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21st Annual Floyd County Friends Benefit Gala breaks record

By Seagayle Foster
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The 21st Annual Floyd County Friends Benefit Gala was held Saturday April 23, 2016 at the Unity Center. The night was filled with socializing, laughter, dancing and BREAKING RECORDS raising money for the operating costs of the Unity Center that we are so blessed to have in Floyd County. The building is used for many different events such as meetings, proms, receptions, weddings, family gatherings, 4-H events and so much more. This event grossed over \$75,000 and were so thankful for all the support to make it a Record Breaking year!

The event started at 6:15 p.m. with a Welcome and Invocation by the President of the Floyd County Friends Board of Directors, Chad Cook. The prime rib dinner was catered by Bradley Price and he did an excellent job and was very well received. As our guests were enjoying their dinner we were blessed to have Steve Burrus and the High Plains Drifters as the opening band. They did such a fantastic job playing a tribute to the legendary Meryl Haggard and many more artists. The guests also enjoyed the Coffee Bar provided by Gold Stripped Coffee sponsored by Happy State Bank.

The \$1,000 giveaway sponsored by Reagor-Dykes was very entertaining as every ticket holder was eligible to win and every table had a representative. Names were drawn and games were played, until we got down to our lucky winner. Shelley Tidwell was the one standing in the end and walked out

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Courtesy photo

Floydada High School's Macee Brotherton to compete in state UIL

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

Macee Brotherton to compete at the State UIL meet May 24-25 in Austin.

Eight Floydada students had advanced from district to compete at Regional UIL in Odessa on April 23 including

Reagan Hughes-Computer Apps

Macee Brotherton-News and Ready Writing

Delaney Lucke-Ready Writing

Alejandro Pino-Headline Writing

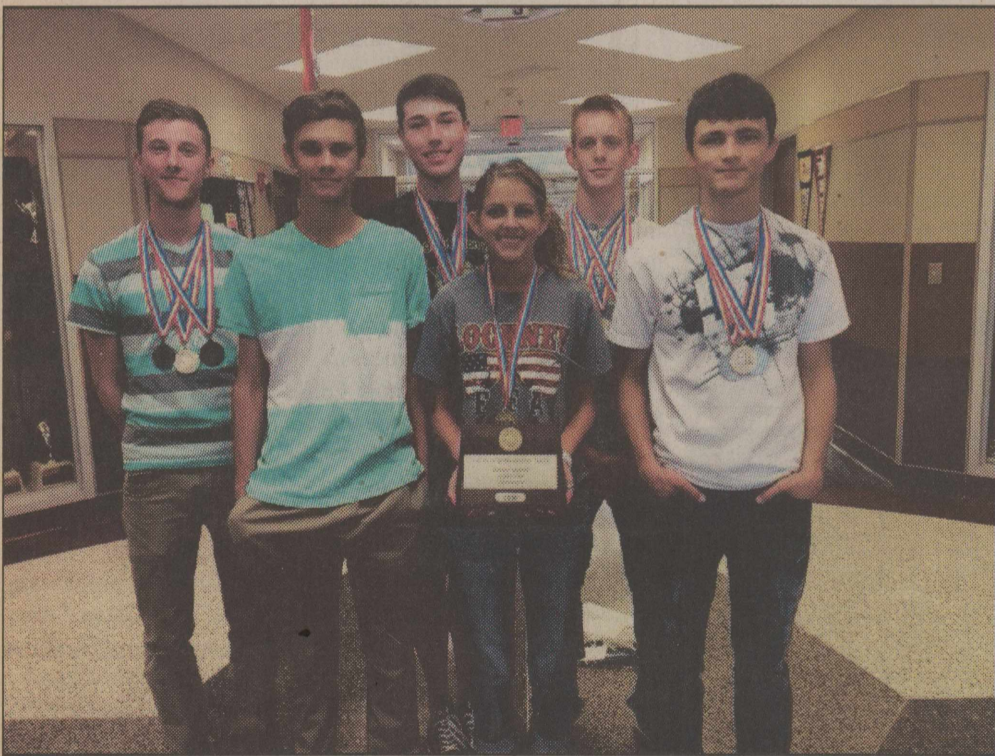
Donald Gibbens, Jared Orr, Adolfo Trevino and Kaylee Morren-Social Stud-

ies

The top three students in each event qualified to compete at the next level. Macee Brotherton placed third in Ready Writing and News Writing qualifying to go to Austin.

Brotherton is the only Floydada student to advance to state.

Lockney Science Team captures Regional Title



Courtesy Photo

Lockney High School will send six students to compete at the State UIL contest in Austin on May 23-25. Jake Moore (back left) will compete in Number Sense and Literary Criticism. Luke Kasner (front left) will compete in Prose. Jace Klein (back center), Seattle Jackson (back right), Tabetha Bigham (front center) and Levi Kasner (front right) will compete as a team the Science contest.

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ODESSA -- The Lockney UIL Science team won their 4th consecutive Regional championship on Saturday April 23 at Odessa College. Senior Jace Klein and Levi Kasner led the way finishing 1st and 2nd overall. Seattle Jackson, a junior, finished 4th. Jace took the Top Biology honor and Levi earned the Top Biology alternate score. Jace was also the Top Chemistry alternate. Tabetha Bigham, Luke Kasner, Tristan Schlueter and Austen Rexrode are the other team members. They

are coached by Racheal Kasner and D'Lyn Morris. Jace, Levi, Seattle and Tabetha will compete at the State UIL meet May 24th in Austin.

Jake Moore placed 2nd in Literary Criticism with the team placing 3rd. Jake will advance to the State meet. Lizzie Belt, Lyndee Setliff, Karissa Petty, Haley Sanchez and Sierra Martinez are also on the team. Melanie Ragland is their coach.

Luke Kasner placed 2nd in Prose and will advance to the State meet. He is the first

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Courtesy photo

Macee Brotherton, FHS, senior has qualified for the state UIL tournament in news and ready writing.

Floydada council approves city manager's contract

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

Ray Harvey, construction manager for Clear Talk communications, appeared before Floydada City Council Tuesday, April 16 to request a variance in zoning ordinances to construct a new telecommunication tower at 329 W. Price Street, Lot 1-4, block 3 in the original town of Floydada.

Harvey said upon completion of the tower, Floydada residents would be able to get cell phone signals for ClearTalk and T-Mobile cellular services.

The council approved the variance.

In other action the council approved Mitch Probasco erecting new airport hangers, but tabled action on painting city buildings.

They approved a proclamation declaring April Fair Housing Month and a proclamation declaring 2016 Colorectal Cancer Awareness and Prevention year.

In other action the city council approved the new contract of city manager Jeff Johnston after adjourning into executive session.



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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.

OLD SETTLER'S ASSN.

The Old Settler's Association will hold a meeting on Tuesday, May 3rd at 6 p.m. at the First National Bank of Floydada Community Room.

1956 STUDY CLUB 60th ANNIVERSARY

The 1956 Study Club will be celebrating its 60th anniversary on Tuesday, May 10 at the First Baptist Church Parlor. All past club members will be honored as special guests during the celebration

FLOWER SHOW OLD SETTLER'S DAY

The annual Floyd County Old Settlers Day Wildflower Show will be on Saturday, May 28th in the Barrow Building on the corner west of the Museum. Entries will begin at 9 a.m. with the judging at 11 a.m. So bring your choice wildflowers arranged in a container with water.

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News on the go



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OLD SETTLER'S DAY

Old Settler's Day will be held Saturday, May 28. There will be food vendors, craft vendors, music and more. A street dance will be held by the pavilion from 7-11 p.m. with Hogg Maulies as the headliner. There will also be a barbecue cook-off. For more info about the cook-off call Mac Sherman at 806-685-7502. For more info about having a booth or info about the events, contact Lance McHam at 806-549-1764.

FLOYD COUNTY VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

If you would like to have a name added to the Floyd County Veteran's Memorial please go by the Floyd County Historical Museum and pick up an application.

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When dump grounds were dump ground

Dump grounds aren't what they used to be. They're landfills. For a while, they were sanitary landfills, but few people say both words. When you're landfill-bound, you don't have time or the energy to use a four-syllable adjective to describe the place. You've put yourself in the context of trash. Even the word "landfill" all by itself sounds pretentious.

In some ways, I like a dump ground better. I grew up going to a nice one. We country types took our garbage, with permission, to a big draw on a place a couple of miles from our house. Except it wasn't really garbage. Here's why: Every family in the country had a barrel for burning trash and any garbage that didn't get fed to the hogs. By the time everything got burned (which is how nearly all fires got started), what remained in the barrel was sanitary in the cleanest meaning of the word - just burned cans and jars and bottles and ashes. What's not to like? That's what we hauled to the dump, where it rusted into oblivion or blew away in the wind. Except for the glass. Broken or whole, melted or not, it's still there, documenting our existence for future archaeologists.

As for the city dump, I knew about it. Smoke rose from the site, maybe from burning tires. I heard it was a good place to shoot rats, if

that was your sport. In my young mind, I imagined the rat shooters were armed juvenile delinquents. Maybe they were. Our little country dump ground seemed idyllic by comparison. In fact, it was. But it was still a dump. And, to be truthful, not everything that ended up there got burned beforehand. Just nearly everything.

On one visit, circa 1959, I saw a scrapbook lying atop the rubble. While Daddy emptied our trash barrel, I scrambled into the draw and leafed through the book. The pages held memorabilia from World War II, including foreign money and a Nazi armband and a U. S. Army VII Corps shoulder patch. I was intrigued. I took the stuff.

Just last week I was in the attic, sorting through my possessions, tossing the worst stuff out the window for the dump. I mean landfill. If you have an attic, it's nice to have a window. That's when I ran across the armband and patch, tucked away in a little box.

What do you do with a Nazi armband? It's not something you frame and hang on the wall. Politically sensitive eBay doesn't deal in swastikas - at least not those blatant armbands. Other sites do, but maybe that's where neo-Nazis shop. As niche markets go, count me out.

So I think I'll just keep that armband, along with the unknown soldier's patch.

My grandson likes history. When he's old enough, I can give him those items - real pieces of the past.

He already knows about Hitler. No need to discuss the Third Reich. Instead I'll tell him all about that old dump ground.

The Paperboy
Overestimation leads to boredom

Do your children ever tell you they are bored?



CHRIS BLACKBURN

How about you? Do you get bored? 100 years ago, when there were none of the things we use today to entertain ourselves, I wonder if people got bored?

Back then, many families lived on the farm and it took the entire family to operate it. Even if a kid was to admit they were bored, I imagine their mother or father could find plenty of things for them to do.

Today we have so much to occupy our time that it seems impossible to get bored. However, my youngest son says he's bored all of the time.

It got me to thinking how in the world this is possible.

Game systems, iPad, 200 TV channels, social media, toys, games, outdoor fun, books ... how can someone be bored?

As an adult, I'm never out of things to do. I really don't remember the last times I was bored. Some of that may be because there is literally not enough time in the day to get everything accomplished. Take my fence for example, I've been needing to get it finished for months. Of course that's a matter of priority and sometimes a 2-day job that you dread tends to slip down the list.

According to one expert, the explanation of boredom might be different than what you'd think.

"Up to half of us are 'often bored' at home or at school, while more than two-thirds of us are chronically bored at work," he said. "We are bored by paperwork, by the commute and by dull meetings. TV is boring, as is Facebook and other social media. We spend our weekends at dull parties, watching tedious films or listening to our spouses drone on about their day. Our kids are bored - bored of school, of homework and even of school holidays.

"This, in fact, is part of the problem - we are overstimulated. The more entertained we are the more entertainment we need in order to feel satisfied. The more we fill our world with fast-moving, high-intensity, ever-changing stimulation, the more we get used to that and the less tolerant we become of lower levels.

"Our attention spans are now thought to be less than that of a goldfish (eight seconds). We are hard-wired to seek novelty, which produces a hit of dopamine, that feel-good chemical, in our brains. As soon as a new stimulus is noticed, however, it is no longer new, and after a while it bores us. To get that same pleasurable dopamine hit we seek fresh sources of distraction.

"Our increasing reliance on screen-time is also to blame. Although we seem to live in a varied and exciting world with a wealth of entertainment at our fingertips, this is actually the problem. Many of these amusements are obtained in remarkably similar ways - via our fingers. We spend much of our work life now tapping away at our keyboard. We then look for stimulation (watching movies, reading books, catching the news, interacting with friends) via the internet or our phone, which means more tapping. On average we spend six to seven hours in front of our phone, tablet, computer and TV screens every day.

"All this is simply becoming boring. Instead of performing varied activities that engage different neural systems (sport, knitting, painting, cooking, etc) to relieve our tedium, we fall back on the same screen-tapping schema for much of our day. The irony is that while our mobile devices should allow us to fill every moment, our means of obtaining that entertainment has become so repetitive and routine that it's a source of boredom in itself."

So there you have it. We have become drones.

But seriously, there is validity in the thought we are overstimulated.

Sounds like the remedy for boredom is to find a hobby. Find a release to where you get away from the mundane.

My advice - if you are bored - if to use your wonderful device and find yourself an activity or a hobby. There is enough information on the web that you can make yourself pretty good at something in a short time.

My wife recently found something on Pinterest that she wanted me to build. I built it and not only did I enjoy it, I made her happy in the process.

Now, she has several more things she's like to see built and has several projects of her own she's involved in.

So maybe the simplest answer to boredom is to create with your minds and hands. At least it seems like that to me. By the way, I sincerely hope this column did not bore you...

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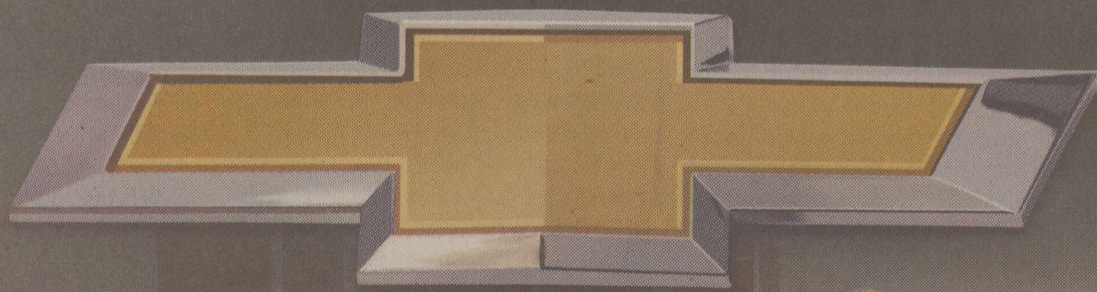
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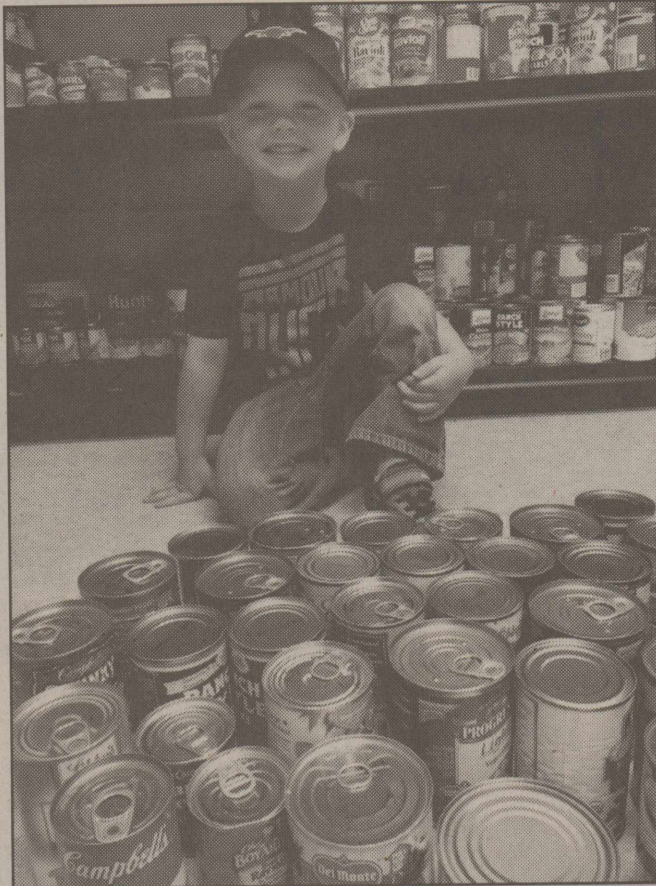
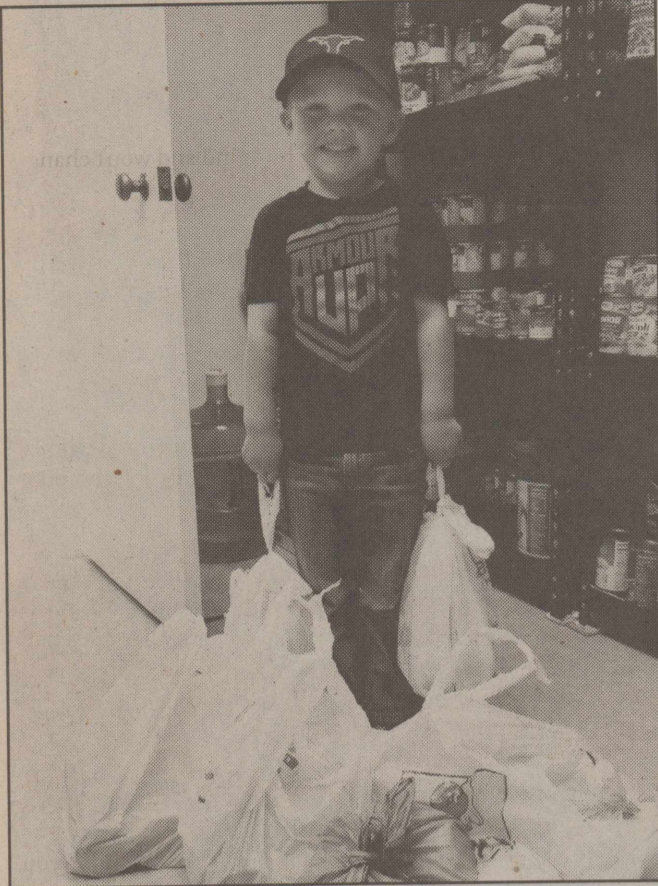
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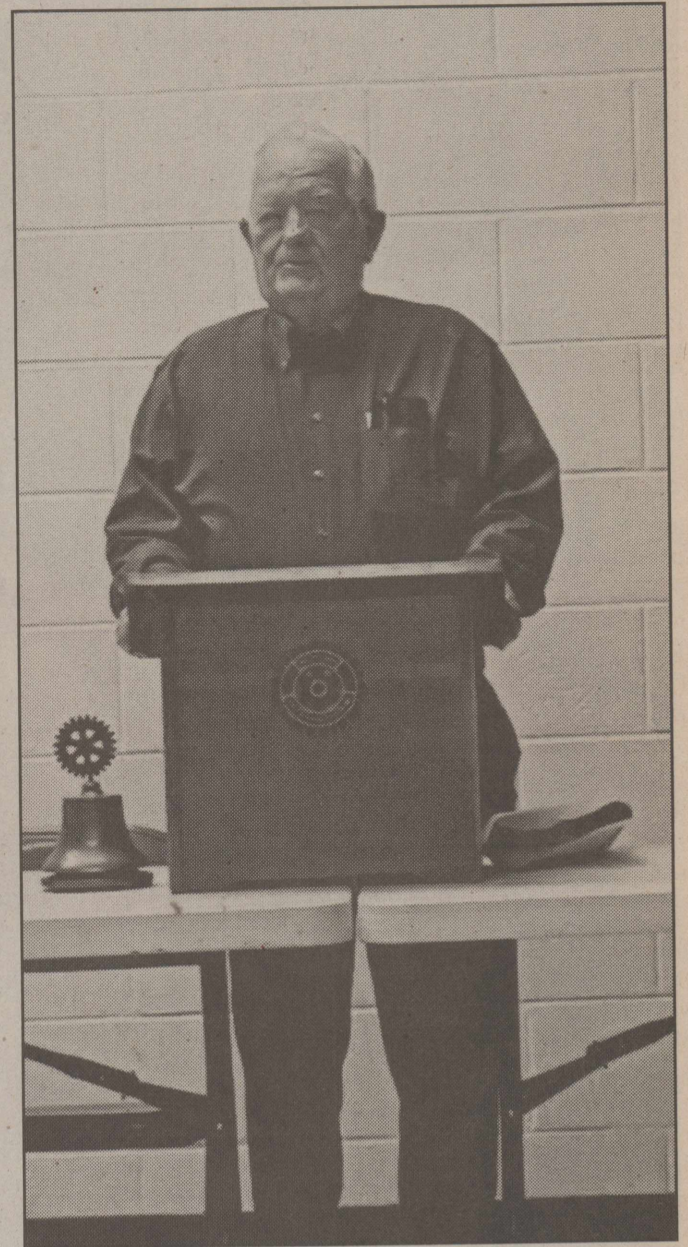
SOCIETY

Salvation Army



Carter Duniven will be 5 yrs old and had a Pre Birthday Celebration on Friday April 15th. His Parents Tyler and Brittney asked Carter, "What do you want for your Birthday?" Carter's response was he didn't want toys instead he wanted to give to the needy and choose the Salvation Army of Lockney. On his invitation Carter asked friends to bring canned goods and here is Carter, delivering 42 cans (Gifts) to the pantry. Thank You Carter!

Floydada Rotary



Rotarian Walter Davis presented himself as the Rotary program on April 20th. Walter told of his adventures growing up as a farm kid, custom harvesting wheat, and working on the farm, including get stuck in the grain hopper. Assistant Governor David Kopp from Plainview was a guest of the club. David delivered raffle tickets for the District Rotary Foundation fundraiser. Tickets are \$10.00 each for a chance to win first place prize of a \$2,500 travel voucher, 2nd place is a 60" LGT TV. Tickets are available from Club President Karen Houchin or other Floydada Rotarians.

Museum Archives

Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

By Bettie Counts

We came to Floyd County in 1907. I was eleven years old. My father was Garland Henry Brown, born in Holly Springs, Mississippi in 1854. My mother was Fannie Eliza Blount, born in 1862. My folks married on February 13, 1883.

There were six of us children all born in a one-room log cabin, lean-to-kitchen; the logs were fell and split by Papa. In the fall of 1899 Papa died of a heart attack while hunting squirrel for supper. When he failed to get home before dark. Mother called our neighbors by blowing the fox horn. They searched all night and found him at day break. He was sitting with his back against a bank in a little gully. His gun was across his lap, a dead squirrel at his feet, and Old Remus, his dog, standing guard.

In the fall of 1900 Mother brought her family to Cogell County, Texas. When she sold out in Mississippi, she had three hundred dollars to get started in a strange place and get her children into school. With a boy ten and five girls ranging in age from two to four-

teen, she started farming. We farmed in Cogell County seven years. The two older girls had married there. In the fall of 1907 my brother Garland chartered a railroad car and brought the stock, farming equipment, and household goods as far as Plainview. At that time the railroad hadn't reached Lockney. Mother and we three girls, Dona, Clara and Bertie-drove to Lockney in a buggy. Our brother, Bubba, drove the stock and loaded wagons with the help of our uncles, Dave and Andrew Blount.

There were no improvements on our farm and we moved in W. R. Sams house five miles out. We walked to school that fall and in the spring of 1908 the neighbors built us a two-room house and dug a well. We had no heater and had to warm ourselves by the cook stove. We burned cow chips and maize stalks. We wore log-sleeved dresses, long black ribbed stockings, and long-handles. We had home made garters so tight to hold up our stockings they would give us the leg-ache. Mother would rub our legs with Watkins liniment that blistered and hurt worse than leg-ache. We bathed regularly on Satur-

day and changed clothes.

While burning a fence row Bubba started a prairie fire. Neighbors fought it all day before extinguishing it.

We attended the first service in the new Methodist Church in 1908; pews hadn't been finished and we sat on planks across nail kegs. Birds got in the balcony and we got mites from the birds. We had fun scratching and squirming and trying to keep a straight face and listen to the sermon.

Mother helped nurse the sick in our community, nursed Clara through typhoid; she was both doctor and nurse to family and friends.

At times she didn't have clothes to wear to Church but she always saw that we did. Through drought, sand storms, and hard times she never lost courage, sang from morning till night, prayed, said, "She and God could do anything." Mother lived to the age of 103. She died Oct. 30, 1965. Mother was loved by all that knew her. She was a true Christian, a true friend, and a rugged pioneer.

KNOWN AS LOCKNEYS' GRAND OLD LADY-AUNT FANNIE BROWN

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Our yearly fundraiser is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, June 26. Auction items and menu will be announced at a later date.

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- Everyone meets

at 5:30 p.m. Enjoy dinner at 6 p.m. and the games afterwards.

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

May 2- May 6

Monday - Baked potatoes

Tuesday - Tacos

Wednesday - Meatloaf

Thursday - Chicken & dumplings

Friday - Brisket

(Menus subject to change with notice)

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Floydada Sr. Citizens

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Find us on Facebook "Floydada Senior Citizens". Give us a like. Will have menu and activities posted regularly.

2016 Senior Citizen dues are due this month. They are \$25 for the year. Those who pay their dues will \$5 for their meals instead of \$6.

Floydada retired teachers who attended the Texas Retired Teachers luncheon at Texas Woodfire Grill in Plainview on Monday, April 18th included Roberta Har-

din, Sue Daniels, Linda Crader, Hope Crabtree, Sherry Colston, Gloria Fannon, Kathy Jahay, Kay Cage, and Joyce Williams. Speaker was our South Plains weather man, John Robertson. We are still in El Nino pattern of drought and extreme weather for another year or two and the meteorologist see our area moving into an era of more moisture, Robertson reported. The weather affects crops, lakes and money available for schools and their expenses.

Floydada Senior Citizen's Center is open to people of all ages. You do not need to be a senior citizen, nor a member to eat with us. However, if you are a member, your meal is \$5.00 instead of non-member price of \$6.00. To become a member, all you need to do is pay a \$25.00 yearly membership fee.

We serve a delicious meal with salad bar at 12 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday. 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

May 2 - May 6

Monday - Meatloaf

Tuesday - Tacos

Wednesday - BBQ chicken

Thursday - Sirloin pattie w/natural gravy

Friday - Hamburger casserole

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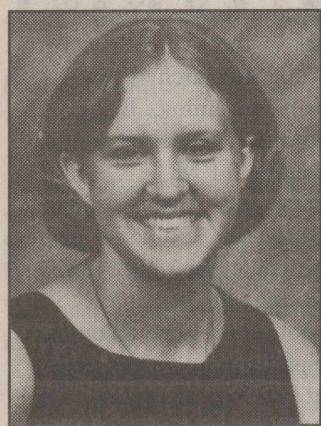
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Obituaries



ZAN DANIELS MERRITT

Zan Daniels Merritt, age 35, of Round Rock, Texas and formerly of Floydada, passed away Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at St. David's Hospital in Round Rock, Texas after a lengthy (5 years, 4 months) hard-fought battle with cancer.

Zan was born on January 2, 1981 in Brownfield. She moved to Floydada in first grade where she attended Duncan Elementary School. She was a 1999 graduate of Floydada High School and a 2003 graduate of Angelo State University where she obtained a BA degree.

She married Jon Merritt on November 18, 2009 in Round Rock, Texas. Zan attended The Fellowship Church in Round Rock, Texas.

Zan was preceded in death by her father, Zeddie Daniels.

Her survivors include her husband, Jon Merritt of Round Rock, Texas; her son, Luke Merritt of the home; her mother, Sue Daniels of Floydada; her brothers, Tracy Daniels of

Hobbs, New Mexico and Trent Brandon Daniels of Fort Worth; her step-sons, Spencer Headley, Adam Headly and Gabe Merritt of Cedar Park, Texas.

Memorial services were held at 11 a.m., Monday, April 25, 2016 at The Fellowship Church in Round Rock, Texas.

Memorial services will be held at 1:30 p.m., April 30, 2016 at the First Baptist Church in Floydada.

Services were officiated by Tim Franks and Stephen Kelly. Services were under the direction of Beck Funeral Home of Round Rock, Texas.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Hospice Austin, 4017 Spicewood Springs, Austin, Texas 78759 or American Cancer Society, 3513 10th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79415.



TOMMY LEE THOMAS

Tommy Lee Thomas, age 64, of Odessa, passed away at his home on Wednesday,

April 13, 2016.

He was born in Crosbyton, Texas on September 13, 1951 to Mary Elliott and the late Cecil Thomas. Tommy was a US Army Veteran of the Vietnam War and had served as an aircraft mechanic.

Tommy enjoyed playing pool and darts. He was self-employed doing construction work and remodeling homes.

He was preceded in death by his father, Cecil Thomas; step-father, Dub Ferguson; one great-nephew, Justin Jaso; and one niece, Jennifer Thomas.

He is survived by his wife, Laura Fraley of Odessa; mother, Mary Ferguson of Floydada, Texas; three sons, Ryan Thomas and Kyle Thomas of Colorado and Cory Thomas of South Carolina; one daughter, Brenda McPherson and husband, Randell of Marshall, Texas; two brothers, David Thomas and wife, Linda of Floydada and Rodney Ferguson of Lubbock, Texas; two sisters, Wanda Thomas and Stephanie Holbert and husband, Phillip of Floydada; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Graveside memorial services will be privately held at a later date at Petersburg Cemetery in Petersburg, Texas.

Services are entrusted to Acres West Funeral Chapel and Crematory.



JO BETH WALKER

Jo Beth Walker of Lubbock passed away April 20, 2016. She was born October 30, 1935 in Floydada to O.R. and Roanne Mooney.

She graduated from Floydada High School in 1954 and went on to get a degree from Draughan Business School.

Jo Beth married Billy John Walker in 1958. She worked for Traders & General Insurance.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, brothers, Bob, Rex and Buster Mooney and sister, Muriell Mooney.

Survivors include two sons Stevan and Mike Walker and his wife, Hollie and two grandsons, Logan and Landen; and sister-in-law, Betty Currey.

Visitation was held on Sunday, April 24, 2016 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Resthaven Funeral Home. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., Monday April 25, 2016 in the Abbey Chapel of Resthaven Funeral Home followed by burial in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Condolences may be offered at www.resthavenfuneralhome.com

Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

(Note: all quotes come from Sir Winston Churchill)

A fanatic is one who can't change his mind and won't change the subject.

A love for tradition has never weakened a nation, indeed it has strengthened nations in their hour of peril.

All great things are simple, and many can be expressed in single words: freedom, justice, honor, duty, mercy, hope.

I cannot pretend to feel impartial about colours. I rejoice with the brilliant ones and am genuinely sorry for the poor browns.

Never, never, never believe any war will be smooth and easy, or that anyone who embarks on the strange voyage can measure the tides and hurricanes he will encounter. The statesman who yields to war fever must realize that once the signal is given, he is no longer the master of policy but the slave of unforeseeable and uncontrollable events.

One ought never to turn one's back on a threatened danger and try to run away from it. If you do that, you will double the danger. But if you meet it promptly and without flinching, you will reduce the danger by half.

The inherent vice of capitalism is the unequal sharing of blessings; the inherent virtue of socialism is the equal sharing of miseries.

There are a terrible lot of lies going around the world, and the worst of it is half of them are true.

To build may have to be the slow and laborious task of years. To destroy can be the thoughtless act of a single day.

Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak, Courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.

THANKS FOR READING!

The Floyd County
Hesperian-Beacon

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Clearer Vision

Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." —John 9:39 (NRSV)

One day, I accompanied my friend to an eye appointment. While there, I was asked if I wanted to undergo the same eye examination as my friend. I said that I didn't think I needed glasses. I felt I could see well enough. However, I decided to go ahead with the examination, more out of curiosity than a sense of need. After the exam, the ophthalmologist explained that my vision was not good and that I should have begun using glasses years ago. The doctor further explained that when people come in for appointments, they are often convinced their vision is fine because they have no point of reference. They are

not aware of their poor vision until they look through graduated lenses and notice the difference.

After this experience, I reflected on our relationship with God. We believe that our relationship is fine — that is, until we have an experience of God's joy, peace, assurance and loving presence that deepens our relationship. We view things through a different lens and gain a new perspective — one that brings us into closer intimacy with God.

Algae Loya Lozano (Chihuahua, Mexico)

Thought for the Day

When I focus on God, I can be more open to the transforming love of my Creator.

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Darwin Robinson, Pastor
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Sunday School...10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wednesday - 7 p.m.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>Calvary's Cornerstone Fellowship
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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>*****</p> <p>Carr's Chapel
Service Every Sunday
Morning Worship - 9 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>Church of Christ
West College & Third
Lockney
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Afternoon Worship - 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service - 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>City Park Church of Christ
Matthew Benfield, Minister
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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>*****</p> <p>First Baptist Church
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Tim Franks, Pastor
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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>*****</p> <p>First Baptist Church
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Joseph Tillery, Pastor
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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>*****</p> <p>First United Methodist Church
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Rev. Ken Peterson, Pastor
Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School - 10:50 a.m.
Youth (Sunday) - 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>First United Methodist Church
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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>*****</p> <p>Grant Chapel Church of God in Christ
Joe Bennett, Pastor
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday - 8 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>Main Street Church of Christ
Lockney
James Blair, Minister
Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>Mt. Zion Baptist Church
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>*****</p> <p>New Salem Primitive Baptist Church
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Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges
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Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship -11 a.m.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church
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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>*****</p> <p>Power of Praise Full Gospel Church
Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor
704 B Main, Lockney
Sunday Services - 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 5 p.m.
Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>Primera Iglesia Bautista
Lockney
Jesus Caballero, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 11 a.m.
Discipleship - 5 p.m.
Wed. Service - 7 p.m.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>Primera Iglesia Bautista
Floyada
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>*****</p> <p>San Jose Catholic Church
Lockney
Msgr. Nickolas Rendon
Wed. Communion - 8 p.m.
Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>South Plains Baptist Church
Joe Weldon, Pastor
SuNday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting - 7 p.m.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>Templo Getsemani Assembly of God
701 W. Missouri
Joe M. Hernandez
983-5286 (Church)
Sunday School
English - 9:45 a.m.
Spanish - 11 a.m.
Worship
Spanish - 9:30 a.m.
English - 11 a.m.
Evening Service 5 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.</p> | <p>*****</p> <p>St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
Floydada
Rev. Ike Temporaza
983-5878
Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.
Mon. & Wed. Mass - 6:30 p.m.
Confession Sat - 10-11 a.m.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>Templo Bautista Salem
Lockney
Rev. Joe Hernandez
Bun Prayer Service - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed. Meeting - 7 p.m.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>Templo Bethel
Spanish Assembly of God
Washington And 1st St.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 5 p.m.
Wed Service - 7 p.m.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>Templo Nueva Vida
Rev. Herman Martinez
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Evening Worship - 5 p.m.
Tuesday - 7:30 p.m.
Thursday Service - 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>Trinity Assembly
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>*****</p> <p>Trinity Lutheran Church
Providence Community On Fm 2301
293-3009
Rev. Peter W. Harrington, Minister
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11 - a.m.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>West Side Church of Christ
Floydada
983-2672 Or 470-0950
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.</p> |
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AGRICULTURE

Two grain grading workshops set for May 3-4 in Amarillo

By Kay Ledbetter
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AMARILLO — The 27th consecutive year of grain grading workshops hosted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will be held May 3-4, according to Dr. Steve Amosson, AgriLife Extension economist in Amarillo.

The program is designed for corn, sorghum and wheat grain handlers and producers, Amosson said. Information from the workshop will help participants recognize the different types of damage that occur in these grains and how the damages affect grade and feeding value.

"We continue to offer this workshop because the standards change periodically and the industry itself has an ever-changing workforce," Amosson said. "If the employees can't properly identify damages, it can dramatically affect the bottom line of the feedlot or elevator."

The back-to-back, day-long trainings will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. each day followed by the program from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd. in Amarillo.

The registration fee of \$75 will cover the costs associated with instruction, lunch, materials and equipment, he said. Preregistration is required, as each workshop is limited to 60 participants. The last day for registra-

tion is May 2.

To register, go to <http://agriliferegister.tamu.edu> and click on the link in the Upcoming Events section. While this is the preferred method of registration and payment, payment can be made at the door for those who already registered, Amosson said.

Six certified crop advisor continuing education units in crop management will be offered each day and can count toward the Texas Cattle Feeders Association Beef Quality Assurance training for feedmill/feed department employees, he said.

The grain grading workshops are co-sponsored by the Panhandle Grain and Feed Association, Texas Cattle Feeders Association, U.S. Department of Agriculture's Risk Management Agency and AgriLife Extension.

Course instructors will be Amosson; Gale Calkins, retired from the Federal Grain Inspection Service, Wichita, Kan.; Dr. Ted McCollum, AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist, Amarillo; and Dr. Mark Welch, AgriLife Extension economist-grain marketing and policy, College Station.

Topics covered will include: reasons to grade grain; grain quality and the feedlot industry; grain standards and upcoming changes; and hands-on sessions for identifying damages and grades in wheat, sorghum and corn. For more information, contact Kim Garcia at 806-677-5600 or kim.garcia@ag.tamu.edu.

By Mary M. Carter
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The South Plains Hobby Club met at the "Briscoe Cty. Market and Lunch Eatery" in Silverton, Texas at 1:30 P.M. for lunch.

Virginia Taylor, our president, open the meeting by welcoming our guests. She recognized the birthdays of the month. There were quite a few in April.

Deb Arnold, owner of the "Briscoe Cty. Market & Lunch Eatery" was introduced. She has 27 years of experience in this type of store plus shopping in them. She smiled and called it her "junk and antique store". She has been open for 3 1/2 years in October and is enjoying the people and her business. The building was Bellinger Dept. Store and a drug store. A fun fact was that John Wyatt lived here and rented the building. The walls were decorated with the Briscoe Co. history in the room where we were served our delicious sandwich plate. The Market Place is open Wednesday - Saturday from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. The Lunch Eatery is open Wednesday - Friday from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. She told us she has more ideas and plans.

During the time we waited for our lunch, which was very short considering the amount of people we had at the meeting, Virginia welcomed our new members Lee Battey and Trina Wilson.

They joined today. She reminded us of those who have passed. Also, we were told of those that are sick. Please pray for those who are sick and their caregivers. It is so needed. Virginia, again, thanked the callers, Lou Burleson and Mary M. Carter. We, as callers, appreciate getting to do it. The callers will be calling early for the next meeting, on May 11, 2016, so please look in your book and be ready to let us know if you will be able to attend. The deadline is May 1, 2016, so we will be calling earlier because May 1st is on a Sunday. She thanked Mary for the articles also.

The next meeting will be a tour of the "Swisher County Museum". We will have

lunch at the "El Camino Restaurant" and a tour of the "Kenneth Wyatt Museum" at his home. All located in Tulia, Texas. We will meet at the South Plains Baptist Church and leave at 9:45 A.M. The location of our first museum is 127 SW 2nd ST. Phone # 995-4083.

Our quest speaker, Connie Johnson, was introduced. She has lived in South Plains, Texas for 40 years. She is married to Nathan and has two grown sons.

She has written two books titled "The Journal" and "The Letter". She has completed her third book titled "The Diary". These books are in the series of "Tales of Hackett County". The cost of her books are \$25.00 for the hard cover and \$22.00 for the soft cover. She explained quite a bit about her writing and the publishing business. Connie is a "Self-Publisher". There is more work to a book than just the writing. There are so many books written today there is not enough room in the traditional bookstores to put them. One percent makes it to the shelf. People are not reading books like they used to. Some read electronically or sad to say, not at all. Still, the book business is a billion dollar business. Some would say that marketing is 95% and writing is 5%. As a self-publisher she would like to follow the avenue to put her books in independent stores. Such as: local business, restaurants with stores (Cracker Barrel), and bookstores, etc. She has come to know that it helps to know someone who knows someone.

She writes her chapters and then she goes back to build on them. She likes organization, outlines, and lists. However, the funny thing, she doesn't write that way. She sits down and stories plus ideas come to her.

There is a lot of information to keep up with as you write your facts within your stories. This is where her organizational skills and outlines come in handy. Such as names and dates during the time periods your story goes through.

Example: What was the history around 1923 or what happened when the Dodgers

played the New York Yankees in the World Series in 1955? Research is key and time consuming. It has to be done. She begins writing about 9:00 P.M.

She feels there is much still to learn and know about writing. She finds she is learning all the time. She is not afraid to reach out for helpful tips and aides during her writing experience. The Blue Book of grammar is one book she relies on. This has been a very informative book. She will ask friends to help her edit, check spelling, and grammar. Each friend finds different things to help her. She did say it is harder to condense her books than to write them. She says no book is perfect because people write them. She will be going to a writer's workshop this year. Constructive criticism is good by other writers. She told us a little bit about her stories in her three books and the interwoven characters in them. She answered questions from us after that.

We thank Connie so much for the informative talk about all that goes into writing a book. More than a lot of us know, that's for sure. We all enjoy good storytelling even though we have different interests. Connie feels Jesus is the original storyteller.

"National Library Month" is this month

Just a note. I know there are readers who would like me to get the "Blue Book" of grammar, but that's not going to happen. Sorry!! I say this with humor and a smile. Just read, sigh, laugh and say, it's just Mary.

A big thank you to our hostesses Carolyn Marble and Lou Burleson.

Those attending were Denise Doucette, Helen Teeple, Mary Lou Zinck, Virginia Taylor, Sue Daniels, Ethelyn Vernon, Margie Young, Carolyn Marble, Trina Wilson, Margaret Kitchens, Glenda Ford, Peggy Roberts, Janis Julian, Lee Battey and Mary M. Carter.

Our guests were Lenda Clark, Connie Johnson, Phyllis Bertholf, and Juanita Choppell. We, again, welcome our newest members, Trina Wilson and Lee Battey.

SPC to host License to Carry class on May 7

LEVELLAND - South Plains College will offer the new Texas License to Carry a Handgun class on May 7 (Saturday) in Room 115 of 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.



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USDA seeks applications for grants for producers

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

TEMPLE — Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced USDA is making up to \$44 million available nationwide to farmers, ranchers and businesses to develop new bio-based products and expand markets through the Value-Added Producer Grant program.

"America's farmers, ranchers and rural business owners are innovative entrepreneurs and this program helps them grow economic opportunities for their families and communities by increasing the value of the items they produce," Vilsack said. "The Value-Added Producer Grant program has a great track record of helping producers increase the value of products and expand their markets and customer base, strengthening rural America in

the process."

"Investing in the creative ideas of innovative Texans will result in a positive step towards rural economic and community development," said Paco Valentin, Texas Rural Development State Director. "We are pleased to offer this opportunity to farmers, ranchers and producers whose endeavors will strengthen rural communities and fuel innovation."

Value-Added Producer Grants may be used to develop new products and create additional uses for existing ones.

Priority for these grants is given to veterans, members of socially disadvantaged groups, beginning farmers and ranchers, and operators of small- and medium-sized family farms and ranches. Additional priority is given to applicants who seek funding for

projects that will create or increase marketing opportunities for these types of operators.

More information on how to apply is on page 20607 of the April 8 Federal Register (<https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2016/04/08/2016-08028/inviting-applications-for-value-added-producer-grants>).

Please direct any additional questions to the Texas USDA Rural Development State Office at (254) 742-9780.

The deadline to submit paper applications is July 1, 2016. Electronic applications submitted through grants.gov are due June 24, 2016. Additional information and assistance is available through the USDA Rural Development Office serving your county.

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FLOYDADA SCHOOL NEWS

FHS wins sweepstakes, first since '07

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

The Floydada High Whirlwind Band was awarded the Sweepstakes honor at the UIL Concert on April 19 at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

It is the first Sweepstakes award for the band since the 2007-2008 year, according to director Justin Ogden. Sweepstakes is awarded by earning 1st Division in Marching, Concert, and Sight-Reading.

This is the final competition that the full band will compete in this year.

They will take 16 students to Austin at the end of May to compete in the State Solo and Ensemble Contest.

The band has nine graduating seniors this year.



Courtesy Photo

Floydada qualifies 10 for Regional Track Meet

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

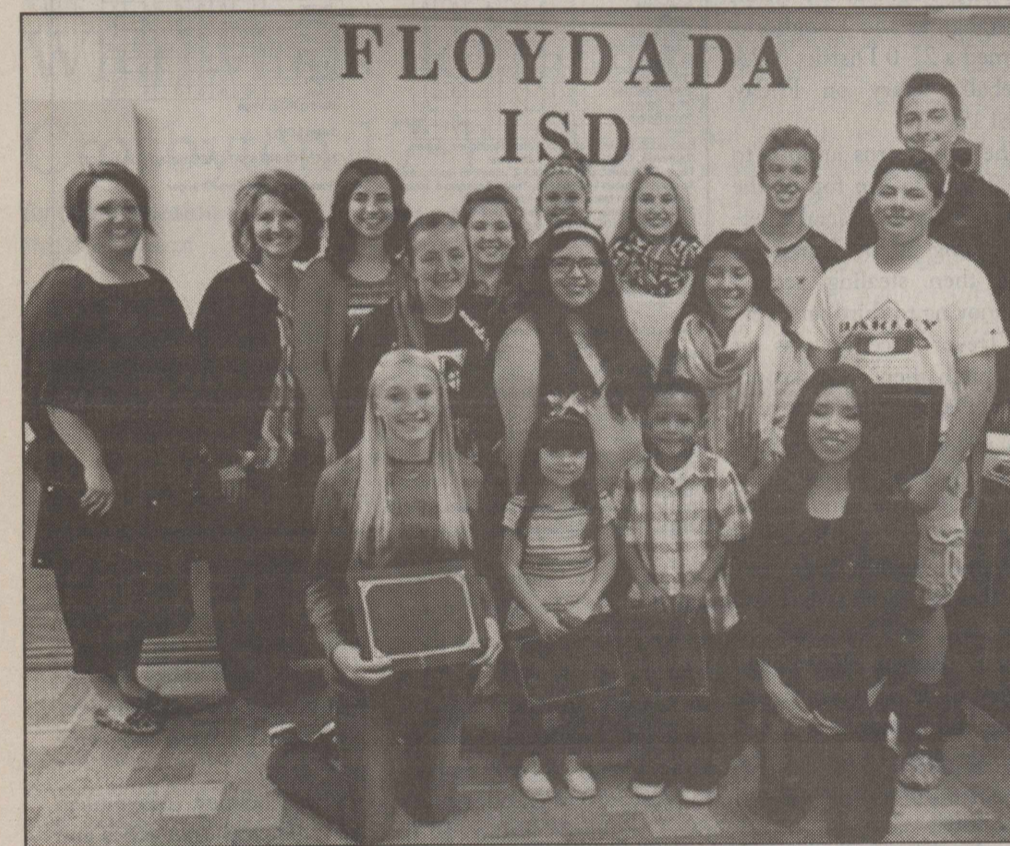
The area track meet was held on April 22 in Abernathy. The following Floydada athletes are regional track meet qualifiers.

Kylie Ricketts - 2nd	-1st, 4 x 400m Relay -1st
Place High Jump	Rosendo Reyna 4 x
M'Kayla Collins - 5th	200m Relay -3rd, 4 x
Shot Put (Alternate)	400m Relay -1st
Abraham Perez 100m	Kyi Baker 4 x 200m Re-
-3rd, 200m -2nd, 4 x 400m	lay -3rd, 4 x 400m Relay
Relay -1st	-1st
Tyler Saldana 400m	Zeke Torres 4 x 200m

Relay -3rd	Corey Mathis 4 x 200m
Relay -3rd	Keenan Nixon 800m
-4th Place	Miguel Pena High Jump
-2nd Place	

"Our athletes did very well. They represented Floydada in a great way. Please congratulate them and wish them well as we travel to Odessa next Thursday morning to compete in the Regional Track

meet. The competition will be much tighter in Odessa, but we have some great opportunities to do some special things that Floydada hasn't done in a while," Coach Pake Freeman.



Courtesy Photo

Floydada ISD recognizes students and staff

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

The Floydada ISD Board met on Tuesday, April 19 and recognized the following students and staff for their efforts to make education the best it can be. Each month the staff selects students that exemplify education at its best and those students are recognized at the monthly school board meeting. The elementary students recognized were Keiana Garza and Derrick Henderson, both in Pre-K at A.B. Duncan Elementary. The secondary students of the month are the BPA State Qualifiers listed below.

Torch Awards: Destiny Cabello, Reagan Hughes, Macee Brotherton, Kaylee Morren, Kortney Campbell

Pin Design Winner: Kaylee Morren
1st Place Web Team: Kaylee Morren, Macee Brotherton, Remington Ricketts

1st Place Admin Support Research: Macee Brotherton, Casey Cage, Jaiden Blakey, Allison Orr, Allison Muniz, Kylie Ricketts, Rita Martinez, Alyson Perez, Jade DeOchoa,

Selena Espinoza, Karley Weems, Alfonso Mendoza

Also, Roxi Chavarria for advancing to State in Powerlifting.

The elementary educator selected this month was Rhoda Morales who teaches 1st grade at A.B. Duncan Elementary. The secondary educators of the month were Tasha Hughes, Dana Crossland and Joe Alvarado. Tasha teaches BIM-Business Information Management, DIM-Digital and Interactive Media, A/V-audio/video production and Advanced A/V at Floydada High School.

Alvarado is the Special Education teacher at FHS and FJH. He also coaches the Varsity Football Offensive Line, Powerlifting for the girl and boys, and he is the Assistant Baseball Coach. Crossland teaches Principles of Human Services, Lifetime Nutrition and Wellness, Culinary Arts, Fashion Design and Interior Design at Floydada High School. She also sponsors the Sr. Class, National Honor Society, BPA, coaches the Extemporaneous Speaking in UIL and serves as the coordinator for our Communities in School.

Lady Winds defeat Lady Horns 12-11

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - Floydada held off a comeback by the Lockney Lady Horns as the Lady Winds defeated Lockney 12-11 on Wednesday, April 20 in the final District 2-2A softball contest for both squads. The game was originally scheduled for Tuesday but rain forced it to be postponed until Wednesday.

Lockney took the early lead in the top of the first. Reagan Nuncio led off by drawing a walk then moved to second when Brittany Jimenez grounded out. Nuncio stole third then Lexi Chavez walked. Chavez stole second the Shelby Coats reached on an error as Nuncio scored. Coats stole second then Chavez stole home. Breanna Hernandez doubled to drive in Coats but Alyssa Barretero struck out to end the at bat with Lockney leading 3-0. For Floydada in the bottom of the inning, Makenzie Ramos led off with a single then Thalia Villa singled. With one out, Kylie Ricketts singled to load the bases. Ramos was picked off at third and M'Kayla Collins grounded out to end the inning with the Lady Horns leading 3-0.

In the top of the second, the Lady Horns added three more runs. With one out, Hannah Kidd singled then Nuncio walked. Jimenez singled to load the bases. Kidd was picked off at third then Nuncio moved to third on an error. Nuncio stole home then Chavez doubled to score Jimenez. Coats doubled to drive in Chavez and give Lockney a 6-0 lead. Floydada went three up and three down in the bottom of the inning.

In the top of the third, Camryn Diaz singled with one out but a strike out and a ground out ended the Lady Horns at bat. For Floydada in the bottom of the inning, Marie Lira walked to lead off then Ramos singled. Valerie Espinoza came in as a courtesy runner for Lira. Villa then drove in

Espinoza with a home run to left. With one out, Ricketts walked then Collins was hit by a pitch. Angela Suarez doubled to drive in Ricketts then Jaque Barrera singled to drive in Collins as the Lady Winds cut into the Lockney lead, trailing 6-4 after three innings.

Lockney added one run in the top of the fourth. With two outs, Jimenez singled then Chavez singled. Coats was hit by a pitch to load the bases then Hernandez was hit by a pitch to force in Jimenez giving Lockney a 7-4 lead. Floydada took the lead with four runs in bottom of the inning. With two outs, Villa walked then Shi De Los Santos hit a home run to left to score Villa. Ricketts then walked and Collins doubled. Suarez doubled to drive in Ricketts and Collins, giving Floydada an 8-7 lead after four innings.

The Lady Horns came back with two runs to take back the lead in the top of the fifth. Barretero was hit by a pitch then Brittany DeLeon was hit by a pitch. After Kidd struck out, Nuncio walked to load the bases. After Jimenez struck out, Chavez singled to drive in Barretero. DeLeon stole home then Nuncio was caught stealing third to end the at bat as the Lady Horns reclaimed the lead at 9-8. The Lady Winds retook the lead with three runs in the bottom of the inning. Karley Weems led off by getting hit by a pitch. With one out, Ramos singled and Espinoza came in to run. Villa singled to load the bases. Weems stole home then Espinoza stole third as De Los Santos singled to reload the bases. Ricketts singled to drive in Espinoza. Villa stole home then Collins singled to load the bases again. Ricketts was picked off at second and De Los Santos was picked off at third to end the inning with Floydada leading 11-9.

In the top of the sixth, Hernandez singled with one out then Diaz singled. Hernandez was picked off at second the Barretero doubled, moving

Diaz to third. Kidd flied out to end the Lady Horns at bat as Lockney trailed 11-9. Floydada added a run in the bottom of the sixth on two-out home run by Weems to give Floydada a 12-9 lead.

Lockney tried to mount a comeback in the top of the seventh. Nuncio walked to lead off then Shelby Dunbar was hit by a pitch. Chavez doubled to score Nuncios then Coats was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Hernandez singled to drive in Dunbar. Chavez was picked off at third then Diaz singled to load the bases again. Coats was picked off at third and Barretero popped out to short to end the game as Floydada claimed the 12-11 win.

For Lockney, Chavez went 4-4 with three RBIs and two runs scored, Hernandez went 3-4 with three RBIs and Coats went 1-3 with two RBIs.

Nuncio pitched four innings allowing eight runs on 10 hits while striking out four, walking four and giving up two home runs and Coats pitched two innings allowing four runs on six hits while striking out three and allowing a home run.

For Floydada, Villa went 3-3 with two RBIs and three runs scored, Suarez went 2-4 with three RBIs, Ricketts went 2-2 with one RBI and two runs scored and De Los Santos went 2-4 with two RBIs and one run scored. Orr pitched seven innings allowing 11 runs on 16 hits while striking out four and walking six.

Floydada finishes the season at 5-7 in district while Lockney dropped to 8-4 and finishes in third place in the district. Lockney is scheduled to take on Gruver in a three-game bi-district contest beginning with game one at Stinnett on Thursday, April 28 at 5:30 P.M. Game two will be in Shallowater on Saturday, April 30 at 7:00 P.M. with game three, if necessary, 30 minutes after the completion of game two.

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Lockney Band Seniors



Courtesy Photo

Lockney Longhorn Band claimed another Sweepstakes trophy when they received ones in Concert and Sightreading this past week at Wayland Baptist University. The senior members of the band are holding their trophy. Front Row Left to Right: Karis Carstensen, Camryn Diaz, Brittany Jimenez, Liz Salas, Shelby Coats, Brittany DeLeon, Samantha Salas, Anissa Guerrero. Back Row Left to Right: Josh Cruz, Daylen Gatica, Jace Klein, Alex Rea, Stephen Setliff, Levi Kasner, Scott Lass, Jake Moore, Breanna Hernandez, Justin Suarez and B.J. Jimenez.

Longhorns comeback to defeat Whirlwinds 10-5

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

POST – Lockney scored six runs in the sixth inning and four in the seventh inning to come from behind to defeat the Floydada Whirlwinds in a District 3-2A baseball contest on Wednesday, April 20. The game was originally scheduled for Tuesday, April 19 but due to rain it was postponed until Wednesday and moved to Post due to unplayable field conditions.

For Lockney in the top of the first, Isreal Cuellar led off getting hit by a pitch. Trevor Ascensio reached on a fielder's choice as Cuellar was forced out at second. Ascensio was then caught trying to steal second before Daylen Gatica fled out to end the at bat. In the bottom of the inning, Floydada's Aaron De La Fuente singled with one out but the next two batters struck out ending the first inning with the score still 0-0.

In the top of the second, Jonathan Rodriguez singled and moved to second on a sacrifice by Justin Suarez but Ruben Marmolejo struck out as the Longhorns could not push the run across the plate. In the bottom of the inning, the Whirlwinds went three up and three down as the score remained 0-0.

Lockney went three up and three down in the top of the third. Floydada broke through to score four runs in the bottom of the third. Abraham Perez led off with a single then Kyi Baker and Alfonso Mendoza both singled to load the bases. De La Fuente reached on a fielder's choice as Perez was forced out at home.

Mark McGowen then reached on another fielder's choice as Baker was forced out at home. Alex Glass singled with two outs to score Mendoza. De La Fuente also scored on an error as McGowen moved to third and Glass ended up at second. Michael Crone singled to drive in McGowen and Glass as the Whirlwinds took a 4-0 lead after three innings.

In the top of the fourth, Gatica singled with one out then Avian Luna reached on an error.

Rodriguez reached on a fielder's choice as Gatica was forced out at third then Suarez grounded out to end the threat. The Whirlwinds went three up and three down but still led 4-0 after four innings.

Marmolejo walked to lead off for the Longhorns in the top of the fifth but was forced out at second on a double play. Alex Rea singled but Cuellar

	T	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Lockney	0	0	0	0	0	6	4	10	10	2			
Floydada	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	1	5	10	5		

Lineup	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	K
Isreal Cuellar	2	1	0	1	2	1
Trevor Ascensio	4	0	2	2	0	0
Daylen Gatica	4	1	3	2	0	0
Avian Luna	5	1	0	0	0	0
Jonathan Rodriguez	4	1	2	0	0	0
Justin Suarez	2	1	0	0	1	0
Ruben Marmolejo	3	2	0	1	1	1
BJ Jimenez	4	1	1	2	0	0
Devin DeLeon	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alex Rea	3	0	2	0	0	1
Jeremiah Bernal	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nick Rendon	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shawn Marquez	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	31	10	17	5	3	3

Lineup	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	K
Alfonso Mendoza	4	2	2	0	0	0
A De La Fuente	4	1	3	0	0	0
Mark McGowen	3	1	0	1	2	2
Alex Glass	4	1	1	2	0	1
Michael Crone	4	0	2	0	0	1
Jesse Segura	3	0	0	0	0	1
B Campbell #13	3	0	0	0	0	1
Abraham Perez	3	0	0	0	0	1
Kyi Baker	3	0	1	0	0	2
Totals	31	5	10	4	5	9

Batting 2B: Daylen Gatica, Jonathan Rodriguez, Trevor Ascensio, Alex Rea 2.
RBI: Daylen Gatica 2, BJ Jimenez 2, Trevor Ascensio 2, Isreal Cuellar.
SAC: Justin Suarez.
ROE: BJ Jimenez, Ruben Marmolejo 2, Avian Luna.
FC: Jonathan Rodriguez, Trevor Ascensio, Avian Luna.
HBP: Trevor Ascensio, Isreal Cuellar, Nick Rendon.
GDP: BJ Jimenez.
SB: Daylen Gatica, Ruben Marmolejo.
CS: Trevor Ascensio.
Team LOB: 9 Fielding E: Jonathan Rodriguez, Trevor Ascensio

IP	IP	IP	IP	H	R	ER	K	BB	HR
Mark McGowen	6.0	96	594	8	6	4	3	4	0
Jesse Segura	1.0	26	517	2	4	0	0	1	0
Totals	7.0	126	876	10	10	4	3	5	0

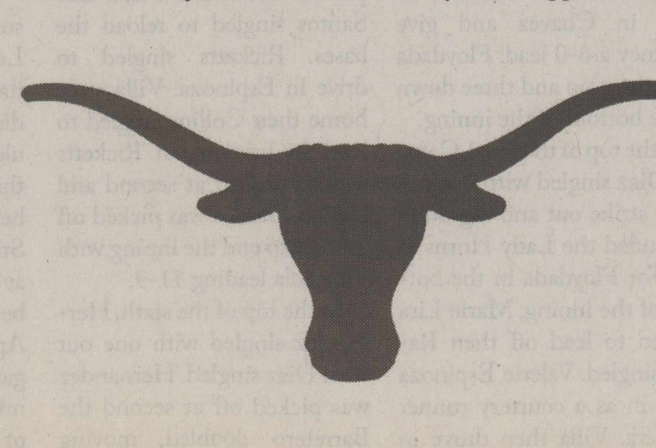
Pitching L: Mark McGowen
HBP: Jesse Segura, Mark McGowen 2
Pitches-Strikes: Jesse Segura 29-15, Mark McGowen 96-57
Groundouts-Flyouts: Jesse Segura 2-1, Mark McGowen 6-3
First pitch strikes-Batters faced: Jesse Segura 5-8, Mark McGowen 18-31
Stats Courtesy of GameChanger

struck out to end the at bat. With one out in the bottom of the inning, De La Fuente singled but McGowen struck out and Glass lined out as Floydada continued to lead 4-0 after five innings. In the top of the sixth, the Longhorns broke through with six runs to take the lead. Ascensio led off with a single then Gatica doubled. Luna reached on a fielder's choice as Ascensio was tagged out at home as Gatica moved to third then scored on an error and Luna also scored on the error. Rodriguez singled then Suarez walked. Marmolejo reached on an error, allowing Rodriguez to score. BJ Jimenez singled to drive in Suarez and Marmolejo. Devin DeLeon came in as a courtesy runner for Jimenez. Rea singled but DeLeon was tagged out at third trying to advance. Nick Rendon came in to run for Rea. Cuellar walked then Ascensio was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Gatica drew a walk to force in Rendon to give Lockney a 6-4 lead. Crone led off with a single for the Whirlwinds in the bottom of the sixth. Jesse Segura reached on fielder's choice as Crone was forced out at second. After Brayden Campbell fled out, Perez struck out to end the inning with the Longhorns leading 6-1. With two outs in the top of the seventh, Lockney scored four runs. Marmolejo started the rally by reaching on an error the moved to second when Jimenez also

reached on an error. Rendon was hit by a pitch to load the bases then Cuellar walked to force in Marmolejo. Ascensio singled to drive in Jimenez and Rendon. Gatica then singled to drive in Cuellar and give the Longhorns a 10-4 lead. The Whirlwinds added on run in the bottom of the seventh. Mendoza led off with a single in the bottom of the inning for Floydada. De La Fuente singled to then McGowen walked to load the bases. Glass reached on a fielder's choice as Glass scored and McGowen was forced out at second. Crone grounded out then De La Fuente was tagged out at home to end the game with the Longhorns claiming the 10-5 victory.

For Floydada, Glass went 1-4 with two RBIs and a run scored, Crone went 2-4 with two RBIs, Mendoza went 2-4 with two runs scored and De La Fuente went 3-4 with one run scored. McGowen pitched six innings allowing six runs on eight hits while striking out three and walking one. For Lockney, Gatica went 3-4 with two RBIs and one run scored, Ascensio went 2-4 with two RBIs and Jimenez went 1-4 with two RBIs. Marmolejo pitched seven innings allowing five runs on 10 hits while striking out nine and walking only one.

Lockney moved to 11-1 and Floydada dropped to 5-7.



LISD Board approves 2016-17 calendar

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – Lockney School Board met in regular session on Thursday, April 21. Board members the 2016-17 school calendar. The calendar will convert to minutes this year as approved by the Texas Legislature. The Board approved a calendar with 75,870 minutes, 270 more minutes than required by law.

The Board also approved the minutes of the March meeting and the financial reports including bills for \$107,319.17 and a fund balance of \$2,041,414.92. In other action the Board approved new agreements with Interquest for drug testing services and canine detection services for the 2016-17 school year. Also, the Board approved a budget amendment.

Calixta Sustaita, cafeteria manager, reported on her first year as manager. She said they are feeding 225 of 245 elementary students at lunch, 57 of 94 junior high students and only about 10 high school students. For breakfast, she said they are serving between 110-125 elementary students, 40 junior high students and 15 high school students.

Jean Anne Williams reported 245 students enrolled at elementary and the teachers are continuing to prepare for testing. Craig Setliff reported 93 students enrolled at junior high. Todd Hallmark reported 136 students

enrolled in high school and talked about the students winning the UIL Academic District Championship and the Longhorn Band receiving a one in concert and sight reading to claim a sweepstake trophy. Athletic Director Malcom Moerbe reported that softball and baseball had secured playoff sports, two students had advanced to regional tennis and all but one athlete was advancing from the area track meet to the regional track meet.

Superintendent Phil Cotham reported to the Board that he had applied for a Monsanto grant to upgrade science labs in high school and junior high. He also reported about a new copy agreement that will save the District money. Cotham discussed the breaking news of the bankruptcy filing by SunEdison. He reassured the Board that he did not expect this to have an impact on the bonds if the propositions are passed, although he said he would not recommend or expect the Board to approve the issuance of the bonds until tax money was collected from the wind farms. He reminded the Board that the bankruptcy was filed on previous debts and has no impact on future bills including local taxes and even if SunEdison is gone, someone owns the turbines and is responsible for all the taxes owed on the appraisal. He then reiterated that the District should not nor would he recommend the issuance of the bonds until tax money is collected from all parties.

Lockney pitchers combine to no hit Olton

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

OLTON – Three Lockney pitchers combined to throw a no-hitter against the Olton Mustangs as the Longhorns claimed a 21-0 District 3-2A baseball victory on Friday, April 19

The Longhorns jumped to a 4-0 lead in the top of the first starting with Isreal Cuellar leading off by drawing a walk then stealing second and moving to third on an error. Trevor Ascensio was hit by a pitch then stole second. After Daylen Gatica struck out, Avian Luna singled to drive in Cuellar and Ascensio. Luna stole second and moved to third on an error. Jonathan Rodriguez walked then Justin Suarez sacrificed Luna in to score and Rodriguez to second. Ruben Marmolejo singled to drive in Rodriguez giving the Longhorns a 4-0 lead. In the bottom of the first, Olton went three up and three down.

In the top of the second, Lockney added two more runs. With one out, Cuellar singled then stole second. Ascensio doubled to drive in Cuellar then moved to third on an error. Gatica reached on an error that allowed Ascensio to score and give the Longhorns a 6-0 lead. In the bottom of the second, Gatica struck out all three Olton batters as Lockney held a 6-0 lead after two innings.

In the top of the third, the Longhorns exploded for nine runs, all scored with two outs, to take a 15-0 lead. Marmolejo singled with one out then Jimenez singled. After Shawn Marquez struck out for out two, Cuellar walked to load the bases. Ascensio then walked to force in Marmolejo. Gatica reached on an error that scored Jimenez, Cuellar and Ascensio as Gatica ended up at third on the play. Luna drove in Gatica with a double then moved to third on a passed ball. Rodriguez doubled to drive in Luna. Suarez singled to drive in Rodriguez followed by a doubled by Marmolejo to drive in Suarez. BJ Jimenez singled to score Marmolejo, giving Lockney a 15-0 lead. In the bottom of the inning, Vega reached on an error with two outs but Montgomery lined up to end the inning with Olton trailing 15-0.

Lockney added three more runs in the top of the fourth. With one out, Gatica reached on an error then moved to second when Luna reached on an error. Rodriguez flied

	T	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Lockney	4	2	9	3	3	21	16	1					
Olton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Lineup	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	K
Isreal Cuellar	3	3	1	0	2	1
Trevor Ascensio	3	4	2	2	1	0
Daylen Gatica	5	3	1	1	0	1
Avian Luna	5	3	2	4	0	0
Jonathan Rodriguez	3	2	2	1	0	0
Justin Suarez	3	2	1	2	1	0
Ruben Marmolejo	4	2	4	4	1	0
BJ Jimenez	3	1	2	0	0	0
Nick Rendon	1	0	0	0	0	0
Shawn Marquez	3	0	1	0	0	1
Devin DeLeon	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bryce Reece	1	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	35	21	16	18	7	4

Lineup	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	K
Montgomery	2	0	0	0	0	0
Cantler	2	0	0	0	0	1
Ramirez	2	0	0	0	0	2
Jalomo	1	0	0	0	1	1
Zamora	2	0	0	0	0	2
Corpus	2	0	0	0	0	1
Livsey	2	0	0	0	0	1
Leathers	2	0	0	0	0	1
Vega	4	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	16	0	0	0	1	9

Batting 2B: Daylen Gatica, Jonathan Rodriguez, Ruben Marmolejo, Trevor Ascensio, Avian Luna
RBI: Justin Suarez, Daylen Gatica 2, Jonathan Rodriguez 3, BJ Jimenez 2, Ruben Marmolejo 5, Trevor Ascensio 3, Isreal Cuellar, Shawn Marquez, Avian Luna 3
RBI: Justin Suarez 2, Daylen Gatica, Devin DeLeon, Jonathan Rodriguez 2, BJ Jimenez 2, Ruben Marmolejo 4, Trevor Ascensio 2, Avian Luna 4
SAC: Justin Suarez
ROE: Justin Suarez, Daylen Gatica 3, Avian Luna
FC: Isreal Cuellar
HBP: BJ Jimenez, Trevor Ascensio
SB: Daylen Gatica, Trevor Ascensio, Isreal Cuellar 2, Avian Luna
Team LOB: 9 Fielding E: BJ Jimenez

NO PITCHING STATS RECORDED FOR OLTON
Stats Courtesy of GameChanger

out to move Gatica to third and Luna to second. Suarez reached to load the bases then Marmolejo walked to force in Gatica. Jimenez was hit by a pitch allowing Luna to score. Devin DeLeon walked to force in Suarez and stretch the Longhorns' lead to 18-0. In the bottom of the inning, Jalomo walked with two outs but Zamora struck out to end the inning with Lockney leading 18-0 after four innings.

In the top of the fifth, the Longhorns added three more runs. Ascensio singled to lead off then Gatica doubled to move Ascensio to third. Luna grounded out as Ascensio scored. A single by Rodriguez scored Gatica. Rodriguez moved to second on an error then Suarez reached on an error. Marmolejo singled to drive in Rodriguez to give Lockney a 21-0 lead. In the bottom of the fifth, Leathers reached on a dropped third strike with two outs but was thrown out at second trying to advance, giving the Longhorns the 21-0 victory.

For Olton, Vega reached on an error, Jalomo walked and Leathers reached on dropped third strike for the Mustangs only base runners. No Olton pitching stats were provided. For Lockney, Marmolejo went 4-4 with four RBIs and two runs scored and Luna went 2-5 with four RBIs and three runs scored. Gatica pitched three innings allowing no hits while striking out six, Bryce Reece pitched one inning allowing no hits while striking out two and walking one and Luna pitched one inning allowing no hits while striking out one.

District 3-2A Baseball (thru April 23)		
P=Playoff	W	L
P = Lockney	12	1
P = New Deal	11	2
P = Abernathy	10	3
P = Floydada	6	7
Ralls	4	9
Crosbyton	4	9
Hale Center	4	9
Olton	1	12

SCHEDULE:
Floydada: 4-26 @ Hale Center
Lockney: 4-26 Ralls

P=Playoff	W	L
P = Ralls	11	1
P = Abernathy	9	3
P = Lockney	8	4
P = New Deal	7	5
Floydada	5	7
Hale Center	1	11
Crosbyton	1	11

SCHEDULE:
Lockney: BI-District vs Gruver
Game 1 Thurs., Apr 28 5:30 PM @ Stinnett;
Game 2 Sat., Apr. 30 7:00 PM @ Shallowater;
Game 3 if needed 30 minutes after end of Game 2

Longhorn News

LHS Art Club fund-raiser

By LHS senior members of Art Club

Preparing for their annual Art Club trip members of the organization will be selling donuts. This is a fundraiser that many of them enjoy doing, as well as a great way to bring in a good profit. With this delicious treat members will be able to obtain the money needed for a fun trip.

"This is my favorite fundraiser due to the fact we are able to make most of our money for our trip," said senior Lena Luna, member of the LHS Art Club

As with years in the past, all proceeds from this fundraiser will help the members of this organization go on their trip. This year the members have chosen to go to Oklahoma City where they will get the opportunity to explore a new city and see new works of art. Going on these trips is a good way for these members to bond and get new inspirations for art work. Many times this trip helps students gather inspiration to create pieces to enter in competitions.

"I think Art Club is fun and I love being in it with all my friends," said sophomore Jose Gonzales. "I think the donut fundraiser is a great way for us to raise money for our trip"

The Art Club donut sales will begin April 12, 2016 and run through April 28, 2016. The members of Art Club will deliver these orders Friday May 6, 2016. Anyone can place their order with a member of Art Club. Prices are: Donut Holes- \$5, Glazed Donuts- \$8/dozen, Chocolate Donuts- \$10/dozen.

"I feel like this is a great way for us to reach out to our community to help us reach our goal of going on our trip to Oklahoma City," said Calvin Borunda.

As the members of this organization go out and sell to reach their goal of attending the 2016 Art Club trip, it gives them a great deal of responsibility to take action for what they want. As the date for their trip closely approaches these members hope to raise enough money as this could be their last fundraiser of the year.



Senior graduation countdown 29 days left

By Karissa Petty and Mackenzy Ragland

The days slowly go past as only a few weeks and days are left until the last day for the seniors at Lockney High School.

Each week, four seniors are asked to answer important questions about their senior life. Bree Hernandez, senior at Lockney High School, was asked what she isn't going to miss about her high school life:

"I'm not going to miss the stress of having to go

to a sporting event and still have a lot of work due the next day and still having to get up early," she said.

Jake Moore was asked what he is going to miss from Lockney High School, he said he would miss his friends.

Camryn Diaz was asked whether being a senior was easy, after three years of high school behind you.

"No because there is too much pressure of colleges and scholarships and managing senioritis," she said.

As the time rolls around, many seniors already know their plans after high school. Levi Kasner was asked what his plans are after high school,

"I plan to attend Texas Tech University and study mechanical engineering. After that, I would like to attend graduate school and specialize in Aerospace engineering," he said.

With days left, the seniors get ready to graduate and finally move on to their next phase of life.

Softball playoff bound ...



By Haley M. Sanchez and Sierra Martinez

The Lockney Ladyhorn Softball girls are proud to announce they are in the playoffs. The Ladyhorns are currently tied with Abernathy for second in their district, with the team losing 3 out of 12 district games. The team was under pressure when taking on the New Deal Lions Saturday April 16th, if the Ladyhorns didn't beat the Lions, the team would take 4th place.

"I'm happy we made it," senior catcher Lexi Chavez said. "We can have senior year go out with a bang, and I want to go further than last year."

The bottom of the final inning had the Lions up with 4 and the Ladyhorns with 3. It was up for the Ladyhorns to bat. With 2

outs, Brianna Hernandez made a base hit to the outfield sending two girls home and getting one out, leaving the final score with 5-4. Team members run out of the dugout to cheer and share an exciting moment that they're tied for 2nd.

"I didn't know I had done that when I hit the ball," explained Brianna Hernandez. "I sprinted to first, then I heard Coach Moerbe running towards me, and that's when I knew, we got it."

The team is not only working to win, they're looking forward to impressing each other, the coaches, Lockney High School, the community, and the district with all the support. Everyone, especially the seniors, are hoping the season will continue. They are very pumped for this year's playoffs.

Official graduation plans: Military

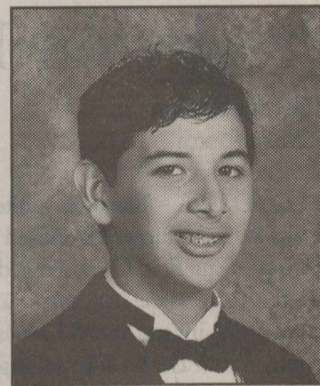
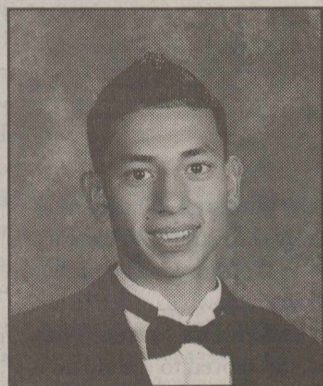
By Haley M. Sanchez & Sierra Martinez

Some students plan to attend Texas Tech, South Plains College, or University of Texas in the fall, while two students here at Lockney High plan to serve our country.

Joshua Cruz and Justin Suarez, both seniors plan on joining the Military. Cruz is joining the Army and Suarez is joining the Marines.

"At first, I didn't know why I joined the Army," Cruz said, when asked why he joined. "I thought it was a safer choice...I didn't want to put the weight on my mom of her having to pay for two college intuitions, so I decided to go."

"My bother inspired me when he enlisted," Suarez states. "I'll be enlisted auto-



matically for four years, if I like it, I'll stay. I do plan on going to college after, but I'm not sure where."

"After PT (Physical Training) one day, this man yelled at us the entire time," Cruz explains. "He said 'Although you all are a bunch of weaklings, I still respected y'all. We're all family now.' And it really felt like we were. The man also said 'We're here because we

wanted to be here, none of you got selected. It takes a lot of guts," then the man added, "I don't care why you're here but I respect you because you're here." To everyone who goes to college, y'all are here because y'all want to serve your country and he respected us for that."

"I felt a sense of pride when he said that," Cruz proudly stated, "I'm plan on going for 8 years."

Lockney A Honor Roll

6th grade
Gabriella Cervantes
Damion Gonzales

7th grade
RyAnn Castillo
Hunter Lefevre

8th grade
Anahi Ascencio
Diego Azua

Lockney High School
"A" Honor Roll

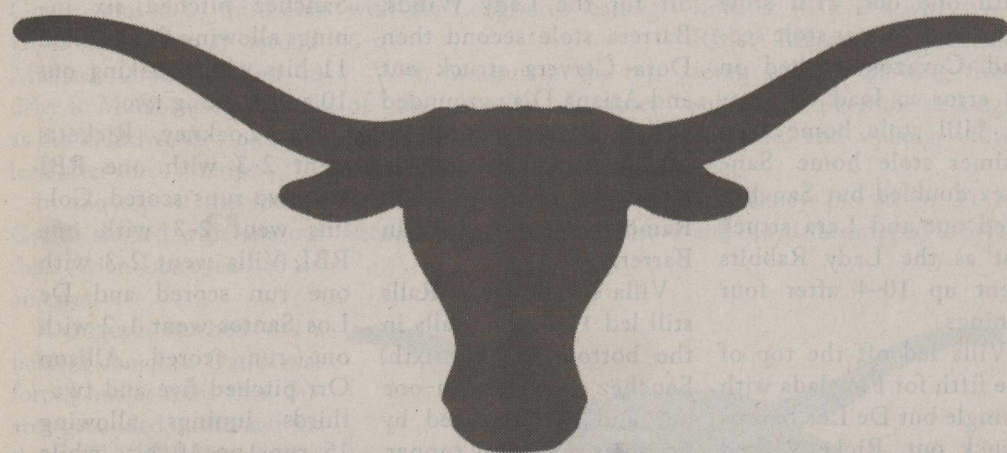
9th Grade
Lyndee Setliff
Maykala Hernandez

10th Grade
Ryann Araujo
Alyssa Gutierrez

Aleah Jimenez
Karissa Petty
Nohelia Salazar

11th Grade
Lizzie Belt
Tabetha Bigham
Emilee Encizo
Seattle Jackson
Tavien Walrath

12th Grade
Camryn Diaz
Daylen Gatica
Lissa Hernandez
Levi Kasner
Jace Klein
Ozzy Mondragon
Jake Moore
Liz Salas
Stephen Setliff



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Arbor Day Foundation offers tree-care booklet with \$3 donation

The Arbor Day Foundation is offering a handy tree-care booklet designed to help people plant and care for trees.

Anyone can receive Conservation Trees, a user-friendly booklet featuring illustrations, colorful photos, and easily understood descriptions, by making a \$3 donation to the Foundation this month.

"Conservation Trees is an ideal resource for tree planters," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Taking care of existing trees is just as critical as planting new ones, and proper care ensures communities are able to fully enjoy the diverse benefits of urban forestry."

The booklet provides details about the right way to plant and prune trees. It also includes tips on using shade trees and windbreaks to save on energy costs, attract songbirds, and create a living snow fence.

To receive the Conservation Trees booklet, send a \$3 check along with your name and address to Conservation Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, or order online at arborday.org/conservationtrees.

About the Arbor Day Foundation
Founded in 1972, the Arbor Day Founda-

tion has grown to become the largest non-profit membership organization dedicated to planting trees, with more than 1 million members, supporters, and valued partners. During the past 44 years, more than 250 million Arbor Day Foundation trees have been planted in neighborhoods, communities, cities, and forests throughout the world. Our goal is to help others understand that trees are a solution to many of the global issues we face today, including air quality, water quality, climate change, deforestation, poverty, and hunger.

As one of the world's largest operating conservation foundations, the Arbor Day Foundation, through its members, partners, and programs, educates and engages stakeholders and communities across the globe to involve themselves in its mission of planting, nurturing, and celebrating trees.

As the Foundation embarks on the next decade, its vision remains the same — to continue to share, advance, and educate the world on emerging solutions to environmental, health, and human services concerns through its networks and programs.

More information is available at arborday.org.

SPC announces online registration

LEVELLAND — Online registration for spring interim, and summer and fall 2016 semesters began on April 20 (Thursday) for all South Plains College campuses.

Students can register at

www.myspc.southplainscollege.edu.

Classes for Summer Session I will begin June 6. Summer Session II begins July 14. The fall 2016 semester begins Aug. 29.

Current or new students

who need assistance should contact their academic advisors or the Counseling Center. The list of advisors can be found online under myspc.

For more information, contact Andrew Ruiz, Registrar, at (806) 716-2371.

Weather Whys

Q: What's the most amount of rainfall in the United States in one day?

A: Those who remember Tropical Storm Claudette that hit the Texas coast in 1979 will likely know the answer to this question, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Tropical Storm Claudette produced the greatest amount of rain in a 24-hour period in U.S. history," he says. "From July 24-25, an amazing 43 inches of rain fell at Alvin, Texas and other parts around Houston. The winds were not that bad, clocking in at just over 50 mile per hour, but its heavy flooding produced losses at more than \$1 billion in today's dollars. Claudette was one of three bad

storms during the 1979 hurricane season."

Q: What about other rainy states?

A: Usually the island of Kauai in Hawaii boasts some of the wettest places on Earth, McRoberts says. "The rains in Kauai often set several records. Waialeale means "rippling water" or "overflowing water" in Hawaiian and is the one of the wettest spots on earth, receiving about 450 inches of rain each year. The greatest 24-hour rainfall amount in the world is nearly 72 inches at La Reunion Island, an island located in the Indian Ocean off the east coast of Madagascar, on Jan. 7-8, 1966. The rain was caused by a tropical cyclone churning nearby."

Growing Organics? FSA can help

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The strength of the rural economy rests upon growing, making and creating products that people want to eat, buy and use.

Over the past seven years, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack has worked to enhance the range of products made in rural America, and to expand the domestic and international markets for those products. These changes strengthen traditional agriculture, be it promoting biofuels or bio-based products, improving animal genetics or even developing more plant varieties.

Another example is the growing retail market for organic products, which in 2015 was valued at \$39.1

billion by the Organic Trade Association. Many organic farmers and ranchers receive premium prices for organic products by following USDA-defined standards that cover the production and handling of certified organic products from farm to market. For farmers and ranchers growing organics, the USDA Farm Service Agency offers several programs that can help, announcing recently it will be providing financial assistance to organic producers to establish up to 20,000 acres of conservation buffer zones, which are protective natural borders along fields that produce organic crops.

Through the Conservation Reserve Program, funds can be used to establish shrubs and trees, or support pollinating species that can be

planted in blocks or strips, helping to improve soil and water quality while also providing more wildlife habitat.

Interested organic producers can offer eligible land for enrollment in the program at any time.

"As American agriculture keeps moving forward, FSA is working to make unprecedented investments in every farmer and rancher so that the rural economy becomes stronger than we've ever known," said Val Dolcini.

The FSA offers risk protection for farmers along with various loans to assist.

The FSA even offer services such as mapping farm and field boundaries and reporting organic acreage that can be provided to a farm's organic certifier or crop insurance agent.

South Plains College announces registration for VN prerequisite courses

LEVELLAND — South Plains College is accepting registration for all of its Vocational Nursing classes at three SPC locations — Levelland, Reese Center and Plainview.

The Vocational Nursing Program is a one-year program that prepares the graduate to meet all requirements of the Texas Board of Nurses for licensing as a Licensed Vocational Nurse. Vocational Nursing is the entry level into the profession of nursing.

There are three prerequisite courses required for the program. These are Math for Vocational Nursing, Vocational Nursing Concepts, and Anatomy and Physiology for Allied Health.

These courses are offered each semester. Upon completion of the prerequisite courses with a "C" or better, the student may make application to the program.

All students wanting to apply to the VN program must pass TSI reading and English.

The licensed vocational nurse practices under the supervision of a registered nurse, advanced practice nurse, and physician. The LVN practices in structured health

care settings with multiple patients with predictable healthcare needs. Licensed graduates also have the opportunity to transition in to the Associate Degree Nursing Program which leads to licensure as a registered nurse.

This is a FULL TIME program which means that you are either in the classroom or the clinical setting 5 days a week for approximately 40 hours a week.

Classroom hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Clinical hours are 6:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for most rotations (there are a few specialty rotations that meet earlier or later). The first 12 weeks of the program are classroom and lab.

For information regarding the SPC Reese Center LVN program at Reese, please contact Korbi Berryhill, program coordinator, at (806) 716-4719.

For information regarding the SPC Levelland LVN program, please contact Sue Ann Lopez, Dean of Health Occupations, at (806) 716-2390.

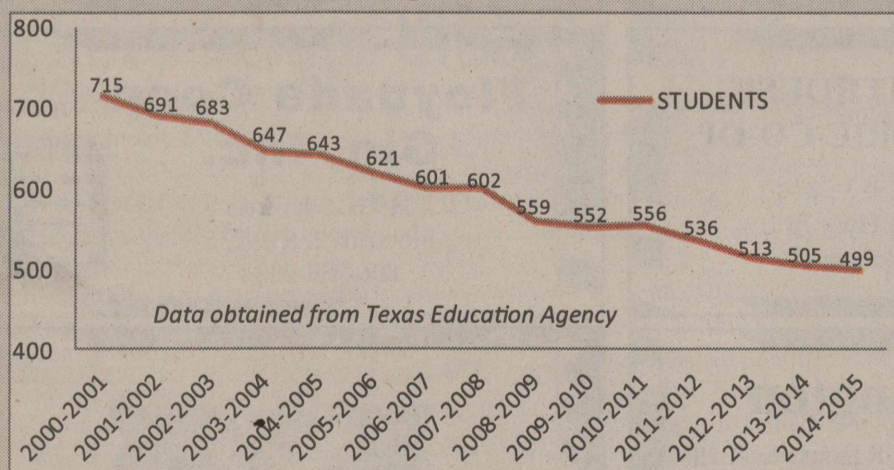
For information regarding the SPC Plainview LVN program, please contact Suzanne Griffin, program coordinator, at (806) 296-9611, ext. 4405.

Lockney ISD Bond Election Proposed Expenditures



THINGS TO CONSIDER

◆ Lockney ISD enrollment has dropped over 30% in last 15 years. Fewer students, more spending, and greater debt. This makes no sense!



- ◆ The agricultural economy is facing the **worst downturn** since the 1980's.
- ◆ **Sunedison has filed for bankruptcy!** Who will make up the difference if the owner/owners of the wind farm don't pay or can't pay their portion of the tax obligation that will be created if this bond election is successful? **This could become a critical situation for the Lockney taxpayers!!**
- ◆ Where will the money to **maintain** these new facilities come from?
- ◆ **Upgrades and Repairs ARE** necessary and needed, **BUT** a more sensible bond should be considered.
- ◆ When looking at the list of expenditures, ask yourself, how many of them are related to **"educating our kids"**? How many of them make our kids smarter, more productive or give them the skills and knowledge to obtain a job or enter college? **Very few of them do!**
- ◆ We believe that most taxpayers would support a reasonable bond. A **bond that funds "needs" and not "wants"**. There is a big difference!
- ◆ Lockney ISD **DOES NOT** own the land where the ag pens and the baseball field are located. It is not a good idea to spend \$1,640,000 to **IMPROVE property that is not owned!**
- ◆ This is not a **"one time"** chance, as many have said, and now is not the time to spend **\$6.67 million**. **Vote AGAINST BOTH BONDS** and let's start over with something that is reasonable and affordable.
- ◆ Visit Our Facebook page at: **Lockney Citizens For A Sensible School Bond**

Bond Election 1 Projects	
Ag Farm Renovation	\$700,000
Activity Buses	\$320,000
Ag Shop Renovation	\$40,000
Elementary Gym Floor Repair	\$10,000
Roof Repairs	\$40,000
Carport	\$10,000
Activity Bus Barn	\$25,000
Track Barn	\$15,000
Concession Restroom Facility /Baseball Field	\$45,000
Repair and Seal Coat Existing Lots	\$35,000
Additional Paving throughout the District	\$340,000
Kitchen and Cafeteria Renovations	\$240,000
Renovate Elementary School	\$440,000
Renovate Jr. High, Band Hall, Home Ec Building & Annex	\$440,000
Technology Upgrades	\$130,000
Administration/Board Room Renovation	\$20,000
Gym Renovations	\$20,000
Upgrade HVAC Systems	\$175,000
School-Wide Phone System	\$30,000
Contracted Services	\$60,000
Cost of Issuance	\$100,000
Fencing Throughout District	\$100,000
TOTAL	\$3,335,000

Bond Election 2 - Projects	
Turf Football Field, Scoreboard, General Improvements	\$835,000
Turf Baseball Field, Scoreboard, General Improvements	\$940,000
Turf Softball Field, Lights, and General Improvements	\$580,000
New Tennis Courts	\$430,000
Complete Rebuild of Track	\$450,000
Cost of Issuance	\$100,000
TOTAL	\$3,335,000

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RECORD
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with \$1,000 cash in hand. The raffle was a hit like always. We sold 623 tickets and made \$10,440. Lone Star Commodities picked the Bonds Arms TX Defender 38/357 mag pistol, Brad Thacker got the Henry Big Boy 44 Rifle, Rene Guerrero won the Henry Silver Boy 22 Rifle, Ginger Mathis picked the 18 kt. White gold blue topaz star cut radiant bracelet and Doug White won the pair of handmade boots. I'd also like to thank our #1 raffle ticket seller Cooter Durham to help make it such a success.

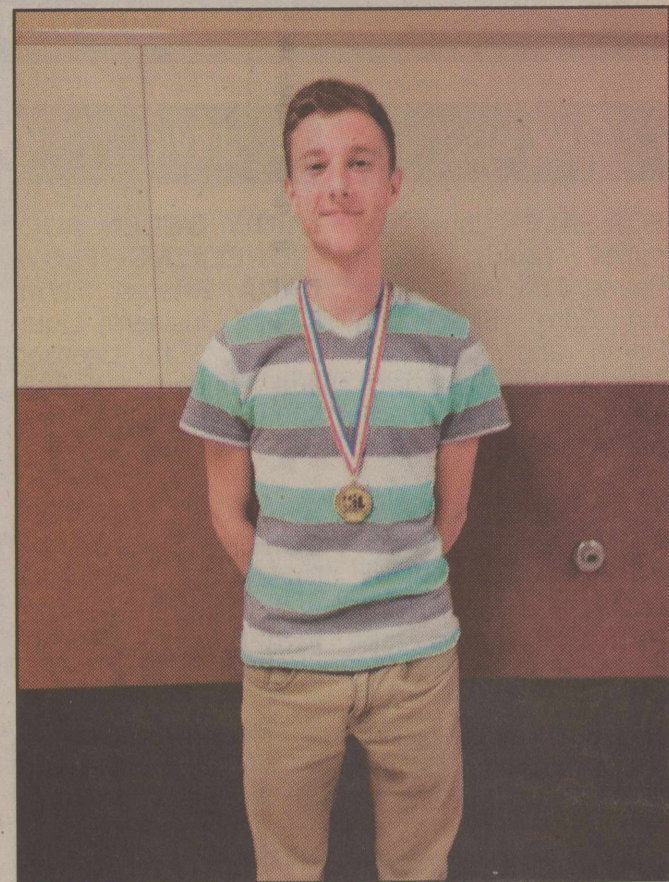
Before the main entertainment began the live auction was held. Off of

the six great items we had we made a record breaking \$10,400. The silent auction was also a hit and broke records as well making \$9,774 on 126 items. Thank you to all the local businesses who donated an item to make the live and silent auctions great.

The big Entertainment was seven time platinum and three time grammy nominee LITTLE TEXAS and they did not disappoint. They played hit after hit such as "My Love", "Amy's back in Austin", "God Bless Texas" and so many more and everyone did not want the night to end. The dance floor was packed song after song and they put on a GREAT show.

In conclusion, this event would not be near as successful if it wasn't for the hard work and dedication of the board. Can't thank everyone enough for putting in the time and all the behind the scenes work to make the event go off without a hitch. We cannot wait to begin planning next year's gala and can't thank the community enough for all the support and making it a record breaking year!

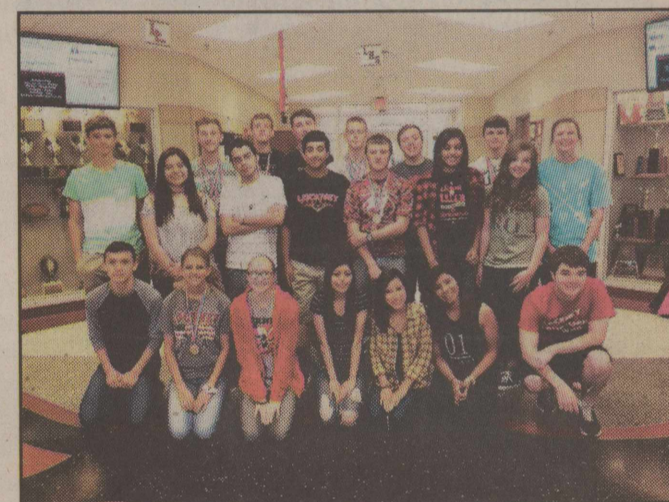
**Lockney UIL
Jake Moore**



Courtesy Photo

Jake Moore recently competed at the Class 2A Region 1 Academic UIL meet in Odessa. Moore placed first in Number Sense and second in Literary Criticism. He will compete as an individual at the State UIL meet in Austin May 23-25.

Lockney UIL-Regional Competitors



Courtesy Photo

Lockney sent 22 students to the Regional UIL contest in Odessa. The Science team of Jace Klein, Levi Kasner, Tabetha Bigham and Seattle Jackson will compete at State in Austin. Jake Moore will compete in Number Sense and Literary Criticism. Luke Kasner will compete in Prose. The State contest will be held in Austin on May 23-25.

**Lockney UIL
Luke Kasner**



Courtesy Photo

Luke Kasner recently competed at the Class 2A Region 1 Academic UIL meet in Odessa. Kasner placed second in Prose. He will compete at the State UIL meet in Austin May 23-25.

UIL
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LHS student to compete at State in Prose in over 10 years. He is coached by Kara Estes.

The Number Sense team of Jake Moore, Seattle Jackson, Tristan Schlueter and Skyler Dunn placed 2nd and Jake won 1st overall. He will advance to State. Freddie Bueno is also on the team and Pam Fulton is their coach.

The Current Issues team of Jace Klein, Valerie Hernandez, Karissa Petty and Stephen Setliff placed 3rd and is coached by D'Lyn Morris.

Lockney High School congratulates these highly successful teams and their coaches. Best wishes for further honors as they prepare for the State meet May 23-25 at the University of Texas in Austin.

The teams wish to express their sincere thanks to the elementary cafeteria staff for providing the wonderful snack bags for the Regional trip and to the Floyd County Sheriff's office for the official escort and send off for the bus and vehicles travelling to Odessa.

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