankful for teachers because they teach me and help us learn and to work hard. I am thankful for my friends because they like to play football with me and because we play videogames. I am thankful for school because we get to play in the gym with other kids. We get to do a lot of cool stuff in school I am thankful for my house because we get to play and we don't have to sleep outside.

Byiann Araujo- I am thankful for my family, because they take care of me and feed me. I am thankful for my friends because when you need someone to talk to they are there for you. I am thankful for school because you learn new stuff and the teachers because they teach the thing you need to know. I am thankful for

the soliders because without them we would not have a free Contry. I am thankful for God because without him we would not have anyone to watch over us. I am thankful for my freedom because if we didn't have freedom we would be told what to do everyday.

Shawn Marquez- I am thankful for my parents because they are always there for me and they get me what I need. They love me with all there heart. They give me shelter and food. They put me in school so I can learn. They get me gift for Christmas. They take me to the doctor when I am sick. These are some of the things I am thankful for. Love your parents for what they do for you.

Jacque Salazar- I am thankful for my family, because they support me in many ways. Also, because they make things better for me. They could serve me something good. Without saying, make it yourself!!! They buy me anything as long as I do what they ask me to do. Then they also let me go anywhere when I need to. I like when they let me go to the store to buy anything with there money. Then they also let me watch tv right after I do my homework or chours. I love my family. Like I said they just support me in many ways. That is what I am thankful for!

Cody Trejo- I am thankful for water, food, lights, games, friends, money, school. Because water is like energy, Food is like energy too. Lights is for you to see things. Games are fun for after school. Friends are people to keep you busy. Money helps you buy stuff that you need, School is for you to learn.

Sara- I am thankful for my dog Tass. I got him in fourth grade. When I got him, I thought him how to Protect me. I don't know why, but I Like to think that he is my dog and I always hope he won't get sick because I had three dog before him, two ran away and one died. I am happy I still have him.

Nimsi Reyes- I am thankful for my family because they

take care of me by making sure that I hang around the right people. They also make sure I make good grades. I am also thankful for my friends. Sometimes when I'm down, there always there for me. I am thnkfull for my teachers because sometimes when I'm stuck on a question or sad they help me. I'm also thankful for my dog because he is always there. When we walk somewhere he's always there and it seems like he's protecting me. He always looks around for people he does'nt know. When he find's people he starts barking at them. I am also thankful for my house because without a house I would freeze to death in the winter, and be really hot in the summer.

Bethany Salazar- I'm thankful for family, friends and all the good times we spend with one another. My horse is a blessing. Oh how I love my pet dog Bashful. He is one of my best pets. I have my farrot who I think likes carrots so I am blessed with three pets you see. I am blessed for my mom, dad, brother, sister and me, all together a big happy family. Then my two grandmas my grandpa who live's in the contry with my grandma then my mom's mom who live's in a little town. I am blessed with this little town named Lockney a little town in Texas. I am thankful for so much you see!

Jaden Rosales- I am thankful for my family because they buy me stuff and take care of me. I am thankful for my food because it keeps me healthy. I am thankful for my dog because it protects me. I am thankful for my house because it gives you shelter. I am thankful for my jacket because it keeps me warm. I am thankful for tv and video games because they keep me entertained. I am thankful for my bike because it is fun to ride.

Kevin Lopez- Im thankful for the earth the sun the beautiful trees my games and my family, Im thankful for world and the heavens the grass and football. Im thankful for the animals and my dog Scooter and Spike.

The most important things are my home and my boat and my apple tree, my guns I am also thankful for buddies and my friend. Im also thankful for sports my tv, disc and my ipod and other PSD. I'm thankful for everything.

John- I'm thankful for my dog I'm thankful for my mom and dad. I'm thankful for the turkey and the food. I'm thankful for my frends. I'm thankful for God. I'm thankful for my aunt and my cousins. I'm thankful for my favorite team the Longhorns. I'm thankful for the flag of America.

Lupe Huerta- I'm thankful for my family and my dog cause when I'm hurt they help me up. My Cousins and I go to gramas house we throw the football when I come home from school, my dog crys at the door. On my moms side, I love it on 4th of July. We play with bottle rockets and blackcat. My uncle cooks out everyone comes. On Sunday morning, after church, we go to Grandma Huertas and watch the Dallas Cowboys play.

Nicholas- I am thankful for my family because they take care of me. They give me food, water, clothes and other good things. I am thankful for my pets because when I'm alone they're there for me. I am thankful for my Samuri Sword because it protects me. I am thankful for my house because it protects me from storms and other things.

Kiana- Im thankful for Mom and Dad for taking care of me. I'm also thankful for my Dog and puppies. I'm thankful for my Grandmother and Grandfather because they love me. I'm Thankful for my brothers and sisters, my pet rabbit to feed. I'm thankful for the food we eat the clothes we wear and a home to live in I'm thankful for a school to go to.

Marissa Montoya- I thankful for my family, the games I have, and my Mom and dad. I'm thankful for the trees and leaves and Jewelry. I'm thankful for my anuts and uncils. Most of all, I'm thankful for the roof

above my head and the shoes on my feet.

Mackenzzy Raglan- I'm thankful for my family. I love them and they love me. Sometimes they are cool to me. My puppy Zoe can be obnoxious, but I love her. She can be roudy and playful and she has little fear from my cat.

Julio- I'm thankful for my family. I'm thankful for my shoe's. I'm thankful for my dog. I'm thankful for my life. I'm thankful for the school, I'm thankful for my house. I'm thankful to be a Texan. I'm thankful for my food. I'm thankful for my friend's, I'm thankful for God. I'm thankful for a TV. I'm thankful for Thanksgiving.

Cristo- I am thankful for my teachers. They help me with my work when I need help. With my reading, math science and my homework and they help me if kids mess with me.

Haven D Ruelas- I am thankful for having a sweet and loving family, my mom, dad, brother and sister, two dogs and one cat. They are the best loving people in the whole world. My mom and dad give me \$20 for my allowance. Mom makes homemade cookie, pies, and brownies. Mom and Dad, I am thankful for everything that yall do for us. I love yall so much.

Austin- I'm thankful for my family and friends. They mean a lot to me, just to have someone here for me. They will listen to me if I have a problem at school or at home, friends.

Angelica- I love my family. I am thankful that I have a home and food to eat.

#### 4th Grade

Alexis Chavez- I am thankful for my beautiful family because they will always care for me. I am also thankful for Miss. Hunter because she teaches fun stuff. Another thing, I am thankful for is my home because if I didn't have a home I'd be sad. One other thing I am thankful for is school because when I go to school I learn. I am also thankful for my little dog blacky because when there is a stranger my dog barks.

Another thing I am thankful for is Jesus because he died for our sins. I am also thankful for God because he takes care of everybody and everything.

Jakevon Arjona- I am thankful for my Mom and my Dad because if it was not for them I would not be here right now. Football is my Favorite sport. I am thankful it because it gives me energy. I am also thankful for my older sister, because she helps me with my homework sometimes.

Fernando Valdes- I am thankful for God because he made us and because he helps us when we have problems. I am thankful for my family because they support me when I am sad and because they help me be healthy. I am thankful for my friends because they play with me. School is another thing I am thankful for because I learn to read and learn new things. Lockney is another thing I am thanful for because I am glad I live here.

Cesar Cienfuegos- I'm thankful for my Dad because he bought me a D.S for my birthday and he cares about me. My mom is another person I am thankful for. She Takes care of Me, I'm thankful for my brothers because we watch out for each other and we have fun together.

Korleigh Webb- I am thankful for my family because they feed me and care for me. My friends are another thing I'm thankful for because they stick with me when I'm sad. Living in America is a big thing thing I'm thankful for because we don't have queens and kings to boss us around. We have presidents. My teachers help me learn so I'm thankful for them. Being able to walk, talk, and move are a huge thing I'm thankful for because if I couldn't I'd probably die. God and Jesus are the very best people I'm thankful for because they gave me my life that's why. I'm thankful for everything in this world.

Lyndee Setliff- I am very thankful for America. Without it, I would have nowhere to live. I love chocolate because

*Small cheer and great welcome  
makes a merry feast.  
~William Shakespeare*

it is so sweet and yummy. I also thank all the men who fought in the war for my freedom. I am also thankful for Texas because it let's Lockney in there, which is another thing I'm thankful for! I am so thankful for all the food God supplied for us. Good or bad food, I am thankful for it. I also love church because it allows us to learn about Jesus and God, so I am thankful for that and the Bible. I love my family and they love me, so I am very thankful for them too. I am so very thankful for God and Jesus because without them, none of us would be here.

Aleza Poole- Im thankful for all the animal's in the world because what would life be like without them? Also What Im glad to have is food! If you never had food you would Die immediately! The most thing that I am most happy I have is nail polish because if you don't have nail polish your nail's would look hideous my boy bud's cause if another guy tease's you, you have a best bud by your side.

I'm thankful for money cause if you had it you would have nothing at all. Also I'm very happy to have my Mom & Dad because they love me for who I am! The most thing im thankful for is chocolate cause if you never had it you would have Boring in your LIFE!

Evelyn Escobar- I am thankful for my parents, because they feed me when I am hungry so that I will not starve and be hungry later on in the day. My parents also protect me and give me shelter, so I would be safe. I am also glad for my teachers, because they teach me everything I didn't know, When I first started Learning multiplication I know that I couldn't do that or learn it all by myself, and when we swich classes my brain is set on whatever we learned in that very class, I am very lucky to have brothers and sisters that stick up for me and that care about me. Sometimes when I have lost something very important everybody in the family offers to help find whatever is lost. Another

thing I am thankful for is my clothes that I wear every single day. Imagine if you did not have any clothes on. I bet that would be way embarrassing. I am very thankful for what I have in life.

Anthony Martinez- I am thankful for my mom and my dad and brother, because they help me with problems and they get me out of fights. My dog is so cute and I do not want anything to happen to him. That's why I am thankful for my dog. My friends help me when I am in a fight and they help me when I am in trouple. I am also thankful for my house, because when it rains it covers the rain. I have a lot of stuff I am thankful for.

Austin Ascensio- Let me tell you what I'm thankful for. I am thankful for football because you get to put on pads, I am also thankful for my friends because they play with me after school. I am thankful for my football because every time me and My bother get bored we can go outside and play football. I am aslo thankful for my bother because if someone

trys to beat me up he will come and beat them up, My mom cooks for me and washes my clothes thats why I am thankful for her, My dad buy me shoes and clothes that's why I am thankful for him, I have lots of thing to be thankful for.

Odyseyea McCulloch- I am thankful for my Mom and dad. They take care of me. My sisters play and thay help me on my homework. That is why I am thankful for them. I am thankful for my big brouther because he gives me the things I want. Evan for my school too because I learn new things. I love my house too because I have shelter there and my house brings me all the wormth I can get and that I need. I love my life.

Tyrell Egnew- Im thankful for my mom because she takes care of me. Anoter thing Im thankful for is the world. Something else Im thankful for is god. Im thakful for my house because it keeps me warm. My dad plays and helps me that is why Im thankful for him. M and M's are sweet that's why I'm thankful for

them. Trees help us Breathe thats why Im thankful for them. Eyes help us see thats why Im thankful for them. Im thankful for school because it helps you get smater. Teachers help us when we get stuck thats why Im thankful for them. Books are another thing I'm thankful for Because they tell you about history. Bags carry things thats why Im thankful for them. Im thankful for water because you can drink it. These are all the thing Im thankful for.

Mia Perales- I'm thankful for a lot of things. I'm thankful for a garden so plants can grow. My mom and dad because they care for me. Teachers because they help us learn more. House's they protect us from dad weather. Some other things I thankful for are Old people, a tv to watch, a yard, also a school, a car to ride in. Also food to eat a drink if we are thirsty. Clothing and shoes to wear I'm thankful for that. A Earth to live on, my parents, Doctors to help us if were sick, the US ARMY to protext us and save us, and God are some other

things I'm thankful for. Adrianna Palomin- I am thankful for. My House it keeps me warm and when it rains it keeps me from getting wet. I can watch t.v. I can go to sleep and I don't have to worry about anything. We can cook in it and it's fun to sleep warm and I can relax. Another thing I am thankful for is my friends and family. My best friend is Avery Poole and she is very fun to play with. She is very funny. My family is supportive. They make me Happy when i'm sad. My mom and dad are very loving. Bryson Walker- I am thankful for alot of things like football because you get to tackle people. And basketball because if you jump high you can dunk it. My house because when it gets cold my house is warm. Trampolines because you can do tricks onit so I am thankful for them. I am also thankful for my mom because she cooks for me, and for the world because if there wasnt a world, nobody would be living, Those are all the things I am thankful for.


**Greetings At Thanksgiving**

We're offering our thanks at this time of year,  
To all the good folks who have stopped by here -  
Because one thing that we know is true,  
Is we owe our success to each one of you!

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*He who thanks but with the lips  
Thanks but in part;  
The full, the true Thanksgiving  
Comes from the heart.*


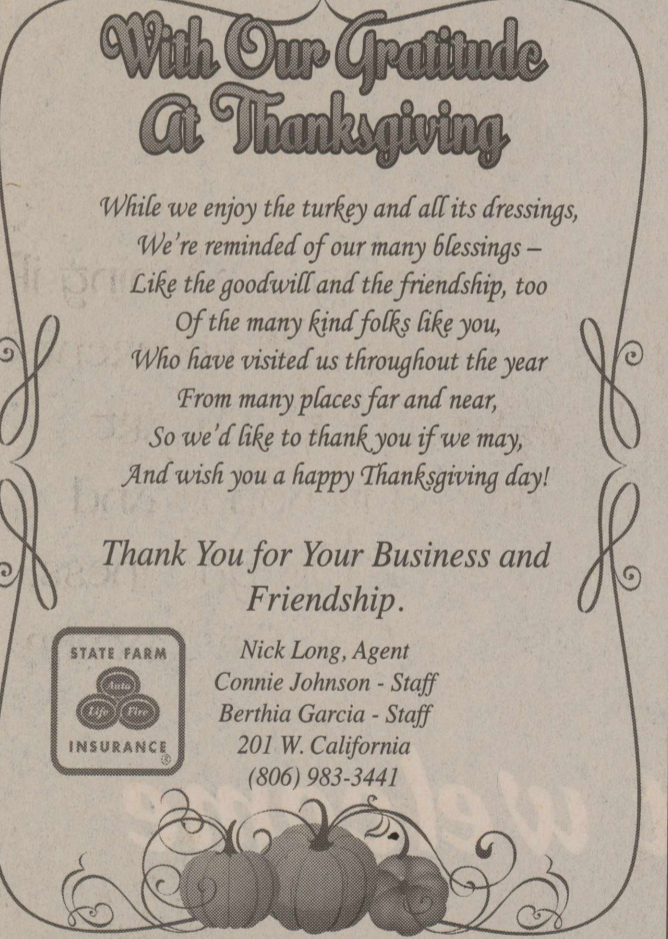
*~J.A. Shedd*

**With Our Gratitude At Thanksgiving**


While we enjoy the turkey and all its dressings,  
We're reminded of our many blessings -  
Like the goodwill and the friendship, too  
Of the many kind folks like you,  
Who have visited us throughout the year  
From many places far and near,  
So we'd like to thank you if we may,  
And wish you a happy Thanksgiving day!

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Pedro Pacheco- My mom is wonderful because she is always nice to me and careful. If I get sick my mom takes care of me. I am thankful for my dad because he takes care of me every were I want to go and plays with me. I am thankful for my friend because they go to my house and they are always nice to me all the time I am joyful to god because he always cares for us and when ever we are in trouble he helps us. Another thing I am thankful for is chocolate ice cream because it makes me hyper and really goofy and it is good to eat. I am glad that I have a lot of things I am thankful for.

**A.B. DUNCAN  
ELEMENTARY  
PRE-K 1**

Aiden Enriquez - I am thankful that me and my Grammy went fishing. I am thankful that me and my brother Ryan played together when we went fishing. I am thankful that me and my daddy went to a football game.

Samara Brown - I am thankful that me and my brother played on the big playground. I am thankful my Mama took me and my brother to the water playground.

John David Reyna - I am thankful that me and my brother, Rosendo, play football. I am thankful that I can play tag with my Mom.

Natalie Hernandez - I am thankful for chicken and cheese. I am thankful when Jaime doesn't cry. I am thankful for my grandpa.

Diego Martinez - I am thankful for my friends because we are happy playing with toys. I am thankful for my family and I like for my Tita to take care of me when I'm sick.

Hunter Lackey - I am thankful for my cat, Kitty Brown.. I am thankful for my little brother, Micah, we

play together.

Xavier Champion - I am thankful I can play with my cousins, Jacob, Vanna, Kean, Alex, Sebastian and Jackie. I am thankful that my Mom reads to me and turns the light off for me.

Desiree Delafuente - I am thankful that my sister, Faith plays with me. Jazelynn plays with me too. I am thankful Daddy brings me food and Princess (pet) plays with me.

Christopher Yannis - I am thankful for my cousin, Breanna. I am thankful that I eat hamburgers and that I can play.

Isaac Obregon - I am thankful for the leaves in our science area. I am thankful for my big cousin. I am thankful for my Mom.

Derrick Suarez - I am thankful that I can play with my cousins, Matthew and Jesse. I am thankful that I can play with my friends, Xavier. I am thankful we can use computer.

Megan Zuniga - I am thankful for my friends. I am thankful for our smart board. I am thankful for our food.

John Anthony Posado - I am thankful for my Mom, my Dad, my brother, my cousins, and my friends because they aren't mean to me.

Luis Martinez - I am thankful that my Mom buys me a lot of stuff. I am thankful she brought me a magna doodle and silly bands.

Alea Lira - I am thankful my Mom takes me to Plainview. I am thankful my Mom takes care of me and my cousin.

Mariah Garcia - I am thankful because I love Thanksgiving. I like to go home to Mom and Dad. I am thankful for my family for the turkey on Thanksgiving.

Marques Porter - I am thankful for my friend, Joey. I am thankful for my Wella

because she takes care of me.

**PRE-K 2**

Justin Delgado - I am thankful my Mom and Dad. My dog, my grandma, my grandpa, my tia Julia and that's all.

Joaquin Guerrero - I am thankful for my Mom and Dad. My brothers, Angel and Alex, for my dog and my house and the classroom.

Janeisi Garza - I am thankful for my Mom and Dad and my three sisters and my doggies and I'm thankful for the turkey in the oven.

Pamela Chapman - I am thankful for my Mom and my baby brother. My friends Azaylee and Zayli. My grandma and my sister and cousins, Mariah and Santiago.

Zayli Crone - I am thankful for my Mom and my Dad, my little sister and brothers, Michael and Caleb and my big sister, Alyssa. My family because I love them.

Azaylee Santos - I am thankful for my Mommy and Daddy. For turkey, books, leaves, computers, frames, blankets and candy.

Shefi Bhakta - I am thankful for turkey and I don't know.

Miranda Reyes - I am thankful for Thanksgiving and Dad.

Eladio Nunez - I am thankful for my grandpa and my Mommy, my big brother. For my friends, JP and Ryan, Shefi and Gilbert. For my sister, Robbie.

Matthew Luna - I am thankful for my Mom and Dad. My Teachers cause they are nice. I am thankful for my grandpa and grandma who passed away. My friends at school.

Jacobrian Guerra - I am thankful for my Mom, my brother, and my baby brother. And my grandpa and grandma. My friends at school, Ilan, Shefi, Trey and Joaquin.

Isaha Yannis - I am

thankful for turkey and eat turkey. Tia take to turkey. Joseph goes on a turkey. Isaac goes on a turkey too!

Cristian Hernandez - I am thankful for Thanksgiving and turkey! Thanksgiving and my family.

Jacob Perez - I am thankful for Jesus and Mom and Dad. And my sisters and brother.

Samuel Juarez - I am thankful for kids at school, Mommy and Daddy. Wella and that's it.

Ilan Lopez - I am thankful for Thanksgiving and turkey. For my Dad and my Mom. My baby sister and brother.

Ryan Perez - I am thankful for my Mom, Dad, my brothers and other brothers, BJ and Jordon.

Trey Coleman - I am thankful for Chicken. I don't know. I think for pizza and hot dogs. The letter I. the letter P. I like Thanksgiving.

J. P. Ovalle - I am thankful for my Mom and my Dad. My Mommy. My brother Santiago and me. Because I love my Mom and my daddy, because I like them.

Gilbert Machado - Doy Gracias Por mi mami y mi papi. Por tener turkey.

**PRE-K 3**

Jayce Adams - I am thankful for my friends because they are nice to me. I am thankful for my family because they take me to school and to Longhorns and Texas Tech. I am also thankful for my Nanny and Papa because they go with me everywhere.

Angel Flores - I am thankful for my friends because they like to play more with me. I am thankful for my family because they cook food for me and my dad. I am also thankful for my Mommy because she cooks good chicken for me.

Kason Hughes - I am thankful for my friends because they play with me sometimes. I am thankful for my family because they cook supper and they cook

lunch. I am also thankful for my Mommy because I like to help her put clothes in the dryer.

Sydni Chesshir - I am thankful for my friends because they just want to play with me. I am thankful for my family because I just like them to read a book to me. I am also thankful for school because I just don't want to go home.

Desiree Moncevais - I am thankful for my friends because they play outside with me. I am thankful for my family because they make dinner. I am also thankful for my little sister, Makenzee because I can lay down with her.

Makenzie Lemons - I am thankful for my friends because I like to play with them. I am thankful for my family because they help me open my chips that might pop. I am also thankful for my Mom, Kenda because she does lots of things for me, like she always, always puts my picture on the wall.

Edgar Cervera - I am thankful for my friends because they pick up toys for me. I am thankful for my family because they make food for me and my brother. I am also thankful for my Mom and Dad because they get some water for me.

Tyrean Henderson - I am thankful for my friends because they do turkeys. I am thankful for my family because they give me something to eat. I am also thankful for my abuela because she gets me out of trouble.

Calin Teeple - I am thankful for my friends because they do stuff with me like if I have too much stuff to do they can help me with it. I am thankful for my family because they help me get stuff that is too high for me. I am also thanks for my teachers because they get stuff ready for us to color.

Ava Gonzales - I am thankful for my friends because I like them because they are my best friends. I am thankful for my family because I love them and I like them. I am also thankful for my sister because I love her and she cleans up with me.

Reese Hinsley - I am thankful for my friends because they are nice to people. I am thankful for my family because they love me and I love them. I am also thankful for my dad because he takes me outside to play.

Braxton Stark - I am thankful for my friends because they go to school with me. I am thankful for my family because they build robots with me. I am also thankful for my teacher because she helps me learn on the computer.

Jaxon Smith - I am thankful for my friends because they give me something. I am thankful for my family because we all eat steak. I am also thankful for whoever builds a new toy for me because I like playing with toy guns.

Kirsten Pyle - I am thankful for my friends because they play with me. I am thankful for my family because they take me to Texas Lubbock. I am also thankful for my Mom because she reads me a story.

Aubrey Berry - I am thankful for my friends because they give me nice treats. I am thankful for my family because they love me and give me kisses and hugs. I am also thankful for Heaven Lee because I love her and I get to read books to her.

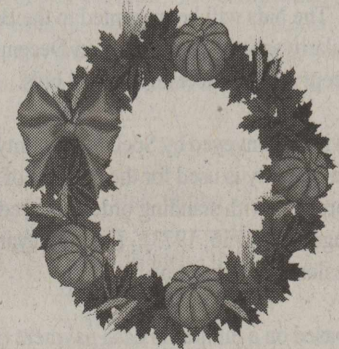
Aiden Trevino - I am thankful for my friends because I can play with them on the playground. I am thankful for family because they read to me. I am also thankful for my mom and dad because they let me play football with the big kids.

O Lord that lends me life,  
Lend me a heart replete  
with thankfulness.  
-William Shakespeare

Thanksgiving is nothing if  
not a glad and reverent  
lifting of the heart  
to God in honor and  
praise for His goodness.  
-Robert Casper Lintner

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**EASTERN STAR RECOGNIZES MEMBERS—** On November 11, 2010 June Hall was presented with a 50-year certificate of membership in the Order of the Eastern Star. Sherry Colston, Worthy Matron, presented her with the certificate and Wes Campbell, Worthy Patron, presented her with a 50-year pin. Dell Gray was presented with a pin for 40 years of membership by Judy Thayer. Other members who have earned 50-year certificates but were not present at the meeting are Bo Dean Poage and Roger Poage of Floydada and William N. (Bill) Thomas of Houston. The 50-year certificates are issued by Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. Pictured left to right are Dell Gray, June Hale, Sherry Colston and Wes Campbell.

## Food Handler's Course offered Monday, Dec. 6

By Melissa Long  
CEA-FCS  
Floyd County

Statistics indicate that food-borne illness continues to be a health issue in the United States. Each year, 1 in 4 American will become sick, 1 in 1000 will become hospitalized, and 5,000 will die due to a food-borne illness. Food-borne illness is caused by harmful germs in food. Given the right conditions, the germs can grow and multiply very quickly in the

food. If food with germs is served anyone can get sick. Groups of people that are especially at risk include young children, pregnant women, the elderly, and the chronically ill. That is why it is important to follow the safety guidelines.


Texas AgriLife Extension - Floyd County will be conducting a "Food Handler's Course" on Monday, December 6 at the Floyd County Extension Office Meeting Room at 6 p.m. This course

is targeted at non-profit groups that prepare and serve food to the public. This would include groups such as churches, school organizations that operate concession stands, or an organization that is a one-time, seasonal, or non-profit that serves food. The December 6 course will be held at the Floyd County Extension Office Meeting Room at 6 p.m.

Individuals or groups who prepare and serve food to the public will want to

attend this two-hour class. This course will be a basic overview of food safety practices that are necessary to ensure you serve safe food. The course is FREE OF CHARGE! If you are interested in attaining a Food Handler's Card that is valid for 2 years, the cost is \$15.

To pre-register or for more information contact: Melissa Long - County Extension Agent/FCS at the Floyd County Extension Office - 806-983-4912.



## HACKBERRY HAPPENINGS

**BY CARLA MEADOR, MARKETING DIRECTOR**

Hackberry Creek hosted its annual Family Thanksgiving Dinner last Friday evening, November 19. The Center was brimming with a festive atmosphere, a large group of family members, delicious food, and great visiting making for a delightful holiday evening.

Guests enjoyed the delectable meal with their Hackberry resident family members. The great Hackberry kitchen staff prepared the turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and rolls while family members brought side dishes and deserts, setting a feast not unlike the first plentiful Thanksgiving meal enjoyed hundreds of years ago by the pilgrims and Indians. Hackberry residents were all decked out in their finest attire and spiffy hairdos for the festive evening. We extend our thanks to all family members who attended and helped us celebrate Thanksgiving with

our residents.

With our early celebration of Thanksgiving, came an ever-present since of the holiday season. It is officially upon us, like it or not! Well, we like it here at Hackberry and plan to do everything we can to make the season magical for our Residents. They will be treated to another delicious Thanksgiving meal on Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, as well as a 'tailgate party' with lots of snacks to enjoy while watching the football games.

The Town Hall Meeting held last Tuesday evening, November 16, was a wonderfully informative presentation. Eric Alfaro, an outreach and education specialist with the Social Security Administration

of Lubbock; Carmel Perez Snyder, Associate State Director for AARP Texas and Scott Ingram, AARP Volunteer of Lubbock spoke about Social Security and how it affects every individual, the benefits it provides and keeping it strong. Several area residents enjoyed the presentation and question and answer session. Mr. Alfaro, Mrs. Snyder and Mr. Ingram also gave those attending several handouts with great information. Hackberry provided a delicious supper of sandwiches, chips, homemade cookies, tea and coffee. We appreciate our three speakers, as well as those attending. It is our objective with these Town Hall meetings to make the public aware of beneficial

subjects such as this.

Please remember that it's time to start thinking about renewing your dues for membership in our Hackberry Association. The annual dues are only \$5.00 per person and gives you a voice in the association meeting which will be held in January. Watch for more details as they become available. If you would like to join the Hackberry Membership Association, just stop by the Center and speak with Brooke, or drop your five dollars in the mail with your name and address. Brooke will promptly mail back to you a membership form to be signed and mailed back, of which she will in-turn mail a copy back to you. We appreciate our members and welcome anyone who would like to be a part of this great Center.

Hackberry staff would like to extend good wishes to you and yours as you celebrate your Thanksgiving holiday. We are thankful for our Residents and for each of you for your interest in Hackberry. Happy Thanksgiving!  
**SENIOR HEALTH TIPS**  
Cranberries: Evergreen And For Ever Healthy

Thoughts of the cranberry probably brings forth memories of Ocean Spray commercials or circular slices of the jellied variety adorning a Thanksgiving platter, yet cranberries are one of the most healthful and multifarious fruit available. Found and grown in bogs throughout the northern hemisphere, cranberries are actually a type of evergreen dwarf shrubs or trailing vines.

See HACKBERRY on Page 15

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Administration of the estate of **BILLIE BUMPUS MOORE, DECEASED**, has been commenced by the issuance of letters testamentary to the undersigned on November 15, 2010 by the County Court of Floyd County, Texas, acting in Cause No. 5868 styled IN RE ESTATE OF BILLIE BUMPUS MOORE, DECEASED, in which court the matter is pending.

All creditors having claims against the estate are hereby notified to present them to the undersigned at the address shown below within the time prescribed by law.

Dated this 15th day of November, 2010.

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**LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO SELL REAL PROPERTY AND INVITATION TO BID**

The Board of Trustees of the Floydada Independent School District [FISD] hereby serves notice that FISD will receive sealed bids from persons interested in purchasing the following real property located in the city of Floydada, Floyd County, Texas:

- The property is commonly known as the Floydada Independent School District R.C. Andrews Elementary School site and located at 215 North White Street, Floydada Texas. This Property contains all of Block J Andrews Addition, Lot B Andrews Addition and Block 14 Western addition as well as the property on which the building resides or approximately 10.05 total acres.

FISD will accept bids for the entire property with all improvements OR for just the East 1/2 of the real property with all improvements.

Interested parties may contact Jerry Vaughn, Superintendent, FISD Administration Office, 226 W. California Street, Floydada, Texas or 806.983.3498 to arrange for inspection of the premises and for review of the sales contract and Special Warranty Deed.

This property houses buildings that are known to contain asbestos and/or asbestos-containing material. A copy of FISD's Asbestos Management Plan setting forth the location and identity of all known hazardous materials will be provided to bidders upon request. Bidders will be required to assume by contract all current and future responsibilities, costs, abatements, and liabilities of all hazardous materials.

Interested bidders may obtain a bid packet from Superintendent, Jerry Vaughn, at the office of the Floydada Independent School District's Administration Office, 226 W. California, Floydada Texas. The bid packet contains: a full legal description of the Property, bid instructions and the District's "Contract of Sale." Bidders shall return a completed "Contract of Sale," with the required earnest money, in a sealed envelope marked "R.C. Andrews Real Property Bid, Entire Premises" or "R.C. Andrews Real Property Bid, East 1/2 of Premises" to office of the Floydada Independent School District's Administrative Office, 226 W. California Street, Floydada Texas, 79235, Attention Jerry Vaughn. **Sealed bids will be received until 1:00 PM December 7, 2010.** All bids received at or prior to such time will be opened and read aloud. Bids received after such time will not be opened or considered. The bids will be presented to the Board of Trustees for review and possible approval at its next regularly scheduled meeting on December 9, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Floydada ISD reserves the right to accept and/or reject any and all bids.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed and will be subject to reversion to the FISD in the event the property is used for the purpose of establishment or operation of a segregated school system in accordance with standing orders entered in *United States v. Texas*, Civil Action No. 5281, (E. D. Tex., August 9 and 15, 1973). The conveyance is contingent upon review and approval by the Texas Commissioner of Education.

Bids must be based on a lump sum cash payment (net of all closing costs), payable not more than 30 days following approval of the sale by the Board of Trustees. Bidders will be responsible for arranging any desired surveys, title insurance, other inspections of the premises, and all other "closing costs" without cost to FISD. Bids, which specify other payment terms, will be deemed non-responsive and will not be considered. Floydada Independent School District reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive any formalities.

**WAIVER OF CLAIMS:** BY TENDERING A BID TO THIS INVITATION TO BID, THE BIDDER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT HAS READ AND FULLY UNDERSTANDS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMITTING A BID AND THE PROCESS USED BY THE DISTRICT FOR SELECTING A BEST BIDDER. FURTHER, BY SUBMITTING A BID, THE BIDDER FULLY, VOLUNTARILY AND UNDERSTANDINGLY WAIVES AND RELEASES ANY AND ALL CLAIMS AGAINST THE DISTRICT AND ANY OF ITS TRUSTEES, OFFICERS, AGENTS AND/OR EMPLOYEES THAT COULD ARISE OUT OF THE ADMINISTRATION, EVALUATION, OR RECOMMENDATION OF ANY BID SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO THIS INVITATION TO BID.

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**Motley County ISD**

Silent auction with sealed bids. Motley County ISD is seeking to auction surplus equipment by silent, sealed bid.

Items to be auctioned include:

- 1 walk-in freezer (6'10"x7'9" x8'9") good working condition
- 1 walk-in cooler (7'9"x7'9"x7'6") working condition
- 1 two-door reach in freezer (good working condition)
- 1 two-door reach in cooler (good working condition)
- 1 four-drawer warmer

Kitchen items are ideal for hunters and large commercial or kitchen operations.

Additional items include:

- 2 used grasshopper lawn mowers (not running)
- 3 used push lawn mowers (not running)
- 1-1993 19 passenger, 4-wheel drive bus, 350 gasoline engine.
- 9 high back executive chairs
- 10 4 storage racks

Items will be available for inspection November 15-30, weekdays only (closed November 24-26). Persons interested in bidding will pick up a bid sheet from MCISD Central Office or print it from the school website. Write your bid on the sheet and return to Central Office or email it to sfowler@motleyco.org" [sfowler@motleyco.org](mailto:sfowler@motleyco.org) (you will receive confirmation of delivery). All bids will be opened and awarded on Tuesday, 11/30/2010. View items at [www.motleyco.org](http://www.motleyco.org).

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Photo by Homer Marquez

Students of Lana Kidds' fourth grade class in Lockney presented the Lockney Longhorn Band with a hand painted sign giving thanks Caprock and Cargill for their generous donation of beef. The entire school would like to thank the two companies for their donations. The donated beef was used to make homemade-chili in the concession stands during Longhorn football games; all sales went to help the Band raise money for upcoming trips.

## \$420 million estimated for 2009 crop Average Crop Revenue Election

(Floydada, Texas), November 17, 2010 – Stephanie Bradley, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Floyd County today announced that USDA has started issuing an estimated \$420 million in 2009 crop Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) payments to producers enrolled in the ACRE program for wheat, corn, barley, dry peas, grain sorghum, lentils, oats, peanuts, soybeans, and upland cotton. Congress established ACRE as part of the 2008 Farm Bill to protect producers from farm market revenue declines. A list of state payment rates for the 2009 crops of barley, corn, dry peas, lentils, oats, peanuts, grain sorghum, soybeans, upland cotton and wheat is available at <http://go.usa.gov/CCS>.

"These payments are an important part of the farm safety net because they help protect the farmers who provide America and the world with a reliable source of food and commodities

by buffering them from the effects of revenue declines," Bradley said.

In order for producers to receive ACRE payments, revenue triggers for a commodity must be met on both a state and farm basis. The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Farm Bill) requires 2009 ACRE payments to be made following the end of the marketing year, but no earlier than Oct. 1, 2010. Of the \$420 million in payments, about 70 percent are expected to be issued to wheat producers and 23 percent to corn producers. Nearly 80 percent of the payments are expected to be issued to producers in Oklahoma, Washington, Illinois, South Dakota, Idaho and North Dakota.

According to Bradley, as of Nov. 17, Texas FSA has processed more than 99 percent of ACRE payments totaling \$4.6 million. Producers enrolled in ACRE can expect to receive a payment soon.

State payment rates for

other commodities will be determined after the 2009-2010 marketing year average price is published by the National Agricultural Statistical Service. The scheduled publishing dates for the 2009-2010 marketing year average prices are as follows:

- Large chickpeas, small chickpeas, sunflower seed, canola, flaxseed, mustard seed, rapeseed, safflower, crambe and sesame seed – Nov. 30, 2010.

- Long grain rice and medium and short grain rice – Jan. 31, 2011.

For more information on the ACRE program visit your local FSA office or the website at [www.fsa.usda.gov/tx](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/tx).

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender. To file a complaint of discrimination, write: USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 (voice), or (202) 720-6382 (TDD).

## Randy's Roundup

### By Congressman Randy Neugebauer

**A Taxing Situation**  
If you're keeping count, there are only 39 days until the New Year and the LARGEST tax hike in American history. After the first week of the Lane Duck session, Speaker Pelosi's Congress is no closer to preventing these job-killing tax hikes for every taxpayer. Letting the estate tax return to 55 percent, cutting the child tax credit in half and letting several other tax provisions expire at the end of the year is a tax increase our economy cannot handle. What I know and what the American people know is that raising taxes during the worst economy in decades will kill even more jobs and lead to greater uncertainty for small businesses looking to expand.

As December 31st approaches along with this massive \$3.9 trillion tax hike, I will continue to fight to make

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the tax cuts permanent for everyone by promoting my bill, the Taxpayer Certainty Act. If this November has made anything clear to the Democrats in Congress, it's that the American people want a trimmed down government that taxes less and significantly reduces spending in Washington.

**A Thanksgiving Message**  
As we gather together over the Thanksgiving holiday, I hope that you will take the time to remember the things you are thankful for and express your gratitude to loved ones. In today's ever changing world, families are the strong support system our children rely on to become responsible and productive members of the community. A strong America relies on strong families.

As families and friends come together this week, we should also remember those who are not able to join their loved ones to celebrate Thanksgiving. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of the men and women in our Armed Forces serving far away from home. We are thankful for the sacrifices both you and your families have made on behalf of our great country and pray for your safe return.

Thanksgiving is also a reminder of the agricultural See **ROUNDUP** on page 15

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## Annual Panhandle Farm and Ranch Management Symposium set for Dec. 1

AMARILLO - The Texas AgriLife Extension Service will host the 25th annual Panhandle Farm and Ranch Management Symposium in conjunction with the Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show held Nov. 30-Dec. 2 at the Amarillo Civic Center.

The symposium will be on Dec. 1 in the Grand Plaza immediately following the 10th annual Texas Commodity Symposium and Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Ag Appreciation Luncheon.

Registration will be from 1-1:15 p.m. with presentations to follow, said Brandon Boughen, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural

resources agent for Potter County. Program topics and speakers will be:

- Laws and Regulations, Lavon Harmon, Texas Department of Agriculture inspector.

- Managing Herbicide Resistance and New Weed Control Options, Dr. Brent Bean, AgriLife Extension agronomist.

- Corn and Cotton Insect Management and Biotechnology, Dr. Ed Bynum, AgriLife Extension entomologist.

- Emerging Research, Control and Management of Viral Wheat Diseases, Jacob Price, Texas AgriLife

Research associate.

The program will offer four continuing education units for pesticide applicator participants: one in laws and regulations, one in pesticide factors and two in integrated pest management, Boughen said.

The Panhandle Farm and Ranch Management Symposium is free, however there is a \$2 show admission charged by the Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show, which is donated to local FFA chapters.

For more information, contact Boughen at 806-373-0713 or [bwboughen@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:bwboughen@ag.tamu.edu).

## Texas is a storage deficit area for the 2010 cotton crop marketing year

Floydada, Texas, November 17, 2010 – Stephanie Bradley, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Floyd County announced today that Texas is a storage deficit-area for the 2010 cotton crop marketing year.

The CCC acknowledges areas as storage deficit if cotton production is more than the approved inside storage capacity of the warehouse that entered into a Cotton Storage Agreement with the CCC.

"Warehouse operators in

storage deficit areas may apply to CCC for approval to store cotton outside if the cotton is pledged as collateral for a CCC loan," said Bradley. "Once approved, specific storage and reporting requirements will apply," she said.

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## Three Rivers Cowboy Ball scheduled for Dec. 4

By Hanaba Munn Welch

It's that time of year. Tickets are on sale for the 2010 Three Rivers Cowboy Ball.

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The ball is the final event of a day's worth of Cowboy Christmas activities, beginning with an early-morning Jingle

Run and including an afternoon visit from Santa Claus and a lighted parade at 6:30 p.m.

Before the ball, Three Rivers Foundation for the Arts and Sciences (3RF) will inaugurate the Ballroom Foyer, formerly Freeman Jewelry, with a reception honoring some of the former occupants of the historic building. Lucy Dean Record of Lockney, pianist, will play the 3RF Steinway concert grand, accompanied by Jimmy Burson, fiddler from Silverton. The pair plays regular at Silver Dollar City in Branson, Mo. Hearty hors d'oeuvres will be served. Tickets are \$15 for the Foyer event, RSVP, and \$25 for the Three Rivers Ball, both available from Carolyn Wilson, 3RF Arts director, (940) 839 7332.

Reserved tables are available for the ball.

"We, at Three Rivers, are looking forward to visiting with friends, enjoying outstanding entertainment, opening a new building for everyone to enjoy and dancing the night away!" said Wilson. "We encourage everyone to make your plans and purchase your tickets!"

Besides the Foyer opening, another new event this year is Gospel music 9 a.m. Sunday at the old Trinity Church on Dubose Street, a Texas Historical Landmark. Record and Bursey will play.

"Everyone is invited to come by and sing along with us," Wilson said. "The building is a treasure. It was built in 1913. Miss Lucy is a treasure too. She's been teaching music since the 1940s. We're fortunate that she and Jimmy are able to come to Quanah for the two special events."

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Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

## Local dance team wins big in Dance Master's Competition

Sherry Fogerson's Dance Team performed in the Dance Master's Competition in Lubbock Texas on November 13, 2010 at the Lubbock Civic Center.

The group, competing for the first time in the Teen Division for 13-16 year old dancers, beat out 27 other numbers to win Teen Overall Top Honors. Over 150 dances were performed in the entire competition! The dancers presented three numbers. A Jazz Trio to "Baby I'm a Star", performed by Dixie Williams of Lockney and Haley Wheeler and Kennadee Buchanan of Turkey won the OVERALL Teen Division. The trio received a Gold rating, the highest award, and were invited back to perform during the Miss Dance Competition that evening as entertainment.

The four person group of Dixie Williams and Ignacio Ascensio of Lockney and Kennadee Buchanan and Haley Wheeler of

Turkey received a High Silver Rating for a jazz number to "Disco Inferno" and another Gold Rating for a tap number to "Candy Man".

The Gold rated dances are invited to compete in the National Dance Masters Convention in July that will be held in Orlando, Florida.

Miss Sherry's Dance team consist of Kennadee Buchanan of Turkey---Daughter of Bryan and Shadi Buchanan, Haley Wheeler of Turkey---Daughter of Brian and Mona Wheeler, Dixie Williams of Lockney---Daughter of Matt and Jean Anne Williams and Ignacio Ascensio of Lockney, son of Erma Luna.

The groups next competition will be in March in Albuquerque, NM for a Showstoppers Regional competition where they will compete for a spot in the national competition in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

## USDA cotton loan information

(Floydada, Texas), November 17, 2010 – Stephanie Bradley, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Floyd County announced today that Texas is a storage deficit area for the 2010 cotton crop marketing year.

The CCC acknowledges areas as storage deficit if cotton production is more than the approved inside storage capacity of the warehouse that entered into a Cotton Storage Agreement with the CCC.

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## USDA ACRE program issuing payments

(Floydada, Texas), November 17, 2010 – Stephanie Bradley, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Floyd County today announced that USDA has started issuing an estimated \$420 million in 2009 crop Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) payments to producers enrolled in the ACRE program for wheat, corn, barley, dry peas, grain sorghum, lentils, oats, peanuts, soybeans, and upland cotton.

Congress established ACRE as part of the 2008 Farm Bill to protect producers from farm market revenue declines. A list of state payment rates for the 2009 crops of barley, corn, dry peas, lentils, oats, peanuts, grain sorghum, soybeans, upland cotton and wheat is available at <http://go.usa.gov/CCS>.

"These payments are an important part of the farm safety net because they help protect the farmers who provide America and the world with a reliable source of food

and commodities by buffering them from the effects of revenue declines," Bradley said.

In order for producers to receive ACRE payments, revenue triggers for a commodity must be met on both a state and farm basis. The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Farm Bill) requires 2009 ACRE payments to be made following the end of the marketing year, but no earlier than Oct. 1, 2010. Of the \$420 million in payments, about 70 percent are expected to be issued to wheat producers and 23 percent to corn producers. Nearly 80 percent of the payments are expected to be issued to producers in Oklahoma, Washington, Illinois, South Dakota, Idaho and North Dakota.

According to Bradley, as of Nov. 17, Texas FSA has processed more than 99 percent of ACRE payments totaling \$4.6 million. Producers enrolled in ACRE can expect to receive a payment soon.

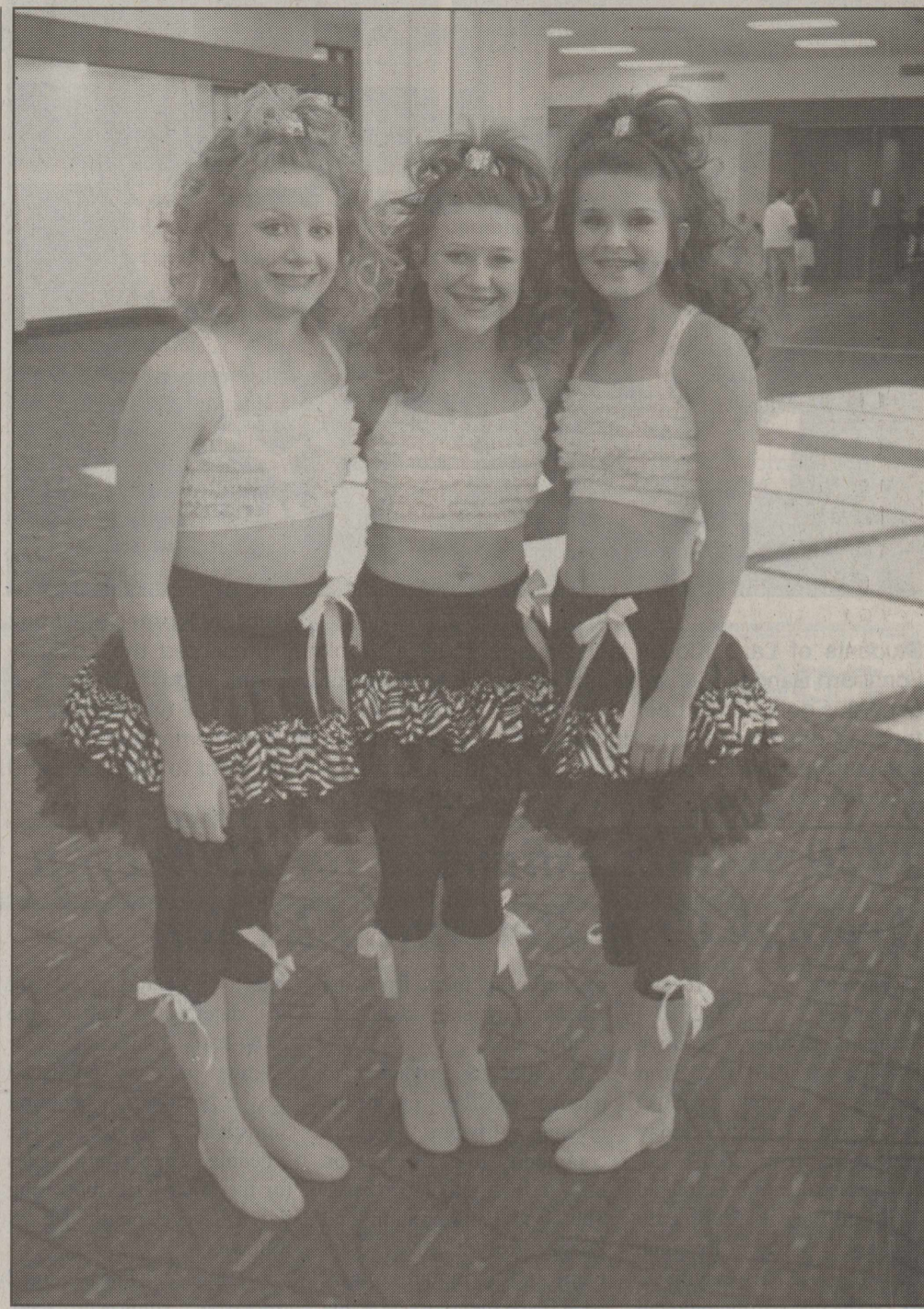
State payment rates for other commodities will be determined after the 2009-2010 marketing year average price is published by the National Agricultural Statistical Service. The scheduled publishing dates for the 2009-2010 marketing year average prices are as follows:

Large chickpeas, small chickpeas, sunflower seed, canola, flaxseed, mustard seed, rapeseed, safflower, crambe and sesame seed – Nov. 30, 2010.

Long grain rice and medium and short grain rice – Jan. 31, 2011.

For more information on the ACRE program visit your local FSA office or the website at [www.fsa.usda.gov/tx](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/tx).

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Courtesy Photo

Members of Miss Sherry's Dance team win top honors at the Dance Master's Competition in Lubbock, Texas. The team consists of Dixie Williams, Kennadee Buchanan, and Haley Wheeler.

## Cotton Market Weekly

Cotton futures on the Intercontinental Exchange closed lower six consecutive sessions in what some analysts called a market correction before reversing course on Nov. 18 and closing significantly higher as the December, March and May contracts were up the 500-point daily limit. A weaker dollar, strength among other commodities, and a strong export report were recognized for adding support to cotton prices.

The rebound suggested there was more at work in the cotton market than simple commodity fundamentals, according to one market analyst. Another analyst said, "If the dollar continues to give back some of its gains of the past two weeks, it would certainly suggest a renewed appetite for commodities."

Just ahead of the reversal, trading conditions were mostly quiet as it appeared Chinese cotton buyers had moved to the sidelines following the previous week's Sourcing USA Cotton Summit. It was widely believed considerable sales of U.S. cotton were made during the summit and that the volume would show up in nearby export reports.

In fact, another solid week of U.S. export sales were reported by the U.S. Department of Agriculture for the week ended Nov. 11. Net sales of U.S. cotton that week totaled 491,400 bales, according to USDA, up 14 percent from the previous

week and 12 percent from the prior four-week average. Purchases by China accounted for almost half of the total sales volume followed closely by Turkey, Peru, Vietnam and Indonesia rounded out the list of major buyers. Net sales of 43,800 bales for the 2011-12 marketing year were mainly for Turkey, Malaysia and Japan.

Export shipments for the most recent reporting period totaled 142,000 bales, down 2 percent from the previous week but up 29 percent from the prior four-week average. The primary destinations were China, Turkey and Mexico. Total U.S. export commitments now stand at 12.73 million bales or 81 percent of USDA's projection of 15.75 million bales.

Market observers continue to focus on demand from China, the world's largest consumer of cotton, which needs to import 20 million bales this year to meet demand from its domestic textile industry, according to one report that quoted a major world cotton merchant. China's cotton production is expected to fall short of domestic demand for the 12th consecutive year.

Meanwhile, sales volume in the spot cotton market continues to surge as producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas take advantage of current high prices. In the week ended Nov. 18, producers sold 42,566 bales online compared to 28,997 bales the previous week. Average

prices received by producers ranged from \$1.14 to \$1.31 per pound.

A late October rain and hail storm on the Texas High Plains apparently had little, if any, effect on cotton quality, according to the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service report for the week ended Nov. 11. There had been concerns about color grades, however, the report showed no significant decline in the number of bales in the top two color grades.

Warmer-than-normal temperatures returned to West Texas this past week following a few days of cooler weather. Along with mostly clear skies, producers were able to make excellent harvest progress in both the South and Rolling Plains regions. No rain was expected through the weekend. On the other hand, growers in California's San Joaquin Valley were racing to harvest fields before rain was expected to return by the weekend. Forecasters were calling for a 50 percent chance of rain in the southern part of the valley.

Scattered rains also were reported in much of the North Delta on Thursday following several days of significant precipitation in northern Mississippi, eastern Arkansas, and western Tennessee. However, harvest in those regions was virtually complete, and most ginning operations were winding down for the season.

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# OPINION



## The Paperboy

### Under The Siege of Toy Commercials

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

Made the mistake of watching some children's shows with my children the other day.

This time of year the vast majority of commercials during that programming are for toys. The percentage of toys wanted by my 5-year-old from those ads is staggering.

When I was a kid, I'd get my hands on the Sears catalogue and daydream of playing with those wonderful toys. Of course there were toy commercials as well, however, there was not 10 channels dedicated to children.

I sat watching the other night trying to explain why the moon sand would not be the ideal thing for inside playing so he he might want to ask for something else.

"Don't worry Dad, I'll just ask Santa for it," Sutton Hawk said.

Great. My response:

"Son, Santa is very busy trying to make sure kids around the planet are happy. If you ask for too much, some child in the Philippines might not get what he wants because of how much you're asking for."

Sutton gave this serious thought.

"Okay Dad, you can get it for me."

Guess my lesson on greed backfired on me.

Times change in a year.

This time last year my wife remained ill following a colon rupture, and I was her caregiver. Today her health has been restored. We're very thankful indeed.

Sometimes it's hard to be thankful or we may question what we have to be thankful for.

My advice is to keep it simple.

If you have a roof over your head, be thankful. If you have a job, be thankful. If you are getting the opportunity to give thanks with family and friends, be thankful.

There are no guarantees in life and frankly, no guaranty of happiness. Some people seem to have blessed lives while others appear to have it pretty rough.

It is hard sometimes not to question why, despite the fact we are told to accept that and move forward.

If you're down, I hope you can find a reason to be thankful. And if you have an abundance to be thankful for, I hope you will reach out to someone in need.

I remember when flying was fun. I looked more forward to the actual flight than the destination. That was decades ago.

Today, customers are treated like cattle. The hoops you

have to jump through just get yourself and your luggage on a plane are more of a hassle than ever.

If you've been paying attention to the news, you know that people are getting frustrated with the scanners and searches one has to incur in order to board a flight. It's getting pretty personal.

In order for airlines to be successful, they are going to have to be less intrusive. That means technology needs to be implemented which makes customers feel more like passengers and less like perpetrators.

We have the technology available, it's just a question of implementing it in a cost effective way. It could be made affordable, but there needs to be a consistent plan. The jury is still out on whether the Transportation Security Administration has the ability to get out of its own way and make flying less of a hassle.

Right now, the TSA is beginning to look like every other entity in the federal government: a bloated bureaucracy incapable of doing what it is designed to do.

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## Other Opinions

### ACORN Affiliate Listed as "Not in Good Standing" But Still "Active"

By KEVEIN MOONEY

Apparently there is at least one ACORN affiliate that has declined to drop the organization's tainted name. The ACORN Community Labor Organizing Center (ACLOC), which is registered in Louisiana and also maintains a strong presence in Texas, has served as a major conduit for political operations and could play a prominent role in the 2012 elections.

The affiliate was prominently mentioned in a House Oversight Committee report that probed into ACORN's financial transactions and political activities.

"According to a document provided by former ACORN employees, the ACORN Community Labor Organizing Center ("ACLOC") led important campaigns including the Texas for Obama Campaign," the report said. "According to the document, ACLOC raised 1.3

million dollars from political campaigns and delivered the funds directly to ACORN offices.

The document noted, "[d]oes the ACORN association board want Wade [Rathke] to be this intimately involved in coordinating campaigns this close to ACORN? ACORN readily acknowledged its partisan behavior."

ACLOS is categorized as an "active" organization on the Louisiana Secretary of State's web site, but it is also listed as being "Not in Good Standing for Failure to File Annual Report."

Jacques Berry, the press secretary for Louisiana Secretary of State Jay Dardenne, said in an interview that ACLOS and other ACORN affiliates that have declined to submit their report could potentially lose their legal status.

"We are not an enforcement agency," he explained. "We just change their designation

of an organization if they miss their annual report anniversary and if they miss it three years in a row then we revoke their legal ability to do business in Louisiana. The annual report is not a financial document. It just includes basic information like name, address and if there's any changes to any changes to pertinent information such as the makeup officers. Even if no changes are made, they need to file every year. We don't get into financials at all, that's for the state department of revenue."

ACLOC was founded in 2005 for purpose of building and fostering partnerships between community activists and organized labor, according to the group's now defunct web site. In Canada, ACLOC provided "basic training" for recruits with Service Employee International Union (SEIU) who then moved into "Organizer Apprentice" positions. ACLOC has also partnered with the SEIU in

Houston and Boston.

The ACORN labor group has also allied with the United Federation of Teachers (UFT) to provide "community support" for daycare providers. It also joined with the United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) "to put pressure" on a grocery store chain in Arizona to allow for unionization.

All told, organized labor has contributed over \$10 million to ACORN since 2005, with the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) contributing about \$8.7 million of this sum, according to Labor Department records.

Other ACORN affiliates that are listed as being "Not in Good Standing" for their failure to file annual report include: ACORN International, ACORN Fair Housing and ACORN Television in Action for Communities and the ACORN Fund.

## Krugman's Conspiracy Theory

By ROBERT ROMANO

The world is plotting against Paul Krugman's economic central planning scheme. At least, that's what we're supposed to believe, based on his recent contribution to the national political dialogue, "Axis of Depression."

In this piece, Krugman has a theory about recent Republican criticism of the Federal Reserve's planned purchase of \$600 billion of U.S. treasuries: Republicans know Fed Chair Ben Bernanke's policies will work to improve the economy, and so they oppose them because if they are not implemented they will win elections.

Krugman quotes Stan Collender, who says, "with Republican policy makers seeing economic hardship as the path to election glory... [they will be] opposed to any actions taken by the Federal Reserve that would make the economy better."

Krugman writes, "Republicans want the economy to stay weak as long as there's a Democrat in the White House", adding, "In short, their real fear is not that Fed actions will be harmful, it is that they might succeed."

Although Krugman acknowledges that "some of Mr. Bernanke's critics are motivated by sincere intellectual conviction," they only operate on the periphery in his fantasyland. The real motive is "self-interest" in the case of Republicans, who want a weak economy to bolster electoral returns. And also in the cases of Germany and China, both Fed critics who, Krugman maintains, want to keep running trade surpluses.

There's a few problems with this line of analysis. Namely, all of Krugman's boogymen have perfectly valid reasons to oppose the Fed's monetary expansions.

Take China. Because it keeps the yuan on a fixed exchange rate to the dollar, the Fed's dollar depreciation merely has the effect of simultaneously devaluing the yuan. If cheap currencies are the route to cheap exports, then the U.S. action might actually help boost Chinese exports. So, it's not the balance of trade that might motivate a Chinese protest of the Fed's money-printing.

Perhaps China is being sincere about its objections to the Fed's purchases of U.S. national debt. Its credit rating agency, Dagong, recently downgraded U.S. debt, writing that the \$600 billion of Fed treasuries purchases "entirely encroaches on the interests of the creditors, indicating the decline of the U.S. government's intention of debt repayment." So, they're actually worried about all the cash they have lent us being

repaid with monopoly money.

For Germany's part, its Finance Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble actually said, "With all due respect, U.S. policy is clueless... [The problem] is not a shortage of liquidity. It's not that the Americans haven't pumped enough liquidity into the market and now to say let's pump more into the market is not going to solve their problems." Okay, so they think more paper and ink simply won't work to create "a stronger pace of economic recovery," as the Fed claims.

Then there's the Republicans. In order for Krugman to be correct, conservatives would have to have a secret conspiracy to wreck the U.S. economy all to undermine Barack Obama, and land whoever the GOP nominee is in 2012 into the White House. The means? Stop the Federal Reserve from implementing its money-printing "stimulus".

Only, Republicans are in no position to stop the Fed or Bernanke from doing anything. Nor have they prevented the Fed from taking a single action since the central bank began blowing up the housing bubble in 1990's and 2000's. Back then, the king could do no wrong. Alan Greenspan was a monetary wizard, an alchemist who could sprinkle his magical fairy dollar dust into the economy, and poof! Prosperity would ensue.

At least, inflation ensued.

According to the True Money Supply index from the Ludwig Von Mises Institute, the money supply, which the Fed controls, rose from about \$1.787 trillion at the end of 1990 to about \$5.268 trillion by the end of 2007, representing a 195 percent increase. For comparative purposes, in that same period, gold rose from \$386.20 an ounce to \$695.39, a 80 percent increase, oil rose from \$23.19 a barrel to \$64.20, a 177 percent increase, and the national debt rose from \$3.23 trillion to \$9 trillion, a 178 percent increase.

As for mortgage debt, its growth dwarfed even that of the actual money supply. In 1990, outstanding mortgage debt held was \$3.805 trillion. Suffice to say, by the end of 2007, total mortgage holdings rose to \$14.568 trillion, a staggering 283 percent jump. Those jumps were all accommodated by the Fed's pump priming. Combined with weak lending practices, low down payments, lower-than-justified interest rates, and shoddy underwriting standards, the rapid government-induced expansion of mortgage markets was followed by an awful wreck.

In that sense, the Fed had an awful lot to do with the financial crisis. Afterward, its prescription was to print more

money to paper over the bad debts of others, like Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, whom they purchased some \$1.25 trillion of mortgage-backed securities from and \$150 billion of agency debt, all to prop up a housing market they helped to ruin.

Perhaps that's why Republicans and others are skeptical of the Fed's new actions to now paper over the national debt with \$600 billion of new treasuries purchases. It's not as if the Fed has had a stellar record prior to and after the financial crisis began. The central bank is not beyond reproach.

So, what to make of Krugman's conspiracy theory? Perhaps his motives are the ones that are "highly suspect". He partially reveals his motive when he writes, "the main concern reasonable people have about the Fed's plans — a concern that I share — is that they are likely to prove too weak, too ineffective."

Krugman is worried that the "stimulus" will not work because it actually is not big enough. Except that's what he's been saying all along. In 2009, he was claiming that Obama's \$787 billion "stimulus" was too small to fill a \$2.1 trillion hole. The fact is, the total money put into the economy is at over \$3 trillion from fiscal and monetary authorities since the crisis began: \$300 billion of treasuries purchases by the Fed in 2009, the \$787 billion fiscal "stimulus", \$1.25 trillion of Fed purchases of MBS plus another \$150 billion of GSE debt, and now \$600 billion more for treasuries.

So, even if the total spending and money printing is more than he ever prescribed, perhaps Krugman is worried that his Keynesian ideology is running the risk of being completely discredited. Maybe he wants to keep his esteemed position as an economic guru.

By Krugman's own admission, the "stimulus" has not worked yet. And so he is neatly constructing a narrative whereby the reason the government action fails is because his boogymen "bull[ied] the Federal Reserve into calling off its efforts to create jobs." Or, if the Fed goes ahead with its plans, and it still doesn't work, his excuse for failure will become because the bullies scared the central bankers into scaling back their efforts into mere half measures.

You can almost hear Krugman now at the end of a Scooby Doo episode saying, "And the 'stimulus' would have worked, too, if it wasn't for those meddling kids." Right, tell us another one.

## Manage Your Finances and Avoid Post-Holiday Regrets

The holidays are upon us, bringing all those personal and family images and sensations we cherish. But for many of us, there are a few not-so-joyous holiday sights (a purse overflowing with credit card receipts) and sounds (the cacking! of the cash registers marking our escalating debt). These negatives can easily outweigh all that we love about the holiday season, especially during this less-than-prosperous economic period.

"Overall, the recession has brought about a renewed dedication to saving," says Eric Tyson, author of *Personal Finance for Dummies*, 6th Edition. "Before the recession, our national personal savings rate was close to zero, and now it's around five percent. But it is very important that you not let your holiday spending zap all of the saving progress you made during the year."

"Whether it's a dedication to the gift-giving tradition, a sense of obligation, or a feeling that the holidays entitle us to have a little more fun than usual, too many of us seem to turn a blind eye to the budget-busting reality of all that spending over just a couple of months," says Tyson. "Don't let excessive holiday spending cause any unnecessary financial stress for you and your family."

What if you could have a wonderful, memorable holiday and avoid the financial hangover afterwards? Tyson provides great tips on how to keep your holiday spending in check.

Find an alternative to gift-giving during the holidays. Many people feel they have to give gifts during the holidays, either because it's a family tradition or because they know their friends and relatives have gotten gifts for them. There are plenty of great ways to trade in this tradition for another one that is even more meaningful, and chances are your family

and friends will be happy to save gift-buying dough as well.

"Instead of exchanging gifts, your family members might want to pool their money and spend it on a holiday outing," says Tyson. "If you have kids, you'll probably want to get them a little something, but set strict spending limits. Instead of piling up the toys, let each child choose an outing or event that he or she gets to spend with you one-on-one. Kids will look back on the valuable time you've spent together a lot more fondly than they will any toy or video game they use a couple of times and then toss aside."

If you must buy gifts, cut your expenses elsewhere as necessary. Perhaps you'd rather dine out or go to the movies less, or maybe you can forego that new pair of shoes you've been wanting for yourself in order to afford gifts for the grandparents. "It doesn't matter where you make cuts, just that you make them," says Tyson. "Keeping your other spending under control while you're out there doing your shopping can be a challenge, but just keep repeating to yourself the importance of not over-spending. That way when it comes time to actually pass out those presents you've purchased, you can do it without grimacing as you think about the damage they did to your bank account."

Set a budget and keep tabs on what you are spending. While you're doing your holiday shopping, your new best friends should be your checkbook register, credit card statements, and all of your receipts. It's easy to get into a spending rhythm when shopping for yourself or others, and that's why you need to physically write down every purchase you make and make sure you don't go over your budget. "When you start to add up everything, you're

spending, you may be shocked at what all those expenses from this store and that store add up to be," says Tyson. "And don't forget about all those 'necessary' holiday extras. Most people don't budget their shopping and don't realize that by the time you buy all the presents, plus wrapping paper, cards, decorations, etc., it's added up to a ridiculous amount. Having a budget that you know you must stick to will help keep your impulse spending from getting out of hand and will help you hone in on the most reasonably priced holiday items."

Plan what you are going to buy, and don't get any extras! Particularly during the holidays, companies pull out their most appealing packaging in hopes of snagging the eyes of shoppers. That's why along with your budget, you're going to want to take an exact list of what you want to buy for your gift recipients. Don't go shopping for someone's gift until you know exactly what you are going to buy.

"It's very easy to go in with no plan, see something you like, and get it simply because you have no idea what else to get for a hard-to-buy-for relative despite the gift's significant price tag," says Tyson. "Another temptation that the list will help you squelch is the desire to buy those little knickknacks here and there that you think will make nice small additions to the gifts you've purchased. Very rarely are things like this necessary, and if you've got your list in hand, it will be easier for you to pass them by without hesitation."

Use the season to set a good example for your kids. Your kids learn about money from you. And if they see you spending left and right during the holiday season, the lesson they come away with isn't going to be a good one. During the holidays, it's very

easy for the "gimmee gimmee" materialistic attitude to get out of control. After all, kids are bombarded with constant advertisements for toys, clothes, and the latest gadgets you can be guaranteed they'll want (or at least think they do!).

"There's plenty you can do to help kids appreciate the true meaning of the holidays," says Tyson. "Have them give some of their money to a local charity, participate in a program in which they buy and wrap gifts for underprivileged kids, or volunteer at a soup kitchen. It can be an eye-opening experience for kids to see that not everyone has enough money to have an enjoyable holiday."

Watch out for deals that seem too good to be true. Retailers run all sorts of specials to induce consumers to buy now, and the holidays offer these companies easy prey in the form of deal-seeking, cash-strapped consumers. For example, furniture stores frequently offer that if you buy now, you don't have to pay a thing for a year, and you might even get free delivery. This sort of "push" marketing can make it harder for you to say no.

"This is just one example of how stores coax in shoppers," says Tyson. "Always remember that free financing for, say, a year is not a huge cost to the dealer, but it is a cost, and if you forgo it, you should be able to negotiate a lower purchase price. Retailers find that buyers are less likely to negotiate the price if they are getting a short-term financing break. Read the fine print on any deal you are considering taking before you go to the store to make the purchase. It can be even harder to say no once you get to the store, so you'll want to know what you are in for before you get there."

Leave the plastic at home.

Many of us can explain away spending so much on gifts because we simply charge everything and reason that we can pay it off gradually after the holidays. This is a great way to create a never-ending cycle of consumer debt for yourself. It only creates unnecessary financial stress for you after the holidays.

"Use your budget to figure out how you can purchase the gifts you want to purchase without putting them on your credit card," says Tyson. "If you are so cash-strapped that you think it will be difficult to avoid charging gifts, then you may want to sit down with other friends and family and propose a limit on how much gifts can cost this year—or propose no adult gift exchanges at all. Far from being disappointed, it's likely they'll view this reprieve from gift-buying as a gift in its own right."

Invest in your kids' financial futures. It may not seem as exciting to your kids as a new iPod, but a contribution to their financial well-being will be appreciated long after such expensive "toys" are obsolete. "Have the grandparents contribute to a college tuition fund or savings account rather than buy them more stuff they don't need," suggests Tyson. "Or make one of your gifts to your kids a stock fund portfolio that can start accruing now. Also, make them aware of the budgets and tools you are using to keep your spending in check. The holidays are a great time for them to truly learn that money doesn't grow on trees."

Give the gift of time to your kids. Often, parents buy gifts for their kids with the best of intentions. Either you don't want to deprive them of the toys and gadgets all of their friends have, or you want to give them the things you didn't have as a kid.

"Both of these tendencies

are perfectly understandable, but I've found that parents who buy too much for their kids often have difficulty changing the habit," says Tyson. "The holiday season offers great opportunities for you to show your kids how much you love and care for them. For example, you can make time with them each week to watch a holiday film or TV show, go on a walk to see your neighbors' holiday lights and decorations, or emphasize that giving back message again and take them caroling at a local retirement home. All of these activities cost next to nothing, and they will be fun for the kids and for you!"

Remember that meaningful gifts don't necessarily have a big price tag. "Sure, it might be nice to give your mom a brand new TV, but there are other things out there that will be even more meaningful and enjoyable for her—like a photo album with candid shots of the grandkids or something they've made for her themselves," says Tyson. "If you are looking to give a gift that truly means something and that will keep its value for years to come, you are better off looking for nonmaterial gifts to give than for something your gift recipients could get themselves at the local big box store."

"Money can easily become the focus of the holidays when it should be the last thing you are thinking about," says Tyson. "By keeping your spending under control, you can have a great holiday and avoid the sick feeling in the pit of your stomach that occurs when you start getting those credit card bills in the mail. If you prepare properly, you can achieve a happy balance of spending and saving during the holiday season. That's a great gift in and of itself, for both you and the people you love."

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but if the boys will come to see me I will show the goods, and we will eat some, too.

As I have said, the cow man is giving way to the farmer. Where just a few years back the buffalo and cattle roamed at will, there are now nice farm homes, and the biggest, fattest boys and girls that you ever saw. Our society is of the best. Most all of the Christian denominations are represented here, and the country is dotted all over with good school buildings. Our schools run from seven to nine months.

There are two towns in Floyd county. Floydada is the county site, though Lockney is the largest town. We have a new courthouse just completed, that cost us \$80,000. There is one railway running through the county, the town of Lockney is erecting good brick buildings. It has a public free school building that

cost \$15,000, and a Christian college that cost \$15,000. Floydada has a public free school building that cost \$20,000, and a Presbyterian college, so you see we are trying to educate our children. Taking everything into consideration, I think we have as good, if not the best part of Texas, and I know we have by far the most fertile part of the state. I could go on and on and write you a great deal more, my but letter is growing long.

Many Friends Back East

And now, Mr. Editor, if you think the letter, or any part of it, worth publishing, and it will not take to much of your space, you may publish it, as I flatter myself to believe that I have friends and relatives there who would be glad to hear from me. At any rate, there are many that I want to know that they still have a warm place in my heart. While I

have drifted to the far West, I still love that old country and its people, and if it is ever so that I can, I am coming back there to visit the people and to take one more look at the scenery of my childhood. Thanking you in advance for the room that this long letter may take, I beg to remain, as ever,

Your friend,  
R. L. Ormon.

(Editor's Note—From the above letter, we infer that Mr. Ormon has not learned of the death of the G. P. Harrison who, for many years, published the Ashland Register, and who is the present editor's father. On June 17, 1909, he died after the manner of men, but somewhere in God's great universe he is today and somewhere, some time, we are confident he will clasp the hand of his old friend, Lee Ormon and rejoice that they have met again.)

With skinny, wire-like stems, and dark pink flowers, they are popular with the honeybee and anyone who likes a sweet fruit with an acidic kick.

In the US and Canada, cranberries are a major commercial crop. They can be made into cranberry juice (hence the images of the Ocean Spray commercials), cranberry sauce, cranberry jelly, or dried into candy-like treats, although many people enjoy them fresh. Cranberries have been increasingly recognized as a super fruit, along with the Acai berry and blueberry, among others, because of their antioxidant and nutrient content.

Vaccinium oxycoccos (Northern Cranberry) is a species of cranberry found in Europe, northern Asia, and North America. These cranberries are small, pale pink, and have a tangy flavor. The Vaccinium microcarpum (Small Cranberry) is a species of cranberry found in Northern Europe and Northern Asia. Vaccinium macrocarpon (Large Cranberry) is a species of cranberry found in northeastern North America, and is one of the most popular varieties due to its closeness to an apple taste. Cranberries are close cousins to huckleberries, bilberries, and blueberries.

Cranberries got their name by early European settlers. These pioneers believed that the flower, stem, calyx, and petals of the cranberry plant looked very much like

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the neck, head, and bill of a crane, so naming the fruit the "cranberry." In Northeastern Canada, cranberries are often called "moss berries," yet the traditional English name for the tangy fruit is "fen berry," due to the berries growth in the "fen," or marshes. Native Americans first consumed cranberries, or as they dubbed them, Sassamanash, as food, medicine, and colorant. They may have given them to starving European settlers, who then incorporated them into their Thanksgiving feasts. It wasn't until the 1820s that cranberries were exported to Europe, where they became popular in the Nordic countries, Russia, and Scotland.

How are cranberries grown? Well, Ocean Spray commercials pretty much have it right. The men in those goofy rubber overalls, surrounded by a veritable sea of berries are quite representative of what one might see in a cranberry bog. In the US, cranberries are cultivated in Maine, Wisconsin, Massachusetts, Washington, Michigan, Oregon, Minnesota, and New Jersey; Wisconsin leads production with over 50% of the market share, followed by Wisconsin with 28%. Traditionally, cranberries were grown in wetlands, yet today they are constructed in beds in uplands with a shallow water table.

There is no topsoil, which is scraped off and replaced

with clean sand, brought in at four to eight inches, and then leveled off. The beds can be drained by socked tile or the perimeter ditch, dug around the bed. Cranberries are grown by moving established vines from one bed to a new one. The vines are pushed into the sand and then watered until roots form. They are showered with nitrogen fertilizer until they are a year old. They are harvested in the fall, when the berries are finally deep red.

Cranberries have numerous health benefits. They are full of vitamin C, fiber and manganese. Cranberries are rich sources of antioxidants, with benefits to the immune system, cardiovascular system, and aid in fighting off carcinogens. They can fight tooth decay and prevent kidney infections, including kidney stones, and consumption has been shown to reduce stress.

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TxDOT encourages motorists to be safe during holiday travel

AUSTIN — Heading to Grandma's house this Thanksgiving? The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) says enjoy the holiday, but follow some simple travel tips to make sure you arrive safely.

"The roads will be crowded with holiday travelers, particularly the day before and the Sunday following Thanksgiving," said David Casteel, TxDOT assistant executive director for field and district operations. "Be cautious and plan ahead. We want each and every citizen to arrive his or her destination safely."

Here are some tips to consider before heading out:

- Be patient, allow enough time to reach your destination, and obey all traffic laws.
• Roads will be crowded, and this could lead to some aggressive driving on the

part of other motorists. Be courteous in these situations and avoid bad driving actions that may make the situation worse i.e., road rage.

• Monitor the weather. If it's going to be bad, particularly ice or snow events, consider staying home. Or rearrange your travel plans to avoid bad weather situations.

• In 2009, there were 1,048 serious injuries and 39 deaths from traffic crashes that occurred during the Thanksgiving holiday reporting period.

For more winter weather driving tips, go to [http://www.txdot.gov/safety/tips/winter\\_driving.htm](http://www.txdot.gov/safety/tips/winter_driving.htm). For information on Texas road conditions, call the Texas Travel Information Center at 800.452.9292 or visit TxDOT's website at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov).

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up; Wooden fence towel holders - \$10 & up; Bird baths - \$5; Patio clocks - \$10; Boot shelves - \$8; Assorted lamps - \$12; Candle holders - \$12; Assorted rugs - \$5; Big crosses - \$5 to \$20; Small crosses - \$2 & up; Santas - \$6; Santa wreaths - \$5 & up; Star lights - \$10; Santa candle holders - \$5. Too many items to list them all...come by and look. 12-24c

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## High tech genetic sequencing enables screening for hereditary hearing loss

HOUSTON — Using a combination of special techniques to capture specific DNA sequences and high-throughput technology to sequence them, scientists from the Baylor College of Medicine Human Genome Sequencing Center (www.hgsc.bcm.tmc.edu/) and the University of Iowa (www.uiowa.edu/) developed a test to simultaneously screen more than 50 genes known to cause hearing loss and deafness — a time- and cost-saving analysis that will provide important answers to parents and deaf children in the future.

"This use of massively parallel sequencing demonstrates the value of this kind of technology in identifying and diagnosing the source of disease," said Dr. Richard Gibbs (www.hgsc.bcm.tmc.edu/content-home-HGSC\_director-x.hgsc), director of the Human Genome Sequencing Center, where the sequencing took place.

"The really exciting aspect of this news is the fact that we're now bringing the technology that the Genome Center has worked so hard to develop directly to the clinic and to the direct benefit of patients," said Dr. Steve Scherer, associate professor

in the BCM Human Genome Sequencing Center and an author of the report that appears online today in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (www.pnas.org).

The technology, which Iowa researchers dubbed OtoSCOPE (otologic sequence capture of pathogenic exons), may soon become a test offered through the Molecular Otolaryngology and Renal Research Laboratory at the University of Iowa.

In the past, researchers looked for the genetic causes of hearing loss one gene at a time. It was a slow and expensive process, said Eliot Shearer, a University of Iowa M.D./Ph.D. student and another co-author. Knowing which gene mutation causes the hearing loss can give families information on how severe the deafness will be and the chance of having another child with the disorder. It can also help doctors find the best treatment — such as hearing aids or cochlear implants.

In some cases, deafness is part of a syndrome that can include other problems. Usher Syndrome, for example, is the most common cause of deaf-blindness in the United States. While children lose hearing early, blindness

develops at around age 10.

Early intervention can help slow vision loss, said Dr. Michael Hildebrand, a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Iowa and a co-author of the report.

In the study, researchers tested 10 patients. In three, the gene mutation was already known. One sample was known to have no deafness mutations. The remaining six had unknown gene mutations. The genetic screen was able to identify the gene mutation in five of the six unknowns.

Others who took part in this work include Donna Muzny, Dr. Yi Han, Dr. Min Wang and Fiona Ongerli of the BCM Human Genome Sequencing Center as well as Adam P. DeLuca Kyle R. Taylor, Jose Gurrola II, Todd Scheetz and Richard J.H. Smith, at the University of Iowa.

Funding for the study came from the National Institutes of Health (www.nih.gov), the National Institute on Deafness and other Communication Disorders (www.nidcd.nih.gov), National Health and Medical Research Council in Australia (www.nhmrc.gov.au/), and the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation (www.ddcf.org/).

## For Sale — Texas Farmland Disappearing

With more than 142 million acres of private farms, ranches and forestlands, Texas has more land in agricultural production than any other state. However, Texas, the nation's second-largest agriculture producer, is losing more than 360 acres of farmland daily — land that is critical for the production of those items we've come to depend on, such as food and clothing.

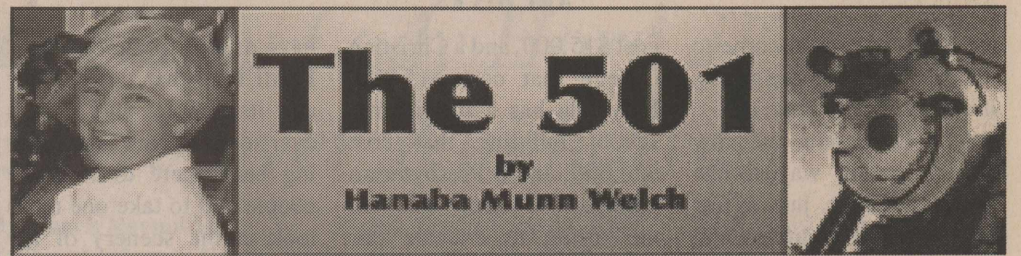
The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Resources Inventory survey shows every state losing farmland from 1982-2007. But in no state is farmland disappearing as fast as it

is in Texas. A recent study shows more than 2.1 million acres of farms, ranches and forestlands in Texas were converted for other uses, such as housing, businesses and highways, from 1997 to 2007. This represents a total net loss of more than 1.52 million acres of agricultural land in the Lone Star State.

The situation hasn't yet reached the crisis point, but that may very well change in the future, as the state's population is expected to almost double to 46 million by 2060. Fewer acres in agricultural production combined with population growth means it's only a

matter of time before Texas becomes at risk of losing its standing as a leading food and fiber producer, and becoming dependent on foreign imports.

Texas agriculture producers can look to local, state and federal agencies, and private organizations for assistance in the form of conservation planning, mentoring programs, workshops and specialists. With the right tools and preparation, Texas agriculture producers will lead the way by preserving their operations and ensuring Texas continues to produce the food on our tables and clothes on our backs.



It was my first mugging.

No, I didn't rob anybody. The sorry little guy got my money. Let's call him James. He said that was his name.

For what it's worth, here's my story. May it never be your story.

I was alone, about to head from my car to my motel room with a bagged laptop, an extra laptop bag, toiletries in a shoebox, 25 sheets of paper in a sack, a small box of art items, jeans, a jacket, a Bible (my preference over the motel Gideon), two cell phones, a GPS device and a sizeable camera.

At that encumbered moment James approached me from the direction of the motel. He asked for change for \$20. I found \$16 in my pocket. He took it — not forcibly, but neither did I hand it over. He didn't reciprocate with a \$20 bill, not that I wanted to cheat him out of \$4. I just wanted to get rid of him. He'd said at first that close would be good enough. He just needed change.

Yeah, right. Having worked in a mental hospital and also having spent some time in the presence of the intoxicated, I drew on past experiences to try to persuade erratic, evasive James to accompany me to the office to complete our transaction, such as it was. Did I mention he wanted a ride to Whattaburger?

I wonder if he would have picked on me if he'd known I once clobbered a gypsy pickpocket and chased down a purse-snatcher? Maybe.

When we neared the office, the clerk heard

our voices and came out to join the fray. She accused James of panhandling. He didn't take to the scolding. I thought she knew him. She didn't.

Ah, the beleaguered James. He talked even more nonsense, got in her face, kept the money and walked off. We called the police.

An officer came, heard our story and promptly apprehended a suspicious-looking pedestrian nearby.

In the darkness, I viewed him in a one-man curbside lineup. I asked him to smile. He did so brilliantly. It wasn't James. Different teeth. I notice teeth.

Moreover he didn't have any money. That made two of us.

Nor was he as impertinent as James, maybe because of the police presence, or maybe he was on a different drug.

After the police left, I drove to Whattaburger to talk to the night crew. We pooled our information. They told me about a guy who hangs out at a cheap nearby non-franchise motel and routinely cons people out of money with a broken-down vehicle sob story. To protect the guilty, I won't share his name, but it's not James. It's from the New Testament, starts with a "C" and has four syllables.

I made one pass through the parking lot of the motel they'd named. Sure enough, there in a dark doorway stood a guy who looked much like my little mugger. I told the police.

What'll you bet I get my \$16 back? Yeah, right.

## Teaching Cattle Producers About the Retail Side of Their Industry

By Todd Staples

It's no secret Texas is the No.1 producer of beef in the nation, in part because our cattle ranchers offer a variety of products to meet the tastes and nutritional needs of consumers. Through Beef 706 — a hands-on, quality assurance program funded by the Beef Checkoff Program and sponsored by the AgriLife Extension Service and the Texas Beef Council — many ranchers are learning they actually can have a significant impact on the retail side of their industry.

Beef producers rarely see the process that takes their animals from the pasture to retail. The free, two-day Beef 706 training course at Texas A&M University in College Station allows producers to follow their animals through the marketplace after they sell them, learning how meat is graded, priced and sold before being distributed to grocery retail outlets. Program directors say the ability to evaluate this process is key to understanding how herd management affects the expectations and buying

criteria of consumers. If producers understand that how they raise their animals determines how high the quality of beef will be for the consumer, that knowledge will ultimately improve their product. Learning differences in beef quality grades, such as Prime, Choice and Select, can also help producers better understand consumer preferences.

For more information about the program, visit [texasbeefinfo/706](http://texasbeefinfo/706), or call the Texas Beef Council at (800) 846-4113.

## Pecans — In High Demand at Home and Overseas

The pecans Texans use to make pies and other treats during the holiday season are currently in abundant supply, but with an increasing export demand, pecan growers will soon be challenged to meet consumer demand domestically and internationally.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture expects Texas pecan production to total 70 million pounds in 2010, up 10 million pounds from 2009. Last year, according to USDA, approximately 75 million

pounds of pecans from the U.S. were shipped to China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan and Vietnam — more than the entire Texas pecan production and about 26 percent of the U.S. total production. China, the world's most populous country with just over 1.3 billion people,

has major festivals during which many pecans are consumed. That, along with increased purchases from China's emerging middle class, is driving up demand. Pecan production is normally cyclical, where a

good production year like 2009 is normally followed by a lower production year. However, Texas pecan growers bucked that trend this year thanks to good rains and cooler temperatures that boosted production.

Even with alternating high-yield production seasons and unpredictable weather, a growing demand for pecans will keep Texas and U.S. growers at the forefront of supplying this key ingredient for cultural celebrations here and abroad.

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## Lady Winds beat Olton and Brownfield, record goes to 3-0 with strong Winds

By Coach Styles

The Floydada Lady Winds notched their second win of the year with a 48-42 win at Olton.

The fourth quarter proved to be the difference as the Lady Mustangs held a 35-33 edge after three quarters. The Lady Winds outscored Olton 15-7 to claim the victory.

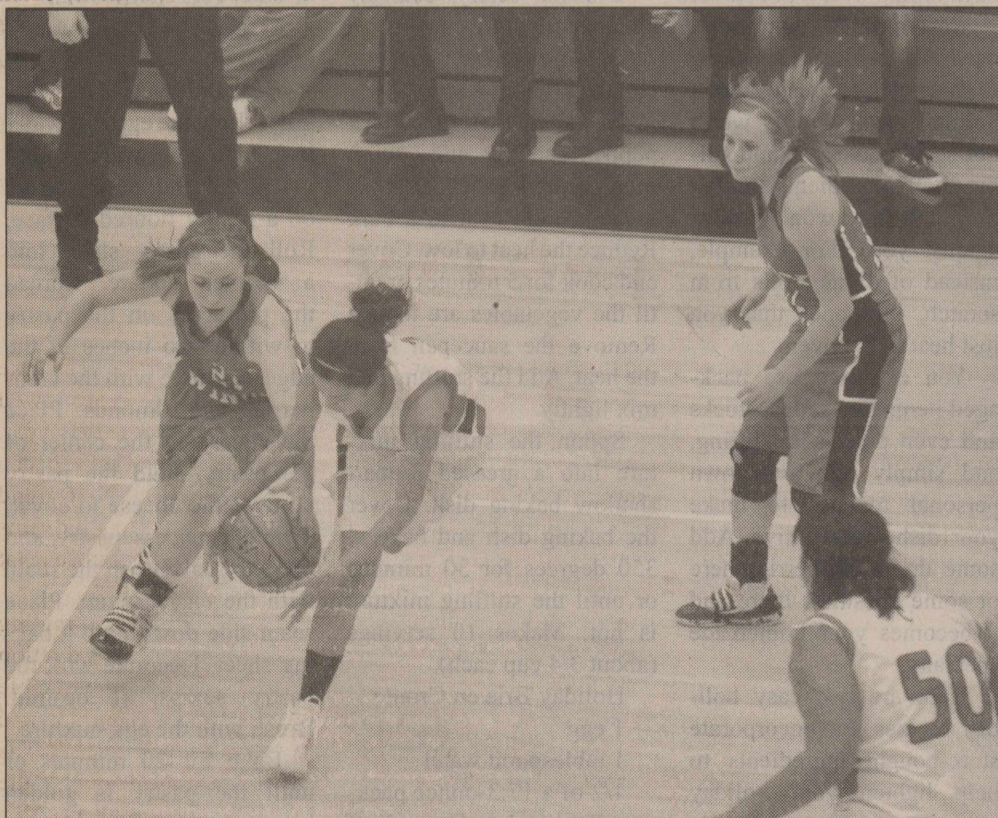
Leading the way for the Lady Winds was Avery

Miller's 18 points, which included 4 three's. Whitley Beedy chipped in 15 points and 5 rebounds. Breann Gooch had 5 rebounds, 5 assists and 7 deflections.

The Floydada Lady Winds ran their record to 3-0 with a 47-31 win over Brownfield. A strong second half showing against the Lady Cubs in Brownfield proved the difference.

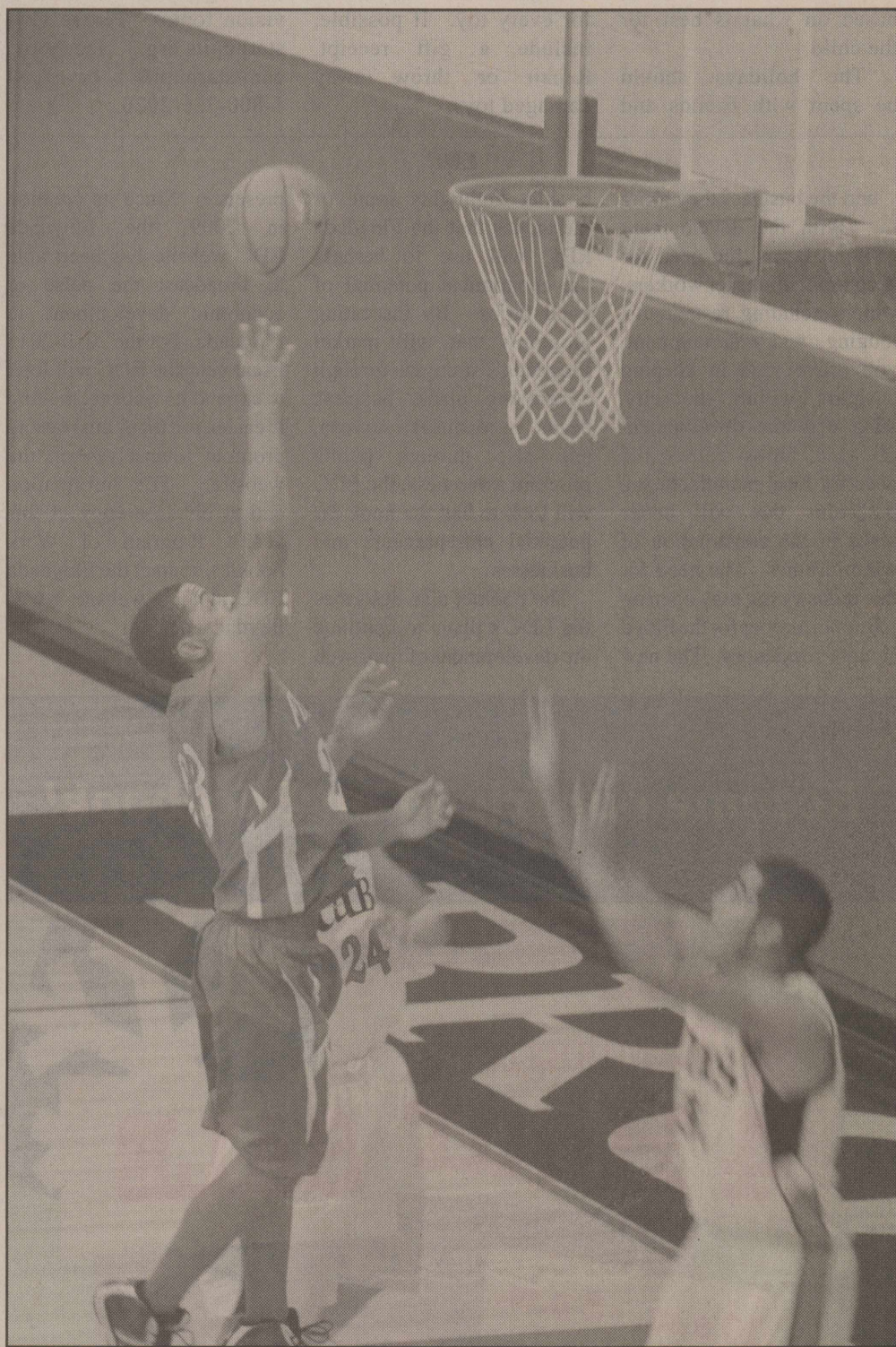
The Lady Winds outscored Brownfield 32-14 to pick up their third win without a loss. Leading the way for the Lady Winds was Whitley Beedy 21 points and 12 rebounds. Avery Miller chipped in 10 points and pulled down 11 boards. Sarah Sander had 7 rebounds and 4 steals.

The Lady Winds will play Slaton in their next game.



Courtesy Photo

Lady Wind Sarah Jo Miller (21) swipes another one during last Friday's 47-31 victory over the Brownfield Lady Cubs. Along with the help of Breann Gooch (11) and the rest of the Floydada's Girls defense, the Lady Winds were able out score the Cubs 32-14 in the second half. With a win earlier in the week, the Lady Winds improve to 3-0 for the season. Next week, the Whirlwinds finally return home as the host Hart on Nov.30.



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Floydada's Jordan Woody (23) made it look easy as he grabbed huge air during last week's game in Brownfield. Unfortunately, it wasn't enough to beat the Cubs as the Whirlwinds would fall 59-50. A 57-38 loss to Shallowater earlier in the week leaves the Whirlwinds still searching for their next win as they prepare to host Hart on Nov.30

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**Lunch-** Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, fruited geletin, Texas toast, frozen yogurt, milk

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**Breakfast-** Scrambled eggs, toast or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk  
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## Toy-related injuries rise per report

CHICAGO — Although the holidays are still a few weeks away, shopping season has already begun. With stores and online retailers already offering sales and discounts to consumers, it is important that children's safety be at the top of the shopping list.

In the most recent report from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), injuries related to toys actually increased from the previous year. In fact, there were close to 186,000 injuries that required emergency room treatment for those ages 15 and younger in 2009, compared with approximately 173,000 in 2008. And, 90,600 of those injuries were to those less than 5 years of age.

The majority of injuries were to the head and face area, including the eyes. Lacerations, abrasions and contusions made up most of these injuries.

Prevent Blindness America, the nation's oldest eye health and safety organization, has declared December as Safe Toys and Gifts Month. The group encourages everyone, whether they are buying gifts for their own family or friends or for charitable donations, to make conscientious decisions based on what is best for the child.

"The holidays should be spent with friends and

family, not in the emergency room," said Hugh R. Parry, president and CEO of Prevent Blindness America. "By taking a few, easy safety precautions, we can keep the festivities merry and bright!"

Prevent Blindness America suggests the following tips:

- Inspect all toys before purchasing. Monitor toys that your child has received as gifts to make sure they are appropriate for your child's age and developmental level.

- Gifts of sports equipment should always be accompanied by protective gear (such as a basketball along with eye goggles or a face guard with a new batting helmet for baseball or softball).

- Make recommendations to family members and friends about gifts that you feel are appropriate for your child. Be diligent about inspecting these gifts before allowing your child to play with them.

- Any toy that is labeled "supervision required" must always be used in the presence of an adult. Keep toys meant for older children away from younger ones.

Always save the warranties and directions for every toy. If possible, include a gift receipt. Repair or throw away damaged toys.

- Avoid toys that shoot or include parts that fly off.

- Inspect toys for sturdiness. Your child's toys should be durable, with no sharp edges or points. The toys should also withstand impact. Dispose of plastic wrapping material immediately on toys as they may have sharp edges.

- Don't give toys with small parts to young children. Young kids tend to put things in their mouths, increasing the risk of choking. If the part of a toy can fit in a toilet paper roll, the toy is not appropriate for children under the age of 3.

- The CPSC recommends that children younger than eight years old be kept away from deflated balloons. Discard broken balloons at once as these represent a serious choking hazard.

- For younger children, avoid play sets with small magnets and make sure batteries are secured within the toy. If magnets or batteries are ingested, serious injuries and/or death can occur.

Starpupils.org, the new children's vision health program from Prevent Blindness America, provides additional information on toy safety and general children's vision topics. Please visit [starpupils.org](http://starpupils.org), [facebook.com/starpupils](http://facebook.com/starpupils) or call 1-800-331-2020.

## Avoid home damage from frozen pipes

AUSTIN - With the approach of colder weather, Texas residents are reminded that a fast-moving cold front can cause temperatures to drop below freezing within hours. Outdoor pipes, pipes in unheated areas, and pipes that run along uninsulated exterior walls can burst if the water in them freezes and expands. This can shatter pipe seals or the pipes themselves, sending water pouring through your house. You can avoid thousands of dollars of damage to your walls, ceilings, carpets, and furniture by taking a few simple measures to protect your home.

**Before the Freeze**

- Protect faucets, outdoor pipes, and exposed pipes in unheated areas by wrapping them with rags, newspaper, trash bags, or plastic foam.

- Insulate your outdoor water meter box and be sure its lid is on tight.

- Cover any vents around your home's foundation.

- Drain and store water hoses indoors.

- Protect outdoor electrical pumps.

- Drain swimming pool circulation systems or keep the pump motor running. (Run the pump motor only in a short freeze. Running the motor for long periods could damage it.)

- Drain water sprinkler supply lines.

- Open the cabinets under sinks in your kitchen and bathrooms to allow heated indoor air to circulate around the water pipes.

- Set your thermostat at a minimum temperature of 55 degrees, especially

when you're gone for the day or away for an extended period.

- Let indoor faucets drip; it isn't necessary to run a stream of water.

- Make sure you know where your home's shut-off valve is and how to turn it on and off.

- If you leave town, consider turning off your water at the shut-off valve while faucets are running to drain your pipes. Make sure you turn the faucets off before you turn the shut-off valve back on.

- If you drain your pipes, contact your electric or gas utility company for instructions on protecting your water heater.

**If Your Pipes Freeze**

- If a pipe bursts and floods your home, turn the water off at the shut-off valve. Call a plumber for help if you can't find the broken pipe or if it's inaccessible. Don't turn the water back on until the pipe has been repaired.

- If the pipe hasn't burst, thaw it out with an electric heating pad, hair dryer, portable space heater, or towel soaked with hot water. Apply heat by slowly moving the heat source toward the coldest spot on the pipe. Never concentrate heat in one spot because cracking ice can shatter a pipe. Turn the faucet on and let it run until the pipe is thawed and water pressure returns to normal.

- Don't use a blowtorch or other open-flame device. They are fire risks and carbon monoxide exposure risks.

**If You Have a Loss**

- Contact your insurance agent or company promptly.

Follow up as soon as possible with a written claim to protect your rights under Texas' prompt-payment law.

- Review your coverage. Many homeowners and renters policies pay for property repair, and may also pay for debris removal and for additional living expenses if you have to move temporarily because of damage to your home. If you can't find your policy, ask your agent or company for a copy.

- Homeowners policies may require you to make temporary repairs to protect your property from further damage. Your policy covers the cost of these repairs. Keep all receipts and damaged property for the adjuster to inspect. If possible, take photos or videos of the damage before making repairs. Don't make permanent repairs. An insurance company may deny a claim if you make permanent repairs before an adjuster inspects the damage.

- Most homeowners policies do not cover loss caused by freezing pipes while your house is unoccupied unless you used reasonable care to maintain heat in the building; shut off the water supply; and drain water from plumbing, heating, and air conditioning systems.

**Questions?**

If you have questions about insurance, call TDI's Consumer Help Line toll-free: 1-800-252-3439 or visit the TDI website: [www.tdi.state.tx.us](http://www.tdi.state.tx.us). Assistance is available in both English and Spanish.

### EDC

and the business they bring in. With the development of wind farms, the need for accommodations for workers, which including restaurants, lodging, and entertainment, will prove vital in keeping business within the city. Also with the development of wind farms comes the need for local manufacturing industries that will better serve in the construction of wind turbines. The need for this industry may open up job opportunities for the Floyd County residences. The new

booklet highlights some of the tactics that the Floydada EDC will use to harness the economical potential of wind farms. By instituting programs that will market Floydada's strengths through advertising plans, business needs assessment surveys, and also through public program awareness, the EDC will look to bait the hook for potential entrepreneurs and businesses.

The booklet also describes the EDC's plans to continue the development of their web

presence. Since its creation in 2009, the Floydada EDC website has been able to broadcast the pulse of economic development in Floydada. For the 2010-2011 fiscal year the EDC will look to expand its website, making it easier for local business to promote themselves on the website. For information and to obtain a copy of this year's Program of Work booklet, contact the Floydada EDC at their website [www.floydadaedc.com](http://www.floydadaedc.com)

## Not all holiday dishes are difficult

Everybody loves to eat all those home cooked holiday dishes and treats, but most of us don't have time to spend days toiling over a hot stove.

Rest assured, you don't need to make everything from scratch to create a great holiday meal. Guests won't notice if you use some off-the-shelf ingredients (and if they did, they won't hold it against you). For example, instead of dinner rolls from scratch, buy ones that you just heat in the oven.

You can also use packaged items like soups, stocks and even pre-made stuffing, and simply add your own personal touches to make your dishes distinctive. Add some dried cranberries here or some chestnuts there and it becomes your homemade specialty.

Here are two easy holiday recipes that incorporate store-bought ingredients to help lighten your holiday load:

**Moist & Savory Stuffing**  
1 package (14 ounces) Pepperidge Farm Herb Seasoned Stuffing

2 1/2 cups Swanson Chicken Broth  
Generous dash ground black pepper  
2 stalks celery, coarsely chopped (about 1 cup)  
1 large onion, coarsely chopped (about 1 cup)

Heat the broth, black pepper, celery and onion in a 3-quart saucepan over medium-high heat to a boil. Reduce the heat to low. Cover and cook for 5 minutes or until the vegetables are tender. Remove the saucepan from the heat. Add the stuffing and mix lightly.

Spoon the stuffing mixture into a greased 3-quart shallow baking dish. Cover the baking dish and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until the stuffing mixture is hot. Makes 10 servings (about 3/4 cup each).

**Holiday Brie en Croute**  
1 egg  
1 tablespoon water  
1/2 of a 17.3-ounce package Pepperidge Farm Puff Pastry Sheets (1 sheet), thawed  
1/2 cup apricot preserves or seedless raspberry jam

1/3 cup dried cranberries  
1/4 cup toasted sliced almonds  
1 (13- to 16-ounce) Brie or other soft cheese round  
1 package (13 ounces) crackers

Heat the oven to 400 degrees. Beat the egg and water in a small bowl with a fork.

Unfold the pastry sheet on a lightly floured surface. Roll the pastry sheet into a 14-inch square. Spread the preserves on the pastry to within two inches of the edge. Sprinkle with the cranberries and almonds. Place the cheese in the center of the pastry. Fold the pastry up over the cheese to cover. Trim the excess pastry and press to seal. Brush the seam with the egg mixture. Place seam-side down onto a baking sheet. Decorate with the pastry scraps, if desired. Brush with the egg mixture.

Bake for 20 minutes or until the pastry is golden brown. Let stand for 45 minutes. Serves 12.

For more ideas for easy holiday dishes, visit [PepperidgeFarm.com](http://PepperidgeFarm.com).

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