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Guffee takes walk down memory lane in Floydada

By Jennifer Harbin

Corkey Guffee has lived his entire life in Floydada, except for six months, watching businesses come and go and families grow and expand. He has witnessed such a rich variety of Floyd County history and experienced a good life in this place he calls home.

He started working at grocery stores in Floydada when he was 11 years old. According to Guffee, there were eight stores in Floydada at the time—the Piggly Wiggly was the biggest, and also included Loopers, Felton & Collins, Hull & McBrian, and others. That was back when everyone came to town on Saturdays and stayed late.

"I always wanted to work at Piggly Wiggly's. We worked on Saturday and wouldn't close down until 11 p.m.,"

said Guffee.

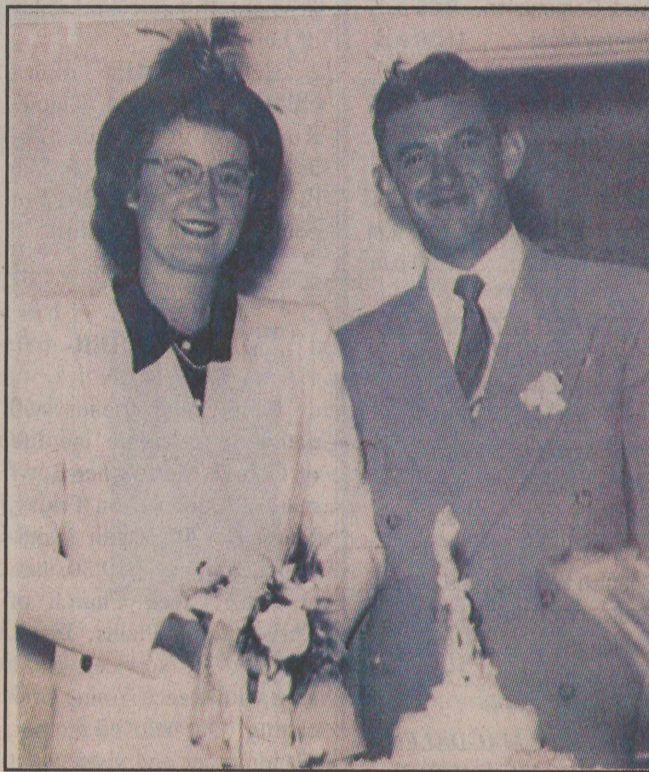
He recalls going down to White Drug and getting milkshakes and then later going to the Saturday "Midnight Show".

"Back then you knew everybody in town. We'd have dances in garages, go to a show, walked everywhere," said Guffee. "We weren't worried about getting in trouble, we wouldn't go get drunk or smoke cigarettes... we'd just have a good clean time."

He remembers the night the Floyd County courthouse burned down in 1948. His father was the County Superintendent and had an office in the basement on the south end of the building.

"The fire alarm went off

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Courtesy Photos

Left to right: Janiece and Corkey Guffee on their wedding day, August 5, 1949, and the couple sharing a dance at their grandson Luke's wedding in 2008.

Philanthropy at work: Local farmer supports Floyd County AFGC

Drought stricken farmers and rural communities receive double funding

FLOYDADA, Texas (Feb. 22, 2013) – The Floyd County 4-H and Floydada Volunteer Fire Department will now be able to better serve the community, thanks to the support of local farmer, Greg Bishop, and America's Farmers Grow Communities (AFGC).

Sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, the philanthropic arm of Monsanto Company, Grow Communities provides farmers in eligible counties the chance to win a \$2,500 donation for a local nonprofit organization of their choice. To further support counties declared natural disaster areas by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) due to drought this year, win-

ning farmers in these counties are able to direct double donations, a total of \$5,000.

Floyd County was declared a disaster area by the USDA, giving Bishop the opportunity to choose two organizations to receive \$2,500 donations. Bishop selected the Floyd County 4-H and Floydada Volunteer Fire Department.

The Floyd County 4-H plans to use the money to support members participating in 4-H shows, activities and competitions.

The Floydada Volunteer Fire Department will use the \$2,500 to purchase grass fire-fighting equipment for its fire truck.

"Both our county 4-H and

PHILANTHROPY
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WHITE OUT



Photo by Jennifer Harbin

Floyd County was blanketed in snow on Monday when a major winter storm passed through the South Plains, leaving approximately three to eight inches of snow in most areas. Some areas received up to a foot and a half, with drifts of seven to eight feet and wind gusts reaching nearly 70 mph. The storm left I-27 closed from Plainview to Amarillo as well as halting all traffic out of Floydada on Highway 70.

Lost class ring reappears after 40 years in bottom of lake

It all started with a mysterious message on his answering machine. The message was short, stating only "This is Mandy at the Texas Tech Alumni Association. I wanted to ask you about your class ring."

When he called back, Bill Harbin was astonished to learn that his Texas Tech class ring from 1970 had shown up at the Lubbock Rare Coin shop on 34th Street and Flint.

According to the shop owner, Gary Oakley, the ring was brought in by a man who found it while searching the exposed dry bed of White River Lake, thinking it was a piece of brass off of a boat. The discovery was cleaned up and brought in to be sold on February 9.

Oakley discovered the initials "BCH" on the inside of the ring and decided to see if the Texas Tech Alumni Association could help reunite the

ring with its owner.

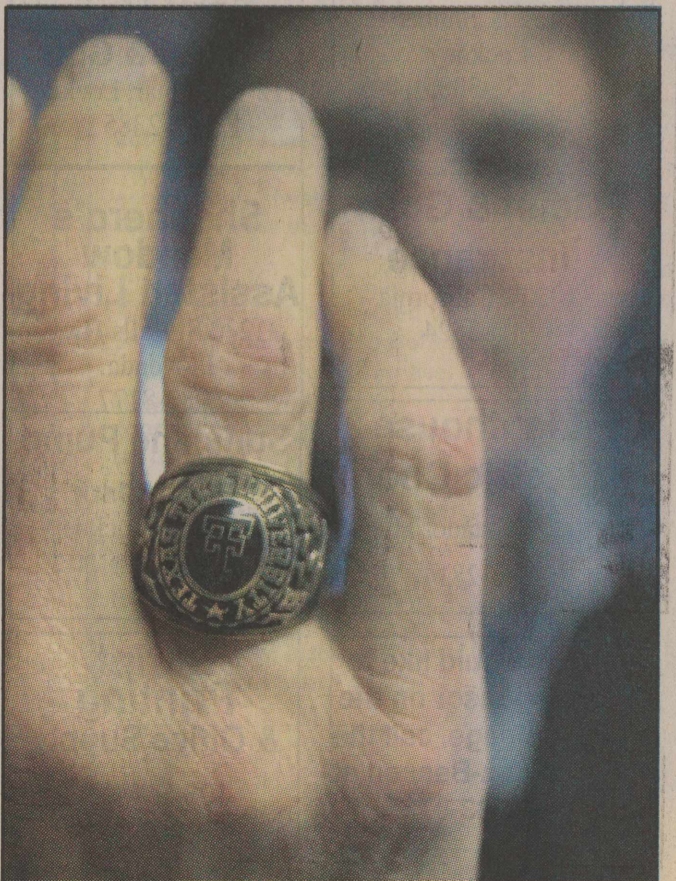
After only a few days, Oakley heard back from Harbin, stating that he had lost his class ring in White River Lake in 1971 or 1972 while water skiing with his wife Linda.

The ring was a graduation gift from his father and mother, Joe and Clara Harbin, when he graduated from Texas Tech with a degree in Agricultural Engineering in May 1970.

"I always told my friends

that I still had my class ring, I just kept it in a strange place...at the bottom of White River Lake," said Harbin. "Little did I know that the bottom of White River Lake would become the shore of the lake forty years later after the drought."

"I appreciate Gary Oakley of Lubbock Rare Coin for making the effort to track me down and giving me the opportunity to reclaim my ring."



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Floyd County Church Directory

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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.
Wednesday7:00 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 Evening 7:00 p.m.

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST
West College & Third,
Lockney
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Afternoon Worship ..1:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST
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 Study6:30 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Lockney
Jonathan Sullivan, Pastor
Chad Cook, Youth Min.
Phil Cotham, Music Min.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 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.
Tuesday8:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:30 p.m.

MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST
Lockney
Beau A. Hart, Minister
Bible Study9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
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
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Sunday Singing10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.

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Ester Ramos, Praise Leader
Sunday Bible...10:00 a.m.
Morning Praise..11:00 a.m.
Evening Praise ...5:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship.... 7:00 p.m.

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Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor
704 N. Main, Lockney
Sunday Services...10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening5:00 p.m.
Wednesday7:30 p.m.

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Lockney
Jesus Caballero, Pastor
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Worship Service11:00 a.m.
Discipleship5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:00 p.m.

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Floydada
Rev. Toby Gonzales
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:40 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Evening7:00 p.m.

SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH
Lockney
Jim McCartney, Pastor
Wed. Communion...8:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.

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Sunday School10:00 a.m.
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EveningService.....5:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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Sunday Mass11:30 a.m.
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Lockney
Rev. Joe Hernandez
Sun. Prayer Service 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School9:45 p.m.
Worship Service11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Meeting7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Washington and 1st St.
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA
Rev. Herman Martinez
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship5:00 p.m.
Tuesday7:30 p.m.
Thursday Service...7:30 p.m.

TRINITY ASSEMBLY
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Vance Mitchell, Co-Pastor
983-5499 or 983-2887
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ...10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening6:00 p.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Providence Community
on FM 2301 293-3009
Rev. Peter W. Harrington Minister
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Worship Service11:00 a.m.

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Sunday Evening5:00 p.m.



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OBITUARIES



HELEN RING WOMACK

Helen Ring Womack was loved and respected by everyone who knew her. She will be deeply missed by them all and remembered for her gracious kindness, intelligence, and sense of humor.

Helen was the oldest child of Lee and Claude Ring, born in Quanah, Texas on January 10, 1925. She died on January 29, 2013 of congestive heart failure at

the age of 88. Helen was a pretty, popular girl who loved to read. She was valedictorian of her class at Floydada High School, and was awarded a scholarship to TSCW, now Texas Woman's University.

In 1943, she married a handsome Navy pilot named J.W. Womack. They made their home in Dallas where they raised 3 children: Deona, Steve, and Charles. With her children in their teens, she started her career, working her way up to become Vice President of Metropolitan Saving and Loan. She maintained deep friendships with her co-workers until her death.

In the '60s, Helen and Jay became interested in family genealogy, a hobby she continued to enjoy after Jay's death from a heart attack in 1982. A careful researcher, she wrote and published four books on the history of the Womack, Ring, Bartlett, and Blackstock families, a wonderful legacy for all the members of those families.

Helen understood the importance of being there for others, whether it was encouraging her children to

excel, attending her grandchildren's special events, or playing and laughing with her great-grandchildren. She was a positive influence in the lives of a great many people, all grateful to know her.

Helen was preceded in death by her brothers, Kenneth Ring and Hubert Ring.

She is survived by her sister, Sue Ring Bain; daughter, Deona Womack Carmack and husband, Stan Carmack; son, Stephen Womack and wife, Marlene and their daughter, Megan Baker, husband, Marshall, and grandsons, Eastin and Cannon, and their son, Tyler Womack; son, Charles Womack and wife, Paula and his son, Zachary Womack and granddaughter, Sasha, daughter, Kristel Moreno, husband Brad, and grandson, River, and son, Jeremy Womack and granddaughter, Meadow.

Helen was buried beside Jay at the Dallas - Ft. Worth National Cemetery for American Military Veterans. Services celebrating her life was held at North Dallas Funeral Home, 2710 Valley View Lane on Saturday, February 2nd at 2 p.m.,

DONNIE MERIWETHER-BOWMAN

Family and friends will gather to celebrate the life of Donnie Meriwether-Bowman of Lubbock on Friday, March 1, 2013 with visitation beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Rock Creek Church of Christ, South Plains, Texas, followed by services at 11 a.m. with Rance Young officiating. Our beloved mother, grandmother and sister went to be with the Lord on February 25, 2013.

Donnie was born on February 23, 1939 to the late R. E. and Ola Mae (Ragan) Young in South Plains, Texas,

and graduated from Floydada High School.

Donnie married Doug Meriwether on July 3, 1957. She worked as a postal clerk with Doug at the Lockney Post Office. Following Doug's death, Donnie married John Bowman and they moved back to her childhood home in South Plains. Donnie moved to Lubbock in March of 2012. She was a member of Rock Creek Church of Christ and an avid reader.

Along with her parents and both her husbands, Doug Meriwether and John Bowman; Donnie was preceded in death by an infant daughter,

Melissa Meriwether; a grandson, Matthew Meriwether; two brothers and five sisters.

Survivors include a son, Monty Meriwether and wife, Christy of Lubbock; a granddaughter, Tessa Meriwether of Austin; a sister, Mary Shurbet and a brother, Travis Young and wife, Margie, all of Floydada.

Memorials are suggested in lieu of flowers to Children's Miracle Network, 602 Indiana Ave., Lubbock, Texas 79415.

To send your words of encouragement to Donnie's family and view her life tribute, visit www.memorialdesigners.net.

FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

By Margaret Jones

The headline immediately grabbed my attention..."Teens with Good Character usually have had Good Examples to follow." This is a must read article I said to myself as I began..."Two high school seniors didn't hesitate about what to do when they saw a \$100 bill and four \$20 bills in the high school parking lot. They took it to an assistant principal they knew would be on duty in the cafeteria. He was most impressed with the two students who, as he put it "exhibited great character" by returning the cash when, "No One was Looking." The administrator nominated the girls for the Parent Teacher's Association's Act of Kindness

Award."

Like a Breath - of - fresh air...this type of GOOD NEWS renews my faith in the Youth of Today. Somewhere along the way maybe, just maybe, some of we Mature Adults might have a made a difference in the lives of these two soon-to-be Leaders of Tomorrow. Congratulations Girls, and may your light continue to shine as you exemplify Trust and Honesty which are two of life's greatest attributes.

30 Graham Crackers, broken in-to

Melt butter, stir in sugar, boil 2 minutes, remove from heat and stir in pecans. Pour over crackers on cookie sheet, cook in oven 20 minutes at 300 degrees. Let cool and break in pieces.

Thought for the Week

No one should be afraid of age, instead one should be more concerned with what to do with TIME.

Oma Carlyle Anderson

MEMORIALS

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RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Graham Cracker Tastee
1-cup brown sugar
½ lb butter
1-cup chopped pecans

"On January 14, 2013, L. Scott Mann was appointed as the Administrator of the Estate of Joe Carrick Reid. Any claims against said estate must be mailed to

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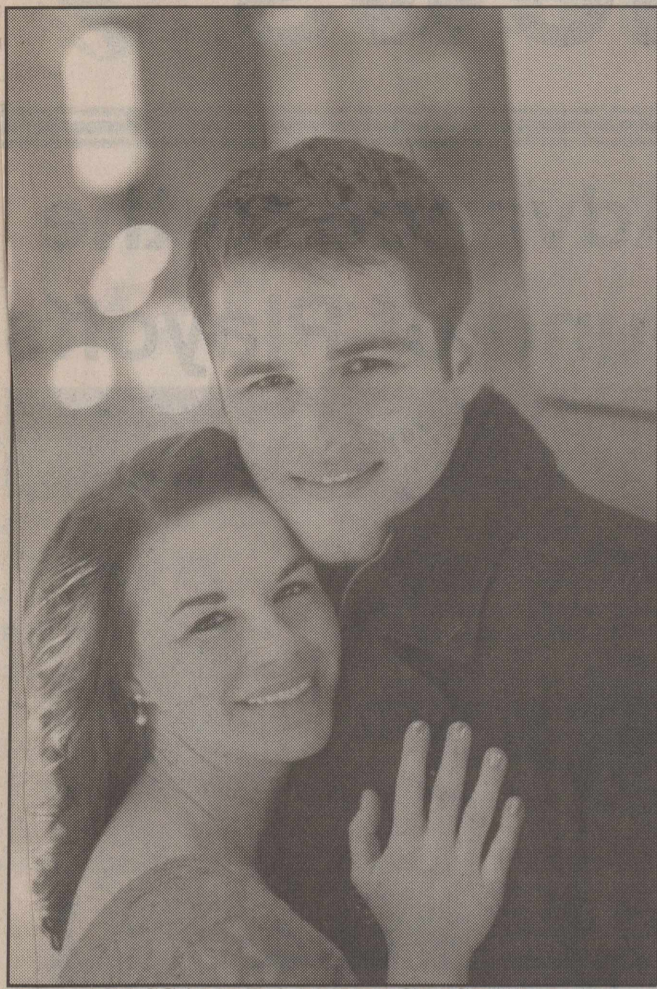
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LIFESTYLES

Birth Announcement



CASSANDRA LYNN CRIST AND TYSON LEE CARTHEL

Crist and Carthel to wed

Clay and Julie Crist of Wildorado are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Cassandra Lynn Crist, to Tyson Lee Carthel, son of Guy and Alice Carthel of Lockney. Grandparents of the bride-elect are James and Martha Thompson and the late Wade and Verna Kay Crist. Grandparents of the prospective groom are John Lee and Jo Ann Carthel and Juanita Fox and Ray Edgerly. Cassie graduated from Vega High School in 2007. She attended West Texas

A&M University and graduated with her Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 2011. She works as a Registered Nurse at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. Tyson graduated from Lockney High School in 2007. He attended West Texas A&M University and is currently self-employed with Carthel Farms in Lockney. The couple plans to wed April 13, 2013 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Amarillo. The couple plans to reside near Lockney after the wedding.

Jared and Magan Lambert are pleased to announce the arrival of their daughter, Piper Carolina Lambert. Piper was born Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 8:47 pm. She weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces, and was 21.5 inches long. Her proud grandparents are Clay and Patti Lowrance of Floydada, Dee Whittington of Quitaque, and Danny and Kim Lambert of Plainview. Great grandparents are Jackie Spencer of Lockney, Tiny Lowrance of Floydada, and Donnie and Sandy Perkins of Silverton. Her great great grandmother is Winnie Smith of Silverton.



Piper Carolina Lambert

Dixie Divas

The easy way

It seems to me that a lot of young people have it easy. Too many kids in high school and college are shielded from work and not taught the importance of money or earning it. It seems to me that this is a major default in the education of life.



RONDA RICH

If you don't know the worth of a dollar or what it takes to earn that dollar, how can you successfully manage for the rest of your life? How can you start a family? Raise a family? Survive professional setbacks? Retire? And, importantly, how can you truly taste and savor success? How can you enjoy that incredible high when you have

scrimped and saved and managed to purchase a home, a car, a boat with cash? When material things are hard fought for and won, they mean more and are taken care of more. I have a purse. A rather expensive one which was a complete indulgence. For two years, I tucked away a bit of cash here and there, saving as I could on necessities, to accumulate the money to buy it. That was six or seven years ago and still today, I treat it with gentleness and respect. I use it only for Sundays and special occasions, keeping it pampered and wrapped in a protective bag the rest of the time. I learned that young. When I was eleven, there was a forest green wool winter coat with a hood trimmed in beige colored fake fur at Sears. I thought it was the prettiest thing I had ever seen and it looked so pretty on me, making me look thin and chic. It cost \$89 and Mama was not buying it when she could sew me a coat. I babysat for

two months to pay it out of layaway. The day I made the final payment of six dollars and took it home was one of the proudest days of my life. How sad when parents deprive the children they love of that kind feeling of accomplishment. It is a great and loving gift. A while back, I called a friend to ask if her son would be interested in making some money by cutting grass. He was a freshman in high school. She laughed at my silliness. "Absolutely not. He needs to spend his time with school work and activities." What surprised me most about that is that I grew up with his father, who, from the time he was twelve, scrambled to make money from part-time jobs. From the age of sixteen on, he worked every day after school. Today, he is so frugal that some might call him stingy. But he knows the value of a dollar and what it takes to make it. Years ago, a prominent doctor visited Daddy at his dusty, greasy garage and asked him to give his son a part-time job. "I'll pay you his salary - without his knowledge - but I want him to learn the meaning

of work and the value of a dollar." That young man worked for Daddy for two years - unknowing that his father was paying his salary - and grew up to make his father very proud. He became a financier. There are exceptions. I think of the hard working young high school girls who help my niece with her children. I think most especially of Brandon who, since he was seventeen, has helped me around the house. Now three years out of college, he still finds time to help me though he has a full-time profession. He does it to repay me for helping him when he needed help and because the extra money is appreciated if not needed. Having learned a dollar's value, it still sticks with him. Not teaching kids about money is the easy way out. Unfortunately for them, the easy way will eventually become the hard way. 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.

Healthy Recipe of the Week

Provided by Pure Balance Nutrition
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Chicken-Stuffed Avocado

Ingredients:

- 2 medium avocados
- ¼ cup fresh lime juice
- 2 medium tomatoes
- 4 scallions or green onions
- 1 cup of lettuce
- 12 pimiento-stuffed green olives
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- ½ cup shredded cheddar cheese

Directions:

- Peel the avocados. Slice in half and remove the pits. Sprinkle with lime juice.
- Remove the skin from the chicken and chop into ½ inch pieces.
- Chop the tomatoes into ¼ inch pieces, remove the skin from the scallions and chop into ¼ -inch pieces. Tear the lettuce into ½ inch pieces
- Combine all the ingredients except the avocados and cheese in a medium-sized bowl
- Place ¼ of the mixture into each avocado half and sprinkle the cheese on top.

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5th Annual Chamber Home Show

Mark your calendars for Saturday April 6, 2013 for the 5th Annual Chamber of Commerce Home Show in Childress, Texas. This year's theme is "Spring Into Action"! "It is shaping up to be a great Home Show and we are looking forward to a full day of shopping, fun, giveaways and of course, great food!", stated Susan Leary, Director of the Chamber.

If you are a business or vendor and are interested in a booth at this year's Home Show, contact the Chamber of Commerce in Childress and visit with them on how

you too can be a part of a great day. Sales opportunities, networking, new client base and shopping yourself are just some of the ways you will benefit from the Childress Home Show. Contact Susan Leary, 940-937-2567 or c_commerce@att.net You may also visit our facebook page at childresschamber.com. Hope to see many of you in attendance for the 5th Annual Chamber Home Show on April 6. Be watching for more information in the very near future. And did I say the admission is FREE???

You're invited to a conversation with
Congressman Mac Thornberry

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Saturday, March 9, 2013
1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
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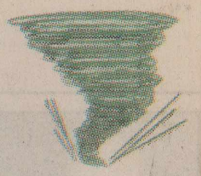
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Whirlwind News



Art Students Paint Themselves a Victory



By Hunter Schwertner – Staff Writer
 On Saturday, February 16, 2013, sixteen high school art students competed at the Regional VASE Art Show. After preparing for weeks for this event, the competitors are individually interviewed on anything from what they created their pieces with to why they created them.
 The contest was very successful and beneficial for FHS art members.
 "There were over 500 entries and 22 of our 24 pieces scored high enough to be hung up for a public viewing," said art teacher, Ms. Williams.

Throughout the day there are various activities for people to participate in to display their artistic abilities.
 "My favorite part of the art show was when we spent two hours creating a fairy outfit out of trash bags for our model," said art student, Liz Morales.
 For the first time in school history, a student from Floydada High School was honored with an award to advance to the State VASE Art Show in Bryan, Texas later this school year.
 "I worked very hard and am very proud of the outcome," said state qualifier, Frankie Luna. "Every time I think of

that very moment, it brings me joy."
 Through long hours of experimenting and painting, Frankie was able to create his masterpiece.
 "It took me about three days to finish the artwork," said Frankie. "For it to be my very first painting make, it makes it easier to appreciate it for what it is.
 During the state meet the attendees will be able to take part in a variety of workshops with their fellow competitors to experience different types of ways to become even more creative.

Winds Advance to the First Round of Playoffs



By Emily Hall-Staff Writer
 On Friday February 15, 2013, the Whirlwind boys basketball team took on the Slaton Tigers, the winner advancing to the playoffs. Easily defeating the Tigers, the Whirlwinds clenched the third place seed in the district.
 "It's been pretty satisfying because it hasn't been easy," said Head Coach Troyce Renfro. "There are some very good teams, and we have had to beat some to get us this far."
 The last playoff appearance for the Whirlwind Basketball team was in 2009. Since then, no other basketball team has

advanced past district.
 "I was very excited when we beat Slaton," said sophomore Tucker Lowrance. "All the fans, our teammates, everyone just started jumping up and down because we were excited to be in the playoffs after such a long time."
 This is a very memorable season, especially for the eight seniors on the team.
 "It's the best thing that has happened in my sporting career so far," said senior Venturo Gonzales.
 Tuesday, February 2, 2013, the Winds fell short of the Lamesa Tornados, 58-49 to end the season for the

Whirlwinds.
 "They have worked really hard, and I've pushed them even harder," said Renfro. "Things that are worth having don't come easy."
 Even though the outcome wasn't desired, the whole town of Floydada couldn't be more proud of a group of young men. They've overcome many obstacles and accomplished great things, even when there was doubt. The parents, teachers, cheerleaders, student body, and fans congratulate the Floydada Whirlwinds on a great season and achieving something that hasn't been done in four years. Good job boys!

Students Discover Creative Ways of Learning Science

By Merritt Johnson – Staff Writer
 On Saturday, February 23, 2013, Floydada held its first Science Academy for junior high students. Some of the event consisted of active participation in a CSI scenario that helped explain the processing skills of science that students will use in the future on their STARR tests.
 "Overall the thing we are wanting to gain from this experience is some hands-on activities that are not traditional," said Principal,

Wayne Morren.
 Junior high students are learning and getting better in science, while having fun at the same time.
 "Students are actually going to have to think and perform. What we want to do is build experiences that kids can use and store in different places. By different places, I mean the types of activities we want to do will incorporate different parts of the brain so it's not just about memory," said Morren.
 To fill any other gaps stu-

dents are experiencing in science, the Science Academies will consist of different areas that students seem to struggle with all year long that will be on the STARR exam.
 "Students will be able to tie processing skills to events. The STARR test isn't about memory, it is about using information. We want to build these activities in so our students will have the best chance to use information to be successful on their STARR exams," said Morren.

Tennis Takes the First Serve of the Season

By Merritt Johnson – Staff Writer
 As spring approaches quickly, the tennis season makes its first appearance. Tennis players had their first tournament on February 21, 2013 and then another tennis meet to kick off the year on February 25-26, 2013. Although there are 33 athletes competing in tennis this year, all players work hard during practice and on their own

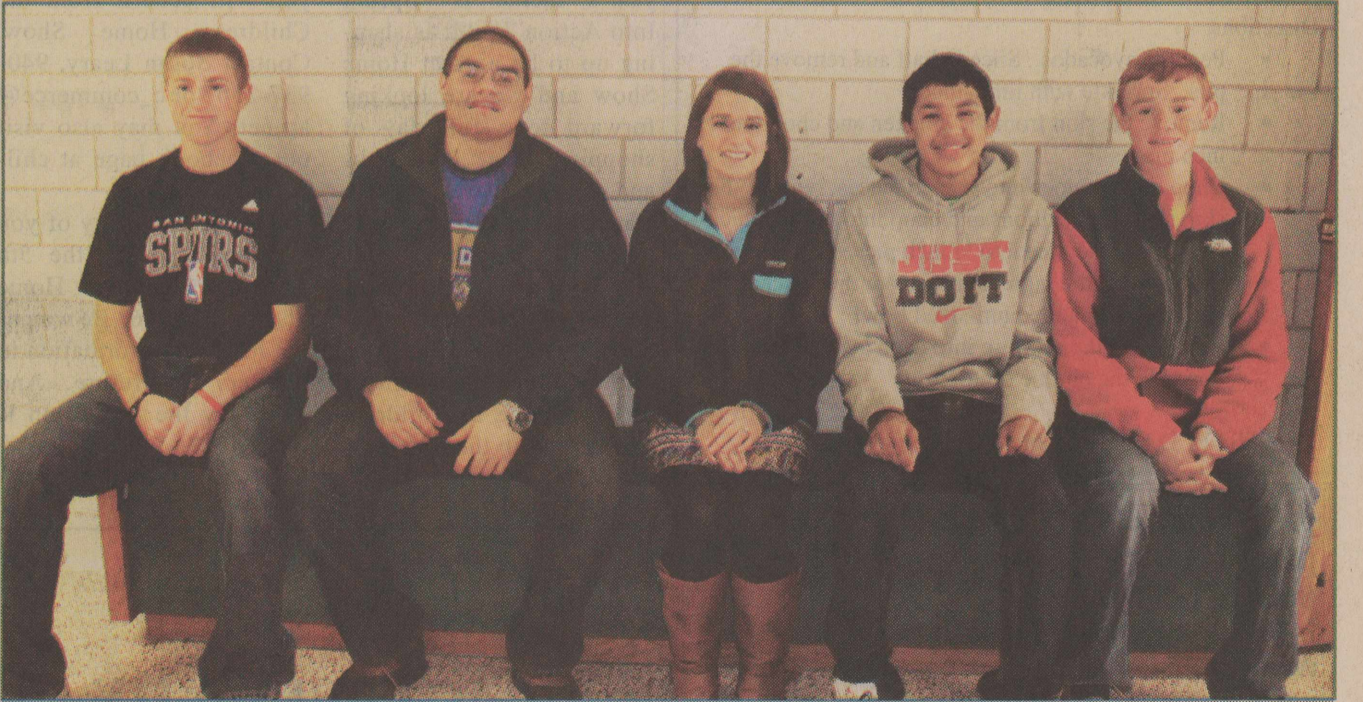
time to ensure a successful season.
 "To get ready for a tennis meet I practice a lot, and then once it comes time for the match I just focus myself," said senior Jordan Woody.
 Athletes have their own set of personal goals they want to achieve throughout the year.
 "I hope to just have fun and have a good season while I'm playing my last year of tennis," said senior Jianna

Davenport.
 Hopes and expectations for this year's team are high for the coach as well.
 "We are starting out with a ton of new people, but we are working hard, so I am expecting several to get out to regionals. My goal this year is to try and win district because it is a tradition for Floydada to be District Champs!" said tennis coach, Regina Smith.

Did You Know?

Many people aren't aware of the difference in history made by African American writers and poets. Langston Hughes was born February 1, 1902 in Joplin, Missouri. After his parents divorced, his grandmother raised him until his thirteenth birthday when he moved back in with his mother and her second husband. Once the family was settled in Lincoln, Illinois, Hughes picked up a pen and began what would become a legacy.
 His love for writing grew throughout his life. Following graduating from high school, he spent a year in Mexico and at Columbia University. Hughes spent his early adult years traveling the world and doing odd jobs. His first book of poetry published in 1926. It wasn't long until he became a well-known poet and author. His novel, Not Without Laughter, granted him a gold medal for literature in 1930.
 Despite hard times, Langston Hughes was able to bring many amazing works into the world. Many of his pieces described the trials he experienced as an African American writer in the early 1900s and touched many hearts in his audience. Prior to his death in 1967, he had written eighteen poems, sixteen prose, and eleven plays. His written words and legacy still continue to set examples for many young writers today.

FHS Features U.I.L. Math Team



By Malorie Alaniz- Staff Writer
 This week's U.I.L. team spotlight is the Mathematics team. Calculus teacher, Whitley Nutt is the coach. The team is composed of: Tyler Renfro, Homero Ramirez, Josh Casteneda, and Kirby Nixon. The Mathematics competition

consists of many skills.
 "We solve mathematical questions without using calculators," said Nutt.
 The students competing in this event have the potential to go beyond the district competition.
 "I think that a few of the

students in my event have the potential to advance to state," said Nutt.
 Each of the students prepare differently for the district meet in hopes of advancing to regionals.
 "I practice and go over math questions before every

competition," said sophomore, Josh Casteneda.
 There are many positive things for everyone of the Math team.
 "My favorite part is when I go to take the test, and I know I am prepared for it," said senior, Homero Ramirez.

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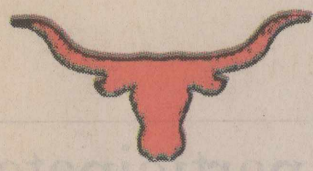
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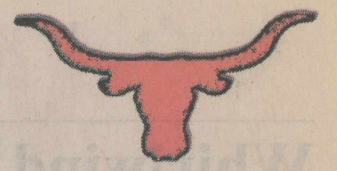
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Longhorn News



Girls Powerlifting

Lockney High School had four girls qualify for powerlifting regionals which will be held in Mertzon, Texas on March 1st. They are Rayann Race, Mary Sammann, Ashly Alvarado, and Karis Carstensen. Good luck girls!!!!



State VASE Here We Come!!



On Saturday, February 16th, LHS Art Dept. students, Taylor Rose, Stevie Karlin and Ozzy Mondragon, submitted four pieces of art in the annual Area VASE (Visual Arts Scholastic Event) Art Competition. All four pieces

received perfect fours and advanced to the next level. One student, Ozzy Mondragon, and his artwork titled, Self Portrait, will be advancing to State on April 6th in Brian, TX. Mrs. Webb said, "I'm ecstatic! This is the

first time in 6 years we have had a State Qualifier and will be our first time to attend the state competition. I couldn't be prouder of Ozzy. He has such tremendous talent. The future is truly bright for this young man."

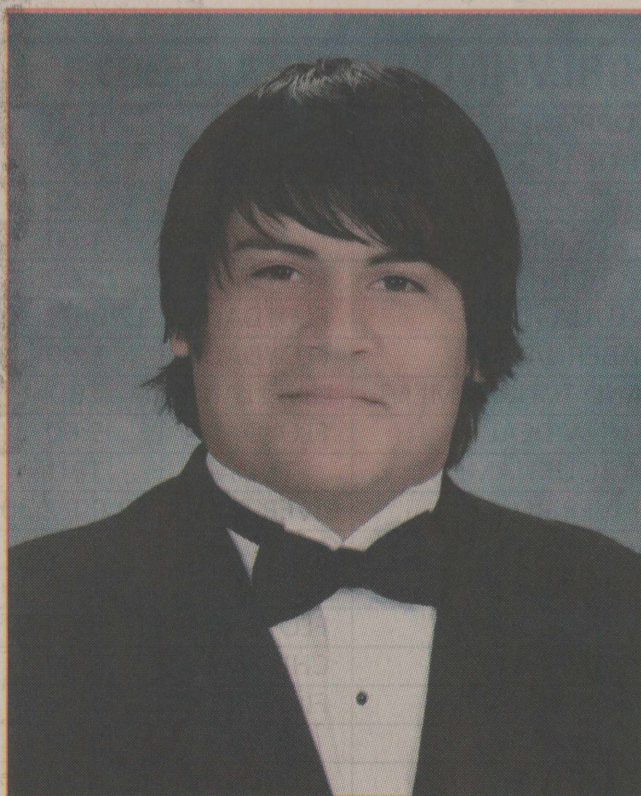
Rubina Cruz



Rubina Cruz was born in Lubbock TX and has lived in Lockney all of her life. She has two brothers, Angel and Renee, and one sister, Dolores Luna, who all graduated from LHS. Her hobbies are playing softball, hanging with her friends and spending time with her family. She enjoys watching football and baseball and especially loves playing softball. Some of her most memorable moments at LHS are from her forensics class when they went to the Randall County DPS center and shot tanneries and blew up a toy hummer. Her friends would describe her as kind, crazy, and outgoing. Her favorite thing about Lockney is that it's

a caring community with wonderful people and great schools. Ten years from now she should have completed college and working as a registered nurse or physical therapist with a nice car and a house.

Marcos Mercado



Marcos Mercado is a senior at Lockney High School and has lived here his whole life. Marcos has two older siblings, a brother and a sister. He has been involved in football all four years in high school. His hobbies outside of school are fishing and hunting. If you would ask Marcos' friends how to describe him they would say that he is crazy, funny, and very athletic. One of his most memorable moments was when the football team beat Floydada this year. Marcos sees himself ten years from now living in Dallas and being a police officer.

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FLOYDADA SCHOOL

Whirlwind baseball team wins big over Lubbock Trinity Christian

By Coach Webb

The Whirlwind baseball team won big over Lubbock Trinity Christian on Monday, February 18th with the final score of Floydada 12 - Trinity 4.

Senior Seth Nielson pitched the whole game. He gave up 4 runs (3 earned) in the first 2 innings and then shut them out the rest of the game with 12 strikeouts.

Offense was led by seniors Ryan Chavarria and Jon Paul Chavarria, both going 2 for 4 with 2 RBI's and also senior Hunter Galvan going 1 for 4 with 3 RBI's.

The Whirlwinds took on the Tulia Hornets in a double hitter Saturday, February 23rd. 'Winds won the first game by a score of 15-5.

Hunter Galvan pitched 4

innings and Danny Martinez pitched 1 inning. Floydada run-ruled Tulia in 5 innings.

In the second game of the double-hitter, Tulia won by a score of 5-2.

Matthew McGowen pitched the second game. We pitched pretty well, but we didn't produce enough runs, giving us our first loss of the season.

SPC seeks students to participate in CNA course in March

LEVELLAND – Space is still available for students wanting to enroll in South Plains College's Division of Continuing and Distance Education Certified Nurse Aide (CNA).

The CNA course will begin March 4 to March 22.

The class will meet Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in Technical Arts Building Room 107. Clinicals will be arranged from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The CNA course fee is \$375 for tuition and \$93 for

testing fee. The textbook will cost \$57 and the online CPR certificate will cost \$15.

For more information, contact Kasey Reyes, administrative assistant, of the Division of Continuing and Distance Education at (806) 716-2341.

Home Country

By Slim Randles

The weather warmed up the other day. On the weekend, where it would do the most good. And Dud Campbell dressed warmly and went out for a walk. His eyes saw our town, the old, dead, brick drug-store on the corner with the clock that hadn't worked since the invention of daylight savings time, and the spread white fields and frozen trees.

But his mind was in Europe, but there at the base of the big hill where the duchess's castle stood. Dud had figured out how to cut out most of the murders in his book "Murder in the Soggy Bottoms," (which everyone else called "The Duchess and the Truck Driver") but there was still so much to do. Truth be known, there were many times when Dud thought how easy it would be to just give up on the novel and concentrate on living.

It wasn't the writing that was so hard for him. In fact, he kinda liked it. It gave him an excuse to sit up late with the radio playing quietly so as

not to awaken Anita, and play with people in a book the way he had played with small tin soldiers when he was a child. No, the hard part was to figure out what the story should do. It isn't easy.

For instance, we know we want the duchess and the American truck driver to be happy together and kill off their enemies by the end of the book. So this means finding out why we should kill the three people, and which three people we should kill. The guys at the Mule Barn told him several years ago to kill off no more than three unless it was a war novel.

And then, there was the love story. The duchess, you see, didn't realize that the truck driver had been her lover 20 years ago and the trucker didn't know he was the father of a daughter. He just thought he had a son by his late wife. Well, she wasn't late when she had the son, of course. She had a... malady of some sort. We can ask Doc for a surefire malady that'll do in a trucker's

first wife.

And then, as the duchess and the truck driver fall in love for the second time, not realizing they'd already done it once, the trucker's boy comes over and falls in love with the duchess's daughter. And there has to be a way of making the duchess and the truck driver realize they'd actually re-found each other, and head off a disastrous romance between semi-siblings...

Or maybe we could just walk down to the Mule Barn and have coffee with the guys.

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Wind energy, audit report heard in special meeting

By Jennifer Harbin

Justin Jaworski caught the Commissioners' Court on wind energy since they last met on the matter stating that "a lot of the federal tax credits that we were banking on to come through for the wind energy development came through this last congressional session. The federal tax credits were for wind energy which we need for the farms to take place here."

In the past, start the farm and complete the farm in a window of time that congress had approved those credits.

They changed this law because this is probably the last time they will offer these credits according to Jaworski. By law, you have to start but there is no end time which will benefit Floyd County.

"The demand is strong now, and it should continue in that direction. What we're trying to do on the economic development side is market ourselves as a good place to be and beat

out some of our neighbors where the CREZ line is opening up," said Jaworski.

Jaworski explained that the line that runs from the Briscoe substation down to the Silverton and Cottonwood has twice the capacity and will be done first (connectivity by March).

"Everybody knows that wind energy is the up and coming thing in West Texas. Our job is to promote our destination and work with you guys to let you know what others are doing," said Jaworski.

Counties have approached the County from two different angles: payment in lieu of taxes or tax abatement.

He reported that "we want to be competitive...and don't want to give so much away that we don't benefit from it."

The audit report for the County for 2011/2012 was presented by Rick Knapp of Knapp and Co. to the court. Some adjustments were proposed and there was nothing of great concern,

according to Knapp.

"The most negative thing on the report is (the county) is underfunded on retirement plans," said Knapp. His report also cited that the pooled cash had "significant deficiencies" and in need for improvement on reconciling by City Treasurer Jo Elliott. Recommendations and manager's response: two quarter reports were not made timely and one failed to be paid (was rejected and later rectified.)

Commissioner Lindan Morris asked if the county was in the position to retain an internal auditor and Commissioner Nathan Johnson mentioned the possibility of a CPA helping. Knapp suggested hiring a CPA quarterly "at the bare minimum."

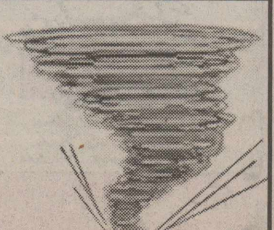
"The county is not in trouble fiscally," said Knapp.

A motion was made by Amado Morales to accept the 2011-2012 audit, with a second from Morris. It passed unanimously.

FLOYDADA WHIRLWIND BASEBALL 2013

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
9-Feb	MULESHOE (SCRIMMAGE)	MULESHOE	5:00
11-Feb	TRINITY (SCRIMMAGE)	TRINITY	5:00
15-Feb	RALLS (SCRIMMAGE)	Ralls	4:00
18-Feb	TRINITY	FLOYDADA	5:00
23-Feb	TULIA (DH)	FLOYDADA	12:00/2:30
26-Feb	ABERNATHY	FLOYDADA	5:00
FEB 28-MAR 2	LEVELLAND TOURNAMENT	LEVELLAND	TBD
5-Mar	NEW DEAL	FLOYDADA	5:00
MAR 7-9	TULIA TOURNAMENT	TULIA	TBD
15-Mar	RIVER ROAD	RIVER ROAD	12:00/2:30
19-Mar	*POST	FLOYDADA	5:00
23-Mar	*SLATON	SLATON	1:00
26-Mar	*IDALOU	FLOYDADA	5:00
29-Mar	*CHILDRESS	CHILDRESS	5:00
6-Apr	*ROOSEVELT	FLOYDADA	1:00
9-Apr	*POST	POST	5:00
12-Apr	*SLATON	FLOYDADA	5:00
16-Apr	*IDALOU	IDALOU	4:30
20-Apr	*CHILDRESS	FLOYDADA	12:00
26-Apr	*ROOSEVELT	ROOSEVELT	7:00

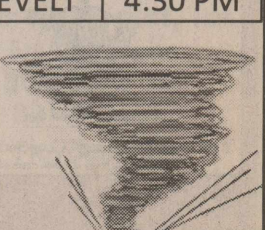
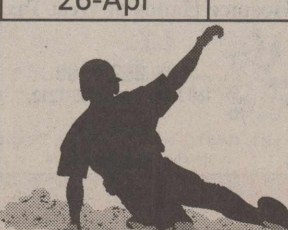
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FLOYDADA WHIRLWIND JV BASEBALL 2013

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
9-Feb	MULESHOE (SCRIMMAGE)	MULESHOE	5:00PM
11-Feb	TRINITY (SCRIMMAGE)	TRINITY	5:00 PM
15-Feb	RALLS (SCRIMMAGE)	Ralls	4:00 PM
21,22-Feb	ABERNATHY TOURNAMENT	ABERNATHY	TBD
26-Feb	ABERNATHY	FLOYDADA	7:00 PM
5-Mar	NEW DEAL	FLOYDADA	7:00 PM
19-Mar	*POST	FLOYDADA	7:00 PM
23-Mar	*SLATON	SLATON	3:30 PM
26-Mar	*IDALOU	FLOYDADA	7:00 PM
29-Mar	*CHILDRESS	CHILDRESS	7:30 PM
6-Apr	*ROOSEVELT	FLOYDADA	3:30 PM
9-Apr	*POST	POST	7:00 PM
12-Apr	*SLATON	FLOYDADA	7:30 PM
15-Apr	*IDALOU	IDALOU	4:30 PM
20-Apr	*CHILDRESS	FLOYDADA	2:30 PM
26-Apr	*ROOSEVELT	ROOSEVELT	4:30 PM

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WORLD WAR I FLOYD COUNTY CASUALTIES

May 23, 1996
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Sad news concerning the war was a frequent visitor to the folks back home.

Caleb McDermitt was killed by machine gun fire in France on Oct. 9, 1918. His death occurred "while the U.S. Troops were making a charge" near St. Elienne. He was the son of F.J. McDermitt of the McCoy Community.

The soldier had been married one week when he marched off to war the previous spring.

Floydada's American Legion Post was named in honor of McDermitt.

Paul Foster was a prisoner of war in a POW camp in Darmstadt, Germany, according to the Sept. 19, 1918, issue of this newspaper.

The Oct. 3, 1918, issue stated: "237 boys have been sent to war by the local draft board." In the same issue, the public was requested to support the Fourth Liberty Loan Bonds.

"Present indications are that a number of Floyd

County boys who have been serving in France will return home by Christmas or shortly thereafter, "according to the Nov. 28, 1918, Hesperian. "These men are those, however, who are wounded or convalescent in hospitals. The War Department statement was to the effect that all wounded would be returned to America within a period of two months."

However, it appears the bulk of uninjured soldiers will be retained in France for the present. The Ninth Division has been officially designated as one of the divisions which will form part of the "army of the occupation."

This newspaper reported, "The War Department is at present practically 30 days behind in reports of casualties seems to be indicated by the fact that some 'nearest of kin' are just now being notified of wounds and deaths among the troops who were in the big operations which began on October 8th (1918)"

National Memorial Day President Woodrow Wilson designated May 30, 1918, National Memorial Day: "as a day of public humility, prayer and fasting. The people of the nation are asked to gather

that day in their places of worship and pray for the victory of the American armies which will bring a peace founded upon mercy, justice, and good will."

Floydada Mayor W.L. Boemer joined with officials throughout the nation in declaring the previous October 24 (1917) as "Liberty Day, when every community in the nation is called upon to do its part toward forwarding the Second Liberty Loan."

Floyd County oversubscribed its quota of the Second Red Cross War Fund, which was concluded in May 1918.

The Floydada Region collected \$10,120.65, which was more than twice its quota of \$4,694. Northern portion of the county also exceeded its goal, although tabulations in that area had not been completed when this newspaper's May 30, 1918, article was prepared.

This newspaper carried military-related photos on page one of virtually every 1918 issue.

Sugar was rationed nationally. Certificates were issued which allowed each citizen to purchase two pounds of sugar per month.

Following are subscriptions for the Red Cross effort from schools in the Floydada region:

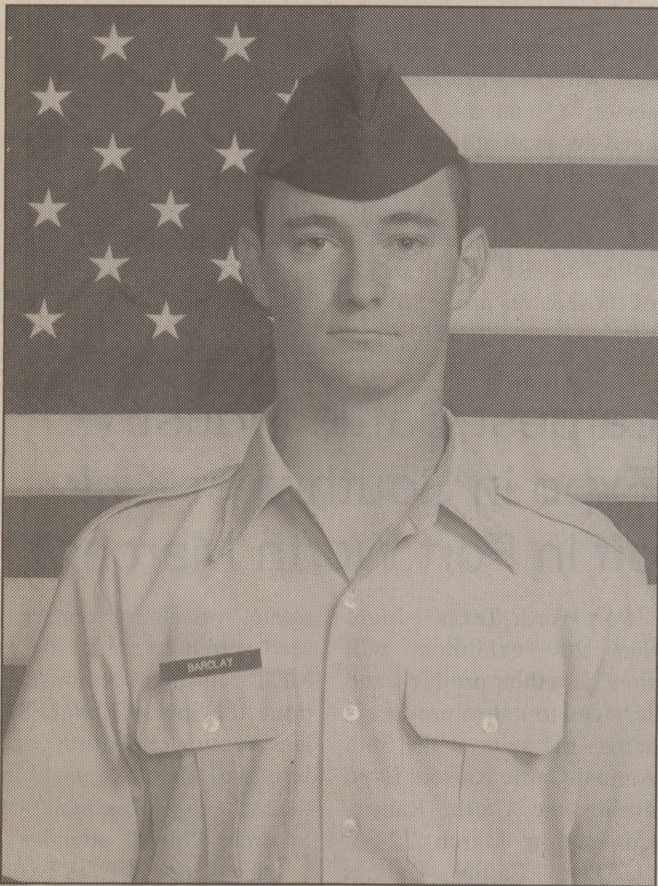
District	Quota	Subscription
Pleasant Hill	\$127.05	\$174.50
Fairview	264.55	338.55
Starkey	149.65	299.70
Sand Hill	318.00	502.35
Harmony	123.40	279.00
Lakeview	249.00	452.60
Center	163.80	294.00
McCoy	150.85	380.00
Mayview	135.65	145.15
Baker	246.55	517.50
Antelope	204.20	268.25
Blanco	122.95	162.95
Allmon	158.25	189.25
Campbell	161.05	349.50
Hillcrest	189.35	155.00
Newland	109.90	184.35
Totals	\$ 4,694.00	\$10,120.65

LOCKNEY SCHOOL

Barclay graduates from basic training at Lackland AFB

Air Force Airman Colton G. Barclay graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Barclay is the son of Sherryl Barclay of Meadow, Texas and the grandson of Sandra Barclay of Lockney. He is a 2012 graduate of Meadow High School.



Lockney Elementary to perform "Fun in the Sun"

There will be a music and movement program at the Lockney High School Gym on Monday, March 4, at 6:30 p.m. It will feature a mixture of music and movement performed by the entire Elementary, grades Pre-K through 5th.

Lady Longhorns Softball Report

By Coach Jackson

The Lady Longhorns played in the Post Softball Tournament and went 2-1 and finished in 3rd place. Our season record is now 3-1 and will begin district play on Saturday in Sundown.

Summary of the tournament games are as follows:

Lady Longhorns jump on Post JV early and coasts to 18-3 win

Lady Longhorns shut the door early on Post JV, capturing an 18-3 victory on Thursday at Post.

The game was decided quickly as Lady Longhorns exerted its will early with 18 runs in the first three innings. A passed ball, a wild pitch, a groundout by Haley Dunbar, and a steal of home by Rubina Cruz during the first inning and a two-run single by Gabby Perez, a wild pitch, a passed ball, an RBI single by Cameron Diaz, a passed ball, an RBI single by Kennedy Hallmark, a two-run single by Perez, a wild pitch, and a wild pitch in the second inning supplied the

early offense for Lady Longhorns.

Perez racked up four RBIs on two hits for Lady Longhorns.

Katie Jackson recorded the win for Lady Longhorns. She allowed two runs over two innings. She struck out five, walked one and surrendered one hit.

Lady Longhorns easily handled Post JV pitching as six hitters combined for six hits, six RBIs and 14 runs scored.

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Lady Longhorns out hit Post in 5-4 defeat

Lady Longhorns lost 5-4 in six innings at Post on Thursday, despite outpitching Post eight to two.

Gabby Perez had a busy day at the plate, collecting two extra-base hits. She singled in the first inning, doubled in the

third inning, and tripled in the fifth inning.

C Odom got the win for Post. She allowed four runs over six innings. Odom struck out three, walked two and gave up eight hits.

The top of the third saw Lady Longhorns take an early lead, 2-0. Lady Longhorns caught fire after Katie Jackson singled. Then Perez doubled, plating Jackson. Lady Longhorns added more runs when Perez scored on an RBI single by Rayann Race.

The game was never in doubt after the third, as Post scored four runs on two passed balls, a wild pitch.

Lady Longhorns scored two runs in the top of the fifth to cut its deficit to one. An RBI triple by Perez and a wild pitch gave Lady Longhorns life. Finally, Odom got Rubina Cruz to fly out to end the threat.

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Lady Longhorns make the most of eight hits in 7-4 victory over Westbrook

Lady Longhorns and Westbrook both threatened with rallies, but it was Lady Longhorns that eventually took advantage of them in a 7-4 win at Post Tournament.

Westbrook got nine hits compared with just eight for Lady Longhorns, but West Brook stranded eight on base.

Rayann Race had two extra-base hits for Lady Longhorns. She doubled in the second and fifth innings.

Katie Jackson got it done in the circle on the way to a win. She allowed four runs over seven innings. She struck out nine, walked two and surrendered nine hits.

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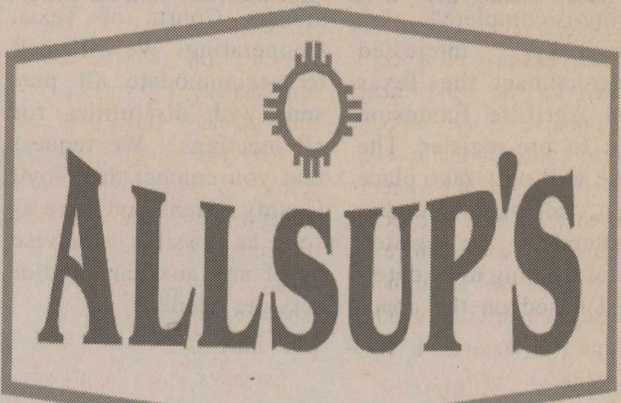


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Little Longhorns: (back row) Anna Sanchez, Jose Sanchez, Noel Cenicerros, Hailee Widener, Tucker Schlueter; (middle row) Kaylee Sanchez, Justin Gonzales, Jesus Gonzale, Malaki Alvis, Journee Cienfuegos, Obie Casias; (first row) Kyven Arjona, Jacob Sanchez, Lucas Rodriguez.

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HPWD Board approves deadline extension

2012 groundwater production reports due by June 1

Following a Feb. 19 public hearing, the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District (HPWD) Board of Directors unanimously approved rule amendments allowing an extension of the reporting deadline for groundwater produced during calendar year 2012.

Problems with the district's meter reporting web site prompted the rule amendment which extends the production reporting deadline to June 1, 2013. The first annual production reports for calendar year 2012 were to be submitted to the district no later than March 1, 2013.

The amendment to District Rule 5.17 reads as follows: "Notwithstanding Subsection (d), the first annual production report required under this rule is for production during calendar year 2012 and must be submitted to the District no later than June 1, 2013. All annual production reports thereafter shall continue to be due March 1 as required under Subsection (d). This

subsection does not impact the temporary moratorium on fines established under Section VII of the District's Enforcement Policy and Civil Penalty Schedule. This subsection shall automatically expire and be of no further force and effect on January 1, 2014."

Two persons spoke in favor of the deadline extension at the public hearing, which was held immediately before the regular monthly Board of Directors meeting.

Lynn Tate of Amarillo, president of the HPWD Board of Directors, thanked everyone for their patience in working with the new system and asks anyone encountering problems with the reporting program to contact the district office at (806) 762-0181 or by e-mail at jed.leibbrandt@hpwd.com or gerald@hpwd.com.

Created in 1951 by local residents and the Texas Legislature, the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 is charged with conserving, preserving, protecting, and preventing waste of groundwater within its 16-county service area.

Pesticide applicators 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.

Floyd County FSA Announces 45th General Sign-Up for the Conservation Reserve Program

Floydada, Texas Feb. 22, 2013 — Floyd County Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Stephanie Bradley Fryer announced today that FSA will conduct a four-week Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) general sign-up beginning May 20 and ending on June 14.

"It continues to be our goal to ensure that we use CRP to address our most critical resource issues" said Fryer. "In 2012, Texas experienced the worst drought in 60 years. CRP protected environmentally sensitive lands from washing or blowing away. It gave ranchers extra grazing land when they needed it. I expect there will be strong

competition to enroll or re-enroll acres into CRP, so I urge Floyd County producers to maximize their environmental benefits and make sure their offers are cost-effective."

In addition to erosion control, CRP provides significant water quality benefits including reduced nutrients and sediment loadings and adverse consequences associated with floods as well as expanded and enhanced wildlife habitat.

Currently, about 27 million acres are enrolled in CRP nationwide; more than 3 million of these acres are enrolled in Texas. CRP is a voluntary program available to agricultural producers to help them safeguard

environmentally sensitive land. Producers enrolled in CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving covers to improve the quality of water, control soil erosion and enhance wildlife habitat. Contracts on an estimated 3.3 million acres of CRP nationwide are set to expire on Sept. 30, 2013, and more than 362,000 of those expiring acres are in Texas. Producers with expiring contracts or producers with environmentally sensitive land are encouraged to evaluate their options under CRP.

Floyd County currently has 107,793.2 acres enrolled in CRP and 11,027.1 of those acres are set to expire on Sept. 30, 2013.

Producers that are accepted in the sign-up can receive cost-share assistance for planting covers and receive an annual rental payment for the length of the contract (10-15 years). Producers also are encouraged to look into CRP's other enrollment opportunities offered on a continuous, non-competitive, sign-up basis. Continuous sign-ups often provide additional financial assistance. Those sign-up dates will be announced later.

If you have land expiring from the CRP program or have new land you would like to offer, please call the FSA office for an appointment at 806.983.3763 ext 2.

Spring is in the Air... Join the Arbor Day Foundation in March and Receive 10 Free Trees

The Arbor Day Foundation is making it easier for everyone to celebrate the arrival of spring through planting trees.

Join the Arbor Day Foundation in March 2013 and receive 10 free white flowering dogwood trees.

"White flowering dogwoods will add beauty to your home throughout the year," said John Rosenow, founder and chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Dogwoods are known for their showy spring flowers, scarlet autumn foliage and red berries that attract songbirds during winter."

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign. The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right

time for planting between March 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Arbor Day Foundation members also receive a subscription to Arbor Day, the Foundation's bimonthly publication, and The Tree Book, which contains information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE DOGWOOD TREES, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by March 30, 2013. Or join online at arborday.org/march.

Largest Cattle Industry Expo in Southwest Kick off in Fort Worth March 22

Fort Worth, Texas – More than 200 exhibitors will showcase their products and services to cattle producers across the state at the 36th Annual Cattle Raisers Expo during the Cattle Raisers Convention March 22-24.

"The Cattle Raisers Expo is all about making connections between buyers and sellers, companies and clients, and most of all between friends," TSCRA President Joe Parker Jr. said. "Our expo is one of the premier agricultural events in the Southwest. At least 80 percent of our exhibitors come back every year to reach our members. They come ready to do business with cattle raisers."

Exhibitors will showcase the latest in ranch equipment and management tools, western wear and jewelry. Attendees can also learn more about different products and services including animal health products, animal identification, herd management, real

estate, veterinary services, seed products and more. Meat cutting demonstrations, the Special Ranger Silent Auction and youth contests will also take place in the expo, as well as breakfast Saturday for all attendees.

The Cattle Raisers Expo will run from noon to 7 p.m. March 22 and 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 23. For more information visit the Cattle Raisers Convention website at www.tscra.org.###

TSCRA is a 136 year-old trade association and is the largest and oldest livestock organization based in Texas. TSCRA has more than 16,000 beef cattle operations, ranching families and businesses as members.

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Wayland mission team combining evangelism and medicine in trip to Honduras, Mexico

By Richard Porter
Director of
Communications
Wayland Baptist Univ.

PLAINVIEW — A group of Wayland Baptist University students, faculty members and alumni will have an opportunity in March to gain valuable experience in missions while demonstrating God's love through evangelism and medicine.

According to Wayland Professor of Biological Sciences and Chemistry Dr. Adam Reinhart, who also serves as the university's pre-health director, he will take a team of 12 people, including seven students to an area approximately 30-45 miles northeast of the Honduran capitol of Tegucigalpa from March 11-18. Over that one-week period, the team will conduct several medical clinics, do some construction work at an orphanage and visit an international school. Team members also will do gospel presentations and teach children's Bible stories to those who are seeking help through the clinics.

Reinhart said the trip is being done in cooperation with his friend, Joe Denton, who is a missionary in the area and the clinics will be operated by local doctors.

"They're more established and know what to look for and are better equipped to treat people there," Reinhart explained.

The group will be bringing in some general medical supplies, although it is limited in what it can bring in because of customs concerns. Reinhart also explained that the American dollar will buy more medicine in Honduras than it will in the United States.

Given that fact, he said what the team really needs is for people to make monetary donations that will enable

them to buy the necessary prescription medication once they get in country.

In general, he said, one of his focuses is helping supply prenatal vitamins.

"There's a huge need for prenatal vitamins, especially prenatal vitamins that have a lot of folic acid," he said. "The amount of medicine we can buy once we're there, in terms of vitamin supplies, and stuff like that, we can make a big impact on lowering the potential rates of birth defects in that one little area we're going to."

He added that anyone interested in donating to help with the purchase of medicine should contact team member Amy Rendon at 806-291-3602 or by email at rendona@wbu.edu.

As far as the team members' actual roles in the medical clinics, Reinhart said they will help with general triage-type work, prescreening patients and getting vital signs that will be passed along to the doctors.

Many of the students who are participating in the trip are preparing for careers in the health industry, Reinhart said, adding that the best time for them to get a taste of medical mission work is as undergrads.

"Once people are in medical school or dental school it makes it very difficult for them to leave that to even do a short-term mission trip," he said.

Two of those students are Jarrett Ross and Jessica Kenneson. Ross, a senior from Tulia, is studying molecular biology and chemistry and Kenneson is a sophomore from Wiggins, Colorado who is studying the same fields. Both have an interest in the medical field and Ross has been accepted into the medical school at Texas Tech, al-

though he doesn't know what his specialty will be.

He is excited about the trip and agreed that now is the time to go on a medical mission trip.

"I feel that meeting someone's physical needs is a gateway to helping meet their spiritual needs: I feel that is my calling," he said as he talked about the upcoming trip.

Kenneson is interested in medical research and she was a late-comer to the team, approaching Dr. Reinhart on the last day of signups. She had seen posters about the trip but didn't commit to participating until she attended a presentation by Wayland alumni Dr. John Blevins in which he talked about his own medical mission trip to Africa.

"I love mission trips," she said with a smile. "I've always wanted to go and apply my passion for science to missions and medical mission trips make that possible ... and it's fun."

In both cases, that is the kind of enthusiasm that gets Reinhart excited.

"The side of the trip that impacts our students the most," he said, "is just giving (them) a more global perspective of what God's doing around the world. Everything doesn't look like it does here and people around the world face different kinds of challenges that we don't experience in this part of the world."

"It's really a good way for God to get ahold of somebody and really increase the amount of ministry they're doing here. If you want to take the surest, shortest way to take somebody from a pew-sitter to really being involved in ministry, send them on a short-term mission trip," he said.

Lady Longhorns hang on against Lubbock Christian High School, 4-1

By Coach Jackson

Lubbock Christian High School was never able to get over the hump and get over its troubles against Lady Longhorns on Tuesday, as Lubbock Christian High School fell 4-1 at Lockney after falling behind by three runs in the fifth inning.

Lubbock Christian High School scored one run in the sixth on a steal of home by J Rigney. Still, Lubbock Christian couldn't draw even.

Lady Longhorns was led

by a flawless day at the dish by Dixie Williams, who went 2-2 against Lubbock Christian High School's pitching. She tripled in the first inning and singled in the second inning.

Katie Jackson kept contact to a minimum, striking out 15 Lubbock Christian High School batters. Jackson allowed one earned run on two hits and three walks over six innings.

In the bottom of the first, Lady Longhorns grabbed the early lead, 1-0. Lady

Longhorns caught fire after Williams tripled. Then Jackson singled, scoring Williams.

The game's last lead went to Lady Longhorns thanks to a fifth inning rally that saw three runs cross the plate on an error and a two-run single by Darby Long.

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early in the morning and we went down there to watch it all burn down," said Guffee.

For six months he lived in Plainview and met the love of his life and future wife, Janiece.

"She was working in a drugstore in Plainview as a soda jerk...she'd make the best milk shake you ever had!" said Guffee.

He was attending Lip-perts Business College at the time and would see her walking to school. When they started courting, he would go see her every Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday. They were married on August 5, 1949 in a yard wedding in Plainview at sundown by a Floydada preacher named brother Doyle. It was the last wedding he performed before leaving Floydada according to Guffee.

He saw the inception of Rural Electric Federal Credit Union (REFCU), now known as Texas Plains Federal, in the 1950s and was one of the original members.

REFCU was started by 12 Coops with their original office in a rented space on 4th Street between Avenue Q and Uni-

versity in Lubbock. Coops that made up the credit union in the beginning were Lighthouse Electric, South Plains, Deaf Smith, Midwest, Lynnagar, Concho Valley, Rita Blanca, Dickens, Bailey, Lamb and Swisher Electric Coops (and one in Clovis). According to Guffee, the first manager was Jay Bourland, the son-in-law of the late Wanda Hickerson.

Guffee also served on the board of directors that met once a month to discuss any big loans, if they had any, from 1983-92. In the beginning, no real estate loans were given at all. Credit Union Employees started building up the credit union by putting in money as savings to get capital. Eventually small loans were given out, progressing to bigger and bigger loans.

"I've been a member

since it started and I still have an account there," said Guffee.

Guffee dedicated 43 and a half years working at Lighthouse Electric Coop as an accountant, taking care of the work order accounting. According to general manager Bill Harbin, he was always friendly and treated everybody kindly and would always go the extra mile.

"There was never a person who met Corkey that didn't like him," said Harbin.

Guffee retired from his career at Lighthouse on January 15, 1994.

Many of Floydada's key moments and precious history were witnessed by Guffee, and though so many years have passed, talk to him and get a first-rate lesson in Floyd County history with a few extra bonuses.

Excessive Force Policy

The City of Floydada passed and adopted a resolution establishing rules and regulations regarding the use of excessive force during nonviolent civil rights demonstrations, including physically barring entrance to a facility or location which is the subject of such demonstrations, and providing penalties for violations thereof. In the following City of Floydada, County of Floyd, State of Texas.

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fire department do so much for our community," said Bishop. "I am so pleased to be able to give back."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Floyd County Commissioners' Court will conduct a public hearing at its next regularly scheduled meeting to consider the application by South Plains Wind Energy, LLC to designate certain property located in Floyd County as a Reinvestment Zone eligible for property tax abatement under Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code. The property is located generally north and northeast of Lockney to the Briscoe County line, and east of Lockney approximately 6 miles. The property is intended for use as a wind power facility by South Plains Wind Energy, LLC and its affiliates. In determining whether to designate the Reinvestment Zone, the Commissioners' Court will consider whether such designation would contribute to the retention or expansion of primary land to be included in the Zone and would contribute to the economic development of the County. The Court will also consider and act on whether to approve and execute an abatement agreement between the County and South Plains Wind Energy, LLC allowing for property tax abatement.

The public hearing will take place at 2:30 p.m. on March 11, 2013 in the Commissioners' Courtroom of the Floyd County Courthouse in Floydada, Texas. All interested people may appear and present testimony regarding designation of the Reinvestment Zone. A copy of the proposed Reinvestment Zone is available for public viewing at the County Judge's office or the County Clerk's office in the Floyd County Courthouse during normal business hours.

If further information is needed please contact County Judge Penny Golightly, Floyd County Courthouse, 806-983-4905.

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Commissioners' Court erupts over "feasibility study" for new law enforcement center

By Jennifer Harbin

Floyd County Commissioners met on January 14 to clarify what a "feasibility study" or "Facility Needs Analysis" for a Law Enforcement Center proposed by Jeff Heffelfinger, of Southwest Architects, Inc., would do for the county. There was much confusion and talking over one another between commissioners, Judge Golightly, Heffelfinger and County Attorney Lex Herrington, as well as others present. The Court and Heffelfinger couldn't seem to agree whether the contract sent to Golightly was indeed a feasibility study or Facility Needs Analysis, and whether or not the "study" would cost the county \$2,500 or would be at no cost.

According to Heffelfinger, "We are helping you analyze current costs to transport and house inmates out of county, including medical, along with possible construction cost so you as a court can weigh the pros and cons."

Local farmer, John Dunlap, spoke before the court and presented some rough figures that he had come up with on his own and with the help of Sheriff Raisse. His conclusion was that because Floyd County does not have five million dollars to build a jail, there would have to be a Bond Election. His figures showed a breakdown of yearly estimated costs of housing prisoners in our own facility and what it cost to house out of county. Dunlap estimated that it would take 24 years to repay the 5 million dollars it would take to build a facility.

The Court discussed the Indigent Defense Grant Program Resolution. Judge

Golightly read the resolution aloud and stated that if the county wanted any indigent money back, they needed to approve and get it sent back in. Commissioner Johnson made the motion to approve the Indigent Defense Grant Program Resolution. The motion carried.

The Consent Agenda was presented to the Court, including written monthly reports of the County Clerk, Treasurer, JP 1&4, JP 2&3, District Clerk, Fund Transfers, Part-time payroll and bills. Commissioner Morales made the motion to approve the consent agenda, and Commissioner Johnson provided the second. The vote was 5 - 0.

There were two Farm Contracts approved. Contract # 2871, Q.D. Williams, Pct. 4. Contract # 2872, Wilmer Archer, Pct. 2. Commissioner Anderson made the motion to approve the Farm Contracts, and all commissioners voted in favor, with Golightly abstaining.

Robin Stoerner, representing the Lockney Branch Friends of the Library, came before the Court to state that the Association owns the building that houses the Lockney Branch Library, and in a letter of recommendation, they were supporting Debbie Galloway as Librarian. Galloway has substituted for the Lockney Librarian for seven years now, and the Friends felt she was the best qualified applicant for the job. Jo Elliott, who serves as Floyd County's Human Resources Officer, stated that Charles Keaton was the better qualified for the job, and that Ms. Galloway was still on the county payroll as substitute

Librarian.

Lot 3 & E/2 Block 113, Original Town, Floydada; 323 W. Tennessee St. was sold to Sue Frances Enoch for \$ 400.00.

A grant to get newer radar for the patrol units was presented by Cory Speed, deputy sheriff. He stated there would be no matching funds. Morris made the motion to approve the resolution and Anderson seconded. The vote was unanimous.

A renewal of acceptance agreement for a drug & alcohol program with Allied Compliance Services was discussed in reference to CDL licenses and the judge stated that it had to be approved for insurance purposes.

The bids for 10 lots from Michael Tibbets were received for Floyd County In-Trust Property that had gone through a sheriff sale and approved by the Court.

Topics in the Hesperian-Beacon of last Commissioners' Meeting were discussed amongst the commissioners. Quotes were taken from Judge Golightly and printed in the paper that occurred outside of Commissioners' Court. Commissioner Johnson stated that the article in the paper should be exactly like the minutes under that heading. Hesperian-Beacon editor Jennifer Harbin commented that the newspaper was not in violation in the December 27, 2012 article.

After discussing whether to take bids for a new or good used motor grader per Mike Anderson, they decided to purchase from Buy Board, a government contractor that guarantees the lowest price.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Lockney Economic Development News

The Lockney EDC met on January 24 with the main goal of deciding how to get information to the public in a more efficient manner. They decided to start putting an article in the newspaper once a month after meetings.

They also discussed placing a marquee at the corner of Main and Locust Street. Phil Cotham will collect more information from Ralls, which

also has a marquee, and report back to the board.

A motion was made by Bil Anderson to adopt the proposal for processing payment of grant money for projects supported by Lockney Economic Development Corp. All were for.

Cotham made a motion to pay \$99 for Charlotte Hooten to attend High Ground of Texas seminar on February

22, 2013 in Lubbock. Matt Williams seconded, and all were for.

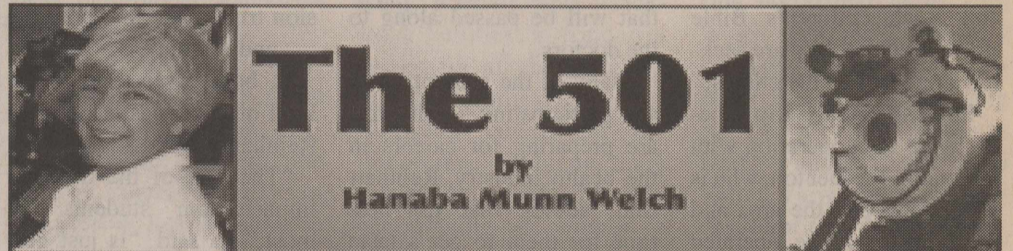
The financial reports were reviewed and the previous meeting minutes were read and approved.

Members present at the Lockney Economic Development were Cotham, Kay Martin, Elsa Cooper, Anderson, Williams and Charlotte Hooten.

Lockney School Menu

March 4 - March 8

- Monday:** Beef and Cheese Chalupas, garden salad, salsa, refried beans, applesauce, milk
- Tuesday:** Country fried steak, whipped potatoes with gravy, green beans, roll, strawberry cup, milk
- Wednesday:** chicken fajitas, charro beans, corn, orange smiles, salsa, milk
- Thursday:** chicken spaghetti, garden salad, apple slices, breadstick, baby carrots, milk
- Friday:** fish tacos, sweet potato fries, coleslaw, sliced peaches, milk



All tasks saved for rainy days stack up mightily in a drought. Then when rain finally comes, the workload is overwhelming. That's my excuse.

I wonder if people who live in rainy climes save tasks for sunny days. Then, when one finally comes along, maybe they picnic instead.

Back in 1969, the sun was shining as our travel group crossed Scotland. We saw several picnickers with colorful (probably wool) blankets spread on the ground. We heard later it was the first sunshine in a month. Those folks had put aside their cares to picnic.

But if they should've been hanging out a month's worth of sheets to dry in the mid-day sun, they missed their chance.

I'm remembering "The Day We Flew the Kites," a Reader's Digest story I read as a child. I'm not going to check the facts or the exact title, but the gist of the story is that a family abandoned regular chores of the day to go fly kites, thus creating lasting fam-

ily memories for both children and adults. It was a whimsical thing to do, but if they'd stuck with their work, they wouldn't have ended up with a memory worthy of Reader's Digest.

INTERNET PAUSE.

I couldn't help myself. What better thing to do on a rainy day than use the Internet to validate a memory? Sure enough, I found the kite flying story. It's better than I remembered. I'm surprised no one has sent it to me via email with a directive to pass it on to ten more people or else. At least the Reader's Digest copyright is noted, whether or not observed, on some websites, along with the name of the author, Frances Fowler.

Reading the story anew brought some tears to my eyes. One of the little boys ended up a soldier and then a prisoner of war. In the POW camp, he remembered that spectacular Saturday the family, both children and adults, forgot all their cares and flew kites.

One aspect of the story I'd

forgotten is that for many years nobody talked about the special day with any of the rest of the group. Maybe everyone, even the children, realized the magical day could never happen again; therefore, they all locked away the memory in their minds, a treasure to be preserved and protected, not realizing they all felt the same way about the hours they spent flying the kites when they should have been doing spring cleaning and other important things.

Just think. If none of the kite-fliers ever had spoken again of the special day, and if Frances Fowler hadn't written it all down, the world would be minus one really good story.

Not all memories are as good as the kite story, but who doesn't have a few to dust off and share?

Somewhere in Scotland, maybe somebody's warming the heart of an aging parent, recalling a sunny day in 1969 when the family abandoned work to be done and went on a picnic instead.

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Tuesday

- Breakfast** - Sausage, toast/jelly, cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
- Lunch** - Tangerine chicken, brown rice, baby carrots, steamed broccoli, snowball salad, milk

Wednesday

- Breakfast** - Waffles/syrup or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
- Lunch** - Tex-Mex stack, Spanish rice, refried beans, garden salad, hot cinnamon apples, milk

Thursday

- Breakfast** - Breakfast sausage roll or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
- Lunch** - Stuffed baked potato, baby carrots, Texas toast, fresh fruit bowl, milk

Friday

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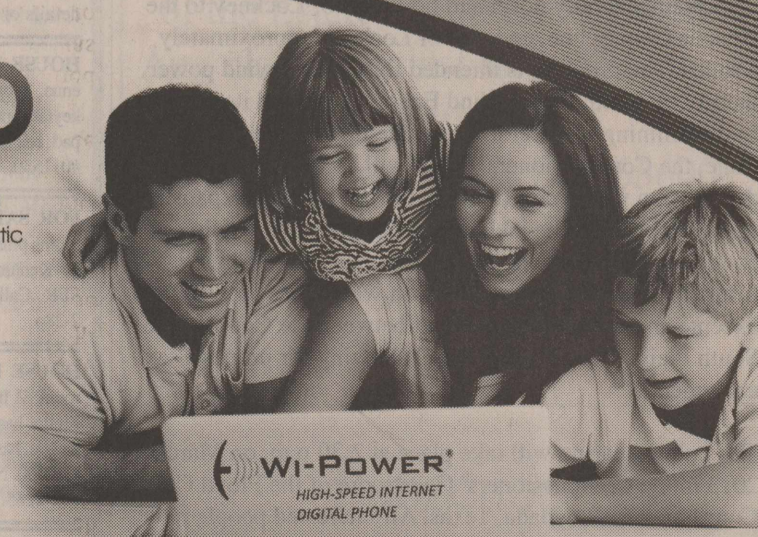
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