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Lighthouse garners safety honors



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TEC Loss Control Conference attendees pictured are, from left, Larry Ogden, Danny Nixon, Phil Henricks (TEC Loss Control Safety Instructor), Johnny Gourdon, Billy Joe Villarreal, and Mike Arwine.

By Jennifer Harbin Hesperian-Beacon

Lighthouse Electric Cooperative employees attended the Texas Electric Cooperative State-wide Loss every year in the capacity of Control Conference from March 19-22 and returned with top safety honors.

Lighthouse representative Larry Ogden attends the prior year's safety statis-

Safety Coordinator. "It is a statewide gathering of loss control professionals and operations people to review

tics and attend work ships and demonstrations of new and improved safety products and procedures," said

Loss control can be defined as limiting damages in accidents to employees and the public. This entire process is overseen by Ogden, Line Superintendent Johnny Gourdon and Operations Manager Danny Nixon; all do part of this job.

"It is a cooperative effort, every employee participates," said Nixon. "We live by that."

Friday morning at the Wrap-up General Session which everyone attends, awards are presented to Coops who were safety accredited in 2012. Lighthouse was reaccredited by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).

The Rural Electric Safety Accreditation Program is what co-ops apply for that is a very stringent process which, once accredited, must reapply every three years. It is based on the prior three years of safety records, practices and procedures according to Ogden. It entails written documentation and on-site observation by a team of safety professionals. In the state of Texas, there are 33 co-ops who are Resap Certified and 32 who are not, according to Danny Williams, Statewide Loss Control Director.

Lighthouse Electric has been accredited since 1987.

Awards were given out for the number of years of operation without an employee loss-time accident. This was Lighthouse's 15th year in a

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Upcoming

Events are listed free of charge for nonprofit civic organizations, schools and community events. Please submit listings at least two weeks ahead of the date. Listings will run through the date of the event. Emailed submissions are preferred to fchb.editor@yahoo.com.

Stockholders meeting

Floydada Cooperative Gins, Inc. will have their 41st Annual Stockholders & Producers Meeting will be held Floyd County Unity Center Thursday, April 11 at 7 p.m.

Cotton meeting

Plains Cotton Growers 56th annual meeting will be from 9 a.m. to noon April 5 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 Mac Davis Lane. For information, contact Plains Cotton Growers at 792-4904 or vixit plainscotton.org.

Friends Gala

The Floyd County Friends 18th Annual Gala will be held at the Unity Center April 20, 2013 at 6 p.m. Get your tickets now at Nick Long State Farm office in Floydada or D & J Gin in Lockney. Tickets \$30 each or \$280 for table of 8.

Chamber recipe

The Floydada Chamber would like to have your recipe for their cookbook. Recipes can be turned in at the Floydada Chamber of Commerce office at 201 W California, Floydada or emailed to: manager@ floydadachamber.com. Recipes need to be submitted by July 1, 2013. Cookbooks will be sold at Punkin Days in October.

Blood pressure clinic

Calvert Home Health holds their blood pressure clinics on every first and third Thursday of each month between 9 - 11 a.m. at the Community Room of the First National Bank of Floydada

Parkinson's walk

On April 6, from 2-4 p.m. The Optimism Walk/Run/Tortoise Motorcycle Route will be held at Lubbock Christian University's Recreation Center. This event, sponsored by the West Texas Parkinsonism Society (WTPS), a chapter of the American Parkinson's Disease Association's (APDA) Information & Referral Center network, will join walks in other cities across the nation to raise national awareness of the disease, as well as funds for research.

Floydada EDC Ready for Wind **Power 2013**

By Justin Jaworski Floydada EDC Executive Director

Once again, the Floydada EDC will participate in the nation's largest wind event, Wind Power 2013, hosted by the American Wind Energy Associa-

tion (AWEA).

has proved to expose Floyd County

many in the industry seeking to build wind farm energy in West Texas.

The Floydada EDC will be host to a booth specifically for the purposes of promoting the newly development transmission lines that will soon be transmitting power to the ERCOT

Though the organization has participated in the wind power exhibition in the past, last year was the first time it has done so in a more of-

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FLOYDADA

Airplane crash



Photo submitted to the Hesperian-Beacon

A Bellanca Viking aircraft, with a pending registration status with the FFA applied for by Jackie Qualles of Plainview, crashed two miles west of Lockney and one mile north of Highway 70 into Xcel Energy's 115,000 volt and 69,000 volt transmission line on the same structure on March 27. The wreckage from the transmission line fell on Lighthouse Electric Co-op's 12,000 volt distribution line, causing extensive outages. The lights were reported to have blinked at 9:43 p.m. in Floydada, which would be the approximate time of the crash. The pilot emerged with minor injuries.

Annual Gala Slated for April 20

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The Floyd County Friends 18th Annual Gala, "Biggest Social Event in Floyd County" of the year, is set for April 20 beginning at 6 p.m.

A Ribeye Steak Dinner with all the trimmings will be served by the Floyd County 4-H. The ever-popular silent and live auction will also be returning. The theme for the gala is "Candlelight and Cotton."

There are a limited number of tickets on sale now.

They can be purchased at Nick Long State Farm Office in Floydada or D & J Gin in Lockney. You can also contact the Unity Center manager, Jon LaBaume. Tickets are \$30 each or \$280 for a reserved table of 8.

Bobby Skeen will be the entertainer for the a eventua Gala. Skeen is a comedian and singer. He does a great imitation of well-known Jerry Clower.

Skeen, from Monroe, Louisiana, is the Mid-South Regional Communications Manager for The Cotton

Board. His responsibilities include communicating the efforts of the Cotton Research & Promotion Program to cotton producers and ginners throughout Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, Tennessee and Mis-

Bobby holds a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Business from the University of Louisiana at Monroe and is currently enrolled in Class XIII of the Louisiana State University AgCenter's Agricultural Leadership & Development Program.



Jennifer Harbin/Hesperian Beacon

D'Lyn Morris and Lindan Morris, left, owner of Floyd County Supply, donated \$1,000 cash to FC-FUC President David Foster, right, which will go toward the \$1,000 Give-away at the Gala on April 20.

Corrections

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Deaths

Emma E. Collins Emma E. Collins, age 85,

long-time resident of Floyd County, passed away Monday, March 25, 2013 after a lengthy illness.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Friday, March 29, 2013 at the Floyd County Memorial Park in Floydada with Reverend Gene Hawkins officiating. Visitation was held at the Moore Rose Funeral Home in Lockney from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 28, 2013. Arrangements were under the care of Moore Rose Funeral Home in Lockney.

Emma was born on February 7, 1928 in Slaton, Texas, to Claude and Opal Young, both long-time employees of the Santa Fe Railway. She and her parents loved travel-

ing via the railroad, and often visited friends and relatives.

After graduating from Slaton High School in 1945, Emma and many of her friends attended Texas Tech University where they were a tight knit group. While at Tech she met the love of her life, Gene Collins Jr. of Floydada. She and Gene were married on June 6, 1949, and lived in Floydada where he worked for the First National Bank of Floydada. In December 1961 Emma and Gene moved to Lockney where he became president of the First National Bank there.

Emma was active in Lockney, serving as president of the Garden Club and teaching Sunday School at the First Baptist Church. After Gene's death in 1979, Emma worked in the Lockney school system for 10 years, serving as assistant librarian. After retiring, Emma moved to Lubbock where she enjoyed visiting with her friends from Lock-

The family suggests memo-

ney and Floydada and at-

446, Lockney, Texas 79241

Quinon ONeal (Q.D.) Williams

Quinon Oneal (Q.D.) Williams of Floydada, Texas was born on December 1, 1925 in Hamlin, Texas to Charles B. and Lola May Cantrell Williams of Rochester, Texas. He died Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at the age of 87 years old. The Family had a visitation in Floydada on March 28, 2013 from 4-6 p.m. at 905 W. California. A graveside service was conducted at 3 p.m. on Friday, March 29, 2013 in Truscott, Texas. The Family had a visitation after the service at the Truscott Community Center.

As a young man Q.D. worked for the Big 4, JY, Pitchfork, and Matador Ranches. In 1944, he entered the Marines serving in the 1st Battalion, 29th Marines, 6th Marine Division as a Browning Automatic Rifleman. He served on Guadalcanal and was a part of the assault forces in the Battle of Okinawa where he was wounded in action. In 1945 after an extended stay in the stateside hospital at McAlester, Oklahoma, he was honorable discharged with the following awards: the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, a Good Conduct Medal, a Combat Action Ribbon, a Purple Heart and a Presidential Unit Citation.

On November 3, 1947,



Q.D. WILLIAMS

Q.D. married Evelyn Joyce Jones at her parents' home in Truscott, Texas. Q.D. went on to become a pilot for the JY Ranch flying a J3 Piper Cub. In 1953, Q.D. became the foreman of the Montgomery Ranch (TM Bar) located in Floyd and Crosby County. In the early 1960's, he and Joyce bought the headquarters of the TM Bar Ranch with their home in Blanco Canyon.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce; son, James and wife, and their children, Austin Williams and Ashleigh Baumgarten and her husband, Jeremy and their children, Kael, Hayes and Rayne; daughter, Nancy Farrington and her husband, Mark of Amarillo, Texas and her son, Cortney Goodwin and her daughter, Hillary Cross and her husband, Ricky, and her

children, Zach, Sterling, and Dakota Hilyer; son, Thomas (Monte) Williams and wife, Kellie of Floydada, Texas and their daughters, Tara Williams and Amanda Hinsley and her husband, Todd, and their children, Reese and Cooper; and a brother, Cliff Williams of Crowley, Texas.

Q.D. was a conservationist. He participated in the reestablishment of Rio Grande turkeys in Blanco Canyon. By roping several deer, he and Dee Adams assisted the Texas Parks and Wildlife in relocating mule deer in Floyd County. Q.D. participated in a study concerning the effect of DDT on bald eagles' hatches. He was an excellent marksman; in 1967 he won the Caprock Peace Association Rattle Snake Roundup as a Reserve Game Warden. He and wife, Joyce, hosted several archeological digs on their ranch. These include a Texas Field School Dig, several Coronado excavations, Cyndi of Lubbock, Texas, and the 1871 Battle of Blanco Canyon. Q.D. was a mem ber of the City Park Church of Christ in Floydada, Texas for over 50 years.

Memorials may be sent to Floydada Senior Citizens, P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235, the Lubbock Children's Home, P.O. Box 2824, Lubbock, Texas, or to your favorite charity.

Museum Archives

LOCKNEY IN 1924 **ATHRIVING** COMMUNITY Floyd County Hesperian Centennial Edition May 24,1990

A thriving little city of 1,800 population, at the intersection ofSante Fe and Fort Worth & Denver South Plains Railroads. tending shows and musical Composed of 100 percent white population, that believes in good Emma is survived by one fanning, stock and poultry raisdaughter, Shelley Gammage ing, and good churches and and husband, Ron of Pla- schools. Lockney has: Four good inview; a son, Kirby Collins church buildings- Methodist, and wife, Nancy of Anna, and Baptist, and two Churches of four grandchildren, Shannon Christ, and there are a number Gammage of Dallas, Allison of members of the Presbyterian Gammage of Dallas, and Kira and Christian Churches, who Collins and Marissa Collins, contemplate organizing and building church houses before long; the school building in rials may be made to the First Lockney was erected at a cost of Baptist Church, P.O. Box \$90,000.00, and is of red brick material, with all modem conveniences and equipment, employing twenty teachers, and has an enrollment of more than 550 pupils, and all credits accredited to a high school of this size arc given to the Lockney School by the State Board of Education. Lockney has five of the largest and most complete gin plants, with a daily capacity of 600 bales of cotton; four large grain

elevators, with ample facilities for the handling of the small grain crops; two good strong banks; three big lumber yards, four hardware stores; two implement houses; one furniture and undertaking store; seven grocers; three dry good stores; two gents furnishing goods stores; two tailor shops; two confectioneries; three jewelry stores; three drug stores; four cafes; three barber shops; two second-hand stores; three produce houses; seven garages; nine filling stations; three wholesale oil houses; four coal dealers; three blacksmith shops; three auto agencies; one shoe and harness repair shop; one variety store; one exclusive electric supply; one picture show; four physicians and surgeons; one dentist; three insurance agencies; two mutual aid insurance circles; electric light, power and ice company; local and long distance telephone office; one laundry; one newspaper and job printing office, three regular real estate agencies; two wagon and sales yards; one exclusive millinery and ladies' ready to wear store; and the different lodges of the Masonic Order, Eastern Star, I.O.O.F., M.W.A., Royal Neighbors, Woodman of the World, and Woodman Circle.

FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

By Margaret Jones Special to Hesperian-Beacon

High hopes for a girls spreading love through bunnies.....

"The trails of life....Marked by obstacles of many kinds... rarely intersect with bunny trails of blue sky, songs, and joyous egg hunts. They draw closer, however, when a youngster sees few limits and imbues others along the trail with a "Yes, we can" attitude. That's the essence of Haley Whatley, an 18-year old senior tennis star at Birdville High School in North Richland Hill. For 13 years she's been the driving force to provide new stuffed animals for Cook's Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth." They've collected some 29,000 stuffed animals...each one buoying spirits and providing blessed assurance that the young patients

are not alone. Haley's dream began at age 4, when her heart was touched by a TV appeal from St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. She has numerous questions for her parents and upon their move to the Metro-plex a year later, a tour of Cook Children's Medical Center further amazed her. Haley was particularly impressed by the Wednesday and Friday "prayer bear room" provided by from 9-9:30 a.m. Coffee pastoral care efforts of churches and businesses. Saturday 9:30-10:30, and

This soon-to-be kindergartner as puzzled that the room had no bunnies - animals she viewed in tandem with Easter, her favorite holiday. Learning that the patients received bears year round she asked if she could bring stuffed bunnies for the next Easter. Her mom gulped knowing that a 5-year olds mind was not completely wrapped around the enormity of the promise, after all, there were 186 beds, each with a patient, some with wavering hope. As the program was "gotten on with" friends at church and school responded, signs were posted and collection boxes were set up. They missed their goals by miles. Instead of 186 stuffed animals, 1,400....mostly bunnies.... were donated. The annual project

Even though this coming Fall semester Haley will be a Freshman, on a full tennis scholarship at Erskine College in Due West, S.C. her love for the project she founded remains strong. She has identified a successor to keep it rolling. Her name is Trudy Troublefield, a seventh grader at Westlake Academy. Not many years ago, Haley was her babysit-

Her spirit and love for other has been well kindled. Her confidence in what can be done for other is strong. This reminds me

of a savior names Jesus Christ, often on record for His love for children to "come unto Him." His resurrection celebrated each Easter is a reminder of His light on our earthly trails.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

CHERRY CRISP

1 (20 oz) can cherry pie filling ½ cup all-purpose flour ½ cup rolled oats 2/3 cup brown sugar 34 tsp. ground cinnamon 3/4 ground nutmeg ¼ cup chopped nuts 1/3 cup melted margarine

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease a 2 quart baking dish. Pour pie filling into the dish and spread evenly. In a medium, bowl, mix together flour, oats, sugar, cinnamon and nutmeg. Mix in melted margarine. Spread over pie filling and sprinkle with chopped nuts. Bake in preheated oven for 30 minutes or until topping is golden brown. Allow to cool 15 minutes before serving.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK -

Focus on making things Better not Bigger.

MEMORIALS

By Margarette Word

We 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 Harold Bertrand - R. E. and Mildred Swackhame

In memory of Randall Moore - Mrs. Wayne Battey

In memory of Q.D. Williams - Class of 1970

MENU April 8 – April 12

Monday - Rigatoni w/meatsauce, garlic bread, seasoned lima beans, tossed salad w/dressing, mandarin oranges w/whipped topping. low fat milk Tuesday - Creamy mushroom

steak, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, whole wheat roll, margarine, emerald pears, low fat milk

Wednesday - Oven-fried chicken, bow tie pasta, broccoli raisin salad, fruit cocktail, low fat

Thursday - Roast pork, sweet potatoes, succotash, whole wheat roll, margarine, banana pudding, low fat milk

Friday - Breaded fish on bun, lettuce, tomato, pickle, tartar sauce, potato wedges, cole slaw w/dressing, peach chantilly, low fat milk

Lockney Senior Center News

By Renee Armstrong Special to Hesperian-Beacon

The Lockney Senior Center's Third Annual Fundraiser is quickly approaching on Sunday, April 14. John Robison from Channel 11 and Matt Ernst from Channel 34 will be on hand for the celebrity bake auction. Carol Hopkins has donated one of her beautiful paintings to be auctioned off. A barbeque

meal, cooked by Cecil Jones and Renee Armstrong, will be served with an assortment of side dishes and dessert. Dessert donations are needed so please call Renee Armstrong at 652-2745 or 983-4335 to sign up. We are a 501 (3)(c) not for profit organization and receive no government funding, all donations are tax deductible and greatly appreciated.

Remember Exercise with

comes with good conversation and fellowship. Menu Monday: Pork Chops Tuesday: Chalupas Wednesday: BBQ Chicken

Friday: Hamburger Steak

Thursday: Salmon

Dorothy is held Monday,

is served Monday through

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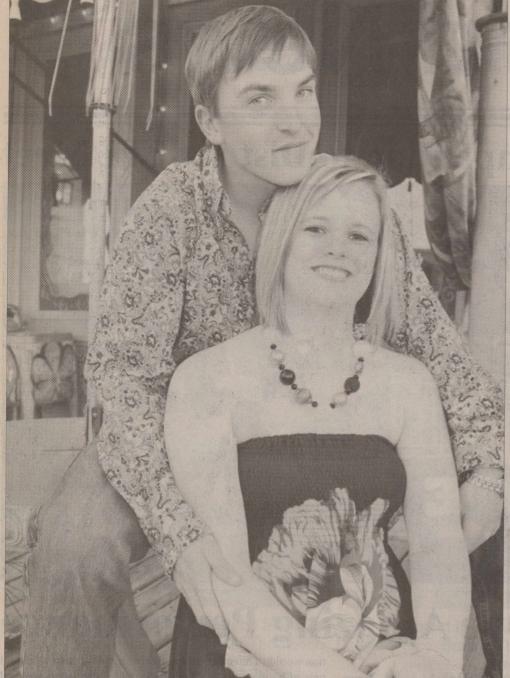
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DUSTY JACE HICKS AND ABBEY MARIE NOLAND

Hicks and Noland to wed

Skipper and Melissa Hicks of Floydada together with Kevin and Monica Noland of Wall, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Dusty Jace Hicks and Abbey Marie Noland.

Dusty's grandparents are Billy and Kathy Griffin of Plainview and Kay Hicks and the late Bill Hicks of Floydada.

The prospective bridegroom is a 2009 graduate of Floydada High School and a 2012 graduate of Angelo State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agribusiness. He is employed at Producers Livestock Auc-

Abbey is the granddaughter of Calvin and Mary Ann Pelzel of Wall and the late Joe Richard and Sandra Noland of Floydada.

The bride-elect is a 2010 graduate of Wall High School and currently attending Angelo State University. Abbey is employed at Angelo Embroidery/Top Notch Trophy and The Christoval

The couple will be united in marriage on July 27, 2013 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Wall, Texas.

Dixie Divas earning

n those days - the ones of my cherished youth - my Lcousin, Ronnie, a vear older than I, worked for my daddy. Ronnie had cotton colored hair and a face that, like mine, was

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RICH

of the family

a quickthinking sense of humor that is succinct, clever and smart.

While I remember many good things about my sweetspirited cousin in those days, the thing I remember most – and admire beyond explanation - is how he trailed around behind Daddy, hanging on to his every word and carefully processing his advice.

I guess he was around 14 when he started working parttime for Daddy, helping him around his garage after school during the week and spending all day on Saturday doing farm work. Ronnie was then and still is a hard worker who gives a good day's work for a wage and then studies carefully on how he spends each dollar. Daddy taught him how to change a carburetor, repair a transmission, fix a contrary tractor, bush hog through a yellow jackets' nest, doctor an ailing cow and do business on a handshake alone. Aside from that, he learned what Daddy taught best - life and the wisdom that its lessons deliver.

In my mind, I clearly recall how Ronnie would listen intently to anything that Daddy

said. Sometimes I'd stop by the shop and finding them hanging out with Daddy sitting at his desk and Ronnie leaned back in a chair in front of the Coke machine with his long legs stretched to full extension. Daddy would be extolling on this or that and Ronnie would be nodding, his eyes squinted slightly, as he absorbed fully whatever was said. Daddy enjoyed teaching. Ronnie enjoyed learning.

"Now, let me tell you one thing," Daddy would be saying about someone who had just walked out. "Don't you ever do business with that sorry sonof-gun. He'll set your little field on fire. Lemme tell you what he tried to pull on ol' Ralph one

Or, on a Saturday, they'd be herding cows from the pasture at home to take to our bigger farm and Ronnie, smart but youthfully naïve, would make a

mistake of some kind. "Boy, I'm gonna learn you a thing or two," Daddy's voice would boom. "You can't do that around a bull. He'll clean your plow for you."

Whatever Daddy said was both law and gospel to Ronnie for he had an unerring sense to be drawn to a man of hardearned wisdom, listen to it and learn from it. I remember that in those days, I was proud of both, the young man and the old one. Then, I didn't realize exactly why but now I know - each one innately knew and accepted a responsibility. Daddy wanted to pass his teachings along and Ronnie wanted to accept them. It is hard to say who

When Daddy was dying, Ronnie came to the hospital. Sorrow covered him like an ill-fitting cloak as he sat in the corner of the waiting room and, sadly, gazed out the window,

pensive in thought over losing a

Brandon came to work for me several years ago when he was seventeen and reminded me much of my cousin in both looks - sans the freckles - and attitude. He was earnest, smart and willing to work hard so I invested in him as Daddy had invested in Ronnie. Once when he didn't keep his word to me and I gave him a strong life's teaching about honor, Brandon said humbly, "Yes ma'am. Miss Ronda, I'm young and I'm still learning but I won't do that

again." And, he didn't. The future belongs to both those in age and those in youth. May we all be wise enough to know when to teach and when to learn for to each, there is a season.

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

Cornelius Receives "Rookie Of The Year" Award



ERIC CORNELIUS

Eric Cornelius, Floydada, Texas, a Modern Woodmen of America Financial Representative, received the Texas Northwest 2012 "Rookie of the Year" Award. The Award was presented to Cornelius, by Regional Director, Kenny Jackson, at the 2012 Jackson Region Awards Banquet, held at The Amarillo Club,.

Cornelius' focus on helping families plan for their financial goals with Modern Woodmen, allowed him to be the recipient of this

Founded in 1883, Modern Woodmen of America touches lives and secures Saturday, February 24, 2013, futures. The fraternal finan-

cial services organization offers financial products and fraternal member benefits to individuals and families throughout the United

Eric. and his wife Julianne, of 31 years, attended the banquet in Amarillo, Texas. They have two sons, Skyler, and Jordan Cornelius.

Healthy Recipe of the Week Provided by Pure Balance Nutrition

No Bake Cookie/Candy Compliments of the Kolp Family

Ingredients:

- 1 cup coconut oil
- 1 cup almond butter
- ½ cup of honey
- 1 cup shredded coconut
- 1/4 cup of cocoa nibs
- 1 cup chopped nuts

Directions:

Mix and drop on a cookie sheet and place in freezer. Take out and eat as

Floydada Chamber needs your recipes for their cookbook

By Charla McHam

The Floydada Chamber of Commerce needs your help!! We would love to compile a cookbook of family favorites from the people in our community! We know there are lots of fabulous cooks in our town.

Even if you no longer live here but still have ties to our community we want to hear from you! We will have a whole section in the cookbook dedicated to Pumpkin recipes, but

will also include all others in the recipe book as well. We are looking for appetizers, soups, salads, main course, dessert, and of course your favorite pumpkin recipes!

Please include your name and hometown when you submit your recipes. You can leave your recipes at the Floydada Chamber of Commerce office at 201 W California, Floydada or email them to manager@ floydadachamber.com

We would like to have all of the recipes submitted by July 1, 2013 so we can get the cookbook compiled and ready to sell at Punkin Day in October.

If you have any questions please contact the Floydada Chamber of Commerce at 806-983-3434.

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IN THE ESTATE OF ELIZABETH C. CARTHEL, DECEASED

IN THE COUNTY COURT FLOYD COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Elizabeth C Carthel, Deceased, were issued on March 25, 2013, in Cause No 5943, pending in Floyd County, Texas, to: Weldon Carthel.

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Whirlwind News 3



Floydada Brings Intense Competition to District UIL Meet

By Carly Carthel-Staff Writer

This past Wednesday Floydada traveled to Idalou to compete in the district UIL meet. All of the students went into competition ready to dominate.

Knowing that this was a crucial meet to win, some students began to feel the pressure.

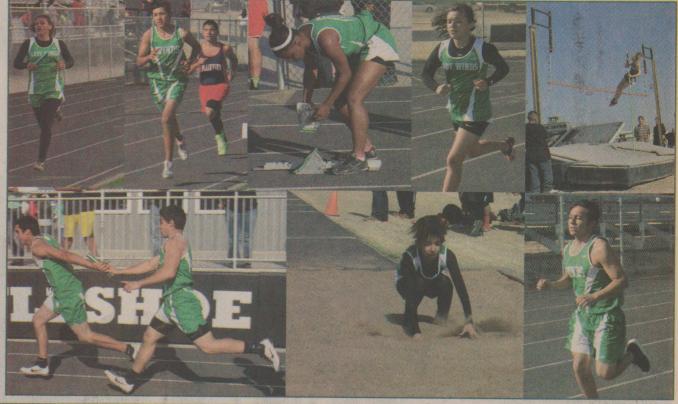
"We have been preparing all year but once it came time to actually compete I started to feel very anxious," said, senior, Keri DeBusk

While the competition was fierce some students did exceptionally well and will be attending the Regional meet.

"Before going into it, I was unsure if I was going to advance but after competing I felt pretty confident that I would be proceed to regionals," said, Junior, Hunter Schwertner

Results have not yet been released, but coaches are sure that there was a high success rate for all competing events. Congratulations and good luck to all advancing competitors.

> Floydada High School Track is in full swing.



Unfortunate **Circumstances Dances Away With Prom**

By Hunter Schwertner -Staff Writer

Every year, the juniors and seniors of Floydada High School are given the opportunity to attend prom. On this night, students enjoy themselves and are rewarded for everything they have accomplished this school year.

This spring, the event was supposed to be held on April 13, 2013. However, due to certain circumstance the location is up for discussion, leaving the prom committee out to the seniors and teachin a frantic state.

I knew how much work we time, date, and location will have been putting into plan- be released as soon as it is ning," said Prom Committee decided member, Samantha Cabal-

Even though the whereabouts of the location are still being discussed, this has not hindered the committee from getting things done.

"Although we don't have a date, and a location is not set in stone, the Prom Committee has been working diligently to make sure prom is going to be fabulous," said Prom Committee coordinator, Mrs. Cox.

Invitations will be sent ers in the upcoming week. "I was worried because Information related to the

OAP: One Amazing Performance

By Mattie Sanders - Staff Writer

Within the boundaries of the Keller's backyard, drama erupts. A son has died in World War II. His mother refuses to let him go and his father is hiding huge secrets regarding the lives of hundreds of pilots who were just like his son. The climax of the fighting leads to a deafening gunshot. The mother falls to the ground, sobbing into her remaining son's shoulder. The lights go dark.

Floydada High School's theater program recently participated in district One Act Play (OAP). The competition took place Thursday, March 21, 2013, in Post. The FHS Theater troupe performed All My Sons by Arthur Miller, placing fifth at district. Actor Diego Cervera received Honorable Mention All-Star Cast and Hunter Schwertner was given an award for All-Star Cast. The theater program was a great

"They made amazing progress every single time they performed it before district; so much so, we could of performed it professionally," said theater director Rita Cox.

With a cast of seven, the crowd was moved to tears when all the secrets began to surface on stage. The whole produc-

tion wouldn't have been successful without the hard work and tons of hours put into acting, lights and sound, costumes and makeup, and props.

"The cast accomplished amazing things this year," said lead actor Hunter Schwertner. "We have become better actors and have proven that we are very committed individuals."

Not only did the actors do a great job, the crew was also a big apart of bringing the performance together. Without the crew, many jobs would have been left unfinished.

"I feel that the crewmembers are a very important aspect of OAP," said costume supervisor Carly Carthel. "We handle all of the things behind the scenes that lead to a successful play."

The cast will perform the play again, April 6, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. in the FHS Auditorium. Tickets will be sold for three dollars at the door. Anyone is welcome to join the troupe in the final performance of All My Sons. Despite the hard loss at district, everyone agrees this is the best play Floydada has had in years.

"It was the best performance they had ever done and they should be very proud," said Rita Cox.

Earn College Money through Good Citizenship

By Homero Ramirez-Staff Writer

The TruFit Good Citizen Scholarship wants to reward students whose volunteer efforts have made a difference in their communities. The contest is open to legal U.S. residents, who are at 16 years of age or older as of the date of entry. Contestants must be high school students or college students who are enrolled at or accepted to a federally accredited four-year college or university. Students competing for this scholarship must to write an essay of no more than 250 words, or record a video up to 60-seconds, explaining the responsibility and leadership skill they have developed though their community service experience. The award will be a \$5,000 scholarship and the deadline will be on April 30, 2013. For more details concerning this scholarship and others refer to the links below. Some scholarships may require the creation of a profile to access them; it should take no more than five minutes.

http://www.citizensbank.com/scholarship/ http://www.antiquetrader.tv/studentscholarship.php

Upcoming Events for FISD By: Emily Hall- Staff Writer

High School District Track at Roosevelt April 10: High School District Track at Roosevelt April 11:

JV/Varsity Boys Baseball VS Slaton, Here 5:00/7:30 pm April 12:

April 13: Junior/Senior Prom at 7 pm

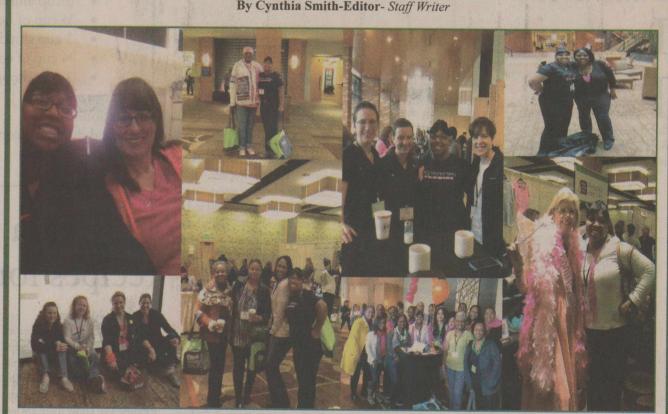
JV/Varsity Girls Softball VS Abernathy, There 12:00/2:00 pm April 15: Junior High District Track

JV Boys Baseball VS Idalou, There 4:30 pm JV/Varsity Girls Softball VS Muleshoe, Here 5:00/6:30 pm April 16: Varsity Boys Baseball VS Idalou, There 4:30 pm

April 17-18: Regional Tennis at Odessa

Area Track at Frenship April 18:

April 19-20: Regional UIL at Odessa JV/Varsity Boys Baseball VS Childress, Here 12:00/2:30 pm



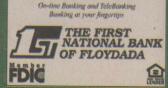
Unfortunately bad circumstances occur in our lives that leave us believing that things are at their worst and we constantly say they will never get better. However, I wonder how often, during those times, do we say, "Hey, it could always be worse," or "Nothing is ever as bad as it seems." About a little over a month ago, I had the privilege of attending a conference for young women who have been affected by Breast Cancer. I can truly say that it was an eye-opening experience. It was an absolute pleasure meeting such a strong group of women whose attitudes screamed, "I'm a Survivor!" Of the many women that I met that weekend, I shall always remember two of them who shared their stories with me about their battles with breast cancer. One young lady was first diagnosed with Stage II BC at age 25. My heart began to ache for her as I listened to her tell of how she would never be able to bear children due to her doctors misinforming her of the effects of chemotherapy. All I could think was, "Wow, I have spent many days looking in the mirror thinking that I would never be whole again, and here is a woman who will never be able to have children; yet, she still seems to look on the bright side of every situation. Shame on me." This is only one example of how I have had to swallow hard and say, "It could

always be worse." As the conference continued, I attended a workshop titled "All the Single Ladies." This is where I met another woman whose story was slightly different. This lady was diagnosed with terminal Stage IV BC. In this workshop we were learning how to love and accept ourselves post breast cancer. Questions ranged from "When is too soon to begin dating after having surgery/treatments?" to the most gut-wrenching, "How do I tell someone that there is no need to get too attached to me because one day, I will die of breast cancer?" which was the question asked by new friend. Silence swarmed the room, as tears began to fill in the eyes of every woman in the workshop. As I sat there with my mind perplexed, I began to relive my own situation. I closed my eyes and whispered, "Nothing in my life is ever as bad as it seems." Comforting words immediately began to brighten the room and for that moment, life seemed to be renewed. As you read this article, I am rejoicing because today is my one-year "cancer-versary." One year to the date, I was devastated by what seemed like the worst news a person my age could receive. Now that I look back over my diagnosis, surgeries, and treatment, I can honestly say that everything happens for a reason, and I am glad that I was chosen for this for journey.



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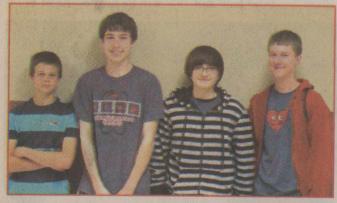
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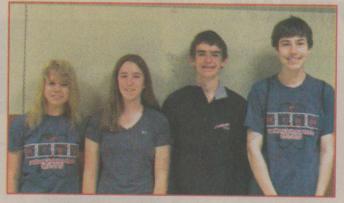
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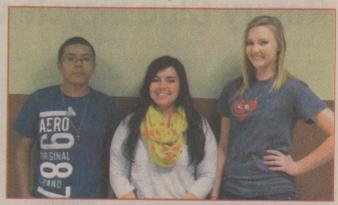
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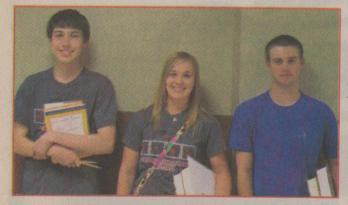
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Johnny Rose, Jace Klein, Hunter Thompson
and Jake Moore



Current Issues first place team
Taylor Rose, Brenna Tidwell, JW Jackson and
Jace Klein



Editorial Writing
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Roberts



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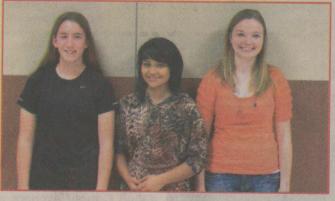
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Paula Cuellar, Nathan Caballero and Heather
Fierros



Literary Criticism
Jake Moore, Darby Long, McKenzie Kemp,
Lindsay Stewart, Ashley Roberts and Jasmine
Pena



Math
Levi Kasner, John Salas, Dillon DeLeon,
Heather Fierros and Ky Teeter



News Writing
Brenna Tidwell, Jasticee Arjona and Sarah
Carstensen



Number Sense first place team:
Tevin Phillips, Levi Kasner, Jake Moore, Nic Sherman, Kameron Hunt, Luke Sherman, Landry Kidd



Persuasive Speaking
Landry Kidd and Katie Jackson



Poetry
Tanae Ramos, Darby Long and Alexis
Rodriguez



Prose
Rayann Race, McKenzie Kemp, Dixie
Williams



Ready Writing
Sarah Belt, Maison Ragland and Katie
Jackson



Science first place team
Coach Racheal Kasner, Jake Bramlet, Hunter
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D'Lyn Morris



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Stephen Salas, Scott Lass, Taylor Rose and
Jake Bramlet



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FLOYDADA SCHOOL

Whirlwinds win big over 4-H'ers hit the mark and Idalou, lose to Childress bring home top honors

By Coach Webb

Floydada 12 - Idalou 4 We had Idalou at our place on Tuesday, March 26th. Matthew McGowen pitched a complete game allowing 4 runs, and striking out 6.

went 3 for 4 with a triple of work. and led the team with 3 RBI's. This would give us Matthew McGowen acour first district win

Floydada 1 - Childress 8 We traveled to Childress tinez, Jon-Paul Chavarria, striking out 7 and not giv-

We had 8 hits on the day, By Ethan Fortenberry counting for 3 of them, but Floyd County couldn't come up with the big hit, and only plated 1

on Friday, March 29th. to testing. We will play Offensively we had a great Seth Nielson was on the Roosevelt at 1 p.m. Satday! BJ Perez, Danny Mar- mound. He pitched well, urday, April 6 at Floydada Competition. Among the and Matthew McGowen ing up a walk. He allowed Tuesday, April 9 to take on Floyd County 4-H'ers. had 2 hits. Hunter Galvan 4 earned runs in 4 innings the Antelopes at 5 p.m.

CEA-AG/NR

Two hundred archers We are off this week due from across the state competed in the two weekend State 4-H Indoor Archery and then travel to Post on two hundred were three

All experienced archers shot 20 ends of 3 arrows (60 arrows total) at a target

set at 18 meters (59 feet). The first year juniors shot 10 ends at 9 meters. Contestants could compete in two out of five disciplines (bow types).

All three Floyd County Archers garnered top honors. Ryder Glass competed as a junior 4-H'er and placed 1st in recurve and 4th in barebow. Alex Glass placed 1st in the interme-

intermediate NASP (Genesis class). Jianna Davenport placed 2nd in Senior 2 recurve and participated in the Senior 2 compound aided class.

Congratulations Ryder, Alex and Jianna on a job well done. They along with the remainder of the Floyd County archers are now busy preparing for the District Archery Meet which diate barebow and 2nd in will be held on April 27.

Rotary Club bicycle winners



Jennifer Harbin/Hesperian Beacon

AB Duncan bicycle winners for perfect attendance are Emily Gonzalez and Zachary Cuba, also pictured is Principal Mack Sherman. Bicycles are donated by the Floydada Rotary Club.

TSTC West Texas registering for Summer 2013 semester

TSTC West Texas is now registering for the Summer 2013 semester at all four campuses (Abilene, Breckenridge, Brown- Science, Health Information wood and Sweetwater). Programs Technology, Food Service Techbeginning this summer include: Computer-Aided Drafting,

Computer Networking, Digital Media, Diesel Technology, Digital Signage, Environmental nology, Software & Business Accounting, Software & Business

Publishing and Welding.

Call your TSTC campus today for more information. Abilene: 325.672.7091; Breckenridge: 254.559.7700; Brownwood: 325.641.3911; Sweetwater: 325.235.7300.

CITY OF FLOYDADA

APPLICATION NOTICE

HOME - HOMEOWNER REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

TO REHABILITATE/RECONSTRUCT HOME FOR LOW-INCOME **HOMEOWNERS**

The City of Floydada has received funds through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to administer a HOME Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance Program within the city limits of Floydada, Texas. This program is designed to reconstruct homes for eligible low-income homeowners who occupy their homes.

The application period will be open from April 4, 2013 to May 6, 2013. The first twenty (20) households to (1) complete and return the application information, (2) provide all requested information to verify eligibility, (3) meet all eligibility requirements and (4) agree to participate in the program will be served.

The City will host an Application Workshop to provide program information and to assist homeowners with the application materials. Applicants are encouraged to attend this workshop but are not required to participate in this workshop as an eligibility requirement.

The Application Workshop will be held April 17, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. located at Floydada City Hall, 114 W. Virginia. Floydada, Texas.

Special advance arrangements can be made for persons with special needs, language interpretation needs or for persons needing alternative times or locations by calling Gary Brown, City Manager at 806-983-2834.

Application packets will be available for pick up at the Floydada City Hall starting on April



Floyd County Archers attending were (back row, I-r) Alex Glass and Jianna Davenport; and (front row) Ryder Glass.

Floydada School Menu

April 8 - April 12

Monday

Breakfast-Scrambled eggs, toast and jelly or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk Lunch- Corn dog, baked beans, tomato & cucumber cup, Apple-pineapple D'lite,

Tuesday

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

Lunch-Nacho Grande, refried beans, garden salad, orange smiles, chocolate chip cookies, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast-Pancakes/syrup or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk Lunch-Chicken sandwich, oven fries, fresh veggie cup, fruity gelatin, milk

Thursday Breakfast- Oatmeal and cinnamon toast or cereal and graham crackers, juice,

Lunch-Beefy macaroni, garden salad, baby carrots, fresh grapes, breadsticks, milk

Friday

Breakfast-Breakfast burrito or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk Lunch-Pepperoni or cheese

pizza, crunchy broccoli salad, seasoned corn, fresh fruit bowl, milk

THANK YOU MY NEIGHBOR for helping with the clean-up of my yard. "PAYING IT FORWARD", has never looked so good!

City of Floydada

Condemnation Proceedings for the following described properties:

304 E. Georgia St. - Lots 4-5, Block 125, Original Town

The City Council Of The City Of Floydada Will Hold A Public Hearing On Tuesday, April 16, 2013 At 7:00 Pm In The Council Chambers At Floydada City Hall In Regard To Condemnation Proceedings For The Property Listed Above. Persons Who Need Special Assistance Wishing To Attend This Meeting Should Contact City Hall At 983-2834 At Least 24 Hours In Advance.

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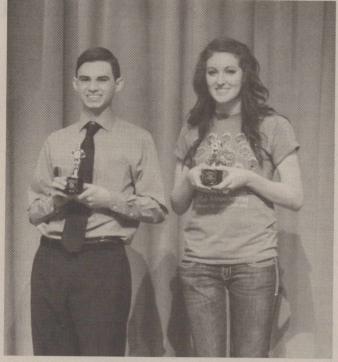
Lockney One Act Play advances to area competition

By D'Lyn Morris

Saturday, March 23, the LHS One Act Play advanced from the Zone competition to District. Their production of "Wild Strawberries" was chosen along with Hale Center's to compete in the District contest held March 26. Earning All Star Cast awards that day were McKenzie Kemp, Hunter Thompson, Darby Long, Kelsie Stennett and Ashly Alvarado. Stewart was chosen as Best

At the District competition on March 26, "Wild Strawberries" advanced to the Area competition that will be held Saturday, April 13, on the LCU campus. Stewart was once again chosen Best Actress while Hunter Thompson, Jasmine Pena, and McKenzie Kemp won All Star Cast positions. Wellington performed the other advancing play. LHS One Act Play is directed by

Lesha Woodard and Desi



Zone and District One Act Play Lindsay Stewart Best Actress



LHS One Act Play advances to Area competition

Lockney School Menu

Monday Cheese Enchiladas, Refried

Beans, Garden Salad, Salsa, Hot Cinnamon Apples, Milk

Tuesday Hot Dog, Potato Rounds, Fresh Veggie Cup, Fresh

Thursday

and Cheese, Garden Salad, Green Beans, Apple Slices, Crispy Cereal Treat, Milk

Friday

Seasonal Fruit, Milk

Wednesday Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Vegetable Soup, Baby Carrots, Fruit Cup, Milk

Chicken Nuggets, Mac

Hamburger, Seasoned Corn or Corn Cobbettes, Baby Carrots, Sliced Peaches, Milk

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techno savants for the past

"Actually, no," the voice

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said a few minutes later, the tone firm but dispassionate. A worst-case scenario ran through my mind:

I take my phone to church (my Bible's on it) and the phone woman interrupts the sermon with the only two words she seems to know. "Actually, no." That won't

Even worse would be a funeral. "And now we know ... is in Heaven," the preacher might say. And my phone would say "Actually,

Then I heard it again, loud and clear, very audible via the external speaker I use with my iPhone to keep from having to buy a hearing aid. Without the speaker I would not have heard my phone talking to me and surely wouldn't have understood the words "Actually, no."

Then it dawned on me. My phone wasn't doing the talking; the speaker was. And it wasn't saying "Actually, no." It was saying "Battery low."

Smart phone, smart speaker. Dumb me.

I plugged the speaker into the charger before it could say "Battery dead."

Then I mused. Did my phone perhaps have an internal siren somehow just waiting for me to loose her

iPHONE RESEARCH PAUSE.

Nope. I've got "Voice Control" but no mysterious invisible woman with long hair to converse with me to tell me if there's a pizza restaurant nearby or dangerous rocks ahead in the river. For that I'll need to upgrade or update the software. Something like that.

Should I? I've barely mastered Voice Control, which also has a woman's voice. After five attempts, she dialed the time and temperature number for me. Next I tried to call the president of the United States. "No match found," said Voice Control.

I tried again, and the phone called "803-9286." Oops! I felt like I'd dialed 9-1-1 with no emergency. What would I say? "Umm, sorry to call so late, Mr. President. I forgot you were in a different time zone. I was just wondering, should I upgrade my cell phone?"

He didn't answer. Whew! Curious, I Googled the

Among other results, 803-9286 supposedly belongs to someone named Nixon in Massachusetts. No kidding.

Voice Control may not be a full-fledged siren, but she's getting there. She's got a wicked sense of humor.

Annual Go For It! college resource fair slated for April 25 LUBBOCK - South Plains For It! targets single parents,

College Byron Martin ATC will host GO FOR IT! Resource Fair from 4 to 6 p.m. on April 25. Byron Martin ATC is located at 3201 Ave. Q.

GO FOR IT! is a free resource fair providing one-stop planning for college a technical degree from South Plains College.

If you have ever thought about going to college and didn't know how to get started or whether you can afford it, GO FOR IT! is the answer. Go

displaced homemakers, and really anyone who doesn't know how to get started pursuing their dream of a college education. This resource-packed fair features South Plains College and local agency representative who will provide information on financial aid, childcare funding, technical programs, admissions/enrollment and other special services. Participants will have ample opportunity to speak individually to those who work daily with

students helping them achieve their educational dreams.

Representatives from Financial Aid, Admissions, Guidance and Counseling will be on hand to answer questions in all of these areas.

This fair is free and welcomes participants to come and go!

For additional information, contact First Step Counselor Lynn Gregory at (806) 716-4615 or Lynne Cleavinger, Technical Counselor, at (806)

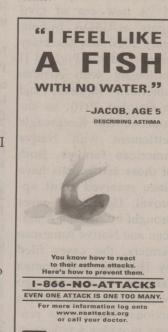
5th Annual Home Show in Childress April 6th

Saturday will be the 5th Annual Home Show in Childress with over 40 vendors displaying their products, introducing you to their business and giving away a variety of items. The City Auditorium is the location from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm and Childress Women's Council will host the concession stand with some wonderful homemade items.

"This year we have everything from local Childress merchants to home based businesses to some unique out of town businesses that will participate in our show. Home decor', bathroom remakes, clothing, spa treatments, jewelry, furniture, make-up and much more to mention a few. As well, several groups will be raffling different items from guns to riding lawn mowers. And

information about rain water collection, local organizations, new businesses and health items. Plus, nearly every booth will have some type of give away!!

So don't miss this opportunity to Shop Local, Shop Childress!! All in the City Auditorium this Saturday from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. For more information please contact the Chamber of Commerce, 940-937-2567.



RRC Production Statistics and Allowables For April 2013 AUSTIN - The Texas MCF (thousand cubic densate.)

average rig count as of March 15 was 837, representing about 49 percent of all active land rigs in the United States. In the last 12 months, total Texas reported production was 547 million barrels of oil and 7.2 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

The Commission's estimated final production for January 2013 is 51,732,068 barrels of crude oil and 497,017,272 feet) of gas well gas.

The Commission derives final production numbers by multiplying the preliminary January 2013 production totals of 44,238,129 barrels of crude oil and 433,319,330 MCF of gas well gas by a production adjustment factor of 1.1694 for crude oil and 1.1470 for gas well gas. (These production totals do not include casinghead gas or con-

Texas natural gas storage reported to the Commission for February was 316,335,779 Mcf compared to 357,382,948 Mcf in February 2012. The March 2013 gas storage estimate is 301,321,493

The Texas Railroad Commission's Oil and Gas Division set initial April 2013 natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state

to meet market demand of 8,665,941 MCF (thousand cubic feet). In setting the initial April 2013 allowables, the Commission used historical production figures from previous months, producers' demand forecasts for the coming month, and adjusted the figures based on well capability. These initial allowables will be adjusted after actual production for April 2013 is

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Thanks for reading The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon

AGRICULTURE

Palo Duro Basin Oil Texas House Of Representatives and Gas Update

By Tom Musser

Floyd County 2012 Oil Production:

During the Year 2012 a Tota! of 1,575 barrels and zero mcf of casinghead gas was produced in Floyd

County from four oil wells.

Arick Field:

Southwest Petroleum: E. M. Carmickle "A" Lease (00339) Well #1:

In 2012 produced 877 barrels of oil and zero mcf of casinghead gas. 1948 thru 2012 total production of 127,109 barrels of oil and 6,679 mcf of casinghead gas.

Birnie (Congl.) Field: Tyner Texas Operating Company:

Kenneth Broseh Lease (68969) Well #1:

In 2012 was shut-in, nonproducing. Operator filed corrected monthly production reports changing 2011 oil production from previously reported 130 barrels to zero barrels. 2010 thru 2012 corrected total production 92 barrels of oil and zero mcf of casinghead

McIntosh (Penn) Field: Tyner Texas Operating

Company: McIntosh Lease (69665) Well #1077:

In 2012 produced 42 barrels of oil and zero mcf of casinghead gas. 2010 thru 2012 total production of 545 barrels of oil and 1,471 mcf of casinghead gas.

McIntosh (Penn) Field: Tyner Texas Operating

Jones Lease (69909) Well #1:

In 2012 produced 614 barrels of oil and zero mcf of casinghead gas. 2012 total production of 614 barrels of oil and zero mcf of casinghead gas.

Stanley Gray (Canyon)

Continental Exploration,

Adams Lease (65282) Well #1:

In 2012 produced 42 barrels of oil and zero mcf of casinghead gas. 1985 thru 2012 total production of 37,123 barrels of oil and 112 mcf of casinghead gas.

Since 1948 a total of 237,343 barrels of oil and 12,014 mcf of casinghead gas has been produced in Floyd County.

Passes Water & Education Bills

AUSTIN, TX. -- This week, the Texas House of Representatives passed HB 4, the water bill, and HB 5, the education reform bill.

HB 4 sets the State Water Implementation Fund of Texas (SWIFT), which is the mechanism that will lay out the water plan for the next 50 years. Soon, the legislature will debate HB 11 to fund SWIFT with a one-time expenditure of \$2 Billion out of the 'Rainy Day Fund'.

"Water is an issue we must address now to prevent greater problems down the road," said Springer. "We can either pay now to mitigate long term droughts and address our increasing population, or pay even more later and harm our economy at the same time."

Another significant piece of legislation that passed this week was HB 5, the education reform bill. HB 5 greatly scales back standardized testing and the one size-fits-all mentality in education. The bill contains several measures that increase vocational education as well, something Rep. Springer is passionate

"This legislation is a great step in the right direction for education in our state," said Springer. "Every student is different and I am glad to see that we are starting to focus less on testing and more on providing career opportunities for the children of the State of Texas."

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.

Deadline Extended: Hispanic and Women Farmers and Ranchers Claims Must be Filed by May 1, 2013

WASHINGTON, March 25, 2013- Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced the extension of the voluntary claims process for Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers who allege discrimination by the USDA in past decades. All claims must now be filed by MAY 1, 2013.

"Hispanic and women farmers who believe they have faced discriminatory practices in the past from the USDA have additional time to file a claim in order to have a chance to receive a cash payment or loan forgiveness," said Secretary Vilsack. "USDA urges potential claimants to contact the Claims Administrator for information and to file their claim packages on or before May 1, 2013."

The process offers a voluntary alternative to litigation for each Hispanic or female farmer and rancher who can prove that USDA denied his or her application for loan or loan servicing assistance for discriminatory reasons for certain time periods between 1981 and 2000.

As announced in February 2011, the voluntary claims process will make available at least \$1.33 billion for cash awards and tax relief payments, plus up to \$160 million in farm debt relief, to eligible Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers. There are no filing fees to participate in the pro-

Call center representatives can be reached at 1-888-508-4429. Claimants may register for a claims package (by calling the number or visiting the website) or may download the forms from the website. All those interested in learning more or receiving information about the claims process and claims packages are encouraged to visit the website at any time or to contact the call center telephone number Monday through Friday 9 a.m.

to 8 p.m. Eastern Time. Claim packages and other documentation may be mailed to Hispanic and Women Farmers and Ranchers Claims Administrator, PO Box 4540, Portland, OR 97208-4540. Claim packages and other documentation may also be emailed to claims@hwfr.org. Claimants may also fax claims packages and other documentation to (855) 626-8343. Completed forms and documentation must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. PDT on May

Once a claim is submitted to the Claims Administrator, the Claims Administrator will determine if it is timely and complete. If it is, the claim will move to the Claims Adjudicator for a determination on the merits of the claim. USDA may submit evidence to the Claims Adjudicator regarding the claim. If a claim is deemed incomplete, a claimant will be notified by the Claims Administrator and given the opportunity to provide additional information within a certain timeframe. Claimants may check the status of their claims on the claims

Website: www.farmerclaims.gov

Phone: 1-888-508-4429 Fax: (855) 626-8343 Email: claims@hwfr.

Claims Period: Septem-

ber 24, 2012 - May 1, Independent companies

will administer the claims process and adjudicate the claims. Although there are no filing fees to participate and a lawyer is not required to participate in the claims process, persons seeking legal advice may contact a lawyer or other legal services pro-

Under Secretary Vilsack's leadership, USDA has instituted a comprehensive plan to strengthen the Department as a model service provider and to ensure that every farmer and rancher is treated equally and fairly as part of "a new era of civil rights" at USDA. In February 2010, the Secretary announced the Pigford II settlement with African American farmers, and in October 2010, he announced the Keepseagle settlement with Native American farmers. Both of those settlements have since received court approval. Unlike the cases brought by African American and Native American farmers, the cases filed by Hispanic and women farmers over a decade ago were not certified as class actions. The claims process provides a voluntary alternative to continuing litigation for Hispanic and female farmers and ranchers who want to use it.

LUBBOCK — Anyone interested in private water well management in the Southern High Plains is invited to attend the Texas Well Owner Network training to be held April 9 in

Lubbock. The Texas Well Owner Network will be holding a

training on April 9 in Lubbock and participants may bring samples of their well water to the program for

The no-cost training will be from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 1102 East FM 1294, Lubbock, TX, according to Drew Gholson, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service program specialist and program co-

"The TWON program is for Texas residents who depend on household wells for their water needs, so they can learn about improving and protecting their community water resources," Gholson said. "The program was established to help well owners become familiar with Texas groundwater resources, septic system maintenance, well maintenance and construction, water quality and water treat-

Representatives of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 in Lubbock will be on hand to provide additional information about local groundwater resources, water well spacing requirements, winter water level measurements and proper closure of open abandoned water wells.

Well-owner training set

April 9 in Lubbock

This is one of 14 trainings to be conducted through the Preventing Water Quality Contamination through the Texas Well Owner Network project, he added.

Gholson said private well owners may bring well-water samples to the training to be screened for nitrate, total dissolved solids, arsenic and bacteria.

"The core content of these trainings will be the same, but the information will be tailored to the local water quality issues and aquifers," Gholson said.

Other scheduled trainings include Amarillo, Wimber ley, Fort Stockton, Lampasas and Uvalde.

Well owners who would like to have their well water sampled can pick up sample bags from the Lubbock County Extension Office at 916 Main Street, Suite 201, Lubbock, TX or the Hale, Hockley, Crosby or Lynn County Extension Offices.

"Fill each bag, according to instructions, with a sample from their well, and bring the samples to the training on April 9th," Gholson said.

The analyses cost \$10 per sample for nitrate, total dissolved solids, arsenic and bacteria.

Bringing water samples

to the training is not required, Gholson said, but those wanting to have water samples analyzed must attend the training.

"Over 1 million private water wells in Texas provide water to citizens in rural areas and increasingly to those living in small acreages at the growing rural-urban interface," he said. "Private well owners are independently responsible for monitoring the quality of their wells. They are responsible for ensuring their drinking water is safe. They are responsible for all aspects of the water system - testing, inspecting, maintaining - and this training will help private well owners to understand and care for their wells."

Attendance is limited, so attendees are requested to register at http://twon.tamu. edu/training or by calling 979-845-1461 as soon as possible.

Funding for the Texas Well Owner Network is through a Clean Water Act nonpoint source grant provided by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The project is managed by the Texas Water Resources Institute, part of Texas A&M AgriLife Research, the AgriLife Extension and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M Uni-

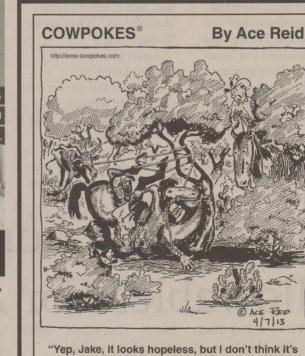


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row without a loss-time ac- ficial capacity.

in the state with the longest record," said Ogden.

They also gave awards for co-ops with a million hours without a loss-time accident. Lighthouse has logged 1,295,495.25 hours without December 2012 (during a 15 year span.)

The GE Safety award is an annual award given by General Electric to the one co-op in Texas with the best employee safety record and Lighthouse got the award for the fourth straight year. To Ogden's knowledge, there have been a couple of co-ops who have won it 2 years in a row, but none for 3 or 4 years in a row.

"It all starts at the top. We have the records we do because of Bill's (Harbin) and the Board of Directors' interest," adds Ogden. "I know no other co-ops whose Board Members regularly attend employee safety meetings to learn the hazards of the job and to make sure the employees have the training and equipment necessary to do their job safely."

Ogden received a special award, presented by the Texas Electrical Loss Control Program, for the 2012 Recipient of the Ray Pantel Meritorious Service Award for "providing outstanding contributions to the design and implementation of safe work procedures, promoting training and safety meetings, active participation in Annual Loss Control Conferences and dedicated services."

Nixon attributes much of of my life even if I do the success to the employees

"The employees knew we had to get things done, but they also knew we had to be safe about it," said Nixon. "It's Channel over the past all about going home safe and several weeks. sound to your family, knowing you made a hand, but by the brought some good imaggrace of God, you go home in ery to the book. one piece."

"I'm just proud to be part the fact that they made of an organization that is safe and successful as we are," said Nixon.

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According to Public Utility Commission of Texas, the line "We were by far the co-op is expected to be "in service" by the middle of 2013. As a result, eager wind energy developers are quick to show interest in the new electronic super-highway that will allow them to sell power to a very large market.

> As a result, the Floydada EDC has chosen to continue its participation in an effort to maximize the energy development potential for the area.

The line itself has been in construction since December a loss-time accident through of 2012 and has been in development since then. This newly available line combined with the federal tax credits renewed early this year has offered a rare opportunity for wind energy development that expected to begin this year and span over the following years.

Those interested can find an interactive map of the Floydada EDC booth online at www.floydadaedc.com.

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ince my wife began working with me several months ago, I've grown to appreci-



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ence. Sometimes we butt heads, but we respect

each other and realize that we care immensely for what we are doing and how we are doing it.

Sharon is by the book. She's very analytical. I'm a visionary. While we're both strong leaders, our methods are different and complimentary most of the time.

I thank God she is part spend half of the day in the doghouse.

I watched "The Bible" series on the History

I thought the show

I'm a little impressed by and aired this production on a major network. Good for them. I wonder if they heard from what seems to be a growing number of skeptics and

As a Christian, it's pretty amazing to me how Jesus handled himself throughout his adult life. How blessed we are.

As I sat there and watched the series, I'd ask myself what I would have thought of Jesus had I been there to witness his power and message. In other words, had I witnessed Christ feeding the 5,000 or healing a leper, would that have made me a believer for good?

Common sense says I would have believed in him and been right by his side. However, even some of his own disciples weren't totally sold upon witnessing his miracles and walking with him daily. Perhaps that is a testament of why Jesus had to be murdered in such a cruel way. His victory over death - after his body was beaten so severely - gives me chills just thinking about it.

Each day when I get to work I have it in my head that, "Today, I will be like Jesus in thought, word, and deed."

Each day I fail ... most of the time by noon.

Each evening when I reflect on the day passed, I'm disappointed in myself and thankful Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice for this sorry human. Without Jesus, my afterlife would be bleak.

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Youth (Sunday).....5:00 p.m.

Youth (Wednesday)..6:30 p.m

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Parkinson's disease (PD) is a progressive degenerative disorder of the central nervous system. Symptoms of

Parkinson's disease vary from person to person. Traditionally, the disease has been characterized by a decrease

in spontaneous movement, gait difficulty, postural instability, rigidity and tremor. Recently cognitive issues

such as dementia and other non-motor symptoms have been identified to be associated with Parkinson's.

Parkinson's disease primarily affects people 60 years old and older, but increasingly is affecting people in their 20's through 50's.

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from the symptoms.

Awareness opportunities to "Ease the Burden and Find the Cure"

•April 6, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. The Optimism Walk/Run/ Tortoise Motorcycle Route will be held at Lubbock Christian University's Recreation Center. This event, sponsored by the West Texas Parkinsonism Society (WTPS), a chapter of the American Parkinson's Disease Association's (APDA) Information & Referral Center network, will join walks in other cities across the nation to raise national awareness of the disease, as well as funds for research. The goal for this year's Optimism Walks campaign is to raise more than a million dollars during the month of

For a minimum donation of \$25.00 participants will receive a T shirt and may decide to walk a mile, run a 5K or take the motorcycle route. You may choose to participate as an individual or start your own team. Prizes will be given to the top fundraisers. To register please call WTPS at 806-725-0941 or online at www.westtexaspar-

use the same telephone number/website to make a donation or assist in sponsoring the event, a walker, or a rider. Make your check out to WTPS (West Texas Parkinsonism Society).

· April 12th, 8:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. Living Well With Life Changes, The 26th Annual Parkinson's Disease Symposium, will be held at Covenant Hospital's Knipling Education and Conference Center, 6th floor of the West Parking Garage (22nd and Louisville). "This year's symposium promises to be one of the best with a wide variety of speakers and topics" stated Jo Bidwell, APDA Information and Referral Coordinator. "Join us to learn more about this debilitating disease."

There is no charge for the symposium or for lunch; however, registration in advance is required. Reservations must be received no later than Monday, April 8th. To register, please call 806-725-0941 or 806-725-0942 or email wtps@covhs. org. Please plan to join us these events!

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