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A SURPRISING DISCOVERY... Lockney man finds card from late wife

By Homer Marquez

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The Hesperian-Beacon

It was a sweet and loving note that beautifully capped 56 years of marriage, a note that 83-year-old Pat Rendon would stumble onto four years after the death of his wife Ruth.

"Thanks for everything," read Rendon as he held the Father's Day greeting card signed by his late wife.

"This was a big surprise."

He's worked for the U.S. Postal Service for more than 35 years, and by far this was the most important letter Rendon has ever held in his hand.

"She must have put it in that box for me to find later," said the Lockney man.

"It's the best present I've ever gotten," Rendon added as tears welled in his eyes.

They had met in Floydada through mutual friends.

At the age of 21, Rendon was working as a farmhand while also serving in the Texas National Guard. Ruth was about 17, when the couple met for the first time.

Because of his busy work schedule, the two hung out mostly in the evening after Rendon returned from changing irrigation water at local farms.

The two quickly fell madly in love and decided to make it permanent as soon as they could.

"We didn't want to wait, we just wanted to get married," Rendon said with a laugh as he explained the couple's decision to rush to Clovis, New Mexico, to tie the knot.

Rendon has spent the last few years living in Lockney where he recently finished his career with the post office.

It was in his Lockney home that he recently found the card

ing as a farmer, Rendon landed a job driving a mail truck for the Postal Service in 1979.

"I loved it," Rendon said, who worked at with the Postal Service until last year.

Ruth later also picked up a job at the Postal Service and the two worked together for several years.

The couple spent the remaining decades together, raising their children and eventually enjoying their 11 grandchildren and more than 20 great-grandchildren.

Unfortunately, Ruth was diagnosed with an aggressive cancer that eventually took her life in April 2011, just a few months away from Father's Day.

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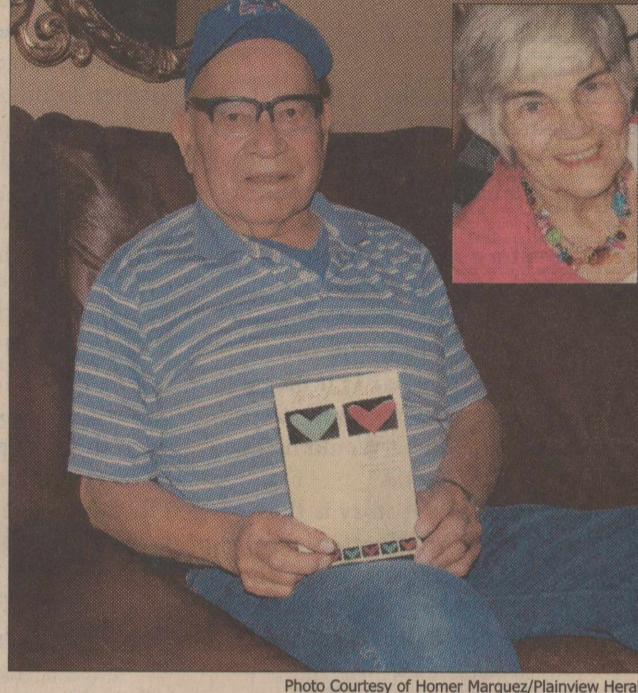


Photo Courtesy of Homer Marquez/Plainview Herald

Four years after her death, Pat Rendon, 83, finds a hidden card from his wife Lolla "Ruth" Rendon.

among several old boxes.

"My grandson was looking for a little box, and he dropped one letter," Rendon said.

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Reinke Recognizes Agriculture Precision Supply with Gold Pride Award

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

(DESHLER, Neb. – November 18, 2015) – Reinke has recognized Agriculture Precision Supply, LLC in Ralls, Texas, with a Gold Reinke Pride award in recognition of the company's marketing year success. The Reinke dealership was honored during Reinke's recent annual convention held in November in Dallas, Texas.

"We congratulate Agriculture Precision Supply on this well-deserved award," said Reinke Director of Marketing Tom Palmertree. "We appreciate their ongoing commitment to Reinke and to their agricultural community."

Reinke dealerships from across the United States and Canada gather each year to attend the company's sales convention. The convention awards ceremony recognizes select Reinke dealerships for their hard work and dedication to sales and marketing throughout the past year.

The Reinke Pride awards are determined as part of an incentive program that distinguishes superior achievement levels according to an evaluation based on a dealership's exterior and interior housekeeping and maintenance, indoor and outdoor displays, safety, retail environment, merchandising, professionalism, promotions and event participation, and market share.

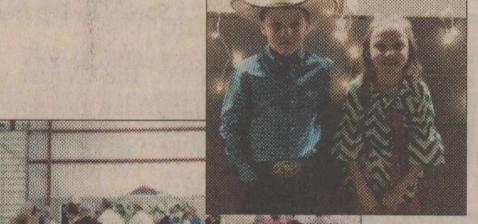
ABOUT REINKE

Headquartered in Deshler, Neb., Reinke



Courtesy photos
Agriculture Precision Supply, LLC in Ralls, Texas, received a Gold Reinke Pride award. Shown in picture (left to right) Reinke President, Chris Roth, Mark McCormick with Agriculture Precision Supply, Reinke South Central Territory Manager, Joe O'Brien.

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Blue Bell Ice Cream Back at Lowes This Week

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According to Teddy Summers, the manager of the Floydada Lowes, Blue Bell was to be stocked again in Lowes' stores beginning Tuesday, Dec. 15.

According to a press release

from Blue Bell, five flavors will be available – Homemade Vanilla, Buttered Pecan, Dutch Chocolate, Cookies 'n Cream and The Great Divide.

The Texas-based ice cream was pulled off the shelves eight months ago following a listeria outbreak.

FISD Students, Staff of the Month Recognized at December School Board meeting



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The Floydada Independent School District Board met on December 8 and recognized the following students and staff for their efforts to make education the best it can be. Each month the staff selects students that exemplify education at its best and those students are recognized at the monthly school board meeting.

The elementary students recognized were Jaiden Luna and Ethan Zamorano, both 3rd graders at A.B. Duncan Elementary. The junior

high student of the month was Audrie Strange who is in the 7th grade at Floydada Junior High. Alyson Perez, a senior, was the Floydada High School student that was recognized. The elementary educator selected this month was Teysha Cornelius who teaches 1st Grade at A.B. Duncan Elementary. The secondary educator of the month was RaNay Johnston who teaches English at Floydada High School. Leslie Flores, who works in the Special Education department was the support staff recognized for the district.

Cowboy Ball



Courtesy photos
Both young and old, turned out to enjoy the Cowboy Christmas Ball on Dec. 11. Music was provided by Wendell Sollis and the Sidekicks All Star Band including Lockney's own Lucy Dean Record. According to the caterers, Don and Christina Chesshir, they served about 380 people. The attendees enjoyed a barbecue dinner with all the trimmings.



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The Prosperity Bank in Floydada will be having their annual Christmas Open House on Thursday, December 17th from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

The First National Bank of Floydada will have their annual Christmas Open House on Friday, December 18th from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the Community Room. Everyone is invited to attend.

SANTA COMING TO LOCKNEY

Santa will be coming to the Lockney Salvation Army on Saturday, December 19th from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Come by and visit with Santa.

SANTA COMING TO FLOYDADA POST OFFICE

Santa Claus will be visiting the Floydada Post Office on Monday, December 21 from 12 noon - 3 p.m. Parents bring your cameras and take your child's picture with Santa Claus.

KEEP TEXAS BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

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

FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

To make memorial donations or any contribution to the See UPCOMING, Page 2

Correction

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

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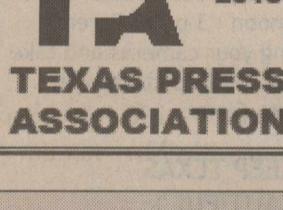
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The 501

Parodies of "The Night Before Christmas" are nothing new. I've not written one. I've read some, but I've never been inspired to improve on the classic poem. This may be the year. I'd start by changing it to read "... not a creature was stirring except for a mouse." They are indeed stirring. So are rats.

What I like most about plagues is that everyone has a story. If you tell one, your neighbor one-ups you. Rodent damage to my car cost me \$248. A friend at church paid \$700 to get his pickup running again.

HANABA And he didn't even get the windshield washer repaired. Makes me feel better. It shouldn't, but it does.

MUNN That high school rat that went viral – the one captured on video hopping off the urinal – also made me smile and recall the verse in the Bible about lizards in palaces.

WELCH Stories about a guy shooting 50 to 100 rats nightly really piqued my interest. How do you shoot rats at night? Should someone report him for owning night-vision paraphernalia? Is it illegal to possess the weaponry required to massacre rats in the dark? Would he like to come to our place?

Another intriguing rat story is the one I heard from a Wal-Mart battery guy in Vernon. He said all the puffs of fur that show up at night on U.S. 287 between Vernon and Wichita Falls are road-kill

rats. Makes me want to make that drive. What would be the best time to see the phenomenon? Midnight? Earlier? Rats are smart. After they see a friend or relative get zapped, they probably have second thoughts about crossing the four-lane.

Meanwhile, I've been setting ordinary traps. Sticky traps are supposedly more humane, but that's only if you catch and release. How do you handle a living packrat or mouse with glue on its feet and tail and whiskers and wherever? If sticky traps had been in vogue in the heyday of cartoons, they'd have outdone flypaper scenarios.

As for my husband, Hugh, he's been reorganizing the tool shed. He and the packrats don't agree on where things go. If it's shiny, they move it. Consider the missing kitchen knives, all cast-offs from the house. For both mechanics and carpentry, sometimes you just need a kitchen knife. Anyway, they disappeared. Hugh discovered where the rats had stashed the knives, along with electrical stuff and many other shiny objects. We are learning to accept such events. After all, it's just a shed. Our friends with the \$700 pickup repair bill, by contrast, have a rat-proof building. Yet their packrats bring in bois d'arc apples, sometimes still on the limb. How do they do that?

But their most amazing rat story is what didn't happen. Their Christmas tree was stored there, ornaments attached. The rats didn't touch it!

Such a Christmas miracle makes me want to forget parody and write a fresh new story to cheer us all. I'll call it "The Rats That Didn't Steal Christmas."

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Floydada Senior Citizens News

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The Center will be closed Wednesday, December 23, Thursday, December 24, and Friday, December 25 for Christmas holidays. The Center will also be closed Thursday, December 31 and Friday, January 1 for the New Year holidays.

Charlene Alldredge enjoyed Thanksgiving with her son, Steve, his wife, Juneteen, Mark and Kathy, and Karen and Tommy in Lubbock.

Here at the Center we've been enjoying meals of fried chicken, livers, gizzards, mashed potatoes, cream gravy and a wide range of fruit and vegetables, and salads at the iced salad bar.

Our Center has been beautifully decorated with a tall tree in the south living room.

Bill Ferguson hosted 29 kinfolk in her Floydada home for Thanksgiving.

Several diners at the Center are talking about attending the Cowboy Christmas Ball. And others are keeping their mouths shut so we will have to wait and see who participates.

Betty Baker and Joyce Williams were among ladies at the City Park Church of Christ who attended the Christmas Ornament Exchange and holiday buffet at Barbara Nutt's country home on Monday evening, December 7th.

Cold mornings, nights and warm sunny

afternoons have been enjoyed this week.

Faye Bertrand and Nancy Lawson report spending time bagging the autumn leaves that have fallen in their yards. High winds are predicted this week and 80 degree temperatures.

Most of the cotton is stripped and at the gin yards with a few modules remaining in the fields. Good to have all that finished before Christmas and bad weather. Keep warm friends.

Misty Rodgers joined her grandmother Faye Bertrand for lunch on Wednesday.

Judy Tatack of Pueblo, Colorado visited her aunt, Nancy Lawson and Lubbock relatives this past weekend.

We've enjoyed eating beef stew, soups and sandwiches and banana pudding this week.

Floydada Senior Citizens is open to all ages. We serve at 12 noon every weekday. Join us at 925 W. Crockett Street or we will deliver a meal anywhere in town. Call 983-2032.

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

MENU
December 21 - December 25
Monday - Tacos
Tuesday - Turkey and dressing
Wednesday - CLOSED
Thursday - CLOSED
Friday - CLOSED
(Menus subject to change without notice)

UPCOMING

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The MSM is hot garbage

Trust in the mainstream media is dismal. Less than 30 percent trust it.

Before discussing this topic, perhaps it would be good to define what the MSM is.

In a nutshell, I'd say it is mass media: CBS, NBC, ABC (as well as all affiliates on regular TV, cable TV, radio, websites, etc...), major U.S. newspapers and their websites, and major weekly and monthly news magazines and their websites.

The MSM controls the news narrative and it is nearly entirely comprised by left-leaning morons incapable, or fearful, of the truth.

I guess it goes without saying that you can throw me in there with the 70 percent that think the MSM is full of it.

CHRIS BLACKBURN The MSM has probably always been somewhat liberal, but years ago, they at least tried to be objective. That's what true journalism is ... letting the facts tell a story with zero political slant.

While the MSM pretends to be objective, they clearly are not.

Example: Hilary Clinton's handling of sensitive information through an unsecured server while serving as Secretary of State and her subsequent lies to federal authorities is criminal. Have you heard anyone in the MSM say that?

The fact is that if you or I had been so sloppy, we'd be brought up on charges, the least of which would be perjury and the greatest of which would be treason.

Despite endangering the lives of Americans and even getting Americans killed, I highly doubt Clinton sees a second in handcuffs. And many brainwashed sheep are actually thankful she won't.

This woman makes President Richard Nixon's Watergate scandal look like a Boy Scout retreat,

When President Obama and John Kerry brokered arguably the worst deal in the history of the planet with Iran, how many MSM outlets raised tough questions?

The actual narrative of the deal was given by the White House and the MSM just climbed right onboard.

Beyond the ridiculous policies and executive orders shoved down our throats by the president, the MSM is the real reason for the division in this country. They are culpable for everything bad happening on the world stage.

Do you know why?

BECAUSE THEY HAVE FAILED TO TELL THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THE TRUTH!

When we let terrorists into this country and don't even check their Social Media footprint, that should be the story of the day. It shows so much stupidity and ignorance that it's hard to believe. But have you heard that mentioned?

Slowly, Americans are waking up. You would not see a Donald Trump rise to the top of the GOP field if Americans were not angry and tired of the PC culture Liberals and the MSM have cultivated.

Had the MSM been honest with the American people on how weak Obama and his policies actually are, things like San Bernardino never happens. It's also likely that we would not have Obamacare and the PC BS would be nothing but a distant memory.

Instead, we do have this nonsense. We do have a divisive country. We do have people in charge of our security who do not have a clue about keeping us secure.

The sad thing is many more Americans will die on our own soil because of our idiotic PC policies.

My prayer for this country is that even more Americans continue to wake up to the fact that the MSM is corrupt. I hope they turn on them and force them to regain their credibility.

The mindset of Americans needs to be changed. We should be teaching our children that they are fortunate to be living in this country and why they are fortunate to be living here.

It is long past time for a leader to materialize who makes Americans proud of their country, our heritage and what we've overcome. It's an incredible story when the truth is told.

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Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong

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The Center will be closed Thursday, December 24th and Friday, December 25th for Christmas holidays and Thursday, December 31st and Friday, January 1st for New Years.

We will NOT have our Friday night fish fry on the December 25th and Friday, January 1st.

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

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

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

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

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Monday - Meatloaf

Tuesday - Baked potatoes

Wednesday - Frito pie

Thursday - CLOSED

Friday - CLOSED

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**VOTE
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Nelson's Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary



Charles Nelson and Pat (Gray) Rackley Nelson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on November 24, 2015 at Angel Fire, New Mexico with their children and grandchildren. Charles and Pat Gray were married on November 24, 1965 in Crosbyton, Texas. They have one daughter, Kama Laymon and husband, Wes of Ruidoso, New Mexico, one son, Tim Nelson and wife, Leah of Plainview and three grandchildren, Emma, Benjamin and Samantha, all of Plainview. Charles is retired from the SunVue Fertilizer in Lockney and now farms in the Barwise Community for the last 20+ years. Pat retired from the United States Department of Agriculture, FSA Office, in Plainview.

Museum Archives Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

J.C. WESTER

Back in 1923 when Floydada's first coach, J. C. Wester was scouting a district game between Pampa and the Amarillo Sandies, he was asked the question by an Amarillo newswriter what he thought of Floydada's chances against the Sandies. "We just have 17 boys and our team will be only a small whirlwind in front of the Amarillo Sandies who have 38", said 27 year old Wester who had begun his coaching career at Floydada in 1921. The next week stories boomed the upcoming clash between "The Golden Sandstorm" and the "Floydada Whirlwinds" - and a colorful name for a team was born.

Mr. Wester coached basketball, tennis, baseball and track and took his girl's tennis team to the state tournament in Austin 3 times; however, football was his favorite sport. A time or two some people thought the school was putting too much emphasis on football, but enthusiasm generally was such that a player's father was down at the goal line by the time the boy was.

James Clinton Wester, city judge of Floydada since 1969, arrived in Floydada in 1919

shortly after being discharged from the U. S. Army in July of that year. He was born in Rayner, Stonewall County, Texas, January 17, 1896, to William Yancy and Dorothy Yates Wester. He grew up in Sulphur Springs, Texas and graduated from high school there in 1914. He attended North Texas State Teachers College in Denton and taught one term in Liberty, a rural school in Hamilton County, before enlisting in the army.

After returning from the war where he was with the Veterinary Corps in France, he married Sibyl Esther McGhee, the daughter of Berton and Senie McGhee in Mt. Vernon, Texas. Sibyl was born December 13, 1895, and was reared in Mt. Vernon, graduating from high school there. She graduated from Burleson Jr. College in Greenville and Baylor College in Belton, Texas and taught in the Mt. Vernon High School two years and private lessons in speech and folk dancing in Floydada for two years.

After their wedding they left for me Plains where he had accepted a job as principal of

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Floydada Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts held their annual food drive on Dec. 5th. Over 550 lbs of food was collected. Thanks to the community of Floydada. The food collected benefitted our local Spirit of Sharing (SOS).

The South Plains Hobby Club

By Mary M. Carter
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The South Plains Hobby Club met on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at the South Plains Baptist Church in South Plains, Texas. It began at 2 p.m. Our next meeting the program will be "Antiques & Things" with guest speaker Char Barker at 12 noon.

Marisue Potts enjoys history. Her Program was "The Old Dog Man of Matador Ranch." Ridgely Greathouse led a busy and interesting life. He was born in Maysville, Ky. 1831. He had blond hair, blue eyes, and was 5' 8". He was known in his home state and California as a man of courage. He also was known as a privateer to fight for the Confederacy under the letters of marque from Jefferson Davis.

In 1863 he had outfitted a schooner to go to war, but was betrayed by one of his men. The Federal soldiers overpowered the crew and they were forced to surrender. They were confined in Fort Alcatraz. He had been a banker in California.

That is where he recruited his men. He chose them for their courage not for their money. He was sent to Fort Lafayette in New York harbor. With very careful planning and bribing a guard, he eventually escaped by swimming a mile and a quarter fortified with brandy. This happened in 1864.

Here are some other things in his life. He traveled around "The Horn" which took three months. He was with his brother, George, in Sacramento, California working in business like the "Wells Fargo Stage Co." in 1850 to 1860. Traveled to Mexico. Went in with a friend and bought a ship to pirate other ships. There is so much more to his life to tell. Then twenty years of his life is missing. No one seems to know.

When we hear of him again, he is known as "The Dog Man". He was seen in the Matador Ranch area. He also was known as "Dog Wolfer" and "Dog Poisoner". He dog wolfer hunts and sells the pelts. The dog poisoner poisons prairie dogs. Ridgely slept out side or in a teepee. Would sometimes eat with the ranch hands at the chuck wagon. He was a man that was tough. Had his hand in a lot of things during his life.

He died 1905 at Matador Ranch, Texas. There is a graveyard in the area with 28 confederate soldiers.

Thirteen unmarked. On November 20, 2011 Ridgely Greathouse got his grave and marker.

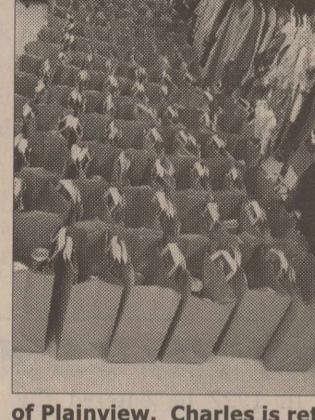
Those in attendance: Mary Lou Zinck, Helen Teeple, Janis Julian, Sue Daniels, Ethelyn, Vernon, Lou Burleson, Brenda Walls, Margie Young, Virginia Taylor, Margaret Kitchens, Carolyn Marable, Mary M. Carter. Our guests: Marisue Potts, and Diane Mason.

Our hostesses were Marigie Young and Glenda Ford who served a fine snack.

FUMC Youth Salvation Army



Courtesy Photos



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The Mystical Adventures of MadMary (but we were never lost)

By Aimee Jackson
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

DVD players, laptops and Ipads and netbooks. Kids are online or watching what's going on inside the car and not out.

Heck, we've got climate control for the front and back of the car and the left and right hand sides even. Shoot, when I was little we had what was called 55AC. You would roll your windows down when you hit 55MPH just to catch a breeze. But, I digress.

What I was wanting to tell you about was one road trip in particular. I might have been four and MadMary was driving us from far West Texas up to North Central Texas to visit Grandma Aggie. Somewhere north of Weatherford, MadMary took a turn on a country road thinking she could cut some of the mileage down. And no, she couldn't consult her GPS, those things didn't exist. Anyhow, before long there was

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CovenantHealth



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Floydada ISD Christmas Open House

As we celebrate the joyous Christmas season, please join us for a Christmas Open House:

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We look forward to seeing you there!

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Obituaries

Edith Joyce Good

Edith Joyce Good went to be with her Lord and Savior on November 24, 2015. Joyce was born August 28, 1943 to Chelsea and Onnie Buchanan Davis in Duncan, Oklahoma. She grew up in and graduated from high school in Rush Springs, Oklahoma.

Joyce's journey through life took her many places eventually taking her to Seminole, Texas. After years of serving there as a Financial Officer for the City of Seminole, she retired in 2009.

She was a long-time member of Eastern Star both in Seminole and Lubbock. She also enjoyed a variety of hobbies especially sewing, crocheting and doing crafts. She enjoyed using these skills to make special gifts for her family

and friends.

Joyce's other loves in life were her family, her friends and her dog. When she moved from Seminole to Shadow Hills Senior Living Center in Lubbock, she was able to enjoy many great times with her daughters, but she also made a host of wonderful friends whose company she truly cherished.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Albert Everett Good, III; brother, James Davis; and sister, Dixie Bishop.

Survivors left to cherish her memory include her three daughters, Darolyn Snell and husband, Mark of Floydada, Sarah Burrow, and Mary Hale and husband, Scott, all of Lubbock; five grandsons, Joel Snell and wife, Lindsey of

**EDITH JOYCE GOOD**

Little Elm, Texas, Trevor and Evan Burrow of Lubbock, and Tyson and Kaleb Snell of Floydada; a great-grandson, Kobe Snell; and her sister, Rose Hayes and husband, Duane of Rush Springs, Oklahoma.

The family gathered for fellowship and remembrance on Saturday, November 28, 2015 at Vandelia Church of Christ in Lubbock. Interment will take place at a later date in Rush Springs, Oklahoma.

In 1927 he entered the bakery business here in partnership with his uncle, Sam Wester of Plainview. He operated "Wester Quality Bakery" for 19 years. During the depression he sold a loaf of bread for a nickel and the landlord voluntarily lowered the rent as "low rent was better than no rent." He sold the bakery in 1946, and in 1949 purchased Looper Grocery, consolidated it with Patterson Grocery in 1957 and operated the business until his retirement in 1968.

Mr. Wester served on the school board for 10 years, was city councilman two years and has been a member of the Chamber of Commerce since 1927. He has been finance chair-

main of the American Legion Post for 35 years, an active member of the First Christian Church since 1920 and is a Mason and a former president of the Rotary Club.

Still following all sports at 82, he seldom missed a "Whirlwind" game. The stadium built in 1935, was named "Wester Field" in his honor and he has a complimentary life-time pass to all high school athletic activities. "Which is an honor that I prize most highly."

The Westers were married 55 years and had four children, Edward Hardy, James Delwin, Dorothy Jean, and Billy Glenn. After Mrs. Wester's death he married Mrs. Mattie Boyd in 1975.

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pleted in 1927. In the planning stage, the majority of the school board members agreed on the need for one, but the opposition said "The children should be playing out in the sunshine!" As superintendent, Mr. Wester and the others designed the much needed R. C. Andrews Ward building so that a gym could be attached and used as an auditorium with a nice stage. In this way, the public would more readily approve the bond issue and the controversial gymnasium be accepted as a multipurpose annex.

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Holiday Happenings in Floydada

Dec. 20 Christmas Film, 6 pm, Trinity Assembly of God

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Dec. 24 Carr's Chapel 110th Christmas Eve Service, with singing, Santa, short stories/poems by children, everyone receives a sack of fruit and candy, bring a gift for your child, 6 pm, Carr's Chapel (take FM 784 West about 8 miles, then follow FM 378 south about 6.5 miles)

Dec. 24 Candlelight Service, 6 pm, First United Methodist Church

Dec. 24 Spirit of Christmas Meal delivers meals to shut-ins, elderly, and needy. Call or text Corey Johnston at 632-7586 if you know someone who might need a meal on Christmas day.

MADMARY

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talk of being lost. She insisted we weren't lost; we were just taking the scenic route.

I remember the road rising and falling, curving left then right. I also have a pretty vivid memory of trees and meadows of green grass. An anomaly to a West Texas kid.

Well, we hadn't been on our drive too long before us kids spotted an armadillo in a bar ditch. We was hollering for Mom to stop so we could get a better look and being the indulgent woman she was, she did. Pretty quick, one of us got the bright idea that we could catch that 'dillo and take it on to Grandma's. I'm sure it was my older brother John's plan; he was always the smart one. Why, he even grew up to be a

rocket scientist. Well, not actually, he was just smart enough to marry a woman who was, he just figured out how to stick computers in the dang things. But, I digress.

Pretty fast, we had slipped a pillow case off one of our pillows and we were chasing that armadillo up and down the bar ditch and all around a field. Who knew those little buggers were so dang fast? Who knew an Armadillo could jump straight up in the air? I bet we spent a good thirty minutes trying to corner that poor creature, all with no success. We kids were exhausted when we returned to that old station wagon, but we filled our mother's ears with a blow by blow description of, "I almost had it," and "If only we could have."

The subject of this story came up recently at a family gathering. In re-telling the

story I noticed that family friends were defiantly wondering what kind of hooligans we must have been. It did dawn on me all of a sudden like, what a disease-ridden animal the armadillo can be. I thought about it a little bit, and asked MadMary, "Why in the world did you turn us kids loose on the side of the road, what were you thinking?" MadMary just smiled that smile she gets when she's fixing to run hearts on you, and said, "Oh, I knew you kids couldn't catch that thing and I got me thirty minutes of peace and quiet."

Well. Forty years later and she still manages to one-up all us kids.

By the way, we eventually made it up to Muenster, Texas. That trip just took a little longer. We were never lost; we just took the scenic route.

Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton

The Hesperian-Beacon

One of the most glorious messes in the world is the mess created in the living room on Christmas day. Don't clean it up too quickly. — **Andy Rooney**

If you haven't got any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble. — **Bob Hope**

Christmas is a season for kindling the fire for hospitality in the hall, the genial flame of charity in the heart. — **Washington Irving**

Unless we make Christmas an occasion to share our blessings, all the snow in Alaska won't make it 'white'. — **Bing Crosby**

Santa Claus has the right idea - visit people only once a year. — **Victor Borge**

I don't think Christmas is necessarily about things. It's about being good to one another, it's about the Christian ethic, it's about kindness. — **Carrie Fisher**

Being a traditionalist, I'm a rabid sucker for Christmas. In July, I'm already worried that there are only 146 shopping days left. — **John Waters**

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Praying for My Enemies

Jesus said, "I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." — Matthew 5:44 (NIV)

One afternoon I received an email that I thought was from our bank. In a rush, I replied with the requested security information and fell victim to identity theft. We immediately changed our passwords, closed our credit cards, and did everything we possibly could to ensure that the scammer could not get into our accounts. Nevertheless, four days later I received a call from a bank — a woman claiming to be me was trying to open a credit card account and make a large purchase at a store. As I continued to get calls from stores and banks where this woman was trying to impersonate me, I couldn't even find the words to pray. My

husband encouraged me to pray David's words from Psalm 140:8, "Do not grant the wicked their desires, LORD."

As I prayed, I also began to think about this woman. What kind of brokenness had led her to become a thief? Because Jesus told us to pray for our enemies, I began praying that God would use my connection with this woman, which had begun in darkness, to bring light into her life. (See John 1:5.)

This experience has opened my heart to understand what it means to pray for our enemies. Through prayer we work with God to bring light to the world.

Jen Parra (Texas, USA)

AGRICULTURE

Floyd County Commission Discusses Affordable Care Act, Concealed Handgun Policies for Staff

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

In the December monthly meeting of the Floyd County Commissioners the court discussed and adopted a length and hour standard for part-time employees to enable the county to meet the requirements of the Affordable Care Act. The court approved a standard of all part-time employees to be staffed at 24 hours per week on a 12-month average.

In other court action commissioners heard from Sheriff Paul Raissez on a possible USDA grant program to enable the sheriff's department to upgrade in-car cameras from DVD to USB models. The sheriff and county judge Marty Lucke had met with representatives from the USDA about the grant, and the next step toward getting approval of the grant per the USDA was to discuss the status in commissioners'

court. Bret Marble of Marble Rock Farms, LLC, appeared before the court to discuss a possible tax abatement for Marble's gravel pit. Marble Rock Farms is looking to mine agricultural lime to be a supplier to the cattle industry. Marble said the closest vendor of ag-lime products was in Crawford, Texas near Waco, and the majority of feed-lots are near the Panhandle. County Judge Marty Lucke said he would begin the process to consider Marble's request for a tax abatement.

Commissioners then appointed a new board member to the Appraisal District Board. Commission Amado Morales had served four years. The new representative will be Linden Morris.

The court then followed the recommendation of county clerk Ginger Morgan to continue the precedent of holding one joint primary election for both the Demo-

cratic and Republican parties.

Commissioners then turned their attention to a policy manual which is being produced, and to specifically to policies regarding Concealed Handgun Licensed staff. The court discussed allowing staff who were CHL holders to carry concealed weapons in county-owned buildings at work.

The policy for courtrooms is that only officers of the court—including law enforcement, prosecutors, defense attorneys, and judges—are allowed to carry weapons.

In final court action commissioners approved by a vote of 4 to 1—commissioner Amado Morales voted against it—the purchase of a new motor grader in Precinct 1. The grader, a budgeted expense, has a purchase price of \$229,950, but will have a trade-in of \$84,000, for a cost of \$145,950.

HPWD making water level measurements at area well sites

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LUBBOCK (December 14, 2015) — High Plains Underground Water Conservation District (HPWD) personnel are now in the field making annual water level measurements to determine the effect of 2015 pumping on groundwater levels of the aquifers within the district's 16-county service area.

These measurements are made in a network of more than 1,400 privately-owned water wells. These observation wells are spaced

at a density of about one well per nine square miles throughout the district.

After the measurement is made, a blue vinyl sticker with the observation well number, the depth-to-water level measurement, and the date of the measurement is affixed to the well equipment or other appropriate surface near the well site.

High Plains Water District personnel measure the same wells in the observation well network each year as long as the individual wells are accessible and continue to provide

satisfactory data. The current depth-to-water level measurements in individual wells are compared to those of previous years to determine the average annual change in water levels in the Ogallala Aquifer within the district.

These water level data are made available to the public through an interactive observation well map on the district's web site as well as publication in an annual water level measurement report.

Additional information about the water

AgriLife Extension sets 4-H livestock, showmanship/feeding clinic Dec. 19 in Lubbock

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more information, contact Scott at 806-775-1680, rj-scott@tamu.edu.

"This has become a popular event for us as it will actually be led by a dozen Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassadors Steer, Swine, Lamb and Goat Showmanship/Feeding Clinic for Dec. 19 at the Texas Tech Arena in Lubbock.

Robert Scott, AgriLife Extension agent in Lubbock County, said the program will last from 10 a.m. until noon and is free to 4-H and FFA members.

Exhibitors may bring their steers, heifers, lambs, goats and swine, said Scott. For

required to complete a minimum of 30 hours service annually, and in many cases that service is centered on helping novice 4-H members with their livestock projects.

"We've selected 12 top ambassadors from Lubbock and surrounding counties to conduct this training," he said. "They are all longtime 4-H members with firsthand experience on the skills necessary to successfully compete in the show ring. This is a prime opportunity for youngsters new to showing to learn from experienced youth in a hands-on setting."

"Put a freeze on winter fires"

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The weather outside may be frightful this winter, but a fire in your home is far from delightful. Unfortunately, the risk of home fire does increase during the winter months: December, January, February and March are the leading months for U.S. home fires.

The National Fire Protection Association and the United States Fire Administration have teamed up to promote "Put a Freeze on Winter Fires."

"The colder months and holiday season bring a set of fire risks that can quickly turn this festive, wintry time of year into a tragic one," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. "With a little added awareness and by following some basic safety precautions, people can greatly reduce the likelihood of winter home fires and ensure a warm, fire-safe season."

Following is an overview of the fire dangers:

Cooking

While cooking fires are the leading cause of U.S. home fires and injuries year-round, Christmas Day and Christmas Eve are ranked second and third (after Thanksgiving) as the leading days for home cooking fires. On Christmas Day in 2013, there was a 58 percent increase in the number of home cooking fires than on a typical day, and a 54 percent increase on Christmas Eve. Between 2009 and 2013, cooking equipment was involved in annual average of 162,400 reported home fires that resulted in 430 civilian deaths, 5,400 injuries and \$1.1 billion in direct property damage per year. Unattended cooking was by far the leading cause of these fires and fire deaths.

Heating

Heating is the second leading cause of U.S. home fires, deaths and injuries; December, January and February are

the peak months for heating fires. In 2009-2013, heating equipment was involved in an estimated average of 56,000 reported home fires per year, which caused 470 deaths, 1,490 injuries and \$1 billion in direct property damage.

Home heating equipment was involved in 16 percent of home fires, 19 percent of the home fire deaths, 12 percent of the home fire injuries, and 15 percent of the direct property damage from home fires.

Failure to clean chimneys and other heating equipment was the leading cause of these fires. However, space heaters, including portable heaters and those that are permanently installed, were involved in five out of six home heating fire deaths. Heating equipment was too close to things that can burn, such as upholstered furniture, clothing, mattresses or bedding, etc. in roughly half of the fire deaths.

Christmas Trees

Christmas tree fires are not common, but when they do occur, they're much more likely to be deadly than most other fires.

One of every 31 reported home Christmas tree fires results in a death each year, compared to an annual average of one death per 144 total reported home fires. Between 2009 and 2013, Christmas trees were involved in an annual average of 210 home fires resulting in seven civilian deaths, 19 injuries and \$17.5 million in direct property damage. Electrical distribution or lighting equipment was involved in 38 percent of home Christmas tree fires.

Candles

December is the peak time of year for home candle fires;

the top three days for home candle fires are New Year's Day, Christmas, New Year's Eve and Christmas Eve. In December, 11 percent of home candle fires began with decorations, compared to 4 percent the rest of the year. Each year between 2009 and 2013, an average of 25 home candle fires were reported each day. Overall, an estimated 9,300 home fires were caused by candles, resulting in 86 civilian deaths, 827 civilian injuries and \$374 billion in direct property damage.

Holiday decorations

Between 2009 and 2013, U.S. fire departments responded to an annual average of 860 home fires that began with decorations (excluding Christmas trees). These fires caused an annual average of one civilian death, 41 injuries and \$13.4 million in direct property damage. One fifth (20 percent) of the decoration fires started in the kitchen; one out of six (seventeen percent) started in the living room, family room or den.

Carbon Monoxide

Often called the invisible killer, carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless gas created when fuels burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel are potential sources of CO. In 2010, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 80,100 non-fire incidents in which carbon monoxide was found, or an average of nine such calls per hour. The number of incidents increased 96 percent from 40,900 incidents reported in 2003. This increase is most likely due to the increased use of CO detectors, which alert people to the presence of CO.

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By Ace Reid



"Wilbur, tell me some more about that new breakfast cereal with that extra grit up and go!"

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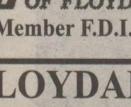
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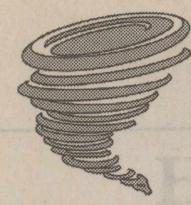
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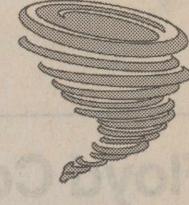
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Whirlwind News



Car Maintenance for the Winter

By Melissa Arizpe

These past couple of weeks the weather has been transitioning since it is now winter. Climate changes don't affect just you- they also affect your car. It is hard for your car to function properly without some attention to its winter needs. At times it gets very frustrating when you're in a rush somewhere and now have to worry about finding a way to defrost the car quickly or getting your doors unlocked. There are some very clever and effective tricks to solve the worst winter car problems.

Cold months often mean constantly having plagued with

fogged up windshields and windows, which can be dangerous if you're on the road. To quickly clear fog without further obscuring your vision, is to lower the temperature inside your car rapidly by turning on the defrost vent with cool air or cracking a window. This will make the inside of your car cooler and help reduce the fog.

A helpful tip to melt ice away or to prevent ice from forming is making a bottle that contains three parts vinegar with one part water and spray the mixture on your windshield. It prevents ice from forming or just spray on windows and ice will melt away. Make sure that heaters, defrosters and wipers

work properly. It would be suggested to purchase some winter wiper blades and use cold weather washer fluid. As a general rule wiper blades should be replaced every six months.

To De-ice frozen car doors, locks, and handles, here are a couple clever ideas: Heat your car key with a match or lighter, then gently push the heated key into the lock to melt the ice as you apply pressure. Do take precaution because the key will be hot! Another option is applying a bit of hand sanitizer to your key or door handle. The alcohol in the hand sanitizer will effectively melt the ice to help unlock your car. To keep doors from freezing you can

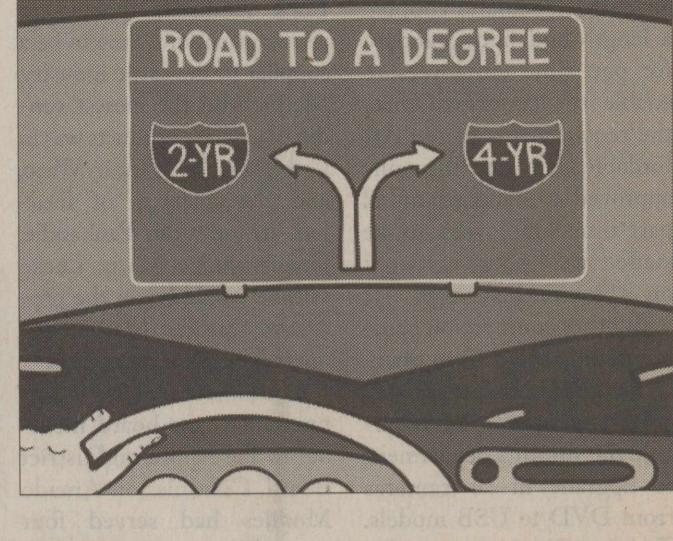
put WD-40 in the keyhole and it will keep any ice from forming in there in the first place.

There are several other ways to deal with the ice, but these tips are both safe and effective.

These tips will be helpful in the next few weeks as the weather cools and frost becomes a more frequent problem. Make sure you take precautions this winter to ensure safe and efficient travel.



Junior College or 4-Year University?



"Christmahanakwanzika"

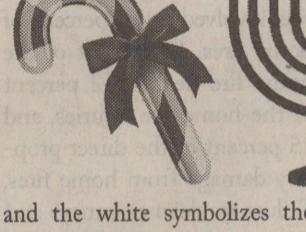
By Angela Longoria

When most people think of Christmas they think of decorating trees, exchanging gifts, or even singing Christmas carols. For Christians, the 25th of December has a more significant meaning because it honors the birth of Jesus Christ. Believe it or not, in the early years of Christianity, Christmas wasn't even celebrated at all. It wasn't until the 3rd century that December 25th became the official celebration of the birth of Jesus since Christians couldn't agree on the exact date Jesus was born.

As for the infamous candy cane, it is said that these candy canes were given to children during the

nativity service to make sure they were kept still. Christians believe that the J shape stands for Jesus.

For the coloring, they also believe that the red represents the blood Jesus shed on the cross



what we get to eat and what my family get's to do."

Other holidays celebrated in December include Hanukkah and Kwanzaa.

Hanukkah is an eight-day cel-

ebration amongst the Jewish community. Since this holiday is also known as the Festival of Lights, Jewish families celebrate with the lighting of the menorah, consuming their customary foods, followed

by the entertainment of games and gift exchanging,

Although Hanukkah is an eight-day celebration, Kwanzaa just happens to be a seven-day festival that honors African and African American heritage. During Kwanzaa, a kinara holds seven candles that are lit each night. These candles consist of three red and green candles and a single black candle in the center. These seven candles and days represent the seven principles of Kwanzaa.

Christmas isn't about who received the best gifts, or who has the best decorations. It is a time for friends and family to come together and celebrate the birth of Christ.

ing more opportunities and extracurricular that students can participate in. A pro that some people see is the student body, they can be very large, which generates more diversity.

"Coming from a small community and going into a bigger college it wasn't the same experience, I was exposed to different things that I wasn't used typically used to," said Mrs. Hughes, who graduated from Baylor University.

For every pro there is also a con, a con for community colleges is that they have a limited curriculum. Conventional community colleges last for two years so you are wanting a four year degree plan then at some point you would have to transfer to another university.

Another con would be the lack of clubs and organizations since the typical student that go tend to focus more on work and classes. Some people might see going to a state college that the as a disadvantage because classes fill quickly so you might not be able to get the schedule that you planned for. In addition since there are so many students having access to professors is limited and many professors see you only as number instead of an individual.

All these factors come into play when making this decision of which type of college a student would want to attend, it's just which one the student is suitable for.

FHS Hosts Junior High District UIL

By Macee Brotherton

On Dec. 8th, 2015, Floydada High School hosted the District UIL academic meet for all junior high students in District 4-AA. The towns attending this event included New Deal, Hale Center, Ralls, Abernathy, Olton and Floydada. Every two years a different school within the district hosts this event, and this is FHS's second consecutive turn. Preparing for this event takes weeks in advance, and effort

from both students and staff. As FHS prepared to host over 550 students, many tasks were needed to be completed. Tasha Hughes, FHS UIL Director, was in charge of delegating these tasks. For weeks FHS students helped her in making a schedule of events, organizing school entries into the correct contests, and assigning teachers to direct contests. On the work it took to prepare this event, Mrs. Hughes stated, "It's a lot of work, but every member

of FHS has pitched in and helped. It could not have been done without everyone's help." For the teachers from all of the schools in the district, a hospitality room was also be set up with refreshments and snacks. This is a place for UIL coaches and judges to mingle while the events transpire.

All of FHS did something for their part of Junior High's district competition. In order to even host the event in the main building, high school students will be released at

noon. When asked about what the event does for FHS as a whole, Mrs. Hughes added, "It causes a burden, letting out school early and having the faculty work late. Last year I didn't get out of here until 8 o'clock. But every school takes their turn, and now it's ours."

Overall, the competition was a success. The event ran smoothly and Floydada Junior High ended up placing third overall, with one team placing first, eight second place, and seven third place teams.

Another pro having smaller classes, many can have as few as twenty students allowing professors to learn more about their students and students to have more access to them.

An advantage for going to state colleges would be having

Junior High Students Qualify for All Region Band

By Rachel Hernandez

As the semester begins to wind down, Junior High students in band are given the opportunity to participate in All Region. All Region band is an annual contest where students who participate in band meet to compete individually against other students from different schools that are within the region. Months before the contest students are given the piece and scales that they will be playing to practice as they wish. When it comes to the actual day of contest, the student will be told the lines and which scales they would need to perform in front of judges. At this point, the judges will decide if you are capable to go to be a member of the band. It is an incredibly competitive competition and takes countless hours of practice including outside of school. This year over 900 students tried out to make the band and out of those, Ryder Glass, Kyle Bruington and Tyson Snell made the band.

Just like any competition, if a student



wants to be successful then they will have to practice. Each of the students who qualified for the All Region Band had taken preparatory measures. Some would come before or after school just to work individually with Band director, Justin Ogden.

"I had lots of practice, me and Mr. Ogden worked one on one together to try and work towards being as best as we could for the competition" said Ryder Glass, who placed twenty-fourth out of the other trumpets.

He also feels happy he had the opportunity to try out for All Region because this was the first time Mr. Ogden made a Junior High All Region band.

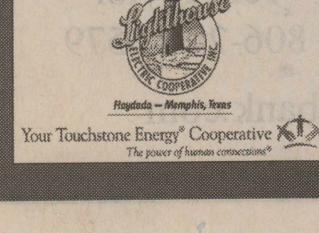
"Yes, I am planning on competing again next year and making it into the band again" said Kyle Burington. In addition Kyle placed twenty-sixth out of the other trombones and had fun, met new people, and loved the overall experience. Also Tyson Snell played the tuba and placed eleventh. These students enjoyed competing against other regions and would do it again next year.

Even though, these outstanding students didn't place in the top three, they still proved as worthy components thanks to their hours of dedication and practice. Congratulations to Kyle, Tyson, and Ryder, and to all of the other students that participated in this event.

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Longhorn News

Wizard of Oz performed by Lockney High School Theater

By Sierra Martinez

The "Wizard of Oz" play was performed by the Lockney High School Theater students and directed by April Word, an experienced volunteer who helped assist the LHS theater cast and crew. The "Wizard of Oz" is a musical about a young girl who is swept up and away to a magical land after experiencing a disastrous tornado. On the

way to ask the wizard for a way back home, she meets many people that are similar to the people she lives with at home. This play was chosen by April Word and Rebecca Stout.

"I chose this play because it's a classic, it was the family friendly musical we needed," said Word. "It could showcase the talent we as a school have to offer while including the elementary students and letting

them experience arts and what they have to look forward to."

Since this play was a musical, characters in this play had to sing, not only to try out for the play but also in the play. Most characters had a singing part, including Dorothy Gale, played by Lyndee Setliff, Scarecrow played by Luke Kasner, Tin man played by Jake Moore, Cowardly Lion played by Shelby Dunbar and the

Munchkins played by volunteer elementary students. Main cast roles that did not sing included Aunt Em & Glinda played by Karissa Petty, Uncle Henry & Doorman played by Josh Cruz, Wicked Old Witch played by Jace Klein, Amara Gulch played as Hannah Kidd, Professor Marvel & Wizard of Oz played by Valarie Hernandez, and tree and monkeys played by Fette Jackson & Aid-

an Tores.

This play took lots of practice, not only for the cast but also for the crew backstage helping to prepare the show. Throughout the show, there were many different times when the characters would change their clothes and there were also lots of different scene changes.

"This play was the most fun play I have participated in!" said Jake Moore. "Our new director,

April, was up for new ideas and helped us put on a musical, which we have never done in Lockney."

The LHS theater students performed the for the community and also individually for the High School, Junior High, and elementary school.

"This was such a privilege to work with such a talented cast and a great community that's so willing to help!" said Word.



FCCLA Trip

By Sierra Martinez & Haley M. Sanchez

With suitcases packed, and pillows fluffed, members of FCCLA took a trip to see the San Antonio Spurs take on the Milwaukee Bucks.

First they experienced the Career Day, where five speakers explained what role they play in the sports industry, and how there is more than just the players and the coaches. They offered what they called a "look behind the scenes" and explained their experiences of how they began working for the Spurs.

After listening to their stories, students watched the two teams warm up and shoot around on the first few rows of the stadium. Then, students went to their

seats and watched the game. At the end of the great game, all students in attendance



went down on the court and got permission to shoot free throws.

"I felt like it was pretty cool to be on

the court," said FCCLA president Lexi Chavez. "Being able to know how all of those people got there was an awesome experience that I will always remember."

At the end of the night, the students visited the Alamo, took pictures near the giant lit up Spurs tree, and enjoyed the Christmas lights all around town.

The next morning, the members sat down and had breakfast at IHOP before returning to the Alamo. The students had a choice



of staying or walking to the Riverwalk. After the shopping and exploring, the students started their long drive home.

"Even though I air balled, the fun overall made up for it," said die-hard Spurs fan and FCCLA member Sam Salas.

Fall Fandango Results

On November 21, 2015, Lockney High School UIL students participated in the Fall Fandango meet at Texas Tech University. At this meet, students competed against other 1 and 2A schools in a range of UIL academic events. Some students were competing for the first time, while many teachers and coaches were returning in their respective events. Lockney High School was the runner-up sweepstakes school for 1 and 2A at the Fall Fandango meet.

"Our success at Fall Fandango gives me tremendous excitement and hope for the District meet in April," said Lockney High School UIL director, D'Lyn Morris. "I am especially proud of Mrs. Stout's spellers and Mrs. Azua's Social Studies teams with so many new competitors. Both are new coaches and their time and effort are already producing winning results."

The following are the results from the Fall Fandango meet:

Calculator Apps: Seattle Jackson placed 6th in 10th grade

Jake Moore placed 2nd in 12th grade and 3rd Overall

Computer Science: Scott Lass placed 8th and Levi Kasner placed 9th. The team was 3rd Overall.

Current Issues: Jace Klein won 1st, Stephen Setliff placed 6th, Sierra Martinez placed 9th, and Haley Sanchez 10th for a 2nd place Team finish.

Editorial Writing: Emilee Encizo placed 2nd, Destiny Soliz placed 6th

Feature Writing: Luke Kasner placed 5th

Headline Writing: Emilee placed 3rd, Mackenzy Ragland placed 5th

News Writing: Mackenzy placed 4th

The Journalism team placed 2nd overall.

Literary Criticism: Jake Moore placed 1st, Team placed 1st.

Math: Jace Klein placed 6th in 12th grade.

Number Sense: Jake Moore placed 1st

overall, 1st in 12th grade, Seattle Jackson placed 10th overall and 2nd in 11th grade. Tristan Schlueter placed 3rd in 10th grade. The team finished 2nd.

Ready Writing: Emilee placed 4th, Nic Rendon placed 8th

Science: Jace Klein placed 1st overall, 1st in 12th grade, had the Top Biology, Top Chemistry, and Top Physics score. Levi Kasner placed 2nd overall, 2nd in 12th grade, Seattle Jackson placed 6th in 11th grade, Tristan placed 4th and Austin Rexrode placed in 10th grade. The team finished 1st.

Spelling and Vocab.: Shelby Coats placed 9th and Ryann Araujo placed 10th. As a team, they finished 2nd.

Social Studies: Julio Lara placed 9th and the team finished 3rd.

Many coaches were excited with the way their teams performed at the first UIL meet of the year.

"I was very impressed with the way the new journalism team members did, because in their first competition they scored very high," said journalism coach, Sarah Clement.

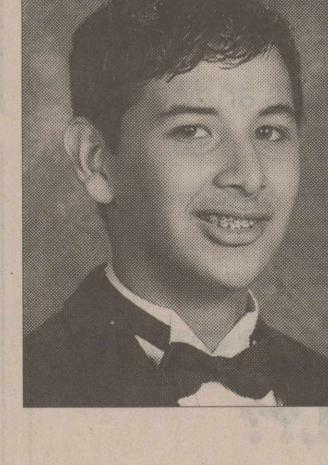
Some coaches noted areas where their teams would need improvement before upcoming spring meets.

"We were missing two of our top scorers at the Tech meet and I know individual scores will have to be higher to beat at our District, Regional, and State competition in Literary Criticism," said Literary Criticism coach Melanie Ragland.

New coaches were very happy to have the opportunity to join Lockney UIL.

"I loved it!" said Rebecca Stout, new spelling coach. "I loved it!" She said with a big smile.

At the next UIL meet all the coaches hope for the best to get high scores so they can once again make it to the state meet and blow everyone away.



Josh Cruz

Joshua Joe Cruz, was born September 4th, 1997. Josh was born in Plainview, Texas to Esmeralda Espinosa and Joe Cruz.

Cruz attended Lockney schools until the 5th grade, when he moved to Plainview and attended Lakeside. Cruz attended Plainview schools through his 7th grade year. Beginning in 8th grade, Cruz returned to Lockney until the end of his freshman year. Before his sophomore year began, Cruz moved to Shallowater where he stayed through the end of his junior year. This year, Cruz is expected to be back at LISD.

At LHS, Cruz is involved in band, one-act play, FCCLA, UIL, and serves as the Vice President for the senior class.

"I want to make as many memories with my classmates as possible, and over all for my senior year," said Cruz.

Although he is still deciding between business, accounting, education, and entrepreneurship, Cruz's mind is set on attending Texas Tech University after he graduates.

"I have learned many things in high school, and always try to make my mom proud," said Cruz. "I hope I can make this school year the most memorable, and do my very best in everything I do."



Signature Sound Concert at Wayland Baptist University

Avoid damage to equipment; seasonal tips for proper fuel use

By Danny Andrews
Director of Alumni Development
Wayland Baptist University

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

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

Tickets are \$25 for the Artist Circle near center stage and \$20 for general

admission. They can be purchased by calling 806-291-3603 or emailing andrewsd@wbu.edu

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

McVey is a popular per-

former with such major symphonies as The New York Philharmonic and the Boston Pops. Other members of Signature Sound, known for their variety, showmanship and high energy, are tenor Ernie Haase, lead singer Devin McGlamery and newcomer baritone Dustin Doyle. Tyler Vestal is the pianist and David Griffith plays bass guitar.

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

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Across the United States this fall and winter, lawn mowers and other seasonal outdoor power equipment should have their remaining fuel removed before a long winter nap. The Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI) offers fuel use and storage tips to help consumers who are winterizing their equipment investments.

"Proper fuel use of outdoor power equipment is easy to accomplish and important to be mindful of as we change seasons," said Kris Kiser, president and CEO of the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI). "Whether we're filling our jerry cans at the pump, or putting equipment away for the season, there are some important things to remember in order to protect equipment and avoid costly misuse."

Tip #1: Look Before You Pump. Most gasoline contains 10 percent ethanol (E10) which is safe for your equipment. But many gas pumps now offer

higher ethanol blended gas — such as 15, 30, 50 or 85 percent ethanol gas. These

higher blends are not designed for use in outdoor power equipment and may cause damage or failure. And remember, fuels containing ethanol can potentially stale over time. To be safe, try to avoid purchasing more than what you'll need for thirty days.

Tip #2: Properly Dispose of Leftover Fuel. Whether left in the tank of your equipment or in a gas can on the shelf, it's easy to forget how old your fuel is. Take note of when you purchased the fuel and properly dispose of it after a month.

Tip #3: Run the tank dry or drain unused fuel out of the equipment you are storing. A safe and easy way to dispose of fuel is to run the engine until the tank is empty. You can also add fuel stabilizer to the gas, run the engine so it circulates throughout the system, and then safely drain the tank. This step ensures that any residual fuel remaining in the equipment after the tank has drained

TxDOT urges drivers to 'Plan while you can' for sober rides this holiday season

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Transportation's "Plan While You Can" campaign urges party goers to plan for a sober ride this holiday season. The campaign runs through Jan. 1, 2016 and coincides with an increase in DUI patrols and enforcement.

"The holidays are a time of celebration and family, but they also require responsible decisions and planning if alcohol is involved," said TxDOT Executive Director LtGen Joe Weber, USMC (Ret). "Our goal is to save families from the heartbreak of losing a loved one. Finding a sober ride is easy and it can save you from being arrested, injured or killed. There is no excuse for drinking and driving."

During last year's holiday season (Dec. 1, 2014

- Jan. 1, 2015) there were 2,412 alcohol-related traffic crashes in Texas, resulting in 190 serious injuries and 110 fatalities. This was nearly an 8-percent increase in alcohol-related traffic fatalities over the previous holiday season.

Central to the "Plan While You Can" campaign is a statewide tour featuring an interactive dodge-ball game that uses custom gaming technology to replicate the effects of alcohol on a person's reflexes. As participants play, virtual drinks are added and the players' on-screen avatars become less able to dodge incoming "snowballs." The game demonstrates how even one drink can slow reaction times.

Additionally, TxDOT is hosting a contest on its Facebook, Twitter and Instagram social media accounts. Participants who tag up

to three friends in a tweet or a post with the hashtag #PlanWhileYouCan will be entered into a giveaway for a donated gift card from a retailer, restaurant or entertainment venue. To enter and learn more, follow TxDOT on its social media accounts.

As always, TxDOT strongly encourages everyone to plan for a sober ride before going out. Visit SoberRides.org to find alternatives to drinking and driving, such as:

- Calling a taxi or using a transportation app on your smartphone.
- Using mass transit.
- Asking a sober friend or family member for a ride home.

• Spend the night.

For more information, contact TxDOT Media Relations at MediaRelations@txdot.gov or (512) 463-8700.

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All letters must include a first and last name, street address (no post office boxes), town, and daytime phone number. Letters sent via U.S. mail may be sent to 201 W. California Street, Floydada, Texas 79235.

SURPRISE

From Page 1

said Rendon, who believes Ruth placed the card in the box so he could find it after her death.

The gesture was a gem in a lifetime of loving memories between the two. Memories like the time Ruth never left Rendon's hospital bed in 1983 after a tragic crash between Rendon's mail truck and a drunk driver between Paducah and Childress.

The crash killed the drunk driver and critically injured Rendon who suffered two heart attacks following the crash.

Through the ups and downs, Rendon said Ruth was always by his side. "She was very forgiving," Rendon said with a laugh.

Rendon said he will keep the card for the rest of his life, along with precious years of memories with his loving wife.

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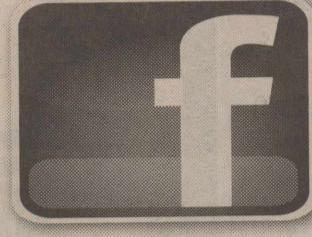
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EXHIBIT C-2

Data Control Codes	REVENUES:	10	Other Governmental Funds	98 Total Governmental Funds
5700 Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 3,468,939	\$ 606,783	\$ 4,075,722	
5800 State Program Revenues	5,222,815	80,218	5,303,033	
5900 Federal Program Revenues		1,460,496	1,460,496	
5020 Total Revenues	<u>8,691,754</u>	<u>2,147,497</u>	<u>10,839,251</u>	
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0011 Instruction	3,958,869	869,753	4,828,622	
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	83,829		83,829	
0013 Curriculum and Staff Development	115,134	64,124	179,258	
0021 Instructional Leadership	123,186	143,249	266,435	
0023 School Leadership	511,294	4,016	515,310	
0031 Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation Services	258,436	17,367	275,803	
0032 Social Work Services		37,794	37,794	
0033 Health Services	40,302		40,302	
0034 Student Transportation	280,641	824	281,465	
0035 Food Service	11,506	494,227	505,733	
0036 Co-curricular/Extracurricular Activities	511,269	135,808	647,077	
0041 General Administration	392,606		392,606	
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	1,093,401		1,093,401	
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	9,944	35,000	44,944	
0053 Data Processing Services	446,038		446,038	
0061 Community Services	6,059		6,059	
0071 Principal on Long-term Debt		135,000	135,000	
0072 Interest on Long-term Debt		227,139	227,139	
0073 Bond Issuance Costs and Fees		400	400	
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges			79,791	
6030 Total Expenditures	<u>7,922,305</u>	<u>2,164,701</u>	<u>10,087,006</u>	
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>769,449</u>	<u>(17,204)</u>	<u>752,245</u>	
Other Financing Sources and (Uses):				
7915 Transfers In			47,401	47,401
8911 Transfers Out	(47,401)			(47,401)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)	<u>(47,401)</u>	<u>47,401</u>	<u>722,048</u>	<u>30,197</u>
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances				752,245
0100 Fund Balances - Beginning	6,262,639		150,431	6,413,070
3000 Fund Balances - Ending	<u>6,984,687</u>	<u>\$ 180,628</u>	<u>\$ 180,628</u>	<u>\$ 7,165,315</u>

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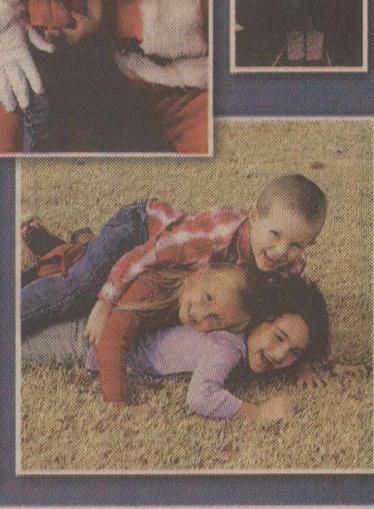
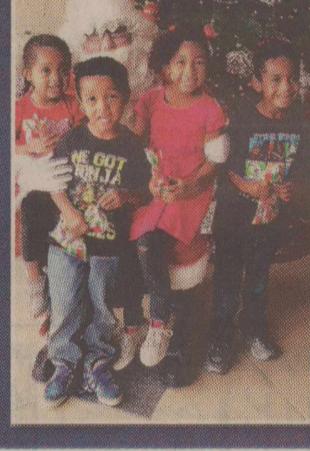
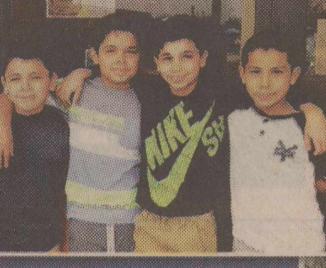
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