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Floyd County Livestock Show Begins Thursday

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – Schedule changes and to avoid conflicts with basketball games, the annual Floyd County Junior Livestock Show kicks off on Thursday, Jan. 7 with the Lamb and Goat Show at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center.

The barn will open at 12:00 P.M. with weigh-in for the lambs and goats starting at 1:00 P.M. Weigh-in ends at 4:30 P.M. The lamb and goat show will begin at 6:00 P.M. Lamb and Goat Superintendent is Mike Lass.

On Friday, Jan. 8, the barn opens at 9:00 A.M. with weigh-in beginning for cattle and swine at 1:00 P.M. and ending at 6:00 P.M. Todd Beedy is the Beef Superintendent and Danny Nutt is the Swine Superintendent.

On Saturday, Jan. 9, the



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Stock show participants of all ages will participate in the annual Floyd County Junior Livestock Show Jan. 7-9. The Gilt and Barrow show will begin on Saturday, Jan. 9 at 8:00 A.M. The Premium Sale will take place around 6:00 P.M. Saturday.

Gilt Show begins at 8:00 A.M. followed immediately by the Barrow Show. A lunch break will take place about 12:00 P.M. followed by the Heifer and Steer Show.

Set-up for the Premium Sale will begin about 4:00 P.M. The announcement of

scholarship winners and entertainment will take place during the set-up. A Buyers meal will be served around 5:00 P.M. followed by the Premium Sale at 6:00 P.M.

Following the Premium Sale, all animals will be loaded and removed from



Lambs and Goats will be apart of the annual Floyd County Junior Livestock Show. The Lambs and Goats show will begin on Thursday, Jan. 7 at 6:00 P.M. The Show will be at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center on Jan. 7-9.

the barn. Clean-up will be at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, Jan. 10 at 2:00 P.M.

Officers for the Junior Stock Show are Tanner Smith, President; Clint Bigham, Vice-President; Robin Nixon, Secretary; and Katie Cook, Treasurer. Bigham also

serves as the General Superintendent. Advisors include Vance Lemons, Floydada FFA; Shane Sherrill, Lockney FFA; and Cristen Brooks, Floyd County 4-H.

Floyd County 4-H will operate a concession stand each day.

Upcoming

Events are listed free of charge for nonprofit civic organizations, schools and community events. Please submit listings at least two weeks ahead of the date. Listings will run through the date of the event. Emailed submissions are preferred to fchb.editor@yahoo.com.

RISK MANAGEMENT MEETING TO BE HELD IN LUBBOCK

"Seeking Solutions: Managing Economic Risks" will be offered on Jan. 12 by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service - North Region at Cagle's Steaks & BBQ, 8732 4th St. in Lubbock. Two Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units - one general, one integrated pest management - will be offered. The program will begin at 8:30 a.m. with registration and conclude by 5 p.m. For topics and speakers see the full article on the farm page of this week's Hesperian-Beacon.

"KEEP TEXAS BEAUTIFUL" CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

Nelda Laney's "Keep Texas Beautiful" Christmas ornaments are now available at the Floyd County Historical Museum in Floydada. The cost of the ornament is \$20. This year's beautiful ornament design is the "Gulf Coast".

FLOYD COUNTY HISTORIAL MUSEUM

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BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Calvert Home Health holds their blood pressure clinic on every first and third Thursday of each month between 9 - 11 a.m. at the Community Room of the First National Bank of Floydada.

Correction

If you spot an error of fact, contact the FCHB office email: fchb.editor@yahoo.com

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String of Burglaries hit Floydada

By Jesse Finley
Floydada PD Public
Information Officer

Several burglaries occurred the week after Christmas and Police need your help trying to identify the suspects. An attempted burglary occurred sometime during the night of December 27 at Graham's Tire Shop. The suspects tried to pry open the doors to the shop but were unable to do so due to the deadbolts on the doors. The same night Graham's was almost broken into, the day care center on the 300 Block of West Missouri was burglarized. The power was deliberately turned off to the building and a window facing the alley was broken with a brick. The suspects got away with a TV, a VCR, and less than \$100.

Fast Stop was burglarized on December 28 at about 10:45 pm. Two suspects were captured on video breaking the front glass door and stealing several items. The first suspect is about 6 feet tall, has a slender frame, and was



Courtesy photo

A string of burglaries has occurred in Floydada. The suspects are believed to be driving a white, 2010 body style Chevrolet Impala with chrome wheels and dark, tinted windows. Anyone with information should contact the Floydada Police Department.

wearing a baseball cap and dark colored winter clothing. The second suspect was heavy set and was also wearing dark color winter clothing with pants that had a bright colored stripe going down the outside of each leg. The alarm to the store was not activated so the suspects were able to return several minutes later and steal several more items including cigarettes, several cases of

Budweiser beer, and the cash register drawer with an undisclosed amount of money inside. The suspects are believed to be driving a white, 2010 body style Chevrolet Impala with chrome wheels and dark, tinted windows.

A burglary of the TMC Head Start building at the 800 Block of North 2nd was reported on December 30. See **BURGLARIES**, Page 8

Donation



Courtesy photo

First National Bank of Floydada Chief Financial Officer Amanda Hinsley presented the Floyd County Day Care Executive Director Beverly Collins with a \$5,000 donation. Shown are (left to right) Sheryl Back, Beverly Collins, Amanda Hinsley, and Seth Stephens.

Floyd County Gins Wrapping Up Season

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYD COUNTY – Most area gins have completed their season but three gins still have cotton to gin.

So far this season, Floyd County gins have a combined bale count of 196,665 bales. Floydada Coop, McCoy and D&J all still have some ginning to complete before a final number can be calculated.

Across the county, Floydada Coop Gin reported 70,588 bales with about 450 modules to gin; McCoy was at 22,000 bales with 45 modules left; D&J Gin was at 26,555 bales with three producers still ginning; Blanco Gin reported 7,476 bales; Darty Gin reported 22,622 bales; Barwise Gin reported 20,306 bales; and Lockney Coop Gin reported 25,118 bales.

Production is down approximately 15 percent for the year according to Plains Cotton Growers, some of which is directly attributed to rainy weather around planting time. In May, the Texas Tech Me-

sonet weather site near Aiken reported over 15 inches for the month and the site near Floydada had over 10 inches.

According to most of the gins and Plains Cotton Cooperative Association, cotton prices are generally in the 62-64 cents per pound (cpp). At the close of the markets on Dec. 31, March cotton was at 63.28 cpp, May cotton was at 64.11 cpp and December 2016 cotton was at 64.72 cpp. Also, expectation for increased prices in 2016 is not very promising according to gin personnel.

A recent article in Southeast Farm Press (SFP) said farmers may again be looking at a similar structure on their cotton prices in 2016. Many farmers were supplemented with a loan deficiency payment as well as some premium payments. Weather affected some of the normal U.S. cotton acreage in 2015 but early speculation, according to the SFP, is there could be some increase in acreage and production in 2016, but again, weather will play a factor in many of those acres.

Ray Lee Equipment Provides Search and Rescue Help During Blizzard

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

Ray Lee Equipment, headquartered in Plainview, with locations in Floydada, Plainview, Olton, Dimmitt, Muleshoe, and Clovis, normally sells John Deere tractors and equipment at their farm implement stores. But last week during the worst snowstorm in the region in a generation, many of their employees were literally saving lives.

Ty Gonser of the Ray Lee

Clovis store, along with Pat Duffy and Joe Esyter starting preparing for the storm days before it hit. However, the storm was much bigger than expected. When Clovis' emergency response vehicle were having major trouble Ty, Pat and Joe starting helping.

Roger Dial, Lieutenant of Clovis Police department said, "When the town was stuck and stranded, we knew to call Ray Lee."

Opie Kelley, Clovis' store See **SEARCH**, Page 8

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Affluenza, Influenza and a BMW

The Affluenza Kid has been in the news lately. I'm talking about the boy whose propensity for drugs and irresponsible drinking keeps getting him into trouble. If you don't know his story, you're probably just waking up from a deep coma and need to catch up



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on all the news. Start with the Middle East. As for spoiled rich kids everywhere, it might do them good to spend time on a farm caring for livestock amid snow and ice and a power outage. But even if someone offered me the Affluenza Kid at no cost, I'm thinking he might be too much trouble to break in.

As for my husband, Hugh, I'm calling him the Influenza Kid. How did he manage to get sick just in time to miss the longest stretch of no electricity at this farm since 1940? Seriously.

OK. I'll admit he caught the illness from me. He's recovering at our house in the city – the one with electricity and running water, many miles distant from the powerless farm. He retains his critical position as chief adviser. I take orders but don't tell him everything. It works out.

My friend Terri has been helping some. Together we managed to get the recalcitrant generator running after we refreshed the fuel. We cheated a little, giving it a dose of starter fluid. Hugh was nevertheless impressed.

Even as I was basking in his words of praise, misfortune struck. I rear-ended a BMW. No, I wasn't reading Hugh's congratulatory text when it happened. Terri and I were stopped at a traffic light. I was fishing for something in the console. I let my foot off the brake just enough to hit the car in front of us.

If you're in a big diesel farm truck and you hit a sporty little BMW, you're in trouble. In retrospect I could have said, with Terri as my witness, that the BMW driver backed into us. But he didn't. My heart sank when I saw it was a Beamer, or whatever they call them. Is it Biemer? That would be the Germanic spelling if we Americans are pronouncing the vehicular nickname correctly.

Macht nichts, the driver I hit wasn't beaming. Rather, he was irate, especially at first. But of course.

The policemen were the bright spot – a handsome trio of courteous professionals. If they typify the Wichita Falls force, the city should be proud. They'd make three good months on a calendar.

Meanwhile, who drives a BMW except someone who appreciates a fine machine? Or a German playboy? Or maybe the Affluenza Kid?

I theorize the guy I ran into belongs in the first category. Maybe he grew up deprived of life's luxuries. He learned the value of a dollar. He managed to get an education all on his own. He experienced success in many realms. He wanted a BMW. He deserved one. He bought one. I scuffed it. Bummer.

That's a word I know exactly how to say. Definition? Just follow me around.

SPC announces new Customer Service Representative Certificate program

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LEVELLAND – South Plains College announces a new Customer Service Representative Certificate program. The new program will be offered at the Levelland Campus and Byron Martin Advanced Technology Center, 3201 Ave. Q in Lubbock.

Starting in spring 2016, this certificate, developed in cooperation with local business and industry, will help provide skills in customer service, communication, human relations, office, and computers. These skills meet the needs of employers in customer service related front desk/office positions in manufacturing, banking, hotel, telemarketing and many other service related businesses.

The Customer Service Representative Certificate program was created through a partnership with the Lubbock Economic Development Alliance and South Plains College. According to LEDA CEO John Osborne, "As our recent business survey showed, the Customer Service Representative Certificate will provide our workforce with the professional skills desired by our

local businesses. This certificate program will also be attractive to companies looking to expand to Lubbock, and we are proud to partner with South Plains College on this solution."

During an industry/educational meeting in September, area industry representatives identified skills within Customer Service Representative Certificate and confirmed certificate graduates will meet industry need of many entry-level business/office positions in Lubbock and the surrounding area, said Rob Blair, Dean of Technical Education at South Plains College.

Certificate consists of 24 credit hours of courses delivered at 12 credit hours per semester for a full-time student. Courses for the spring semester will include Business Computer Applications, Human Relations, Employee Relations and Customer Relationship Management. In the fall semester, the courses will include Word Processing, Professional Workshop Preparation, Business Math Using Technology and Business Correspondence and Communication.

Students must prove their keyboarding compe-

tency of being able to type 20 words a minute with five or fewer errors or be recommended to enroll in Beginning Keyboarding course. The testing will be conducted during the advisement session.

Interested students contact Pat Dennis, Professor and Program Coordinator of Office Technology, at (806) 716-4638 or Jeannie Coggins, Assistant Professor of Office Technology, at (806) 716-4917 located at the SPC Byron Martin ATC Center or Lauren Gregory, Assistant Professor of Office Technology/Accounting, at (806) 716-2249 located on Levelland campus.

The Paperboy Goodbye fat boy

After a holiday season that saw me pack on an additional 15 pounds, it's past time to get in shape.

Yesterday I tipped the scales at 272. At 6'4, I either need to drop 50 pounds or grow 5 inches and I'm pretty sure my days of growing vertically are past.

Diets are a funny thing. So are eating habits.

I have a problem overeating. Not only will I clean my plate, I'll clean your plate and then head down the street cleaning the neighbors'.

So Monday, after returning from a heavy-eating trip to OKC to see my sister and her family, the fight started.

I ate smaller portions and the boys, Sharon and I even went for a brisk walk after dinner. You know what? I survived! More importantly, I'm looking forward to keeping it up.

On my smartphone, I plugged all of this data in and it keeps a record of how much I walk, etc... I've had the phone a month and by looking at that particular App, the number of steps I need to take daily must improve by about THREE miles per day. That's a pretty drastic jump.

Back in the spring, my good doctor wanted me to have a full checkup, inside and out. Just before that, he told me I needed to drop 20 pounds.

Well, the checkup went great and I was so healthy, I guess I didn't think I needed to slim down. At least that was my justification to eating everything in sight. I'm changing that mindset.

As someone who sits behind a desk for four and five hours at a time, it's easy to pack on the weight – especially in the winter.

Funny, January 1, I saw Oprah on a new Weight Watchers campaign. I liked the ad and Oprah has always been up front about her wight issues. Anyhow, I like Weight Watchers too so Oprah and I are going to get it done.

Of course, Oprah has extra motivation. She owns 10 percent of the company so it's in her best interest to prove her product works.

By the way, despite the stock market going in the tank this week, Weight Watchers stock is up for the new year. No doubt that is due to Oprah's new ad.

So among my personal New Year's resolutions is this quest to lose weight and get into shape. And like Oprah, I'll keep you posted on my progress.

It just occurred to me since I'm writing about this, perhaps that will serve as extra motivation to get it done. Time will tell...

Weather Whys

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are there?

Q: How do cold fronts differ from others on a weather map?

A: The quick way for a meteorologist to convey a lot of information in a hurry is by using weather symbols, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "The symbols on a weather map can tell people quickly what is happening all over the country," he explains. "They can show rain, snow, thunderstorms, wind direction, all sorts of things. One quick way to distinguish fronts was to make them different colors. So many decades ago, cold fronts were colored blue and warm fronts were colored red."

Q: What other symbols

A: There are lines indicating fog, plus those showing precipitation, types of clouds, air pressure, air temperature and others, he adds. "On cold fronts, they are marked with triangles on top of the blue lines, while half circles are usually put on the red warm fronts," he notes. "White circles with lines coming out of them are wind markers, showing which way the wind is coming from. Large letters such as a capital L mean a low pressure center, while an H means a high pressure area. These symbols have become almost universal and now are used daily for those who forecast weather in the National Weather Service office."

Floydada Senior Citizens News

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Floydada Senior Citizen's Center is open to people of all ages. You do not need to be a senior citizen, nor a member to eat with us. However, if you are a member, your meal is \$5.00 instead of non-member price of \$6.00. To become a member, all you need to do is pay a \$25.00 yearly membership fee. We serve a delicious meal with salad bar at 12 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday.

We serve at 12 noon every weekday. Join us at 925 W. Crockett Street or we will de-

liver a meal anywhere in town. Call 983-2032.

Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235

MENU

January 11 – January 15

Monday – Sirloin patties with natural gravy

Tuesday – Nacho Supreme

Wednesday – Fried chicken w/cream gravy

Thursday – Chicken and dumplings

Friday – Chicken fried steak w/gravy

(Menus subject to change without notice)

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong

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Be sure and call the Center by 9:30 a.m. if you would like to eat. Our phone number is 652-2745.

Remember Exercise with Dorothy - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8:45 – 9:15 a.m.

Coffee time - Monday- Saturday - 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Thursday night pot luck- 6:00-9:00 p.m. Come bring a dish and enjoy the games after

supper.

Remember Family Night Fish Fry is every Friday night, 5-8 p.m. and the cost is \$12 a plate...all you can eat!!! Let us do the dishes.

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January 11 – January 15

Monday – Meatloaf

Tuesday – Baked potatoes

Wednesday - Salmon

Friday – Enchiladas

(Menus subject to change with notice)

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Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

EARL M. POAGE

I was the son of W. C. and Mary M. Glasco Poage. I was born in Hall County, July 26, 1910. We came to Floyd County January 19, 1925. We moved to the Irick Community, seven miles south-west of Lockney. We moved to Floyd County from Hall County which is seven miles southwest of Memphis. Dad moved the family household goods, the cows, chickens and farming tools in 3 Model T. Ford Trucks. We had to make 2 trips. The Doctor at Memphis had told Dad to move Mama to a higher climate for her health.

I was 14-1/2 years old at the time we moved. I and another man drove our horses and mules by horseback and stayed in the wagon yard at Turkey the first night. Then we stayed in the wagon yard at Lockney the second night.

We moved to the Porter Johnson farm and farmed it until 1933. We had 220 acres in cultivation. We raised cotton, wheat and maize by hand. We stacked it in ricks, then threshed it with threshing machine. We farmed the land with mules and horses until 1934 when we bought a Farmall Tractor, but we still used the mules and horses to do part of the farming.

We didn't have electricity then so we used coal oil lamps. I had 6 brothers and 1 sister. We raised nearly everything we had to eat. We would butcher hogs in the fall, then make sausage, cure hams and bacon, and render lard. We would also kill beef and hang it on the windmill tower on a rope and pul-

ley so we could let it down, cut off what we wanted for that meal, and pull it back up.

For entertainment we played Victrola and dominoes. Then on Saturday we would have a party at someone's house in the community. Sometimes during the summer we would have one of the Stamp's Quartet to come and hold a singing school. Everyone in the community would attend. Incidentally, nothing great ever came out of that.

We had Sunday school every Sunday in the school house and preaching every other Sunday.

October 26, 1935 1 married Lucille Hampton, youngest daughter of B. F. (Doc) Hampton and Callie Mac Feagan Hampton. Lucille was born February 3, 1914 in Floyd County. She had two brothers and three sisters.

We had four boys, Roger Duane, the eldest, Lary Don; Ray Mac; and Glyn Earl, the youngest. All are natives of Floyd County. Now we have six granddaughters and three grandsons.

I farmed in Floyd County until 1947. I trucked for 1 year. In 19481 went to work for M. S. (Tubby) Robertson in the Floydada Implement Co. In 1956 we moved to Olton, Texas and I went into the Massey-Harris Implement business, and stayed there 3 years. Then we moved to Abernathy and stayed there 5 years. Then we moved to Plainview. I have now retired and still live in Plainview, Texas.

Amigos to Offer Free Health Fair at Plainview Location

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon
United Supermarkets

LUBBOCK -- As part of the company's commitment to helping guests make healthy living a part of their everyday lives, Amigos will host its semi-annual health fair at four stores in the Lubbock and Amarillo areas—including its Plainview location—this Saturday, Jan. 9.

For the seventh consecutive year, all activities are open to the public and free of

charge.

Pharmacy representatives will be on hand to provide guests with blood pressure and glucose screenings and dietitians will be available for body mass index (BMI) calculations and healthy weight education.

The event will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Participating Amigos locations include:

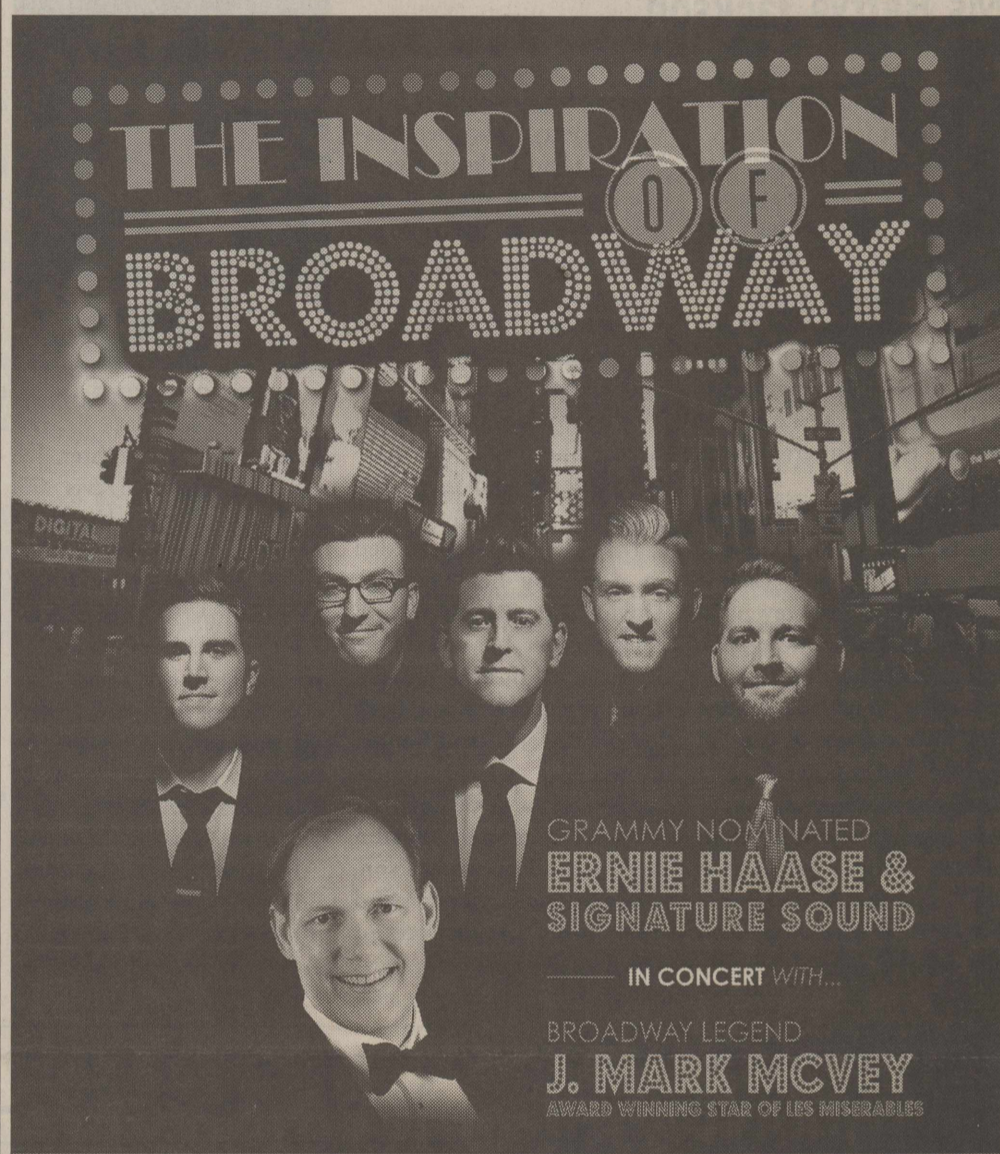
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That Dusty Old Thing

By AppleJack

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Over the years I have accumulated many an item, no different than other folks. Items range from the non-sensible to the artsy to the functional. Some have added to hobbies or collections and many items sit around, lining the shelves and cabinets and mantelpieces. I love sharing my items and telling stories of their originations, many times it is not the item itself that gives me pleasure, but rather the re-counting of the acquisition of the piece.

Take for example an old glass Ball canning jar I've got, complete with an assortment of rocks and pebbles. None worth a penny, all plain, but that jar has been packed and carefully moved over the last 22 years and always finds a place, either in the kitchen or the laundry room.

Old AppleJack can thank one of her sons for this particular item, and he himself has no idea that he is responsible for that Dusty Old Thing. Someday though, Old AppleJack is gonna wrap it up and ship it to him, with the story.

The progeny responsible for said collection wasn't but about 6 years old at the time, and was beginning a new school year at a new school. Angst ridden and nervous about new surroundings, he seemed to settle in quickly and with no issues, much to the relief of his momma. Every day, he would bound in af-

ter school and regal us with classroom stories and playground antics. Who tried to kiss who on the monkey bars, who had a new pencil box, who had the best lunch packed and what they traded for. Totally normal 6 year old boy activities.

About a week into the school year, doing laundry, I pulled a load out of the washer and heard, "clunk, clunk, and clunk" as a handful of rocks fell and hit the bottom of the tub. WHAT? Where the heck did those come from? As I fished them out, I dumped them unceremoniously in an old Ball canning jar, which was supposed to hold loose change from laundry, but was perpetually being robbed by the spouse for Dr. Peppers and so was conveniently empty at the time. More worried about any possible damage to my machine, I didn't think much of the origin of the rocks (believe me, I have seen MUCH stranger items in the laundry) and went on about my business.

As the days passed, more often than not, I would have at least one load of clothes that would produce a small handful of rocks. That jar was steady filling up with pebbles, and loose change was relegated to an old coffee cup. I suppose after the 5th or 6th time of finding rocks, I began to question household members. Was anybody aware of a foot ache? Perhaps they were walking around all day with rocks in their shoes and couldn't figure out why

their feet hurt? Was someone conducting a scientific experiment on my washing machine, to see what it could withstand?

Of course no one fessed up, at least not right away, but after dinner one evening a quiet and reserved 6 year old came into the bedroom. Said child stood at the foot of my bed and slowly emptied out his pockets. Both sides. And produced dirt, rocks and dust. This little human being proceeded to tell me that everyday his most favorite time at school was when they got to go to the playground area. He had such a time and so much fun, he didn't want it to end, so he would pocket a handful of rocks as they were being called to line up and go in. He said during the day, he would handle those rocks in his pocket and think about how sad it was that I was stuck at home, doing nothing but waiting for everyone to come back. He thought to himself, I will take these fun rocks home to my momma, and she can play with them too! Well, let me just tell you, that old jar, the one with rocks sitting so accusatory, suddenly became a jar of love. What I had planned on chucking out with the garbage has become something I have toted around for the last 22 years.

One thing AppleJack has learned from this, and hopes you realize too, is Moms can sure be silly.

(The AppleJack article is written for the Hesperian-Beacon by Aimee Jackson.)

Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton

The Hesperian-Beacon

He who has a thousand friends has not a friend to spare, And he who has one enemy will meet him everywhere. —Ali ibn-Abi-Talib

Without friends no one would choose to live, though he had all other goods. —Aristotle

Kindred spirits are not so scarce as I used to think. It's splendid to find out there are so many of them in the world. —L. M. Montgomery

My mother used to say that there are no strangers, only friends you haven't met yet.

She's now in a maximum security twilight home in Australia. — Dame Edna Everage

You're supposed to trust friends. You have no reason to be his friend? That is part of the pleasure of friendship: trusting without absolute evidence and then being rewarded for that trust. —David Shore

Nobody sees a flower - really - it is so small it takes time - we haven't time - and to see takes time, like to have a friend takes time. —Georgia O'Keeffe

You don't get to pick your own nickname. They've gotta give you one. It's like we're all tryin' to make pets out of each other and we're not comfortable unless we get to name 'em. —Laura Moncur

By Danny Andrews

Director of Alumni Development
Wayland Baptist University

Dove-winning gospel group Ernie Haase and Signature Sound will join J. Mark McVey, who has performed more than 3,000 times as Jean Valjean in "Les Miserables," to present "Inspiration of Broadway" on Jan. 28 in Plainview.

The performance is scheduled at 7 p.m. in Wayland's Harral Auditorium. Doors will open at 6.

Tickets are \$25 for the Artist Circle near center stage and \$20 for general admission. They can be purchased by calling 806-

291-3603 or emailing andrewsd@wbu.edu

EHSS and McVey teamed up last year to rave reviews. The show, which will include several gospel numbers, features bass Paul Harkey, a Petersburg native and Wayland graduate, singing "Old Man River." Other hits include "Climb Every Mountain," "You'll Never Walk Alone," "Sunrise, Sunset," "I Got the Sun in the Morning," and McVey's stirring "Bring Him Home" from "Les Miserables."

McVey is a popular performer with such major symphonies as The New York Philharmonic and the Boston Pops. Other members of

Signature Sound, known for their variety, showmanship and high energy, are tenor Ernie Haase, lead singer Devin McGlamery and newcomer baritone Dustin Doyle. Tyler Vestal is the pianist and David Griffith plays bass guitar.

Proceeds from the concert, sponsored by the Association of Former Students, will benefit Wayland's upcoming capital campaign for general campus improvements.

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Obituaries

Geraldine Fay Callaway

Geraldine Fay Callaway, age 97, passed away, Sunday, December 27, 2015 at Crown Point in Lubbock.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., Thursday, December 31, 2015 at the First Baptist Church Chapel with Pastor Tim Franks officiating.

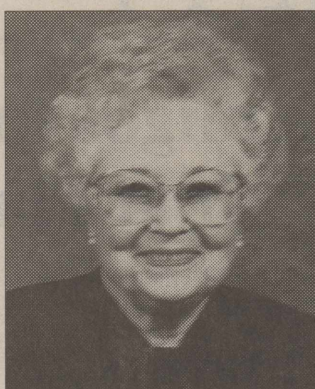
Interment followed at the Floyd County Memorial Park. Arrangements were under the personal care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

Geraldine Fay Brown Callaway was born April 10, 1918 to Dora Ormon and Thomas Sydney Brown. She grew up in the Cedar Hill Community where she met and married T. L. "Pete" Callaway. They had two

children, Kay Brian Phillips (Gary) and Sheryl Smith (Jimmy), both of Lubbock, Texas.

Geraldine was an excellent cook, immaculate housekeeper and kept a manicured lawn. She was an accomplished china painter. The family moved to Lubbock in 1957 where Geraldine worked for many years in the children's department at Dunlap's Department Store. Geraldine was a longtime member of the Floydada First Baptist Church.

She loved her family, especially the grandchildren, Kristi Brian Sepkowitz (David), Kellie Brian Williams (Monte), Kendall Brian (Rhonda), Tamie Smith Nitcher (Clay),



GERALDINE FAY CALLAWAY

Rodney Smith (Angie).

She is survived by her children, Kay Brian Phillips (Gary), Sheryl Smith (Jimmy); sisters, Nancy Bishop Lawson and Florine Teal Jackson (Bertell); five grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and 13 great-great-grandchildren, as well as, numerous nieces and nephews.

Joyce Inez Henderson

Joyce Inez Henderson of Mesquite, Texas went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Friday January 1, 2016.

She was born on August 2, 1926 in Rule, Texas to John Woody and Maude Culpepper. She was re-ceded in death by her parents and three siblings, John Woody Culpepper, JR, Mildred Kilcrease, and Opal Stark.

Joyce is survived by her husband of 62 years, Edd V Henderson and by sons, Edd, Jr and wife, Sharon and Terry and wife, Susan. She is also survived by her four grandchildren who knew her as "Ganny", - Jason of Beaumont, Tif-

fany and husband, Aaron of Hurst, Ben and wife, Chelsea of Denver, Colorado and Samuel and wife, Malory of Amarillo, and three great-grandchildren, Wyatt, Kate and Ella, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Joyce worked as an administrative assistant for most of her work career, and helped her husband open an accounting practice in Floydada, Texas. She was active in her church and local benevolence efforts while in Floydada. She had recently move to Mesquite to be closer to her sons and their families.

Services were held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at the New Hope Funeral Home in Sunny-



JOYCE INEZ HENDERSON

vale, Texas.

The family received friends at 10 a.m. prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Mimosa Lane Baptist Church Building Fund, 1233 N Belt Line Road, Mesquite, TX 75149.

Ms. Bettye Jackson

Ms. Bettye Jackson, 75 passed away on December 25, 2015 in Lockney.

A memorial service was held at 11 a.m., Saturday, January 2, 2016 at the West College and 3rd Church of Christ in Lockney.

Interment was held at the Bolivar Cemetery in Bolivar, Texas. Arrangements were under the care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney.

Bettye Louise Landers was born in 1940 in Sanger, Texas to J.C. and Laudie Mae Landers. She grew up in Sanger where her father, J.C. and grandfather, Sam Landers were local carpenters and built several houses in Sanger. Her mother, Laudie Mae, was a homemaker.

Bettye graduated from Sanger High School in 1958. She moved to Lockney in 1978 where she lived

and was a part of the community for more than forty years. Bettye and her husband, David Jackson owned the Longhorn Inn and was a key piece of the younger community for many years. She was a member of the Church of Christ, the Athena Women's Study Club, and participated in the Walk to Emmaus Bible Study. She was also a master gardener and loved her gardens.

Ms. Jackson is preceded in death by her husband, David Jackson, her son, Tim Diepenhorst, her daughters, Robin Leigh and Kristen Lynn Diepenhorst and both her parents, J.C. and Laudie Landers.

She is survived by her sisters, Barbara Seaton and Jackie Echols; her son, Chad Diepenhorst and wife, Susan Diepenhorst of



BETTYE JACKSON

Lockney and daughter, Jolie Diepenhorst Davis and husband, Tyson Davis of Denver, Colorado and her three grandchildren, Jillian Diepenhorst Davis, Saylee Ann Diepenhorst and Abbey Diepenhorst Davis.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Hospice Hands of West Texas, P.O. Box 1118, Lockney, Tx 79241 or the Alzheimer's Association, 6630 S. Quaker, Lubbock, Tx 79413.

Texas State Checkoff Program Begins Second Year

AUSTIN, TX – After a successful inaugural year, the Texas state beef checkoff program began its second year of collections that fund programs aimed at strengthening and expanding beef demand.

Texas beef producers voted in June 2014 to establish a state-level beef checkoff program, which was approved by a wide margin of 66 percent of voters. The Texas Department of Agriculture conducted the referendum upon petition by cattle industry organizations under the authorities designated by the Texas Legislature.

The program is funded through a refundable \$1

per head assessment on cattle at each point of ownership transfer in Texas. The funds are managed in accordance with Texas law by the Beef Promotion Research Council of Texas (BPRCT). The BPRCT consists of 20 Texas cattle producers appointed by the Texas commissioner of agriculture. All state beef checkoff programs are overseen by the BPRCT.

The BPRCT contracts with the Texas Beef Council to conduct demand-building programs in the areas of promotion, research and education.

"As beef and dairy farmers and ranchers, every dollar we invest into the

program goes to help increase profit opportunities by keeping beef top-of-mind with consumers," Austin Brown III, Beeville cattleman and BPRCT chairman said. "I'm proud of my fellow cattlemen and women for standing up for our industry and recognizing the importance and need for this program. We are working to continue to grow beef demand by investing in program areas such as retail and foodservice, international export marketing and digital consumer marketing."

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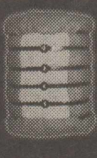
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Cast all your anxiety on [God] because he cares for you.— 1 Peter 5:7 (NIV)

A job I had once enjoyed had become very unpleasant. The atmosphere was full of tension, and I didn't know what to do about it. One morning I prayed, leaving the whole situation in God's hands. The next day, I lost my job. Obviously, this was not the solution I had anticipated, and I became concerned about finances. Even so, I felt a strange sense of peace, a sense that somehow this was the answer to my prayer. Whenever anxious thoughts returned, I would pray again, and the peace of God would calm my fears.

Through this experience, I learned to trust God. Eventually I was offered a much better job and found peace in knowing God had been present through it all. Now when the worries of life come, I remember the time God answered my prayer in a much different way than I had hoped for, and my peace returns.

God cares for each of us and will bring us what is best for us. We need only to pray and to trust God and then act on God's nudgings.

Tandy Balson (Alberta, Canada)

Thought for the Day

In all situations, God is working.

Aiken Baptist Church
Dennis Butler, Pastor
Morning Worship..11 a.m.

Bible Baptist Church
810 S. 3rd, Floydada
Darwin Robinson, Pastor
983-2578
Sunday School...10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wednesday - 7 p.m.

Calvary's Cornerstone Fellowship
Floydada
Armando Morales, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Bible Study - 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening - 7 p.m.

Carr's Chapel
Service Every Sunday
Morning Worship - 9 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Church of Christ
West College & Third
Lockney
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Afternoon Worship - 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service - 7:30 p.m.

City Park Church of Christ
Matthew Benfield, Minister
Floydada
Sunday Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study - 7 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Floydada
Tim Franks, Pastor
Logan Lamb, Min. Students
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Lockney
Joseph Tillery, Pastor
Albert Oliveira, Youth Min.
Phil Cotham, Music Min.

Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
Floydada
Rev. Ken Peterson, Pastor
Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School - 10:50 a.m.
Youth (Sunday) - 6:30 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
Lockney
Rev. Ricky Carsensen, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service - 6 p.m.
Wed. Jr. High - 5:30 p.m.
Wed High School - 6:30 p.m.

Grant Chapel Church of God In Christ
Joe Bennett, Pastor
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday - 8 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

Main Street Church of Christ
Lockney
James Blair, Minister
Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
Floydada
Rev. Timothy Askey
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Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.

New Salem Primitive Baptist Church
Floydada
Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges
(806) 637-0430
Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.

Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church
310 Mississippi

Floydada
Rev David Ramos, Pastor
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader
Sunday Bible - 10 a.m.
Morning Praise - 11 a.m.
Evening Praise 5 - 5 p.m.
Wed Worship - 7 p.m.

Power of Praise Full Gospel Church
Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor
704 B Main, Lockney
Sunday Services - 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 5 p.m.
Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.

Primera Iglesia Bautista
Lockney
Jesus Caballero, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 11 a.m.
Discipleship - 5 p.m.
Wed. Service - 7 p.m.

Primera Iglesia Bautista
Floydada
Rev. Toby Gonzales
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed Evening - 7 p.m.

San Jose Catholic Church
Lockney
Msgr. Nickolas Rendon
Wed. Communion - 8 p.m.
Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.

South Plains Baptist Church
Joe Weldon, Pastor
SuNday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting - 7 p.m.

Templo Getsemani Assembly of God
701 W. Missouri
Joe M. Hernandez
983-5286 (Church)
Sunday School
English - 9:45 a.m.
Spanish - 11 a.m.
Worship
Spanish - 9:30 a.m.
English - 11 a.m.
Evening Service 5 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
Floydada
Rev. Ike Temporaza
983-5878
Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.
Mon. & Wed. Mass - 6:30 p.m.
Confession Sat - 10-11 a.m.

Templo Bautista Salem
Lockney
Rev. Joe Hernandez
983-5878
Bun Prayer Service - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed. Meeting - 7 p.m.

Templo Bethel Spanish Assembly of God
Washington And 1st St.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 5 p.m.
Wed Service - 7 p.m.

Templo Nueva Vida
Rev. Herman Martinez
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Evening Worship - 5 p.m.
Tuesday - 7:30 p.m.
Thursday Service - 7:30 p.m.

Trinity Assembly
500 W. Houston
Tom Ross, Pastor
983-5499

Sunday School - 9:45 p.m.
Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 6 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church
Providence Community On Fm 2301
293-3009
Rev. Peter W. Harrington, Minister
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11 - a.m.

West Side Church of Christ
Floydada
983-2672 Or 470-0950
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.

AGRICULTURE

Risk management meeting set for Jan. 12 in Lubbock

All major commodities and cattle to be covered

By Kay Ledbetter
skledbetter@ag.tamu.edu

LUBBOCK – “Seeking Solutions: Managing Economic Risks” will be offered on Jan. 12 by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service – North Region at Cagle’s Steaks & BBQ, 8732 4th St. in Lubbock.

Two Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units – one general, one integrated pest management – will be offered.

The program will begin at 8:30 a.m. with registration and conclude by 5 p.m. Topics and speakers will be:

- Market Updates on All Crops, Dr. John Robinson, AgriLife Extension economist, College Station.
- Labor Laws/H2A and Management, Shawn Twing, Amarillo attorney.
- Risks and Rewards of New Technologies in Weed Management, Dr. Peter Dotray, AgriLife Extension weed specialist, Lubbock.
- Ag Laws and Regulations Affecting Texas Landowners, Tiffany Dowell Lashmet, AgriLife Extension agricultural law specialist,

ist, Amarillo.

Following lunch, the program will shift into a concurrent-sessions format, with the following topics and speakers:

- Corn/Sorghum, AgriLife Extension county agents Mark Brown, Lubbock, and Wes Utley, Hockley.
- Budgeting and Risk Management Discussion – Jeff Pate and Will Keeling, both AgriLife Extension risk management specialists, Lubbock.
- Corn Production Practices, Marcus Sullivan, CHS and West Texas Agricultural Chemicals Institute board member.
- Sorghum Production Tips, Dr. Brent Bean, Sorghum Checkoff agronomist, Amarillo.
- Sugarcane Aphid Lesions, Dr. Pat Porter, AgriLife Extension entomologist, Lubbock.
- Cotton Production, AgriLife Extension county agents Cristen Brooks, Floyd, and Caitlin Jackson, Crosby.
- Cotton Budgeting and Risk Management Discussion, Robinson and Jackie

Smith, AgriLife Extension economist, Lubbock.

- Cottonseed as a Minor Oilseed, Steve Verett and Shawn Wade, both with Plains Cotton Growers, Lubbock.
- Cotton Production Focusing on Pre-plant Decisions That Affect Maturity and Quality, Dr. Gaylon Morgan, AgriLife Extension state cotton specialist, College Station.
- Wheat/Beef Production, AgriLife Extension county agents Dale Dunlap, Wheeler, and Jason Miller, Hale.
- Stocker Cattle Production on Wheat, Dr. Ted McCollum, AgriLife Extension beef specialist, Amarillo.
- Wheat Varieties and Management as a Dual Purpose Crop, Dr. Clark Neely, AgriLife Extension state small grains specialist, College Station.
- Economic Advantage of Wheat and Cattle, Stan Bevers, AgriLife Extension economist, Vernon.

For more information, contact Nusser at 806-677-5600 or dnusser@ag.tamu.edu

Floydada Police Report

By The Floydada Police Department

A domestic disturbance lead to the arrest of Isaac Jimenez on December 21. Police determined that there was no physical violence but a warrant check on Isaac showed he was wanted out of Young County.

A disturbance was reported on December 21. There was a disagreement between two males and one began threatening the other with violence. However, both men separated before it lead to actual violence.

Police responded to a report that a male had pulled a gun on another male at the 300 Block of East Hallie on December 22. Upon arriving, both parties had separated and the victim later decided to drop charges.

A theft of a washer and dryer was reported on December 24. The washer and dryer were in a driveway at the 200 Block of West Crockett and stolen sometime between the day of the report and August 2015.

Another domestic disturbance lead to an arrest on December 25. A couple was arguing when police arrived and a warrant check showed Santiago Medellin was wanted. There were no injuries reported from the disturbance, however there were several items broken intentionally. Due to the items being owned by both parties, no charges were filed for criminal mischief.

nal mischief.

A lawnmower was stolen on December 26 from the 600 Block of South Main Street. The mower was described as a green Yardman Bagger with yellow wheels. The mower was stolen sometime between December 24 and the time of the report. The victim stated he heard a vehicle with a loud muffler drive by several times during the time the mower was possibly stolen. No suspects have been identified at this time.

A vehicle was vandalized around 2 a.m. on December 30 at the 500 Block of West Mississippi. A door window was broken, the door was left open and a tire had been slashed. No items were reported stolen. There were no witnesses to identify a suspect.

Several items were stolen from the 200 Block of West Kentucky. It was not known when the items were actually taken. The items taken were listed as: a Craftsman Air Compressor, Dewalt half-inch impact drill, an acetylene torch with the bottles, and a pressure washer.

Police responded to an assault that occurred on December 31 at the 600 Block of East California. The victim was at the suspect’s residence when he was punched several times in the face. Charges are pending based on the results of the investigation.

A domestic disturbance was

reported on January 3 that happened at the 800 Block of West Marivena. The female half is accused of causing damage to the residence after being kicked out of her boyfriend’s house for causing problems. The female half is also claiming she was assaulted by her boyfriend. The investigation is complete and charges are pending.

An accident occurred December 23 at the 600 Block of South 12th Street. A vehicle hit an unidentified animal, possibly a fox, which caused damage to the radiator. No injuries were reported.

Floydada Police answered a total 37 calls between December 20 and January 3.

Police are asking anybody who knows details about the cases described above or any other incidents to please contact Floydada City Hall at (806) 983-2834 at any time and the message will be given to the officer on duty. Your identity will be kept confidential. The public is the number one tool in solving cases such as thefts and burglaries. Any small detail reported to the Police can be a big break in a case and lead to the arrest of the suspect so they are not able to victimize anyone else. If you suspect that you have come across property that is possibly stolen, report it to the Police immediately. You will not be charged with a criminal offense by doing so.

2016 Cattle Raisers Convention Scheduled for April 8 - 10 in Fort Worth

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Fort Worth, Texas – The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) announced today that the 139th annual Cattle Raisers Convention, the biggest ranching industry event in Texas and Oklahoma, is scheduled for April 8 - 10, 2016 at the Fort Worth Convention Center in Fort Worth, Texas.

Peter Zeihan, geopolitical strategist and author of “The Accidental Superpower: The Next Generation of American Preeminence and the Coming Global Disorder,” will be the keynote speaker at the opening general session. Zeihan will discuss how economics, demographics, history and culture work to create global complexities and how these complexities may impact ranchers in the future.

Information sessions will feature experts on critical ranching topics such as sustainability, water and surface rights, eminent domain reform, and how to dispel beef nutritional myths. The Cattle and Beef Marketing Forum will take a look at today’s cattle market and provide attendees with insights into the challenge of marketing beef in today’s retail environment.

Additionally, the School for Successful Ranching and issues sessions will feature more than 20 educational programs and a world-class lineup of subject matter experts who will provide insights into current ranching topics and practical tools attendees can take back to their ranch.

The Cattle Raisers Dinner and Dance will be held at River Ranch and will feature great food and entertainment by Jake Hooker and the Outsiders. The Belles of Cowtown Heifer

Sale, featuring 100 head of high-quality replacement heifers, will be held in conjunction with the evening.

The Closing General Session Brunch will feature climatologists Evelyn Browning-Garriss and James Garriss, who will present their 2016 weather outlook.

The Cattle Raisers Expo is the largest annual ranching exposition in the region and will play host to more than 200 companies bringing the newest products and services to ranchers and landowners. The Expo will host live cattle handling demonstrations, which will take place inside the Fort Worth Convention Center. The demonstrations will teach attendees how to handle cattle in a safe, low-stress manner.

Rounding out the program are numerous entertainment and special interest options such as the Law Enforcement Silent Auction, Young Cattle Raisers’ After Party, Texas Beef Council Fun Run and Walk, Texas Cattlewomen annual meeting, Young Leadership Series forum, and Cow Camp for the younger attendees.

“We’re looking forward to another great Cattle Raisers Convention,” said Pete Bonds, TSCRA president. “The unique combination of speakers and educational programs, focused on issues of importance to ranchers, makes this a can’t-miss event for any cattle raiser or landowner.”

Day registration begins

at only \$125. The Cattle Raisers Convention full registration includes:

- Access to the Cattle Raisers Expo, including lunch on Friday and Saturday, and Friday’s welcome reception
- Opening General Session and Closing General Session Brunch
- All School for Successful Ranching programs
- All Information Sessions
- Cattle Raisers Dance and Dinner

The Cattle Raisers Convention hotels are within easy walking distance of the Convention Center. Rooms are expected to book quickly, so those interested should register as soon as possible.

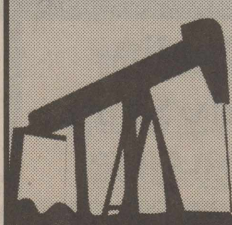
More information and registration links are available at www.cattleraisersconvention.com.

All members of the media are invited to attend. For media registration, please contact Laramie Adams at ladams@tscra.org.

TSCRA is a 139-year-old trade association and is the largest and oldest livestock organization based in Texas. TSCRA has more than 17,000 beef cattle operations, ranching families and businesses as members. These members represent approximately 50,000 individuals directly involved in ranching and beef production who manage 4 million head of cattle on 76 million acres of range and pasture land primarily in Texas and Oklahoma, but throughout the Southwest.

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Cotton Market Weekly

By Kay Ledbetter

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

Cotton futures prices at the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) in New York ended 2015 much as they began the year, confined to a fairly narrow range of 62.00 to 64.00 cents per pound. Meanwhile, weekly export sales and shipments of U.S. cotton showed some improvement as the year was coming to an end.

Dec. 28- Following the Christmas Day holiday, cotton futures opened lower Monday at ICE but within an hour moved back to positive ground as buyers returned to the board. March cotton then traded in a sideways manner but stayed on positive ground for the remainder of the session. All months settled moderately higher with March settling at 63.97 cents per pound, up 31 points. Although some traders were still on holiday Monday, volume at ICE was respectable, according to one analyst. Another observer noted “the ability to hold a key technical area may have also been supportive to prices.”

Dec. 29- March cotton traded in a narrow 43-point range Tuesday and on either side of unchanged. Selling pressure emerged in the final hour of trading, and March stayed on negative ground for the remainder of the session, settling 10 points lower at 63.87 cents. All other futures contracts settled with modest losses on a perceived lack of demand, light hedge pressure, and end-of-year positioning. Volume at ICE was lower than the previous session. One analyst called it “an inside day,” noting prices held above the 20-day moving average.

Dec. 30- Wednesday, cotton futures regained losses from the previous session, although March again was confined to a 36-point range and traded on both sides of unchanged. Support near the bottom of the range seemed to help contracts move higher into the close of trading. March cotton settled at 63.97 cents per pound, up 10 points. Interestingly, all futures contracts at ICE settled 10 points higher except May cotton which settled 9 points higher.

Dec. 31- Cotton futures settled moderately lower Thursday. March cotton settled at 63.28 cents per pound, down 69 points. May cotton settled 60 points lower at 64.11 cents, and the December ‘16 contract settled at 64.72 cents, down 38 points.

Weekly U.S. cotton export sales and shipments improved somewhat as 2015 was drawing to a close. The U.S. Department of Agriculture reported net sales of upland cotton totaled 118,200 bales in the week ended Dec. 17 and 106,700 bales in the week ended Dec. 24. Vietnam was the featured buyer in both weeks with purchases of 33,400 bales and 27,800 bales, respectively. Other top buyers during the two-week period included Mexico, Indonesia, and Turkey.

Export shipments totaled 127,600 bales in the week ended Dec. 17 and 158,600 bales in the week ended Dec. 24. Vietnam, Turkey and Mexico were the top three destinations each week. In the most recent week, there were 21 destinations for U.S. cotton export shipments compared to 16 destinations the previous week.

The latest export summary from USDA showed current year-to-date sales of 5,389,375 bales. The department’s latest export sales estimate for 2015-16 is 10 million bales, thus weekly sales will need to average 148,730 bales to reach the estimate.

In the spot cotton market, producers sold 60,006 bales online in the three trading days ended Dec. 30 compared to 53,113 bales the previous week. The average price received was 59 cents per pound.

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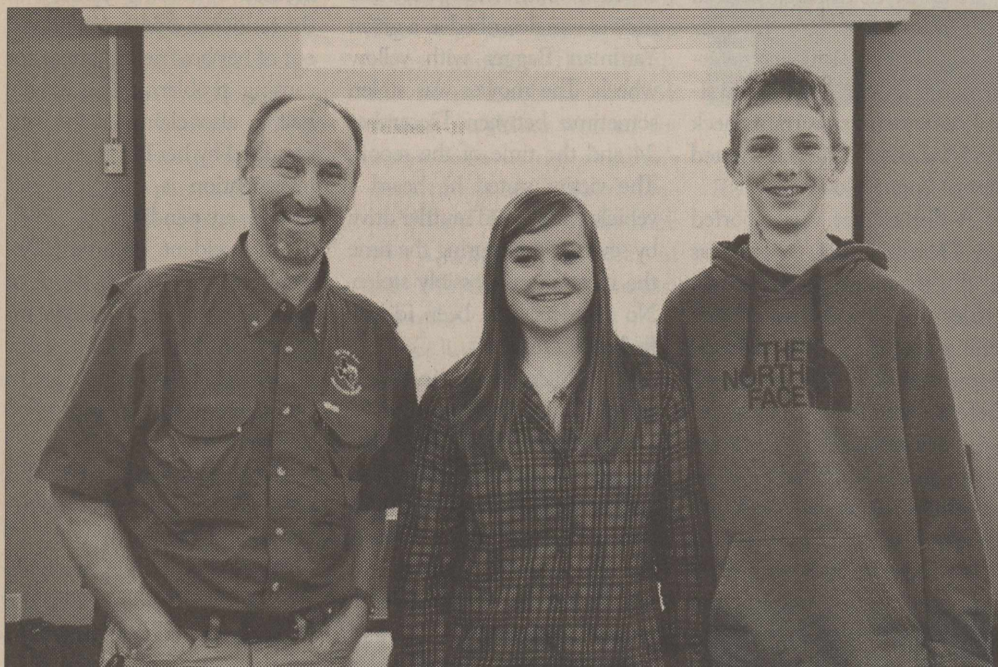
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SCHOOL NEWS

Local 4-H'ers Selected to Serve as State Ambassadors



Courtesy photo

By Patty Davenport
Floyd County 4-H Parent/Leader

Floyd County 4-H'ers, Rachel Graham and Mason Esty, have been selected to serve as Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassadors.

The state ambassadors attended mandatory

training in College Station in December. Their training provided them with skills in leadership, public presentation and speaking one on one. It also included use of the media, advocacy of shooting sports and the legislative process.

The 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Team consist of 30 youth state wide that have been trained to become leaders and spokespersons for 4-H, 4-H Shooting Sports and for the shooting sports world in general.

Congratulations Rachel and Mason.

Katie Hinton Named to Dean's List at McMurry University

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

ABILENE, TX (01/04/2016) — Katie Hinton from Floydada, Texas has been named to the Fall 2015 Dean's List at McMurry University.

She is the daughter of James and Sharon Hinton of Floydada.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must have maintained at least a 3.5 grade point average while taking 12 or more credit hours.

McMurry University was founded in 1923 as a United Methodist institution, and is a vibrant and comprehensive center of higher education. McMurry has a national reputation for excellence and value through the achievements of its faculty, students and graduates. The University enrolls more than 1,200 students and has an average class size of 16.

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The Servant Leadership Program has been on campus for 25 years. With courses and service opportunities focusing on moral decision making, reasoning and practical application in the development of sensitivity to ethical issues of our global society. Students gain hands-on experience as they apply those concepts and techniques through ex-

tensive work with local non-profit entities in the Abilene community.

McMurry has over 40 clubs and organizations and 19 intercollegiate sports. Students are engaged with the community and average over 24,000 hours of annual service. Our beautiful campus is located on 52 acres in Abilene, Texas, a city of over 118,000 friendly people.

McMurry is guided by our core values: Christian Faith as the foundation of life, Personal Relationships as the catalyst for life, Learning as the journey of life, Excellence as the goal of life, and Service as the measure of life. Our students are equipped to exceed expectations and go on to make their mark in the world, through scholarship, leadership and service.

January is School Board Recognition Month

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

(Austin) — January 2016 is School Board Recognition Month, a time to thank the more than 7,100 locally elected citizens who deeply care about the success of all Texas children. These dedicated men and women serve without pay on local school boards. Each year the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) encourages parents, district staff, and community leaders to show appreciation to board members for their unfailing commitment to the future of Texas schoolchildren.

"The full potential of our

state and nation depends on how well our students are prepared to embrace and master the challenges ahead. Critical to achieving this goal is ensuring excellence in public education. In communities across the state, school board members willingly step forward to tackle serious issues, deal with financial uncertainties, and provide excellent educational experiences for all of our children," said James B. Crow, TASB executive director. "These local trustees embrace hard work as they demonstrate compassion and concern for the well-being of every student."

"Please join me in recognizing the important role that school boards play in providing a quality education for young Texans. We applaud them for seeing that our students have the tools necessary for success and building an even stronger foundation for the Texas of tomorrow," he said.

TASB is a nonprofit association established in 1949 to serve local public school boards. School board members are the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state. The districts they represent serve more than 5.2 million public school students.

SPC announces spring 2016 photography class schedule

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LEVELLAND — South Plains College recently released the spring 2016 photography schedule. The classes are designed to improve the skill set of digital photo enthusiasts.

Classes of different levels that build on each previous class will be offered starting Jan. 9 through May 2016. Each class is an 8-hour intensive workshop held on a Saturday at SPC Reese Center Campus in Building 8, Room 822 through the spring semester.

Participants are not required to enroll in all of the individual classes. The only required course is the Digital Jumpstart before attending the intermediate and advance photography classes.

Individual spring classes will include:

Digital JumpStart class will cost \$50. This class is designed for the new photographer to learn the "in-and-outs" of your camera and to teach the participant how to get the most out of their camera. In Lubbock at SPC Reese Center, the class will be offered from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 9, Jan. 16 and Jan. 30.

Intermediate Digital class will cost \$50. The class will build on the JumpStart Class to cover more advanced techniques and using camera strobe and fill flash. The class will be offered from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Feb. 6. Cost is \$50.

In February, a Studio Portrait Class will be offered from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Feb. 13. The cost is \$50.

On Feb. 27, an Off-Camera Flash Lighting Workshop will be taught from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$50.

A Golden Lighting Eve-

ning Outdoor Workshop will be offered from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. on March 5. The cost is \$50.

A Sunrise Golden Lighting Morning Workshop will be offered from 6 a.m. to noon on March 26. Cost is \$50.

The Nighttime Digital Photography will be taught during late evening into the night from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. on April 2 and April 16. Students must have taken the Jump Start Class prior to taking this class. The cost is \$50.

The Macro Photography Class is set from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on April 9. The class focuses on up-close photographic images such as flowers and insects. The cost is \$50.

There will be two opportunities for a Nighttime Digital Jumpstart class offered on April 23 and April 30 from 4 p.m. to 11p.m. Cost is \$50.

For more information, contact Underwood at (806) 716-2215 or via email at wunderwood@southplainscollege.edu.

Registration Open for Texas Academy of Science's 2016 Meeting

The 119th annual meeting will be March 4-6 at Texas Tech's Junction campus.

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Registration is open for the 119th annual meeting of the Texas Academy of Science (TAS) March 4-6, hosted by Texas Tech University's Llano River Field Station (LRFS) at its Junction campus.

Registration for the meeting is \$175 for professionals and \$75 for students.

The meeting will include presentations by the Texas Distinguished Scientist and Outstanding Educator awardees, free socials and an awards banquet. Students, faculty and agency professionals can participate in networking and informative talks, poster sessions covering all 18 sections of the Texas Academy of Science, professional development workshops and unique field trips into the scenic Hill Country. TAS will award more than \$25,000 for the best student presentations and re-

search proposals.

Organizers hope to build on the success of the 2009 meeting at the LRFS, which featured hundreds of presentations, several workshops and nearly 600 attendees from 10 states and Mexico.

"This will likely be the largest conference ever hosted by Texas Tech University," said Tom Arsuffi, director of the Llano River Field Station. "It is a tremendous opportunity for Tech to show off our award-winning field station and all the great research on water and watersheds, award-winning K-12 programs like our Outdoor School, our diverse partnerships, our renewable energy programs and our Discovery Point Trail."

Find more information on field trips, accommodations and general information about the location, directions, food and social breaks, facilities

and recreational activities here.

Texas Academy of Science TAS promotes scientific research in the state, encourages research as part of student learning and enhances the professional development of its professional and student members. Founded by teachers in 1880 as the Academy of Science in Texas, the organization as it is now known emerged in 1929 with a physicist, botanist, mathematician and two biologists as founding members.

TAS began publishing its peer-reviewed journal, The Texas Journal of Science, in 1949. It conducts an annual meeting to highlight research in its 18 sections, provides about \$25,000 in funding each year for students and facilitates expert testimony on policy issues related to STEM or science education. TAS has more than 800 members, more than half of whom are students.

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

January 11 – January 18

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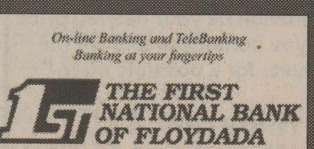
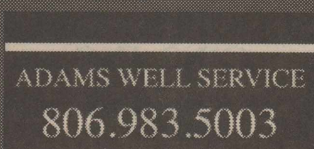
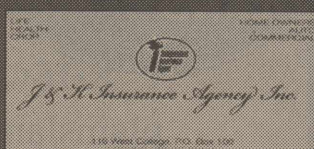
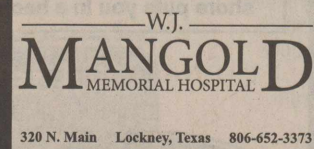
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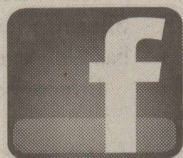
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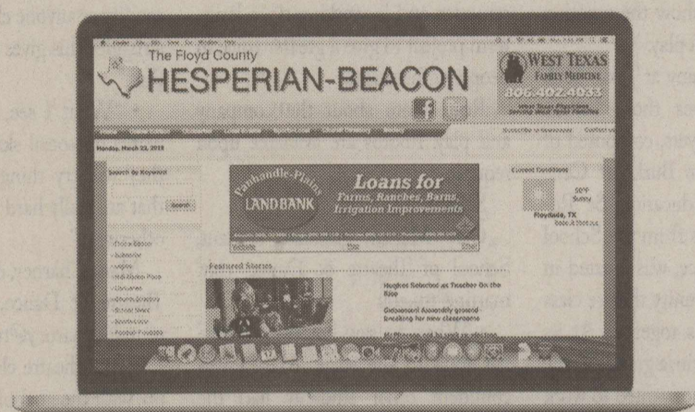
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The purpose of the hearing is to obtain input from the city residents in reference to Annual Plan Submission to be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for fiscal year 2016-2017. Total funds being allocated for this year are estimated at \$36,000, for Operating Funds and \$23,000 for Capital Funds. All residents are encouraged to attend this hearing. A copy of the Annual Plan will be available for review from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. prior to public hearing at the address below. Persons can also submit written comments prior to public hearing to:

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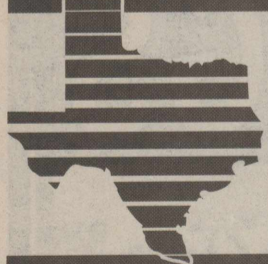
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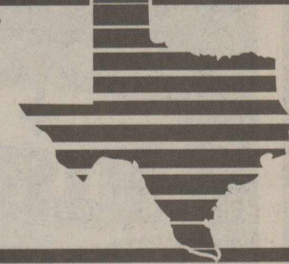
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BURGLARIES

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However, the burglary likely happened on the morning of December 27 at about 4:30 am. The suspects turned off the power to the building at a breaker box and disabled the alarm system. A window was broken out on the north side of the building

and the suspects stole four Kodak digital cameras. Fingerprints were found at the scene that might have been left by the suspects. Since the power was left off, the freezing temperatures lead to the water pipes bursting and casing water damage to the building.

The Floydada Police Department is encouraging the public to contact them if

they have any information related to the burglaries. Any small detail given to the police could be a big break and lead to the suspect's arrest. These burglaries could be connected to several other burglaries that have occurred in surrounding towns during the same week and are working with their respective Departments to identify the suspects.

Burglaries Reported in Four-County Area at Year's End

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

On the night of December 30 there was a break-in and burglary at Raceway Fuels in Lockney. According to Floyd County Sheriff Paul Raissez, the suspects were seen driving a white vehicle.

"I don't think it's anyone local," the sheriff said. "I

was working that night and I drove every street in Lockney looking for that vehicle, until three o'clock in the morning, and it was not to be found."

The sheriff said since then, he had heard from law enforcement in Ralls and Idalou that similar break-ins were done in stores in those towns.

He had also heard that

there was a break-in Dickens, and some evidence may have been found on the road to Matador.

"Maybe they headed out toward Motley County," he said.

Raissez will be working with law enforcement across the region to view any evidence that might be related in this string of burglaries.

SEARCH

From Page 1

manager was so proud of his employees. "The boys at Ray Lee helped more than 40 + people Sunday into Monday," he said.

A Clovis, New Mexico, couple spent nearly 20 hours trapped in their car underneath a snowdrift before being rescued.

The Clovis News Journal reports that rescue workers pulled Jimmy and Betty Anderson from the snow Sunday afternoon. The pair became trapped while trying to deliver newspapers along their route late Saturday.

Betty Anderson was hospitalized with chest pains after their rescue and Jimmy Anderson was not injured.

The pair spent the night huddled under a blanket in their Ford Fusion, hoping their

cellphone would stay charged so they could tell emergency responders they were trapped under a 12-foot drift.

Clovis Assistant Public Works Director Bill Kshir and Ray Lee Equipment employee Ty Gonser heard the Andersons yelling and honking their horn and were able to drag them to safety. "We knew it (the Andersons' car) was between two telephone poles," Gonser told Clovis News Journal Editor David Stephens. "I said, 'That drift looks a little different.' The snow looked kind of dark blue."

Gonser was driving a John Deere tractor from Ray Lee Equipment's Clovis dealership, in an effort to help rescue the two newspaper carriers.

Stephens reported that Gonser learned as a child that sometimes snow piles had a blue tint if they covered something large, such as a car.

As Gonser and Kshir ap-

proached the huge drive, they heard Jimmy Anderson beating on the car window. A few minutes later, they had removed enough snow to find the car buried under the 12-foot drift. Using his boots, Kshir was able to kick in the front windshield. He and Gonser then dragged the pair through the broken windshield to safety.

"We saw their faces after we pushed the snow away and it's something I'll never forget," Gonser told Stephens.

In all, Gonser is credited with pulling eight people from stranded vehicles on Sunday, from six different locations in the Clovis area.

Tim Hardage of Plainview Ray Lee added that Ray Lee Equipment employees from Plainview have been busy since the weekend storm as well, using tractors from the local implement dealership to assist Xcel Energy repair crews.

Home Country

By Slim Randles

Annette George, owner of the Soup 'R Market, picked up the list of her New Year's resolutions:

1. Replace cracked glass on the meat cooler.
2. Walk two miles each morning before work.
3. Lose 15 pounds by summer.
4. Take a class in Spanish.

She thought about the kind of person she'd be at this time next year with all those things done, and it made her smile. Then she looked out the window at the snow and crossed off number two. "Each morning" was just too ... too, inflexible. It's always best, she thought to make promises you can keep.

Annette tapped her teeth with the pencil.

The Spanish class was in the city, and with gas prices being what they are ... well, she could always pick up a Spanish grammar book at the Read Me Now bookstore. Number 4 reluctantly had a line drawn through it.

You know, that glass has been cracked on the

meat cooler for six years now, and it has never caused any kind of health threat. So the line up the glass causes a slight distortion as a shopper looks at a pork chop. So what? And have you seen what they get to replace that glass?

The pencil drew again, slowly but deliberately.

This left number three: lose 15 pounds by summer. This is one she will not scratch off. She remembers sitting by the swimming hole on Lewis Creek last summer watching the kids swimming. Next summer, she'll swim with them. She will lose those 15 pounds. How? Well, by ... eating better. Sure. Maybe one of those chocolate milkshake supplements each morning. Well, better not say each morning, but ... whenever, you know. And walking. How much? Who knows? But walking.

Yes. Walking. Losing 15 pounds. By summer. She smiled and decided to celebrate with a candy bar. Only one, of course.

Life is good.

Listen to the Home Country gang (even Windy Wilson) on www.homecountryshow.com.

Students With Autism Find Their Voice On Stage

While many experts believe people with autism respond well to creating art, performing art usually is not included. People with autism are seen as shy or uncomfortable with attention or unable to show the emotion necessary to act in a play.

A theatre company at Texas Tech University disproves those beliefs. The BurkTech Players, composed of graduates from the Burkhart Center for Autism Education & Research and students from the School of Theatre & Dance, was created in 2014 after a community theatre class brought the groups together. At its helm are Clay Martin, a graduate student in fine arts who wanted to work with students with autism, and Sam Shreffler, a Burkhart graduate who performed a freeform routine on a national stage when he auditioned for "So You Think You Can Dance."

The program has highlighted the diversity of talent and interests among students with autism and the many ways students from all backgrounds can collaborate on projects. The collaboration now extends to classes for elementary, middle and high school children with autism with excellent results; children are talking more and

displaying more emotions. One high schooler even dropped out of the Burkhart theatre classes to join the theatre club at his high school.

The company does a show every semester and is working on a long-term project to give a greater voice to people with autism.

Read more about the company and play. Photos are available upon request.

Sources

Clay Martin, graduate student, School of Theatre & Dance, clay.martin@ttu.edu

When he saw how well Shreffler took to the stage, Martin was confident other students had the same type of talent and interest and could find a core group of actors.

The shows are not good considering they have actors with autism. They are just plain good.

"I don't think it's something you come to see how this student's been helped. It's to see the absolute professionalism and quality of their performance. It's entertaining."

Wes Dotson, co-director, Burkhart Center for Autism Education & Research, (806) 834-0783 or wesley.dotson@ttu.edu

"It goes back to Sam and seeing what that performance did for him seeing that our students have amazing ideas and just as much of a desire to connect and be part of the community as anyone else, and they often struggle. This gives them a way to do that."

"What I see, as someone who works on social skills for a living, they will try things in theatre class that are really hard to get them to do otherwise."

Mark Charney, director, School of Theatre & Dance, (806) 834-168 or mark.charney@ttu.edu

The theatre classes started simply with the goal of making students more comfortable and braver in social situations. That succeeded beyond expectations.

After the first semester of the community theatre class with the Burkhart, a number of students approached Charney and Dotson and asked for permission to continue. They said yes. More students get involved each semester.

"Now we're working on the possibility for us to create a partial degree for pedagogy for unconventional audiences."

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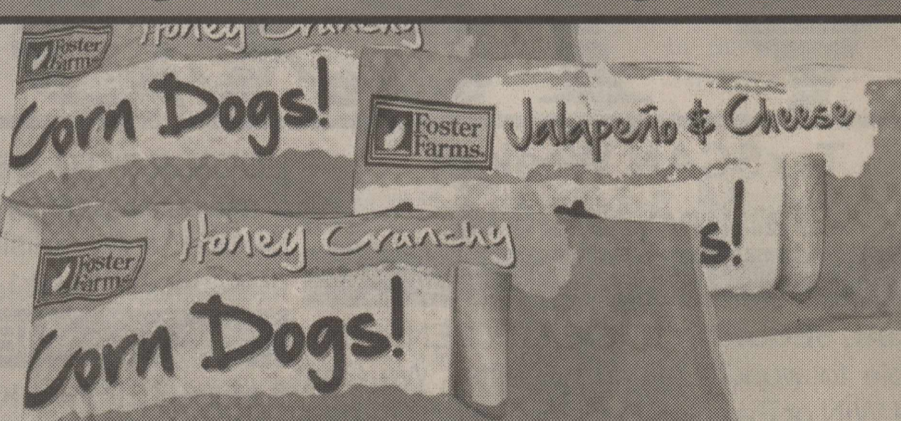
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