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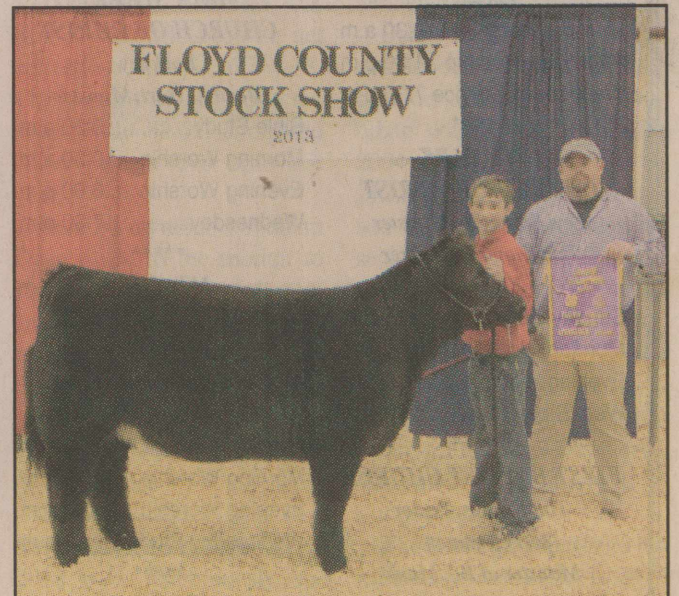
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Agricultural conference held to educate area producers

By Jennifer Harbin

The 18th Annual Caprock Crop Production Conference, which is one of the premier agriculture production conferences in the South Plains was sponsored by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Services from Floyd and Crosby Counties and met Thursday, January 24, at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center for educational classes for area producers.

The Caprock Crop Production Conference "is a direct result of producer-generated educational program needs from evaluation assessment and is in direct support of...economic competitiveness for Texas agriculture and local municipalities and environment and natural resources conservation."

A class in Irrigation Management started off the conference, followed by morning classes in Risk Management Association, Drift Minimization & Equipment Calibration, Alternative Crops & Prices, 2012 High Plains Cotton Update and Pest Management.



Photo by Jennifer Harbin

Producers from Floyd, Crosby, Lubbock, Hale, Dickens, Gaines, Garza and Lamb Counties showed up at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center to attend the Caprock Crop Production Conference on Thursday, January 24. According to records, and the full parking lot, 182 people were present for the lunch that was served and were able to hear several guest speakers on various subjects.

During the lunch hour, producers were able to view and visit booth exhibitors, receive industry updates and participate in a question and answer period.

Matt Williams served as

the afternoon moderator. Informative classes on the General Disease Update, Weed Issues in Cotton & Other Crops, Forage & Forage Management, Risk Management, Economics of Planting Conventional

Cotton and TDA Laws & Regulations were heard as well.

"This event is for the producers; it's a good way to link industry with our

AG CONFERENCE
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106.1 FLIP FM nominated for radio honor, in top 10

By Jennifer Harbin

Floydada's local radio station, 106.1 FLIP FM, has been nominated for the Small Market Radio Station of the Year.

The radio station is owned by Tony Ricketts and this is the second year in a row to be nominated for the honor.

"We've made it down to round which narrows it down to 10," said Corey Johnston.

There are about 40-50 stations in the Small Market category with approximately 70 total Texas mu-

sic stations that report to the Texas Regional Radio every single week.

Round two voting will be over February 4, and then round three will leave 5 stations.

Winners will be announced live on April 21 at the Texas Regional Radio Music Awards Ceremony at the Arlington Music Hall in Arlington, Texas.

"Thank you to those who have voted in the past. I ask you again, please take a moment and vote for your favorite artist, station, song, album," reminds Carthel.

See stock show
 results and
 participants
 on page 5!

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Darwin Robinson, Pastor
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
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Wed. High School .. 6:30 p.m.

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Tuesday 8:00 p.m.
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Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

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BAUTISTA**

Floydada
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 10:40 a.m.
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Wed. Evening 7:00 p.m.

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CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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

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Lockney
Rev. Joe Hernandez
Sun. Prayer Service 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 p.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**TEMPLO BETHEL
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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BOBBIE DEAN NANCE
Bobbie Dean Nance passed away Thursday, December 20, 2012 in Aurora, Colorado, at the age of 87. Bobbie was born in the Lone Star community on November 10, 1925, to Wiley and Lula Nance.

After graduation from Silverton High School and Lipperts Business College, Bobbie worked in Plain-

view and Amarillo before moving to Denver, Colorado. While living in Aurora, she worked for Silver Engineering. She enjoyed playing golf, fishing, and travel.

Bobbie is survived by brothers, Bud Nance and wife, Lorraine of San Angelo, Tom Nance and wife, Mary of Brownwood, Joe Nance and wife, Peggy of

Plainview, Mike Nance and wife, Brenda of Midland and sister-in-law, Nelda Nance of Midland. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sisters, Marie Henderson and Mayme Harp, and a brother, Jim Nance.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

SANDRA NOLAND
Sandra Lee Sams Noland passed from this earth on January 19, 2013 after a lengthy battle with cancer.

She was born in Lockney, Texas September 7, 1938 to Gerald Lee Sams and Edell Weiss Sams. She was an only child. In 1941, she moved with her parents to Los Angeles. Sandra began first grade in California at the age of 5. She moved back to Lockney at the age of 6 and graduated from Lockney High School in 1956 at age 17.

She was involved in Rainbow Girls, played the chimes at the Methodist Church on the noon hour, a student at LHS where she was active in basketball and band and was Band Sweetheart her senior year. She enrolled in Business College in Plainview in the Fall of '56.

She married Joe Richard Noland on February 17, 1957. They lived in Lockney until they moved to the Noland Farm. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother, avid homemaker, talented artist and a member of the Floydada Primitive Baptist Church.

She was a partner in Char-Lee's cake and decorating business in the mid to late 70's. She volunteered at Covenant Hospital in Plainview as a Pink Lady working in the Gift Shop and delivering items to patient's rooms and at the Floydada Nursing Home helping with arts and crafts for the residents.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband. She moved to Marbridge Villas in Austin in February of 2010 until the time of her passing.

Sandra is survived by her four children, 10 grandchildren and 2 great-granddaughters; Mark Noland and his wife, Gale of Clifton, Texas, their daughter, Kaci, her husband, Brandon Fry and their daughter, Kaylen Fry, Meagan Noland of Clifton, LaDelle Gowens and her husband, David of Dripping Springs, Texas, their children, Hayden and Hannah Gowens, Kevin Noland and his wife, Monica of Miles, Texas, their daughter, Ashlee and her husband, Derrick Fuchs and their daughter, Josephine of Robert Lee, Texas, Reagan Noland

of Bryan-College Station, Texas, and Abbey Noland of San Angelo, Karlton Noland and his children, Brook Simmons, Joseph and Justin Noland of Clifton, Texas.

She is also survived by her cousins, Georgie Simmons of LaPlata, Maryland, Laine Sanders of Flanders, New Jersey and Edward Weiss of San Antonio, Texas.

Pall Bearers were her grandsons, Reagan, Joseph and Justin Noland, Hayden Gowens and Grandsons-in-law, Derrick Fuchs, Brandon Fry and Dusty Hicks.

Services were held in Floydada at the Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday, January 26, 2013 and were under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

Memorials may be made to Floydada Primitive Baptist Church or Harmony Plains Singing School, % Ronnie Fowler, 4304 45th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79413 or Marbridge Villas, P.O. 2250, Manchaca, Texas 78652 or Austin Hospice, 4107 Spicewood Springs Road, Suite 100, Austin, Texas 78759.

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LIFESTYLES

Azteca celebrates 40 years feeding Floydada diners

By Jennifer Harbin

"There have been so many memories...I have watched three generations of families dine here," said cook (and boss) Josefina Longoria as she surveyed the restaurant that she and husband Servando built 40 years ago.

Azteca has resided in three different locations according to Longoria, but it has been at 113 W. California Street the longest where many memories have been made.

The Longorias were living in Union City, Calif. when her oldest sister, Toni Falcon, told her of the Mexican Food Restaurant shortage in Floydada and that it had become very popular.

Josefina had only worked at American food restaurants in California, so she studied under a lady at a gourmet house to learn how to cook. There she learned to cook chili and chili rellenos, which, if you are not careful, when you eat at Azteca, they might run out of before you can order one.

"No one makes chili rellenos like me," she exclaimed.

It was her sister's idea to put the mole in the enchilada sauce, Longoria claims. She started doing it that way, like the sauce in Mexico, which has been a success at their restaurant.

The Longorias moved to Floydada in November of 1972 with their two sons Servando Jr. and Leonel.

It was after the holidays and the beginning of 1973 that they began their first restaurant venture at the building that still stands on the corner of the South Ralls Highway and West Ollie Avenue, and is the current location of El Embajador Restaurant.

They later moved into where Mildred's Café used to be, two doors east of their current location, until R.L. Giesecke sold them half of his building in 1981 or 1982. The other half was sold to H&R Block and Azteca took root in their new home.

The murals on the walls of Azteca are beautiful, painted by a former Floydada

resident, but hold deeper meaning than many people might think. The mural on the west wall features St. Joseph Catholic Church in Savinas, Hidalgo, Nuevo Leon, Mexico. Standing on the church's footsteps is a young couple, just married, which actually symbolize when Josefina and Servando married on November 22, 1964. Perhaps next time you stop in, have a good look and remember the family history that goes into Azteca.

Her boys were put to work there and now her niece, Amber Ferrer, is being trained "in case something happens to me" she claims.

"This is my first home (the restaurant), and then there's my second home," Longoria said. "It's the other way around."

Azteca is open at lunch Monday through Friday from 11a.m. to 1p.m., and on Friday evenings from 6-7p.m.

"I love what I do," Longoria shared. "For me it is not work, it's a place where I can relax."



Photo by Jennifer Harbin

Helen Bertrand stands by her cake topped with red high heels, made by Stacey Reeves, at her retirement party on Thursday, January 24. She has worked at Farm Service Agency for 30 years, and according to Bertrand, "I've loved working here so much...it's been wonderful." As a gift for her service, Congressman Randy Neugebauer sent Bertrand a flag that flew over the capitol. Congratulations on 30 years of service.

Dixie Divas Flirting With Success

It's a funny thing about us Southerners. If a Yankee criticizes us, we haughtily disregard it, muttering over their ignorance.



RONDA RICH

But on the occasion that a Yankee compliments us, we happily embrace it and declare that we have found an enlightened Yankee.

Such was the case with me when a reporter from a Yankee newspaper called to interview me on the fine art of flirtation.

"Why did you call me?" I asked.

"Because everyone knows that Southern women are the best flirts," she replied simply.

I loved enlightened Yankees. They are a joy to my soul.

That conversation led to an article that led me to writing a book about flirtation as practiced and patented by Southerners, especially our women. It is simply this: You can be a good storyteller without being a good flirt. But you cannot be a great flirt without being a terrific storyteller.

Storytelling is important to Southern people.

It is deep in the marrow of our bones, passed down from generations of Scotch,

Irish and Scotch-Irish. At the start of the Civil War, around 75% of the South was Celtic. This is critical to understanding how a passionate penchant for storytelling was passed down through generations over the years.

When the poor Celts arrived in this country - many of the Scotch-Irish were indentured slaves brought across the Atlantic and dumped unceremoniously around the Appalachian Trail in Pennsylvania - they brought nothing. Nothing, that is, except three skills from their native land: Whiskey-making, fiddle-playing and storytelling. My people, pure Scotch-Irish that they were, participated in all three.

Georgia-born writer Flannery O'Connor was once asked why Southerners wrote so much about freaks in their stories. "Because," she replied in her typical non-sense way, "We are still able to recognize them."

It's the same with storytelling. To tell a good story, you must first be able to recognize a good story. The best storytellers find entertaining drama in ordinary events and common occurrences such as misplaced keys, misbehaving kids and misunderstood mothers-in-law.

To say the least, Southern women are dramatic. Our hair isn't the only thing we like big. We like our stories to be grand, infusing them with overwrought drama that includes lots of expressions and embellishments.

My friend, Miss Virgie, a former Mississippi belle, was telling the story of being evacuated from her hillside home in Carson City, Nevada during a raging wild fire that took out many homes in her neighborhood.

"The smoke was so thick that I couldn't see to drive out of my driveway. I was just feeling my way along. It was terrible," she moaned. "Then, when I got out of the driveway, I was so close to the flames that they licked my cheek and burned the tiny facial hairs away! I was charred!"

Her husband, Bill, who had been in the car in front of her, started chuckling. "Oh, it was not. You were not that close to the fire."

With a strong sense of urgency, she sat up straight, her blue eyes wide as platters. "Bill! I was, too! I am quite certain that I had at least second degree burns!"

Of course, Miss Virgie was doing what she does best when she tells a story - she was embellishing. But it sure made for a dog-gone good story, much better than if she had not been "charred" and suffered "at least second degree burns."

That's the way a Southern woman flirts best. She tells stories and holds her audience captive in the palm of her sweet little hand.

Who cares if we embellish to make the story bigger? No one seems to care if we tease our hair to make it bigger.

And, as far as we Southern women are concerned, embellishing is just as important as teasing.

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



Photo by Jennifer Harbin

Josefina and Servando Longoria pose by a mural depicting their marriage day at Azteca. Servando bought the space on California Street back in the 80's and Josefina has been delighting customers' palates ever since.

Lockney Senior Citizen Menu

February 4 - 8

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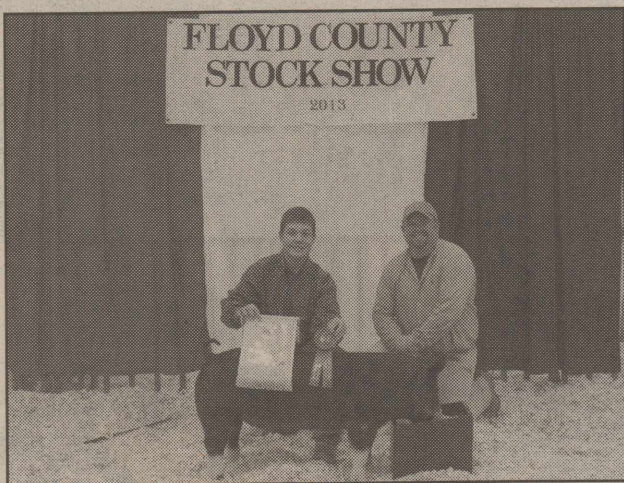
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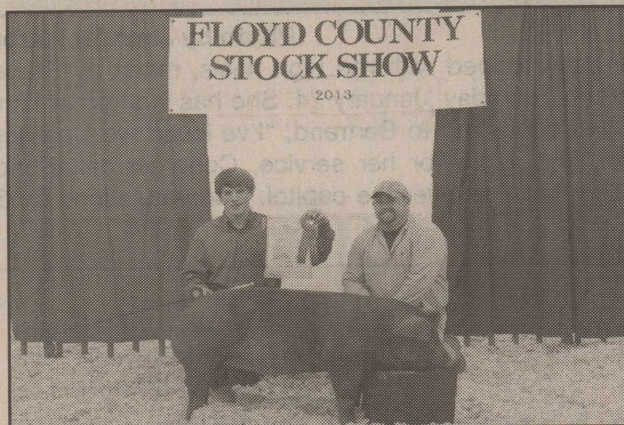
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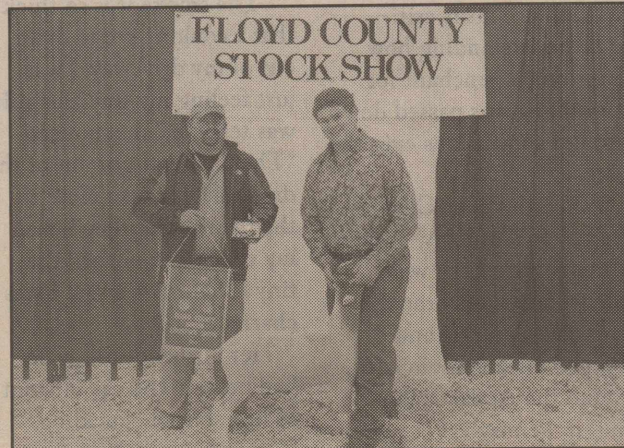
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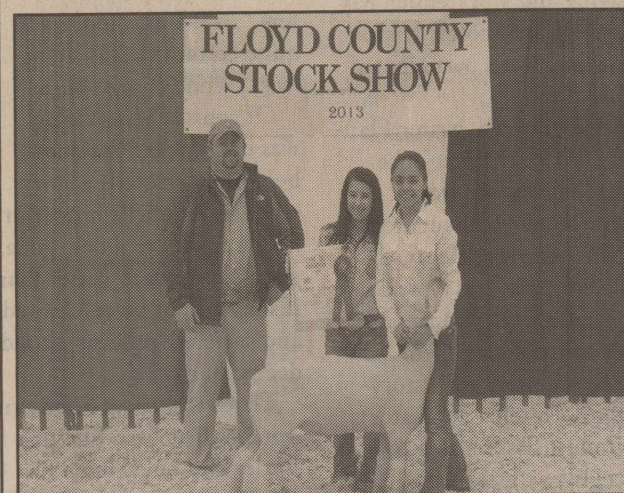
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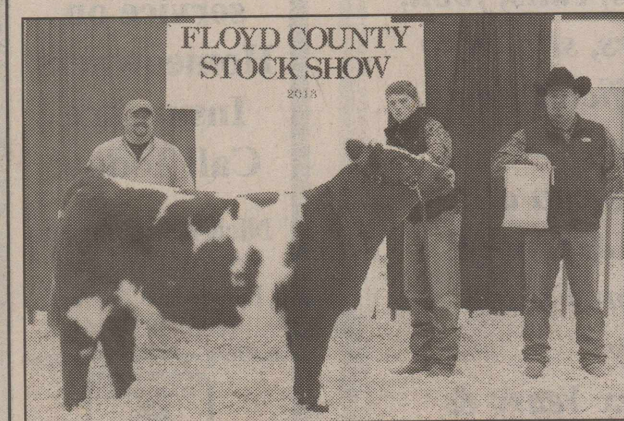
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Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margaret Jones

Celebrate...Celebrate... Come on everyone...Let's all celebrate. The air is filled with great expectation as friends and family gather. It can be planned, impromptu or a total surprise. Let the recipient be the winner.

A Celebration is none other than what we make it...a special time of season to get-together for whatever comes our way. The camaraderie, excitement of the event, bonding of togetherness, or whatever... Give me an invitation and I will try my best to be there. Have you attended a Celebration lately? So far this week I have attended a Wedding shower, a Birthday party and a Retirement party.

A special Happy Birthday to our own dear BETTY BAKER. Balloons waved in the slight breeze and laughter filled the air as friends and neighbors gathered in Betty Baker's home this past Monday afternoon to join in the fun and help Betty celebrate her birthday. She greeted everyone with a hug and infectious grin as cameras flashed and pictures were made to capture this special time. Each guest signed the Guest Book and showered her with birthday cards which were placed in a special basket nearby. Delicious refreshments

were served from her beautifully decorated room table. The highlight of this special event was a surprise musical presentation by Bettye Baker King. Music filled the air as Betty's eye danced with joy and excitement. Several of Betty's favorite songs were sung as we were all entertained royally. Congratulations, Betty, on a birthday party we won't soon forget. We look forward to celebrating many more birthdays with you.

Congratulations to Helen Bertrand as she has Retired after 30 years of dedicated service with the Farm Service Agency. Those signature Red High Heels will get a rest while Helen runs and plays and enjoys the fruits of her labor. Thank you, Helen, for so graciously explaining all the changes and difference situations concerning farming. (Those SHOES will be hard to fill.) Your thoughtfulness to everyone, combined with superior knowledge of the day and time, will not be forgotten.

The last Celebration on my agenda was the Heavenly Home-going of a dear friend whose life I so admired as she bravely fought the dreaded disease of Cancer. Marcella Thomas and I had a unique bond through being charter

members of a special group of ladies from the Lubbock area know as The Singing Women of West Texas. As members of this group we have sung and traveled together not only in this immediate area, but all over the United States and in Europe for almost 20 years. I can hear her clean soprano voice as she joins in that Heavenly choir to sing songs of praise. Keep singing, Marcella, you can hit those high notes beautifully.

Join me as I enjoy every day and remember...find SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

MEXICAN FRUIT CAKE

2 eggs
2 cups sugar
20 oz. crushed pineapple (juice and all)
1 tsp. soda
½ tsp. salt
1 cup nuts

Mix all together and bake in 9x13 greased pan at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

"Thought for the Week" – To be as much as we can, we must dream of being more.

MEMORIALS

By Margarette Word

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

In memory of Darlene Lackey – Connie and Sharon Galloway, Alton and Sue Higginbotham, Gary and Emma Pate, James and Darlenda Marquis

In memory of Eva Parker – Alton and Sue Higginbotham, Gary and Emma Pate

In memory of Euna Bradford – Gary and Emma Pate

MENU

Feb. 4 – Feb. 8

Monday- Beef soft tacos, Spanish rice, broccoli, seasoned corn, mandarin oranges w/whipped topping, low fat milk

Tuesday – Chili, beans, cornbread, peach cobbler, low fat milk

Wednesday – Roast pork, sweet potatoes, succotash, whole wheat roll, banana pudding, low fat milk

Thursday – Vegetable beef stew, cornbread, margarine, tossed salad w/dressing, winter fruit cup, low fat milk

Friday – Chicken salad sandwich, tomato, lettuce & pickle, macaroni salad, carrot sticks, chocolate pudding, low fat milk

FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM

HARMON & BALL'S GIN

Floyd County Hesperian August 5, 1971

By Homer Steen

In the fall of 1903 I looked across from the Geo. R. Griggs John Wanamaker Store and grist mill complete with air power, and saw some men ginning cotton. The "plant" was located where Collins Implement Company now have their John Deere Agency.

It surprised me, because we had left a cotton country purposely to get away from cotton. My parents thought they were far enough west and at a high enough altitude that their children could never see another stalk of growing cotton.

The gin was not in an enclosed building. It was on a platform, out in the open.

The cotton was being poured into the stand from a basket or something. I had no business over there but curiosity does not have to have a reason. Towns First Gin

What I was seeing was the first gin in the town. John Harmon and Tom Ball had rigged up a stand and a press ram, and were in the ginning business. (It would be interesting to know where they found the machinery.) Their customer, I think, but am not certain at this late date, was A. J. Lomax.

They'd load up their basket from the farm wagon, walk up steps and feed the raw cotton into the stand and the saws separated seed and lint. The stand appeared to me to be doing a good job. The press was underneath the platform. There was no overhead packer that I can recall.

Horse power, flying jenny

style, was used for the press. I can't recall how they applied power to run the gin stand.

A mare they kept in the gin lot was hooked up when it came time to turn out a bale. Her work was not too heavy until it came time to tie out. To get the last three turns of the screw to condense the bale to size, it took all hands helping the old mare as they tugged, and pushed and pulled the final minutes.

I think John and Tom operated this gin until about 1907. There is sort of blank in my mind about it until 1911, when a regular gin was constructed complete with steam engine, smoke stack, blower and everything. The location for this gin was northeast of the Methodist Church a block or two, site probably on North Eighth.

I Have Proof

One way I know my story began in 1903: Walter Newell's Grandmother Block, fresh from Rockwell County in that year thought a cow could not give good rich milk unless she had cottonseed in her diet. Walter's father, L.H. Newell, had to come to the gin and wait out a bale to get feed for his mother-in-law's cow.

Proof that Harmon and Ball operated at least through 1906 comes from Fred Battey. The Batteys moved here from Montgomery County in 1905. He was with his father, O.F. Battey, when the latter visited the gin that year and promised them some cotton to gin in 1906. When 1906 came Mr. Battey did gin some cotton with Harmon and Ball but had to haul it own of town to find a market for it.

Healthy Recipe of the Week Provided by Pure Balance Nutrition

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BUTTERNUT SQUASH SOUP

Ingredients:

- 3 cups butternut squash, cubed
- 3 potatoes, scrubbed and cubed
- 1 bell pepper, diced
- 1 cup white or yellow corn
- 1 (15 ounce) can black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 (15 ounce) can white bean, rinsed and drained
- 1 (14.5 ounce) can diced tomatoes
- 1 onion diced
- 2 cup vegetable or chicken broth (low sodium)
- 1 tsp cilantro or 1 "bunch" fresh cilantro
- ½ tsp cayenne pepper
- ½ tsp ginger
- ¾ tsp cumin
- ½ tsp ground black pepper
- 1 jalapeno, diced (optional)

Directions:

- Combine all ingredients in slow cooker
- Cover and cook on low for 6-8 hours

For added color and flavor sprinkle with a small amount of fresh cilantro and fresh shaved parmesan.

2012 Skinny Ms

1956 STUDY CLUB

By Kay Dean Smith

The 1956 Study Club met Tuesday, January 8 in the home of Sheree Cannon. Delicious refreshments were served by Sheree and co-hostess, Terri Bush.

Brenda Heflin presented the program on the Annie Sloan chalk painting technique. Brenda has used this beautiful technique on seventeen pieces of furniture as well as on kitchen cabinets, picture frames, and other decorative items. Members were very impressed and inspired by Brenda's program.

President Dana Crossland presided at the meeting. Janet Lloyd called the roll and read the minutes of

the last meeting. Members answered roll call by telling about a furniture piece they had refinished.

Special guests attending were Whitney Crossland, Sherry Hacker, Brenda Heflin, Bonnie McIntosh, Linda Noy and Linda Seymour.

Members present were Rozanne Bishop, Terri Bush, Sheree Cannon, Anne Carthel, Dana Crossland, Judy Dunlap, Linda Harbin, Charline Hendrix, Janis Julian, Janet Lloyd, Nancy Mayo, Judy Schacht, Kay Dean Smith, Molly Stringer, and Jan Willson.

The February meeting will be hosted by Charline Hendrix with Jenni Smith as co-hostess.

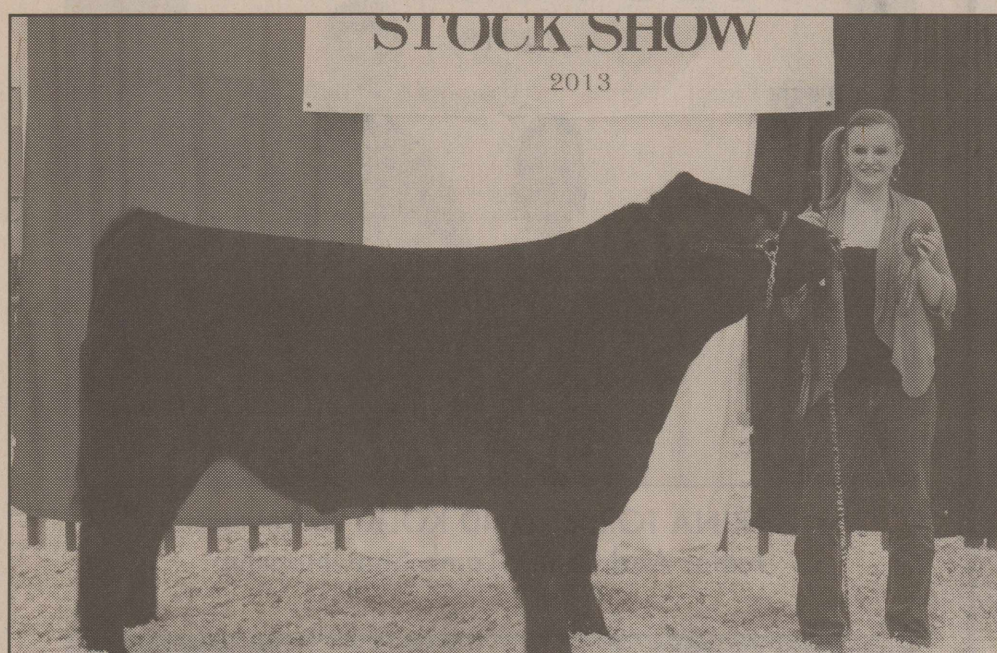
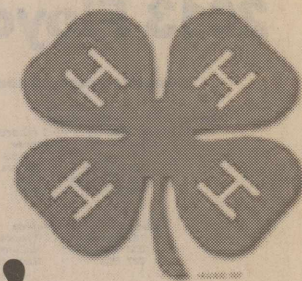
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2013 Floyd County Stock Show List

Show Wt.	First Name	Last Name	Entry #	Grand/Res Grand Champions	Champions	Breed/Res Breed	Showmanship	Place
Barrow 54 records								
1. Black OPB 7 records								
Class 1 4 records								
	154	Diego	112					1
	153	Marcos	114					2
	157	McKenzie	138					3
	145	Emma	128					4
Class 2 3 records								
	157	Austin	157	Reserve Champion		Breed		1
	208	Madolyn	143			Reserve Breed		2
	227	Rita	142					3
2. White OPB 5 records								
Class 1 3 records								
	172	Braylen	141			Breed		1
	167	Alanae	125					2
	184	Austin	158					3
Class 2 2 records								
	240	Kalebh	118			Reserve Breed		1
	243	Madolyn	145					2
3. Duroc 11 records								
Class 1 2 records								
	167	Kamichael	151					1
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	115	McKenzie	139					2
Class 2 4 records								
	218	Cutter	161			Reserve Breed		1
	229	Erik	119					2
	217	Audley	184					3
	219	Jon Paul	111					4
Class 3 5 records								
	262	Curtar	162			Breed		1
	253	Kalebh	118					2
	269	Erik	120					3
	247	Cutter	160					4
	250	Ian	122					5
4. York 6 records								
Class 1 3 records								
	154	Audrey	155			Reserve Breed		1
	204	Jose	130					2
	114	Javier	131					3
Class 2 3 records								
	200	Ezekiel	152	Grand Champion		Breed		1
	206	Barah	110					2
	215	Kalebh	117					3
5. Hampshire 11 records								
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	144	Madolyn	144			Breed	Sr. Showmanship	1
	136	Austin	156					2
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	182	Emma	127			Reserve Breed		1
	198	JW	136					2
	172	Barah	109					3
	181	Jessie	113					4
Class 3 3 records								
	211	Kalebh	115					1
	210	Hunter	140					2
	227	Jose	129					3
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	141	Tanila	106					1
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	110	Javier	132					3
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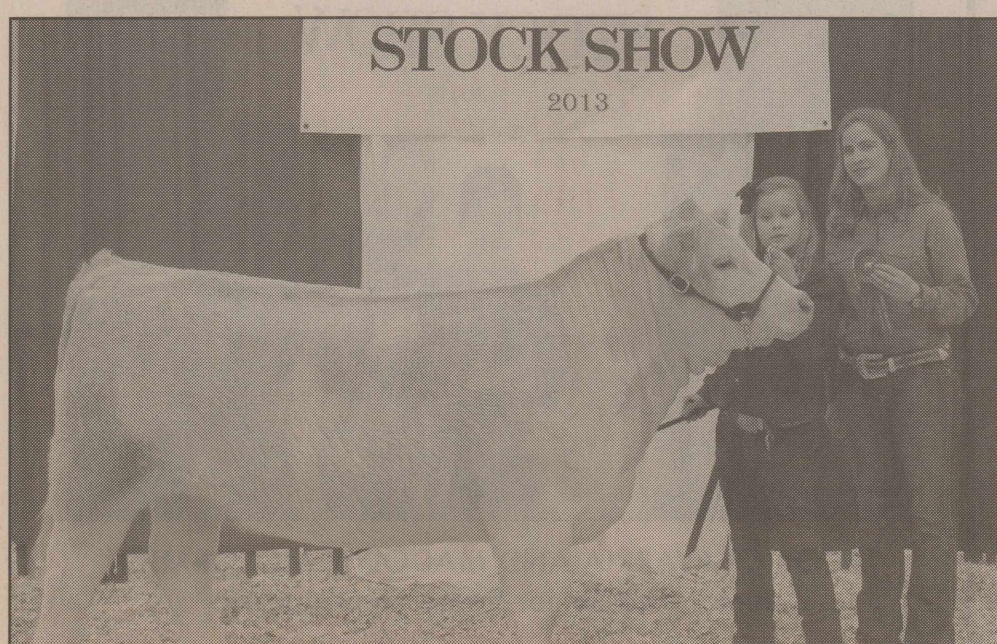
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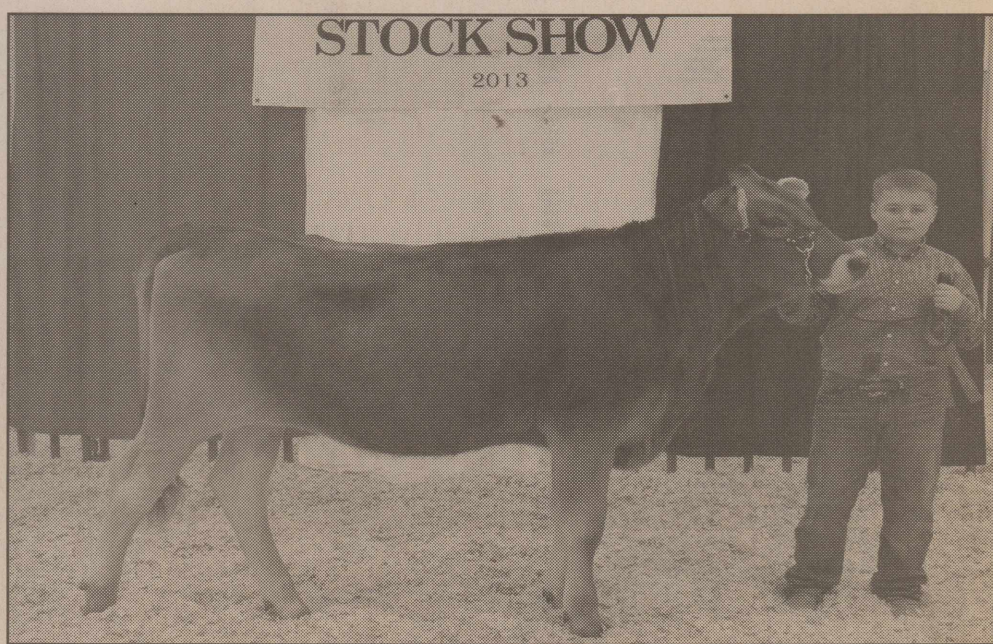
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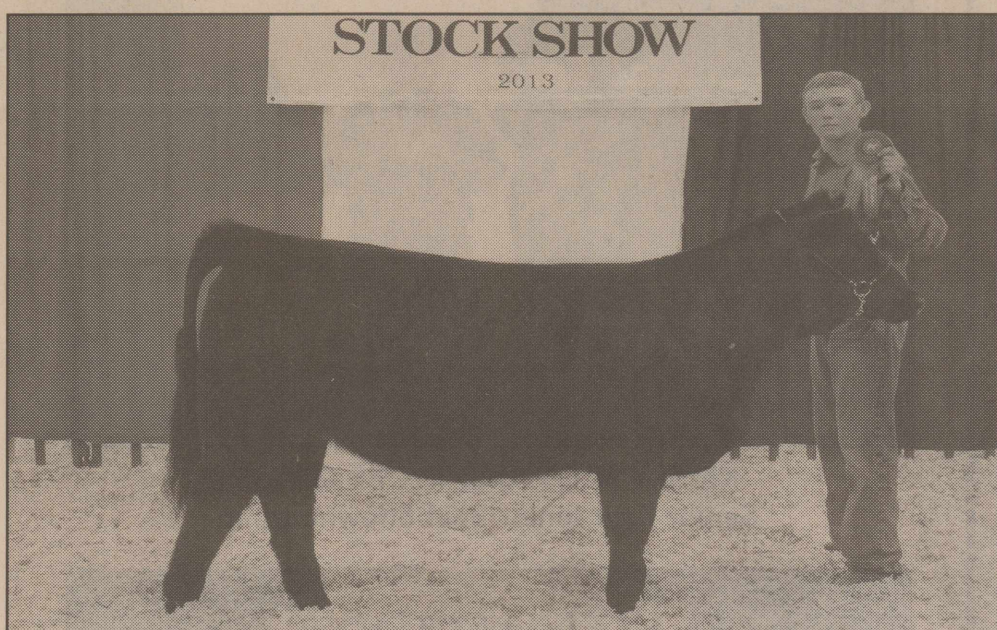
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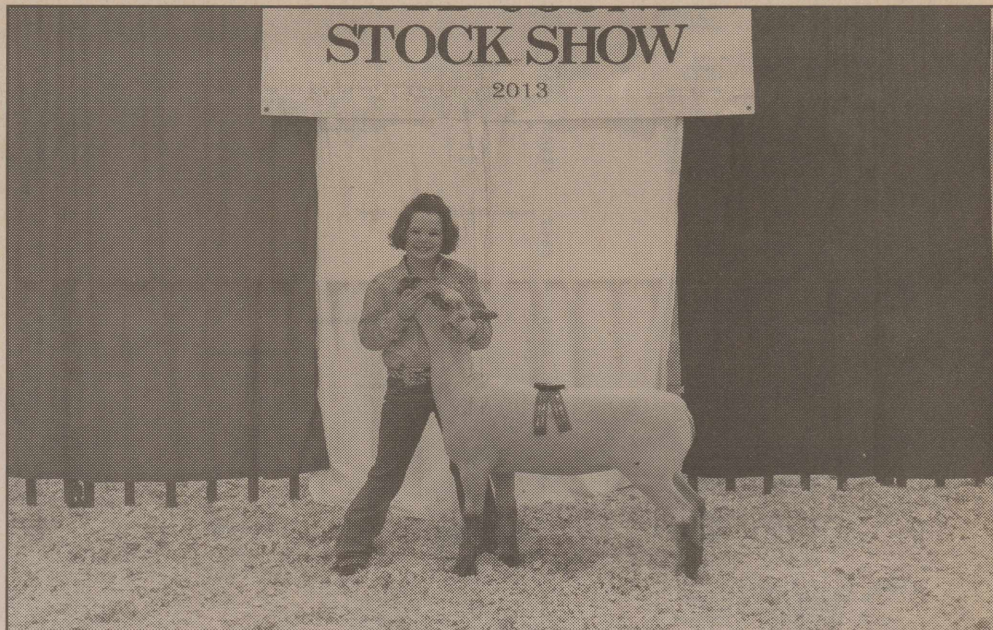
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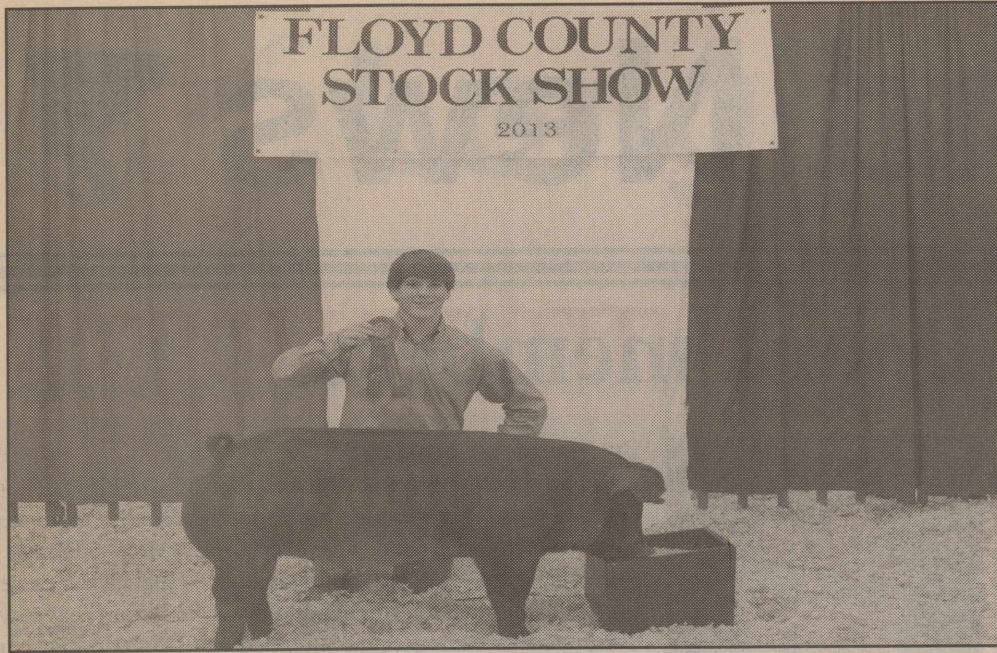
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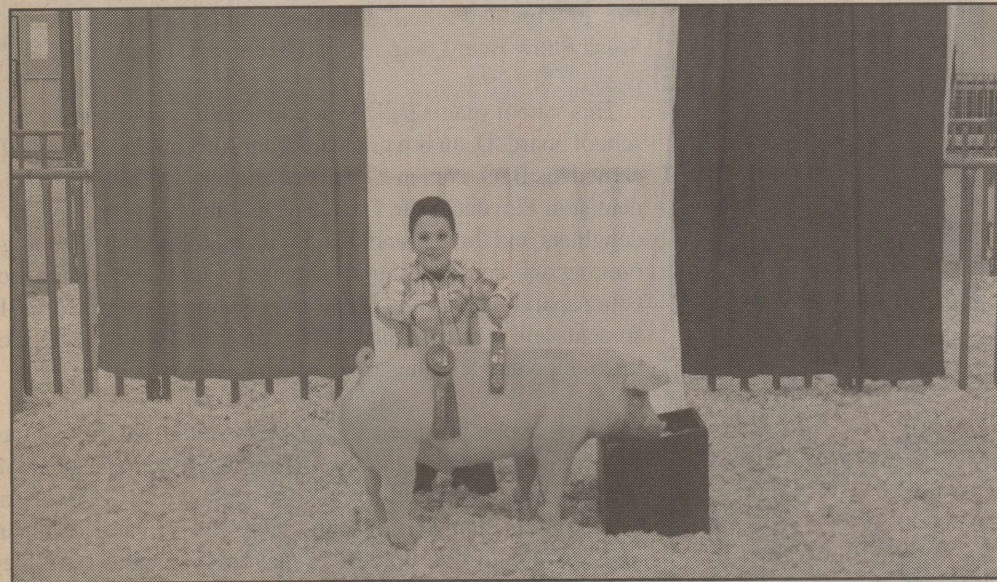
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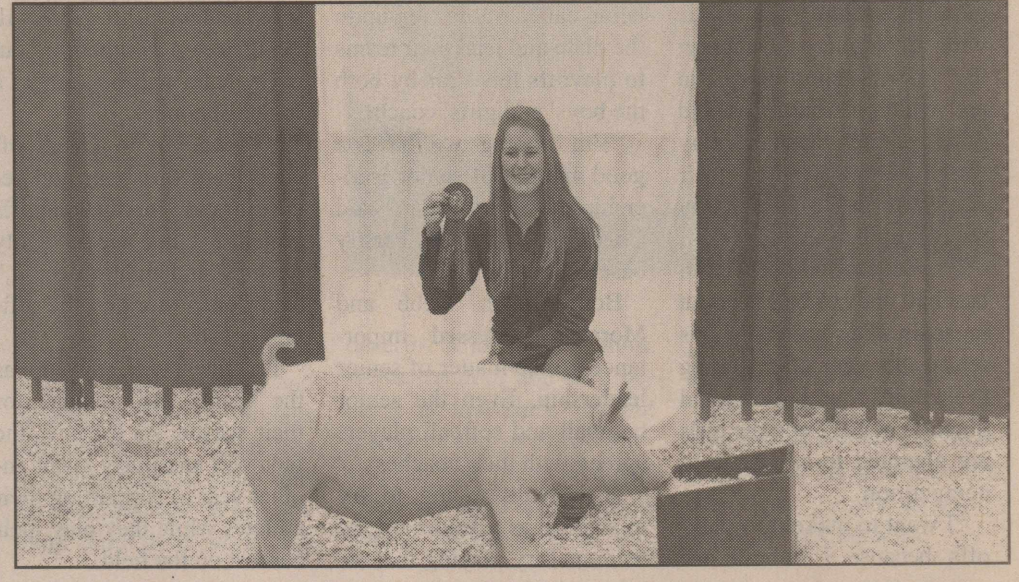
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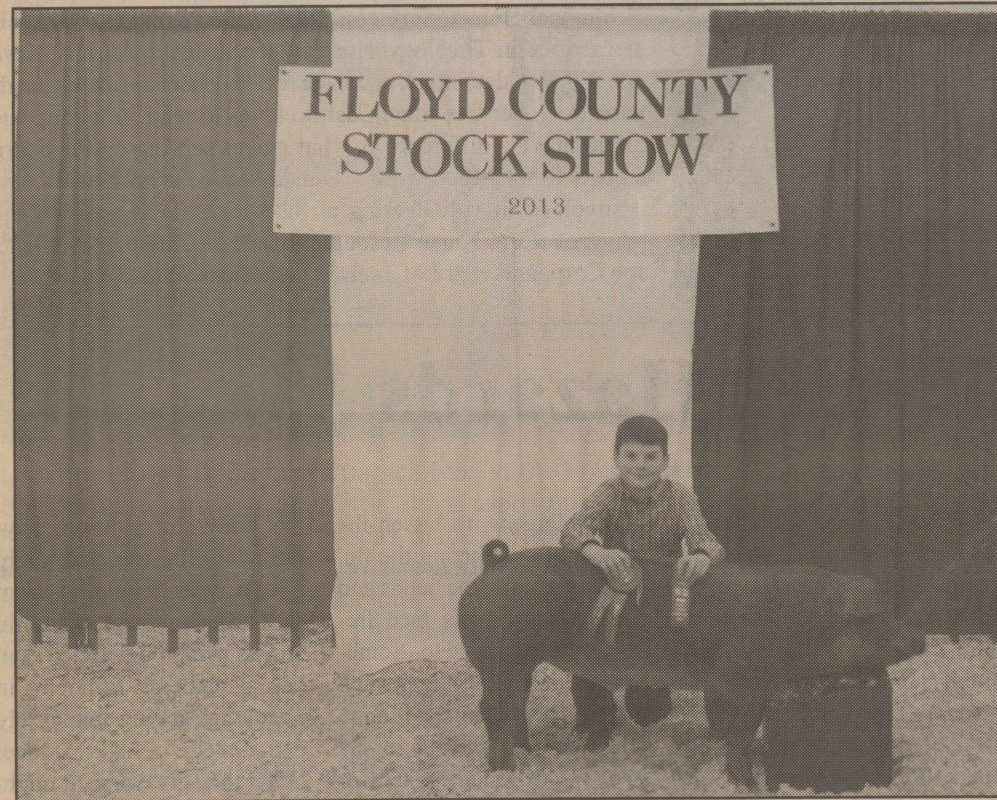
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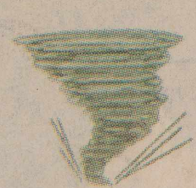
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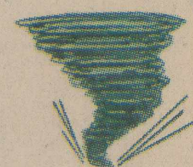
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Whirlwind News



Softball and Baseball Seasons Under Way

Mattie Sanders – Staff Writer

In the spring evenings there are usually more than just a few people crowded around the softball and baseball fields. Families and friends of all ages litter the stands with an urgency to support the players sporting green and white. Through hot and rainy weather, the teams play their hearts out and try their hardest to get to playoffs by the end of district.

Floydada's 2013 season of baseball and softball is about to begin. The baseball boys return this year after getting to the third round of regional playoffs in 2012 and the girls are planning to strike out at competition.

"I want to make it to playoffs because I believe we

have the team to do it," said Ashley Diaz, a senior softball player.

Ashley is one of the many girls who have played four years of softball in high school. Senior players are being called out to step up to the plate and lead their teams to playoffs this year by both the boys' and girls' coach.

"I'm hoping we have a good amount of senior leadership out of the group," said Coach Webb, the new varsity baseball coach.

Both Coach Webb and Morales expressed importance on the matter of senior leadership. Even the senior baseball and softball players agreed with their coaches.

"I'm really going to try to step up as a leader on the team and try playing that se-

nior role that the coaches are looking for," said Michael Cisneros, a senior baseball player.

The teams will battle many different schools for district. Morales and the softball girls believe Littlefield will be their top competitor, but every team will be seen as a major opponent.

"We've got to knock off each team this year and secure a spot for the playoffs which I think we're really pushing and fighting for it," said Coach Morales, the softball coach.

Practices will start up as the teams are readied for their season. As for now, the fans will anxiously await another year of supporting their athletes while they play their hardest on the field.



Softball coach, Armando Morales, tells Mattie Sanders about his goals for his athletes this year.

Board members

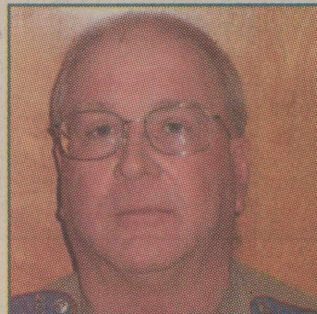
By: Malorie Alaniz- Staff Writer



Roger Hughes is the newest member on the FISD school board, and has been serving for 9 months. Hughes graduated from Valley High School in Turkey, Texas. He is currently a store manager at Ray Lee Equipment. Mr. Hughes has earned his Associates degree. Hughes and his wife, Tiffany, have two daughters, Tara and Regan, and one son, Brody. In his spare time, he enjoys being at the lake with his family and friends. Also, he enjoys going to stock shows with his family. His favorite part about being on the school board is finding ways to make FISD a better school district. Hughes's activities outside of work and school board are being on the Floyd County Stock Show Board, flag football board, and t-ball board.



This school year is Bill Dean's sixteenth year to serve on the school board. Dean is a graduate from Anson High School. He earned his Bachelors in Chemistry and has his DDS. Dean is a dentist in Floydada. Mr. Dean and JoLynn, his wife, have two daughters and three grandkids. In his spare time he likes to go running and do home improvement projects. The best part of being apart of this group for Dean is being able to watch FISD students and teachers embrace new and innovative methods of instruction and learning.



Marty Lucke has been serving as a school board member for 6 years. He is a graduate of Anson High School and a college graduate from Abilene Christian University. Lucke has been a Texas State Trooper for twenty-five years. He is married to Delinda Lucke and they have two daughters, Ashley and Delaney. In his free time, he enjoys golfing.



Our final school board member is Rachel Castillo. She has been apart of the school board for twelve years and graduated from Floydada High School. Mrs. Castillo is retired from Health and Human Services. She has also earned her Associates degree in Theology. Her and her husband, Aurelio, have one son, two daughters, and have recently became great grandparents. In her free time, Castillo loves to read. Knowing she might make a difference is what makes serving on the board enjoyable for Mrs. Castillo. Outside of the school board, she is involved in volunteering at SOS. Castillo is apart of the board of Rural Nurse Resource, board of Christian Women's Job Corp, and board of Templo Getesmani church.

Health Hazards

By Merritt Johnson – Staff Writer

It is that time of year again that flu begins to sweep all across the nation. However, this season the flu has been the culprit in an unusually high amount of deaths already. Therefore, it is extremely important that people take the necessary steps to make sure that they do not catch this virus. The flu vaccine can be found at most clinics and even some stores,

like Walgreens, to lessen the chance of contracting the flu. Avidly washing the hands and not touching one's face frequently can also help. Sometimes a person will still catch the flu, but when is it time to go the emergency room? If one is extremely young or elderly, the chance of the flu needing critical care is greatly increased. It can lead to pneumonia after overwhelming

the body. In addition, anyone with illnesses that might have a weak immune system should be cautious of the flu and its symptoms. If a person has an extreme difficulty in breathing, getting immensely dehydrated, or start to feel better then get worse, it might be time to visit the hospital as well. It is always better to be safe than sorry, especially in these circumstances!

Floydada Business Professionals of America



On January 19, 2013, the Floydada Business Professionals of America Chapter competed at the Regional Leadership Conference in Lubbock, Texas. Out of the twenty-four members, thirteen qualified for the State Leadership Conference to be held during March in Houston, Texas. Those who advanced are: Landry Morren, Kirby Nixon, McKenna Johnson, Samantha Caballero, Emily Hall, Merritt Johnson, Hunter Schwertner, Malorie Alaniz, Neal Potts, Homero Ramirez, Jianna Davenport, Rebekah Hall, and Reagan Hughes.

Staffs Corner

By Cynthia Smith- Staff Writer

I can't believe that this is my first article that I've written for the new year of 2013. I guess writer's block comes easily when you haven't written in a while. Last week I taught a writing lesson titled "Get Rid of the Fluff." Basically what this means to writers is: get to the point and revise your papers by deleting all of the unnecessary ramblings that cause you to stray away from the point of your story. After teaching that lesson, I wandered to myself, "If writers can 'get rid of the fluff' in their papers, why can't we apply that very concept to our lives? Wouldn't our lives run a lot smoother if we chose to worry less about the things that we can't control and concentrate solely on the things which we can do to make us complete? A few weeks ago, I went to see my oncologist for my six-month appointment. Things seemed fine that day, but a week later I received a call saying that my vitamin D and potassium levels were extremely low and that the doctor wanted to monitor that by seeing me once a month instead of once every six months now. Everything about that statement made me want to literally crawl up into a ball and cry myself to sleep. All I could think was, "I thought I was better and was done with seeing the doctor every month." It wasn't until I talked to my family that I realized that the situation could be worse. As I venture into a new year, my plan is to "get rid of the fluff." I will no longer allow myself to be consumed with fear to the point where I forget to live my life. If tomorrow is not promised to me, then I promise to live today as if it were my last. Until next time...

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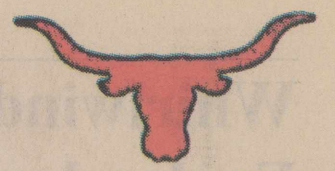
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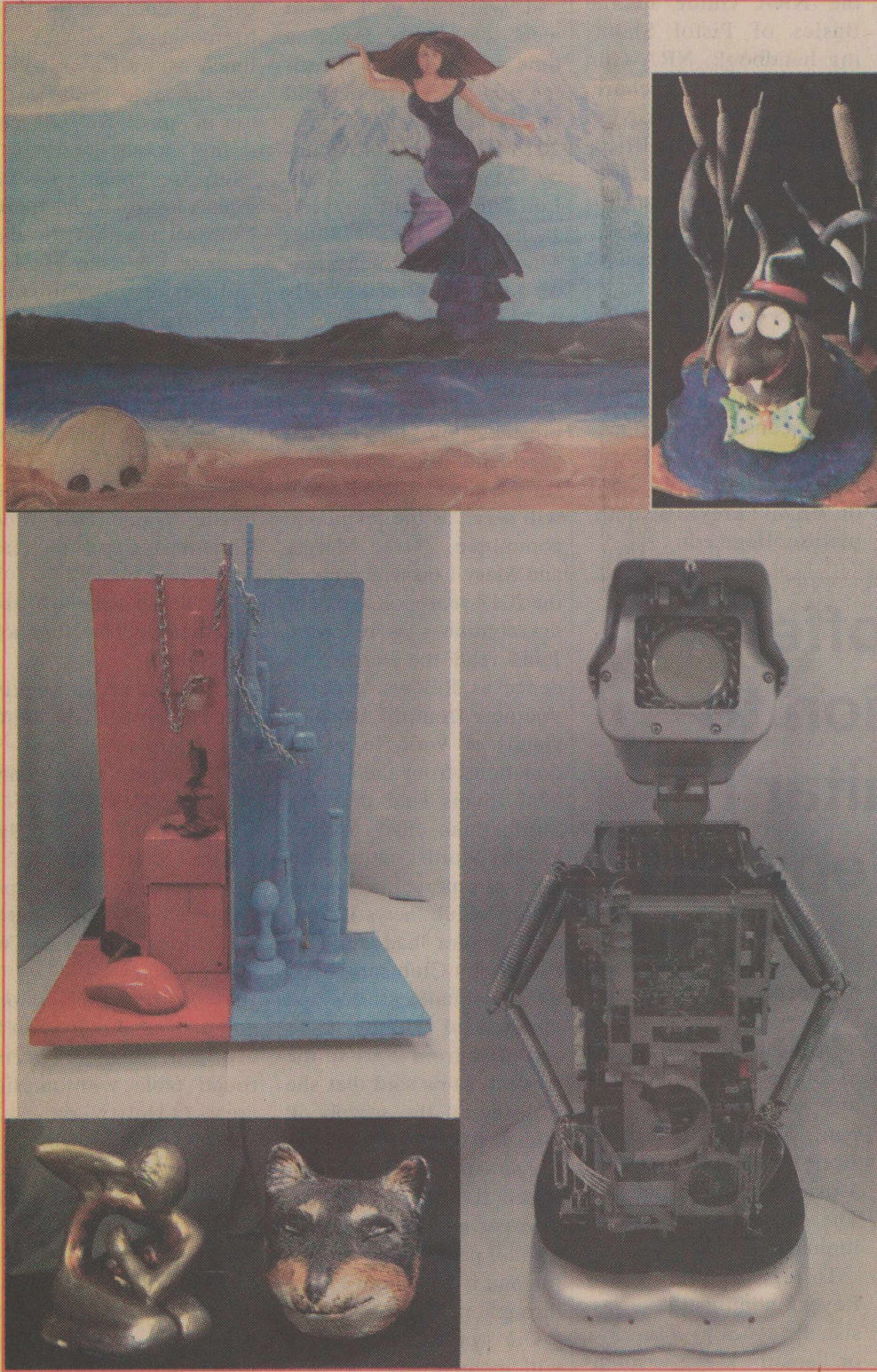
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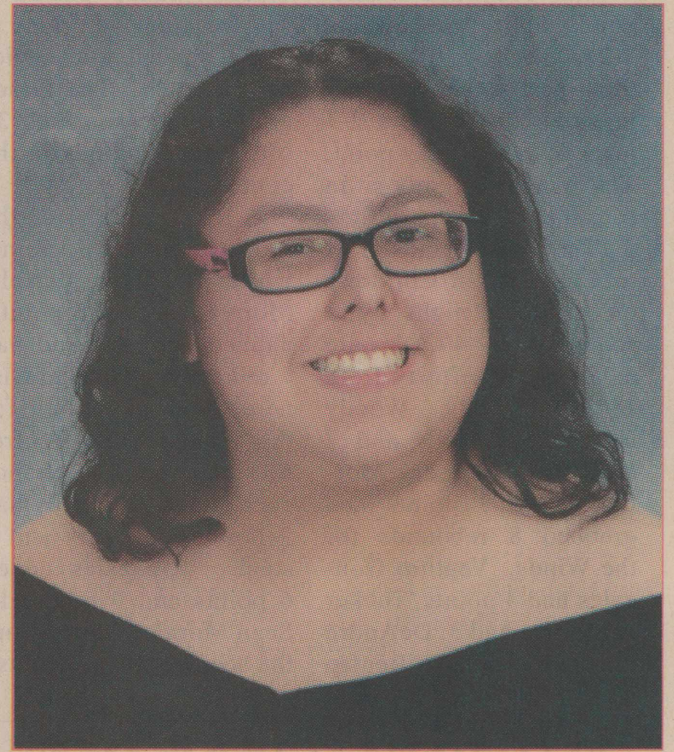


LHS Scholastic Art Winners



Lockney HS Art Department participated in the Regional Scholastic Art Competition on Monday, January 20, 2013. There were approximately 1300 pieces competing and LHS had 11 of 25 pieces place. The three Gold Key winners will advance to Nationals in New York. The winners were Taylor Rose, Lindsay Stewart, Stevie Karlin, Jasticee Arjona (work pictured are the Gold and Silver Key winners), Susie Salas, Brittany Thompson and Alyssa Soliz.

Scholastic Art Awards and Reception
 Abraham Art Gallery (Downstairs of the Library)
 Wayland Baptist University
 Saturday February 2nd, 2 - 4 pm
 Awards start at 2pm



Clarisa Camacho is a senior at Lockney High School and will be graduating in May, 2013. She has grown up here in Lockney and has lived here all of her life. Clarisa has many siblings who all attended school here in Lockney. Some of her hobbies are hanging out with friends, drawing and watching movies. She is also in art club here at Lockney High School and loves the trips she gets to go on for different classes. One of her favorite moments here has been when she meets and becomes friends with people she never thought she would meet. Her friends describe her as a ball of happiness, funny, caring, and no matter what she always puts others first. In her free time she likes to write music or sing songs. When you think about three words that

describe Clarisa you think weird, random and nice because at first she's shy but then once you get to know her you can't get her to be quiet! Ten years from now she sees herself having a good job, providing for her family, and still having the same friends. "All I have to say is to be yourself! If someone doesn't accept you for you than it's their loss...simple as that!" said Clarisa Camacho.



rable moments at Lockney High School have been getting inducted into NHS and getting her letterman jacket.

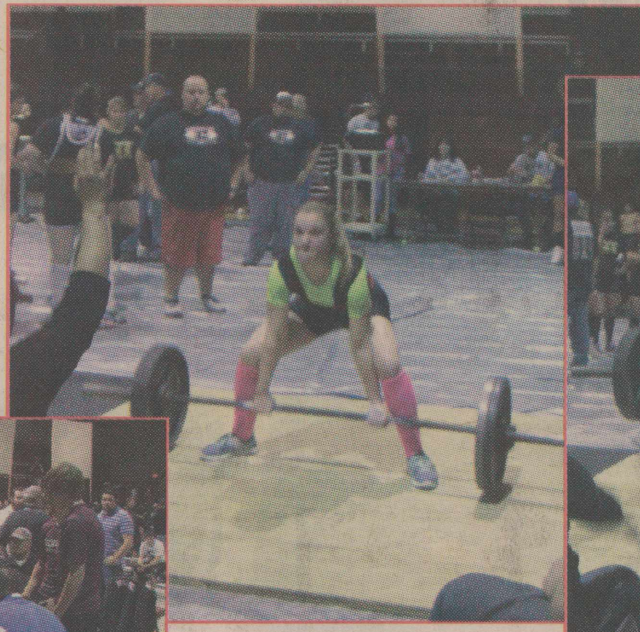
Kelsie is described by her friends as smart, outgoing, nice and funny. Kelsie's future plans include attending

Kelsie Stennett has been in Lockney for 17 years which is her whole life! Kelsie has one older brother named Keenan who also attended Lockney High School. Some of Kelsie's hobbies and interests include, playing piano, writing songs, watching movies and hanging out with her friends. Kelsie is involved in extra-curricular activities like band and theatre. She loves both of these extra-curricular activities and can't pick a favorite. Kelsie loves attending LHS because everyone knows one another and it's really different from other schools. Her most memory to study Criminal Justice or A&M to study Marine Biology.

Results from Abernathy powerlifting meet



Boys
 Ruben Ascensio-7th place in his weight class
 Collin Fulton- 10th place in his weight class
 Cody Amador- 7th in his weight class
 Michael Guerrero- 10th in his weight class



Girls
 Mary Sammann- 1st in her weight class
 Rayann Race- 1st in her weight class
 Ashly Alvarado-2nd in her weight class
 Whitney Ascensio- 5th in her weight class

Girls also won the Championship for the meet.

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FLOYDADA SCHOOL

Whirlwinds win over Eagles, lose to Bobcats

By Coach Renfro

The Floydada Whirlwinds split two district 3-2A basketball games this past week, bringing their district to a 2-3 mark at the halfway point. The Winds currently sit in fourth place in district.

The Whirlwinds lost to Childress in Childress on Tuesday night by a score of 49-40, despite a 22-point effort from Jordan Woody. Woody also had 7 steals and 7 rebounds. Landry Morren added 7 points and grabbed 8 rebounds for the Winds. Ventura Gonzales had 4 points, Tucker Lowrance had 3, DeAndre McCann and Tyler Renfro

put in 2 each.

The Winds posted a 71-49 victory on Friday at home against the Eagles of Roosevelt. The Winds grabbed a season high 35 offensive rebounds in the contest.

B.J. Perez led the scoring with 13 points while grabbing 3 steals. Morren put in 12 points, nabbed 5 steals, and had 7 rebounds. Michael Cisneros had 11 points for the Winds, while Renfro, McCann and Lowrance each added 7. Woody had 9 points, 5 assists and 6 steals. Gonzales added 6 points and 9 rebounds. Sean Morales finished out the scoring with 2 points.

SPC to offer NRA Basic Pistol course on Feb. 2

LEVELLAND – South Plains College will offer an NRA Basic Pistol class on Feb. 2 (Saturday) in the Law Enforcement Technology Building. The cost of the course is \$70, and students need to register and pay in advance. Space is limited.

The class will begin at 8 a.m. with breaks every hour as well as a lunch break.

The course runs eight to 10 hours, depending on the number of students, and includes classroom and range time. It covers NRA's rules for safe gun handling; pistol parts and operation; ammunition; shooting fundamentals; range rules; shooting from the bench rest position,

and two handed standing positions; cleaning the pistol; and continued opportunities for skill development. The cost includes the NRA Guide to the Basics of Pistol Shooting handbook, NRA Gun Safety Rules brochure, and Winchester/NRA Marksmanship Qualification booklet. Pistols, ammunition, eye and ear protection will be provided.

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

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

South Plains Hobby Club News

By Sandra Lass

This year the Hobby Club plans to travel far and wide as well as to meet closer to home a time or two. Those attending our 2013 meeting held on Wednesday, January 9, 2013 included Edith Muncy, Margie Young, Mary Lou Zinck, Virginia Taylor, Janis Julian, Neta Marble, Mary Quattlebaum, Margaret Kitchens, Brenda Walls and Sandra Lass.

One of our first items of business was election of officers: Janis continues as president, Virginia as vice president, Margie as treasurer. Mary Lou and Brenda will serve as the telephone committee, Neta, Margie and Mary Lou will prepare the 2013 yearbook and Sandra continues as recorder. Janis read the correspondence as follows: a thank you note from the Hospice Hands of West Texas for donations from the Hobby Club. Janis said that Joy Smitherman had moved to Fort Worth (not to Lubbock as reported in the last Hobby Club news.) Janis and Sandra had finished the Hobby Club scrapbook which includes stories and pictures of Hobby Club activities from 2001 to the present. Janis said that she had shared the scrapbook with Joy before she left for her new home. Margie collected the dues of \$5 per year per member for 2013, a small price to pay for the fun and friendship we have throughout the year.

Our activities for 2013 will include a trip to Mc-

Clean to museums, lunch and Groom, to see the Good-night House in Claude, two trips to Lubbock for visits to museums, movies and lunch as well as a trip to see the style show in Olton in April. We will have a few home meetings: a "Surprise" meeting at Virginia's house, a real Hobby Club get together for each of us to share our Hobbies and our annual Christmas party to round out the year. It almost seemed that there were not enough months in the year to see and do all of the things that are out there.

By the way, the answers to the "Name That Tune" Christmas Carol quiz are as follows:

1. The apartment of two psychiatrist- The Nutcrackers' Suite
2. The lad is a diminutive percussionist- The Little Drummer Boy
3. Decorate the entry ways- Deck the Halls
4. Sir Lancelot with laryngitis- Silent Night
5. Stepping on the pad cover- Up on the Housetop
6. Monarchical triad- We Three Kings
7. Frozen precipitation commence!- Let it Snow!
8. Oh, member of the round table with missing areas- O Holy Night

Who knows, maybe there will be another Christmas quiz next December. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 13, 2013 at 2 p.m. at the South Plains Baptist Church. We will be bringing and sharing our hobbies.

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

February 4 – February 8

Monday

Breakfast-Scrambled eggs, toast and jelly or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch- Chicken & Broccoli Penne, garden salad, baby carrots, apple slices, breadsticks, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast- Mini banana loaf, or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch-Ultimate taco salad, seasoned corn, tortilla chips, lime fruit bar or sherbet cup, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast-Pancake & sausage on a stick or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch-Steak fingers, whipped potatoes/gravy, savory green bean, apple-pineapple d'light, roll, milk

Thursday

Breakfast- English muffin with egg, cheese, sausage or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch- Chicken quesadilla, black beans, baby carrots, orange smiles, milk

Friday

Breakfast – Cinnamon roll, fruit or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch- Pepperoni or cheese pizza, garden salad, fresh veggie cup, mixed fruit, milk

SPC will offer introduction to Group Guitar I class in February

LEVELLAND – South Plains College will offer an Introduction to Group Guitar I class from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Feb. 5 through March 5 in the Commercial Music building Room 146.

The cost is \$75 and enrollment is limited.

Students will learn the fundamentals of playing various accompaniment patterns with open-string chords, reading tablature, reading standard notation and learning beginning improvisational skills.

Brent Wheeler, assistant professor of Commercial Music, will be the instructor.

In March, Introduction to Group Guitar II will be offered from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. March 19 through April 16 in Commercial Music building Room 146. The cost is \$75. Space is limited.

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

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LOCKNEY SCHOOL

Lady Horns capture overall championship at Abernathy Powerlifting Meet

By Coach Browne

The Lockney Longhorns and Lady Horns traveled to compete in the Abernathy powerlifting meet last Saturday, January 26th.

The Lady Horns won the overall Championship of the meet.

Results are as follows:

Boys

Ruben Ascencio-7th place in his weight class
Collin Fulton- 10th place

in his weight class

Cody Amador- 7th in his weight class

Michael Guerrero- 10th in his weight class

Girls

Mary Samman- 1st in her weight class

Rayann Race- 1st in her weight class

Ashly Alvarado-2nd in her weight class

Whitney Ascencio- 5th in her weight class

Lockney 7th grade 'Horns improve record to 11-0

By Coach Browne

The Lockney Longhorns 7th grade boy's basketball team improved their record to 11-0 on the season with a 44-8 win over the Ralls Jackrabbits.

The Fridays got off to a quick start and never looked back. "I was very pleased with how the kids came out and played tonight, they are

wanting that perfect season and we are two wins away from it."

The Horns were lead in scoring by Jaden Rosales with 31, Israel Cuellar with 8, Shawn Marquez with 3 and Nicholas Rendon and Tristan Schlueter with 1.

The Horns next game will be on Monday January 28 against Hale Center.

Lockney Longhorns JV teams wins over Crosbyton, 52-31

By Coach Dunn

The Lockney JV boys won over Crosbyton at home by a score of 52-31.

Scoring results are as follows: Javier Guerrero - 5 points; Eli Guerra

- 10 points; Derick Patel - 8 points; Wil Prayor - 2 points; Colten Verdine - 2 points; Tevin Phillips - 8 points; Ruben Ascencio - 15 points; Levi Kasner - 2 points.

Longhorns lose to Lubbock Christian High

By Coach Strickland

On Friday night the Lockney Longhorns played the Lubbock Christian High School Eagles on the road and lost 31-67.

Ian Dunbar led the team in scoring with 12 points and Landry Kidd helped on of-

fense with 9 points. Both Ky Teeter and Kameron Hunt put in 3 points, Andrew Hooten and Nathan Caballero had 2 points. Lockney's overall record is 7-18.

The Horns start district play again on Tuesday night at Ralls.

Lockney High School UIL Literary Criticism team places 1st place at Red Raider Classic

By D'lyn Morris

Lockney High School UIL teams competed at the Red Raider Classic academic meet in Lubbock January 12, 2012.

The Literary Criticism team of Lindsay Stewart, Jasmine Pena, McKenzie Kemp, Darby Long, Ashley Roberts and Jake Moore placed first. Lindsay had the highest score over all, followed by Jasmine, Darby, Jake and Ashley was 6th place.

The Accounting team of

Landry Kidd, Collin Fulton, Anna Hernandez and Luke Sherman also placed 1st. Landry had the 3rd place score, Collin placed 6th and Luke placed 8th.

The Current Issues Team of Jace Klein, Brenna Tidwell, and Taylor Rose placed 3rd with Jace having the 4th place score.

In Number Sense, Landry Kidd placed 2nd in 12th grade and 6th overall. Levi Kasner placed 4th in 9th grade. Jake Moore placed 6th in 9th

grade. Kameron Hunt placed 5th in 11th grade and David Johnson placed 10 in 11th grade. The team placed 3rd.

In Math, Levi Kasner placed 1st in 9th grade.

In Calculator, Mary Sammann placed 5th in 12th grade and Johnny Rose placed 8th in 11th grade.

In Science, Levi Kasner placed 1st in 9th grade. Jace Klein placed 2nd in 9th grade. Mary Sammann placed 5th in 12th grade and was 8th overall. Taylor Rose placed 8th in

12th grade.

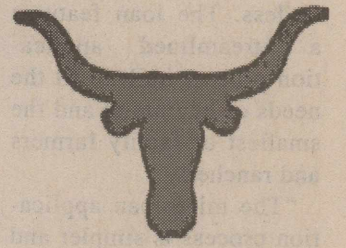
In Feature Writing, David Johnson placed 3rd and Nic Sherman placed 9th.

In Headline Writing, Maisson Ragland placed 2nd, Mary Sammann placed 5th, and Jace Klein placed 8th.

In Prose Tanae Ramos placed 3rd and Darby Long placed 4th.

In Poetry, Dixie Williams placed 4th and Rayann Race placed 5th.

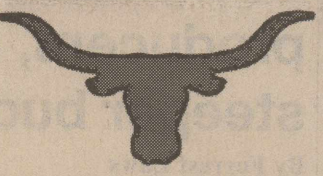
The next UIL meet will be held in Idalou on Feb. 2.



Courtesy Photo THE LOCKNEY UIL LITERARY CRITICISM TEAM placed 1st at the Red Raider Classic academic meet on January 12. Team members are (left to right) Jake Moore, Ashley Roberts, Lindsay Stewart, Jasmine Pena, McKenzie Kemp, and Darby Long.

Photo by Jennifer Harbin

Little Longhorns: (back row) Quinten Johnson, January Casias, Noel Ceniceros, Elias Ascencio, Jayde Rosales, Samantha Longoria; (middle row) Saylee Diepenhorst, Yasmin Naranjl, Addison Durham, RyAnn Castillo, Abran Castillo; (front row) Salvador Ascencio, Preston Benevides, Brianna Cuellar, Clara Hernandez, Adaliyah Jones.



Longhorns win game at home against Crosbyton, 44-40

By Coach Strickland

The Lockney Longhorns put together a complete game on offense and defense as they defeated Crosbyton on Tuesday night at home by a score of 44-40.

Despite the game going back and forth, the Horns found a way to win in fourth quarter executing two sideline plays and hitting key free throws.

Landry Kidd had a game high 21 points and 11 rebounds. Ky Teeter added 8 points, 2

assists, and 3 steals and Erik Cortez scored 7 points and 4 assists. Ian Dunbar played well on defense grabbing 9 rebounds and contributing 5 points while holding his assignment to only two points. Nathan Caballero also hit a big 3 pointer at the end of the first quarter and Collin Fulton had 6 rebounds.

The win brings the Horns overall record to 7-17 and 2-2 in district. Lockney's next game is at Lubbock Christian Friday night

LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU

February 4 - 8

- Monday:** Toasted ham and cheese sandwich, broccoli bites, garden salad, orange smiles, baked potato chips, milk
- Tuesday:** Crispy tacos, garden salad, charro beans, salsa, cinnamon applesauce, milk
- Wednesday:** Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes/gravy, carrots coins, strawberries and bananas, roll, milk
- Thursday:** Spaghetti with meat balls, garden salad, savory green beans, sliced peaches, milk
- Friday:** Turkey and cheese wrap, sweet potato rounds, cucumber dippers, fresh seasonal fruit, milk



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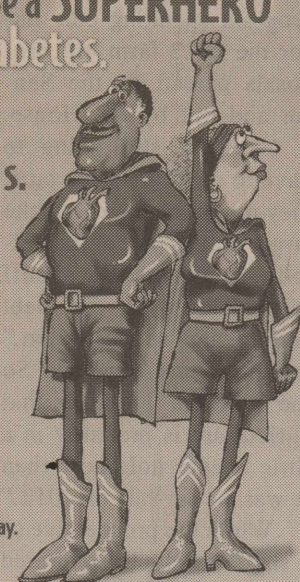
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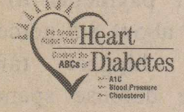
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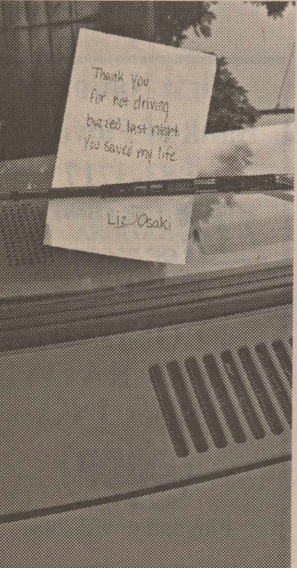
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New Microloans Expand Small Farm Finance Options FSA to Help Beginning and Small Farmers

(FLOYDADA/TX) Jan. 23, 2013— Floyd County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Farm Loan Manager Becky V. Rainer, announced that beginning farmers and ranchers in Texas now have a new Microloan credit option to consider. On Jan. 17, FSA started offering Microloans which are designed to help farmers and ranchers with credit needs of \$35,000 or less. The loan features a streamlined application process built to fit the needs of beginning and the smallest of family farmers and ranchers.

"The microloan application process is simpler and requires less paperwork than traditional operating loans," said Rainer. "This loan program will also be useful to specialty crop producers and operators of community supported agriculture," she said.

In 2012, the Farm Service

Agency provided \$196.4 million in farm loan assistance to agricultural producers of all sizes in Texas. That year, operating loans accounted for the majority of the loans extended totaling \$129.4 million, while farm ownership loans totaled more than \$61 million. In 2012, \$5.7 million in emergency loans were made to producers in Texas recovering from natural disasters.

"The current interest rate for Microloans is 1.25 percent and the maximum term for microloans is seven years," according to Rainer. "Producers can contact their local FSA farm loan office for details about the Microloan Program."

Microloans can be used to pay for initial start-up expenses such as hoop houses to extend the growing season, essential tools, irrigation, delivery vehicles and annual expenses such

as seed, fertilizer, utilities, land rents and marketing and distribution expenses. As financing needs increase, applicants can apply for an operating loan up to the maximum amount of \$300,000 or obtain financing from a commercial lender under FSA's Guaranteed Loan Program.

In response to tighter financial markets, USDA has expanded the availability of farm credit, helping farmers obtain loans across the U.S. Since 2009, USDA has provided more than 128,000 loans to family farmers totaling more than \$18 billion. In Texas, more than 70 percent of the loans went to beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers.

For more information on Microloans and other FSA programs, please contact The Floyd County USDA service center at 806-983-2430.

Pesticide applicators training course, pre-register now

By Ethan Fortenberry
CEA-AG/NR

Floyd County Extension Office will hold a pesticide applicators training course in March for any one interested. The test will be administered at the extension office by Texas Department of Agriculture after the training is completed.

Anyone interested should contact the Texas

A&M AgriLife Extension office to pre-register. The course will only take place if an adequate number of attendees pre-register. Date of training to be determined based on the needs of participants.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national

origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating. We will seek to accommodate all persons with disabilities for all meetings. We request that you contact the Floyd County Extension Office as soon as possible to advise us of any auxiliary and/or services needed.

HPWD Board Sets February Public Meetings

Will outline procedure to fill unexpired term of Precinct 5 Director

The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District (HPWD) Board of Directors outlined the procedure they will follow in appointing an individual to fill the unexpired term of the office of Precinct Five District Director as per Chapter 36.051(c) of the Texas Water Code.

Citing health reasons, Bruce Rigler of Plainview recently resigned as Precinct Five District Director after 18 years of service. He was elected in 2010 to serve a four-year term (2010-2014) representing the residents of the portion of Floyd County within the district, all of Hale County, and all of Swisher County.

The appointment process, approved Jan. 22 by the Board of Directors, is as follows:

- A public meeting will be convened in each county to outline the appointment process and solicit input of local residents.

- The Floyd County public meeting is set for 10 a.m., Feb. 12, in the Happy State Bank Room at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center at Muncy. The center is located on Highway 70 between Floydada and Lockney.

- The Swisher County public meeting is set for 10 a.m., Feb. 14, at the Swisher County Memorial Building (basement), 127 SW 2nd Street, in Tulia.

- The Hale County public meeting is set for 3 p.m., Feb. 14, at the Museum of the Llano Estacado, Wayland Baptist University, 1900 W 8th Street, in Plainview.

- Application forms and qualifications to serve as a member of the HPWD Board of Directors are available by contacting Kathryn CdeBaca at the district office in Lubbock at (806) 762-0181 or may be viewed/downloaded at <http://hpwd.com/about-hpwd/precinct-5-director-vacancy>.

- Completed application

forms for all potential appointees must be received no later than 5 p.m., Feb. 21, 2013 at the district office in Lubbock. They may be submitted by mail to Kathryn CdeBaca, High Plains Water District, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock TX 79411-2499; by fax at 806-762-1834; or by e-mail at Kathryn.cdeBaca@hpwd.com.

- Application forms received after 5 p.m., Feb. 21 will not be considered.

- Interviews with the candidates will be conducted soon thereafter. It is hoped that the Board of Directors will be able to appoint the new Precinct Five director at a special meeting in early March. The new member would then be in place for the March 19 regular monthly meeting.

It is important to remember that a candidate for appointment to this office must reside either in the portion of Floyd County within the district, Hale County, or Swisher County.

Rep. Springer files first two bills; honors Cooke County Electric Co-op on house floor

AUSTIN, TX. -- On Thursday, Representative Drew Springer (R - Muenster) filed his first two bills of the 83rd Legislative Session.

The first bill filed (HB 697) exempts booster clubs and other school support organizations from charging taxes at concession stands and similar fundraising efforts.

"All money from these sales goes directly back into the school," said Springer. "Until recently, the state has never gone after these support groups. It makes no sense for the government to hassle them just so they can get a couple extra cents out of the sale of a Dr. Pepper."

The second bill Springer filed (HB 698) makes it easier for citizens in rural areas to receive their con-

cealed handgun licenses by allowing them to get traditional fingerprints instead of digital prints if they live more than 25 miles from an authorized provider.

"It is not fair for rural citizens to have to cross extra hurdles to protect themselves and their loved ones," said Springer. "This bill is common sense legislation that will save the people of rural Texas time and money."

On Wednesday, Rep. Springer recognized the Cooke County Electric Co-operative (CCEC) on the House Floor with HR 141 in honor of their 75th anniversary.

"CCEC has been providing low cost, quality power to rural homes and businesses in Cooke, Montague, Wise, Grayson and Denton

counties for over 75 years," said Springer. "As key members of our community, the employees of CCEC have supported our local charities, set up scholarships for our local students and served as Volunteer Firefighters in our area for years. It is my honor to recognize them on the House Floor and I wish them the best as they continue to serve North Texas."

If you know of any person or organization that you think deserves recognition, please contact us and we will honor them on the House Floor. As always, if you have any questions or suggestions for the session, feel free to contact Rep. Springer's Capitol office by phone (512) 463- 0526 or by email Drew.Springer@house.state.tx.us.

DELTA FARM PRESS: Cotton producers, other farmers may see steeper budget cuts in new farm bill

By Forrest Laws

Cotton producers and other row crop farmers may get an unpleasant surprise when the House and Senate Agriculture Committees begin trying to restart the farm bill process sometime during the next few months. Since Congress did not pass the farm bill drafted by the House Ag committee last summer and, instead, extended the 2008 farm bill, both bodies will have to start anew if they want to pass farm new legislation when the fog begins to clear on budget and debt issues.

"This Taxpayer Relief Act that extended the farm bill for one year made no cuts in agricultural spending," said Dr. Mark Lange, president and CEO of the National Cotton Council. "The result will be that when the Ag Committees meet again and start talking about farm policy they're going to have to make five years of cuts fit into four years of farm bill."

Beltwide presentation Lange, speaking at the Council's Beltwide Cotton Conferences in San Antonio, said many row crop farmers were already resigned to an estimated \$25 billion to \$35 billion in farm program spending cuts under the 2012 farm bill proposals passed by the Senate and not by the House. "They're still going to have to meet the same cuts; they may even have to make larger cuts as part of the deficit reduction and fiscal cliff associated with the debt ceiling and sequestration," he said in an interview. "So the problem I see is that agriculture is probably in a little deeper hole now than it was in the fall of 2012."

While the prospective of a single fiscal cliff captured most of the nation's attention on New Year's Day, Congress and the Obama administration will face three cliff-like situations concerning the federal budget with-

in the next 30 to 60 days.

"The fiscal cliff was really about the expiration of tax cuts and the restoration of some significantly higher tax rates," he noted. "The new cliffs we're talking about are that, effective on Dec. 31, we essentially hit our debt ceiling. Now the Treasury can do some manipulations but only for a little while. Sometime around mid-February, Congress has to deal with a new debt ceiling."

"The Taxpayer Relief Act also postponed sequestration for 60 days. So Congress is going to have to take some action to deal with the conditions that bring about sequestration, which again has to do with spending cuts. Or, effective March 2, there will be sequestration on most government payments to the tune of about 8.5 percent."

The biggest impact will be defense spending cuts. If those happen, significant layoffs will occur, further damaging the already fragile economic recovery. That's an action Congress and the administration would rather avoid.

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There will be a consignment *Farm Sale* coming March 23, 2013 to be held in the lot north of Brown's Power Equipment, 1400 N. Hwy 78 in Tulia, TX. Consignments will be taken on any equipment or item that you would like to sell until February 28, 2013.

This event will be highly advertised as to receive the best results for your items. There will be a concession stand that day selling grilled hamburgers and Keeter sausage.

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Floydada City Council No Longer Accepting After-Hour Bill Payments

By Sara Sisemore
Correspondent

The Floydada City Council met on Jan. 15, 2013 to discuss continuing accepting after-hours bill payments and to consider excepting a Pet Adoption Contract.

The council heard from Craig DuBois on behalf of the Floydada Fire Department. The fire department has been accepting after-hours payment from customers for utility bills. DuBois said most of the payments are made in cash and the volunteer fire fighters should not have to endure being chewed out by the customers. The council asked how many customers come to the fire department to pay their bills after-hours. DuBois said they can have anywhere from 15 to 45 customers come in after hours. He suggested that it would save the city money if they wouldn't turn on any utilities after 6 p.m. Mayor Bobby Gilliland agreed, saying he doesn't think the Volunteer Fire Department should have to accept after-hour payments for the city.

Brown suggested it is time to not accept payments except during city hall office hours, which are 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Fridays. Councilman Gabriel De La Fuente made a motion to only accept payment on bills during office hours at City Hall. The council unanimously approved his motion.

City Attorney Karen Houchin informed the council concerning the Pet Adoption Contract she and several others are working on implementing. She said there has been a lot of interest in adopting animals from the animal shelter since it was moved to its new location. This contract will include fees for adoption, a certain number of days for proof of vaccinations and spay/neutering surgery to be submitted, and the requirement of city tags. Houchin said they didn't want to do begin an adoption program until the

council approved the Pet Adoption Contract. Once everything is in place, the animal shelter will have an open house and adoption days will be twice a month. Houchin noted that there are a lot of people interested in helping make this happen, and that the shelter has received both monetary and food donations. The shelter, which cost the city approximately \$60,000, is currently full. The council unanimously approved to adopt the contract as presented by Houchin.

During discussion on outlining the appropriate steps to follow in order to restore electric power to the city after a disaster, City Manager Gary Brown said, "After the recent hurricanes, the legislature passed a law that we have to have a plan in place for restoration of power following a disaster." Brown said he has worked on the plan, but he still needs time to develop more of it. A few of the things that must be included are explanations for why certain procedures are used, who knows the plan, and who is involved in carrying it out. In February the council will have a developed plan to be approved.

Sgt. Reuben Ramon was present to request the council award some of the HOT fund to put together a concert/car show for this summer in order to raise funds toward the skate park. Currently \$13,000 has been raised for the skate park. If awarded monies from the HOT fund, the money will go to help with the expenses of putting together this concert. Sgt. Ramon said, "In donations alone we have collected \$2,000 so far from people and businesses in the community. We are requesting \$1,250 from the HOT funds." The motion to grant the funds was unanimously approved.

The council considered condemning the house at 812 S. Main Street. Sgt. Ramon commented that this house now belongs to the taxing entities and is unsecured. He noted that the front part looks fine, but the

back yard and shed are in really bad shape. The city has been mowing this yard every summer, as the owner has not cared for it in years. Councilwoman Bettye King made the motion to continue with the condemnation proceedings for this property. The council unanimously approved her motion.

The council discussed the taxing entities cash statement for 2012. Brown told the council there is \$2,547.16 in the account from the sale of property to individuals. He recommended the council leave it where it is to be used for mowing expenses this summer.

The council discussed the Election Services Contract between the City of Floydada and Floyd County. Brown noted this is an agreement the city always makes with the county who provides the voting machines and oversees them so the city may use them for city elections.

Houchin said, "There have been some cases come up recently that you can't hold elections at churches." It was supposed that since the new voting machines must have wi-fi connection during elections, the city may have to find a new place to hold elections since the Massie Activity Center doesn't have internet.

Councilman Sam Green made the motion to approve the Election Services Contract between the City of Floydada and Floyd County. The motion was unanimously approved.

Brown told the council he would look into whether internet services can be acquired for the MAC for the election. The council unanimously approved holding a General Election at the Massie Activity Center on May 11, 2013 to elect a mayor-at-large, a councilmember for District 2, and a councilmember for District 3.

The minutes of the last regular meeting held Dec. 18, 2012 were unanimously approved, as were the payment of the December 2012 transfers, fixed expenses and city bills.

FISD Approves Sale of Floyd County Trust Property and Trevino's Contract Extended

By Sara Sisemore
Correspondent

The Floydada Independent School Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2013, for a Public Hearing and a Regular Meeting. During the Public Meeting, the board heard the Academic Excellence Indicator System Report and Annual Performance Report for 2011-2012 by Superintendent Gilbert Trevino.

Following the public meeting, the board unanimously approved the sale of the following in the Floyd County Trust Property: Lot 9, Block 33, Original Dougherty (Bid: \$101); Lot 10, Block 20, Original Dougherty (Bid: \$101); Lot 11, Block 33, Original Dougherty (Bid: \$101); Lot 16, Block 22, Original Dougherty (Bid: \$101); Lot 17-18, Block 22, Original Dougherty (Bid: \$202); Lot 18, Block 27, Original Dougherty (Bid: \$101); Lot 18, Block 20, Original Dougherty (Bid: \$81); and Lot 19, Block 13, Original Dougherty (Bid: \$41).

The board entered closed session for 37 minutes to discuss Superintendent Gilbert Trevino's 2012 evaluation and contract for July 1, 2013-June 30, 2016. When the public meeting re-opened, board member William Dean made the motion to extend Superintendent Gilbert Trevino's contract for one year and add \$10,000 to the current salary. The motion was unanimously approved.

The board recognized as Students, Educators, and Support Staff of the Month the following individuals: Gabriel De la Fuente (6th grade Student of

the Month), Antonio Delgado (8th grade FJHS Student of the Month), Shaunna Session (12th grade FHS Student of the Month), Marisa Maldonado (A.B. Duncan Educator of the Month), Nancy Trevino (FHS Educator of the Month), and Kelli Reddy (Support Staff of the Month).

In honor of School Board Recognition Month, Superintendent Trevino recognized each board member for their service to Floydada ISD. The following currently serve as board members for FISD: Marty Lucke, Lyle Miller, Rachael Castillo, William Dean, Roger Hughes, Charles Tyer, and John Woelfel.

The board reviewed payment of the December 2012 bills, and Business Manager Sharon Rainwater presented the tax report and cash flow statement. The M&O Current Tax Roll is \$2,428,261.26, with net collections of \$2,006,049.86. The I&S Tax Roll is \$286,140.57, with net collections of \$236,388.18. The percent of roll collected is currently 82.61, compared 83.69 percent this time last year.

Board member William Dean made the motion to stay with Robison, Johnson, and Patton to perform the financial audit for 2012-13 and not go out for bids. Charles Tyer seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The AEIS and Annual Performance Reports for 2011-2012 were unanimously approved as presented.

The board unanimously suspended the requirement that

EOC exams count for 15% of a student's final score in tested areas.

No action was taken on the following items: Superintendent Trevino presented the board with a preliminary draft of the 2013-2014 school calendar and all classrooms in grades K-4 currently met the requirement of the 22:1 student to teacher ratio.

Board member Charles Tyer made the motion to authorize TASB Policy Service to add, revise, or delete (LOCAL) policies according to the summary document resulting from the Policy Review Session conducted with the District on October 30, 2012. William Dean seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

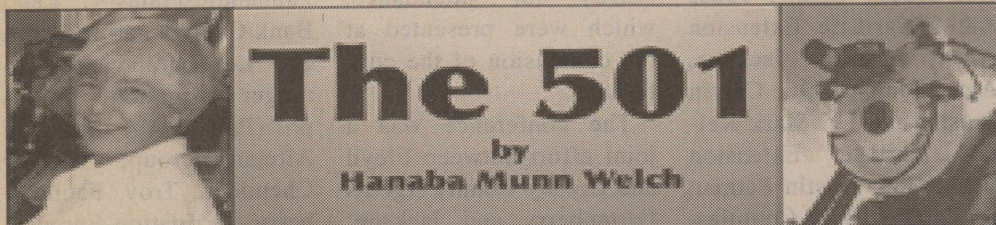
The board unanimously accepted the offer of \$400 from Mrs. Enoch for the sale of Taxing Entity Lot 3 & E/2, Block 113, Original Town, 323 West Tennessee Street.

Board member John Woelfel made the motion to call for bids on a 2003 Chevy Suburban with 199,333 miles, a 2004 Chevy Suburban with 212,268 miles, and a Ferguson Tractor. Rachael Castillo seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Board member Marty Lucke was nominated by acclamation to the Floyd County Appraisal Board for the 2013-2014 term. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The board also approved the minutes from the Dec. 6, 2012 regular meeting and set the date for the February Board Meeting as Feb. 12, 2013.

The Floyd County Commissioners' Court, which was held January 10 at the Floyd County Court House involved extensive and intense discussions and was attended by many community members. An article will follow soon after the County's meeting minutes are received to ensure that all parties are represented properly.



Have you seen the email message that's circulating about the nine things that are on the verge of disappearing from life as we know it?

Two are ways I've been known to make a living. One is the post office, and I don't want to say what the other one is.

And just as my husband and I are finally about to get started writing a book - one reason we married - books are on their way out, except for ebooks. Oh well. Maybe we'll find an publisher.

Our topic? So as not to leave you wondering, it's a book about an architect who was active at the turn of the century.

And there you have proof that we've moved well into the 21st century. "Turn of the century" doesn't necessarily mean 19th to 20th now that we've gone from the 20th to the 21st. That term no doubt creates a few years' worth of confusion every time one century follows another.

Speaking of centuries, my friend Eunice is turn-

ing 100. By the time you read this, she will be looking back over several successive decades. Eunice either makes me feel old or young. I'm not sure which. Maybe a little bit of both.

Back when 2000 rolled around, I was working as a news reporter. It wasn't news, but we reporters all did perfunctory reviews of the century that was about to be history. What amazed me was that I could remember the entire second half of it and had a pretty good grip on the first half, thanks partly to the age of my parents (older than most) and to all the fading touches of the past still in place during my childhood. One was the ragman who went through town collecting rags, his wagon pulled by mules. No doubt, his profession had been quite ordinary at one point in history - common enough to turn "rag man" into "ragman" sort of like "e-mail" has become "email." And forgive me if I've talked about the ragman before. He impressed me. Or his mules did.

Besides the ragman,

other relics still in place during my earliest years were the brass spittoons in the bank building, between the elevators on each floor. They represented a time when chewing tobacco had been in vogue.

Now that people are chewing and spitting tobacco again, spittoons should be poised to make a comeback. But who would empty them? Nobody.

On the other hand, now that robots are finding work in car factories, robots could also handle spittoons. That's would be a nice blend of past and future. Remember where you heard it first.

As for the nine-item list, I'll not regurgitate it for you in toto. You probably got the email too.

Besides, who's to say some things won't make a comeback anyway?

Eunice once told me that when she was a young housewife, she recycled her bathwater to mop the floor and water her plants.

Eunice the recycler and water conservationist. One of the comebacks.

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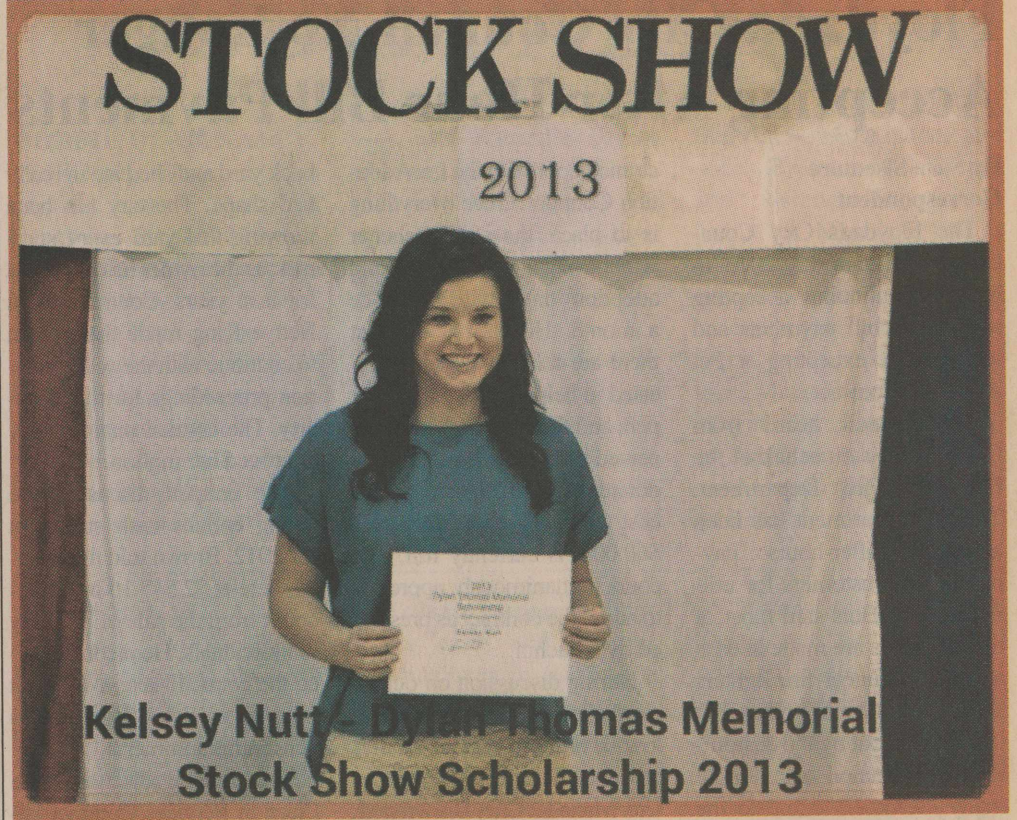
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Home Country

By Slim Randles

Why are winter mornings so heartbreakingly 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?

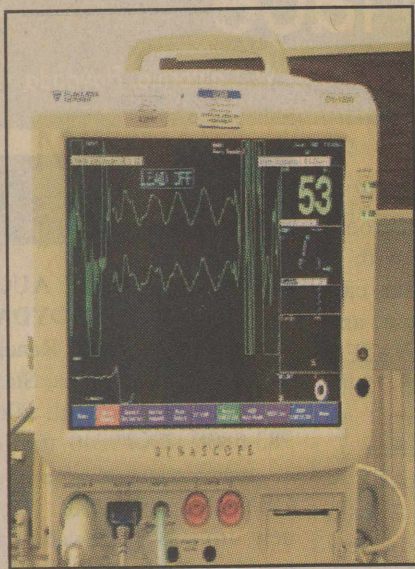
Let's hope we can give each other special little memories this month that we can use when we need them, too. Seems like the right thing to do.

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producers and show them new products," said Ethan Fortenberry, Floyd County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agent. "The goal is to educate the producers so they can be more productive and efficient in their operations."

Guest speakers included Irrigation Specialist Dr. Dana Porter, Shawn Wade of Plains Cotton Growers, Crosby County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agent Caitlin Jackson, Agronomists Dr. Calvin Trostle and Dr. Mark Kelley, AgriLife Extension IPM Agent Dustin Patman for Crosby/Floyd Counties, Texas Tech/Texas A&M AgriLife Plant Pathologist Dr. Jason Woodward, Research Systems Agronomy-

Weed Science specialist Dr. Wayne Keeling, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agent Ethan Fortenberry for Floyd County, Risk Management Specialist Jay Yates, Economist of Cotton Marketing Dr. John Robinson and Texas Department of Agriculture Field Inspector Casey Summers.

Attendees received Continuing Education Units (CEU) for attendance, which were presented at the conclusion of the conference.

The conference was a joint effort between Floyd and Crosby County Agents Fortenberry and Jackson, with the organizational help of the Crosby County Ag Committee and Floyd County Ag Committee.

Booth sponsors included Agri-Purplestuff, AgTexas Farm Credit Services, All-Tex Seed, Inc., Americot/NexGen, BASF, Bayer Crop Science, Crop Production Services, Crosby County Fuel Association, Diversified Sub-Surface Irrigation, Dow AgroSciences, LLC, Eco-Drip Irrigation, Hurst Farm Supply, Monsanto, Netafim USA, Panhandle-Plains Land Bank/Capital Farm Credit, Ray Lee Equipment, Senninger Irrigation, Stimupro (Powell Ag. Inc), The Altman Group, Tri-Star Chemical, Troy Faulkenberry Irrigation-Eurodrip U.S.A., Inc., Troy Faulkenberry Irrigation-Valley Pivots and 106.1 KFLIP FM.

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