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## Carr's Chapel Celebrates 111th Annual Christmas Eve

By Jamie Williams  
 Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Long, long ago, a cowboy tiring of a wandering life with so-called outlaws such as Jesse James and the Younger Brothers chose a different calling. Perhaps it was close calls out in the "Wild West", maybe it was the "Yankee bullet" that blew his curl off one night in an old southern shed, or it could have been an influential person(s) in his life. We really do not know for sure. What we do know is that William Hardy (W.H.) Carr rode the prairie and untamed Caprock country stopping wherever two or three cowboys gathered preaching the gospel, and we assume saving lives. In the years following, he founded several small country churches most of which became associated with the Methodist Church Organization.

Those who gathered on Christmas Eve 2015 were there to celebrate not only the birth of Christ but also the 111th year

of one of those churches, Carr's Chapel. Chase Carr of Harmony Community led the service and read from scripture. Traditional hymns were sang by the congregation while Gail Trowbridge of Petersburg played the piano. We were entertained by the beautiful voices of David and Kim Vaughn along with Darlene Robertson of Allmon Community. A poem entitled "Them's Reindeer Tracks" by Kenneth Wyatt was read by Montana Williams of Idalou and formally of Floydada. The Christmas Story was read by Justin Williams, and Jason Williams also read a poem (both of whom reside in Smyer). Kimber Williams-Theel of Mission Viejo, California, and formally of Floydada, read the history of Carr's Chapel. As the congregation closed with "Jingle Bells", Santa Claus made a special stop to deliver toys to the kiddos, and traditional fruit and candy sacks for each person in attendance.

The church began as The



Courtesy Photo by Jamie Williams

A large congregation gathered on Dec. 24th, 2015 at Carr's Chapel to celebrate the 111th Annual Christmas Eve Service.

Harmony Society, established in 1904, usually meeting in a small schoolhouse in either Harmony or Allmon community. By 1914, the crowd had outgrown the space, and the two communities joined forces raising \$1300, and constructing the current Carr's Chapel building in between Harmony and Allmon Community on FM 378. The architectural style is modern prairie with a braced frame, wooden sid-

ing, and the roof is pyramidal style. Dedication services were held November 29, 1914. It was designated with a Texas State Historical Marker around 1961.

In the "hey-day", Carr's Chapel would draw people from many miles around gathering for an all-day communion extravaganza on Sundays. People walked, rode horses, came by wagon, or filled up the "Lizzie" - or Model T Ford

- with as many friends and family as possible. Many can remember seeing in person and/or in photos as many as 30 or 40 Model T's lined up in front of the "hitching posts" also serving to tie up the horses. The day would start with Bible lessons, lots of singing and shouting, and some rising gospel-type preaching. There was dinner on the ground, visiting and more  
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## 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.

### TEXAS HIGH PLAINS GRAIN ELEVATOR WORKSHOP

The Texas High Plains Grain Elevator Workshop will be held Jan. 22 at the Hilton Garden Inn, 9000 W. Interstate 40 in Amarillo, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service specialist. The meeting is set for 8:15 a.m.-4:15 p.m. in Amarillo. Registration is \$50 at the door and checks should be made payable to Tri-State Chapter of GEAPS. For more info, see the article in this week's issue of the Hesperian-Beacon.

### HIGH PLAINS IRRIGATION CONFERENCE

The annual High Plains Irrigation Conference will be Feb. 4 in the North Exhibit Hall of the Amarillo Civic Center, 401 S. Buchanan St., Amarillo. The program is hosted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Texas Agricultural Irrigation Association. For more info, see the 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 HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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## News on the go



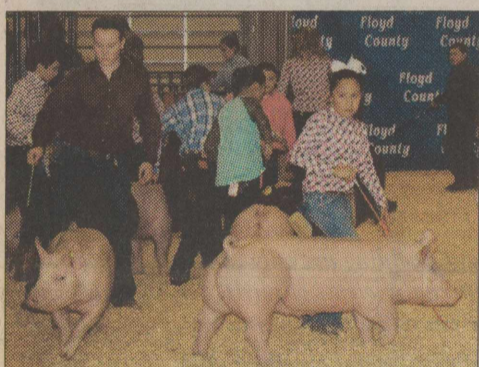
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## Over 200 Animals on Display at Annual County Stock Show



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Numerous junior exhibitors, those not in high school, showed off their showmanship skills in exhibiting their swine. Showmanship judges for the cattle and swine were Robin and John Senter of Colorado City. These youth along with dozens of others, showed off their animals in the annual Floyd County Junior Livestock Show held at Muncy, Jan. 7-9.

By Charles Keaton  
 The Hesperian-Beacon

MUNCY - County youth exhibited over 200 goats, lambs, swine and cattle at the annual Floyd County Junior Livestock Show on Jan. 7-9. The event was held at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center with the goat and lamb show on Thursday and the swine and



Charles Keaton/The Hesperian-Beacon

Goat judge, Joel Lanier of Seminole, gives instructions to Michelle Guerrero and Scott Lass as he judges their animals during the annual Floyd County Junior Livestock Show held in Muncy Jan. 7-9. Over 200 animals were exhibited during the Livestock Show.

cattle on Saturday with the Buyers' meal and auction held Saturday evening.

On Friday evening, Floydada senior, Kirby Nixon held a showmanship clinic to help other participants with showmanship skills.

Complete results and pictures of all the Grand Champions, Reserve Champions, Showmanship winners and Scholar-

ship recipients will be in the Jan. 22 edition of the Hesperian-Beacon.

The youth represented Floyd County 4-H, Floydada FFA and Lockney FFA. Goats and Lambs were judged by retired ag teacher, Joel Lanier of Seminole and Swine and Cattle were judged by retired AgriLife Extension Agent, John Senter of Colorado City.

## Rachel Graham



Courtesy Photo

Floyd County 4-H member Rachel Graham competed at the Western National Roundup in Denver, Colorado and was named the FCS Presentation Champion on Sunday, January 11, 2016.

## Floyd County Unity Center



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## Suspect Apprehended in Ward County for String of Area Burglaries

By Kay Ellington  
 The Hesperian-Beacon

Daniel Zavala, 37, originally from Floydada, was arrested Thursday in Ward County and is believed to be one of two men responsible for a string of burglaries in and around Floydada and Lockney since Christmas, according to the Floyd County Sheriff's Department.

Zavala was found sleeping in a white 2010 Chevrolet Malibu

near I-20, near Monahans. He had two loaded weapons in his lap. The vehicle had been reported stolen from Arlington, and the license plates had been reported stolen from an auto dealership in Plainview.

The suspect in a series of burglaries was charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, unlawful carrying of a weapon and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

The string of burglaries began

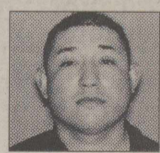
in the Floydada area December 27. Suspects tried to pry open doors at Graham's Tire Shop on Dec. 27, but were unable to do so, according to Jesse Finley with the Floydada Police Department. A day care center was burglarized in the 300 block of West Missouri the same day, and a TV, VCR and money were stolen.

Two suspects were seen on video breaking a front glass door and stealing items from Fast Stop on Dec. 28, according to

Finley. The suspects returned to steal beer and other items as the alarm didn't sound.

Upon searching the vehicle Zavala was found in, Ward County deputies discovered scratch off lottery tickets.

Ward County Deputies then spoke with the Texas Lottery



Courtesy photos

37-year-old Daniel Zavala is facing multiple charges after being found in a stolen vehicle in Ward County on Thursday. He is a suspect in a string of burglaries that happened in and around Floydada and Lockney after Christmas.

Commissioner who said that the lottery tickets were stolen from the Floydada convenience store as well as some tickets were stolen from

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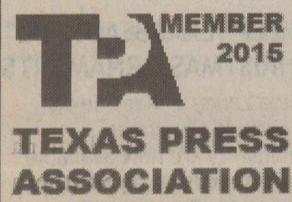
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## The 501

### Symbiosis in the Country

"Symbiotic" is a trendy word that give us hope. It suggests we can all get along if we work together, different creatures playing different



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roles, each making up for something lacking in the other. It's the stuff of idealism.

When I think of symbiotic relationships, cows and white cowbirds come to mind. What cow wouldn't want one on its back, eating ticks and stuff? (Personally, I've never seen a tick on a cow, but those birds are finding something to eat. The Internet says it's ticks; I have my doubts.)

Yes, I grew up on the farm seeing symbiotic relationships in action, learning about the birds and also the bees firsthand. The bees take nectar; the flowers get pollinated. Humans get the honey. Here's to three-way symbiosis. That's not to mention the beneficial effects of bees on cotton and watermelons.

Not that I heard the word "symbiotic" or other words relating to symbiosis till I was off the farm and the Symbionese Liberation Army kidnapped Patty Hearst. If you don't remember that event, you weren't paying attention in the 1970s.

Symbiosis? I wondered if there was a country and people I didn't know about, real or mythical. Symbia? Symbio? I couldn't look it up. There was no Internet. If I'd read all the news stories then, I might have learned the name referred to the phenomenon of symbiosis. The Symbionese Liberation

Army (SLA) soldiers were idealists, if nothing else.

You never hear the word symbionese now, capitalized or not. I think it's because the SLA made it up. Also, my Internet research indicates most of them are dead. That fact would make me feel old, except they seem mostly to have died in police shootouts, which makes me feel lucky.

There's not even a symbionese liberation army.com website, which makes me want to register that domain name in case the SLA ever reorganizes itself and needs it. I'd hold the name ransom. Someone should.

Meanwhile, thinking about violent tactics in the name of symbiosis makes me think about our latest strategy in the battle against rats at the farm:

Cats. You know cats are your only hope when your mechanic offers to give you some.

My husband is allergic to cats and doesn't like them either. But he understands symbiosis and realizes the balance of nature at our farm is out of whack. Also, he respects our mechanic for his knowledge and expertise. And he's tired paying him.

Could be our mechanic is tired of dealing with rat droppings.

Anyway, we're going to take two or three of his outdoor cats and turn them lose on our rats and see what happens.

I'm going to call our feline force the Symbionese Liberation Army. Maybe they'll put some shine on that tarnished name. Enough dead rats, and I'll get them their own website.

As for Facebook, an SLA page already exists. It's got only 23 "likes." What that page needs is a takeover by cats and some dead rat pictures.

Stranger things have happened.

## CHAPEL

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singing, and then an evening service. The rooms at the back of the church were for children's Sunday school lessons, many of which Martha Jane Carr taught. The tiny room was for the tiny ones.

The other two rooms were for older children, separated according to age and number with the larger room being about 6x9 feet.

Martha Jane who was always by Rev. Carr's side, was beloved by all and continued many tradition of the church after Rev. Carr's death in 1917. She was known as a good, ole-fashioned "shouting" Methodist, often exclaiming comments and praises throughout the service. Grandma Carr as known to many of her descendants, passed away in 1937, both she and Rev. Carr are buried in the Carr's Chapel Cemetery.

William Hardy and Martha Jane had eight children, though three of them did not survive past infancy. They did have a set of boy/girl fraternal twins, Mather and

Mattie. As the story goes, they were born in the family dug-out home, so premature that Martha Jane kept them in a shoebox in the oven. Both of whom survived, living full and long lives. The Carr family heralded from Tennessee before settling in Texas and were of Scotch-Irish heritage, which can still be seen through the occasional appearance of red hair.

Interestingly, this small church existed for many years in a model similar to the "circuit-riding preacher" tradition that enabled Rev. W.H. Carr to reach so many people. When the countryside began to give way to larger towns, church members began to dwindle, but Carr's Chapel was able to thrive still, partnering with nearby Petersburg to share a pastor. The jointly-assigned pastor would come to Carr's Chapel for a 9 a.m. service on Sunday, and then go to Petersburg for their 11 a.m. service. It is believed that Carr's Chapel holds the record for having services continually for more than 100 years. The traditional style community Christmas tree event including a brief scripture,

biblical lessons, caroling, children's performances, and Santa Claus is still held annually drawing its family of followers back home even if for a brief interlude. The Christmas program is reminiscent of long ago and over many years with children and adults alike playing piano, singing (either solo, duet, trio, or quartet), reading poetry and/or stories, scripture, and of course the Christmas Story.

William Hardy Carr and Martha Jane Carr passed down a tremendous legacy not only to the communities of Harmony and Allmon but also to their family much of which lies in the values and generosity of spirit. Carr's Chapel has become the embodiment of that spirit. It has become a symbol of enduring love, communion, and fellowship. Much of the congregation who still attends each year are descendants of the early settlers of the area and church. It is a tradition that will carry on generation after generation gathering each Christmas Eve in a tiny church on the prairie to celebrate Christ, family, and friends.

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## The Paperboy

### Lessons still resonate

Martin Luther King Junior's birthday is Friday. His holiday is Monday. I wonder, what would MLK think of us as Americans today?

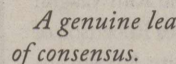
Would he be proud or ashamed? Throughout my life I have listened to people opine about King. I've heard positives and I've also heard people tear him down.

Of all of King's special traits, I guess my favorite was his constancy. Despite facing unimaginable hate, King always rose above. His message was love. And his message should be examined by us all ... as Americans and as humans.

In our country today, we are divided. We're divided every which way.

On a local level, it might seem far away. But it does resonate across the country.

In honor of MLK, I found some quotes of his which make me think about a great many things ... things we should all think about in our society.



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*A genuine leader is not a searcher for consensus but a molder of consensus.*

*He who passively accepts evil is as much involved in it as he who helps to perpetrate it. He who accepts evil without protesting against it is really cooperating with it.*

*Our scientific power has outrun our spiritual power. We have guided missiles and misguided men.*

*Whatever your life's work is, do it well. A man should do his job so well that the living, the dead, and the unborn could do it no better.*

*I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made straight and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together.*

*Rarely do we find men who willingly engage in hard, solid thinking. There is an almost universal quest for easy answers and half-baked solutions. Nothing pains some people more than having to think.*

*We may have all come on different ships, but we're in the same boat now.*

*Nonviolence is a powerful and just weapon, which cuts without wounding and ennobles the man who wields it. It is a sword that heals.*

*Never succumb to the temptation of bitterness.*

*Have we not come to such an impasse in the modern world that we must love our enemies - or else? The chain reaction of evil - hate begetting hate, wars producing more wars - must be broken, or else we shall be plunged into the dark abyss of annihilation.*

*Science investigates; religion interprets. Science gives man knowledge which is power; religion gives man wisdom which is control.*

*Nonviolence means avoiding not only external physical violence but also internal violence of spirit. You not only refuse to shoot a man, but you refuse to hate him.*

*The limitation of riots, moral questions aside, is that they cannot win and their participants know it. Hence, rioting is not revolutionary but reactionary because it invites defeat. It involves an emotional catharsis, but it must be followed by a sense of futility.*

*Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.*

*Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase.*

*We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools.*

*We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies.*

*The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.*

## Floydada Senior Citizens News

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

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

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

**MENU**

**January 18 - January 22**

**Monday - Ham**

**Tuesday - Meatloaf**

**Wednesday - BBQ chicken**

**Thursday - Taco**

**Friday - Fried fish & fixings**

(Menus subject to change without notice)

## Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Happy New Year!!! Hope you all had a wonderful holiday and enjoyed family.

Bad Weather reminder.... if we close you will receive a phone call from the Center and also it will be forwarded to News channel 13, 28, and 34, if needed in the future.

Thank you all who remembered loved ones with a memorial donations. Memorial donations have been received for Ruby Kiser, Joyce Wilson, C.F. Barber, Elmer Griffith, Peggy Nance, Allen Stallings, Linda Stallings, Willetta Isom, Mildred Keaton, Ike Johnson, Don Marble, Rudy Zachary, Jimmy Minter, Bob Gay, Barbara Cunyus, Joan Musser, Kay Martin, Sam Moore Jr., Delton Jack, Bettye L. Jackson. Thank you all.

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.

**MENU**

**January 18 - January 22**

**Monday - Cheeseburgers**

**Tuesday - Enchiladas casserole**

**Wednesday - Chicken fried steak**

**Thursday - Chicken & dumplings**

**Friday - Hamburger steak**

(Menus subject to change with notice)



# SOCIETY

## Livingston presents program at Floydada Rotary

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Jim Livingston from Amarillo presented the Rotary program on January 6th. Jim was the guest of Club President Karen Houchin. Jim told his life story and how lessons in photography has given him a different perspective on life. Jim said many times we go through life too rushed to "just look" at things around us. Jim said to really look on and at what we are doing, whether taking a picture or the task in front of us, we need to really look at it and focus on it, putting aside all other matters and concerns. Jim, turned to photography to ease his pain from suffering a broken back in two places when a church was bombed that he was serving at as a missionary. The church was in El Salvador and the event occurred during the 1980s unrest in that country. Jim has gone from a wheelchair, a walker and a cane to walking freely. He credits his photography to taking his mind off the pain and focusing on the moment



Courtesy Photo

and looking.

Jim is in the process of writing a book based on photos he is taking across the country— asking three questions: "I am..., I regret ..., and Before I die I ...". He is available to do such a session with groups in the Floyd County area, whether a club or a church group.

Special guests included Don and Carolyn Hardy, Rosemary Finley, Eddy Houchin, Gary Brown, Judy Thayer, and Jennifer Harbin. The photo depicts the Pyle cross in Blanco

Canyon one night as Jim was returning from 18 hours of storm chasing and he stopped and caught the cross pushing the storm away. The framed copy was won by Alicia Bice in a drawing, and Jim gave a second print of a plowed field on the way to Matador with a large storm behind it, which Robbie Hilton won.

For more information on Jim's photography, you can contact him on Facebook at Jim Livingston Photography or 806-928-0773, or jimlivingston.zenfolio.com.

## The Razzle Dazzle Red Hat Society of Floyd County

By Mary M. Carter

The Razzle Dazzle Red Hat Society of Floyd County met on January 7, 2016 at the South Plains Baptist Church in South Plains, Texas. It began at 2 p.m.

Virginia Taylor, our Queen Mother, welcomed us to our first meeting of 2016. She brought us up to date on the events and business of the month. The theme of the year for the Red Hats is "Simply Fun".

Our meeting was called "Left Over Tea". Our December meeting was postponed until January. Virginia was in charge of the program and it was titled "Think Positive This Year". We have a choice to be positive. To encourage positive thoughts when we have negative thoughts. Think everyday about your blessings and thank God for them. To forgive yourself. Many other thoughts to ponder on.

Our hostess was Virginia Taylor. Her daughter, Rise Ford, was very helpful also.

It was a luncheon that welcomed the new year with finger foods that were tasty and lots of sweets. We enjoyed our conversations around the tables. Virginia had hostess gifts for all.

The cherry on the cake, sort a speak, was Virginia's birthday was the next day, the eighth, so Virginia also brought a birthday cake. We indulged with a piece of cake too. A funny time was when Ethelyn Vernon asked Virginia, how old she was? Virginia didn't answer so Ethelyn ask her, how much did she weigh? Ethelyn, a retired teacher, said her students would ask these questions and think it was very funny. We had a fun laugh out of it too. It was all done in the "Simply Fun" time we were having.

Those attending were Ethelyn Vernon, Melinda Collins, Joy Turner, Fern Hartsell, Sue Daniels, Betty Jean Williams, Virginia Taylor, Sandy Fuston, Margie Sue, and Mary M. Carter. Our guest was Rise Ford.

## Museum Archives

### Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

JOHN AND NANCY BURNS

John Ellison Burns was born in Alabama, January 19, 1853 and died January 3, 1940. Nancy L. (Haigwood) Burns was born in Arkansas, November 7, 1865 and died December 25, 1945. Both died in Lockney and are buried in the Lockney Cemetery. They were married in Sunset, Texas and came to Floyd County about 1889. They settled six miles southeast of Lockney and lived for a while in a dugout and later in a house. The only fuel available was cow chips which they used for heating and cooking. They were primarily engaged in stock raising and lost many horses and cows through thievery. One year loco was bad and they moved the live-stock to New Mexico and Oklahoma and returned there later to Texas.

They moved to Lockney, Texas in 1900 and established Lockney's first

blacksmith shop where the city hall if now located, later enlarging it and moving across the street East. They owned and operated this shop for thirty years. They built a home just East of the present Lockney City Hall where they lived until their death. This property was given to the City of Lockney to be used for a park by their heirs.

John and Nancy Bum's five children were born in or near Lockney as follows; Eulah Mae Burns Patton born June 24, 1894 and died in Hale Center, Texas, February 7, 1976. She is buried by her husband in Plainview, Texas. She was a beautician by trade.

Goldie E. Burns was born January 18, 1896 and lives with his wife. Alice, whom he married January 21, 1928 in Los Angeles, California. He practiced law in Valparaiso, Indiana and was a graduate of Valparaiso University School of Law and Los Angeles Police Academy. He was prosecuting attorney for six years and judge for twelve

years for all of the 67th Judicial Circuit of Indiana. He is now retired and is an honorary member of the Parter County Bar Association, past member of the National Counsel of Juvenile Judges, Indiana Judges Association and various legal and fraternal organizations.

Emory A. Bums was born August 9, 1901 and died in Los Angeles, California, October 31, 1977. He was a bachelor. He attended west Texas State, Canyon, Texas, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana and University of Southern California where he was a member of the football squad of all the schools. He majored in business and accounting and was a salesman for accounting equipment and business forms. He is buried in the Lockney Cemetery.

Elma G. Burns was born June 21, 1903 and attended West Texas State, Canyon, Texas. All the children graduated from Lockney High School at Lockney, Texas.

## Home Country

By Slim Randles

It was time to do it. I mean, Dud had specifically dropped more hints than World War II bombs that he had always craved a pair of snowshoes, and Anita had given him a good set of wood and babiche trail shoes ... (the good ones ... 12 by 56) for Christmas.

Only problem at Christmas was ... it's hard to justify snowshoes when there's only an inch of snow on the ground. But now, this morning, the world is a powdery white and it's time to do it.

So just after breakfast, Dud Campbell walked on down to the field next to Lewis Creek and strapped them on. Kinda weird. But

fun. After a little practice, Dud was shuffling along like nobody's business on those shoes.

Only two more miles, Dud thought, looking back at his following dog team. Only two more miles of packing trail and he'd be in Nome. The Iditarod! Eleven hundred miles of driving a dog team and he'd only had to pack trail for the dogs twice. He smiled through the tunneled parka hood. It takes a real Alaskan to do this job right, of course, and Dud was the one to put the sour in sourdough!

Well, he thought, looking up at the yellow-diamond sky, there's the old Miller place on the left. Well, where the old Miller placed used to

be, anyway. Had to take it down, so all that's left is this field ... this field stretching to ...

The North Pole, of course. Oh, others had been here before. Peary and Henson in 1909 and a bunch of others since then. But they hadn't done it on snowshoes alone. No way. He would be the first. And he wondered ... when I get there, will there be some sort of monument left by the others? Some way of telling I'm really there?

Ah, these snowshoes ... great opener of doors for Dud's imagination. Of course, there's only one reason to reach the North Pole.

He's always wanted to write in his diary, "From there I turned south ..."

## RingTail

By AppleJack  
Aimee Jackson

Old AppleJack might tell you something seven or eight ways but won't tell you any lies. Did you ever have a favorite pet? A special dog? Well, I did and she was something else! Her name was Ringtail and she was a pedigree, Golden Retriever, bird dog. Her nickname was from a black ring on her tail.

She was an awful fine hunting and fishing dog. Why, if you picked up your fishing pole, she'd dart outside and start to dig up earth worms for bait. Pick up your gun and she would put in her ear plugs and fetch the game bag. She did not care for golf though. She knew if you hit into a water trap she would have to duck her head below the surface and retrieve the ball, and Ol' Ringtail did not like to get her face wet. When it came to hunting you couldn't find a better partner. I remember once I shot three ducks with one bullet, I know that sounds impossible but not with Ringtail. She just ran around on top of the water and lined the ducks up in a straight line, one behind the other.

I loved that old dog something fierce, I have great joy

in recalling all the times we'd sit in the evenings and tell stories, and Ringtail, even though she was a dog, she could tell stories right along with my Daddy that would hold your attention for a week of Sundays! Ringtail's favorite story was about her brother, Rocko. Rocko became a Seeing Eye dog and he would go with his master, who was blind, and they would go into the local store, and Rocko would pick him up and turn him around and around in the air until a sales clerk would ask if they could be of service. Then his master would laugh and say, "No, I'm just looking around." To tell you the truth sometimes

that story after several telling's would get kind of monotonous but she was some dog.

I recall once, I couldn't have been more than 7 or 8 years old. my daddy took me to East Texas to go duck hunting with Ringtail. And I'll never forget, that was our last sad hunting trip together. Ringtail had crossed a small creek. She flushed up a pheasant, just for practice you know. She was chasing that bird when all of a sudden she tried to stop. We could see her claws kicking up dust as she tried to dig into reverse. If there was one thing that poor dog was scared of it was snakes

and Ringtail had seen a poisonous, copperhead snake. Ringtail died that day. No, not from snake bite though. She stopped so fast that ring of black fur on her tail slid up over her body, around her neck and before we could get to her she had choked to death. We'd tried CPR but we were too late. But that was a lesson in AppleJack's life, sometimes quick stops can be dangerous.

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Obituaries

Milton David Adams

Milton David Adams, 69, of Fort Worth, Texas, passed away Thursday, January 7, 2016 in Lubbock.

He was born September 5, 1946 in Lubbock to Quentin and Wilma Adams.

Milton attended Lockney High Schools, and graduated with the class of 1965. From there, he attended Texas Tech University, and while he was there he took many photos for the annual, and for the University Daily student newspaper. While attending Tech he even taught photography courses and labs.

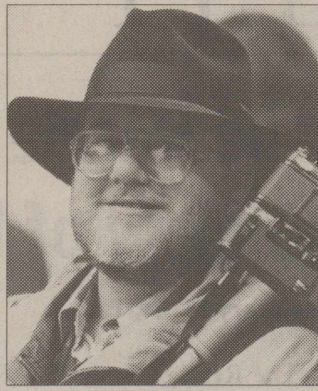
Milton's passion was photography, and he was a very talented artist and world famous for his works. He worked for the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal for 9 years, the Dallas Times Herald for 2 years, then went to work for the Ft. Worth Star Telegram for 25+ years. During his photography career, he was asked to shoot many popular sporting events, like Super Bowl games, many NFL games, pro soccer

games like the Dallas Stars, and many others. He also shot musicians, like Joe Ely, Michael Jackson, and Stevie Ray Vaughn, just to name a few. Milton traveled to New York to shoot fashion shows, and models, and also the Fort Worth Contemporary Dance Group. He did hundreds of photo shoots for families and individuals over the years, and just loved the beauty of photography.

Milton is survived by his father, Quentin Adams of Littlefield; a sister, Jennie Davis and her husband, Danny Davis of Littlefield; special cousins, Sandy Mills, Kenneth Mills; Joye Dell Mills, Mackenzie Vander-tuin, and Jacoby Mills, all of Whitharral; many more cousins on both sides of the family; and numerous friends and colleagues.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Wilma Adams in 2007.

Graveside services to celebrate the life that Milton lived was held at 2 p.m., Monday, January 11, 2016



MILTON DAVID ADAMS

at Lockney Cemetery in Lockney, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to Contemporary Dance/Fort Worth, an organization to which Milton was passionately dedicated. Donations in honor of Milton will be designated to provide free "Dance Delivered" programs for students in area public schools. Donations can be made to: Contemporary Dance/Fort Worth, PO Box 11652, Fort Worth, TX 76110.

Arrangements were under the personal care of Hillcrest Funeral Home in Littlefield, Texas.

Margaret Kathleen Myers McPherson

Margaret Kathleen "Kay" Myers McPherson, age 92, passed away on January 6, 2016. Kay was a former longtime resident of Midland, Texas.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, January 9, 2016 at the Moore Rose Funeral Home in Lockney, Texas.

Visitation was held prior to the service at 11 a.m. Arrangements were under the care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney.

Kay was born January 15, 1923 in Lockney, Texas to Ray Myers and Olive Mudget Myers. She lived in Lockney for many years and married Jay McPherson, also of Lockney, on February 10, 1943. Kay and Jay built and operated the Lockney Motel and Restaurant for many years before moving to Midland Texas in 1968. They owned and operated Town & Country Cleaners, and Mac's Liquors in Midland.

Kay was a member of the Women's VFW Auxiliary. She enjoyed card games and bowling. She was a kind hearted woman who would help in any way she could. She lived in Ovilla and Palestine, Texas with her daughters during the last years of her life.

Kay was preceded in death by her soul mate, Jay McPherson; her parents, Olive and Ray Myers; brothers, Don and Jackie and sisters, Merle and Betty.

Kay is survived by her daughters, Karen Ann Johnston and husband, Dave of Palestine Texas and Pamela Webster and husband, Kenneth of Ovilla, Texas; brother, Jim Myers and wife, Ernestine of Conroe, Texas; grandchildren, Lecia Lopez and husband, Oscar of Midland, Texas, Tina Sorkness and husband, Rick of Jacksonville, Florida, Jay Mark Webster and wife, Dawn of Grand Prairie,



MARGARET KATHLEEN MYERS MCPHERSON

Texas, Dawn Pratt and husband, Jaime of Conroe, Texas, and April Johnston of Palestine, Texas; great-grandchildren, Tami Malone & husband, Darrell, Megan Lopez Baeza and husband, Abraham, Joshua Lopez, Kyle Sorkness, Cameron and Katelyn Webster, Lexi and Alex Pratt, and Dakota and Victoria Patterson; 4 great-great grandchildren; sister-in-law, Nettie McPherson and a number of nieces and nephews.

Joe Robert Appling

Joe Robert Appling, 86, of Crosbyton, Texas, passed away on January 7, 2016.

He was born April 25, 1929, at Mt. Blanco, to Samuel Gordon and Birdie Marie Appling.

After graduating from Crosbyton High School and attending two years at Wayland Baptist University, he served his country in the US Army. In 1960, he met and married Norma Jean Ballah in Hobbs, New Mexico, and eventually raised three children, David, Mark and Robbye.

Joe was a faithful member of First Baptist Church,

Floydada and the men's Sunday School class.

A quiet man, he spent his life serving the Lord as a farmer and devoted provider for his family, constantly concerned for the welfare of others.

He was preceded in death by his parents, S. G. and Birdie, as well as brother, Wayne.

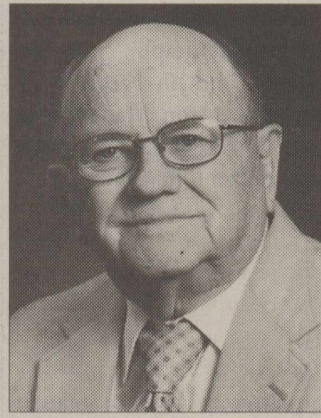
Those left behind to cherish his memory are his wife, Jean; two sons, David of Mt. Blanco and Mark and wife, Cindee, of the Big 4 community; daughter, Robbye of Lubbock; one sister, Catherine Miller, of Plain-

view, Texas; six grandchildren, Will and wife, Lindsay, Laurie, Christy, Tim, Ben and Landry Appling; two great-grandchildren, Eli and Lincoln; two cousins in California and numerous nieces and nephews.

Celebration of life services was held on Monday, January 11, 2016 at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Floydada.

Interment followed at the Lakeview Cemetery. Visitation was held on Sunday, January 10, 2016 from 3 p.m.- 5 p.m. in the parlor of First Baptist Church.

Arrangements were under



JOE ROBERT APPLING

the care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials in Joe's name to Texas Boys Ranch or the Salvation Army.

Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton

The Hesperian-Beacon

There is an important sense in which government is distinctive from administration. One is perpetual, the other is temporary and changeable. A man may be loyal to his government and yet oppose the particular principles and methods of administration. — Abraham Lincoln

There is no nonsense so arrant that it cannot be made the creed of the vast majority by adequate governmental action. — Bertrand Russell

For every action there is an equal and opposite government program. — Bob Wells

Government is too big and too important to be left to the politicians. — Chester Bowles

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## CHURCH DIRECTORY

### You Just Made My Day

The psalmist wrote, "My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever." —Psalm 145:21 (NRSV)

"You just made my day," said the clerk receiving payment from my wife, Bonnie. It was neither the large amount of the check nor that we were paying the bill that excited the lady behind the counter. It was Bonnie's testimony of God's provision.

I had just undergone serious surgery and spent several days at the hospital. My insurance covered most of the medical bill, but the hospital stay was only partially covered. Bonnie and I didn't have the money needed to pay the bill. On the way home from the hospital the day I was released, she was praying again that God would meet our need.

Checking the mail on the way up our driveway, we found a letter informing us of an overpayment we had made several years ago to a facility in another state. It was almost to the penny the amount due — actually a tad more.

Bonnie said to the clerk, "Before I give you this money, I want you to hear how God takes care of us." It was this testimony that prompted the clerk's joyous response.

And so we remember that when the Lord "makes our day," we can share the story of God's faithfulness with others.

**Thomas Buice (Tennessee, USA)**

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<p><b>Aiken Baptist Church</b> Dennis Butler, Pastor Morning Worship - 11 a.m. *****</p> <p><b>Bible Baptist Church</b> 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. *****</p> <p><b>Calvary's Cornerstone Fellowship</b> 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. *****</p> <p><b>Carr's Chapel</b> Service Every Sunday Morning Worship - 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. *****</p> <p><b>Church of Christ</b> West College &amp; Third Lockney Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. Afternoon Worship - 1:30 p.m. Wednesday Service - 7:30 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>City Park Church of Christ</b> 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. *****</p> <p><b>First Baptist Church</b> 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. *****</p> <p><b>First Baptist Church</b> Lockney Joseph Tillery, Pastor Albert Oliveira, Youth Min. Phil Cotham, Music Min.</p>	<p>Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>First United Methodist Church</b> Floydada Rev. Ken Peterson, Pastor Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 10:50 a.m. Youth (Sunday) - 6:30 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>First United Methodist Church</b> 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. *****</p> <p><b>Grant Chapel Church of God In Christ</b> 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. *****</p> <p><b>Main Street Church of Christ</b> 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. *****</p> <p><b>Mt. Zion Baptist Church</b> Floydada Rev. Timothy Askey 401 N 12th Sty. 983-5805 Sunday School - 10 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wednesday Study - 6 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>New Salem Primitive Baptist Church</b> Floydada Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges (806) 637-0430 Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. *****</p> <p><b>Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church</b> 310 Mississippi</p>	<p>Floydada Rev David Ramos, Pastor Ester Ramos, Praise Leader Sunday Bible - 10 a.m. Morning Praise - 11 a.m. Evening Praise 5 - p.m. Wed Worship - 7 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>Power of Praise Full Gospel Church</b> Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor 704 B Main, Lockney Sunday Services - 10 a.m. Sunday Evening - 5 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>Primera Iglesia Bautista</b> Lockney Jesus Caballero, Pastor Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service - 11 a.m. Discipleship - 5 p.m. Wed. Service - 7 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>Primera Iglesia Bautista</b> 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. *****</p> <p><b>San Jose Catholic Church</b> Lockney Msgr. Nickolas Rendon Wed. Communion - 8 p.m. Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m. *****</p> <p><b>South Plains Baptist Church</b> Joe Weldon, Pastor SuNday School - 10 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. Prayer Meeting - 7 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>Templo Getsemani Assembly of God</b> 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.</p>
<p>*****</p> <p><b>St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church</b> Floydada Rev. Ike Temporaza 983-5878 Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m. Mon. &amp; Wed. Mass - 6:30 p.m. Confession Sat - 10-11 a.m. *****</p> <p><b>Templo Bautista Salem</b> Lockney Rev. Joe Hernandez Sun Prayer Service - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service - 11 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wed. Meeting - 7 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>Templo Bethel</b> <b>Spanish Assembly of God</b> 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. *****</p> <p><b>Templo Nueva Vida</b> 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. *****</p> <p><b>Trinity Assembly</b> 500 W. Houston Tom Ross, Pastor 983-5499 Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m. Sunday Evening - 6 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>Trinity Lutheran Church</b> Providence Community On Fm 2301 293-3009 Rev. Peter W. Harrington, Minister Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 11 - a.m. *****</p> <p><b>West Side Church of Christ</b> Floydada 983-2672 Or 470-0950 Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.</p>		



# AGRICULTURE

## Floyd County Commissioners Discuss Annual Financial Report, Impacts of Open Carry at Courthouse

By Kay Ellington  
The Hesperian-Beacon

Rick Knapp, from Knapp and Company, P.C., Certified Public Accountants appeared before commissioners' court to discuss the annual financial report. Knapp noted that this year's audit showed that the financial picture for Floyd County continues to improve. In an executive summary, distributed with the report, county judge Marty Lucke crafted a summary of key financial highlights including:

- As the county completed the year, the governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$2,330,683 as compared to \$1,884,626 in prior year.

-The county's net assets increased \$499,932 in 2015 compared to a \$211,716 increase in 2014, even after the recording of \$349,756 in depreciation expense.

-During the year, the County's total revenues were up \$339,241 as compared to 2014. The tax revenues collected were up \$426,383 which is primarily attributed to increases in the County's tax basis from wind generators and transmission lines.

-The majority of growth in the budget is due to increases in salaries. It had been four years since the last pay increase for employees; therefore, Commissioners Court made that a priority.

In other court action, commissioners discussed a new policy emerging from the open carry law that went into effect earlier this month. Signs will be posted throughout the Floyd County Courthouse reminding visi-

tors and staff that carrying a handgun is restricted in certain areas of the courthouse. According to Lucke the recent state legislation on open carry does not affect penal code which determines where concealed handguns can and can't be carried in the courthouse. Officers of the court can carry handguns under the penal code, and the county judge can grant licensed handgun owners permission to carry their weapons in restricted areas.

Lucke noted that across the state, county officials were grappling with the open carry decision in light of penal code which predominately bans the public carrying of firearms into portions of buildings which house courts. Some counties are banning handguns from courthouses entirely. Some, like Floyd County, are specifying areas adjacent to courts and courtrooms which will not allow handguns and posting signs that that effect. Commissioners voted unanimously to post notices restricting handguns in certain areas of the courthouse.

In other court action commissioners discussed the impacts of county offices being closed due to severe snow and ice storms and how to handle county employees' compensation in instances of such closures. The county judge referenced the most recent Texas attorney general ruling, which occurred in 1999, in matters such as these.

According to the AG ruling at the time, employees can be paid if offices are closed due to weather, remodeling, and similar operations that require facilities to be closed.

The ruling goes on to say, that it is

permissible for employees to be paid under these circumstances, but it is up to the elected official/employer to make that decision.

David Barrera and Adolfo Charvarria from the Texas Department of Transportation appeared before the court and discussed the 2016 County Assistance program.

Barrera noted that TxDOT most often had paving materials available to counties at more affordable rates. The most common material they offered counties was RAP, recycled asphalt pavement.

RAP had been available to counties for \$10 per cubic yard, but that it would now cost the county \$20 a cubic yard. He noted that it was still a very affordable and effective material for paving county roads, and that TxDOT could deliver the material to one central location for the county. Commissioners voted unanimously to participate in the TxDOT program.

Agri-Life agents Amy Kress and Cristen Brooks each gave their monthly reports to commissioners' court about past and upcoming activities.

Highlights included: Attendance and participation were up on the annual stock show—210 animals were shown. The 2016 Caprock Crops Conference will be held January 22 at the Unity Center.

In wind energy developments Lucke noted that he had met with representatives of Apex Energy, and they were looking at adding an additional wind farm in the Floyd County area, and they would be appearing at commissioners' court in February.

## South Plains College to offer License to Carry class

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LEVELLAND — South Plains College will offer the new Texas License to Carry a Handgun class on Jan. 16 (Saturday) in the Law Enforcement Technology building on the Levelland campus. The class will begin at 8 a.m. with breaks every hour as well as a lunch break.

The classroom portion will cover firearm safety, the use of force, non-violent conflict resolution, lawful concealed or open carry, storage with children in the home, and contacts with law enforcement personnel. It

will run about five to six hours.

The range portion will cover range safety rules and commands and the shooting portion of the class at distances ranging from three to 15 yards. The number of students will determine how long the range portion requires. Inexperienced shooters might want to take the N.R.A. Basic Pistol course before taking the L.T.C. course.

Students will need to bring either a revolver or semiautomatic pistol of at least .32 caliber, and fifty rounds of ammunition to match. Eye and hearing protection are provided

for students who do not have their own.

The cost of the course is \$75 for students getting their first license, and \$25 for students wanting a refresher course before renewing their license. Although renewals are now handled strictly online, the changes in Texas firearms law in 2013 and 2015 make a refresher course a good investment.

Students need to register and pay in advance. Space is limited. To sign up, call Kasey Reyes at (806) 716-2341 or emailkreyes@southplainscollege.edu.

## Lockney, Floydada see double-digit growth in January sales tax allocations

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN—Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced Wednesday he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$617.2 million in local sales tax allocations for January, 0.1 percent less than in January 2015. These allocations are based

on sales made in November by businesses that report tax monthly.

Hegar also said last week that sales tax revenue for the state in December was \$2.33 billion, down 1.1 percent compared to December 2014.

"As with the previous two months, December sales tax revenue was down largely due to spending reductions in oil

and gas-related sectors," Hegar said. "This was expected, given ongoing weakness in oil and natural gas prices. Remittances from other sectors, such as construction and information, continued to grow."

Floydada and Lockney fared well with the most recent local sales tax allocations, showing double digit, year over year increases.

digit, year over year increases.

County/City	Current Rate	Net Payment This Period	Comparable Payment Prior Year	% Change	2016 Payments To Date	2015 Payments To Date	% Change
Floydada	1.75%	33,581.79	20,588.83	63.10%	33,581.79	20,588.83	63.10%
Lockney	1.50%	8,806.60	7,735.31	13.84%	8,806.60	7,735.31	13.84%
County Total		42,388.39	28,324.14	49.65%	42,388.39	28,324.14	49.65%

### 2015 Floyd County Sheriff's Office

#### Total Number for the year

- Agency Assist- 1
- Assault-23
- Bomb Threat- 1
- Burglary-22
- Civil- 1
- Controlled Substance-10
- Criminal Mischief- 14
- Domestic Problems-5
- DWI- 7
- Escape- 1
- Family Disturbance- 1
- Forgery- 2
- Fraud- 3
- Harassment- 1
- Health and Safety- 5
- Kidnapping- 1
- Missing Person- 1
- Obstructing Justice- 1
- Obstructing Police- 4
- Sex Offense- 3
- Property Crimes- 3
- Stolen Vehicle- 7
- Theft- 26
- Trespassing- 1
- Weapon Offense- 4

**TOTAL- 148 actual reports taken plus 57 crash reports taken by Floyd County S.O.**

#### Dispatched by Floyd County S.O.

- Texas Highway Patrol- 440
- Floydada EMS- 372
- Lockney EMS- 116
- Floydada Police Department- 2478
- Floyd County Sheriff's Office- 2962

## High Plains Grain Elevator Workshop set for Jan. 22

By Kay Ledbetter

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AMARILLO — The Texas High Plains Grain Elevator Workshop will be held Jan. 22 at the Hilton Garden Inn, 9000 W. Interstate 40 in Amarillo, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service specialist.

The meeting is set for 8:15 a.m.-4:15 p.m., said Dr. Ed Bynum, AgriLife Extension entomologist in Amarillo. Registration is \$50 at the door and checks should be made payable to Tri-State Chapter of GEAPS.

Program topics and speakers include Aeration, Dr. Carol Jones, Oklahoma State University agricultural engineer, Stillwater, Okla.; Bird and rodent control, Mark McQuillan, co-founder of M&M Specialty

Services, Leavenworth, Kan.; Laws and regulations, LeVon Harman, retired Texas Department of Agriculture inspector, Tulia; Dust control, Jones; Equipment safety, McQuilla; and Worker protection standards, Glen Walkup, Compliance Plus owner, Amarillo.

Continuing education units by the Texas Department of Agriculture for commercial, non-commercial and private applicator licensees are pending at this time, Bynum said.

The program is jointly sponsored by AgriLife Extension and the Tri-State Chapter of Grain Elevator and Processing Society (GEAPS). For more information, contact David Hoffman, president of the Tri-State Chapter, at (806) 676-3418, or Marty Stipe, treasurer, at (806) 220-5737.

### FLOYD COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

12/1/2015-12/31/2015

#### Reports Taken

- 12/2/2015-Deputies responded to 208 NW 2nd St. in Lockney in reference to a theft. A report was taken
- 12/5/2015-Deputies responded to Lockney Elementary in reference to an assault. Report was taken.
- 12/5/2015-Deputies responded to the 400 block of US Hwy 70 where a criminal mischief occurred at Ampride.
- 12/10/2015-Deputies responded to the 1100 block of CR 30 in reference to a criminal mischief of a stand pipe. A report was taken
- 12/11/2015-At 10:45am, Deputies responded 3 miles East of Floydada, where a man was arrested for DWI 3<sup>rd</sup> or more.
- 12/26/2015-Deputies responded to 610 SW 6<sup>th</sup> in reference to Harassment. A report was taken.
- 12/30/15-Deputies responded to 118 E. Shurbet in Lockney in reference to a Burglary. A report was taken

#### Crash Reports

- 12/19/2015- Around 8:30pm, Deputies responded to a one vehicle crash on FM 378, just south of FM 37
- 12/22/2015- Around 8:15am, Deputies responded to a crash on HWY 70 with a vehicle vs. a deer.
- 12/24/2015- Around 10:30am, Deputies responded to Hwy 207 and CR 300 in reference to a crash involving a deer

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## Tax deadline will be extended

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WASHINGTON — One piece of good news for those who wait until the last minute to file their taxes is that the deadline will be April 18, not April 15. The reason is that Friday, April 15 is also Emancipation Day here in Washington, D.C. For the states in New England that celebrate Patriot's Day, the deadline will be April 19.

Here are some of the tax changes for 2016:

Penalties for not having qualifying health care coverage under Obamacare will rise again, reaching \$695 per adult or 2% of income.

The standard deduction for those who qualify as heads of households will rise \$50 to \$9,300.

Personal exemptions will also rise \$50 to \$4,050.

The contributions limits for health savings accounts

will remain at \$3,350 for individuals but will rise by \$100 to \$6,750 for families.

The earned income credit will rise from \$3 to maximum \$27, depending upon the number of children claimed

Single taxpayers will see their alternative minimum tax go up \$300 to \$53,900 while joint filers will see a \$500 hike to \$83,800.

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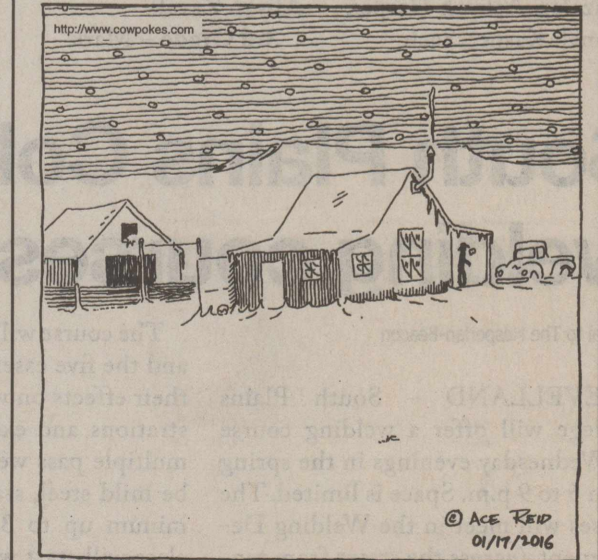
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# SCHOOL NEWS

## Longhorn Boys Defeat Whirlwinds Longhorn Boys Fall to New Deal

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA – Lockney used a 20-4 second quarter to take down county rival Floydada in a district, varsity boys basketball game on Jan. 8. Jaden Rosales scored 16 points and grabbed three rebounds to lead the Longhorns as they defeated the Whirlwinds 56-46. Lockney

is now 13-6 overall and 2-1 in district.

Other top scores for the Longhorns included Daylen Gatica with seven points, Jonathan Rodriguez and Ruben Ascencio with five points each and Derrick Patel with four points.

“We had a big run in the second quarter,” Lockney head coach Adam Zepeda said. “We had great bench

play the whole night and I think that is what got us out of there with a win.”

Floydada held the lead, 12-11 after one quarter but the Longhorns pulled away with a 20-4 second quarter to give them the halftime lead, 31-16. In the third quarter, the two teams played evenly with the Longhorns maintaining their lead at 43-28. Floydada tried to get back

in the game in the fourth quarter, outscoring Lockney 18-13 but it wasn't enough as the Longhorns claimed their second district victory, 56-46.

Lockney hosted Ralls on Tuesday, Jan. 12 and travel to Hale Center on Friday, Jan. 15. Floydada traveled to Abernathy on Tuesday, Jan. 12 and will host New Deal on Friday, Jan. 15.

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – Jaden Rosales scored 18 points and grabbed 13 rebounds for the Lockney Longhorns but the New Deal Lions claimed the 68-66 victory on Jan. 5. JG Manahan hit a late bucket to help the Lions hand the Longhorns their first district loss. Following this game, Lockney had a 12-6, 1-1 record.

Ruben Ascencio also recorded a double-double with 14 points and 10 boards, Daylen Gatica

added 15 points and three rebounds and Derrick Patel had 12 points to go along with two rebounds. Tevin Phillips had five points and Avian Luna had two points and five boards to complete the scoring for the Longhorns.

New Deal held a 16-14 lead after the first quarter. Lockney managed to tie the game at halftime 36-36 following a 22 point quarter by the Horns. New Deal took a one-point lead after three quarters, 54-53 then closed out the game with a 68-66 victory.

## Katie Hinton is a Member of a McMurry University Women's Social Club

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

ABILENE, TX (01/07/2016)--Katie Hinton of Floydada TX is a member of a McMurry University Women's Social Club. She serves as Club Member in the Pi Phi Women's Social Club.

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

Through membership in one of the men's or women's social clubs at McMurry, students have opportunities for special involvement in intramurals, Homecoming, Presentation, Sing Song, and Slime Olympics, to name a few. Social clubs also leave lasting memories of friend-

ship, leadership, acceptance of responsibility, and scholastic excellence.

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. No graduate assistants teach courses and over 77% of our professors have achieved the highest degree in their academic field.

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can choose from 45 majors in the arts, business, education and the sciences as well as our pre-professional programs in medicine, dentistry, engineering, law, pharmacy, physical therapy and others.

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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.

## Lockney Elementary Third Six Weeks Honor Roll

### 1st Grade

Yari Ascencio, Tylee Benton, Matthew Bookram, Matthew Dinkins, Ezekial Gonzales, Juliette Gonzalez, Natalie Gonzalez, Aaliyah Harper, Caelyn Jimenez, Natalie

Jimenez, Hannah Kasner, Zach Luna, Isaac Ramirez, Mattee Rehkopf, Sonny Sarabia, Alondra Trenado

### 2nd Grade

Rebecca Blair, Nick Cervantes, Josiah Cuellar,

Adrian Jimenez, Aatrayu Leal, Lillian Luna

### 3rd Grade

Falyn Graves, Addisyn Gray, Sophie Gutierrez, Bryson Klein, Yareli Naranjo, Trinity Schlueter, Jailee Zavala

### 4th Grade

Colby Guerrero, Olivia Mendoza-Ramirez, Tucker Schlueter

### 5th Grade

Diego Ascencio, Hailey Afill, Karen Trenado

## Lockney Elementary Third Six Weeks Perfect Attendance

### Pre-Kindergarten

Carson Gaither, Sophie Graves, Krue Gray, Carson Pritchard, Cindy Rodriguez, Manny Rubio, Carly Wright

### Kindergarten

Aviana Gallegos, ChristiAnna Jimenez, Lily Jimenez, Jaidon Leal, Criss Jimenez, Jazmin Olmos, Logan Rodriguez, Manuel Valdes, Mario Villagomez, Caycen Wright, Janae Zavala

### 1st Grade

Bo Alvis, Matthew Dinkins, Natalie Gonzalez, Aaliyah Harper, Hannah Kasner, Sach

Luna, Sonny Sarabia

### 2nd Grade

Joel Alvarado, Aberly Ascencio, Dominick Ascencio, Nick Cervantes, Parker Cochran, Angela Encizo, Coltin Gaither, Johnny Gonzales, Ciara Hernandez, Mikayla Hernandez, ElliAnna Jimenez, Adrian Jimenez, Aatrayu Leal, Isabella Leos, Yadira Leos, Madison Marmalejo, Jada Navarrete, Esaiel Nunez, Roman Olmos, Nathaniel Torres, Nayaihlee Vasquez, Aliyah Zavala

### 3rd Grade

Mark

Bookram, Falyn Graves, Jolene Guerrero, Sophie Gutierrez, Bryson Klein, Brinley Lefevre, Haygen Lefevre, Darian Luna, Dimitri Melendrez, Eli Nunez, Giovanni Perez, Johnny Rodriguez, Miannette Rubio, Victoria Salazar, Adrianna Solis, Nathan Vasquez

### 4th Grade

Josiah Ascencio, Salvador Ascencio, Samantha Blair, Drake Gonzales, Nathan Hernandez, Christopher Isaguirre, Adalayah Jones, Jisiah Lara, Isaiah

Luna, Jaila Martin, Eric Martinez, Jose Martinez, Rene Olmos, Mika Perales, Caden Pritchard, Iann Rodriguez, Mia Salas, Jennifer Sanchez, Alberto Sotogonzalez, Carlos Tijerina

### 5th Grade

Diego Ascencio, Hailey Afill, Salazar, Eddeny Chavira, Aracely Cuellar, Felix Gonzales, Annalicia Hernandez, Jeremiah Hernandez, Madison Johnson, Lexi Morgan, Dax Poole, Jocelynn Reyes, Elijah Sotogonzalez, Karen Trenado

## South Plains College to offer welding courses starting Jan. 20

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LEVELLAND – South Plains College will offer a welding course on Wednesday evenings in the spring from 6 to 9 p.m. Space is limited. The classes will meet in the Welding Department, (across the street from tennis courts on J.V. Morton Drive).

WLDG 1307 – Introduction to Welding Using Multiple Processes is a for-credit class and WLDG 1007 is an equivalent course but is a continuing education class.

The 16-week classes will begin Jan. 20 (Wednesday) through May 4.

Basic welding processes include oxy-fuel welding (OFW) and cutting, shielded metal arc welding (SMAW), gas metal arc welding (GMAW) and gas tungsten arc welding (GTAW).

The cost of the course is \$425 plus supplies (listed below).

The course will cover welding safety and the five essentials of welding and their effects on welding with demonstrations and exercises in single and multiple pass welds. Base metals will be mild steel, stainless steel and aluminum up to 3/8 inch thick. Each class will start with a brief classroom instruction and or video followed by a fun hands-on lab exercise. The welding technology program is a participant in the American Welding Society's "SENSE" program (Schools Excelling through National Skills Standards).

The equipment listed below is required of all students. This equipment may be purchased at any welding supply store. The prices listed below are approximate. Your tools may cost more or less depending on the quality you select.

- Safety Glasses -- \$4 (Safety

glasses must meet ANSI Z87 specifications and MUST be worn by the student at all times in the welding lab and adjoining areas);

- Welding helmet -- \$30 (Must meet ANSI Z87 specifications and MUST be approved for overhead welding);

- Welding gloves -- \$10;
- Welding Cap -- \$7;
- Chipping Hammer -- \$10;
- Wire Brush (fine) -- \$4;
- Slip Joint Pliers (9") -- \$6;
- Needle nose wire cutters or Welpers MIG welding pliers -- \$23; and,
- Triple Flint Striker - \$4

To register and for more information, contact Kasey Reyes, Administrative Assistant to the Dean of Distance and Continuing Education, at (806) 716-2341 or email kreyes@southplainscollege.edu.

### FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

January 18 – January 22

#### Monday

HOLIDAY – SCHOOL IS OUT

#### Tuesday

**Breakfast** – Cinnamon oatmeal, fresh fruit, milk  
**Lunch** – Country fried steak & roll, bean and cheese burrito, popcorn chicken & roll, pepperoni pizza, cheeseburger, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

#### Wednesday

**Breakfast** –Pancakes, cereal, fresh fruit, milk  
**Lunch** –Sloppy Joe, corndog, beef fingers & roll, spaghetti & meatball & bread, chicken nuggets & roll, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

#### Thursday

**Breakfast** –Belgian waffles, cereal, fresh fruit, milk  
**Lunch** - Hot dog, popcorn chicken & roll, salisbury steak & roll, cheeseburger, fajita burrito, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

#### Friday

**Breakfast** – Apple frudel, cereal, fresh fruit, milk  
**Lunch** – Chicken alfredo & breadstick, corndog, hamburger, popcorn chicken & roll, fajita burrito, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

### LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU

January 18 – January 22

#### Monday, Jan. 18

**Breakfast** – Chicken & Waffle, Fruit, Fruit Juice, Milk  
**Lunch** – Steak Fingers or Breaded Pork Chop, Baked Potato, Carrots, Strawberries & Bananas, Roll, Milk

#### Tuesday, Jan. 19

**Breakfast** – Breakfast Club, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk  
**Lunch** – Spaghetti, Breadstick or Pizza, Salad, Tuscan Vegetables, Peaches, Pudding, Milk

#### Wednesday, Jan. 20

**Breakfast** – Texas Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk  
**Lunch** – Mexican Combo Plate, Spanish Rice or Chicken Quesadilla, Corn, Charro Beans, Salsa, Cinnamon Applesauce, Milk

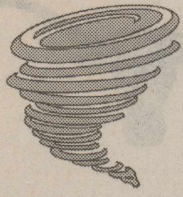
#### Thursday, Jan. 21

**Breakfast** – Oatmeal Muffin Squares or Sausage Kolache, Yogurt, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk  
**Lunch** – Teriyaki Beef Sandwich, Chips or Chili with Cornbread, Broccoli, Salad, Orange Smiles, Milk

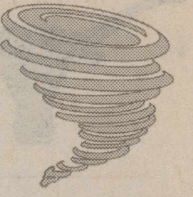
#### Friday, Jan. 22

**Breakfast** – Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk  
**Lunch** – Popcorn Chicken, Roll or Sloppy Joe Sandwich, Sweet Potato Fries, cucumber, Fruit, Cookie, Milk





# Whirlwind News



## News Release: Say thanks to our school board members!

**January 2016 is School Board Recognition Month, and Floydada ISD joins other districts across the state as they honor the countless contributions of these locally elected advocates for public education.**

"Serving on a local school board is no easy task, particularly in today's climate of rapid change and financial uncertainties. These men and women are elected to establish the policies that provide the framework for our public schools. They tackle a difficult job and shoulder enormous responsibilities. Overall, they represent you and take their leadership roles seriously by attending lengthy meetings; broadening their knowledge at conferences and

seminars; and talking about the schools with business leaders, parents, and neighbors," said Dr. Gilbert Trevino, Floydada ISD Superintendent.

"Too often we neglect to recognize the dedication of these local citizens who work without pay. So each year the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) encourages communities to show appreciation to these individuals for their unfailing commitment to the success of all students. The staff and students of our district applaud our board members for their vision and voice to help shape a better tomorrow. In a year in which the FISD Board of Trustees serve as the Region 17 School Board

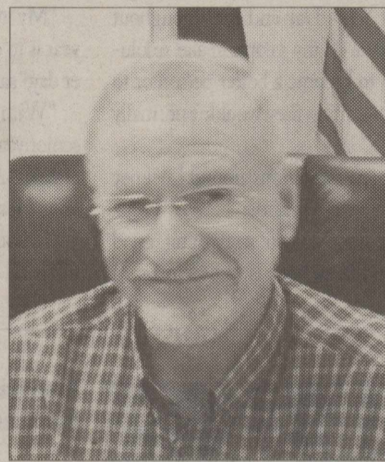
of the Year, our board deserves to be honored and celebrated" he said.

"Our children benefit every day from the hard work and long hours contributed by our trustees. Serving as a crucial link between the community and classroom, this board is responsible for an annual budget of \$8 million, 800 students, 180 employees, and 3 campuses. Please take a moment and tell school board members 'thanks for caring about our children and giving so much to our community.' Let them know we support them and that their dedicated service is recognized and truly appreciated," he said.

### Lyle Miller, School Board President

By Delaney Lucke

Lyle Miller, president of the school board, has been an active member of the school board since 2005. He grew up in Floydada and graduated from Floydada High School in the year of 1972. Outside of work, he is a third generation farmer of Floyd County. He is part of a churchgoing family and attends the Church of Christ in Plainview. He is a father to three children; Titus, Sarah Jo, and Abigail, all of whom are graduates of Floydada High School. We asked him which achievements from his life he is most proud of, to which he responded with his children and his wife. The fact that all of his children are college graduates, and that he farms with two of his three brothers, is an achievement because he feels the majority of families don't stick together, as his family has. Miller is very family oriented and most enjoys taking his family to the lake in the summer and to the mountains in the winter. We asked him what ideas he would like to implement into our education system, based off of his prior experiences with public education, and he said he would like to see "teachers paid more". We would like to give a big thanks to Mr. Miller and to the rest of the school board for making our school a better place.



### Beverly Collins, Trustee

By Macee Brotherton

Beverly Collins is an esteemed individual currently serving on FISD's school board. Having grown up in this very community, who better than she to serve our district, than a Floydada native herself. Although she graduated from Plainview High School, she found Floydada's education system to be well balanced and good for all students, and now she helps make the important decisions to keep it so. As the director for the local daycare, Collins is familiar with children and what they need to grow as individuals, both in academia and character.

Part of Collins' character was formed by those she most admires, her parents. From them she learned the key lesson to be responsible and a hard worker. She carries this with her through her career and as a member of the community.

From her experience on the school board, Collins has most enjoyed getting to serve her community in such an active role. When asked, Collins said that when people look at her, she wants them to see a grounded, spiritual leader, and so far, she is proving to be just that by her actions on the FISD school board.



### Kay Brotherton, Secretary

By Selena Espinoza

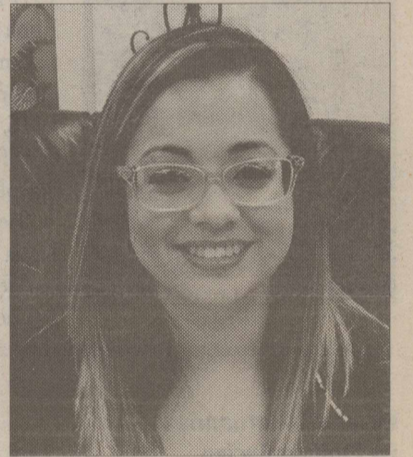
Kay Brotherton is a member of the school board at Floydada ISD, and has been for three years. Kay decided she wanted to become a member of the school board after conversing with previous board member Charlie Tyer. She also became a board member because she wanted to give back to the community and stay involved. She said, "Being on the school board has helped me to appreciate the educational system and staff here at FISD." Brotherton attended college and earned her Bachelor's degrees from Wayland Baptist University, double-majoring in Psychology and Physical Education. She received her Master's from Texas Tech University in Psychology and Human Studies. Kay has been married to David Brotherton for twenty-eight years. Together, they have four children: Brandon, Chase, Britnee, and Macee. So far, they have two grandchildren. David is a registered nurse at Covenant Hospital in Plainview. During her downtime, Kay enjoys reading, exercising, and going to the movies with her family. She says that when her youngest daughter graduates high school she will "miss going to the movies with her". Kay wants to be viewed and remembered as a positive and optimistic person and someone that the people around her can turn towards.



### Gracie Diaz, Trustee

By Valerie Espinoza & Angela Longoria

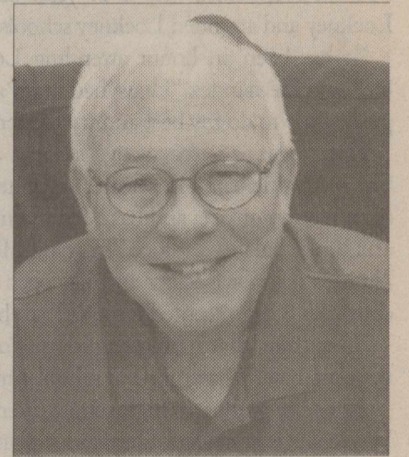
Gracie Diaz, one of three women of the Floydada ISD school board, will have served two years this coming February. She has lived in Floydada her whole life and has also graduated from Floydada High School. After attending college, she returned to Floydada and has worked for Dr. William Dean for 10 years as a Dental Assistant. Along with being a dental assistant, she enjoys taking pictures as one of her main hobbies. When asked about what person they admired the most Gracie said, "I would have to say my dad. He is a hard worker and that is where I get my work ethic from. When asked what the education was when she attended Floydada High School Diaz replied, "The education then is like it is now, both educational and driven." As a board member Gracie strives to make outstanding decisions for the students and our school district.



### William Dean, Trustee

By Remington Ricketts

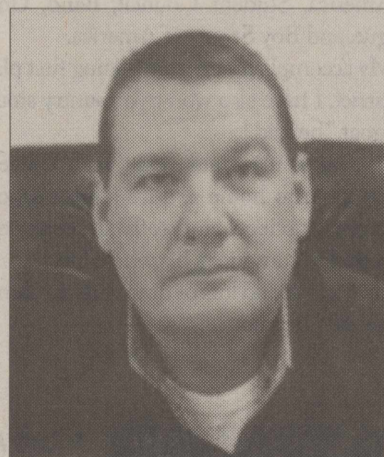
Dr. William Dean, a board member for 19 years, majored in chemistry, and minored in biology at McMurray University. Dr. Dean lived in Africa for 9 years and says that he likes to run in his free time. He decided to run for board member because he wants to help the students and does everything he can so that students can have the best. Dean also said that he wants the teachers to be well provided for as well. He doesn't think that being on the board has necessarily influenced his work but he does try to be the best board member that he possibly can. Serving on the school board is not easy, but Dr. Dean has done an outstanding job for years on end.



### Roger Hughes, Vice President

By Angel Lorenzo & James Isaias Ponce Jr.

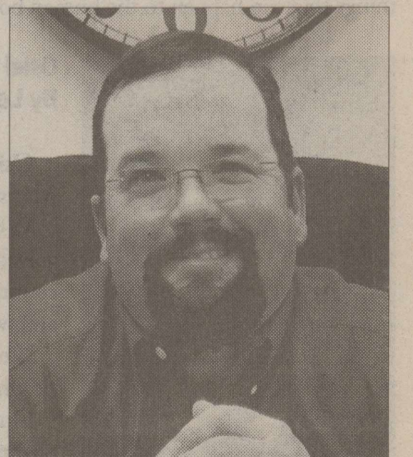
This month is devoted to commemorating the school board who dedicate their precious time to helping the Floydada Independent School District be in tip top shape. The school board is a prestigious panel of esteemed residents who have taken it upon themselves to help the Floydada Independent School District exceed the expectations of preconceived notion. Roger Hughes knows what a small town education can do from experience. This School Board member was born and raised in Turkey, Texas and graduated from Valley High School. Roger understands the importance of a small town education with a strong backbone that is a School Board. Married to Tiffany, he is also the father of three: Tara, Reagan, Brody Hughes. He is the General Manager of Ray Lee Equipment. Currently the Vice President of the FISD school board, Hughes will celebrate his quinquennial (five years). In an interview with FHS Journalism he stated that he is on the school board solely for the reason, "To give back to the community by helping make the Floydada independent school district be the best it can be" FHS Journalism correspondents also asked the father of three what his hobbies include when he is "off-duty". Hughes simply said that he enjoys spending time with the family, going to the lake, and stock showing.



### Eric Smith, Trustee

By Karley Weems

The school board is a huge part of Floydada Independent School District because of their crucial part in our decision-making. Eric Smith is a farmer and rancher right here in Floyd County, and is one of our school board members. Smith's inspiration to run came from his want to be more involved in his community, while also trying to help make improvements where he thinks they are needed. Outside of his day job and duties as a school board member his hobbies include Roping with his sons, and spending time with his family. In an interview with Smith we decided to ask some fun questions to get to know him a little bit better, we asked what was his most fun adventure was, where he said "I'm not sure of some of them would be appropriate, but I would say there have been some good adventures just traveling". His beaming personality and sense of humor shine through to make him a lovable leader. Being an inspiration in our community has made him a great asset to our school board.



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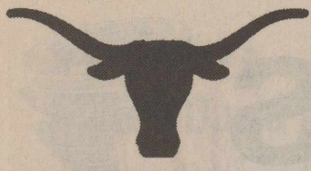
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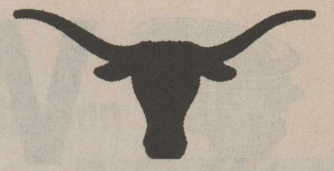
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# Longhorn News



## Honor Roll

### Lockney Junior High A Honor Roll

**6th grade**  
Gabriella Cervantes  
Hunter Flick  
J'Ann Pena

**7th grade**  
RyAnn Castillo  
Kalebh Cook  
Hunter Lefevre

**8th grade**  
Anahi Ascencio  
Diego Azua  
Joshua Short

### A/B Honor Roll

**6th Grade**  
Elias Alvarez  
Ernest Alvarez  
Aidan Bustillos  
Damion Gonzales  
Quinten Johnson  
Caleb Pritchard  
Ezekiel Ramos  
Austin Rodriguez  
Morris Salas  
Miranda Sarinana  
Taylor St Dennis

**7th Grade**  
Justus Abbott

Yanelle Bernal  
Joshua Cienfuegos  
Cristian Gonzalez  
Jessica Hernandez  
Fette Jackson  
Matthew Martinez  
Sebastian Perez  
Cole Poole

**10th Grade**  
Kassandra Ramirez  
Audrey Rexrode  
Janae Reyes  
Matthew Rodriguez  
Alexander Williams  
Andrue Williams

### 8th Grade

Madai Chavira  
Tatyanna Cienfuegos

J Faz  
Jerry Franklin  
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Bryson Hallmark  
Lyndee Setliff

**10th Grade**  
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Alyssa Gutierrez  
Aleah Jimenez  
Nimsi Perez  
Karissa Petty  
Nohelia Salazar  
Tristan Schlueter

### 11th Grade

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Tabetha Bigham  
Sklyer Dunn  
Emilee Encizo  
Seattle Jackson  
Luke Kasner  
Tavien Walrath

### 12th Grade

Daylen Gatica  
Anissa Guerrero  
Levi Kasner  
Jace Klein  
Scott Lass  
Jake Moore  
Ozzy Mondragon  
Alex Rea  
Liz Salas

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Jose Felan  
Sierra Martinez  
Ryder Race  
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Julio Lara  
Mackenzey Ragland  
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## Life Foundation

### By Reagan Nuncio

The Life Foundation is a program that gives scholarships to students. To qualify for a Life Foundation scholarship, the students should have good attendance, not many tardys, good behavior, and have an 80 or above in their classes. Also, a student must have gone to Lockney High School their junior and senior year.

The Lockney Life Foundation members have fundraisers along the year to build up the students scholarships. 100% of the funds

raised go to the students' scholarships. They have had two major fundraisers this year. The first was an evening steak dinner with Pete Christy in the fall, and they ran the concession stand at a High School basketball game on January 5.

Another major fundraiser put on by the Life Foundation is a golf tournament in the spring, an event they have done for the past two years.

In the first year giving Life Foundation scholarships, the program was able to give 800 dollars to each student. Last year, they

gave each of 14 eligible students 1,300 dollars.

There are five board members of the Life Foundation, President Ricky Carstensen, Vice-president Fred Cervantes, Treasurer Charlotte Mitchell, and Maria Arellano and Billy Lefevre. The Lockney Life Foundation is just one more way the Lockney community reaches out to help the students at Lockney High School.

"It's not in every community you have people who go out of their way to volunteer to help," said former member Phil Cotham.

## New Year Resolutions

### By Lena Luna and Lissa Hernandez

At the beginning of every new year, many people create a resolution to do something better within the year. Each resolution is supposed to begin New Year's Day and last throughout the year. Many people make resolutions to become a better person or to do something they wouldn't normally do.

A few resolutions around Lockney High School include:

"I hope to do something good around the school as well as focus on

keeping the students of the school safe," said LHS janitor, Sammy Silva.

"After a long year of getting used to Lockney, I hope to focus on getting healthier this year," said girls and boys track coach, Richard Jackson.

"My main focus going into this year is to only eat fast food every other day," said senior Jace Klein.

"With stressing over finishing my senior year, all I hope is to calm down and pass AP biology," said senior Breanna Hernandez.

"Throughout this New Year I hope to spend more time with my family

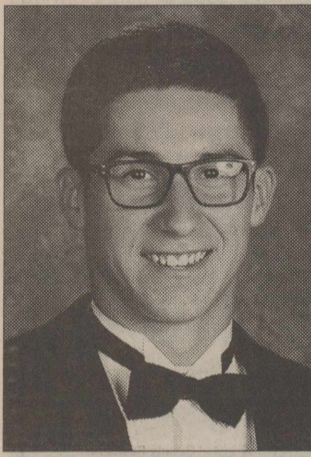
and create memories that we'll remember for years to come," said junior Tabetha Bigham.

"Beginning this year I hope to pass all my college classes as well as still have time to create many high school memories," said junior Lizzie Belt.

"I hope to go through 2016 focusing on sports in order to become a better athlete," said sophomore Alyssa Barretero.

"Along with my friend Adri Palomin, I plan on refraining from drinking cokes," said freshman Sierra Martinez.

# Senior Spotlights



**Avian Bradley Luna**  
By Alexa Brianne Poole

Avian Bradley Luna was born to Julia Luna on November 12, 1997 in Plainview Texas. Luna has two other siblings, a sister Mary Luna and an older brother Nathan Luna.

Luna lived in Plainview and attended school there until his junior year when he moved to Lockney. During his final year at LHS, Luna is involved in basketball, baseball, football and track. This football season he was able to help his team make it into the playoffs.

"Being a senior this year is nerve wrecking yet exciting," said Luna.

After graduating high school, Luna plans to attend college but has not made a decision yet on where to attend.

Luna plans to enjoy his last few days at Lockney High spending time with family and friends.

### Elizabeth Hernandez

By Emilee Encizo

Elizabeth Shaina Mae Hernandez is the 17-year-old daughter of Lupe and Ricky Hernandez. She has one older sister named Marisol Hernandez who is 19 years old. Hernandez has lived in Lockney and attended Lockney schools her whole life.

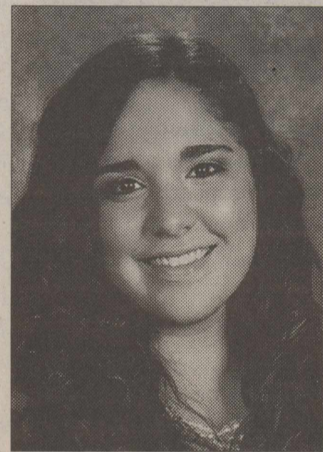
"It has been an honor attending Lockney schools my whole life," said Hernandez. "I have had many amazing teachers that have pushed me to do my best and try harder."

Hernandez is a very active student at Lockney High School. She has participated in Theater since her freshman year, Art Club since her junior year, and has been the manager for Cross Country and Basketball teams since 7th grade. Hernandez is also part of the National Honor Society and has been since her junior year. She considers being accepted into NHS to be one of her major accomplishments.

"One thing that I am going to miss most about high school is getting to go to class each day with the classmates I have gone to school with since elementary," said Hernandez.

After she graduates high school, Hernandez plans to attend West Texas, Tarleton, or Texas State. While she is at college, Hernandez plans to study nursing and become a Registered Nurse and then go back to school to become a neonatal nurse.

"I want to study nursing because I enjoy helping others and think it is really neat seeing the different things that can happen to the human body," said Hernandez.



**Breanna Nicole Hernandez**  
By: Sierra R. Martinez

Breanna Nicole Hernandez was born on January 4th 1998 to David Hernandez and Kimberly Hernandez. Hernandez has five siblings: Sammy, Breslynn, T.J. Dru, and Samara. Hernandez was born in Lockney Texas, although she has not lived here her whole life.

Hernandez has lived in several states and towns including Ohio, Georgia, Florida, Lubbock, Dallas, Amarillo, Plainview and Lockney. From kindergarten to first grade she and her family lived in Ohio, from first grade to second she was living in Georgia, and from second to third she lived in Florida. She then moved to Texas and lived in Lubbock her fourth grade year, Dallas and Amarillo during fifth and sixth grade, and came to Lockney seventh grade.

She has attended Lockney Independent School District while living in Plainview ever since.

Hernandez is involved in many things in Lockney High School. She is a member of the National Honor Society, plays basketball and softball for the two varsity teams, and has since her junior year, and she also played tennis her sophomore year.

"Softball is my favorite sport; I always try to improve myself," she said. "I love the feeling I get when I play a sport it's so indescribable and I love it so much."

Hernandez also enjoys her time outside school when she is able to practice sports, hang out with friends, or spend time with family.

After high school, she plans to get a job while attending college. She plans to go to South Plains College to get her basics done and then transfer to a different school. Hernandez plans on either being a radiologist or anesthesiologist assistant.

"I think it would be cool to be able to take x-rays and get view them as well," she said.

### Scott Lass

By Sierra R. Martinez

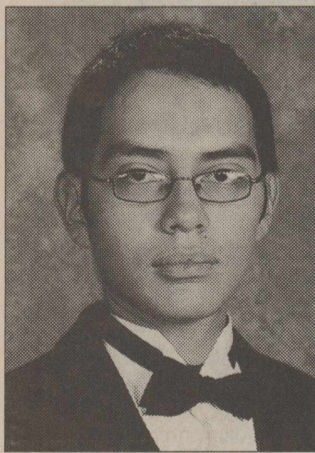
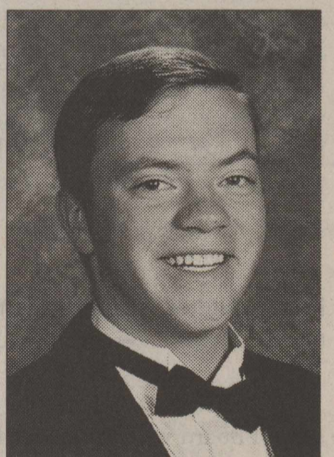
Michael Scott Lass was born on December 18, 1997. He was born in Lubbock, TX to Mike and Marceen Lass and has lived in Lockney TX his whole life.

Lass is involved in National Honor Society, Future Farmers of America, Student Council, Band, University Interscholastic League, and Boy Scouts of America.

"My accomplishments are getting first place in computer science at district. I have also won two country stock shows with my lamb and goat," he said.

Lass wants to attend Texas Tech University because he wants to stay close to home and it's a great school. He wants to major in computer science and software engineering, because has been interested in computers his whole life.

"I hope to spend lots of time with my family and friends before I leave, and accomplish many things as a senior," he said.



**Osiel Mondragon**  
By Lena Luna and Lissa Hernandez

Osiel Mondragon was born in Plainview, Texas to Ignacio and Marisela Mondragon.

While attending school in Lockney, Mondragon has been involved with the Longhorn band since his freshmen year, UIL accounting and computer science teams since his sophomore year, and with the National Honors Society since his junior year.

"I enjoy being a part of these organizations and making memories that I will carry with me after graduation," said Mondragon.

During his years at LHS, Mondragon has had many accomplishments, such as advancing in the UIL matching band contest, qualifying for state in the VASE art contest his freshman and sophomore year, and qualifying for regionals in UIL accounting

his junior year.

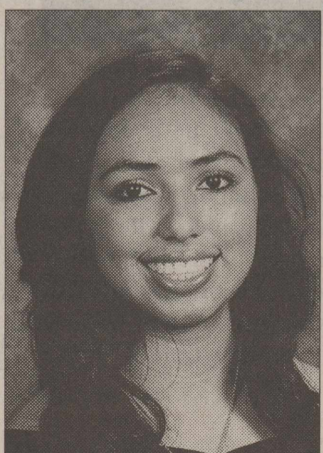
Mondragon's current favorite subject is band.

If Mondragon could relive one moment of high school, he would go back to his area marching contest.

"It was such a fun and memorable experience that I got to share with my friends," he said.

After high school, Mondragon plans to attend college and study game design or animation. He hopes to get a job as a game designer or animator.

"I want to be able to create a story and show it to people as a video game or animated show," he said.



**Anissa Adelina Guerrero**  
By Haley M. Sanchez

Anissa Adelina Guerrero was born in Lockney on May 21, 1998 to Jose Luis and Mary Guerrero. She has lived here with her parents for her whole life.

Guerrero has been a cheerleader all throughout her junior high and high school years. She has also played on the basketball team since she was in the 7th grade. She has also been in track since junior high and joined the softball team her freshman year. She is a part of the beloved Longhorn band, and has been since she was a 5th grader. Guerrero is also a part of the National Honors Society, as well as FFA.

After high school, Guerrero plans to go to South Plains College for her basics. She then plans to later transfer to Council of Ontario Universities to receive her Registered Nursing degree.

A bible verse that Guerrero holds dear is, "Faith does not make things easy, it makes them possible," Luke 1:37.

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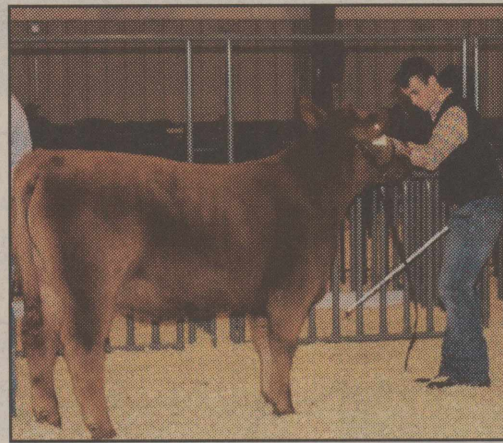
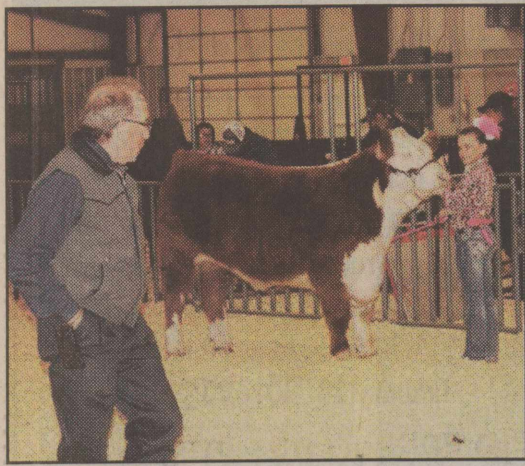
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