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Cargill to idle Plainview, beef processing plant; dwindling cattle supply cited

Affected employees to receive support

With additions by Jennifer Harbin

PLAINVIEW- Cargill today announced that it will idle its Plainview, Texas, beef processing facility effective at the close of business, Friday, Feb. 1, 2013, resulting primarily from the tight cattle supply brought about by years of drought in Texas and Southern Plains states. Approximately

2,000 people work at the Plainview facility, and they will receive company support. Federal, state, county and city government representatives, as well as Cargill customers, suppliers and other key stakeholders were informed today of Cargill's decision, concurrent with Cargill employees being notified.

"The decision to idle our Plainview beef processing plant

was a difficult and painful one to make and was made only after we conducted an exhaustive analysis of the regional cattle supply and processing capacity situation in North America," said John Keating, president of Cargill Beef, based in Wichita, Kan. "While idling a major beef plant is unfortunate because of the resulting layoff of good people, which impacts their

families and the community of Plainview, we were compelled to make a decision that would reduce the strain created on our beef business by the reduced cattle supply. The U.S. cattle herd is at its lowest level since 1952. Increased feed costs resulting from the prolonged drought, combined with herd liquidations by cattle ranchers, are severely and adversely contributing to the challenging business conditions we face as an industry. Our preference would have been not to idle a

plant." Cargill's Plainview employees affected by this decision will be provided support as well as assistance finding and filling open positions at other Cargill locations or with other employers. Cargill will continue to honor its community support commitments at Plainview for 2013. The company's remaining beef cattle processing plants in the region, at Friona, Texas;

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Floydada businesses left holding check after downtown shootings



A bullet hole scars the face of Hardy Classic Cars & More, located downtown Floydada on the northeast corner of Missouri and Wall Streets after someone shot out and damaged several windows.

By Jennifer Harbin

Floydada businesses, predominantly downtown, were surprised Monday morning on January 15 to find that some of their windows had been shot over the weekend.

Businesses affected by the incidents were Payne Pharmacy, Happy State Bank, Hardy Classic Cars & More, and Dr. Randall Griffin's office. The kind of weapon used or number of assailants is unknown at this time.

Payne Pharmacy owner

Denice Payne was still at work Sunday evening just after dark when the westernmost window on the north side of her building was shot out. No one was hurt and merchandise was not damaged. A police report was filed.

According to Payne, the cost to replace the window will take a big chunk out of her January profits. And business owners "try to be good community members and make it a better place to live and others try to tear

it down."

Payne asked, "What has this store, that store, done to deserve being damaged?"

"We have people up here that feel it would be a good idea to reinstate the curfew," said Payne.

The current curfew in Floydada is 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and midnight Friday through Saturday.

"It is my opinion the laws we have need to be reinforced because the businesses and citizens

have to pay for these 'funny pranks'."

If there are no guidelines, sense of respect for self and others, then everything will erupt into chaos according to Payne.

Hardy Classic Cars & More were also victims over the weekend. The south side of the building on the corner of Wall and Missouri Streets received three shots, with one shot shattering glass onto a

SHOOTINGS
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Lockney Allsup's robbed during shift change

By Jennifer Harbin

Around 6:30 a.m. on January 7, the Lockney Allsup's located on Main Street was robbed.

There were two clerks in the store at the time of the robbery. The suspect entered the store and came up behind the clerks, surprising them, and ordered them to get the money in the register. No weapon was seen at the time. They were then ordered to get on the floor while he escaped with approximately \$40.

Sergeant Elliot King, who

was on duty at the time of the robbery, said the case is still under investigation.

The assailant is a black male subject, approximately six feet tall, slender build, short hair, no facial hair, and around age 50. The clerks on duty described him as wearing a gold or yellow ball cap, grey or white jacket and blue jeans.

If anyone has any information about who committed this crime, please call the Lockney Police Department at 652-3548.

Crash leaves transmission pole down, residents left in the dark

By Jennifer Harbin

The lights in rural Floyd County were out after a vehicle struck a pole on the east side of the 500 block of FM 378 eight miles north of Lockney on January 8 around 7 p.m.

The driver, Kimberly Leal, 19, was headed southbound on FM 378 when her 2010 Chevy Camaro hit an Excel pole, rolling her vehicle and catching fire.

Leal was transported to Mangold Memorial Hospital by private vehicle where she was evaluated and transferred to University Medical Center in Lubbock.

According to Chief Deputy Cory Speed of the Floyd County Sheriff's Office, when he contacted the hospital, Leal's nurse revealed that she was in stable condition.

It was not recognized what

a huge impact the crash had on the electricity supply until Lighthouse Electric Coop apprentice lineman Dahlen McCarter contacted the lineman on call, Ricky Hughes, according to Lighthouse Operations Manager Danny Nixon.

"When I got there, the car was on fire and cops were just getting there," said McCarter. The power to four substations was down, including Lonestar, Silverton, South Plains and Cedar Hill.

According to Nixon, people in Silverton and South Plains may have been affected.

Hughes was "back feeding substations in order to get the power back on to them."

Most everyone's electricity was back on by 9:23 p.m. that same night, and everything was back to normal by 11:25 a.m. on Wednesday according to Nixon.



VALENTINE BRAG PICTURES

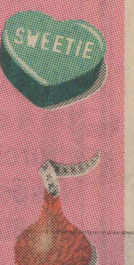
The deadline to submit a photograph of your child, grandchild or another favorite person is Monday, February 4th at 2 p.m.

The special edition will be printed in the February 14th issue.

The cost of the small heart frame is \$15. The cost of the large heart frame will be \$25.

Any photo with 3 or more people will need to be put in a large heart frame.

Don't forget to get your photos and information to the Hesperian-Beacon office before the deadline! Final deadline is February 4ththere will be no exceptions!



Floyd County Church Directory

AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Dennis Butler, Pastor
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
810 S. 3rd, Floydada
Darwin Robinson, Pastor
983-5278
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 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.

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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
Levi Sisemore, Minister
Ivan Gomez, Minister
Floydada
Sunday Bible Study..9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Tim Franks, Pastor
Terry Simmons,
Minister of Ed./Music
Josh Burgett - Min. Students
Sunday School9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:30 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 School9:45 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. Les Hall, 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.
Tuesday.....8:00 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.
Wednesday7:30 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 ..7:00 p.m.

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

OUT REACH HARVEST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
310 E. Mississippi
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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
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Sunday Services.....10:00 a.m.
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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.
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SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH
Lockney
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Wed. Communion...8:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m.

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English Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Evening Service.....5:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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Floydada
Rev. Angelo Consemino
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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 Worship5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA
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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.

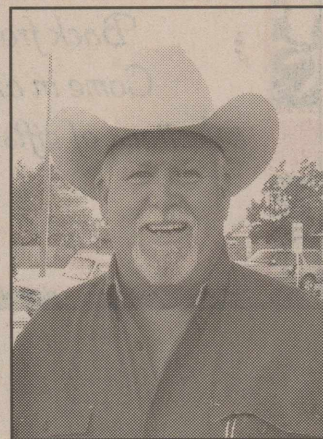
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Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ...10:40 a.m.
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OBITUARIES



KENNETH WAYNE CHANCE

Kenneth "Kenny" Wayne Chance, 62, of Floydada and formerly of Ralls, passed away Tuesday, January 15, 2013.

Services were held at 1 p.m. Saturday, January 19, 2013 at the First United Methodist Church in Floydada with Rev. Les Hall of Floydada and Rev. Rance Young of Silverton officiating.

Burial followed in the Ralls Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were under the care of Adams Funeral Home.

Kenny was born on April 6, 1950 to the late Raymond and Jo (Melton) Chance. He was raised on the Chance family farm in Owens and graduated from Ralls High School in 1968. After attending South Plains College, Kenny returned home to farm with his dad.

In 2005, the Chance family was recognized at the Texas Family Land Heritage Ceremony honoring farms

that have been in the family for over one hundred years. One of Kenny's greatest joys was working alongside his father and grandsons on the family farm. After moving to Floydada, Kenny still farmed while working at Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation.

He developed a passion for horses and rodeo at an early age when he took up bareback riding and roping. His love of rodeo continued through his later years. It was through this hobby that he met the love of his life, DeLeeann Inscore, at a play day at Anfill's Rodeo Arena. Kenny and De were married on March 7, 1970 in Lubbock. They raised their two children, Melode and Randy on the Chance family farm.

Kenny was very involved in civic organizations in both Ralls and Floydada. He was a member of Young Farmers, Ralls Lions Club, Ralls Ex-Students Association, Ralls Volunteer Fire Department, and the Masonic Lodge in Floydada.

He served as a 4-H leader in Crosby County for many years and received the Spur Clip Award for his dedication and service. Kenny and De were also recipients of the Crosby County 4-H Hall of Honor Award. He served as the Swine Superintendent at the Crosby County Livestock Show for many years and on the Ralls ISD School Board and the

Floyd County Friends Board of Directors. He also was an active member of Living Water Emmaus Community. He worked many walks and served as a lay leader.

For the last nineteen years of his life, Kenny's most important job was being "Pop" to his grandchildren. He traveled many miles supporting his two oldest grandsons at sporting events and livestock shows. He was always their biggest fan and looked forward to filling that role for his younger grandchildren.

The family received visitors on Friday, January 18, 2013 from 6-7 p.m. at Adams Funeral Home in Ralls.

He is survived by his wife, De of Floydada; a daughter, Melode Watson and husband, Ed of Ralls; a son, Randy Chance and wife, Haley of Lubbock; a brother, Gerald Chance of Keller; and five grandchildren, Dakotah and Hunter Watson of Ralls, twins Braydon and Brylie Chance, and Brody Chance, all of Lubbock.

Memorials can be made to the Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund, 101 Pro Rodeo Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80919.

Pallbearers will be Wes Jones, John Wyatt, Jim Finley, Joe Max Harrison, Gene Chappell, Martin Warren, Clabourne Beshirs, and Ronnie Graham.
www.adamsfuneral.com



TONYA GOOCH

Tonya Gooch, age 42, passed away Wednesday, January 16, 2013.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, January 19, 2013 at the First Baptist Church in Floydada

with Pastor Tim Franks officiating.

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

Tonya was born on August 7, 1970 to Tommy and Alice (Turner) Ogden in Lubbock and grew up in Floydada.

She married the love of her life on January 31, 1987 in Floydada. She was a loving mother and wife.

Tonya was a devoted Whirlwind and school volunteer. Her friends at First Baptist Church will remember her work with AWANAS and Kids Kamp. She was anxiously awaiting the birth of

her first grandchild, Brady Taylor in March.

Tonya is survived by her husband, Dennis Gooch; two daughters, Katy and husband, Trevor Harris of Wolf-ford and Breann Gooch of Floydada, her parents, Tommy Ogden and Alice Ogden; her in-laws, Roger and Jo Ann Gooch, and a sister, Trina Whalen of Floydada.

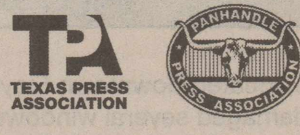
The family greeted friends and family on Friday, January 18, 2013 at the Moore Rose Funeral Home from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Memorial gifts can be made in Tonya's name to the First Baptist Church, 401 S Main Street, Floydada, Texas 79235 or Kids Kamp, 401 S. Main Street, Floydada, Texas 79235.

Lockney Senior Center Menu

January 28 - February 1

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- Tuesday: Enchiladas
- Wednesday: Fried Chicken
- Thursday: Salmon
- Friday: Hamburger Steak



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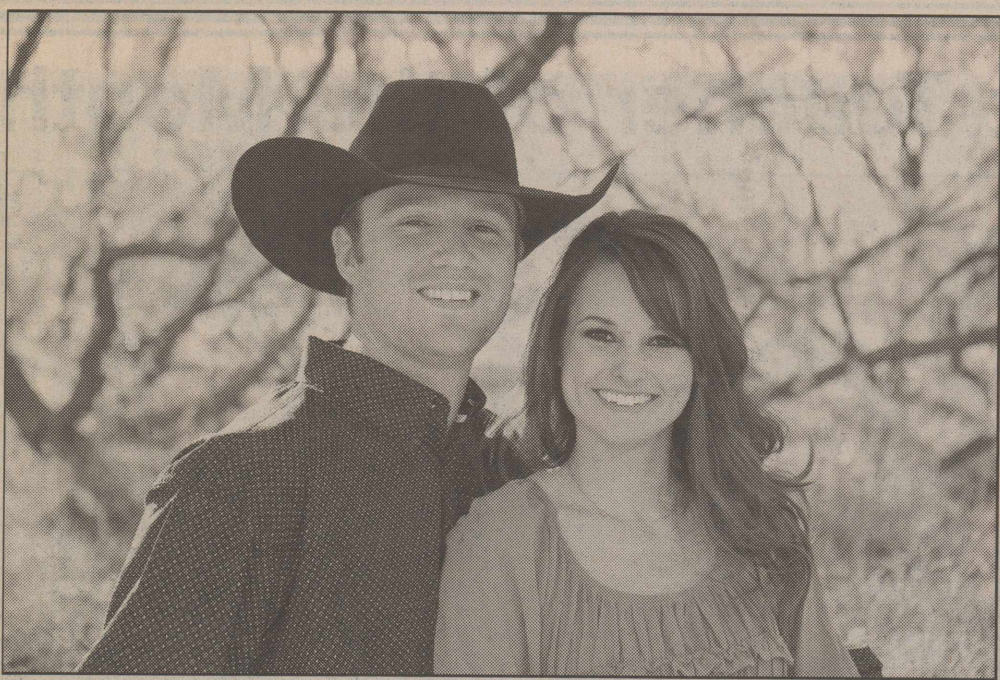
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Beedy and Forbes to marry



PAYTE BEEDY AND SHANDY FORBES

Todd and Jan Beedy of Floydada proudly announces the engagement and upcoming marriage of their son, Payte Beedy to Shandy Forbes, daughter of Cam and Missy Forbes of Silverton.

The bride-elect is a

graduate of Silverton High School and Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Shandy is the granddaughter of Don and Mary Brown and Doug and Elaine Forbes, all of Silverton.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of

Floydada High School and of Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Payte is the grandson of Mary Jo Hill of Odessa and Judy Beedy of Lubbock.

The couple will be married on Saturday, February 2, 2013.

Dixie Divas A Lack of Empathy

One night while out to dinner, I noticed an elegant elderly lady at the next table



RONDA RICH

over who was dining alone. I was drawn to her because sorrow clouded her eyes and she smiled sadly,

the kind we all force when we do not feel happy.

The waiter seemed to know her. He leaned down to chat with her, placed his hand on her shoulder and was kindly solicitous. She responded with a grateful look. It was, for all practical purposes, an empathetic exchange. I called the waiter over and asked about the woman.

"She and her husband used to dine here all the time but he died a few months ago. Now, she comes here alone." Though we were on dessert, I went over and invited her to join us but she quietly declined. She explained that her husband had died five months earlier. They had been married for sixty years. She dropped her eyes. "It's so hard without him, after all those years together."

I squeezed her hand and sympathized. I saw Mama

go through that when Daddy died after 57 years of marriage. "I'll be praying for you," I said. Again, she nodded quietly. "Please."

Of all the things I see or hear, I am most saddened by the lack of empathy that some folks have. I had it, too, in my ignorant youth. I saw things only from my point of view and criticized soundly, often eloquently. Life changed that in me. It whipped me around, taught me the frailty of life and showed me how, despite our very best efforts, we can still get in terrible jams.

I wrote a column on a house I passed often that was once filled with a happy family but foreclosure forced the family out. The house heaved with sadness and loneliness as the weeds grew and the flowers died. Many of you wrote in to express similar thoughts on similar situations. One man wrote, "I tell everyone close to me not to buy a foreclosed home because, to me, it feels like taking advantage of another's misfortune."

One lone voice and opinion saddened me terribly. She wrote that she had no sympathy for anyone who lost their home because she and her husband had lived in an apartment and eaten sandwiches for nine years in order to afford the home they bought. I see things differently. I see myself as blessed that some terrible tragedy or loss of job has not forced

me from a home that was purchased after years of sewing my own clothes, clipping coupons and even working two or three jobs at a time. Yes, I worked hard and saved diligently to get here but by the grace of God and lack of misfortune, I am able to stay here.

When I wrote about the dire straits of the post office and asked folks to start writing more letters and buying more stamps so that we could save jobs as well as an American institution, one man took it seriously. For his 70th birthday, he asked only for a copy of that column so he could mail to his friends and rally the cause. He forwarded the email to hundreds of friends and family and said, "For my birthday, buy a stamp and mail a letter. Let's help our fellow Americans."

Of course, another response was different. He listed all the reasons he used email and refused to use the postal system (though I can't believe he doesn't receive mail). How is it possible not to care about the welfare of others? How is it possible to be callous about a part of Americana that dates back to Benjamin Franklin and the founding of this great country?

Because some people are not empathetic. They don't see another's point of view.

Maybe I'm too empathetic but that troubles me.

Ronda Rich is the best-selling author of the forthcoming *There's A Better Day A-Comin'*. Visit www.rondarich.com to sign up for her weekly newsletter.

LOOK WHO'S NEW

TALLEY

Ashlei Shaw and Colt Talley, both of Lubbock, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Sofie Elise Talley.

She was born Tuesday, December 4, 2012. She weighed 7 pounds and 6 ounces.

Grandparents are Shari Shaw of Lubbock, Chad Jackson of Lubbock and Phillip Talley of Decatur.

Great-grandparents are Wanda Carthel of Lubbock, Sally Shaw of Dallas, Donnie and Judy Jackson of Lockney and Alfred and Gracie Talley of Decatur.

FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

By Margaret Jones

Living in a world of uncertainty causes the unexpected challenges of each day to plummet down on us with unyielding force. Focusing on the positive enables our future the security we so desperately seek. Regardless the time, age, situation, or circumstances of life, we struggle and cope with each inevitable situation.

The power of the human spirit is remarkable to overcome and persevere. With each challenge we climb higher toward a brighter tomorrow. As the words to the song reminds us to... "Accentuate the positive, eliminate the negative, latch on to the affirmative, don't mess with Mr. In-between."

Let us never forget to count our blessings every day for each opportunity and promise. The privilege of living in a small town with caring friends and neighbors tops my list. Get yours going... you may be surprised how long it really is!!!!

Harold Bertrand has been moved to a care center in Wichita Falls. Please remember him and his family

at this time.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

1-2-3 PINK LEMONADE PIE

Blend well--- 1 small can frozen PINK LEMONADE, 1 can EAGLE BRAND MILK

Fold into --- 1 carton (8 oz.) COOL WHIP

Pour into GRAHAM CRACKER CRUST...chill

May add red food coloring to make the pie "bright pink"

Thought for the Week

The future is no more certain than the present.

Walt Whitman

MEMORIALS

By Margaret Word

We do appreciate you remembering us when you need to make a memorial donation. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, TX. 79235

In memory of Trudi Gilly Miller - Mary Shurbet, Poole Well Cam

In memory of Darlene Lackey - Mary Shurbet,

Poole Well Cam, Janice Lloyd, Janet Milam, Harold and Vivian Snell

In memory of Euna Bradford - Razzle Dazzie Red Hat Society, Gloria Fannon

In memory of Eva Parker - Poole Well Cam, Sue Daniels, Janice Lloyd, Janet Milam

In memory of Tonya Gooch - Janet Milam

In memory of David Jackson Pleasant - Janet Milam

In memory of Kenny Chance - Gloria Fannon

MENU

Jan. 28 - Jan. 31

Monday - Sausage, cabbage, pinto beans, cornbread, oranges & bananas, low fat milk

Tuesday - Homestyle lasagna, garlic bread, brussel sprouts, pears, low fat milk

Wednesday - BBQ beef brisket, ranch style beans, cornbread, buttered carrots, strawberries, low fat milk

Thursday - Breaded chicken tenders, baked potato w/ sour cream, peas & carrots, strawberries w/whipped topping, low fat milk

Friday -

Healthy Recipe of the Week

Provided by Pure Balance Nutrition
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Slow Cooker Italian Meatball stew

- 1 dozen of Italian meatballs
- 1 tablespoon of olive oil
- 2 carrots, peeled, chopped
- 2 stalks celery, coarsely chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, cored, seeded and diced
- 1 zucchini, coarsely chopped
- 1 (14.5) ounce fire roasted tomatoes with liquid
- 1 (15 ounce) can cannellini beans, drained
- 2 cloves of garlic, diced
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 2 tablespoon freshly chopped basil
- 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- Kosher or sea salt to taste
- 2 cups of chicken broth, low sodium
- 1/2 cup whole wheat orzo (optional whole wheat couscous or pre-rinsed quinoa)

Directions:

Add oil to skillet, turn to medium heat and cook meatballs until brown on both sides, about 16 minutes. While meatballs are cooking add remaining ingredients, except orzo, to the slow cooker and stir to combine. Add browned meatballs to slow cooker, cover and cook on low 7-8 hours. The last 15 minutes of cooking time, add orzo, turn slow cooker to high and cook 10 - 15 minutes or until pasta is al dente. Serve in bowls and sprinkle with parmesan cheese if desired.

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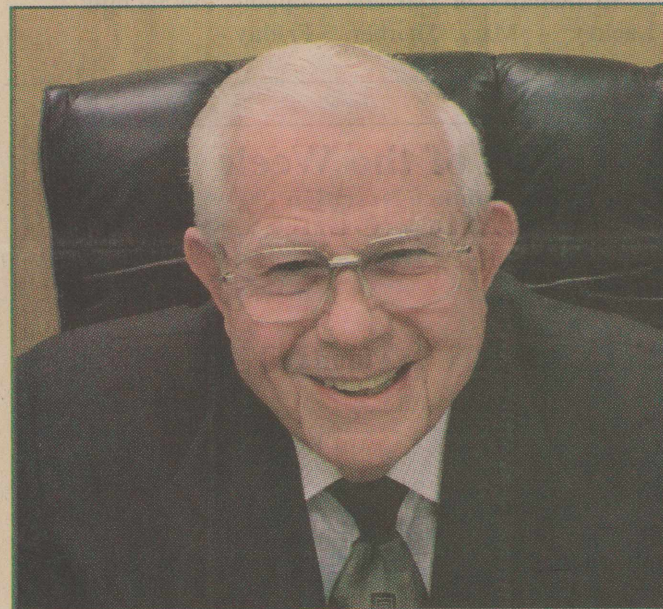
School Board Appreciation Month

By Malorie Alaniz- Staff Writer

This month is School Board Appreciation month at FISSD. For the next two weeks each of the members will be showcased. Introducing Lyle Miller, Charles Tyer, and John Woelfel.

School Board President, Lyle Miller, has been a part of the school board for 7 years. Miller is a graduate of Floy-

dada High School. He and his wife LaTresa have two daughters, Abigail and Sarah Jo, and one son, Titus. When Miller is not busy farming, he enjoys spending time with his family and going to the lake. His favorite part about being a board member is being able to serve the students. Outside of the school board, Miller is an active member in his church.



Charles Tyer has served on the school board for 3 years. Mr. Tyer graduated from Levelland High School. He is a retired school administrator and has earned his Masters of Education. Charles and his wife, Dale, have three daughters, seven grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. In his free time, he enjoys woodworking. His favorite part about serving on the school board is working with other school board members.



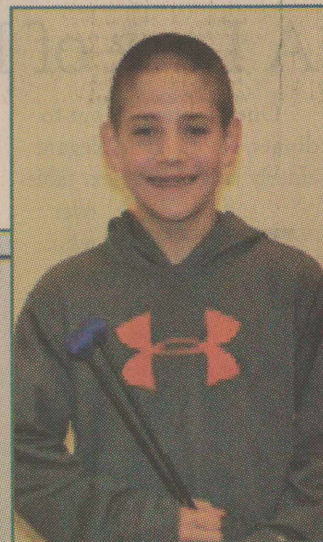
John Woelfel is serving his third year as a school board member. He graduated from H.M. King High School in Kingsville, Texas. Woelfel earned his Bachelor's degree in Agriculture Management at Texas A&M University. He and his wife, Stacey, have three sons, two daughters, and one grandchild. If he is not working, he loves spending time with his family. For John, the best part about being on the board is the people with whom he serves. Woelfel is involved at St. Paul Church in Plainview, Texas.

Student-Teacher of the Month



Recipients gather at the school board meeting to be presented with Student/Teacher of the Month awards. From left to right: Gabe Delafuente-Elementary Student of the Month, Nancy Trevino-Junior High Teacher of the Month, Marissa Maldonado-Elementary Teacher of the Month, Antonio Delgado-Junior High Student of the Month, Kelly Reddy-Support Student of the Month. Not pictured: Shauna Session-High School Student of the Month.

Whirlwind Band Blows Away the Competition



By Carly Carthel- Staff Writer

Congratulations to the All-Region qualifiers! This year 9 students of the Whirlwind Band qualified to be apart of the All-Region Honor and Symphonic Band. Qualify-

ing for the All-Region Honors Band: Sean Morales second chair clarinet, Carly Carthel sixteenth chair clarinet, B.J. Perez tenth chair tuba, and Diago Cervera fourth chair baritone. The Symphonic Band qualifiers include: Christina

Muniz fifteenth chair clarinet, James Arellana fourth chair trumpet, Zeke Torres sixteenth chair trumpet, Christian Cabello third chair bells, and second alternate Jacob Degollado. Joining these high school students will be three junior high

students who qualified for Junior High All-Region: Esteban Lerma, Mark McGowen, Jacob Thomas. Good luck to all of the qualifiers who will be traveling next weekend to Lubbock for their clinic/concert at the Civic Center.

Senior Signing Day Encourages Furthering Education

By Mattie Sanders

Pride in the students and in the high school swells at the thought of someone furthering their education through college. Every senior who has been accepted into college is present and ready for their moment of praise. The stands are packed with students of all ages along with the seniors' parents.

On February 6, 2013 a 'Senior Signing' will take place in honor of the seniors who have been accepted into college. College representatives will join parents, teachers, and the student body in the Whirlwind Gymnasium to witness this celebration.

"A lot of people get excited about kids going to college to be in athletics, but we've got to get excited about kids going to college for academics," said high school principal, Wayne Morren. "I want

to celebrate the hard work that our seniors have given and the preparation they've made."

Mr. Morren also stated he hopes to use the seniors as an example for younger students by inviting them to the event. Multiple students from the elementary school will be attending.

"I would like to see this celebration cause people in first, second, and third grade to realize that the work they do every day is helping them prepare for tomorrow," said Morren.

With graduation right around the corner for juniors and seniors, planning ahead for the future is vital.

"We want kids, when they come into FISSD at whatever grade level, to believe that they are worthy of going to college. With hard work they can get prepared," concluded Mr. Morren.

Whirlwind Word Search

Girls Varsity Basketball Word Search

Created By: Homero Ramirez- Staff Writer

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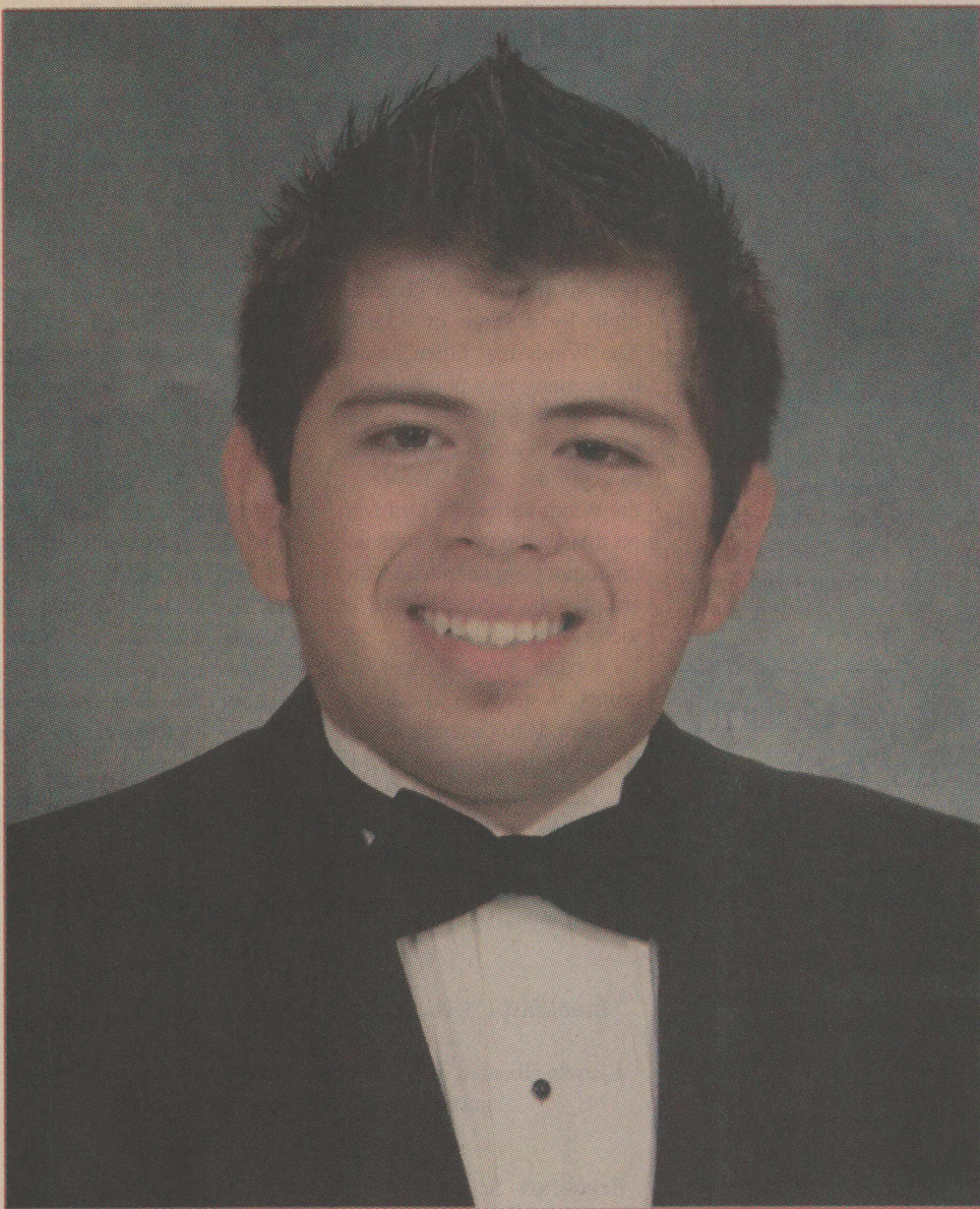
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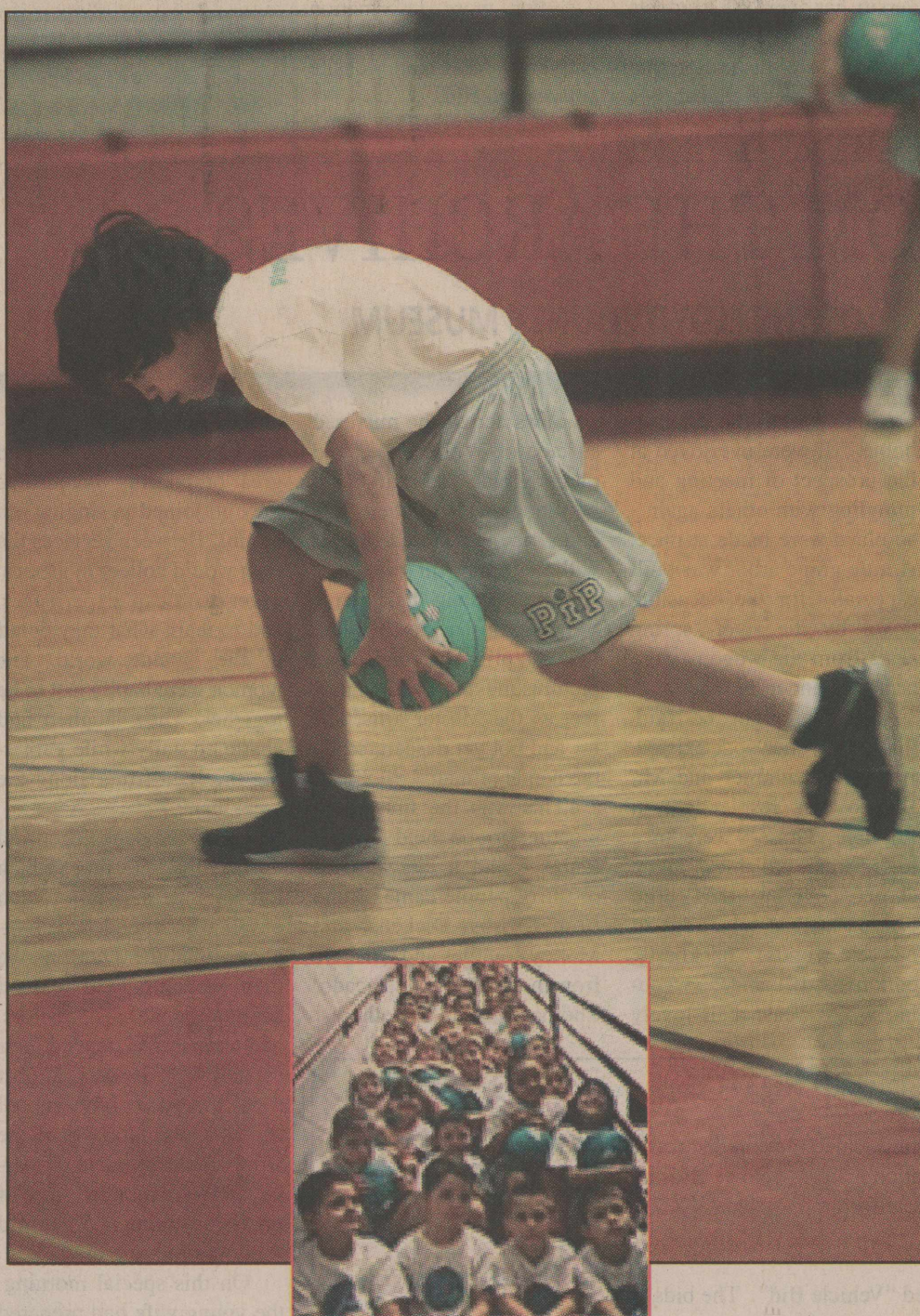


Richard Bazan is a senior this year at LHS. He grew up in Plainview, but he has been here in Lockney for the past year. He is the oldest of four brothers and one sister. He enjoys playing football and working on cars. Three words that describe Richard are fun, outgoing, and a comedian. In high school he is involved in football and in an agricultural science program. Outside of school he enjoys hanging out with friends and spending time with his family. If you asked his friends how they described him they would call him a clown. His most memorable moment was the first day he arrived at LHS and everybody already knew his name! Ten years from now Richard sees himself owning and operating his own diesel technician shop.

Belia Astorga is a senior this year that grew up in Lockney, Texas. She has lived in Lockney her whole life and has one little sister who attends Lockney Elementary. Belia's hobbies are listening to music and watching TV and she also loves to draw and learn new things. Belia likes that she attends a small school and gets along with everybody. She also states one of her most favorite memories is when she went to area in the One Act Play. Belia spends some of her free time volunteering at the local hospital. Ten years from now Belia hopes to be working in a satisfying career.

PIP entertain between games

Courtesy Photo
 Players in Progress (PIP) perform in between the JV and Varsity games on Friday, January 18. PIP includes kids from kindergarten to sixth grade who learn various ball handling skills from dribbling to spinning balls on their fingers. According to Coach Leigha Pate, it is kind of like the Harlem Globetrotters. PIP will also have the opportunity to perform before the Harlem Globetrotters at the United Spirit Arena on February 1. Coaches for Lockney PIP are Federico Cervantes, Leigha Pate, Billy Lefevre, Nicole Rodriguez, Michael Hernandez and Cynthia Schlueter. To learn more about PIP, visit their website at www.pips-yeah.com.



Lockney School Menu

January 28 – February 1

Monday

Breakfast: Pancakes or cereal, toast, juice, milk
 Lunch: Hamburger, pickle garnish, potato rounds, diced pears, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast: Ham & cheese biscuit or cereal, toast, juice, milk
 Lunch: Tangerine chicken, brown rice, baby carrots, steamed broccoli, snowball salad, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast: Eggs or cereal, toast, juice, milk
 Lunch: Tex-Mex stack, Spanish rice, re-fried beans, garden salad, cinnamon apples, milk

Thursday

Breakfast: Oatmeal or cereal, toast, juice, milk
 Lunch: Stuffed potato, baby carrots, fresh fruit, Texas toast, milk

Friday

Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll or cereal, toast, juice, milk
 Lunch: Pepperoni or Cheese pizza, crunchy broccoli salad, seasoned corn, fresh fruit bowl, milk

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LADY WINDS JV TEAM BASKETBALL

By Coach Eddleman

The Floydada Lady Winds JV took on Bushland on December 6, 2012 and came up short at the buzzer by a score of 38-29.

Scoring results: Dakota Whalen - 19 points; Liz Morales - 8 points; Alyssia Minner - 2 points.

On December 7 the JV Lady Winds played Ropesville and won by a score of 26-17.

Scoring results: Dakota Whalen - 10 points; Kim Pacheco - 4 points; Liz Morales - 3 points; Allison Cisenero - 2 points; Thalia Villa - 2 points; Alyssia Minner - 2 points; McKenna Johnson - 1 point.

The Lady Winds played Muleshoe in a tight game on December 11 and won by 3 points at the final buzzer, 31-28.

Scoring results: McKenna Johnson - 10 points; Shiann Delos Santos - 10 points; Dakota Whalen - 5 points; Liz Morales - 2 points; Thalia Villa - 2 points; Allison Cisenero - 1 point; Aimee Chavarria - 1 point.

On December 6 the Floydada girls played Smyer JV and lost by a score of 43-36.

Scoring results: Dakota Whalen - 14 points; Aimee Chavarria - 8 points; Liz Morales - 5 points; Shiann Delos Santos - 4 points; McKenna Johnson - 2 points; Thalia Vela - 2 points; Kim Pacheco - 1 point.

Levelland beat the Lady Winds JV on December 18 by a score of 32-19.

Scoring results: Dakota Whalen - 7 points; Aimee Chavarria - 4 points; Thalia Villa - 3 points; Alyssia Minner - 2 points; Kim Pacheco - 2 points; McKenna Johnson - 1 point.

The Lady Winds JV came out on top of the Hale Center JV girls by a score of 37-27.

Scoring results: Dakota Whalen - 14 points; Alyssia Minner - 7 points; Shiann Delos Santos - 6 points; Aimee Chavarria - 5 points; McKenna Johnson - 3 points; Kim Pacheco - 2 points.

On January 1, 2013 the Lady Winds JV took on Crosbyton and won big by a score of 30-17.

Scoring results: Dakota Whalen - 8 points; Aimee Chavarria - 6 points; Thalia Villa - 5 points; Alyssia Minner - 4 points; McKenna Johnson - 4 points; Liz Morales - 2 points; Allison Cisenero - 1 point.

The Floydada Lady Winds JV won by a score of 40-20 over Childress on January 4.

Scoring results: Dakota Whalen - 12 points; McKenna Johnson - 11 points; Aimee Chavarria - 9 points; Liz Morales - 7 points; Kim Pacheco - 6 points; Thalia Villa - 2 points; Alyssia Minner - 1 point.

On January 8th the Roosevelt JV girls beat the Lady Winds JV by a score of 31-20.

Scoring results: Dakota Whalen - 6 points; Alyssia Minner - 4 points; Thalia Villa - 4 points; Lindsey Deleon - 2 points; Aimee Chavarria - 2 points; McKenna Johnson - 2 points.

The Lady Winds JV girls won by a big district game over Post by a score of 49-12.

Scoring results: Allison Cisenero - 8 points; Alyssia Minner - 8 points; Thalia Villa - 7 points; Liz Morales - 7 points; Dakota Whalen - 6 points; Lindsey Deleon - 5 points; Aimee Chavarria - 4 points; Kim Pacheco - 4 points.

SEASON RECORD: 10-8

DISTRICT RECORD: 2-1

Whirlwinds compete at Bovina Invitational Power Lifting Meet

By Coach Nix

Several Whirlwinds competed at the Bovina Invitational Powerlifting Meet on Saturday January 12. All the Winds who lifted did a great job.

Placing for the Winds were Aaron Chavarria with a 470 pound Squat, 285 pound Bench and a 480 pound Deadlift. This gave Aaron a total of 1235. He finished in 1st place in the 181-pound weight class.

Homero Ramires was also a medalist he finished

with a 490 pound Squat, 405 pound Bench and a 505 pound Deadlift. This gave Homero a total of 1400. He finished in 2nd place in the 275-pound weight class.

Also placing was Emily Prisk with a 130 pound Squat, 65 pound Bench and a 175 pound Deadlift. This gave Emily a total of 365. She finished in 5th place in the 97-pound weight class.

All of the Whirlwinds did a great job! Their next meet will be February 2nd in Levelland.

Graduates from Floyd County recognized at Texas Tech

Texas Tech University midterm graduates crossed the stage on December 14-15 at the United Spirit Arena, including twelve students from Lockney and Floydada.

Lockney graduates included Bryan William Cooper, Weston Paul Davis, Emily Kathleen Prayor (Cum Laude), Lauren Elizabeth Stewart, Lindsie Melyn

Moerbe, Lorenzo Isai Salazar, Stephana Villarreal and Dorothy O'Connell (PhD in English).

Graduating from Floydada was Colton Lake Covington, Tucker Jack Ross, Chrystal Linda Alvarez and Kimberly Marizol Bueno.

We offer praise and congratulations to these young men and women on their accomplishment.

Williams graduates from Lubbock Christian University

LUBBOCK, TX --- January 15, 2013 --- Lubbock Christian University held commencement exercises in December and among those graduating was a Floydada resident. Kelsey Williams, daughter of Todd and Karrie Williams of Floydada, Texas graduated with a Bachelor of Science of Exercise Science.

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Whirlwinds fall in tough district games against Slaton, Idalou

By Coach Renfro

The Floydada Whirlwinds lost two tough district games this past week to Slaton and Idalou.

The Winds fell to the Tigers of Slaton on Tuesday night by a score of 62-60. The Winds had fallen behind by as many as 8 points before coming back to take the lead 60-59 with about two minutes to go in the game. However, the Winds suffered 5 turnovers on their last 6 possessions and could not get a last second shot to fall as the Tigers claimed the victory.

Jordan Woody had 18 points, 9 steals, 6 assists and 7 rebounds to pace the Winds, while Landry Morren added 15

points, 9 rebounds and 3 steals. B.J. Perez added 12 points on 4 three-pointers, while Tyler Renfro put in 5 points, had 7 rebounds and 3 steals. Venturo Gonzales and DeAndre McCann tossed in 4 each, and Michael Cisneros added 2.

The Winds faced state ranked Idalou on Friday night, losing to the Wildcats 86-55. Woody had 22 points and 7 steals in the contest, while Renfro put in 12 points and grabbed 5 rebounds. Gonzales had 7 points and 9 rebounds, and Morren had 6 points and 3 steals. Cisneros and Tucker Lowrance each scored 3, as Lowrance also grabbed 5 boards. McCann put in 2 for Floydada.

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU September 12 - September 16

Monday
Breakfast -Cheese pizza or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch - Toasted ham and cheese sandwich, broccoli bites, garden salad, orange smiles, milk
Tuesday
Breakfast - Sausage/biscuit or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch -Crispy tacos, lettuce & tomatoes, Spanish rice, garden salad, charro beans, cinnamon applesauce, milk
Wednesday
Breakfast -Pancakes, syrup or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch -Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, strawberries & bananas, hot roll, milk
Thursday
Breakfast - Oatmeal and cinnamon toast or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch -Spaghetti w/meat sauce, garden salad, savory green beans, sliced peaches, breadsticks, milk
Friday
Breakfast -Breakfast burrito or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch -Turkey & cheese wrap, sweet potato tots, cucumber dippers, fresh fruit, milk

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LEGENDS, MYTHS AND STORIES OF FLOYD COUNTY

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This is a story- old but true- that has been told so many times that it has become a part of the history of the South Plains. It has to do with the first settlers of Floyd County - Judge and Mrs. Ar-

thur B. Duncan, and with their home. - which was the first built in Floyd County. This was a dugout built of native timbers and dirt and was situated in Blanco Canyon eight miles from the celebrated "old rock house" - former home of Uncle and Aunt Hank Smith - who were themselves the first settlers of Crosby County.

"Twas the summer of 1886- two years after the coming of the first settlers and four years before Floyd County was organized- that word was passed far and wide among the homesteaders that a protracted meeting was to be held in Blanco

Canyon - near the Duncan home. All were overjoyed at the prospect of meeting and mingling with others again - so plans were made at once. A little grape arbor was built especially for the occasion, down by the river- spring seats from the wagons were arranged under its shade.

Here it might be said, that no lovelier spot existed. It was midsummer and Mr. Blanco was resplendent in full dress. Grasses were knee high, made a thick green carpet covering the entire canyon- tall stately trees of native woods, hackberry, cottonwood, and sweeping willow, cast their lovely

shadows across the mirrored surface of White River, red plums, blue currants and purple grapes, in their luscious ripeness, filled the air with their pungent sweetness while birds sang their merry songs against a sky of blue. "Twas a primitive landscape, picturesque and lovely - perfect as the Master artist left it - and not yet desecrated by the hands of man."

This was the first camp meeting to be held on the Plains - and a large crowd of thirty people came. Some from Crosby, Dickens, and Motley counties and Quakers from their colony at Estacado. Thomas Duncan, a Methodist

circuit rider did the preaching. There was much joy and great outpouring of Spirit as they all joined in singing old hymns. Between services the men would collect in groups, eager to swap experiences, and to learn what they could of the outside world. The women were happy just to be together. They laughed and chattered gaily while gathering the wild fruits along the creek bank.

One incident occurred during the meeting which left an indelible impression on all who attended. It happened that the Duncans, in their eagerness to extend hospitality to the visitors, had almost overstepped their capabilities. It was almost time for their semi-annual trip to Colorado, where the wool would be taken to market and a six months' store of provisions brought home and food was running low.

On this special morning, the young wife had prepared breakfast for her guests and had put forth her very best

efforts to make the meal a pleasing one. All in readiness, she turned to invite them in, when dirt was seen falling from the top of the dugout directly above the table; then a whole cascade descended and completely covered the meal. Well, after the dust had cleared a bit, the whole hind leg of a steer was seen protruding through the hole in the roof. He was a stray, having wandered down the caprock and onto the top of the dugout.

Of course, the breakfast was completely ruined and little food which to replenish it. 'Twas a sickening experience for the young wife. However, there was nothing to do but face the situation as they had had to face countless others. In true West Texas Style "all hands got busy with shovels, while others rescued the steer and repaired the roof.

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Lockney School



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Little Longhorns: (back row) Emma Dunn, Celeste vanVelthoven, Clay Moore, Zeke Ramos, Joshua Cienfuegos; (middle row) Rudy Jimenez, Colby Guerrero, Edwin Martinez, Arlen St. Dennis, Mariah Ascencio; (front row) Kennedy Arellano, Nathan Hernandez, Aniyah Solis, Aden Martinez.

Seventh grade boys win championship in Lockney tournament

The Lockney Longhorn 7th grade boys' basketball team improved their record to 10-0 on the season as they won two games in the Lockney Tournament on Saturday to take home the Championship.

The Horns first game was against the Lubbock Trinity Lions. The Horns got off to a slow start but picked it up in the second half to pull away

with the win 42-32. The Horns were lead in scoring by Jaden Rosales with 38 points and Efen Nunez with 4. The Horns then played Smyer in the Championship game and played their best basketball of the year as they beat the Bobcats 51-28. The Horns were lead in scoring by Jaden Rosales with 25, Israel Cuellar with 18, and Efen Nunez, Tristan Schlu-

1-2 record in district play for Longhorns

By Coach Josh Strickland
On January 15 the Lockney Longhorns played on the road in Hale Center and lost 52-76. The loss brings the Horns overall record to 6-16 and 1-1 in district play. Ian Dunbar led the Longhorns in scoring with 18 points. Landry Kidd added 12

points and Ky Teeter had 9. Andrew Hooten also contributed 6 points, while Erik Cortez put in 4 and Kameron Hunt had 2. The Lockney Longhorns played at home on Friday night and lost 51-65 against the Lions of New Deal. Leading the Horns in scoring was Landry

Kidd with 13 points. Ky Teeter kicked in 9 points and Erik Cortez had 8 points. Ian Dunbar had 7 points. Both Collin Fulton and Daylen Gatica added 6 points each, while Andrew Hooten had 2 points. Lockney's overall record is now 6-17 and 1-2 in district.

Home Country

By Slim Randles

Why are winter mornings so heartbreaking special? They're sure cold, at least around here. And with the snow you'd think they'd be white, too. But they aren't, are they?

In the morning there is a tinge, a golden ... no a yellowish cast to the snow, the sky, and the trees. It is more like those catalog pictures of yellow diamonds. You know... the diamonds we don't really want because the ladies don't want anything but the clear diamonds, but the ones that look more interesting because there's some color there?

If men bought diamonds for themselves, we'd probably go for the yellow ones, because they'd remind us, even in the broiling heat of summer, that a morning in

January has a yellow-diamond cast to it. And the evenings are special, too.

When the sun starts to set, the snow and the sky and the trees take on that glow that is a combination of orange and pink. It's the singular color of winter dusk and makes us want to paint the walls of a cabin that color to remind us of the endings of winter days. It's the color that's so pretty we don't even talk about it with other people because it would sound kinda silly. In Alaska, they call it "alpenglow." It's as good a name as any.

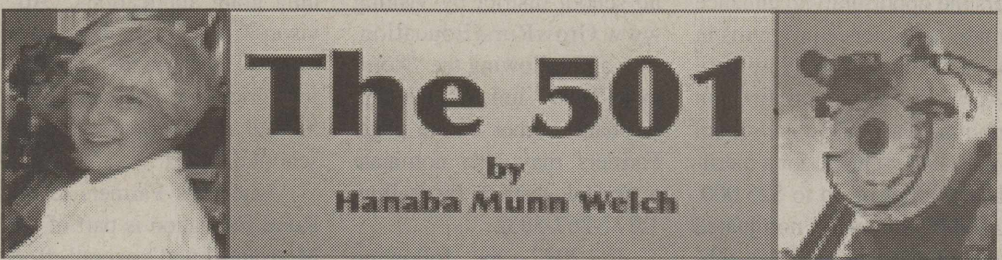
Isn't it strange how these days that are supposed to be white and gray and dull and depressing are still able to give us these two delicious colors we can tuck away in our memories and trot out

when we need them? Let's hope we can give each other special little memories this month that we can use when we need them, too. Seems like the right thing to do.

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In the world of prejudices against ethnicities, someone once said it's easier to hate a whole group of people than one you get to know. I'll buy that.

In a similar way, it's harder to kill an animal you know than one you don't, if seeing a daily coyote from a distance counts as getting to know him. It's time now for our coyote to trek across the north pasture toward the early-morning sun. I just looked. I don't see him.

In the city, our backyard dove is more predictable. For one thing, my husband, Hugh, has gotten into the habit of feeding her pecans.

Bear in mind, he's a dove hunter. Once when we were driving down a country road, he voiced shotgun bursts.

I was dumbfounded and asked what was going on.

Hugh said he'd seen some dove, as if that should explain everything. (This from a man of few words and serious demeanor.) Soon after that, we went dove hunting, and I saw him rip the heads off the birds he'd shot as naturally

as if he were brushing his teeth.

Now he's got a pet dove. For one thing, you can't shoot the dove that live in your back yard when you're in the middle of a city. Maybe the birds have figured that out. We've got plenty.

So how does Hugh know which one he's feeding? She's got a mangled foot. Maybe she was hatched that way, or maybe a cat almost nabbed her and she escaped with just a maiming. Cats aren't supposed to roam free in the city. Tell the cats.

How does a dove eat pecans? They must be cracked.

There you have it - Hugh, the great dove hunter, cracking and giving away daily all the pecans we gathered in the fall.

Sometimes things work out. Our pecans aren't very good.

When Hugh doesn't get crackin' on time, the dove sits on the fence and makes guttural noises - the opposite of cooing, apparently. I've not heard the noises.

Indeed, animals do have distinct vocabularies. If

you've ever listened to cows, you know when a mama is calling her calf. If you know your dog, you learn his barks. We once had a dog with a snake bark - whooo, whooo. Seriously.

But when you think about it, doves shouldn't naturally have any coos that translate "feed me now." They're supposed to find their own vittles, aren't they? Maybe she's just using the same words she would to scold her husband, if it's true dove mate for life.

After her morning feasts, we're left with a sizeable spread of clean shell fragments. I've heard that some new methods of fracking for natural gas, no doubt devised under pressure from the green environmental camp, use walnut shells. Why not pecan?

What a story. Man feeds pecans to handicapped dove and recycles shells for safe fracking.

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McIntosh Appointed to SWCD Board of Directors

Ian McIntosh of Floydada was appointed to represent subdivision 4 of the Floyd County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Ian fills the unexpired term of Bart Greer who served on the board for the past 10 years. The Floyd County SWCD's headquarters is located in Temple, Texas.

McIntosh operates a cotton and wheat farm in Floyd County.

McIntosh is a current

member of the Farm Bureau Board. He has been on the board at Farm Bureau for 4 years. McIntosh is also a 2-year member of the Caprock Hospital District Board.

"The Floyd County SWCD's purpose is to make available to local landowners and operators technical, financial, and educational resources to help them to better conserve the soil, water and related resources which

they manage or own", said J.O. Dawdy, chairman of the district.

"We want to welcome Ian as a member of our board of directors. As a member of our board he will be playing a significant role in helping our district to provide technical assistance to our district cooperators who wish to implement conservation programs on their land", said J.O. Dawdy, chairman of the district.

Youth Program Incorporates Beef Cattle Production

San Antonio, TX – The Texas Brigades, will add a new camp in the summer of 2013 appropriately named Ranch Brigade. The new camp will focus on an entirely new concept, livestock production and ranching.

The Texas Brigades' mission is to educate and empower youths with the leadership skills and knowledge in wildlife, fisheries, and land stewardship to become conservation ambassadors for a sustained natural resource legacy. This will be the 21st year of the Brigades.

According to the camp coordinator, Chris Farley, Ranch Brigade will focus on the need for ranchers and agriculturalists to tell their story about land stewardship and livestock production.

"The camp will be about agriculture, food production, and feeding the world," Farley said. "I want the take-home message for the cadets to be 'ranchers have their consumer's best interest at heart'."

The founder of the Texas Brigades, Dr. Dale Rollins, says he is excited about the

new camp because "It's a nice complement to our existing camps subject wise. Any program that promotes conservation and sharpens critical thinking skills is a winner." He adds that "wildlife and livestock can coexist if managed correctly—the more we can advance that synergy, the better off Texas rural lands will be."

For more information, contact Helen Holdsworth, Executive Director, at 800-TEX-WILD or 210-826-2904, ext. 120 or via email at hholdsworth@texas-wildlife.org.

Cotton Market Weekly

January 17, 2013

The cotton market continued its remarkable advance this week despite last Friday's bearish supply and demand estimates from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the commencement of sales from China's national reserve on Monday. Through Thursday, cotton futures at the Intercontinental Exchange had closed higher five out of six days with the March contract gaining 299 points.

The market's reaction to USDA's estimates on Jan. 11 should have been a good indication of what to expect in the coming days. The estimates, which showed higher Chinese production and lower world consumption, caused a brief sell-off; however, when prices fell below 75 cents per pound, buyers returned and propelled the March contract back to

positive territory.

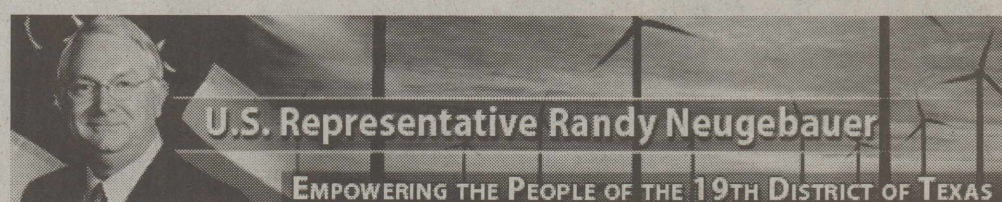
Monday was an anomaly as the nearby futures contracts closed slightly lower or unchanged with March down 10 points in featureless trade. Volume at ICE was light compared to the previous session's, but cotton returned to its winning ways on Tuesday and never traded below unchanged. March moved back above 76 cents late in the session, closing at 76.21, just below its intraday high of 76.30. The bulls really took over on Wednesday and sent the March contract to its highest close since the end of August. The contract shot through previous resistance at 76.44 and 77.10 to settle at 77.33 cents per pound, up 112 points. Some traders pointed to fresh demand and fixations to explain the rally along with technical-based buying.

The futures activity also lit

a fire under the spot market as producers in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, and New Mexico sold 28,761 bales online that day. Total online sales for the week ended Jan. 17 were 88,661 bales, up considerably from the previous week when 29,659 bales were sold. Average prices received by producers ranged from 67 to 70 cents per pound compared to 65 to 69 cents the previous week.

USDA reported net export sales of U.S. cotton totaled 339,000 bales for the week ended Jan. 10, up 73 percent from the previous week and 36 percent from the four-week average. The featured buyers were China, Turkey and Indonesia. Export shipments that week totaled 315,600 bales, a marketing year high, up 23 percent from the previous week and 61 percent from the four-week average. China, Turkey and Vietnam were the primary destinations.

Meanwhile, traders continue to monitor China's national reserve. Auctions of cotton in the reserve began Monday; however, it also continues to procure cotton. On Tuesday, the reserve bought almost as much cotton as it sold.



U.S. Representative Randy Neugebauer

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Neugebauer Statement on Gun Ownership Rights

WASHINGTON, DC—Congressman Randy Neugebauer (R-TX) responded to the President's announcement on gun ownership. President Obama released a series of executive actions to reduce gun violence and called on Congress to pass laws restrict-

ing gun ownership rights. Congressman Neugebauer is a staunch supporter of the Constitutional right to bear arms. His statement follows:

"I strongly disagree with the President's call to restrict gun ownership rights. No one wants another tragedy like we saw in Newtown, but trampling on the Constitution isn't the solution. I will oppose any Con-

gressional action to infringe on our Second Amendment rights, and work to ensure that our Constitution isn't bypassed by Executive Order. The President is trying to tell the American people that in order to prevent senseless tragedies, we must give up our freedoms. That's untrue, and I will work to ensure that no one must choose between safety and liberty."

Texas Farmers Support local schools through Second Annual America's Farmers Grow Rural EducationSM

ST. LOUIS (Jan. 16, 2013) – For the second consecutive year, America's Farmers Grow Rural Education SM, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, will give Texas farmers the opportunity to enhance math and science programs in their communities. Now until April 15, 2013, farmers can nominate a local public school district to compete for a merit-based grant of up to \$25,000.

Administrators of nominated school districts may then submit grant applications through April 30, 2013. This year, the program expands to 26 new counties, for a total of 1,271 eligible counties across 39 states.

The America's Farmers Grow Rural Education program is part of a broad commitment by the Monsanto Fund to highlight the important contributions farmers make every day to society. Following a successful pilot in Minnesota and Illinois, America's Farmers Grow Rural Education debuted nationally last year, awarding \$2.3 million to school districts coast to coast.

"We believe engaging rural youth in their math and science studies lays the foundation for a bright future," said Deborah Patterson, Monsanto Fund president. "This generation is the future of agriculture,

and funding from the Grow Rural Education program helps ensure they are ready to be the next great leaders."

Eligible farmers can nominate their favorite public school district by visiting www.GrowRuralEducation.com and following the "Nominate Now" link on the top, left-hand corner of the page. Farmers may also nominate a school district by calling 1-877-267-3332.

In 2012, the following Texas school districts received a total of \$120,000 to enhance math and science curricu-

lums:
Brownville ISD, \$10,000
Dalhart ISD, \$10,000
Edna ISD, \$10,000
Hillsboro ISD, \$25,000
Ira ISD, \$10,000
Levelland ISD, \$10,000
Memphis ISD, \$10,000
Southland ISD, \$25,000
Wall ISD, \$10,000

Thanks to the Grow Rural Education program, Edna ISD was able to purchase iPads for Animal Science, Livestock and Floral Design classes.

"We truly appreciate this grant," said Nancy Sandlin, director of curriculum for Edna ISD. "Our new iPads will enhance learning and enthusiasm for our students in science and agriculture classes."

Grants will be awarded by the Monsanto Fund based on

merit, need and community support. The America's Farmers Grow Rural Education Advisory Council, a group of 30 farmer leaders from across the country, will select the winning grant applications. Advisory Council members were selected based on their passion for agriculture and education, as well as experience in rural school districts.

America's Farmers Grow Rural Education is part of the Monsanto Fund's overall effort to strengthen America's farming communities. Another program that is part of this effort is America's Farmers Grow Communities, which gives winning farmers the opportunity to direct a \$2,500 donation to a community nonprofit organization in their county.

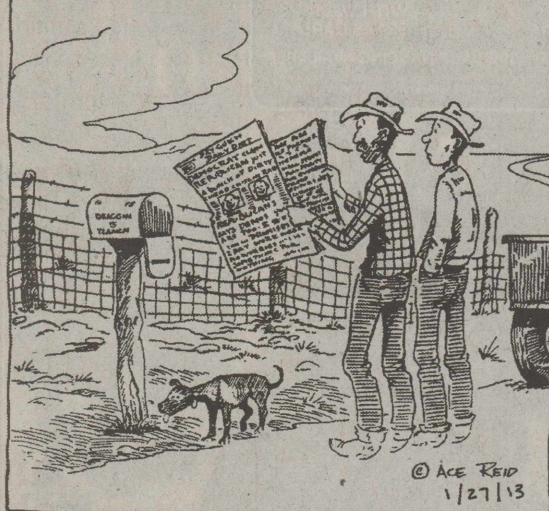
For more information about the America's Farmers Grow Rural Education program and to view the official rules, visit www.GrowRuralEducation.com. To read more about the 2013 Grow Rural Education launch, and to view the 2013 launch video, please visit <http://www.prweb.com/releases/2013/1/prweb10308518.htm>.

About the Monsanto Fund

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SPC to offer Oil Painting for Fun class in February

LEVELLAND – South Plains College will offer Oil Painting for Fun Feb. 4 through April 22. The class will meet on Mondays from 7 to 10 p.m. in Fine Arts Room 134. Classes will not be conducted the week of spring break, March 11-15.

The cost is \$85 plus supplies. (This class is NOT

recommended for young children or women who are pregnant.)

The course is open to any student from beginner to intermediate who wants to learn or improve his skills in oil. The class will emphasize color, contrast, detail and line for each individual's work. Younger students must be at

least freshman level.

Enrollment is limited. Artist Scott Rombokas will be the instructor.

To sign up, call Kasey Reyes, administrative assistant for the Division of Continuing and Distance Education, at (806) 716-2341 or email kreyes@southplainscollege.edu.

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Dodge City, Kan. and Fort Morgan, Colo., will receive cattle that were previously destined for processing at Plainview. The company's regional beef facilities at Fresno, Calif.; Milwaukee, Wis.; and Wyalusing, Pa., as well as its beef plant in Schuyler, Neb., and two beef plants in Canada, are unaffected.

"Given the over-capacity that exists with four major beef plants in the Texas Panhandle and a dwindling supply of cattle in the region, idling Plainview will allow Cargill to operate its other beef plants in Texas, Colorado and Kansas more consistently on a five-day-per-week basis to meet our customers' requirements, while helping us maintain our position in the U.S. beef sector," explained Keating. "Our long-term commitment to U.S. beef production is unwavering. Over the past 10 years we've invested more than \$766 million in our U.S. beef plants to ensure they remain best in class in the industry."

The plan to idle Cargill's Plainview facility includes measures for preserving its infrastructure for potential reopening if the U.S. cattle herd rebounds and requires additional processing capacity. However, Cargill does not expect the U.S. cattle herd to significantly increase in size for a number of years.

"We delayed the decision to idle Plainview as long as possible, due in part to our outstanding team and ongoing excellent support from the community. We were also hoping the drought would break, pasturelands would be restored, cattle ranchers would retain heifers and the national herd trend of declining numbers over the past few years would be reversed," stated Keating. "Unfortunately, the drought has not broken, feed costs remain higher than historical averages and the herd continues to shrink. The industry has experienced this cycle in the past, although this one is longer and more severe

than most. Nevertheless, we are optimistic about the long-term prospects for U.S. beef demand from American and international consumers, and that the drought in Texas and the Southern Plains will become a memory."

The closure of Cargill will certainly have its impact on this entire area, with many Floyd County residents part of those 2,050 employees, including management, losing their jobs.

"While this is certainly bad news for our area, it should not have a serious impact on the service or the rates to the rest of our Lighthouse members. Lighthouse has always tried to operate in such a manner that each class returns revenue sufficient to recover their own cost of service. We will lose some of the efficiency we enjoyed by having a large customer like Cargill to share in paying our fixed cost and overhead, but I am confident we will be able to adjust our operations so that we will still be able to provide quality service at reasonable rates to the rest of our membership. Our thoughts and best wishes are with our friends and neighbors who worked at the plant and will lose their jobs," said Bill Harbin, General Manager of Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Lockney Independent School District Superintendent Phil Cotham said that there are several families who have children enrolled and "if they can't find other employment in the area they may have to move and that may affect our enrollment and that means fewer dollars from the state."

Cotham feels that this will not only apply to LISD and Floydada Independent School District, but all

the surrounding schools as well.

"I feel it's going to impact us, because we do have quite a few people who work there and in some cases we have both the mother and father who work there. I do feel we will lose some students because of this," said FISD Superintendent Gilbert Trevino.

"Pretty much my husband has worked out there (at Cargill) since he got out of high school," said a source who must remain anonymous. "This year it would have been 25 years."

That's all he's ever done, according to his wife.

"We don't want to relocate but if it comes to it, we're going to have to," she said.

What is going to hurt their family the most will be the loss of medical insurance. His wife has to see the doctor frequently and the only insurance they had was from Cargill.

The couple has three kids, two they are supporting and the oldest who also worked at Cargill.

"It was a double wammy for us," she said.

There was no notice given, just the announcement given Thursday morning to the employees.

There were people crying when they heard the news because they didn't know what to do according to the anonymous source.

"My sister's two kids and son-in-law all work there... all three of them have families that they have to support," she said.

The source reassured that "we are just taking it day by day and the Lord will provide."

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You can save big money on your prescription drugs

By Bob Moos
Southwest regional public affairs officer for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

If you've ever gone a day without your medications or cut your pills in half to make them last a little longer, there may be relief for you. People on a tight budget can get help paying for the premiums, deductible and co-payments in their Medicare drug plan.

About 10 million people – about one in three people with Medicare drug coverage – now enjoy the break. But another 2 million may qualify for the help yet don't even realize it. They're missing out on hundreds, maybe thousands, of dollars in savings each year.

Recent changes in the law make it easier than ever to qualify for the "extra help" program. Even if you applied and didn't qualify before, you may be eligible now. The amount of additional assistance you'd receive depends on your income and resources.

If you qualify for full help, you'll pay no more than \$2.65 for a generic drug and \$6.60 for a brand-name drug. If you qualify for partial help, you'll pay no more than 15 percent of the cost

of your drugs. The program is estimated to save someone \$4,000 a year on average.

So, if you're having difficulty affording your prescriptions, it's worth checking out.

To get the subsidy, your resources can't be more than \$13,070 if you're single or \$26,120 if you're a married couple living together.

Bank accounts, stocks and bonds count as resources, but homes, cars and personal belongings do not.

Also, your annual income can't be more than \$16,755 if you're single or \$22,695 if you're a married couple living together.

If you support family members who live with you, however, your income can be higher.

In addition, the government won't count any money you receive from friends or family for household expenses like food, rent, mortgage payments, utilities and property taxes.

Does that sound like you? Then give yourself a break and apply. Or if you have parents or other loved ones whom you think might benefit, reach out to them. Helping them save money on their prescriptions is one of the best things you could do for them.

There are three ways to sign up for extra help:

Visit the Social Security website, socialsecurity.gov/extrahelp. The online application offers step-by-step instructions and lets you work at your own pace.

Call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, to apply over the phone or request an application. Ask for Form SSA-1020, fill it out and return it by mail.

Go to your local Social Security office and request help.

It's not hard to complete the form. But you'll need your Social Security number and information about your bank balances, pensions and investments. Social Security will review your application and send you a letter within a few weeks letting you know whether you qualify.

When you sign up for extra help, Social Security can also assist you in applying for state-run programs that pay for some of your other Medicare costs. Those are called Medicare Savings Programs, and depending on your resources and income, they can help cover the out-of-pocket costs for other parts of Medicare.

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1964 Chevy Impala. Don Hardy learned of the damage Monday morning and fixed the holes as well as was possible and a police report was filed.

Happy State Bank incurred minor damage to the upper window in the entrance area and replaced the window promptly.

"I know things like this happen in small towns," said Robbie Hilton. "It's probably a prankster just thinking it was something fun to do."

According to Hilton, she still finds Floydada a good town to be in because everyone cares about one another.

Dr. Randall Griffin was unavailable at time of press for comment.

"Until those who break the law have to pay the consequences, nothing is deterred and crime continues," said Pavne.

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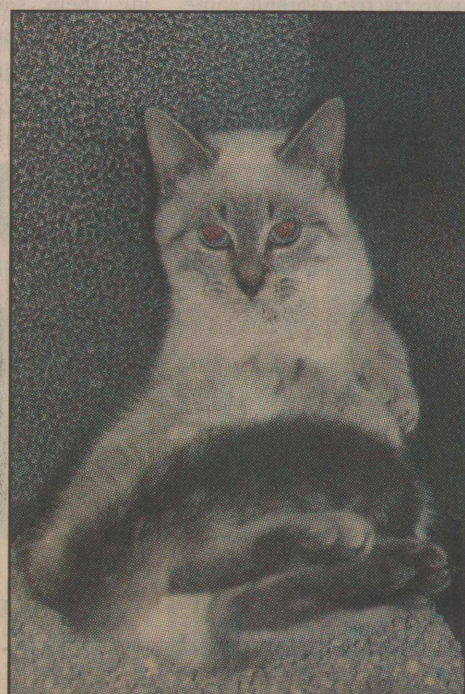
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Dogs: Male and female Llaso Apsos, spayed and neutered; female Husky; medium female red pitbull; medium male black pitbull; male and female Chihuahuas; female "freckled" pitbull; young female white pitbull mix and large male pitbull.

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