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Stapp Wins Tiny Miss Terry County



Harper Stapp, the three-year-old daughter of Scott and Amanda Stapp, was recently crowned the Tiny Miss Terry County in the Little Miss West Texas Pageant.

Harper Stapp, the three-year-old daughter of Scott and Amanda Stapp, began competing in pageants when she was 14-months-old. She has competed in pageants in Amarillo, Dallas and San Marcos. She won her first crown, Ultimate Grand Supreme in Amarillo. Since then she has been awarded several titles including the Our Little Miss Queen for the Lubbock area and Miss Popular at San Marcos.

By Charles Keaton
 The Hesperian-Beacon

WOODROW – Harper Lyn Stapp, 3-year-old daughter of Scott and Amanda Stapp of Floydada, was crowned the Tiny Miss Terry County, Satur-

day, Feb. 21 at the Little Miss West Texas Pageant. The pageant was held at the Lubbock Cooper Performing Arts Center prior to the Miss Lubbock pageant. "Harper loves to be on the stage," Amanda said. "She loves to dress like a princess.

The competition consisted of a three minute interview, beauty wear, sportswear and talent. She performed her gymnastics routine to Pharrell Williams' song, "Happy". This was Harper's fifth pageant. Her first pageant

was in Amarillo when she was 14 months old. She was crowned the Ultimate Grand Supreme plus other titles including best hair, best eyes, prettiest smile and best personality. "We compete in all natural pageants. Contestants don't use make-up or fake anything, like tans, hair or teeth," Amanda said. After Amarillo, she

competed in a pageant in Dallas where she was first alternate and was crowned Our Little Miss Queen for the Lubbock area. She then went on to compete in a two-day state pageant in San Marcos where she was crowned Most Popular and won first alternate for her age division. "Harper is gaining con- See TINY MISS, Page 2



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.

WHIRLWIND TRACK MEETS

The Junior High track meet will be held Thursday, March 5 with starting time 3:40 p.m. The High School track meet will be held Friday, March 6 with starting time 2 p.m. Show our athletes your support.

COVER CROP SOIL HEALTH WORKSHOP

Cover cropping, the practice of planting a crop to prevent soil erosion and add organic matter, will be the focus of a workshop conducted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. March 6 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Lubbock.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME "SPRING FORWARD"

Mark your calendars. On Sunday morning, March 8th at 2 a.m. Daylight Savings time begins. You will need to turn your clocks forward one hour.

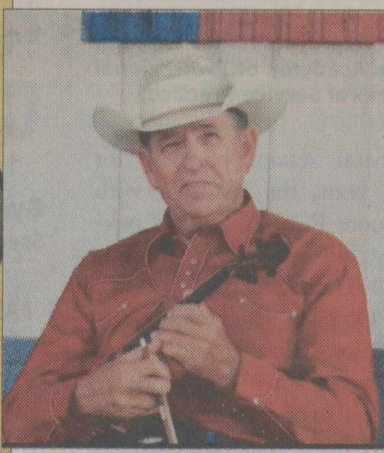
COTTON MARKET MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct a cotton market outlook and risk management seminar from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. March 11 in the Floyd County Unity Center in Floydada.

FLOYD COUNTY FRIENDS ANNUAL GALA

Floyd County Friends "20th Annual Gala" is coming up on April 18th. Mark your calendars!

Unity Center Friends prepare for 20th Annual Gala April 18



Courtesy photos

Jimmy Burson and Lucy Dean Record will bring an evening of Texas Swing music to attendees at the 20th Annual Unity Center Gala

By Kay Ellington
 The Hesperian-Beacon

From Denim to Diamonds is the theme for the 20th Annual Floyd County Friends of the Unity Center Gala set for April 18.

According to Elaine LaBaume, board secretary, "The gala's been called one of the biggest social events of the year in Floyd County." And it sounds like 2015 is shaping up for a similar distinction.

Entertainment will be provided by the Jimmy Burson and the Texas In the Swing

Band of Silverton and Lucy Dean Record of Lockney. Both Burson and Record have recorded albums and regularly make appearances. Record, 90, from Lockney has been inducted into the Western Swing Society of the Southwest Hall of Fame and in 2012 was named a Hero in the Cowtown Guild. Last year, she was named the 2014 Instrumentalist of the Year at the Will Rodgers Awards at the Academy of Western Artists in Irving. Record plays the piano. She recorded her first album, "I'll

Fly Away" in 2014 at the age of 89. Burson taught himself guitar and fiddle and began playing western swing with local musicians and later formed his own band "Texas In The Swing." His music has taken him on tours of Russia and Austria, in addition to engagements across the United States. He has performed for 15 years at the Great American Music Festival at Silver Dollar City, Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium, National Cowboy Symposium, San See GALA, Page 2

Claude Defeats Lockney in 20Ts in Bi-District Contest



Courtesy Photo

Lockney applies full-court pressure after closing the gap to 56-55 with just seconds remaining in the second overtime of the bi-district game between the Longhorns and the Claude Mustangs. Claude won the contest 58-55. Lockney finished their season with a record of 19-8.

By Charles Keaton
 The Hesperian-Beacon

DIMMITT – It took two overtime periods before the Claude Mustangs could hand the Lockney Longhorns a 58-55 loss a bi-district contest. The Longhorns trailed most of the game, but battled back in the fourth quarter to send the

game to overtime. "They fought hard the entire contest," Marc Puente, head coach for the Longhorns said. "They never gave up." Lockney was led in scoring by Daylen Gatica with 24 points, Jaden Rosales had 12 and Ruben Ascencio had 10. For Claude, Bailey Morrow had 20, Brice See BI-DISTRICT, Page 2

Correction

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

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Deaths

Dorothy LaNell Tardy

Dorothy LaNell Tardy, age 75, passed away on Saturday, February 28, 2015.

Funeral services were held at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at the First Baptist Church in Floydada with Pastor Tim Franks officiating.

Interment followed at the Floydada Cemetery.

Arrangements were under the care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

LaNell was born March 28, 1939 in the McCoy Community. She lived in McCoy until early 1970's at which time she moved to Floydada with her parents.

LaNell graduated from Floydada High School and had a career as an Avon Dis-



DOROTHY LANELL TARDY

tributor for many years. Her life and dedication consisted of attending the First Baptist Church and eating at Dairy Queen very often.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harvey and Marie Tardy, one older broth-

er, Lonnie Ray Tardy who passed away at age 3 prior to LaNell's birth.

She is survived by her brother, Dale Tardy and wife, Nancy of Lubbock; nephews, Larry Tardy and wife, Lisa of Arlington, Joel Tardy and wife, Betsy of Lubbock, and Todd Tardy and wife Shelley of Arlington; a niece, Debbie Tardy of Lubbock; thirty-one great nieces and nephews and eight great-great-nieces and nephews, and five cousins.

The family wishes to extend a special "Thank You" to the entire community for the guidance and help afforded to LaNell and our family.

Online condolences may be made at www.moore-rose.com

Blair new minister at Main Street Church of Christ

James Blair is the new minister at the Main Street Church of Christ in Lockney.

James grew up in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He is married to Katherine Blair who grew up in Hillsboro, Oregon. James and Katherine met while both were serving in the Navy stationed in Virginia.

Both James and Katherine graduated from the Sunset International Bible Institute in Lubbock, Texas in 2014. They have four children, Samantha, Jeremiah, Rebecca and Joshua. The oldest of the children is 10 and their youngest is 3.

James and Katherine love the town of Lockney and are proud to call it home.



The Paperboy Your most precious gift is time

Are you thankful for this day? I heard a minister speak the other day and he had a good point. If you were given \$86,400 a day knowing that you either had to spend it all, or lose the remainder, you'd likely spend, invest or give away every cent of it.

Each day we have 86,400 seconds to spend. My question for you is are you getting the most out of your time?

The difference between time and money is that you can make more money, but you can't make more time.

So is time as important as money to you?

In our society, we cram our schedules full of activity. We also like to be distracted.

How many of us spend an hour online away from work? How many of us spend almost all of our free time online?

In our communities - small town U.S.A. - we have many residents that spend hours a day on Facebook.

Would you say that is healthy? Would you say that it is a waste of time?

I wonder how many of us regret the fact that we haven't spent an abundance of quality time with our children? I bet if we were really being honest, it would be a majority of us.

Before TV, computers and smart phones, families spent much more time together. Somewhere along the line, we replaced family time with our own self interests.

As I grow older and look back on my life, I see wasted time along the way. I see time filled with my own selfishness. While I spend a lot of time with my children, am I being fair to my wife? Have I spent quality time with other family members and friends?

While I think it's great to have a hobby and I understand that technology certainly has its place, I know there are scores of Americans that can do a better job of time management, especially as it pertains to family and friends.

I believe that in order to have a fulfilling life, we must manage our time. We must have balance in our lives.

I was thinking of a typical day and reflecting on all of the wasted time and I've decided to concentrate on making a stronger impact on things that matter.

I will be the Christian, husband, father, friend and worker that God intends me to be. I'm going to keep the noise and distraction to a minimum and focus on making sure I tend to these most important things.

Time is indeed precious. How we spend those 86,400 seconds in a day matter.

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Shaeffer Recertified as CFSP

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - Dan Shaeffer, funeral director for Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home in Lockney has recently qualified for recertification of the designation of Certified Funeral Service Practitioner (CFSP) by the Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice.

"I originally obtained the certification in 2004 but each year I have to complete 20 hours of continuing education units (CEU) to maintain it," Shaeffer said. "By accumulating the CEUs, it keeps me sharp and at the forefront of the national funeral service standards."

According to the Academy, a select few professionals have distinguished themselves among their peers within the funeral service profession as they continue their education to exceed the highest standards of care. This achievement is especially notable because Shaeffer has voluntarily elected to participate in quality educational and service opportunities that far surpass what the funeral service licensing board in Texas requires. Shaeffer has committed to a program of lifelong

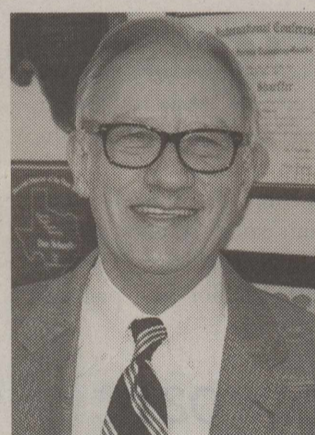
learning to serve you and families in your community with the level of excellence expected of a CFSP.

Since 1976, the Academy has had as its goals: 1) to recognize those practitioners who have voluntarily entered into a program of personal and professional growth; 2) to raise and improve the standards of funeral service; and 3) to encourage practitioners to make continuing education a life-long process in their own self-interest, the interest of the families they serve and the community in which they serve.

To receive this award, the practitioner must complete a 180 hour program of continuing education activities and events. In addition, the practitioner is required to accumulate 20 hours per year to recertify. Credits are awarded by the Academy for work leading to personal and/or professional growth in four areas: Academic Activities; Professional Activities; Career Review; and Community and Civic Activities.

"To receive the 20 hours, I put in about the same amount of time as a college semester takes," Shaeffer said.

Shaeffer has been in the



Charles Keaton/Hesperian-Beacon

Dan Shaeffer, funeral director of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home in Lockney, recently completed his recertification for his Certified Funeral Service Practitioner through the Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice.

funeral service business for 19 years, the last four with Moore-Rose-White in Lockney. His wife, Gale, is originally from Lockney.

"Coming here was an easy decision," Shaeffer said, "Gale's mom is nearly 97 and we felt we needed to be close to her. I really enjoy living in Lockney and being apart of this community."

Additional information about the Academy can be obtained by visiting their website at www.apfsp.org.

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-fidence," Amanda said, "and she is developing her personable skills with each pageant."

She was scheduled to compete in a pageant in Odessa, Saturday, Feb. 28, but do to the weather it has been rescheduled for March 14.

Amanda works for Lighthouse Electric and Scott is a firefighter/paramedic in Plainview as well as in Floydada. Grandparents are Lyndall Stapp of Floydada, Karla Sherman of Amarillo and Bobby and Pam Butler of Clifton. Great grandparents are Bill and Mary Sherman of Lockney and Dorothy Stapp of Lockney. Her brothers are Major, 5, and Wrecker, 9 months.

BI-DISTRICT From Page 1

Hollard had 13, Logan Johnson had 13 and Julian Hughes had 12.

The Mustangs took a 16-7 lead after the first quarter. Both teams played even in the second quarter with Claude going to the locker room with a 26-17 lead. Lockney made up two points in the third quarter but the Mustangs still had a 35-28 lead heading into the final quarter. The Longhorns got back into the game as they managed 17 points while holding Claude to 10 in the fourth. The teams were tied at 45 as regulation play ended. In the first overtime, each team managed five points. In the second overtime, Claude managed to score eight points and held Lockney to five points to win the game 58-55.

The Longhorns finish the year with a 19-8 record. Claude faced the Canadian Wildcats Friday, Feb. 26 in the area round, losing 46-25. The Mustangs finished the year at 22-13.

GALA From Page 1

Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo, Legends of Western Swing, West Texas Western Swing Music Festival, along with many others.

His three western swing albums, "Texas in the Swing," "Leanin' on the Legends," and "Back in the Swing," have been featured on radio stations across the U.S.

Gala attendees will have the opportunity to dance to the music.

"We'll have a live auction, a silent auction, and a coffee bar, sponsored by Happy State Bank," said LaBaume. "There will be a raffle where participants buy a chance on a gun, a pair of handmade boots, or a \$1,200 diamond necklace. Raffle tickets will be \$20 each or 6 for \$100."

Lighthouse Electric is sponsoring a \$1,000 giveaway where participants will play in a game of chance to win the prize.

All food will be donated by Lowe's of Floydada and Lockney, and Gala planners have attained some sponsors for the ribeyes, but could use a few more.

Since 1996 supporters of the Unity Center have been meeting to plan an annual event to raise money for the Unity Center. Until the Unity Center became a reality in 2000, they held the event in the Lockney cafeteria.

Now, the Gala is held each year at the Unity Center. Funds go to offset the expenses related to the Unity Center to keep the facility as a viable and affordable meeting space for the area.

A table can be reserved for \$300 or a single ticket is \$30.

For more information, contact Elaine LaBaume at 806-983-3334.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By LuAnn Collins
Special for The Hesperian-Beacon

Memorials for Floydada Senior Citizens include:
In Memory of Dolly Emert- Greg and Betty Jones
For those who wish to give memorials and donations, our mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Serving time is 12 noon. Please call Sylvia or Anna by 9:30 a.m. if you plan to eat at the Center. Our phone number is 806-983-2032. We are located at 925 W. Crockett Street.

MENU
March 9 - March 13

- Monday** - Breaded fish on bun, lettuce, tomato, pickle, tartar sauce, potato wedges, cole slaw w/dressing, peach Chantilly, low-fat milk
- Tuesday** - Swedish meatballs, parsley noodles, whole wheat roll, margarine, angel food cake w/strawberries, low-fat milk
- Wednesday** - Roast pork, sweet potatoes, whole wheat roll, margarine, succotash, banana pudding, low-fat milk
- Thursday** - Rigatoni w/meat sauce, garlic bread, seasoned lima beans, tossed salad w/dressing, Mandarin oranges w/whipped topping, low-fat milk
- Friday** - Baked chicken breast, baked potato w/sour cream, peas, pineapple tidbits, chocolate pudding, low-fat milk

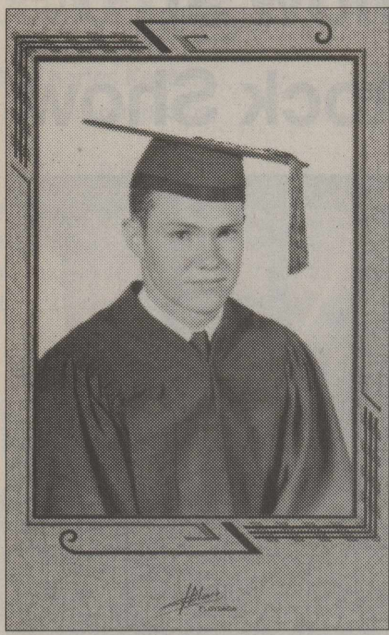
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SOCIETY

Floydada graduate to be recognized among "Silent Heroes of the Cold War"



Top photo: The Hanks family with Fred in uniform at the far right.

Left photo: Hanks graduated from Floydada High School in 1940.



Fred Farrar Hanks, Floydada High School, class of 1940, will be one of fourteen men to be honored on May 29, during a national memorial site dedication, "Silent Heroes of the Cold War", for his part in the development of the U2 Spy Plane. The memorial site is at Mt. Charleston, NV.

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

Fred Farrar Hanks, Floydada High School, class of 1940, will be one of fourteen men to be honored on May 29, during a national memorial site dedication, "Silent Heroes of the Cold War", for his part in the development of the U2 Spy Plane. The memorial site is at Mt. Charleston, NV.

The memorial honors the site where 14 men were killed in an airplane crash at Mt. Charleston, NV in 1955, in route to Nevada's Area 51. Due to the secrecy of their work their families did not learn about their contribution toward the development of the U2 camera until decades later.

Hanks' niece, Lola Sanders Ball, reached out to the Hesperian-Beacon and shared this information via email: "On

a visit to your local museum several years ago, I was able to obtain copies of your Floyd County Hesperian, dated Thursday, May 16, 1940. This edition highlighted the 1940 graduating high school class of which Fred was a member. Our Hanks, Warren and Daniel families have been and some may still be residents of Floydada."

She shared a series of websites that told the stories behind the crash almost 60 years ago.

In talking with Ball via phone from California she said that the crash of USAF 9068 and the death of its 14 passengers would never have come to light had it not been for Las Vegas resident and Boy Scout Leader, Steve Ririe. She also credited author Kyril D. Plaskon, who wrote the book, Silent Heroes of the Cold War Declassified.

The effort to uncover the mystery of the plane crash in 1955 began when Ririe hiked to the top of Mt. Charleston in September 1998, a hike he had taken many times with his Boy Scout troop. Ririe was inspired to chart a course for the memorial after he hiked to the crash site in 1998 and pondered who died in the wreckage.

After following a trail of records from the Air Force to the National Archives and Records Administration to the CIA, he sought and obtained a declassified investigation report that explained the events behind the fateful crash.

Investigators determined that the C-54 transport plane had departed Burbank, Calif., in the early morning of Nov. 17, 1955, bound for the secret "Watertown" airstrip along Nevada's dry Groom Lake bed, 90 miles northwest of the

Las Vegas Valley.

After arriving at what is now widely known as Area 51, the team was supposed to perform a flight test of the U-2, a spy plane equipped with long-range cameras.

The U-2 was designed to fly at 70,000 feet altitude for observing Soviet missile sites while staying out of range of MiG fighter jets.

But the team's transport plane never arrived at Groom Lake.

The pilot, 1st Lt. George Pappas, had become disoriented while flying in radio silence through a 60-knot crosswind under visual flight rules during a blizzard.

Instead of avoiding Mount Charleston, he was mistakenly on a path toward the peak above Kyle Canyon.

The plane clipped the ridge 50 feet below the crest, skipped about 60 feet, and

slid another 20 feet before it came to a rest and partially burned.

There were no survivors. After a mountaineering team on skis and snowshoes from March Air Force Base in California failed to locate the crash site, about 20 men on horseback from the Clark County Mounted Posse and two Air Force officers reached the wreckage to recover the bodies and the U-2 project's top-secret paperwork.

Much of the plane's fuselage remained intact on the ridge until the summer of 1956 when, at the request of the U.S. Forest Service, Air Force crews blew it up with dynamite because its precarious positioning posed a safety hazard.

Some of the families weren't aware that their loved ones had worked for the CIA, and most had not been fully informed about the details of

the mission they were on.

After graduating from Floydada High School, Hanks went into the Air Force where he was assigned to 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron which had been deployed to the Korea conflict in 1951. This was a night photographic unit, which utilized equipment manufactured by the Hycon Mfg. Co. of Pasadena, CA. Hanks was recruited to work for Hycon while he was still in the military and went to work for them as soon as he was discharged.

Declassified records list Hanks' crash information as follows: Fred F. Hanks, 35, Hycon camera repair specialist, of Sierra Madre, CA.

Families from across the U.S. will be coming to the memorial's dedication on May 29. Hanks' niece and his sister, Betty, plan to attend the ceremony.

Unity Center News

By Elaine LaBaume

The Floyd County Friends Unity Center opened its doors on January 01, 2015 for the 16th year. Can you believe that? People still marvel at the way it still looks due to the excellent care and upkeep that manager, Jon LaBaume, has done. He really takes pride in the building.

The first event of the year was the Floyd County Stock Show. No one knows how much work goes into this before and after the show. However, each year we are so thankful for the building. Some of us remember the "horrible old show barn." Each year there is much talk aboutthe way it was.....and the way it is now.

The next event was the Floyd-Crosby County Caprock Crops Cotton Produc-

tion meeting. Approximately 180 farmers and exhibitors attended this. Farmers are required to get so many CEU's each year. This meeting counted as part of those. Again, it is nice to have the Unity Center for meeting like this for our farmers. Farming and ranching is our lively hood our area.

Muncy Fertilizer had a meeting in February.....again a meeting for farmers. Floyd County 4-H uses the Unity Center almost weekly for shooting sports.

We have events already booked into August.

The winds have torn up another flag that flies at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center. Carolyn Marble and her family had the pole erected in memory of Fred Marble. If anyone would like to

donate another flag, you can contact me and I will order it.

Floyd County Friends Board has been having meetings to plan the 20th Annual Gala. Can you believe the 20th? This year's theme will be "20 Years From Denim to Diamonds." Jimmy Burson and his band including Lucy Dean Record will be the entertainment.

A dance area will be provided for the ones that want to dance to this great country band. Tickets are \$300 for a table of 8 or \$30 each for a single ticket. More details will follow about the gala. If you want to reserve a table or tickets, call Shawnda Foster in Lockney or contact me. We already have some tables reserved.

Remember... this is the "biggest social event of the year in Floyd County."

Museum Archives

Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

THE CHARLIE WILSONS

Submitted by

Vera Wilson Armstrong

Charlie A. Wilson was born in Tellico Springs, Tennessee, February 25, 1875. Ollie Rigdon was born in Holland, Texas, March 7, 1878. They were married in Silverton, Texas, September 25, 1898. They moved to Floyd County in the early 1900's to the community of Curlew, later called Sunset, and now South Plains. There were seven children; Wilbur, Ralph, Minnie, Buster (Charles), Vera, Johnnie, and Clarence, who died in infancy. All were born in Lockney except Buster.

The Wilsons were farmers and ranchers. Baptists, and Democrats. My father was a Master Mason, served as Master of the Lockney Lodge and as Deputy Grand Master. He served on the school board many years and as county road commissioner. Mother was an Eastern Star. She grew hundreds of beautiful flowers and arranged many for funerals. She helped nurse me ill and deliver babies, during the flu epidemic of 1918, she helped neighbors around the clock. Our home was the scene of ice cream parties, square dancing

with fiddles, and guitars, and callers. There was a fruit orchard, garden, milk cows, hogs for pork, and beef cattle. At Christmas we had fire works and a real treat consisting of a box of apples and oranges. We rode horses, camped and fished down in the breaks—gathered wild plums, currants, and grapes. There were hay rides in a wagon, rides in a horse drawn sleigh with hot rocks to warm our feet, and ice-skating on frozen lakes.

Sunday found us attending church and Sunday School in the school house. All six children were baptized in lakes. We kept the preacher during "protracted" meetings and enjoyed dinners on the ground.

We always had an organ or piano plus Jews harp, violins, guitars, and harmonicas. At Church my dad and brothers led the singing, mother and Minnie played the piano. Minnie, Buster, and Johnnie sang well.

We attended school at Sunset and all played on the basketball and baseball teams. Minnie finished high school at Lockney. Johnnie and I at Floydada. Buster took business courses. Wilbur was a

good debater. I graduated from West Texas University, Canyon, and taught school thirty eight years, thirty one of them in Clovis, New Mexico.

Through father's Masonic affiliation, I became a member of the Eastern Star. I served as Worthy Matron of Keystone Chapter in Clovis, Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of New Mexico, and six years as an officer of the General Grand Chapter.

Our first car was a Buick with two small seats that pulled from the back of the front seat.

The prairie fires were frightening and destructive. Men came from miles with wet sacks, brooms, and plows to fight the fires. Everyone had storm cellars and needed them often.

Our barns were blown away and hail fell in slabs. Mother took her granddaughter Virginia, into the cellar, looked up a saw a huge snake over the door way. Mother literally threw Virginia out into the storm and into a pool of water. Harvest time was a community effort requiring fifteen to twenty men. Cooking for a threshing crew was a task; bread baked at home, chickens killed, and

dressed, vegetables gathered from the garden, cows milked and butter churned.

Wilbur married Betty Campbell, children Wanda Mae and Wilbur Troy; Ralph married Alma Vinson, children; Virginia, Carol! Gene, Narselette sand Terry Crump; Minnie married Quay Cypert, one daughter Betty Jo; Buster married Glenna Haley; children; Billy Charles, Jimmy Don, and Bradford Wayne; I married E. C. Armstrong, no children; Johnnie married Oleta Fields, children; Lanita Sue, Johnnie L, and Gary.

One of the grandsons, Billy Charles, was injured during a football game at Silverton and died. The other eleven grandchildren graduated from high school, and most of them from colleges or universities. They are all living successful and happy Hives.

Father died in 1965, almost ninety years of age; Mother, in 1971 almost 94; Wilbur passed away in November 1974, and Ralph and Buster in January 1968. Johnnie and Oleta still live in Floyd County; others are scattered from Jacksonville, Florida to El Paso, Texas, to Los Angeles, California.

South Plains Hobby Club

By Mary M. Carter

The Hobby Club met on Feb. 11, 2015 at the South Plains Baptist Church in South Plains, Texas.

The fun program was given by Lou Burleson. It was "City Gal and Her Cowboy." All new things learned living on a ranch coming from city to country life. Feeding cattle, cooking, and etc.

Hostesses Ethelyn Vernon and Mary Quattlebaum served tasty treats.

THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO:

Tour Texas "Bronze Foundry"

March 11, 2015 @ 10 a.m.

2202 E. Broadway

Lubbock, Texas

Lunch at the "Skyview"

\$25.00 per person

Festival of Tables

March 28, 2015 @ 12 noon Saturday

At the "Hope Center"

Quitaque, Texas

This is for the "Cross View Camp"

\$25.00 per person

Those in attendance were Peggy Roberts, Mary Lou Zinck, Glenda Ford, Mary Quattlebaum, Margie Young, Wanda Lane, Margaret Kitchens, Ann Ford, Janis Julian, Sue Daniels, Helen Teeple, Carolyn Marble, Lou Burleson, Ethelyn Vernon, and Virginia Taylor.

Visitors were Paul Belew, Barbara Edwards and June Wells.

Lockney Senior Citizen News

By Renee Armstrong

Special for The Hesperian-Beacon

Remember Sunday March 8th you SPRING forward. Turn your clocks ahead an hour.

Also come and join us for lunch. The Center will be open for lunch on the Sunday, March 8. We will be serving Beef and Chicken Fajitas with all the trimmings. No need to call in advance just come on in and enjoy or you may carry out. Serving time 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. All donations accepted and appreciated.

I will be out of town on Wednesday, March 11th. Olivia will be filling in for me, so please make sure you call by 9:30 a.m. to get your name on the list for lunch.

Remember exercise with Dorothy is Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:45- 9:15 a.m. Coffee time is Monday - Saturday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Thursday Pot luck is at 5 p.m. Bring a dish and enjoy games afterwards.

Family Night Fish Fry is Friday nights from 5-8 p.m. It's all you can eat. Come let us do the dishes!

MENU

March 9 - March 13

Monday - Chicken & dumplings

Tuesday - Enchilada casserole

Wednesday - Meat loaf

Thursday - Salted

Friday - Grilled chicken

(Menus subject to change with notice)

FLOYDADA SCHOOL

West of the Pecos Indoor Archery Match



By Patty Davenport

On February 21, 2015, two Floyd County 4-Hers competed in the West of the Pecos Indoor Archery Match held in Ft. Stockton. Archers shot 20 ends of 3 arrows each for a

total of 60 arrows. All archers, except first year juniors, shot targets set at 18 meters.

Ryder Glass placed 1st in the intermediate recurve class and Rachel Graham placed 1st in senior compound unaided.

Nixon brothers show at the San Angelo Stock Show



By Cristen Brooks

CEA-AG/NR, Floyd County

Kirby Nixon and Keenan Nixon proudly represented Floyd County at the San Angelo Stock Show on February 15th. Both boys showed in the Junior Breeding Gilt Show and the Junior CTBR Texas Stars Gilt Show.

Keenan placed 4th with his Hampshire in the Junior Gilt Show and 4th with his

Hampshire in the CTBR Gilt Show. Kirby placed 5th with his Duroc in the CTBR Gilt Show.

Both shows took place the same day in side by side arenas which made for a very busy day full of lots of hard work. Kirby and Keenan were up for the challenge and showed all 6 of their pigs very well.

Congratulations to the Nixon family on a job well done!

SPC to host Dancing with the Texans on April 2

LEVELLAND – Tickets are on sale for the upcoming Dancing with the Texans set for 7 p.m. on April 2 (Thursday) in the Sundown Room on the South Plains College campus. Seating begins at 6:15 p.m.

Tickets cost \$10 when purchased before April 2 or \$15 at the door. Tickets will be sold from the offices of Vanessa Mofett, assistant professor of Physical Education, (806) 716-2235; and Rhonda Giussani, administrative assistant to Physical Education and Physical Fitness Center, (806) 716-2223 in the Physical Education Complex.

The audience will be entertained by SPC faculty and staff members paired with members of the SPC Ballroom Dance Team. Participants will perform and compete using prepared

dance routines. The evening will feature a Disney theme with dances such as swing, waltz, rumba, salsa, foxtrot, Country two-step and others.

SPC faculty and staff participants are Dennis Churchwell, Director of Purchasing (with partner Lauren Strong); Chase Dunn, Recruiter (with partner Jacqueline Bailey); Charlie Ehrenfeld, Chairperson and Assistant Professor of Journalism (with partner Ariel DeLeon); James Kemper, Instructor in Economics (with partner Adriana Anaya); Kristina Keyton, Instructor in Psychology (with partner Caleb Fabila);

Drew Landry, Instructor in Government (with partner Calin Clay); Gail Malone, Director of Teaching and Learning Center (with partner Eric Clark);

Dee Dee Odorizzi, Director of Physical Fitness Center (with partner Eloy Chavez); Mary Pate, Visual Communication Specialist (with partner Jose Hermsillo); Robyn Reaves, Administrative Assistant to the President (with partner Alex Pounders); Chancy Simmons, Residence Hall Director (with partner Samantha Infante); and Stephanie Smith, Alumni Coordinator (with partner David Rivera).

The evening also will include a silent auction, door prizes, additional performances and an open dance floor. Refreshments will be served. Proceeds from the event will be used support the SPC Ballroom Dance Team with costumes and competition costs.

For more information, please contact Mofett at (806) 716-2235.

Texas Concealed Handgun License course set for March 7 at SPC

LEVELLAND – South Plains College will offer the Texas Concealed Handgun License course on March 7 (Saturday) in the Law Enforcement Technology building in Room 115 on the Levelland campus. Space is limited.

Class will begin at 8 a.m., and will include breaks every hour and a one-hour break for lunch. The classroom portion will be completed by 3 p.m. and the length of the range portion will depend on the number of students.

The cost is \$70 for students seeking their first license, and \$25 for students wanting a refresher course before renewing their license. Although renewals are now handled strictly online, the 15 or more changes in Texas firearms law last summer make a refresher course a good investment.

Additional class dates for spring 2015 are April 11 and May 9.

The course covers the laws pertaining to concealed carry and to the use of force or deadly force. Safe gun handling and storage, including storage with children in the home, are covered, as is non-violent dispute resolution.

Students will need a handgun and 50 rounds of ammunition. They must pass a 25 question written test, and demonstrate safe and proficient gun handling, scoring at least 70 percent on a shooting test at distances ranging from three to 15 yards.

Students need to call Kasey Reyes, administrative assistant to the Dean of Continuing and Distance Education, at (806) 716-2341 or email kreyes@southplainscollege.edu to enroll.

Contest Seeks Christian Poets

A \$1,000 grand prize is being offered in a special poetry contest sponsored by the Christian Fine Arts Society, free to everyone. There are 50 prizes in all, including a \$1,000 Grand Prize, totaling \$4,000.00.

To enter, send one poem of 21 lines or less to Free Poetry Contest, 106 Cambria Cir, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Or enter online at www.freecontest.com. The deadline for entering is March 28, 2015.

"We think great religious poems can inspire achievement," says Thomas Grey, the organization's Contest Director. Poems may be written on any subject, using any style, as long as there is a spiritual inference. A typical poem might be a love poem, or poem of praise, one that inspires the reader.

Nutritional Value Lacking from Proposed Dietary Guidelines

By Claudia Scott Wright

TSCRA Director and
Association Promotion
Committee Chair

Every five years the United States Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services joint Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee (DGAC) is charged with revising Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

In December 2014, the DGAC held a closed door meeting and approved the elimination of nutrient dense lean meat from their proposed healthy diet recommendations. The lack of transparency in this meeting concerns me and leads me to believe this decision wasn't made with sound science.

As a mother, cancer sur-

vivor and fourth generation cattle rancher, I am appalled by the federal government's seemingly all-out war on the meat industry. In fact, the suggestion of removing meat from the dietary guidelines only encourages Americans to make poor diet choices by excluding a great source of protein and vitamins from their meals.

While the DGAC has proposed removal of all meat from their suggested diet, as a cattle rancher I can tell you first-hand about the many health benefits of implementing beef into your diet.

Beef provides an extremely important source of protein for those who eat it. A 3 ounce serving of lean beef provides 51 percent of the daily value for protein. Including protein at the cen-

ter of your plate will help you manage your weight, retain muscle mass, lower your risk for heart disease, improve blood sugars and make your bones stronger. The protein in beef helps you maintain a healthy metabolism and adding it to your meals can make you feel satisfied longer.

Additionally, beef is one of the most nutrient rich food products because it packs a powerhouse of essential vitamin nutrients that benefit people of all ages. It provides an excellent source of zinc, vitamins B12 and B6, selenium, phosphorus, niacin, choline, iron and riboflavin. These resources help provide a healthy body that will give you energy throughout the day.

Some schools across the country have decided to

practice "meatless Mondays," therefore removing meat from school lunches every Monday. The USDA has also supported this initiative in the past. In my opinion, this is not the way to start off a kid's week and I have many concerns with the trend of removing meat from meals.

It is crucial for young children to receive a sufficient amount of protein and nutrients. I remember when my daughter was younger; I made sure she had meat implemented into her diet. I knew including this important food source would provide the healthy resources needed to make her grow strong.

I would never suggest that vegetables be removed from a person's diet, so why should anyone sug-

gest taking meat off the plate. I believe the five food groups of meat, vegetables, fruits, grains and dairy are essential in a person's diet and they are included for a good reason. No single food group can provide all the nutrients you need each day. Moderation and balance is key and it is what we should be teaching our kids.

Meat has always been on the menu at my house and it always will be. There is no denying the many health advantages beef and other meat and poultry sources provide for people of all ages worldwide.

I strongly encourage everyone involved in the meat and poultry industry, as well as producer groups to take a stand and let the DGAC know the many positive aspects of meat in a person's

diet and how their dietary guidelines proposal must be reconsidered.

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) will remain actively involved to make sure meat remains a part of the American diet. We will do everything it takes to educate our kids and consumers on the many benefits of implementing this nutrient rich food source into their meals.

Claudia Scott Wright is a TSCRA Director and chair of the TSCRA Association Promotion Committee. She is the wife of Quinn Wright, the mother of Caylin Wright and the daughter of TSCRA Past President Dave Scott. Claudia owns a real estate business and is a cattle rancher in Richmond, Texas.

LOCKNEY SCHOOL

Longhorn Softball Defeats Seagraves 28-2

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

SEAGRAVES – Lockney jumped out to a 25-0 lead after three-and-one-half innings before the Seagraves Lady Eagles managed to score two runs as they coasted to a 28-2 victory.

In the first inning, the Lady Horns

scored three runs then added eight more in the top of the second, 10 in the third and four in the fourth before Seagraves scored two in the bottom of the fourth. In the top of fifth, Lockney plated three more runs then held Seagraves scoreless in the bottom to run-rule the Lady Eagles 28-2.

Lexi Chavez tallied four hits and four

RBI's to lead the Lady Horns. Camryn Diaz also had four hits and Shelby Coats had three hits and four RBI's. Haley Dunbar had five RBI's for the Lady Horns.

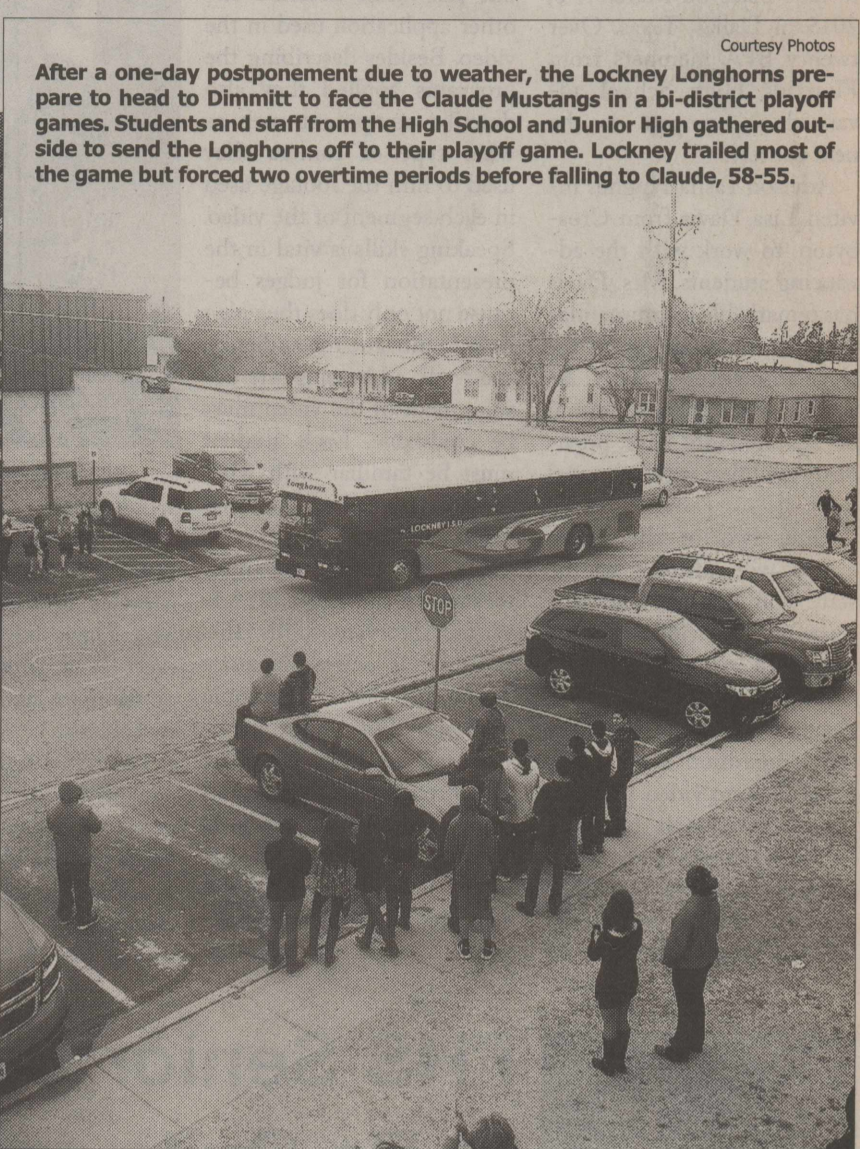
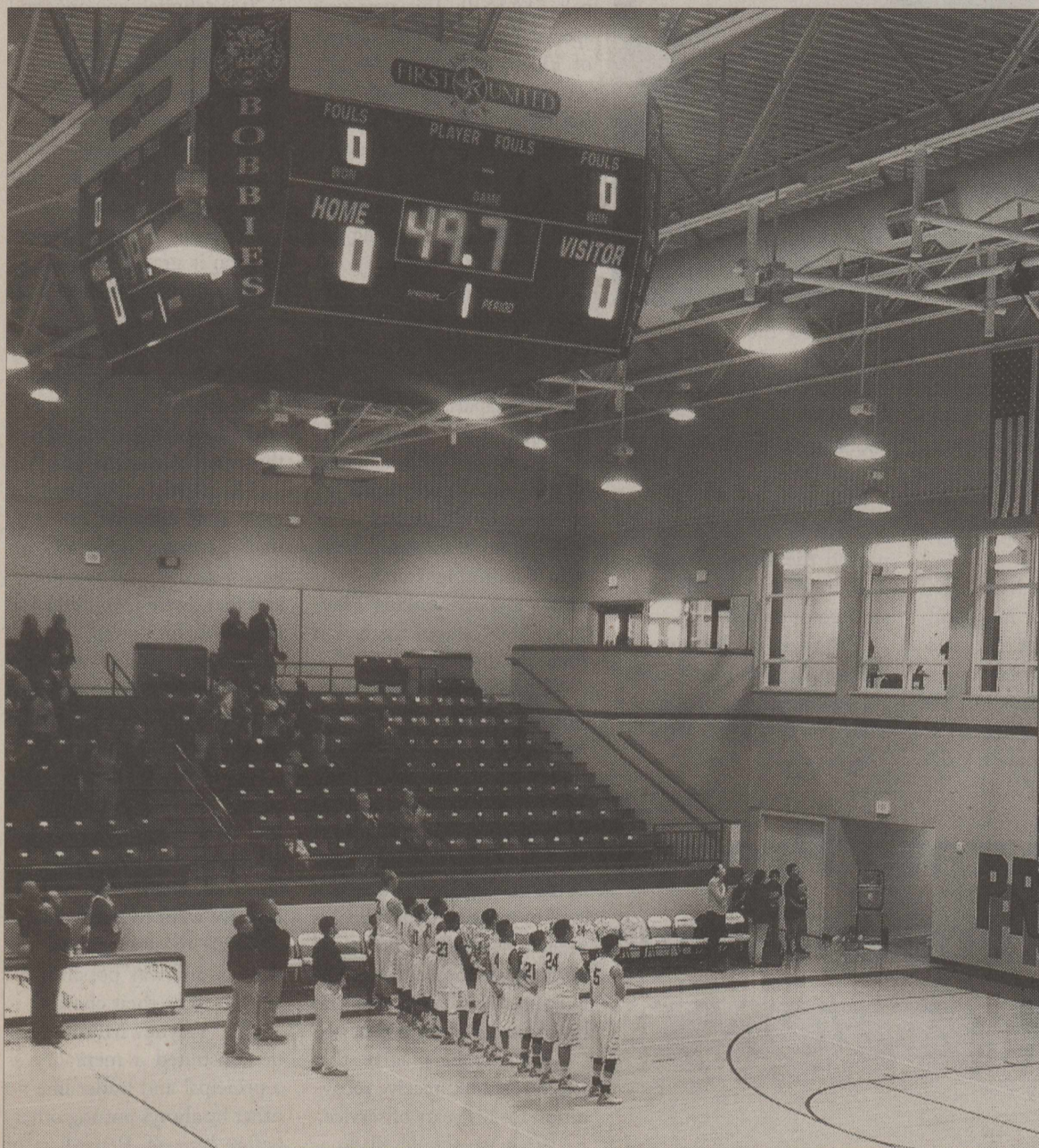
Coats pitched four innings for Lockney and striking out 11 Seagraves hitters to capture the win. She allowed two unearned runs on three hits and three walks. Karissa Petty pitched the fifth inning for

the Lady Horns striking out one and allowing one hit.

The Lady Horns managed 18 hits, 19 RBI's and 28 runs while Seagraves was limited to four hits and two runs.

Alexis Gutierrez was the losing pitcher, allowing 28 runs in four and two-thirds innings. She waded seven and struck out three.

Lockney Pregame



Courtesy Photos
After a one-day postponement due to weather, the Lockney Longhorns prepare to head to Dimmitt to face the Claude Mustangs in a bi-district playoff games. Students and staff from the High School and Junior High gathered outside to send the Longhorns off to their playoff game. Lockney trailed most of the game but forced two overtime periods before falling to Claude, 58-55.

Lockney pays respects to our country during the National Anthem as they prepare to take on the Claude Mustangs in a bi-district battle. The Mustangs led most of the game but Lockney was able to force overtime before Claude defeated the Longhorns in the second overtime, 58-55. Claude lost to Canadian on Feb. 26, 46-25.

Japanese youths will visit Texas in summer

COLLEGE STATION – For Texas youth and their families wanting to experience Japan this summer without leaving home, the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program will be bringing “delegates” from the Land of the Rising Sun here to the Lone Star State.

“We will again coordinate the placement of 20 youth from Japan with families throughout Texas for a four-week homestay program,” said Dr. Darlene Locke, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service 4-H youth development specialist. “It is being done as part of Texas Global Education and Cultural Exchange program partnership with Texas 4-H.”

She said participating families benefit by expanding their global knowledge and learning about other cultures.

“And the young people involved can make life-long friendships and can keep in touch if they wish, especially with today’s technology,” Locke said. “The experience will also help them learn how to adapt to those who live and do things differently from them.”

For the program, Japanese youth ages 12 to 16 will be paired with Texas families with a child of the same gender, approximate age

and similar interests. They will live with the host family from July 21 to Aug. 19.

Locke added that host families are also needed during that same time frame for youth ages 15-18 from the American Farm School in Thessaloniki, Greece.

“My family hosted five Japanese delegates over a nine-year period,” said Lauren Kilpatrick, 18, now a freshman at Texas A&M studying horticulture. “It was a great experience, starting with the first Japanese girl we hosted. After you get over the initial language barrier, you get to find out what they are all about and share things. We showed them all about living in the U.S. and being a Texan, and they showed us things like Japanese cooking and origami. It was a cool, life-changing experience.”

Locke said conversely that Texas youth desiring an experience abroad can visit Japan for a four week homestay, also through the program. “Texas youth are assigned to a Japanese family and live in their home, totally immersed in the culture,” she said. “Expenses for the outbound program average \$4,000, but there are some scholarships available.”

NRA Basic Pistol course set for March 14-15 at SPC

LEVELLAND – South Plains College will offer an NRA Basic Pistol class on March 14 (Saturday) and March 15 (Sunday) in Room 116 of the Law Enforcement Technology building on the Levelland campus.

The cost of the course is \$75, and students need to register and pay in advance. Space is limited.

The course runs eight to 10 hours, depending on the number of students, and includes classroom and range time. The classroom portion will begin at 9 a.m. on March 14, with breaks every hour as well as a lunch break. The shooting portion will begin at 2 p.m. on March 15. Pistols, ammunition, hearing and eye protection are provided although students are free to bring their own pistols for practicing.

This is an excellent course for new pistol shooters or those who need more training before applying for a Texas Concealed Handgun License.

Basic Pistol covers NRA’s rules for safe gun handling; pistol parts and operation; ammunition; shooting fundamentals; range rules; shooting from the bench rest position, and two handed standing positions; cleaning the pistol; and continued opportunities for skill development. The cost includes the NRA Guide to the Basics of Pistol Shooting handbook, NRA Gun Safety Rules brochure, and Winchester/NRA Marksmanship Qualification booklet.

To sign up, call Kasey Reyes at (806) 716-2341 or email kreyes@southplainscollege.edu.

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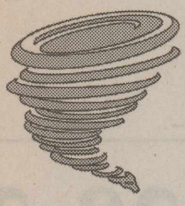
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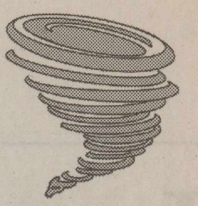
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Whirlwind News



Preparation for BPA

By Destiny Cabello
Junior Editor

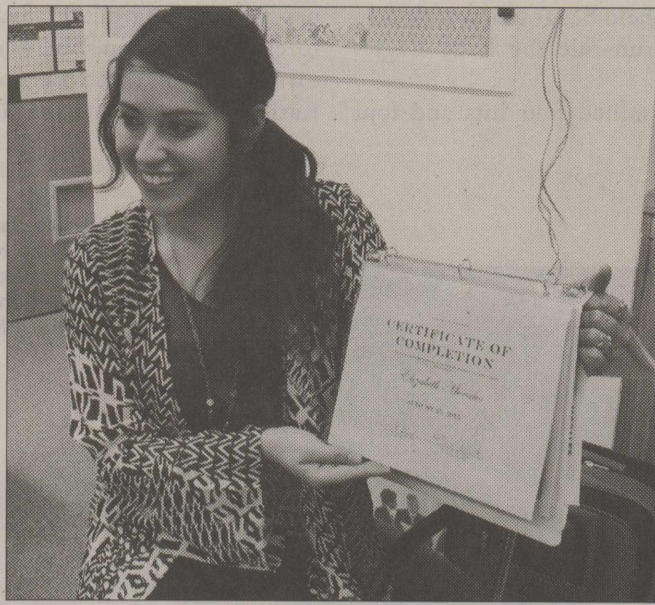
State BPA is scheduled to take place on March 4-8, 2015 in Dallas, Texas. Over twenty BPA members from Floydada High School advanced to compete to the next contest.

Advisor, Tasha Hughes invited Lisa Davis from Crosbyton, to work with the advancing students. Mrs. Davis has remarkable recommendations for improving individual performances at BPA. As a BPA coach herself, several of her students have previously qualified at the national level.

Only two of the group events will advance to the state competition. The first team was the video production team including Kortney Campbell, Kirby Nixon, and Keenan Nixon. Their task for competition is to create a 3-5 minute video promoting a new lunch program. At competition they must describe in detail how they constructed each part of the video. The team must pres-

ent specific software used for each part of the event. They describe the program used to compose the entire video, but also must describe any other application used in the video. Besides describing the programs applied they also describe equipment such as what type of camera they used to film the footage used in each segment of the video. Speaking skills is vital in the presentation for judges because not only does the video have to intrigue the audience, their talk addressing the development of the video must be credible. Each student must be familiar with what initially transpired in brief video.

Liz Morales advanced to state in the event of Advanced Interview Skills. This is event is self-explanatory in the fact that it's a simple interview. One judge meets with her and asks her basic job interview questions and background. Materials that she has to prepare for her event includes a portfolio compiled of any accomplishment certificates, pictures,



or any other distinguished achievements.

After working with Mrs. Davis for a few hours, Liz Morales utterly adapted to Mrs. Davis' advise and now executes a strong first impression to leave the judges speechless.

"Working with Mrs. Davis defiantly boosted my confidence. She taught me basic fundamentals like how to sit or stand," said Morales, "She even taught me when to sit

Wayne Morren Receives TASSP 'Principal of the Year' Award

By Aaron Chavarria
Senior Editor

Every year, a major award is given by the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals (TASSP). This year was special for the school district of Floydada because, for the second time in the last decade, Mr. Morren was awarded with the high honor of 'Secondary Principal of the Year'.

According to those who work with Mr. Morren, receiving this award unlike any other.

"It's a great honor because there are many schools in region 17. It is beyond amazing that he won it out of all the great principals," said assistant principal Dara Ware, "Although he has won it before, he is doing an exceptional job representing region 17."

Winning this award took total commitment and dedication towards making Floydada High School the best it could possibly be.

"I have never worked with anybody or been around anyone that is more committed to understanding education," high school counselor Kathy Jahay said, "through all the changes that have occurred over the years, he has managed to stay on top of it all to make sure his school is where it needs to be and I could not imagine anybody else to be more qualified to receive this honor for doing such a great job."

Staff members agree that Morren should receive recognition for his years of service.

"What we should all do as students, staff, and other administrators, is simply go up to Mr. Morren and show our appreciation for him through congratulating him," said counselor Nikki Smith, "He really sees the big picture on how to lead our school forward

and we should all feel obligated to thank him for that."

When asked how much of an honor it was to win this award, Mr. Wayne Morren had nothing but positive things to say.

"It is definitely an honor and I am humbled by it," said Morren, "There are lots of great administrators in our region and to be selected truly is great, simply for the reason that I know the positive things that happen on other campuses."

In terms of appreciation, Morren is grateful for all the support he has received over the past few days.

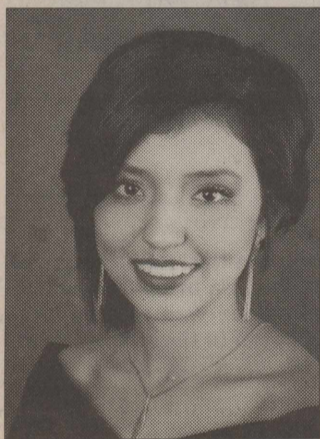
"My family, staff, the student body, and other administrators have been congratulatory towards my winning of this award," Morren said, "To me, I think that without the great staff and student body that we have, none of this would actually be possible... and that's who I would like to thank for this honor."

Although he has won this honor for the second time, his expectations are still set high for a greater school system.

"My goals are to stay consistent on preparing kids for life after high school," said Mr. Morren. "Although not every kid wants to go to college, we want to make college available to every single student in any way possible; we want it to be their choice."

Mr. Wayne Morren has demonstrated a mentality as a principal and leader like no other by always putting others before himself. Regardless of what anybody sees in Morren, he always manages to set high goals for this school system and prioritizes nothing but excellence in all that he does. As a staff, we would like to congratulate him on this well-earned commendation.

FHS Senior Serrato Proves to Be Quite an Entrepreneur



By Roxy Chavarria
Staff Writer

For senior Yuleida Serrato, spare time is spent unlike other student at FHS. Serrato comes from a family of five, two sisters; Yelitza and Yelena, and her parents; Arnaldo and Oneida Serrato. What makes her different from students at FHS is that she loves to sew whenever she has free time whether it's during school or at home.

"Sewing takes me to the happiest place, the place in which I wish to never return from," says Serrato.

Curious as to what sparked this love and interest in sewing, Serrato states that her grandmother, Domitila Pesina, was and still is her biggest influence that led her to sewing.

"She's the greatest inspira-



tion and has made over thousands of multiple pieces for all sizes and had literally taught me everything that I know from becoming a young lady to the skills of sewing."

With the significant inspiration that her grandmother has presented to her, ever since the first day she laid hands on a sewing machine, after over two years she has not been able to part from it. By making others feel confident through fashion, she realized that designing and bringing her creations to life, was something that she want-

ed to deepen her knowledge in to pursue her dreams of becoming a fashion designer. Serrato plans to attend AVE-DA Institute of Cosmetology located in Austin, Texas. Going straight for cosmetology, Serrato plans to carryout her process of her fashion business once she has graduated. Along with that she plans to voyage other countries with the desire to carry out medical treatments, clothing, food and other beneficial supplies all provided by customers of YAS Fashion. "YAS Fashion" is the name Serrato has given

her current fashion line, along with the YAS Fashion slogan, "Dress as if your worst enemy is watching!"

Although there is not an open boutique, Serrato is currently in the process of copyright and tax filing for her fashion line. Meanwhile, you can follow "YAS Fashion" by Yuleida Aileen Serrato" on Facebook for daily updates of all homemade belongings made by Yuleida herself. Or you can contact Serrato at (806) 983-4535 or email at yuleidaaileens@gmail.com.

From the Court to the Diamond

By Tucker Lowrance
Staff Writer

After the basketball season comes to a close, athletes begin preparing for the next outdoor sport, and began to hit the cages as the baseball season quickly approaches. The Whirlwinds will be looking to avenge their last season's performance and try to get back into the playoffs.

Expectations are high for the Whirlwinds this year as the head coach has one expectation that he hopes the team can reach.

"My expectations are for

us to be district champions," said Brady Webb, head coach. However in order to do that, we need to come in with the mentality that we can be district champions, and hopefully we will."

With most of the players from last year's team returning, the team hopes to become more matured and focused.

"This team is returning a lot of faces we had last year, along with the seniors and the leadership that they bring, it is going to be a more focused team than we have had," said Webb.

The Whirlwinds also look

to improve on their defense, which was very lacking in the year before.

"A problem we had last year was on defense, we were not fundamentally sound so hopefully this year, with most of our defensive players returning, it should give us the talent on the defensive side that we lacked last year," said Webb.

Coaches are not the only ones hoping to accomplish more this year, the seniors are also looking to better last year's performance.

"Being my last year of baseball, I really want to end the

year on a positive note and make sure that we have a better year than we did last year," said senior Corbin Nutt.

The players also have one ultimate goal that they would like to accomplish not just for the coaches.

"The ultimate goal for the season would be to win a district championship and bring it back home and send the seniors out on a good note," said sophomore Mark McGowen.

The Whirlwinds will open up district play on March 14th against the New Deal Lions.

World News Update: War in Ukraine

By Bethany Morales
Staff Writer

If you turn on the TV, news comes rolling in about what is happening overseas. ISIS is the main buzz that has Americans tuned in, but the war with Ukraine has been making an impact on Russia, France, and Germany. The feud between Ukraine and pro-Russians has been escalating with no signs of any settled agreement. Russian President Vladimir Putin recently said that, although there have been numerous violence between the countries, he is certain that the crisis will begin to settle down in the near future.

Many people are skeptical of why Putin decided to enter the war. President Putin's reason for entering the war with Ukraine was that word has got back to Putin that the Russian people were not being treated well in Ukraine. Upon hearing this, he decided to enter the war. Unfortunately there are some speculations that he initially entered because there was a sizable natural gas pipe that runs through Ukraine that

many believe - President Putin wants to take control over. This has caused much controversy throughout the world.

Putin also recently announced that he has high hopes for the Minsk Agreement, if it is implemented, that will help sort out the chaos that has been occurring. Putin is relying on this agreement to settle down the commotion. Although Putin wants this agreement to work, Ukraine is thinking differently. They refuse to settle until the attacks from the Pro-Russians come to a stop. The United Nations have released the names of more than 5,000 people that have been killed due to the conflict between Russia and Ukraine. Many of those people have indeed been civilians.

The war in Ukraine is affecting us on our own soil. Many of the Russians are exclaiming that the United States is indeed the reason for the Ukraine crisis. A recent poll was taken that showed 80% of Russians have a negative view on the United States.

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USDA Provides One-Time Extension of Deadline to Update Base Acres or Yield History for ARC/PLC Programs

Farmers Now Have Until March 31 to Update Yields and Reallocate Base Acres; Deadline for Choosing Between ARC and PLC also Remains March 31

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27, 2015 — Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced today that a one-time extension will be provided to producers for the new safety-net programs established by the 2014 Farm Bill, known as Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC). The final day to update yield history or reallocate base acres has been extended one additional month, from Feb. 27, 2015 until March 31, 2015. The final day for farm owners and producers to choose ARC or PLC coverage also remains March 31, 2015.

"This is an important decision for producers, because these programs provide financial protection against unexpected changes in the marketplace. Producers are working to make the best decision they can. And we're working to ensure that they've got the time, the information, and the opportunities to have those final conversations, review their data, and to visit the Farm Service Agency to make those decisions," said Vilsack.

If no changes are made to yield history or base acres by March 31, 2015, the farm's current yield and base will be used. A program choice of ARC or PLC coverage also must be made by March 31,

2015, or there will be no 2014 payments for the farm and the farm will default to PLC coverage through the 2018 crop year.

"These are complex decisions, which is why we launched a strong education and outreach campaign back in September. Now we're providing a one-time extension of an additional month so that every producer is fully prepared to enroll in this program," said Vilsack.

Nationwide, more than 2.9 million educational postcards, in English and Spanish, have been sent to producers, and over 4,100 training sessions have been conducted on the new safety-net programs. The online tools, available at www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc, allow producers to explore projections on how ARC or PLC coverage will affect their operation under possible future scenarios.

Covered commodities include barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium grain rice (which includes short grain rice), safflower seed, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat. Upland cotton is no longer a covered commodity.

To learn more, farmers can con-

tact their local Farm Service Agency county office. To find your local office visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

The Farm Bill builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past six years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer. Since enactment, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/farmland.

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Rabies Report

This is the first confirmed rabies case in HSR 1 for 2015. The fact that it was found in town is not encouraging. Pet owners need to be advised to not leave pet food out at night.

The last HSR 1 case recorded in 2014 was reported on 9/18/14 in Randall Co. (horse). This case is the first in Ochiltree Co. since 2/16/10 — just over five years ago.

In 2008 there were 4 skunks reported; in 2006 there were 3 skunks and a cat; and in 2005, the county was our largest contributor to the Region's record number of 79 cases that year with 12

skunks, a cow a fox and a dog.

This is an excellent time to encourage rabies vaccinations of all pets and livestock that have frequent human contact; animals that have a high value; or animals that would be expensive to dispose of if they die of rabies.

The time since our last active year for rabies and the moisture we've received over the past couple of years make this a likely year for seeing an increase in rabies cases in wildlife. Animal owners need to be pro-active and take steps to protect their families by keeping rabies vaccinations current.

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Specimen ID : AVR1501023
Specimen Type : SKUNK
RABIES FA RESULT : Positive
County : Ochiltree
Submitter's Name :
Exposure Date : 2/19/2015 12:00:00AM
Exposure History : No Exposure
Date Collected : 2/19/2015 8:00:00AM
Date Received : 2/23/2015 10:50:00AM
Internal Comments : SKUNK OUT DURING DAY ACTING AGGRESSIVE

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Monsanto Now Accepting Nominations for 2015 "Farm Mom of the Year" Contest

They are the heart of the family and the backbone of their farm operation. They are farm moms, and they nourish, nurse and care for everything and everyone in their families, on their farms and in their communities. To once again recognize and thank these inspiring women, Monsanto Company today announced it has opened up nominations for its 2015 America's Farmers Mom of the Year contest. Nominations will be accepted now through March 31.

"The America's Farmers Mom of the Year program is one of the most fulfilling things we have the honor of doing all year," says Tracy Mueller, Monsanto Corporate Brand Communications Manager. "Each year we read about the strong, caring and dedicated moms who not only help raise their crops, livestock and other agricultural goods, but who nurture their families and actively support their communities. Every story is amazing."

Anyone can nominate their favorite farm mom, whether it's their mom, sister, aunt, daughter, friend or community member. Just visit AmericasFarmers.com during the nomination period and submit a brief essay online or by mail that explains how the nominated farm mom contributes to her family, farm, community and agriculture. Be sure to address all four areas as a panel of judges from American Agri-Women will use that as part of the criteria they use to help Monsanto select five regional winners.

"It's so humbling to read about all of the amazing farm moms who give so much of themselves and ask for nothing in return," says Donnell Scott, Vice President of Education for American Agri-Women. "It truly is just a part of who they are, and they don't expect, or want, a lot of credit or attention for what they do. It's their selflessness that makes our job to judge the nominations extremely difficult, but also so rewarding."

The five regional winners will be announced at the end of April, and each winner will receive a \$5,000 cash prize. Profiles of the winners will then be posted to AmericasFarmers.com, where the public can vote for one national farm mom winner. Announced just prior

to Mother's Day, the national winner will receive an additional \$5,000 cash prize above and beyond her regional prize, for a total of \$10,000.

For more information on the program or for complete eligibility requirements and official contest rules visit AmericasFarmers.com. Interested parties may also send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to America's Farmers Mom of the Year, Attn: Sue Dillon, 349 Marshall Ave., Ste. 200, St. Louis, MO 63119.

About American Agri-Women

AAW is the nation's largest coalition of farm, ranch and agribusiness women and includes members from more than 50 state, commodity and agribusiness affiliates. Since 1974, AAW members have worked together to educate consumers; advocate for agriculture; and offer networking and professional development opportunities. Go to the AAW web site for more information and to join, www.americanagriwomen.org. Find AAW on social media at: [Facebook.com/AgriWomen/](https://www.facebook.com/AgriWomen/) and [Twitter.com/Women4Ag/](https://twitter.com/Women4Ag/) (@Women4Ag)

Assignment: Texas A Prairie in Pieces - Part 2

Across the continent the Great Plains is a huge swath of land that incises mid-America from northeastern Mexico to the southern Canadian provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. The Western Great Plains runs through arid landscapes where sediments from the Rocky

Mountains have flowed for eons. With scant rainfall, the prairie grows short there.

On the eastern side of the Great Plains — where rainfall measures up to 40 inches per year — the grass grows tall. "Of all America's vanished wilderness, no part has suffered and declined as much as the prairie," the Boston Globe lamented in a 1970 editorial.

When the early settlers arrived, there were 140 million acres of tallgrass prairie nationwide. The ecosystems of Texas and Oklahoma (Cross Timbers and Southern Tallgrass Prairie) included 49 million acres of that total. Today, nearly 99 percent of the original prairies are gone. The Tallgrass Prairie Preserve (spanning both states) is the largest protected remnant of tallgrass

prairie left in the world. The elements that make the grass grow so tall — the rich soil, abundant rainfall, ample sunshine, temperate climate and moderately sloping topography — also make it attractive for development. Now, nearly all the prairie is gone.

"Over the last 150 years, we have lost most of our grassland heritage," says Matt White, author of *Prairie Time*. "It is a process that sadly is still happening even though we

have such a small fraction left."

White says that he believes the greatest risk to existing prairies is the conversion of grasses into improved forage for agriculture and residential/commercial development. "My belief is that black soil was the first black gold in Texas," explains White. "It was so rich, so fertile that soon value of the land skyrocketed as a plowing frenzy turned the land upside-down. When that happened, the vegetation vanished into memory, except in places where hay meadows were hoarded like money in the bank by cattle ranchers who knew their value."

According to White, those small patches are scant now and becoming more rare every day.

"The greatest risk to the remaining prairies is that they too will be sold, plowed or developed by the next generation who believe that more is better," White says. "As we lose folks who knew their value and their importance, we lose even more of our collective memory about what was here and what we have lost."



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RRC production statistics allowables for March 2015

AUSTIN — The Texas average rig count as of February 13, 2015 was 598, representing about 46 percent of all active land rigs in the United States according to Baker Hughes Incorporated. The Railroad Commission of Texas (Commission) reports that in the last 12 months, total Texas reported production was 901 million barrels

of oil and 8.2 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. The Commission's estimated final production for December 2014 is 83,718,353 barrels of crude oil and 553,215,585 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas well gas.

The Commission derives final production numbers by multiplying the preliminary December 2014 production totals of 71,074,245 barrels of crude oil and 474,089,969 Mcf of gas well gas by a production adjustment factor of 1.1779 for crude oil and 1.1669 for gas well gas. (These production totals do not include casinghead gas or condensate.)

Texas natural gas storage reported to the Commission for January 2015 was 328,156,399 Mcf compared to 265,394,809 Mcf in

January 2014. The February 2015 gas storage estimate is 306,887,279 Mcf.

The Commission's Oil and Gas Division set initial March 2015 natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 8,032,833 Mcf (thousand cubic feet). In setting the initial March 2015 allowables, the Commission used historical production figures from previous months, producers' demand forecasts for the coming month, and adjusted the figures based on well capability. These initial allowables will be adjusted after actual production for March 2015 is reported.

Established in 1891, the Railroad Commission of Texas is the oldest regulatory agency in the state. The Commission has a long and proud history of service to both Texas and to the nation, including almost 100 years regulating the oil and gas industry. Additionally, the Commission has jurisdiction over alternative fuel safety, natural gas utility, surface mining and intrastate pipeline industries. Our mission is to serve Texas by our stewardship of natural resources and the environment, our concern for personal and community safety, and our support of enhanced development and economic vitality for the benefit of Texans. To learn more, visit <http://www.rrc.texas.gov/>.

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The Benefits of Walking

Walking has many benefits, according to the American Heart Association. Taking a deliberate walk on a regular basis is often the first step to weight loss. While many feel reluctant to begin an exercise routine, no one should hesitate about walking, assuming a basic health beginning point. Researchers agree that regular walking is often the first step to a more thorough exercise program.

And regular walking also reduces the onset of Type Two Diabetes in those peo-

ple predisposed to the disease. Walking apparently has an overall positive affect on the blood system, including lowering sugar levels. Researchers agree that walking for at least thirty minutes on a daily basis significantly reduces the occurrence of coronary heart disease. Women of all ages should know that regular walking has a profound impact on reducing the risk of osteoporosis.

Those with high blood pressure issues are especially encouraged to begin

a walking program. Monitor your pressure before the walk and after the walk, and keep a diary of all your readings. Research has shown that people dedicated to a long term walking program have a reduced incidence of both breast cancer and colon cancer.

It is for the physical reasons that most people choose to walk. However, new research indicates that walking also has significant benefits to our mental health also. Dedicated walkers have a lower rate

of psychological issues and are generally more satisfied with life. The highest scores for satisfaction came from those walkers who regularly walked with another person. The joint effort of having a friend dedicated to a common pursuit multiplied the benefits. The highest satisfaction rate came from those who regularly walked with a friend from church. Regardless, researchers encouraged walking at any level with a gradual increase of both time and energy expended.

Medicare strengthens its rating system for nursing homes

By Bob Moos,
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and Medicaid Services

You can now be more confident when looking for a nursing home for yourself or a loved one.

Medicare has just improved its Nursing Home Compare website so that the public can get a more precise and meaningful picture of the quality of care at 15,800 nursing homes nationwide.

Families must often search for a nursing home for a spouse or parent at a moment's notice, after some crisis or emergency. When no time to spare, many turn to Nursing Home Compare to begin their research. The website - at medicare.gov/nursinghomecompare -- receives 1.4 million visits annually.

Nursing Home Compare provides details on recent health and safety inspections, nursing homes' staffing levels and such quality measures as whether residents are in pain or losing weight.

The website uses a five-star rating system to help families understand the differences

between nursing homes. Each facility receives a star rating for its overall performance and separate ratings for its recent inspections, staffing levels and quality measures. One star means "poor." Five stars mean "excellent."

Nursing Home Compare already enjoys a solid reputation among consumers - 85 percent find what they're looking for. The latest revisions will make it even more trustworthy and user-friendly.

First, Medicare will rate nursing homes according to two new quality measures, both involving the use of antipsychotic medication. This is an outgrowth of an ongoing campaign to discourage nursing homes from using such powerful drugs simply to calm dementia patients who become unruly.

Next, Medicare will do more to verify the quality data and the staffing levels that nursing homes now report themselves. The government will inspect a sampling of nursing facilities and rely on payroll data to make sure operators aren't overstating the quality of their care and the

number of their caregivers.

Finally, Medicare will raise the standards for nursing homes to achieve a high star rating. This will encourage nursing home operators to step up their quality improvement efforts, as well as make it easier for consumers to distinguish the best performing facilities from the lesser ones.

Just three years ago, only 16 percent of nursing homes had scored five stars on quality measures. By this past January, 46 percent had reached that coveted rating. In fact, as many as 80 percent of nursing homes had scored four or five stars. One-star homes accounted for just 8 percent.

Though the higher scores may be partially the result of the nursing homes' self-reporting, they're also an indication of real improvements in patient care. As just one example, more attentive care of bed-ridden nursing home patients has reduced the prevalence of pressure ulcers in recent years.

As welcome as those caregiving reforms are, Medicare thinks more progress can and should be made. Quality improvement needs to be a con-

tinuous process. The new, more demanding thresholds for star ratings on the quality of care will challenge nursing homes to redouble their efforts.

A higher bar will lead to even better patient care.

The improved Nursing Home Compare website and the increased public scrutiny will help nursing home leaders pinpoint problems in their facilities and promptly correct them. Owners who don't will be left to explain to a prospective resident why their nursing home compares so poorly against other facilities.

Still, the star ratings aren't meant to be the final word on a nursing home's quality of care. They're simply a screening tool that lets families focus on a few facilities that interest them. The families can then have an informed conversation with a nursing home's staff when they visit.

Even under the best circumstances, choosing a nursing home can be trying. There are always many emotions at work. But if you do both your homework and your legwork and take it one step at a time, you'll be able to make an informed decision.

The 501

My friend Sandy just bought a house near Little Rock. The name of her street is Deauville, like the city in France.

OK, non-Francophones. Try pronouncing Deauville. Clue:

Think of the word "bureau." "Deau" rhymes with "reau." Deauville by any other name is "DOUGH-ville." Easy.

But Sandy's realtor told her "Deau" is pronounced "Duh," as in "Sedan de Ville."

So, as the new kid on the block, Sandy plans to say "Duh" to fit in from the start. Knowing the right way to say something wrong is worth a lot when you're trying to make the right impression.

Duh. It had to be said.

Moi, I wouldn't give in. I'd launch a campaign. I'd design T-Shirts saying "I don't live on DUH-ville." They might catch on.

On the other hand, I automatically say "Lamesa" the Texas way, high school Spanish notwithstanding. And "Brazos."

"Palestine" is a challenge. I have to think how they say it on television so I can say it the other way for the East Texas town.

I feel a little smug when mispronouncing Texas towns and rivers the right way. It's a trick we Texans use to spot outsiders and newcomers. Poor souls.

Oklahomans have their ways too - probably more than Texans relative to the size of the state. Even "McAlester," my father's hometown, is "Muhcalaster" when it comes from the lips of natives, pronounced so as not to single out any one syllable any more than necessary. If you smile when you say "McAlester," you might be giving the "Mc" and the "Al" too much emphasis. Try saying it. Did you smile?

Or maybe you're just happy you're not serving time there. Or anywhere.

If you are serving time somewhere, I'm glad to have you as a reader. Really.

Back to Oklahoma towns.

Wikipedia's alphabetical list starts with "Achille," population 492. If you think "Achille" is singular for "Achilles," as in the guy with the heel, it's not. "Achille" comes from the Cherokee word for fire, spelled "atsila" by most current accounts, a spelling choice presumably based on the Cherokee syllabary. I wonder if Washington gave the town name the Greek twist when the town applied for a post office. Just my guess. It's always easy to blame mistakes on the government and often correct. Quote me. As for the right way to pronounce Achille, don't ask me.

And then there's the surreal pronunciation of Cyril, Oklahoma, pun much intended. Would you believe Wikipedia says Cyril was most likely named for Louise Lookingglass, presumably called "Cyril," the infant daughter of Bayard (Monapahrah) and Laura (Tit-tah-ter-way) Lookingglass? Works for me.

If you didn't get the pun, it's clear you're from nowhere near Cyril. If you didn't know the origin of the name, join the club. You fit right in with most of us.

Here's to fitting in.

Except on Deauville Street.

I'm holding out for saying it the right way. So far, so good.

When you're 500 miles away, it's easy to hold out for what's right.

Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

I am still determined to be cheerful and happy, in whatever situation I may be; for I have also learned from experience that the greater part of our happiness or misery depends upon our dispositions, and not upon our circumstances. - Martha Washington

What counts now is not just what we are against, but what we are for. Who leads us is less important than what leads us - what convictions, what courage, what faith - win or lose. A man doesn't save a century, or a civilization, but a militant party wedded to a principal can. - Adlai E. Stevenson Jr.

All good books are alike in that they are truer than if they had really happened and after you are finished reading one you will feel that all that happened to you and afterwards it all belongs to you; the good and the bad, the ecstasy, the remorse and sorrow, the people and the places and how the weather was. - Ernest Hemingway

The man who doesn't read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them. - Mark Twain

If I have ever made any valuable discoveries, it has been owing more to patient attention, than to any other talent. - Isaac Newton

Cleanliness and order are not matters of instinct; they are matters of education, and like most great things, you must cultivate a taste for them. - Benjamin Disraeli

The only time people dislike gossip is when you gossip about them. - Will Rogers

Progress is the product of human agency. Things get better because we make them better. Things go wrong when we get too comfortable, when we fail to take risks or seize opportunities. - Susan Rice

The real distinction is between those who adapt their purposes to reality and those who seek to mold reality in the light of their purposes. - Henry Kissinger

Neither can embellishments of language be found without arrangement and expression of thoughts, nor can thoughts be made to shine without the light of language. - Cicero

Simple Steps to Seed Starting Success

By Melinda Myers

Get a jump on the growing season by starting your favorite or hard to find plants indoors from seeds. Starting hard to find plants, like many of the heirloom or newly introduced varieties, from seed may be the only way you will be able to add these to your garden. Plus, you'll be extending the growing season and bringing the fun of gardening indoors.

All you need is a little space, a few supplies and of course seeds to get started. Check the back of your seed packets for planting directions. Most recommend when and how to start seeds indoors as well

as any other special care the seedlings will need.

Purchase, recycle or make your own containers from newspaper. Sanitize used pots by dipping them in a one part bleach and nine parts water solution and then rinsing them with clean water.

Fill the containers with a sterile well-drained potting mix or seed starting mix. Once the containers are filled, plant the seeds according to the seed packet directions.

For most seeds, plant them twice their diameter deep and gently water. Continue to water often enough to keep the soil slightly moist. Extend the time between watering and increase your

seed starting success by covering the container with plastic. Or purchase a seed starting kit, like the self-watering Growease seed starter kits.

Move your containers to a sunny window as soon as the seedlings emerge from the soil. Turn plants often to encourage even growth. Or increase your success by growing seedlings under artificial lights. You can make your own light system or purchase tabletop, shelf units or easy to assemble light systems, like Stack-N-Grow (gardeners.com). Keep the lights four to six inches above the top of the seedlings for best results. As the seedlings grow, be sure to maintain this distance by simply raising the lights or lowering the containers.

Move overcrowded seedlings to larger containers once they have two sets of true leaves. The first leaves that appear are rather indistinct and are called seed leaves. The next set of leaves look more like the mature plant's leaves and are called true leaves. Once the next set of true leaves forms, it is time to transplant overcrowded seedlings.

Use a fork or spoon to carefully lift out the seedling. Clusters of seedlings can be dug and carefully teased apart before planting in individual pots. Be careful not to pinch and damage the young tender stems.

Place seedlings in their own clean container filled with moist sterile potting mix. Plant the young plants at the same depth they were growing in the original container.

Thin seedlings started in individual containers as needed. If you planted several seeds in each small container remove all but the healthiest one. Prune the weaker seedlings to ground level, so the remaining seedling can develop into a strong transplant for the garden.

Continue to grow your plants in a sunny window or under artificial lights and water thoroughly and often enough to keep the soil slightly moist.

Soon it will be time to move your homegrown transplants into the garden.

Gardening expert, TV/radio host, author & columnist Melinda Myers has more than 30 years of horticulture experience and has written over 20 gardening books, including *Can't Miss Small Space Gardening* and *the Midwest Gardener's Handbook*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series* and the nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* segments. Myers is also a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine. Myers' web site, www.melindamyers.com, offers gardening videos and tips.

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810 S. 3rd, Floydada
Darwin Robinson, Pastor
983-5278

Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

CALVARY'S CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP
Floydada
Armando Morales, Pastor

Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
Bible Study6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening7:00 p.m.

CARR'S CHAPEL
Service Every Sunday:
Morning Worship9:00 a.m.
Sunday School10:30 a.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
West College & Third,
Lockney

Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Afternoon Worship ..1:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST
Matthew Benfield - Minister

Floydada
Sunday Bible Study..9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Floydada
Tim Franks, Pastor

Logan Lamb - Min. Students

Sunday School9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,
Lockney
Jonathan Sullivan, Pastor

Chad Cook, Youth Min.
Phil Cotham, Music Min.

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....6:30 p.m.
Wednesday (Youth) ..7:15 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Floydada
Rev. Ken Peterson, Pastor

Morning Worship9:30 a.m.
Sunday School..... 10:50 a.m.
Youth (Sunday).....5:00 p.m.
Youth (Wednesday)..6:30 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Lockney
Rev. Ricky Carstensen
Pastor

Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Worship Service10:30 a.m.
Evening Service..... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Jr. High5:30 p.m.
Wed. High School... 6:30 p.m.

GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Joe Bennett, Pastor

Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.
Evening Service.....7:30 p.m.
Tuesday8:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:30 p.m.

MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST
Lockney
Beau A. Hart, Minister

Bible Study9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Floydada
Rev. Timothy Askew

401 N 12th St (983-5805)
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Study ..6:00 p.m.

NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Floydada
Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges
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Sunday Singing10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.

OUT REACH HARVEST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
310 E. Mississippi
Floydada
Rev. David Ramos, Pastor

Ester Ramos, Praise Leader
Sunday Bible...10:00 a.m.
Morning Praise..11:00 a.m.
Evening Praise5:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship.... 7:00 p.m.

POWER OF PRAISE FULL GOSPEL CHURCH
Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor

704 N. Main, Lockney
Sunday Services.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:30 p.m.

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Lockney
Jesus Caballero, Pastor

Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Worship Service11:00 a.m.
Discipleship5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:00 p.m.

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Floydada
Rev. Toby Gonzales

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:40 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Evening7:00 p.m.

SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH
Lockney
Rev. Patrick Maher

Wed. Communion...8:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m.

SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH
Joe Weldon, Pastor

Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting..... 7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO GETSEMANI ASSEMBLY OF GOD
701 W. Missouri
Joe M. Hernandez

983-5286 (church)
..... Sunday School

English..... 9:45 a.m.
Spanish.....11:00 a.m.
Spanish Worship9:30 a.m.
English Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Evening Service.....5:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Floydada
Rev. Ike Temporaza

Phone: 983-5878
Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m.
Mon.Wed. Mass.....6:30 p.m.
Confession Sat.....10-11 a.m.

TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM
Lockney
Rev. Joe Hernandez

Sun. Prayer Service 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School9:45 p.m.
Worship Service11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Meeting7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Washington and 1st St.

Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA
Rev. Herman Martinez
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada

Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship5:00 p.m.
Tuesday.....7:30 p.m.
Thursday Service.....7:30 p.m.

TRINITY ASSEMBLY
500 W. Houston
Tom Ross - Pastor

983-5499
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ...10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening6:00 p.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Providence Community
on FM 2301 293-3009

Rev. Peter W. Harrington Minister
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Worship Service11:00 a.m.

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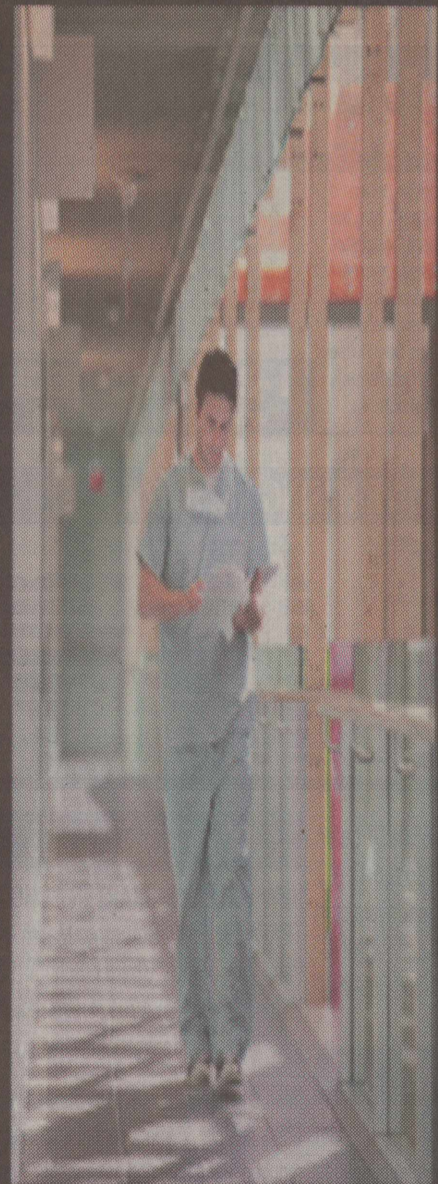
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