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## Early voting for FISD Board of Trustees begins

By Jennifer Harbin  
 Hesperian-Beacon

Election day is drawing near and five candidates are on the ticket to serve the FISD Board of Trustees for the next three years. Early voting for the school election commenced Monday, April 29, at the Floydada Independent School District Superintendents Office. The Floydada Board of Trustees At-large seat, currently filled by Marty Lucke, is being challenged by

Manuel Mendez. The district 5 seat, formerly filled by Charles Tyer, is up for grabs between candidates Clay Lowrance and Kay Brotherton. In district 4, John Woelfel is running unopposed. Early voting will be from April 29 until May 7 at the FISD Superintendent's Office which is located at 226 California from 8am-4pm. Election day is May 11 at the Massie Activity Center in Floydada from 7am-7pm. To be prepared to vote, bring a voter registration card or one of the following: a photo ID, driver's li-

cense, personal ID from the Department of Public Safety, birth certificate, U.S. citizenship papers or passport, official mail addressed by name from a government agency or a current utility bill, bank statement or pay check. Please have cell phones turned off while in the voting area. City elections in Floydada and Lockney were cancelled due to no opponents against the incumbents. Lockney Independent School District also cancelled their election due to no competition. See **FISD TRUSTEES**, Page 2

## 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.

### LIONS CLUB BROOM SALE

Floydada Lions Club will be holding their annual broom & mop sale on Thursday, May 2nd. The sale will begin at 8 a.m. til ?? on the Lowe's Pay-n-Save parking lot.

### OLD SETTLER'S ASSOCIATION

The Old Settler's Association will hold a meeting at 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, May 15 at the First National Bank of Floydada Community Room.

### TEAM ROPING

The 2013 Old Settler's Team Roping will be held at 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 25th at the Ware Arena. Buckles and prizes will be awarded. For more information contact Jesse Ware, 806-930-1770.

### CONSERVATION MEETING

A home water conservation meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 28 at the Floyd County Extension Office, 110 S. Wall Street. Register to attend by calling the County Extension Office at 806-983-4912.

### 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.

### OLD SETTLER'S DAY

Remember to mark your calendars for the 2013 Old Settler's Day, Saturday, May 25th in downtown Floydada. Make plans to bring your family for a day of fun, good food and music.

### BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Calvert Home Health holds their blood pressure clinic 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.

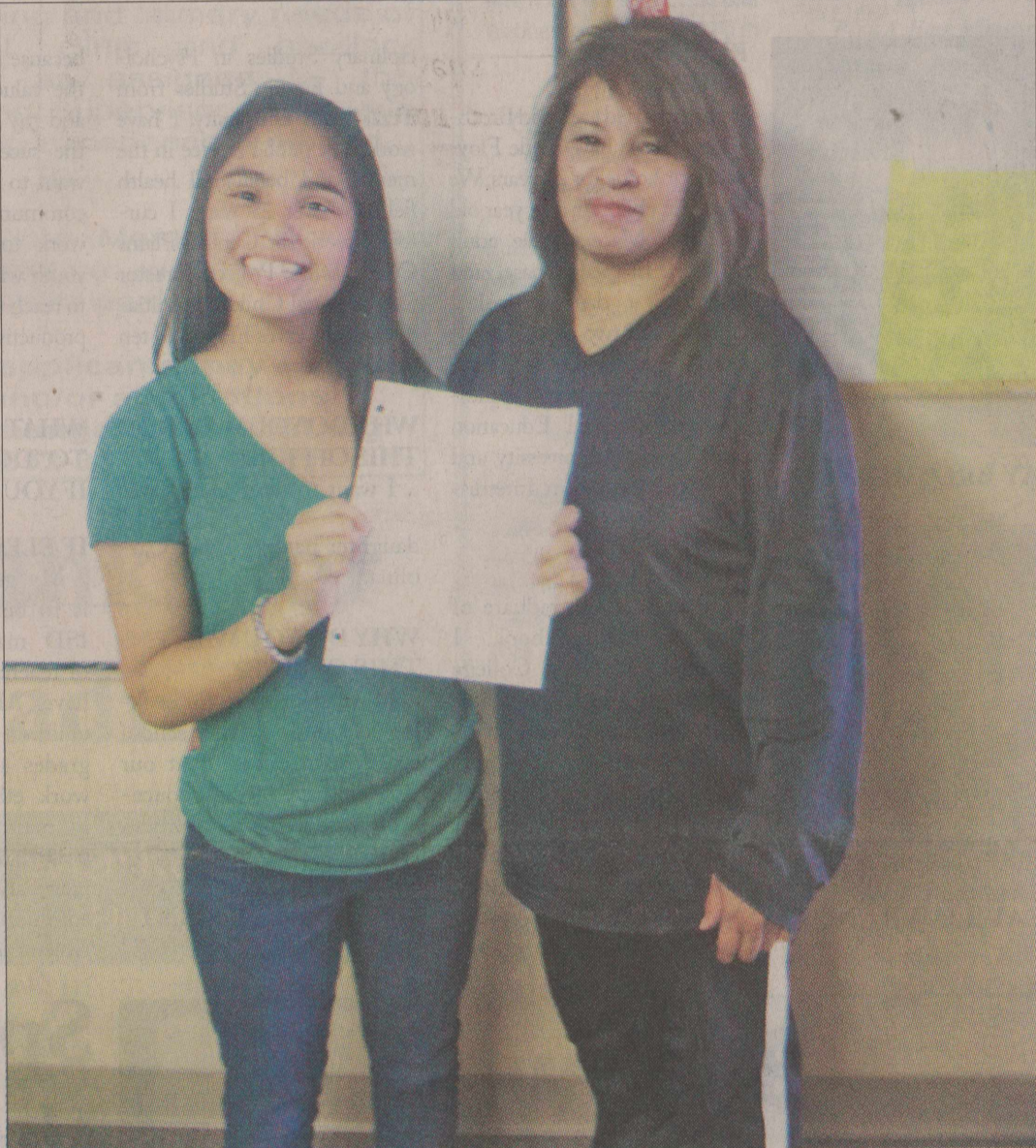
## Floydada Fire Department to hold fundraiser



By Gary Brown  
 Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

The Floydada Volunteer Fire Department will be holding a fundraiser on Sunday, May 5, 2013 on the north end of Lowe's Pay and Save parking lot. The event will start at 11 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. or when the food runs out. For a minimum donation of \$5.00 the fire department will serve you a bar-b-que beef sandwich, chips and a small pie. The fire department is currently trying to equip two additional trucks for rural firefighting. The trucks need tanks and pumps along with radios, lights and sirens. The public's support of this event will be appreciated and will help the fire department better serve our community.

## Love in action



Aerin Burritt, Sundown 7th grader, holds up a letter that she wrote to Janette Ybarra. In her letter she shares what "love in action" is all about. Standing next to Burritt is Janette's mother, Rachel Ballejo.

## Stranger raises money for local teen's cause

By Jennifer Harbin  
 Hesperian-Beacon

Love in action. They were perfect strangers, but Sundown Middle Schooler Aerin Burritt didn't let that stop her from extending her hand when she found out that Lockney's leftfielder, Janette Ybarra, was recently diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma. According to Assistant Softball Coach Ray Jimenez, it all began when the softball team played Sundown on April 10 at the Lockney baseball field. The opposing team's head coach approached coaches Jimenez, Randy Jackson and Malcomb Moerbe, wondering what the meaning behind the t-shirts

they were wearing was. The black t-shirts read "My champ fights like a girl...Nini" in purple, decorated with a pair of boxing gloves. On the back was printed a Bible verse: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" taken from Phillipians 4:13. "Wow," was his reply to the explanation. The Lockney softball team, along with the entire community, has rallied around Ybarra as she undergoes treatment. Sundown's Coach Torrez got with "his girls" to purchase and sell purple bracelets (that he got from Lockney's coaches) that showed the same message as the t-shirts, raising \$96.

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## Flocking Season is here



Special to Hesperian-Beacon

Spring flamingos are migrating north and stopping in Lockney. These plastic pink flamingos travel in flocks and they love getting the chance to rest in the beautiful yards of Lockney. Now, for the first time ever, Rios de Agua Viva Assembly of God youth have made an arrangement with the flamingos to have them stop in a yard near

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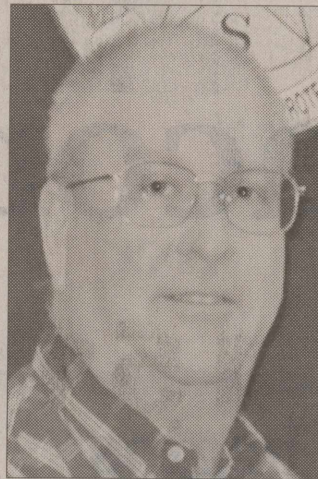
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# FISD Board of Trustees Profiles



MARTY LUCKE

## FAMILY AND EDUCATION

My wife, Delinda, and I have been married for over 21 years. We have two daughters, Ashley, a senior, age 18, and Delaney, a freshman, age 15. In 1982, I graduated from Anson High School in Anson, TX. I obtained a Bachelor of Science from Abilene Christian University in 1985. I graduated from the Texas DPS Training Academy in May 1987 and possess a Master Peace Officer License and a TCLEOSE In-

structor Certification. I have lived in Floydada almost 26 years and my wife was raised in Floydada.

## WHY DO YOU WANT THIS OFFICE?

My children attend school in the District, the District employs my wife and I am a taxpayer in the District. Every decision that I make as a Board Member is a decision that affects me. I believe that the education of all the children in the School District is important to the community

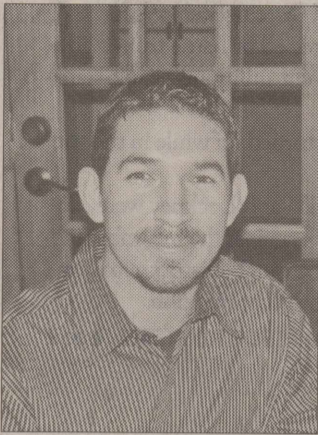
and the country. I believe that the School District is making great improvements in the education of the children. I would like to see that the education of the children continues to be the top priority of the School District.

## WHAT DO YOU WANT TO "DO" OR "CHANGE" IF ELECTED?

In order for anything to be "done" or "changed" on the School Board it takes four votes. Saying that you want

to "do" or "change" something makes it sound like an agenda against some person. I have no agenda and believe that an excellent Superintendent is guiding the Administration. I would prefer that they be called a goal for improvement. Mistakes are made at all levels in the District, from the Board all the way to the students, but the important part is to learn and evolve from those mistakes and continue to improve the District. My goal would

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MANUEL MENDEZ

## FAMILY AND EDUCATION

My name is Manuel Mendez; I am married to Sandra Mendez and have 3 wonderful children in the Floydada School District. I am a graduate of Ralls High School and relocated to Floydada in 2000. I attended South Plains College and received my degree in my field of training. Shortly after completing my degree I was recruited by a privately ran Federal Facility in Post, Texas

where I have been for the last 13 years.

## WHY DO YOU WANT THIS OFFICE?

I want to serve because I want input into the future of our children. I am motivated by the children and would like to see them develop, grow, and accomplish achieves each have set. I will dedicate myself in a way that you the voter will feel empowered in the developmental stages of your child's

education and encourage continuous output to better our schools. I know there is no one solution or a fix all answer to the problems our district faces but I dedicate myself, as a parent and as a trustee, to ensure all students receive the same education and to have a good experience which will peak their interest to continue with their education. I plan to make fair and impartial judgments in any decisions I make and ensure that the decisions we make are

student-focused. If I am elected I plan to be responsive to the community and communicate the priorities and concerns accordingly.

## WHAT DO YOU WANT TO "DO" OR "CHANGE" IF ELECTED?

I will not lie by stating I am going to change our district's views nor am I going to say that I am going to fix the current issues over night if I am elected.

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KAY BROTHERTON

## FAMILY AND EDUCATION

I am married to David Brotherton and we have made Floydada our home for 24 years. We have four children; a 14 year old daughter, Macee; three adult children, Britnee, Chase, and Brandon; a daughter-in-law, Chrissa; and two granddaughters, Adelyn and Dylan. I have a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and Physical Education from Wayland University and a Master's degree in Interdis-

ciplinary Studies in Psychology and Family Studies from Texas Tech University. I have worked in public service in the mental and behavioral health field for over 25 years. I currently work for Central Plains Center as the Project Director for the Rural Children's Initiative which serves Floyd and ten other counties.

## WHY DO YOU WANT THIS OFFICE?

I want to serve in this role daughter named, Piper Carolina.

## WHY DO YOU WANT THIS OFFICE?

My main reason for seeking election to the school board is to ensure that our children have the best education possible to prepare them for the future.

## WHAT DO YOU WANT TO "DO" OR "CHANGE"

because of my strong belief in the value of public education and my desire to advocate for the success of all children. I want to serve our schools as a community representative and work together to equip our youth with the tools they need to reach their potential and lead productive lives.

## WHAT DO YOU WANT TO "DO" OR "CHANGE" IF YOU ARE ELECTED?

My goal in being elected is to be sure that Floydada ISD maintains the quality of teachers and staff that we have. Also, that we push our children to achieve higher grades and develop a good work ethic. We also need to maintain the open door policy that is currently in place and keep the lines of communication open between school and parents.

I want to build on the strengths of our schools and community and do my part in building and supporting strong relationships between the district and the public it serves.

## WHAT ARE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS JOB?

I have worked as a child and family service provider, pro-

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CLAY LOWRANCE

## FAMILY AND EDUCATION

I am a 1987 graduate of Floydada High School. I attended Clarendon College before returning to Floydada. I am married to my wife, Patti and we have 3 children. Magan and her husband, Jared live in Plainview; Matt and his wife, Koreley live in Stratford and Tucker is a sophomore at FHS. We also have a 3-month old grand-

daughter named, Piper Carolina.

# Springer takes the pumpkin to the House floor

By Jennifer Harbin  
Hesperian-Beacon

District 68 House Representative Drew Springer must have been impressed when he visited Floyd County, or at least wanted to show his constituents that he has their best interests in mind, when he got a resolution passed naming Floydada as the Pumpkin Capital of Texas, making it "official". Also on April 25, a resolution was passed naming the pumpkin the "official squash of Texas". The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, The people of the Lone Star State are proud of their agricultural heritage, and for many years, the city of Floydada has been associated with one crop in particular, the pumpkin; and

WHEREAS, The history of the pumpkin in Floyd County can be dated back to the 1540s and the time of the Spanish explorer Francisco Vasquez de Coronado, whose starving expedition was fed roasted pumpkins by native tribes who lived near Blanco Canyon; the modern pumpkin industry in Texas began with Floyd County farmer B. A. "Uncle Slim" Robertson, who began growing the squash on 10 acres, selling produce by the side of the road; he later increased his acreage and went on to ship truckloads of pumpkins far and wide;

And WHEREAS, In recent times, Floydada has carried on "Slim" Robertson's legacy by making the pumpkin a mainstay of its economy and culture, and Floydada pumpkins and squashes have become coveted by consumers in Texas and beyond; the city produces between 15 and 20 million pumpkins every year, ranging from the orange Jack O'Lantern to pie pumpkins to white and red pumpkins to Atlantic Giants, which can weigh several hundred pounds; and

WHEREAS, The city has trademarked itself as the Pumpkin Capital of the United States, and since 1987, the second Saturday of every October has been celebrated in Floydada as Punkin Day, a festival that features every pumpkin-related activity imaginable, including pumpkin carving, pie baking, pumpkin bowling, and guessing the weight of giant pumpkins; and

WHEREAS, Citizens of Floydada have long been proud of their association with this festive and nutritious agricultural product, which is both a significant source of revenue and an inspiration for high-spirited fun; now, therefore, be it

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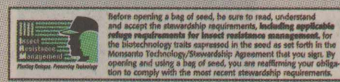
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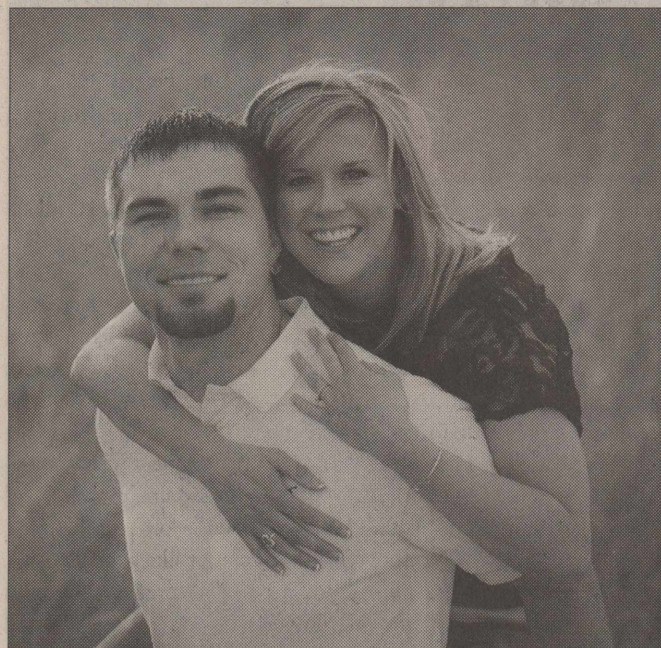


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# LIFESTYLES LOOK WHO'S NEW



KRISTA RASCO AND KONNER ELLISON

## Rasco and Ellison announce engagement

Darrell and Marva Rasco of Lockney and Craig and Julie Ellison, also of Lockney, are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Krista Rasco and Konner Ellison.

Krista is the granddaughter of Marcha Rasco of Muleshoe and the late Odell Rasco. She is also the granddaughter of the late Marvin and Bennie Goodall.

Konner is the grandson of Shirley Morton and the late Ray Morton of Floydada, Barbara Jo Ellison of Seymour and the late Richard Ellison.

The bride-elect received a Master of Communication degree from West Texas A&M in 2012 and a Bachelor of Communication Studies and Speech Education in 2010. She is a 2007 graduate of Lockney High School and currently is employed as a Marketing Associate for Sysco West Texas.

The prospective groom is a 2010 graduate of Lockney High School and will graduate from West Texas A&M in December 2013 with a degree in Health Sciences. After graduation he plans to pursue a career in Hospital Administration.

The couple will marry on June 22, 2013 at the Piehl Barn in Bushland, Texas.

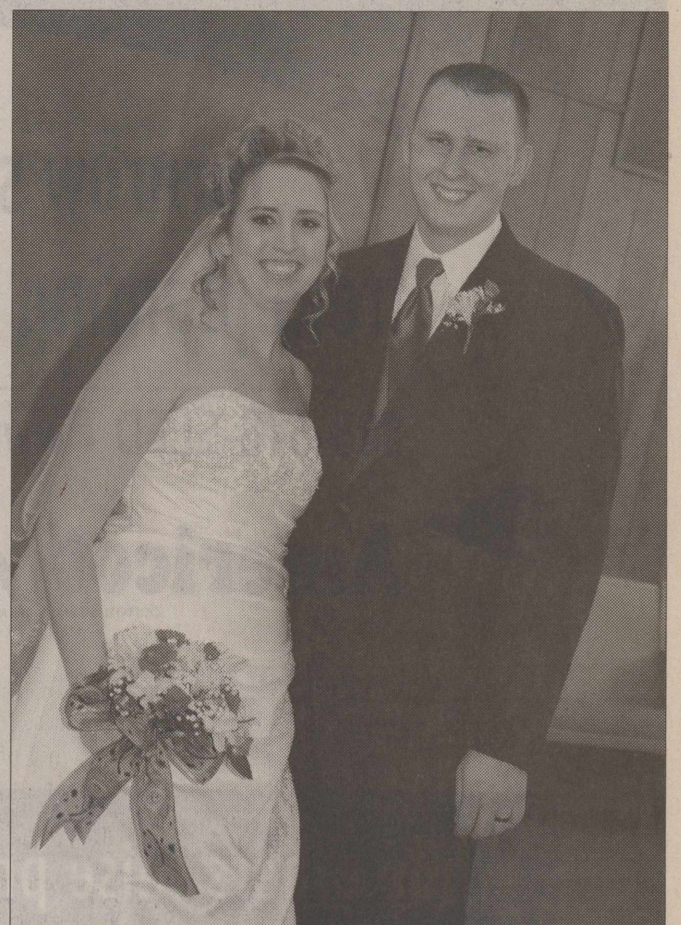


GIL

Someone new to love!  
Emilee and Jason of Austin Texas are thrilled to announce the arrival of their daughter, Jamilee Danielle Gil, born at Lakeway Regional Medical Center in Lakeway, Texas. She arrived March 5, 2013 weighing 6 pounds, 9 ounces, measuring 21 ¼ inches.

Proud grandparents are Richard and Rose Quiroz of Austin. Great-grandparents are Genevieve and Meliton, Quiroz, Jr. of Petersburg, Augustina and the late Felipe Martinez of Floydada and Rachel and the late Silvester Gil of Austin.

Great-great-grandparents are Joventina and the late Meliton Quiroz, Sr. of Austin.



MR. AND MRS. TIMOTHY MATTHEW MILLER  
(nee Kami Dawn Keaton)

## Keaton and Miller united in marriage

Kami Dawn Keaton and Timothy Matthew Miller were united in holy matrimony Saturday, December 29, 2012 at the West College and Third Church of Christ in Lockney.

Kami is the daughter of Donna and Charles Keaton of Lockney, the granddaughter of Mildred and the late Claude Keaton and the late Don and Sue Chesshir.

Tim is the son of Helen and Bobby Morris of Leveland.

Attendants of the bride included Matron of Honor Charissa Golden, sister of the bride, Kathryn Turnipseed and Alex Saulnier, friends of the bride. Flower girls were the bride's nieces, Taryn and Rhealee Golden. The bride wore an A-line side drape strapless gown with beaded lace detail on the bodice and skirt. The gown featured a slimming lace up back and beautiful split back skirt with a Chapel train.

Attendants of the groom included Best Man Michael Morris, brother of the groom, Heath Morris, brother of the groom and Cory Golden, brother-in-law of the bride. Harlee Hunt, niece of the groom and Taryn Golden, niece of the bride served as candle lighters.

Serving as ushers were Rusty Keaton, brother of the bride and Zane Logan, cousin of the bride.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her brother, Rusty and her mother, Donna. The bride's father, Charles, presided over the ceremony.

Following the ceremony, a reception was hosted at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center with attendees being treated to a barbeque dinner prepared by the bride's aunts, uncles and cousins. The bride's aunts, Tammie Shuping and Christina Chesshir, prepared a three-tier white wedding cake trimmed in peacock blue and red. The groom's sister-in-law, Kati Morris and Jan Gresham, friend of the groom, prepared the groom's Double-T chocolate cake, accented in red and black. The bride's cousins, Cammy Logan and Kristi Logan and the groom's sister-in-laws, Kati Morris and Jaime Morris served as the house party.

The couple will reside in Lubbock and plan a honeymoon this summer.



JENNIFER KIRKLAND AND CARSON BATTEY

## Kirkland and Battey to marry

Glenn and Shanna Kirkland of Cotton Center are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Kirkland, to Carson Battey, youngest son of Scotty Battey of Floydada, & Lori Higginbotham of Lubbock.

The bride-elect currently attends Texas Tech University and is studying Restaurant Hotel Institutional Management.

The prospective groom works at Texas K-Bar Electric in Leveland as an electrician.

The couple plans on getting married on August 10, 2013 at the First Baptist Church in Cotton Center.

## Home Country

By Slim Randles

Emily's dilemma was obvious: how do you sell manure? Since she fell in love with Dewey Decker, she could think of nothing less than spending her life with him and embracing the fertilizer business whole hog, so to speak. Emily Stickle has never done anything halfway.

In her job with the county, she has kept a vigilant eye on almost every business around, encouraged where she could, and crushing hard if she needed to stomp on violators.

But Dewey's business, scooping up cow manure and redistributing it to gardens all over the county, was a labor of love with her. This was her man's business, and she would do what she could to help.

She had papers spread out all over the kitchen table and was jotting down ideas. The first and most obvious one was to take advantage of the local paper and send them a news release. Oh, they might want advertising money, too ... they're kinda funny that way ... but a news release comes out looking almost like a news story. The trick is, it can't look like a free ad for the business, which it is.

She looked down at story ideas:

"Local Merchant Says No Shortage of Product in Sight."

"County Soils Need Biodegradable Amendments"

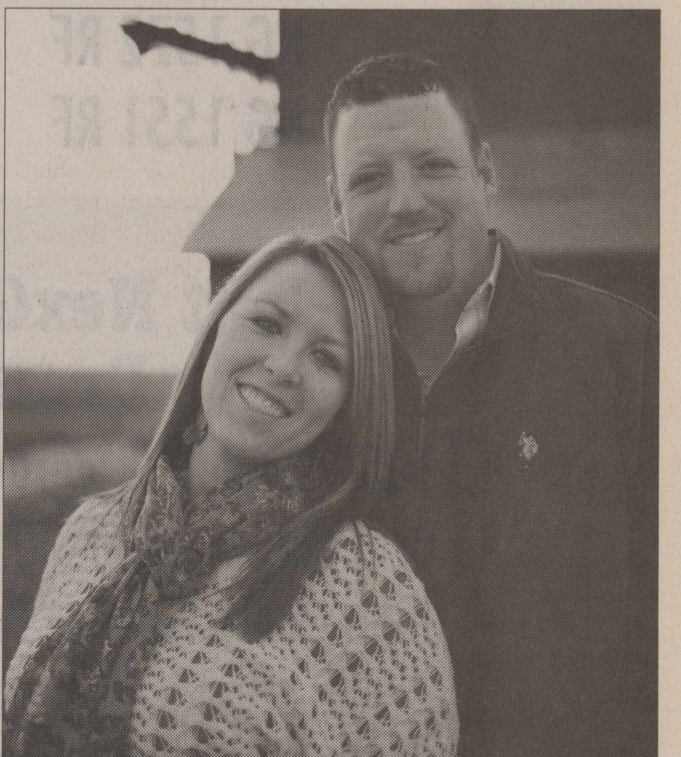
"Avoiding Infertility: Spread the Word, and the Manure."

Well, that last one needs work.

Tomorrow she's going to corner Dewey and work up a business plan with him. Oh, she realizes all he wants to do is shovel ... but he'll need to graduate to supervisory work if his company is going to progress.

Okay, how about "Valley Expert Says: Bovine Donations Enrich Local Gardens."

Maybe a cup of coffee will help her think.



STACIE ELISE GREEN AND JUSTIN DANIEL STOERNER

## Green and Stoerner to wed

Rickey and Jackie Green of Plainview are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacie Elise Green to Justin Daniel Stoerner, son of Martin and Robin Stoerner of Lockney

The bride-elect is a graduate of Tahoka High School and is currently attending Wayland Baptist University. She is a Lending Assistant at Prosperity Bank in Plainview. She is the granddaughter of Betty Bearden of Matador and Nelta Green of Plainview.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Lockney High School and a graduate of Tarleton State University. He is employed at Tri-Star Chemical in Plainview.

The couple plans to marry August 10, 2013 at the First Baptist Church in Tahoka. A reception will follow at the 4-Bar-K in Lubbock.

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# Museum Archives

## The Lockview Demonstration Farm

Reprinted from the Lockney Beacon  
Special Edition  
November 22, 1928

Situated exactly halfway between Lockney and Plainview, in the heart of the Shallow Water Belt, the Lockview Demonstration Farm was established in the Spring of 1928 by the Lockney and Plainview Cotton Oil Mills.

Due to the location, it is in the aim of the management of the farm to demonstrate the practicability of irrigation in the culture of staple crops, the profitable production of dairy and poultry products, together with the economical feeding of livestock, consuming the native grown feeds supplemented with the cotton seed products from the mills.

Two inefficient irrigation plants were on the 249 acre tract when purchased and it is the plan of the management to equip the pumps with modern engines using natural gas, supplied from the Amarillo fields, as fuel.

Practically the entire acreage will be planted in staple crops, however experiments will be made on small plots of untried crops. Cattle feeding will be one of the major features in the farm program, thus necessitating ample pasturage at all times. About 25 acres of temporary pasture will be planted each year. Sudan and wheat comprise this crop in the summer and winter respectively.

In an effort to produce the most economical results from the farm, the crops will be rotated year after year to prevent the deterioration of the soil. Small grain land will be sowed with a cover crop to be plowed under while green. The following year, this land will be planted to cotton followed the next year with grain sorghums. The alfalfa will be left for five years, then plowed under and this soil will be given a place in the regular rotation.

This program produces a three year rotation of wheat, cotton and grain sorghums, with a cover crop plowed under one time during each three year period. A large number of different crops make up the diversified program.

Modern buildings, both for the management and necessary laborers will be built. Ample facilities will be arranged for caring for the livestock used on the farm.

Sufficient machinery and work stock will be provided for the production of the various crops. Great care will be taken, however, to keep the investment and expenses of operation at a minimum figure consistent with efficiency of operation. In short, it is the aim to establish such a plant as can be duplicated by any fairly well-to-do farmer, and which over a period of years will pay a fair dividend on the investment.

A unique arrangement of plans is that the mills expect the manager of the farm to spend a large portion of his time in constructive demonstration work among the farmers, cooperating with County Agent and others interested in the agricultural welfare of the territory.

Foreign capital invested in permanent improvements in Floyd County during 1927 and 1928 will give the needed momentum to start the greatest era of development ever undergone by a West Texas County, according to financiers of this section.

Among the major investments, the construction of 88 miles of new rail line in the county giving two outlets to eastern markets is probably the most outstanding. Besides the savings in freight rates, the new rail line intersects the territory in such a manner as to make the average haul from the farm to market only six miles.

The development of an efficient system of transportation paves the way for other utilities and industries. Public utilities companies have been eager to install a net work of gas, electric and phone lines in this section. Every city of consequence in the county now have efficient power and telephone connection while two of the cities of the county have access to natural gas. Besides the domestic consumption, the gas company expects to furnish their product as fuel for irrigation in the Shallow Water Belt.

Private capital has followed the public servants into the territory. One of the most modern cotton oil mills in the South is now in operation at Lockney. A cotton compress of large dimensions if now under construction at Floydada. A large sand and gravel plant is nearing completion in northwest Floyd County. Several gins and elevators have been built during the past year.

Keeping pace with the rapid industrial development, citizens of the county are progressive in their attitude. Five modern rural schools have been erected during the past two years. Modern church buildings are the order of the day. Citizens of the county expect to vote bonds for paving the Lee Highway on Dec. 1st, of this year.

Business leaders say that the agricultural prosperity is the basis of the development completed and underway.

## Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margaret Jones

Never underestimate the power of Choice. The opportunity to make Choices causes us to become what we are today.

Stepping out of one's Comfort Zone can become the very things that makes each of us a unique individual. "Life begins at the end of your comfort zone."...Neal Donald Walsch

It's common knowledge that it is sometimes good to step outside your comfort zone, but how far out-of-the box do you go? Some find they can handle just stepping over the line, other take a leap over the line. Remembering my biggest leap....returning to college to complete my education to become a teacher at the ripe old age of 30. After being out of school for 12 years, a housewife, and mother of 4 young children, my brain had not been geared toward text-books, professors lectures, taking notes in class and pop quizzes. Challenges ahead? Oh, My!

Taking into consideration what transpired over the next 30 plus years...I got out-of-myself and into the world of discipline and challenges, only to know the difference that Giant step made in my life and the lives of those around me. Caution....You never know what you might learn about yourself when stepping outside the line.

### RECIPE OF THE WEEK

#### MEXICAN CASSE-ROLE

- Brown 1 lb. hamburger meat
- 1 pkg. taco seasoning
- 1 can Ranch style beans, drained

1 pkg. Spanish rice (prepare according to directions)

1 can Rotel tomatoes, drained well  
Add all ingredients together. Cook until bubbly. Put in baking dish (8x8) top with cheese and bake until cheese is well melted.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK** - Think big thoughts, but relish small pleasures.

### MEMORIALS

**By Margaret Word**  
We appreciate you thinking of the Center when you need to make a memorial donation. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235.

**In memory of Q. D. Williams** - Winona Allen, Jerry and Sherry Towler, Mike Breed, Genelle Breed

**In memory of Randall Ray Moore** - Genelle Breed, Mike Breed

**In memory of Harold Bertrand** - Genelle Breed, Mike Breed

### MENU

May 6 - May 10

**Monday** - Beef stroganoff, noodles, whole wheat roll, margarine, mixed vegetables, winter fruit cup, low fat milk

**Tuesday** - Rigatoni w/ meat sauce, garlic bread, seasoned lima beans, tossed salad w/dressing, mandarin oranges w/whipped topping, low fat milk

**Wednesday** - Roast turkey, bread dressing, seasoned broccoli, waldorf salad, cranberry square, low fat milk

**Thursday** - Spaghetti w/ meatballs, whole wheat roll, margarine, spinach, honey dew melon, low fat milk

**Friday** - Glazed meat loaf, red bliss potatoes, breadstick, mixed vegetables, country apple crisp, low fat milk

### LEGAL NOTICE

## TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for issuance of State Air Quality Permit No. 109147 and issuance of Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Air Quality Permit No. PSDTX1356, which would authorize construction of a Gas Turbine Power Plant located directly northeast of the intersection of CR 207 and FM 786, bordering FM 786 on the south and just east of CR 207, approximately 5 miles north northeast of Floydada, Floyd County, Texas 79235. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper

# The 501 Clutter Control

Clutter sells. Anybody with a new twist on how to get rid of it has two choices - write a magazine article or a book.

Nothing sells supermarket magazines like cover blurbs that say "Deal with Clutter!" or "Organize Your Life."

Books on clutter are a tougher sell. Potential buyers aren't stuck in checkout lines. And who looks for a book on organizational skills or good housekeeping? If it takes a book to explain everything, well, that's just too hard. Give me magazine-size solutions any day.

If I'm wrong or a little off, that's my job. End of intro.

Except I could add that nobody every really comes up with new ideas on clutter. They just recycle.

Me, I have a really new idea. Look for it later on magazine covers. Here it is:

You take a clutter-centric vacation. Leave spouse, children and grandchildren at home. Take clutter instead. Go anywhere.

As we speak, clutter surrounds me. I brought it from home. Soon I'll be sorting and categorizing everything into stacks and piles. I'll label them. I bought the labels and a fresh pen en route. You get the picture.

Or maybe you don't. Maybe you think I'm in a motel room somewhere. Not a bad idea. Motel rooms generally have nice clear surfaces that can be cluttered. That's what I like about motels.

## The Paperboy

### No one can predict Mother Nature

How tough are you? A few weeks ago my wife and I took our boys to the local museum to see an exhibit on the dust bowl.

Included in the exhibit was a documentary which provided detail about what our predecessors endured. After watching it, I was left wondering why anyone stayed. Talk about having a tough constitution.

Lord knows we've had it bad over the past two-and-a-half years. But thanks to conservation, a little rain and calmer winds than what were experienced in the 1930's, we've endured. One other factor is that our economies are not entirely based on farming and ranching.

The biggest issue we have is a lack of rain. While I know we are thankful for what we receive, the rain has not been adequate for us to thrive and our water supplies have dwindled.

Lately, in watching the weather on TV (which we get out of Amarillo), I'm now convinced those in the weather-predicting business may know much less than they want us to think. Likewise, my smart phone - complete with three weather apps - does not seem very smart.

Case in point: Friday evening. Warm day with mild winds ... until that evening that when 30-40 mph winds roared, dropping the temperature dramatically.

Despite their computer models and decade after decade of keeping record of the weather, meteorologists really haven't progressed in predicting the typical swings we get in weather in this part of the country.

One leap their technology has made is the ability to let us know about tornadoes and give us warning of such events. That's wonderful unless the power goes out and the cell phones go down.

When I hear the experts tell us that the drought will persist or we're expecting a hot summer ... I take it with a grain of salt. Why? Track record.

You start with a blank slate. Fellow clutterers, you know what I mean. No one appreciates a blank slate like a clutterer. We have none of our own.

But I'm ensconced instead in a little RV. "En-sconced" is the operative word. In a little RV, you're always ensconced. There's no room to wander. The 17 linear feet were already somewhat cluttered before I tossed in extra stuff. Now the compact abode is supremely cluttered. To wit, what to do with that egg crate-style foam that's rolled up and stuffed in a Walmart sack at the foot of the bed? It was already there before I added other stuff. Shall I unroll it and put it to use? The bed needs more padding.

Nothing gets rid of clutter like actually using it for its intended purpose. On rare occasions, it happens. Very rare.

### EGG CRATE MATTRESS PAUSE.

The joke's on me. That piece of foam turned out to be a remnant 12 inches wide. Not everybody would save something like that. You know who you are. I stuffed it into a crack at the foot of the bed. The adaptive reuse of clutter gets a chapter. Yep, I'm already thinking book instead of magazine article. It's hard for a clutterer to compress anything, ideas included. At least it's hard for me.

Now what to do with the real egg crate, better said carton? Are those eggs still good?

Yep, I brought edible clutter too, including some Sierra Madre (inside joke) chocolate cake and dubious fruit. My husband would toss it all. He's not here.

His loss. I'm going to have another piece of that cake right now. Book research.

Did anyone warn us about one of the worst droughts in history? No.

Did anyone forecast the bizarre cold fronts we've seen this spring? Sort of. About 72-48 hours out, but not to the degree you would think.

Do you know why? The answer is simple really. We live on this thing called a planet. On a planet you have a huge variety of climates. You have oceans and mountains. You have plains and valleys. You have jungles and deserts. You also have enormous amounts of steel, glass and concrete.

Some call it climate change and want to use the money of people and businesses to try and change or control it. Impossible. As mentioned before ... this is a planet and the forces at play are well beyond the comprehension of man or machine.

Former Texas Tech football coach Mike Leach probably said it best when he said the best way to predict the weather was to get up in the morning and go outside, extend your arms into the air, and get a feel for what it's like. That simple exercise can tell you if it is raining, windy, hot or cold.

Later today I will look at my phone to see what to expect the rest of this week. Sure as the sky is blue, the weather folk will blow it yet again and instead of calm, it will be windy or instead of dry, it will be wet.

I listened to a man tell me the other day that he doubted area reservoirs will ever be full again. While that would be tragic indeed, it almost caused me to laugh. Tell that to the people in Houston, who are now under water. They were swamped by a weather system that was probably five times larger than what was predicted.

Dear reader, it will rain again and it will flood. Our biggest question is when? And honestly, you just can't predict it.

The Dust Bowl lasted for years. For those of you who were around and those that heard firsthand accounts, you can attest to how severe it was. But guess what? It ended. The rains came and better farming practices helped heal the earth. Once again, the land produced crops.

Stay faithful and don't take too much stock in the experts' predictions. We live on a planet in which there has always been climate change. I predict that will last as long as we live and well beyond human existence.

### RE-ELECT

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# FLOYDADA SCHOOL

## WHIRLWIND BASEBALL TEAM HEADS TO BI-DISTRICT (3 game series)

Floydada Whirlwinds vs Denver City

1<sup>ST</sup> GAME:

Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6 p.m. at Levelland

2<sup>ND</sup> GAME

Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at noon at Levelland

3<sup>RD</sup> GAME

(if necessary)

30 minutes after 2<sup>nd</sup> game

### NOTICE TO AVAILABLE STUDENT LOANS

Notice is hereby given that Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. is a Trustee of The Burch-Settoon Student Loan Fund Trust; a trust whose purpose is to make loans to graduates of any high school located in Hale, Floyd, Lamb, Castro, Swisher or Briscoe Counties of Texas, to be used for the purpose of attending an accredited College or University. Loans made by the trustee are made to persons qualifying under the terms of the Trust. Any interested person may inquire for further details at Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Investment and Fiduciary Services, P.O. Box 1959, Midland, Texas 79702 or call 432-685-5134. **Deadline for these applications is set for May 31, 2013.**

5-2, 5-9, 5-16, 5-23c

### LEGAL NOTICE

## Productivity Appraisal Reduces Property Taxes on Farms and Ranches

Texas farmers and ranchers can be granted property tax relief on their land. They may apply to the Floyd County Appraisal District for agricultural productivity appraisal and for a lower appraisal of their land based on how much they produce, versus what their land would sell for in the open market.

The Texas Constitution authorizes two types of agricultural productivity appraisals, 1-d-1 and 1-d, named after the section in which they were authorized. For 1-d-1 appraisal, property owners must use the land for agriculture or timber but the lands use must meet the degree of intensity generally accepted in the area. Owners must also show that the land is being used for at least five of the preceding seven years. 1-d-1 appraisal does not restrict ownership to individuals and does not require agriculture to be the owner's primary business. Most landowners apply for the 1-d-1 appraisal.

Under 1-d appraisal, the land needs to be in use for at least three years and the owner must be an individual versus corporations, partnerships, agency or organization. The land must also be the owner's primary source of income.

Penalties in the form of rollback tax, or the difference between the taxes paid under productivity appraisal and the taxes that would have been paid if the land had been put on the tax roll at market value, will be imposed if qualified land is taken out of agriculture or timber production.

A rollback tax occurs when a landowner switches the land's use to non-agricultural. These rollback taxes under 1-d-1 are based on the five tax years preceding the year of change. Under 1-d-1 appraisal, the rollback extends back for three years.

Texas law also allows farmers and ranchers to use land for wildlife management and still receive the special appraisal, but the land must be qualified for agriculture use in the preceding year. Land under wildlife management must also meet acreage size requirements and special use qualifications.

If the last day for the performance of an act is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal state or national holiday, the act is timely if performed on the next regular business day. Owners of land qualified as 1-d must file a new application every year. Owners of land qualified as 1-d-1 need not file again in later years unless the chief appraiser requests a new application.

For more information about productivity appraisal and application forms, contact the Floyd County Appraisal District at 104 E. California Street, Floydada, Texas 79235; Phone: 806-983-5256. Information is also available on the state Comptroller's website [www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/](http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/) or by calling the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at (800) 252-9121 and press "2" to access the menu and then press "1" to contact the Information Services Team.

## Junior High Tennis

### Floydada Junior High tennis does well in tournament

By Coach Smith

On Saturday, April 27th, Floydada Jr. High students went to Levelland for their first tournament. It was a learning experience to say the least, but each one came away with a new love for the game and a better knowledge of the game.

We had several make it to finals and bring home medals. Those included: Jessie Segura and Corey Mathis, 2nd place in 8th grade boys doubles; Brayden Campbell and Esteban Lerma, consolation 8th grade boys doubles; Valorie Espinoza, consolation 8th grade girls singles; Alex Glass and Jordan Mendoza, 2nd place 7th grade boys doubles; Keenan Nixon and Lauren Hall, 4th place mixed doubles; Kaylie Morren and Kennedy Coon lost in a consolation final 8th grade girls doubles.

District tournament is on Thursday, May 9th at Plainview High School starting at 3:30 p.m.



Courtesy Photo

2013 FLOYDADA JUNIOR HIGH TENNIS TEAM MEMBERS include (top row, l-r) Max Nunez, Jordan Mendoza, Alex Glass, Brooke Galvan, Corey Mathis, Kaylee Morren, Kennedy Coon, Karley Weems, Kailee Jackson, Alejandro Pinon; (middle row, l-r) Josiah McCown, Esteban Lerma, Keenan Nixon, Michael Crone, Jesse Segura, Macee Brotherton, Salina Espinoza, Whitney Refro; (front row, l-r) Brayden Campbell, Joe Johnston, Lauren Hall, Jerry Jasso, Valorie Espinoza, Casey Cage, Dusty Prisk, Rachel Graham.

## Whirlwind Baseball Whirlwinds end regular season tied for third with Slaton

By Coach Webb

Floydada 4

Idalou 8

We traveled to Idalou on Tuesday, April 16th. Hunter Galvan started, and Seth Nielson came in, in the 3rd inning. Offensively we hit the ball well, we had 9 hits. Tyler Renfro and Hunter Galvan each had 3 a piece, but it was not enough to get the win.

Floydada 3

Childress 16

We played Childress at home on Saturday, April 20th. Matthew McGowen, Danny Martinez, and Seth Nielson all had pitching appearances. Offensively, Danny Martinez, Hunter Galvan, Tyler Renfro, Michael Cisneros, and Landry Morren each had hits, While Jon-Paul Chavarria had 2 hits.

Floydada 3

Roosevelt 1

We traveled to Lubbock Roosevelt last Thursday, April 25 to play our last regularly scheduled game of the year. We were in a situation, if Slaton were to lose, and we were to win, we would play Slaton in a one game play-off for a play-off spot.

Seth Nielson started the game and struck out 5 in 2 1/3 innings. Hunter Galvan came in and pitched the remainder of the game and shut them out.

Hunter Galvan also came through offensively for us with a 2 RBI double.

## Floyd County represented well at District 2 4-H Fashion Show



Courtesy Photo

4-H'ers participating in the District 4-H Fashion Show held on April 11, 2013 at Christ the King School in Lubbock included (left to right) Tristan Schlueter, Tasha Schlueter, Lindee Miller, Tyann Phillips, Kendal Hughes and Payton Teepie.

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## GenTX Day inspires students on May 3

By Jennifer Harbin  
Hesperian-Beacon

Texas showcases a statewide movement called Generation TX, providing an inspiration for students to think big when it comes to attending college and making a transition into life after high school.

According to their website, GenTX Day "celebrates and congratulates the students of Generation TX—especially graduating seniors. As students take their next steps towards realizing their futures, communities across Texas are coming together to applaud their successes and support them as they go on to college and begin career training."

Communities around Texas are rallying around high school graduating seniors to "show that all of Texas supports every student to continue their education" and encourage them to

further their future goals.

The third annual GenTX Day will be celebrated in Lubbock at the Coliseum on May 3, beginning at 9am.

GenTX Day will host a myriad of events, provide encouragement and send out the message that Texas supports its students and their educational goals. How can you help someone you know start to fulfill their dreams on GenTX Day?

Each year, \$50,000 is given away to graduating seniors and one of this year's winners was senior Malorie Alaniz. She received the South Plains P20 Scholarship from the South Plains GenTX Organization for \$1000 and will be speaking at the GenTX Day event. Alaniz plans to attend Texas Tech University, and Tech has agreed to match her scholarship.

Last year's scholarship winner was Imelda Resendiz.

By Ethan Fortenberry  
CEA-AG/NR

Floyd County

Floyd County was well represented at the District 2 4-H Fashion Show held Thursday, April 11th at Christ The King school in Lubbock.

Representing Floyd County in the junior construction division were: Tasha Schlueter - casual, Payton Teepie - dressy 3rd, Kendal Hughes - specialty 2nd. In the junior buying category Floyd County was represented by Tyann Phillips in the casual division - 1st and in the Embellished/Recycled we were represented by Lindee Miller - 1st. Tristan Schlueter represented Floyd County in the Intermediate buying casual division - 1st.

Floyd County was also represented in the Fashion Storyboard contest by Payton Teepie - Junior Non Wearable - 2nd place; Lindee Miller - Junior Wearable 3rd place and Rachel Graham - Intermediate Wearable.

Arts & Crafts was a new competition offered to 4-H'ers this year and participating from Floyd County was Lindee Miller and Kendal Hughes.

Congratulations to these Floyd County 4-H'ers and thank you for representing Floyd County so well!

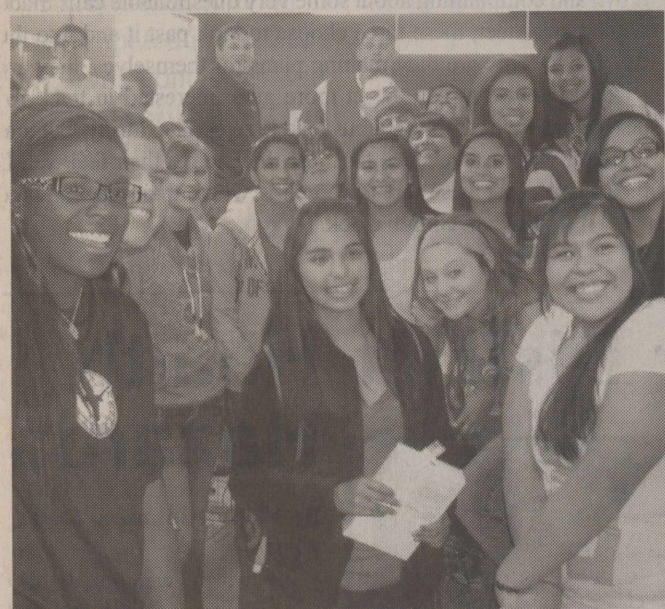
**GOOD LUCK  
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# LOCKNEY SCHOOL

## Ramos excels to state track competition Floyd County 4-H rifle team competes at District meet, Bramlet advances to State

Tanae Ramos was a state qualifier in the 100m, winning with a time of 12.83 seconds. She also finished 3rd in the Triple Jump and 5th in the Long Jump. Isabella Rodriguez finished 7th in the 400m and Alaine Rendon placed 5th in the 300m hurdles. Ramos will run May 11 in Austin at 1pm.

### Junior Class Gift



The LHS junior class presents their classmate, Janette Ybarra, with an iPad Mini to have when she's at her appointments getting her treatments. When one of her classmates asked about the treatments, Ybarra told them "they were ok, but she gets bored." The junior class took donations from all of the juniors and had enough to buy the gift for her.

### Lockney Honor Roll

#### A Honor Roll

Sixth Grade: Lyndee Setliff, Addison Sullivan

Seventh Grade: Alyssa Gutierrez, Tristan Schluter

Eighth Grade: Tabetha Bigham, Luke Kasner, Lawson Sullivan

Ninth Grade: Levi Kasner, Jace Klein, Jake Moore

Tenth Grade: Darby Long, William Prayor, Ashley Roberts, John Salas, Nicholas Sherman, Brenna Tidwell, Dixie Williams

Eleventh Grade: Janette Ybarra, Nathan Caballero, Heather Fierros, Kameron Hunt, Katie Jackson, David Johnson

Twelfth Grade: Mcken-

zie Kemp, Landry Kidd, Rayann Race, Maison Ragland, Taylor Rose, Mary Sammann, Lindsay Stewart, Luke Sherman

#### A/B Honor Roll

Sixth Grade: Liborio Ascensio, Hanna Casias, Mason Esty, Cristal Garcia, Bryson Hallmark, Sierra Martinez, Reagan Nuncio, Daniel Palomin, Joshua Pena, Alexa Poole, Haley Sanchez, Fernando Valdez, Bryson Walker

Seventh Grade: Ryiann Araujo, Ricardo Cuellar, Aleah Jimenez, Sara Keyser, Julio Lara, Nickolas Rendon, Austen Rexrode, Nimsi Reyes, Jaden Rosales, Bethany Salazar, No-

By Ethan Fortenberry  
CEA-AG/NC  
Floyd County

The Floyd County 4-H rifle team competed Saturday April the 13th at the District-2 contest on the South Plains College campus in Levelland.

The Floyd County group was made up of a junior team, and intermediate team, and two senior individuals.

The junior team consisted of Ryder Glass, Hunter Lefevre, and Tyann Phillips. The intermediate team made up of Arnie Martinez, Alex Glass, and Mason Estey was the 2nd place team in the contest.

The senior individuals were Jacob Graham and Jake Bramlet. Jake was the high point individual for the contest and will be moving on to the state contest to represent Floyd County.

Floyd County 4-H is proud to have these individuals representing us at contests.

They represent Floyd County proudly and their leadership qualities set examples for the rest of us to follow.

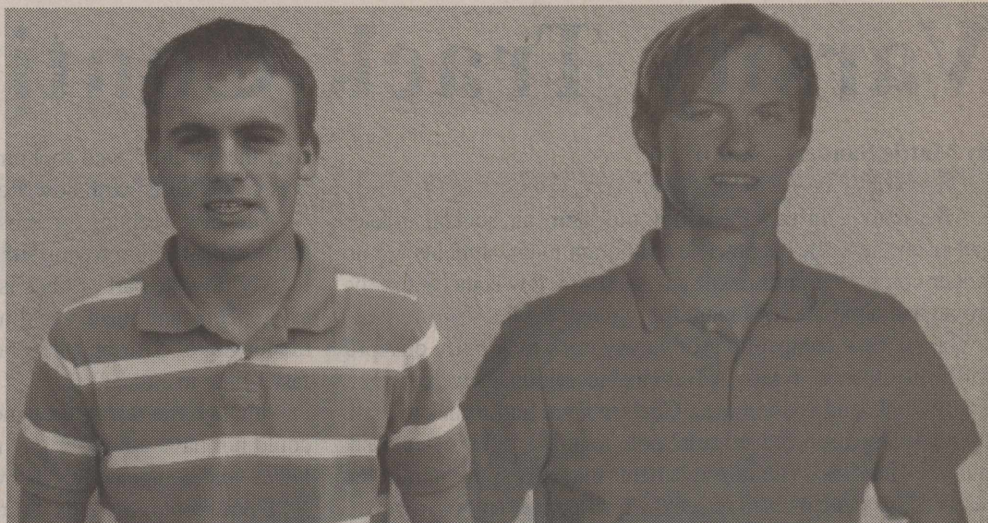


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Eighth Grade: Elizabeth Belt, Shelby Dunbar, Emiliee Encizo, Andres Garcia, Valerie Hernandez, Hannah Kidd, Jose Rodriguez, Lesly Sanchez, Alec Tambunga

Ninth Grade: Camryn Diaz, Anissa Guerrero, Breanna Hernandez, Elizabeth Hernandez, Osiel Mondragon, Salvador Ruiz, Stephen Setliff

Tenth Grade: Ignacio Ascencio, Sarah Carstensen, Kennedy Hallmark,



Floyd County 4-H members competing in the District 2 Rifle contest on Saturday, April 13 at South Plains College in Levelland, included senior members (left to right) Jake Bramlet and Jacob Graham. Jake was named High Point individual shooter and earned the right to compete in the state 4-H rifle contest to be held in Victoria, Texas.



Floyd County Junior and Intermediate Rifle team members included (front row, left to right) Hunter Lefevre, Tyann Phillips and Ryder Glass. (Back row left to right): Mason Esty, Alex Glass and Arnie Martinez.

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#### LEGAL NOTICE

### Appraisal Notices for Tax Year 2013 Are On Their Way to Property Owners

If your property value increased in the last year, you will soon receive an appraisal notice from the Floyd County Appraisal District. Your city, county, school district and other local taxing units will use the appraisal district's value to set your 2013 property taxes.

Under state law, county appraisal districts are required to notify property owners about changes in their property's value. The notice contains important information about the property's location, its ownership and property tax exemptions that have been applied to the property. It must also include an estimate of 2013 taxes by local taxing units.

Property owners who disagree with the appraised value of their property, the exemptions or any other action by the appraisal district have the right to appeal to the Floyd County Appraisal Review Board (ARB). The ARB is an independent panel of citizens responsible for hearing and settling property owner protests. The notice of appraised value includes instructions on how and when to file a protest, a protest form and the Comptroller's Property Taxpayer Remedies. The deadline for filing a protest with the ARB is May 31, 2013, or 30 days after the appraisal district mailed you a notice of appraised value, whichever is later.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs' publication, Property Taxpayer Remedies, explains in detail how to protest your property appraisal, what issues the ARB can consider and what to expect during a protest hearing. The publication also discusses the option of taking your case to court or entering into binding arbitration if you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your ARB hearing.

Property Tax Remedies is available at the Floyd County Appraisal District at 104 E. California Street, Floydada, Texas 79235; Phone 806-983-5256. The publication is also available on the Comptroller's website at [www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/](http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/) or by calling the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at 1-800-252-9121 and press "2" to access the menu and then press "1" to contact the Information Services Team.

## Bramlet represents Floyd County 4-H at National Conference

By Ethan Fortenberry  
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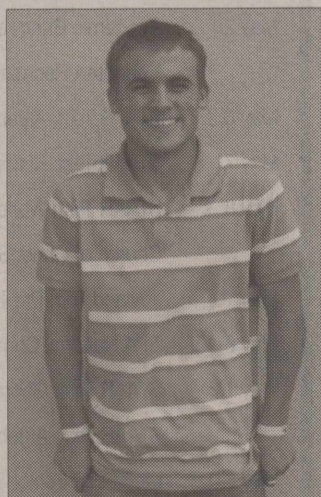
A delegation of Texas 4-H youth representing 12 counties including Floyd county, attended National 4-H Conference in Washington, DC. The Texas delegation returned home from a week in which more than 270 youth and adults representing 4-H programs across the country gathered to exchange ideas, gain knowledge to share back at home and develop recommendations to help guide the future of 4-H programs nationally and in their communities.

Jake Bramlet represented Floyd County at the April 6-11 conference. Through various conference sessions and facilitated discussions, delegates learned and shared information on current trends and issues relevant to 4-H and youth, building effective partnerships, creating innovative 4-H programs, expanding the use of technology, working with diverse groups, and impacting community needs. At the completion of roundtable discussions, delegates gave presentations to federal agencies to recommend innovative change and represent youth voice.

Delegates also had the opportunity to meet with their legislators on Capitol Hill Day to represent youth from their state and discuss state 4-H programs with congressional members and their staff.

The National 4-H Conference upholds a tradition dating back to 1927 when the first "National 4-H Club Camp" was held on the grounds of the National Mall in front of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Known as the "Secretary's Conference", National 4-H Conference continues to be USDA's premier youth development event. More information about the National 4-H Conference can be found at <http://www.4-h.org/4-h-conference/>.

For more information on the 4-H program in Floyd County, please contact the Floyd County Extension office at 983-4912.



JAKE BRAMLET

### Property Taxes Relief is Available to Elderly or Disabled Homeowners

Texans who are 65 or older or who are disabled as defined by law may postpone paying current and delinquent property taxes on their homes by signing a tax deferral affidavit at the Floyd County Appraisal District office.

Once the affidavit is on file, taxes are deferred, but not cancelled, as long as the owner continues to own and live in the home. Taxes accumulate with 8 percent interest per year. The law extends the tax deferral to the surviving spouse of the person who deferred taxes on the homestead if the surviving spouse was at least 55 years old when the deceased spouse died.

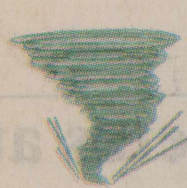
Filing a tax deferral affidavit keeps homeowners from losing their homestead because of delinquent property taxes. Filing a tax deferral affidavit will also halt a pending sale to foreclose on the homestead's tax lien. In addition, no taxing unit can start or continue a lawsuit to collect delinquent taxes once an affidavit is filed.

No penalties will be assessed on delinquent taxes during the deferral period; however, a tax deferral does not cancel penalties that were already due.

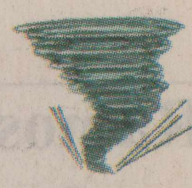
All deferred taxes and interest become due when the homeowner or surviving spouse no longer owns and lives in the home. If the tax debt remains unpaid at that time, penalties may be imposed and taxing units may take legal action to collect the past due amount.

For further details about property tax deferral, contact Floyd County Appraisal District at 104 E. California Street, Floydada, TX. 79235; Phone: 806-983-5256. Further information is also available on the Comptroller's website, [www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/](http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/) or by calling the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at 1-800-252-9121 and press "2" to access the menu, then press "1" to contact the Information Services Team.

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# Whirlwind News



## Varsity Track Continues on to Regionals

By Mattie Sanders- Staff Writer

After school, through the windy and sunny air, several athletes gather on the track for practice. Although many students are no longer competing until next track season, a few stand out in the crowd and continue to prepare for regional track.

The regional competition for varsity track took place on April 25-26 at Odessa, Texas. Advancing to regionals were junior, Emily Prisk, and sophomores, Chelsea Byrd and Rebekah Hall. Competitors competed in girls' pole vaulting, 100 meter dash, and girls' hurdles. With improvements made from the start of the season, fans were excited to see the girls compete at the meet.

"I focused on getting my time better and improving my form

over the hurdles," said sophomore athlete Rebekah Hall. "And I was very pleased with how area turned out!"

The best feeling, for most of these athletes, involves the achievement of improving from one meet to the next.

"My favorite part of track is getting better and better with every practice and meet," said junior athlete Emily Prisk. "I love the feeling of clearing a new height in pole vaulting or running a faster time in a race."

Although the results were not desirable, the girls' track coach could not have asked for any more of an effort from the young ladies who competed this last week.

"Even though the kids did not advance on to the State Track Meet, seeing the other athletes from our region with times and

heights only a little better than theirs, lit a desire in them to return next year and stand on the podium, holding a medal. All three of the girls are already making summer and offseason plans to get them prepared for track next year! That is the mark of a big heart and a true champion in these wonderful ladies. Instead of getting down and complaining about some very questionable calls made at the track meet, these three choose to look past it and into the future. Not only are they making plans for themselves, they are trying to devise a plan to get more girls interested in track for next year so we can bring a bus load to regionals. I truly feel that this year was just a chance for these three to get their feet wet. I their drive continues there is no telling where their feet can take them," said coach, Brandi Cook.

## Jr. High Track Improves Abilities for District Health Hazards



By Merritt Johnson- Staff Writer

As warm weather finally appears, so does the dreaded allergy season. Plants start to become green once again, and their pollen fills the air. If the pollen is inhaled the body's immune system goes into overdrive if someone is allergic to it. Common symptoms caused by allergies are runny nose, watery eyes, sneezing, coughing, itchy eyes and nose, or dark circles under the eyes. Even worse, airborne allergens can prompt asthma and make breathing difficult for a person. However, instead of trying to hide inside from pollen, take some simple steps to help prevent pesky spring allergies. Cleaning the air filters in one's house frequently, vacuuming twice a week, keeping doors and windows closed, and washing one's hair after going outside can all reduce chances to contract typical allergies. To help ease allergies even more there are many antihistamines, decongestants, nasal spray, and eye drops that can be bought over-the-counter or prescribed by a doctor. Everyone could enjoy a summer filled with fun if they attack allergies before allergies attack them!

By: Malorie Alaniz- Staff Writer

On April 15, 2013 the Floydada Jr. High track team competed at their district track meet. The seventh grade boys placed first, the seventh grade girls placed sixth, the eighth grade boys placed second, and the eighth grade girls placed fifth as a team.

"It felt good to win 1st as a team because we had worked hard for the past couple of months," said seventh grade runner, Alex Glass.

The girls improved from past years even with fewer girls than usual.

"We did a lot better this year. We didn't have as many girls as the other teams did, but we worked with what we had," said girls track

coach, Jennifer Leatherman. "They worked really hard for me and competed well."

All of the athletes had a great time during track season.

"My favorite part was noticing how much better the team and I have gotten," said eighth grade runner, Lewis Alaniz. "It was also fun to cheer on the rest of the team."

## It's The Final Countdown

By Hunter Schwertner - Staff Writer

With only a few weeks left in the school year, the Floydada ISD seniors are beginning to plan graduation invitations, senior suppers, and other activities that will help make their final days as students a memorable experience.

After attending their first Senior Supper at the Floydada

Baptist Church, many of the soon to be graduates are beginning to have a lot of fun.

"Everyone had a really good time at the first supper," said senior Carly Carthel. "The church did a great job, and I'm ready for the the next one."

Most of the seniors are excited to finally unwind from

all the stress that has been built up over the school year.

"It feels good to finally relax because I don't have to worry about homework or projects as bad," said senior Lizbeth Orozco

Students are not the only ones having mixed feelings about leaving high school.

The faculty and staff also share in this emotional time of year.

"It's always an exciting time of the year as graduation approaches," said teacher Mrs. Hughes. "Even though we're sad to see them go, we are very excited to see them start their next chapter in life."

## TAKS Comes To An End

By Carly Carthel- Staff Writer

We all know the TAKS test signifies the end of the school year but for this particular test this is the end. The STAAR test will soon replace the TAKS for all high school students in grades 9-11.

Teachers who have spent their careers gearing their curriculum towards TAKS are having a difficult time seeing the test come to an end.

"We have gotten used to it. We already know what to expect with the TAKS test, so I really and truly hate to see it go" said junior history

teacher, Sallye Lyles.

The juniors, who will be the last class to be administered the TAKS, recently just finished up their testing week.

"I'm pretty confident that it all went pretty well. I mean considering we have champs for teachers, I think everyone should feel confident," said junior, Alora Ferrara.

While students and teachers alike will miss the familiarity of the TAKS, the STAAR test is equally rigorous and will be a proper replacement.

## Technology: Paving A Way into College

By: Homero Ramirez-Staff Writer

The Samsung Techwin America Scholarship wants to reward hardworking students with scholarships to help them pay for college. Applicants must be high school students in the United States and submit an essay of 300 words of less answering the question, "How will technology enable the collaboration process in

the future?" There be will ten \$1,000 scholarships awarded to the winners. The deadline is May 31, 2013. For more details relating to this scholarship and others please refer to the website links below. Some scholarships may require the creation of a profile to access them; it should not take any more than five minutes.

<http://www.samsungscholarship.com/>  
<http://www.mybookbuyer.com/textbooks-for-a-year-application.htm>

## Upcoming Events for FISD

By Emily Hall-Staff Writer

- May 2: Academic Banquet
- Headstart Recruitment at 3-7 pm
- May 6: STAAR Test: Algebra 1
- May 7: STAAR Test: Biology
- May 8: STAAR Test: World Geography
- Church of Christ Senior Supper
- May 10: Joyland Trip, Pre-K through 3rd Grade
- May 8-12: BPA National Competition in Orlando, Florida
- May 13: STAAR Test: Geometry
- STAAR Test: Algebra II
- May 14: Methodist Senior Supper
- STAAR Test: Chemistry
- May 15: STAAR Test: World History
- May 16: Athletic Banquet
- May 17: Mr. and Mrs. FHS Assembly
- Wonderland Trip, 4th-6th Grade
- May 20: 2:30 Release
- May 22: Duncan Awards Assembly
- May 23: Junior High Awards Assembly
- May 24: Senior Play Day
- May 26: Baccalaureate at the Baptist Church at 6 pm
- May 27: Retirement Reception from 3-5 in Duncan Library
- May 30: Graduation at the Whirlwind Gymnasium at 6 pm

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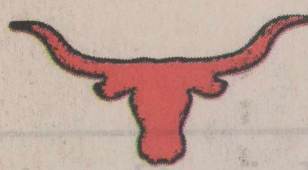
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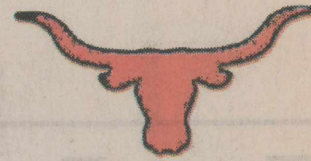
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# Longhorn News



## Lockney FFA Cotton Judging team

The Lockney FFA Cotton Judging team participated in the State Judging contest on Saturday, April 20th. They were 11th in area and 38th in the state! We are very proud of this team. They have put forth a lot of hard work and time. Congratulations!!!



From Left to Right: Katie Jackson, Sarah Carstensen, Brenna Tidwell, Stephen Setliff.

## Mary Sammann

Mary began elementary school in Plainview at Lamesa Elementary but has been in Lockney since she started 3rd Grade. She has one sister, Rachel, and a brother, Jonathan, both who attended Lockney schools. Some of Mary's hobbies and interests are playing sports and spending time with friends. When she has any free time she likes to enjoy a good book. Mary has been involved in several extra-curricular activities since the 7th grade including basketball, tennis, track and field, cross country, and powerlifting. Mary is president of student council and National Honor Society and also participates in band and U.I.L academics. What she enjoys most about LHS is all of the opportunities, both academic and extra-curricular, offered to students. "Here I can be part of anything and participate in as many organizations as I like. The people here are all so interested and invested in my life!" One of her most memorable moments at LHS

was when she made it to tennis regionals her junior year. Mary went on to place 3rd in the regional tournament and earned a state alternate title. She hopes to go all the way to state this year! Outside of school Mary enjoys spending time with her friends and family and also enjoys cheering on the Aggies when they are playing ANY sport. Her friends would describe her as a perfectionist, organized, and hard working. Mary's favorite thing about Lockney is it's a small town community. "Everyone is so invested in each other's lives and they all truly care about each other." I have been able to be a part of so many things that would have been impossible otherwise." Most people do not know that Mary has participated in a hand bell choir in Plainview since the 4th grade and currently plays in a high school group called Jubilation. Mary describes herself as hard working because she never wants to pass up any opportunity; deter-



mined because she knows that she could do anything she sets her mind to; and organized because she tries to keep everything straight all the time. In 10 years she hopes to have graduated from Texas A&M University with a degree in biochemistry. Mary hopes to be working in the medical research field discovering treatments for uncured diseases.



## Taylor Rose

Taylor Rose grew up in Idalou, Texas and moved to Lockney during her second semester of fourth grade. Her little brother, Johnny, is currently attending school here at Lockney High School. Some of her hobbies are creating artwork such as paintings or drawings but she mostly likes to hang out with friends, play tennis, and go to the lake. She is involved in multiple extra-curricular activities but enjoys tennis and art club the most. The reason why she likes it here at Lockney High School is because the teachers understand their students and help them in any way that they can. Some of her memorable moments in Lockney have been going

to regionals every year in UIL, going on the physics trip to Six Flags and her art trip to San Antonio. Outside of school she likes to hang out with her friends who would describe her as, "a brilliant young girl that would do anything for you. Taylor knows how to make you smile even when you're down." Something some people may not know about her is that she likes to write about her week in a journal and also loves to cook any chance she gets. Ten years from now she sees herself married and having a successful career as a Physician Assistant. She plans to go to college at the University of Texas in Arlington and major in biology and minor in art.

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# AGRICULTURE

## Texas Farm Bureau offers Youth Leadership Conference

By Charla McHam  
Special to Hesperian-Beacon

Along with the many member benefits that Texas Farm Bureau offers, we would like to take this opportunity to let you know about an opportunity for your children to participate in a week long conference with a chance to win scholarship money and a trip to Washington D.C.

The Texas Farm Bureau Youth Leadership Conference is a wonderful opportunity for our talented youth to join together for a week of fun and learning about the Free Enterprise System. To attend the conference students must be a junior or senior in high school for the 2013-2014 school year. The kids are taught leadership skills, economics, and teamwork as they work

on a project from initial idea to sales and marketing. Floyd County will be able to sponsor 5 students this year to the conference. The Youth Leadership Conference will be held in June at Tarleton State University. If you are interested in attending don't hesitate; call the Floyd County Farm Bureau office at 806-983-3777 or the Briscoe County Farm Bureau Office at (806) 823-2234 before April 30, 2013.

At the end of the conference students will be given information about the Free Enterprise Speech contest. The district contest will be held in October and the district winner will advance to the state competition. The top 6 finalist in the state will be awarded a trip to Washington D.C. along with scholarship

money. The district winners will also receive a scholarship.

All students who attend the Youth Leadership Conference will be eligible to apply for the Dick Mitchell scholarship. There are also many other scholarship opportunities for graduating seniors and attending the Youth Leadership Conference is a great way to show leadership on all college scholarship applications.

Our goal is to promote agriculture, and youth activities to local high school students along with providing quality member benefits to our valued Texas Farm Bureau members.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Charla McHam at the Floyd County office at 806-983-3777.

## Gala fruitful event for Unity Center

By Elaine LaBaume  
Special to Hesperian-Beacon

The Floyd County Friends 18th annual gala, "Candlelight and Cotton" is now history. It did make history! We made the most money we have every made, "\$38,000.00." We are elated and so thankful to every person that had a part in the gala in any way. We are most thankful to God as he has been our guide since the first meeting we ever had in 1995. We had a "sell out" crowd.

We want to say "thank you" to Floydada Co-op Gin for bringing their cotton module truck. I think it was the "conversation piece." We have 9 gins in Floyd County: Barwise, D & J Gin, Darty Gin, Inc., Floydada Co-op Gin, Lockney Co-op Gin, Marble Brothers Farms, McCoy Gin and Scott Gin. D & J Gin furnished a bale of cotton to use as part of our decoration and to represent each gin. There were cotton bolls everywhere for décor, on the tables and in large centerpieces. It was beautiful. We all relate to cotton in our county and the surrounding area.

After the Boy Scouts posted the colors, Kirby Nixon of Floydada opened the gala with The National Anthem, and later with several tunes on his fiddle. Tim Assiter, our auctioneer for the past 18 years, then began the evening festivities. The elimination process began for the \$1000.00 give away. That is always exciting to see

who the final winner will be. This year it was Linda Harbin of Floydada.

Bobby Skeen of Monroe, Louisiana was the entertainer of the evening. He is on "The Cotton Board." The entertaining he does is "on the side." He opened with telling us that "yes, he knows Duck Dynasty" and, as a matter of fact, brought an autographed "duck call" and demonstrated it for the crowd, and an autographed cap to be put in the live auction. Then he began doing his hilarious act of the late, great comedian, Jerry Clower. He closed with a religious song that was a song by his "musical hero", Elvis Presley. The audience was in awe of his singing and ask him to come back at the end of the gala and perform two more songs. Mr. Skeen also sings with a quartet. I think everyone thought Mr. Skeen was awesome! Then Kirby Nixon closed the evening with a couple more songs. We say "Thank you" to Kirby, also. He performed for us once before when he was just beginning to play the fiddle.


Now for the winners of the raffle and the Live Auction: I hope I don't leave anything out.

Raffle: Beretta EX4 Storm 9MM gun was won by Mike Ford, Beretta Nano 9mm gun was Chad Cook, the Bose Sound System went to Vickie Yeary, a Kitchenaid Stand Mixer went to Lindan Morris, the 47" TV went to Aaron Hendricks & Kody Reed won the iPad.

Live Auction: The highest bid in the live auction was for the large original painting by Kenneth Wyatt, artist from Tulia. The painting was donated by Happy State Bank and won by Louis Bearden of Floydada. The painting brought \$4,500.00. The second highest bid was for Lesca Durham's (of Lockney) Famous Fudge for \$3,500.00. That bid went to "friends" in memory of Warren Mathis.

The other live auction items were: Electric John Deere Tractor & Trailer (for a child) donated by Ray Lee Equipment and was bought by Josh Lesky, Chad Cook bought the "Floyd County Friends" belt buckle donated by John & Karen Quebe, the autographed Duck Dynasty duck call and cap was bought by Jon Jones and donated by Bobby Skeen, the Diamond Cotton Bale necklace with 18 diamonds was donated by Floyd County Friends and Thacker's Jewelry of Lubbock and was purchased by Jerry Cannon and Dinner for 6 in the home of Floyd County Friends President and First Lady, David and Dar Lee Foster was bought by Kelly Prayor. Ricky & Renee Hrbacek were the lucky bidders who won Judy Schacht's delicious cheese cake, paying \$100.00.

Again, our thanks for supporting the Floyd County Friends Unity Center that has served Floyd and the surrounding counties for 14 years.



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### LEGAL NOTICE

#### Disabled Veterans May Qualify to Have Some of Their Property Taxes Waived

Veterans with a service-connected disability are encouraged to file an exemption form to have their 2013 property taxes lowered. Some veterans may even qualify for a 100 percent exemption of their taxes under the law.

The law provides partial exemptions for any property owned by veterans who are disabled, spouses and survivors of deceased disabled veterans and spouses and survivors of military personnel who died on active duty. The amount of exemption is determined according to percentage of service-connected disability. A veteran's percentage of service-connected disability determines the amount of the exemption — from a \$5,000 to a \$12,000 deduction from the veteran's property value.

Any eligible person who has not received this exemption should apply. An applicant may claim the exemption on only one piece of property, such as a home or any other property the applicant owned on Jan. 1, 2013. The applicant must also be a Texas resident to qualify.

A disabled veteran who receives 100 percent disability compensation due to a service connected disability and a rating of 100 percent disabled or of individual unemployability from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor is entitled to an exemption from taxation of the appraised value of the veteran's residence homestead. Beginning this year, this benefit has been extended to the surviving spouse upon the veteran's death with certain restrictions. The residence homestead application must be filed if this exemption is claimed.

For more information about the property tax exemption for disabled veterans or to file an exemption, contact the Floyd County Appraisal District at 104 E. California Street, Floydada, TX. 79235; Phone: 806-983-5256. More information is also available from the state Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at 1-800-252-9121 and press "2" to access the menu, and then press "1" to contact the Information Services Team or visit the Comptroller's website at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/.

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### Comptroller's Office Encourages Homeowners to Take Advantage of Homestead Exemptions

Homeowners looking to reduce their property tax bills in 2013 may find some relief by filing a homestead exemption. Homestead exemptions are offered by counties, cities, school districts and other local taxing units.

A homestead is generally the house and land used as the owner's principal residence on January 1 of the tax year. Homestead exemptions reduce the appraised value of your home and, as a result, lower your property taxes. To apply for an exemption on your residence homestead, contact the Floyd County Tax Appraisal District.

Available homestead exemptions include:

- School taxes: All homeowners may receive a \$15,000 homestead exemption for school taxes.


- County taxes: If a county collects a special tax for farm-to-market roads or flood control, a homeowner may receive a \$3,000 homestead exemption for this tax.

- Age and disability exemptions: Individuals 65 or older or disabled as defined by law may qualify for a \$10,000 homestead exemption for school taxes, in addition to the \$15,000 exemption available to all homeowners. Also, any taxing unit may offer a local optional exemption of at least \$3,000 for taxpayers age 65 or older and/or disabled. Older or disabled homeowners do not need to own their homes on Jan. 1 to qualify for these special homestead exemptions. They qualify as soon as they turn 65 or become disabled.

- Taxing units may offer a local option exemption based on a percentage of a home's appraised value. Any taxing unit can exempt up to 20 percent of the value of each qualified homestead. No matter what percentage of value the taxing unit adopts, the dollar value of the exemption must be at least \$5,000.

- Partial disabled veteran exemptions: The law provides partial exemptions for any property owned by veterans who are disabled, spouses and survivors of deceased disabled veterans and spouses and survivors of military personnel who died on active duty. The amount of exemption is determined according to the percentage of service-connected disability.

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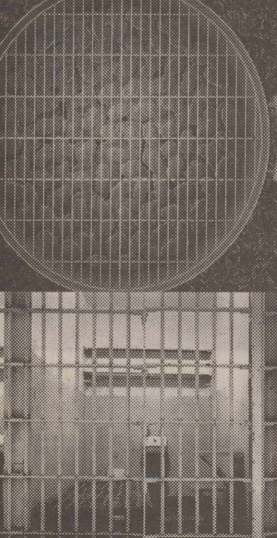
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\* To continue improvement in getting information to parents concerning their students. Our system is better than it used to be. There are many areas for improvement and I believe that the administration is working as hard as they can to continue to improve the system. We would all like to have it "now"

but until a solution is found, we are going to have to settle for "as soon as possible."

**WHAT ARE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE JOB?**

I have served on the School Board for 7 years. I have served as an Officer of the Board for the past 5 years, first as the Board Secretary and currently as the Board Vice President. I serve, or have served, on 4H Boards and Committees, the Floyd County Stock Show Board and the Floyd County Appraisal District Board. I have a strong sense of duty to the community and the people of the community and I believe in using the resources available in our community as much as possible. I have attended continuing education classes for School Board Members whenever possible. These include classes on the Education Code, Local Policy and The Open Meeting Act. I was also able to attend extra classes on school finance, school building projects, School Board team building and legislative updates.

Thank you for your time.

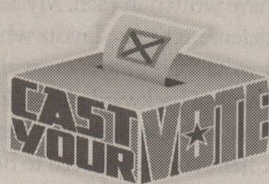
**MENDEZ**  
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I will tell you that I will devote the time needed to learn the job and perform to the best of my ability.

**WHAT ARE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE JOB?**

In 2010-2012 I became a board member for the Baseball Association and in 2011 was elected as the Safety Officer. I was a Board Member of the Chamber of Commerce here in Floydada as well. I was elected as the Policy Chairman from 2011-2012 for the Policy Council for SPCAA and it's 15 counties.

Thank you for your support.



**Don't forget to VOTE!**

**BROTHERTON**  
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gram manager and administrator of community-based programs for over 25 years. In addition, I have written numerous collaborative grant proposals that involved establishing and building diverse partnerships to create services and resources for youth, families, schools and the community. I have served on, and been governed by, various boards throughout my life in the community, and throughout my career. My personal and professional experiences have helped me develop the ability to work collaboratively, develop policies, work with budgets, problem solve, respect diverse points of view, and make decisions in line with the interests of the community while remaining steadfast to goals, mission and vision. I am willing to commit the time necessary to perform the responsibilities, including increasing my knowledge and skills so that I can become a more effective board member.

**Letter to the Editor**

Dear Editor,  
"What a wonderful world we live in"

From the staff at Duncan Elementary, we would like to say thank you! Thank you for the overwhelming support we have enjoyed these past few weeks as we counted down the days of STAAR testing. The community has shown its commitment to maintaining a well rounded academically focused school. The countless letters, phone calls, emails and verbal acknowledgements have been well received.

In a time of high stakes testing and high expectations for our students and staff it has been refreshing to pass on to the school staff your words of praise and support. Thank you for knowing that teachers make

a difference. Thank you for knowing that teachers go above and beyond the call of duty daily for the success of your children. Thank you for sending your children well prepared and mostly thank you for your personal support of our common goal, (to prepare students for the world ahead).

I encourage you to maintain a positive line of communication with your child's teacher and please continue with the words of support, as teachers like to hear the good things you have to say.

From the staff at Duncan Elementary  
Thank You!

Mac Sherman  
Principal  
Duncan Elementary  
Floydada, Texas

**You are TWENTY THREE TIMES more likely to crash when you text while driving. Is sending an LOL text message really worth killing someone? Park the phone when you drive.**

**Lockney Senior Center Menu**

- Monday: Fish
- Tuesday: Enchilada Casserole
- Wednesday: BBQ Chicken
- Thursday: Salmon
- Friday: Brisket

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**Property Owner Protest Hearings Are Set for July 18, 2013**

Property owners who disagree with the Floyd County Appraisal District's appraisal of their property for local taxes or for any other action that adversely affects them may protest their property value to the appraisal district's Appraisal Review Board (ARB). The ARB will begin hearing taxpayer protests on July 18, 2013.

After the ARB completes its hearings and approves final property tax appraisals, local governments will use these appraisals to set 2013 property tax rates.

The ARB is a group of citizens who live in the appraisal district and are appointed by the appraisal district's board of directors, except in Harris and Fort Bend Counties where a local administrative judge makes the appointments. Property owners may protest any of the following issues to the ARB:

- the appraised or market value of the property;
- unequal appraisal of the taxpayer's property compared to similar property in the district;
- inclusion of the property on the appraisal records;
- denial of a partial exemption, such as a homestead exemption;
- denial of special appraisals, such as agricultural or timber productivity appraisal;
- determination that agricultural or timber land has had a change of use and is subject to a rollback tax;
- identification of the taxing unit or units in which the property is located;
- determination that the taxpayer is the owner of the property; or
- any other action of the appraisal office that adversely affects the owner.

A property owner must file a written notice of protest before June 1, 2013 or within 30 days after the appraisal district mails the taxpayer a notice of appraised value, whichever is later. The ARB schedules a hearing and sends the protesting property owner written notice of the date, time and place of the hearing. The law contains specific timelines and procedures for both the owner and the ARB throughout the appraisal protest process. These are detailed in the state Comptroller's publication, Property Taxpayer Remedies. Copies are available from the Floyd County Appraisal District, 104 E. California Street, Floydada, TX. 79235; Phone: 806-983-5256.

**CHECKING THESE VITAL SIGNS CAN SAVE A LIFE.**  
Drive FRIENDLY. Drive SAFE.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**



**NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT**

PROPOSED STATE AIR QUALITY PERMIT NUMBER 109147 AND PSD PERMIT NUMBER PSDTX1356

**APPLICATION** Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for issuance of State Air Quality Permit Number 109147 and issuance of Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Air Quality Permit Number PSDTX1356, which would authorize construction of a Gas Turbine Power Plant located directly northeast of the intersection of CR 207 and FM 786, bordering FM 786 on the south and just east of CR 207, approximately 5 miles north northeast of Floydada, Floyd County, Texas 79235. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=34.0566&lng=-101.3155&zoom=13&type=r> The facility will emit the following air contaminants: organic compounds, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less, and hazardous air pollutants.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on April 1, 2013. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Lubbock regional office, and the Floyd County Memorial Library, 111 South Wall, Floydada, Floyd County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Lubbock regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING** You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting or, request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all public comments.

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application, if requested by an interested person, or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

After technical review of the application is complete, the executive director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision for an Air Quality Permit will then be published and mailed to those who made comments, submitted hearing requests or are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING** You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. **Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 30 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application.** A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

**A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following:** (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing"; (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or an association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing and the interests which the group or association seeks to protect, must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns.

Additional notice will be provided. If a hearing request is timely filed, following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

**MAILING LIST** In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

**AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION** Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at [www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html), or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. If you communicate with the TCEQ electronically, please be aware that your email address, like your physical mailing address, will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1 800 687 4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc., P.O. Box 9898, Amarillo, Texas 79105-5898 or by calling Mr. Patrick Murin, P.E., Murin Environmental, Inc. at (713) 819-6115.

Notice Issuance Date: April 22, 2013

**CAUSE**  
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When the coaches saw one another again on April 24 at the Softball District Meeting in Lubbock, Torrez delivered an envelope to Jimenez.

"I didn't open the envelope until the next day in my classroom," said Jimenez. Inside was another envelope that had a letter inside that read:

Dear Janette,

I am Aerin Burritt. I am a 7th Grader at Sundown Middle School. My coach, Coach Torrez, told my class about you being diagnosed with a type of Lymphoma. My cousin also was diagnosed with a type of Lymphoma, so I wanted to do something for y'all. My mom and I put together a bake sale to raise money for y'all! I'm sending you half of the money I made plus the other half is going to my cousin. I hope that it will help with your medical bills or whatever you need. I also would like to let you know that you are in our prayers and we all hope that you heal! Always remember that you aren't alone through this. I hope we can see you out on the SOFTBALL FIELD!!!!

With Hope,  
Aarin Burritt

Enclosed was \$225, half of her sales.

"It brought tears to my eyes when I read it," said Jimenez. "For her to do something like this is phenomenal."

Jimenez and his family also decided to do a fundraiser selling barbecue sandwiches to help. On the first day they sold out before fully setting up. According to Jimenez, many businesses called in and ordered. Wileys, a farm equipment store, called in and bought 50 and Cargill Cattle Feeders bought 40 plates. Also some businesses from Plainview and locally bought plates with all of the trimmings. There was an overall profit of \$2,000, with 100% going to Janette and her family.

"We'd like to say thank you for the community stepping up, coming together and helping out a good cause," said Jimenez. "She's like a daughter. Me and my family just thought that it would be a good cause to raise money to help with medical bills."

"Cancer touches everyone, everywhere. And when you see all the ugliness in the world it gets overwhelming," said LHS history teacher Sam Moore. "And then this 7th grader brings hope and charity into this world."

**SEASON**  
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you.

Have you ever wanted to star in your own mobster movie? Here is your chance to order a "hit" on friends, family, and even co-workers. Or are you just game for a good, old-fashioned prank war? This is your chance! Order a Flocking

Here's how it works. Place an order for a flock of flamingos to be sent out to the yard of your choice. A group of Rios de Agua Viva Assembly of God students will be sent out to flock the yard. Flocking Season opened April 18 and will close in mid May.

All proceeds of the Flamingo Flocking FUNraiser will benefit Rios de Agua Viva Assembly of God youth.

To place an order call Michael or Sandra at 806-83-1296. Thank you for your participation.

**Dixie Divas**  
**The Truth About My Words**

Before I say this, just know that I am not bragging. I am sure that this is not anything to brag about. But you and I are friends and I always endeavor to be honest with you so you should know the truth.



RONDA RICH

When it comes to my books - there are six now - I have a hard time remembering precisely - even generally in some cases - what I have written in each. My best defense is to say: I write what I write then I move on, with hardly a backward glance. I head into the next book, next column or next speech to be written.

In full disclosure, I must tell you: I am not talented. I am, instead, blessed by divine inspiration so that anything I write that is clever, wise, witty or well put together does not come from

this feeble mind of mine. It is owing to the grace of the good Lord when He chooses to overtake my lack of ability and gives me some well selected words and graciously allows me to take credit. Since the things I write are not wholly mine but rather Holy given, these words apparently pass through my mind like a sieve. Particularly interesting since I have an incredible memory yet I cannot recall everything I have written. Especially if it's good. It's as if the words don't belong to me, I don't possess them so I don't hold them near to my memory.

I, for one, am one of those writers who have rarely been impressed with anything I write. When I was in the studio recording the audio version of one of my books, I was struck by the lyrical, poetic writing of the first chapter.

"Where," I asked myself, "did that come from?"

Unlike some writers, I do not read over my stuff repeatedly. I don't think that much of myself as a writer but I do know I have an instinct for finding and telling a good story. This has become abundantly clear to me as of late. A novel I made up a few years ago is being written into a movie. Over coffee in Beverly Hills, the writer assigned to the project, waxed on about characters and intricate turns in the plot.

"This is such wonderful writing," she oozed with genuine enthusiasm. I tried to mask the blank stare in my eyes, unable to recall some of the most "wonderful" bits she loved about the book.

It was akin to being in senior English literature and having Miss Kelly ask me about Moby Dick, a book I hated and, therefore, had skipped through most of it. I knew just enough to bluff through any question she asked.

When I got home, I said to Tink, "I've got to read that book again."

I'd like to be able to say truthfully that is rare but it's not. With my last book, freshly written and filled with my favorite stories of inspiration, I hit the road for a three week book tour. The publicist with my publisher had scheduled media interviews and numerous talks as well as book signings. Now, I had just written this book on a tremendously tight deadline after the book sold at auction among several publishers. I had read through three rounds of edits. Still, I had to sit down and read it again before hitting the road. And make notes, too.

A while back, a lovely young lady approached me and, without introduction, recited several lines of wise, well-written prose.

"That's lovely!" I gasped. "Who wrote that?"

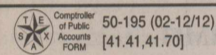
She was taken aback and stared for a moment before finally answering, "You did. It's in your first book."

Well, apparently, that's another book I need to re-read, too. The good Lord mustva done a good job on that one, too.

Ronda Rich is the best-selling author of *There's A Better Day A-Comin'*. Visit [www.rondarich.com](http://www.rondarich.com) to sign up for her weekly newsletter.

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FORM 41.41.41.70

**Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures**

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or appraised value of your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affects you.

**Informal Review**

(Insert description of appraisal district's informal review process, if any, then give name and telephone number of person taxpayer should contact.)

Contact Jim Finley for an informal review or any question regarding the taxable value of your property at 104 E California or call 806-983-5256.

**Review by the Appraisal Review Board**

If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening or on a Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD plans to introduce at the hearing to establish any matter at issue. The law provides that before a hearing on a protest or immediately after the hearing begins, you or your agent and the CAD shall each provide the other with a copy of any written material intended to be offered or submitted to the ARB at the hearing. To the greatest extent practicable, the hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. In most cases, the CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented.

In certain protests where the owner has submitted an independent appraisal before the hearing, the chief appraiser has the burden of proving the property's value by clear and convincing evidence. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at

(insert address).

Floyd County Appraisal District  
PO Box 249  
104 E California  
Floydada, Texas 79235

Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

**Review by the District Court or an Arbitrator or SOAH**

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 60 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. In certain cases, as an alternative to filing an appeal in district court, you may file, not later than the 45th day after you receive notice of the ARB order, a request for binding arbitration with the county appraisal district. In certain cases originating in certain counties, as an alternative to filing an appeal in district court, you may appeal to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). An appeal to SOAH is initiated by, not later than the 30th day after you receive notice of the ARB's order, filing with the chief appraiser of the county appraisal district a notice of appeal. Appeals to District Court, Binding Arbitration, or SOAH all require payment of certain fees or deposits.

**Tax Payment**

You must pay either the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

**More Information**

You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at (insert appraisal district name, address, telephone number).

Floyd County Appraisal District  
PO Box 249  
104 E California  
Floydada, Texas 79235

You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

**Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB\***

**Usual Deadline**

On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the ARB approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

**Special Deadlines**

For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

(You may insert deadline for protests concerning omitted property if doing so would avoid taxpayer confusion.)

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1) or no later than the 125th day after the date you claim you received a tax bill from one or more of the taxing units that tax your property. The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

\* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.

**FISD hosts School-Community Partnership Committee**

By Jennifer Harbin  
Hesperian-Beacon

For the second year in a row, Floydada Independent School District has hosted a School-Community Partnership Committee, with residents from varying areas of employment and activity in the community in attendance. The meeting, held on April 19, strove to bring school and public figures together to ensure transparency of operation and to encourage community involvement.

Citizens in attendance were Hulon Carthel, Les Hall, Joe Hernandez, Bobby Gilliland, Tony Ricketts, Penny Golightly, Beverly Collins, Mac Sherman, Rex Holcombe, Jennifer Harbin and Gilbert Trevino. Members not able to attend were Tim Franks, Gary Brown, Walter Davis, and Denice Payne.

FISD Superintendent Trevino began the meeting by expressing how glad he was that everyone could attend.

"I've really looked forward to these meetings...about what's going on in our district, and to get your feedback," Trevino said. "Our goal is to be transparent."

This meeting is held two times a year—once in the fall and again in the spring.

School Board election information was shared. Early voting for the school election began Monday, April 29, at the Floydada Independent School District Superintendents Office.

The Floydada Board of Trustees At-large seat, currently filled by Marty Lucke, is being challenged by Manuel Mendez. The district 5 seat, formerly filled by Charles Tyer, is up for grabs between candidates Clay Lowrance and Kay Brotherton. In district 4, John Woelfel is running unopposed.

Early voting will be from April 29 until May 7 at the FISD Superintendent's Office which is located at 226 California from 8am-4pm. Election day is May 11 at the Massie Activity Center in Floydada from 7am-7pm.

Trevino shared with those gathered information about a statewide movement called Generation TX (pronounced "Generation Texas") that encourages students to be focused on a future of pursuing a college education and open to learning skill sets that will better prepare them for a college-going environment. To learn more about GenTX see featured article.

During a discussion on school security, a community member asked whether the school district had considered hand guns on campus. "I don't think that's in our best interest right now," said Trevino. "That's a very big decision that doesn't need to be made by emotion." If any action were to be considered, he suggested hiring a full-time School Resource Officer at each campus which would be equipped with a gun in case of an emergency. But at this time, that is only a consideration.

A.B. Duncan Principal Mac Sherman gave a short presentation on the security changes being made to ensure better safety for students. Student arrival and departure policy will receive some updates. One of the most important changes is routing all visitors through the Main Office when entering the building and being required to obtain a visitor's pass. There are also changes to drop-off points, times that doors open and departure policy.

A calendar of events was presented which can be viewed on their website at [www.floydada-isd.esc17.net](http://www.floydada-isd.esc17.net).

Trevino informed attendees that the school has been approached by Invenergy, a Chicago-based energy company focused on the development of large-scale electricity generation assets in the North American and European market, about a new wind farm. Half of the farm will be in Floyd County and the other half in Crosby County, housing 200 turbines. They are hoping to bring the 313 application in June to be submitted to the State Comptroller.



**LUCIO'S DOG HOUSE**  
ADOPTION CENTER  
Call City Hall at 806-983-2834



- Female Pitbull mix with 5 puppies
- Male Chiweenie
- 3 one-month old puppies: 2M/1F German Shepherd
- Pitbull mix puppies
- Male black and yellow Rottweiler
- 2 F/1M Black and White black and white labs

**FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU**  
May 6 – May 10

- Monday**  
Breakfast-French toast, or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk  
Lunch- Cheese enchiladas, Spanish rice, refried beans, garden salad, cinnamon apples, milk
- Tuesday**  
Breakfast- Sausage, toast/jelly, or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk  
Lunch- Hot dog w/chili, potato tots, fresh veggie cup, fresh fruit, chocolate chip cookies, milk
- Wednesday**  
Breakfast-Waffles with syrup or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk  
Lunch-Grilled cheese sandwiches, vegetable soup, baby carrots, fruit cup, milk
- Thursday**  
Breakfast- Breakfast sausage, roll or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk  
Lunch-Chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, garden salad, savory green beans, apple slices, crispy cereal treat, milk
- Friday**  
Breakfast-Scrambled eggs, toast or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk  
Lunch-Hamburger, lettuce, tomato & pickles, corn cobbettes, baby carrots, sliced peaches, milk



**Lighthouse Electric Co-op Members Meet for 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Membership Event**

By Larry Ogden  
Special to Hesperian-Beacon

A health fair, meal, entertainment for youngsters, door prizes, visiting with friends and neighbors, and learning more about their electric business—all served as the draw for more than 600 members and guests who attended Lighthouse Electric Cooperative's annual membership meeting April 25.

Lighthouse EC President Gaylord Groce called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the co-op's 74th annual meeting. Members of Lockney's Boy Scout Troop 259 presented the colors and led the pledge of allegiance at the meeting's start.

The business meeting was punctuated with three separate drawings for more than 75 door prizes. Members of the LEC annual meeting planning committee presented the prizes after committee members Bonnie McIntosh, Jenna Heflin, and Maria Alvarado drew the numbers of the lucky winners. Committee members Erik Alvarado, Ian McIntosh, Ty Heflin, Garrett Mathis, Jon Ramsey, and Jonathan James assisted by presenting the prizes to the winners, and Linsie Mathis served as committee secretary, noting names and numbers of winners. Mark Hegi of Petersburg served as emcee for this year's meeting.

In his report to the membership, auditor Adam Bailey of Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert and Moss, gave the cooperative a "thumbs up." He reported that the co-op's total assets at year-end 2012 were \$74 million. Operating revenue was \$32 million, while 2012 expenses totaled \$28 million. Thanks to more than \$3.1 million allocated in capital credits from LEC's power provider, Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, along with other capital credits and interest from non-operating margins, Lighthouse EC ended the year with a net margin of \$6.3 million. "In 2012, Lighthouse returned \$3.4 million in capital credits," the auditor told members.

General Manager Bill Harbin introduced the directors of the coopera-

tive and their spouses, and thanked them for their dedication and hard work. "Your directors and employees are what make Lighthouse the wonderful organization it is," he said. Harbin also called several long-time employees to join him on stage. Sara Coursey received a watch for 25 years service to the cooperative, Danny Nixon, Brent Sanders and Larry Ogden were recognized for 35 years, and Rodney Hill was lauded for his 45 years. "It's always my pleasure," he said, "to recognize Lighthouse employees who have reached milestones in their careers."

After introducing all Lighthouse employees, Harbin said he would like to brag a little bit about their safety record, "They have worked 15 years without a lost time accident, which is a wonderful accomplishment, and a wonderful blessing from God. This year we received the GE Safety Award, which is awarded to the one coop in Texas with the best safety record, for the fourth year in a row, which has never happened before."

"Also this year," he continued, "the Ray Pantel Meritorious Service Award, which is awarded to one individual in the state for their commitment to the safety program at their home coop, and across the state, has been awarded to our own Larry Ogden."

Harbin briefly summarized the past year's events as they affected the cooperative business. He explained the impact the closing of Cargill's beef packing operation would have on the cooperative, "While it is a loss that is not insignificant to Lighthouse, it is not devastating. Lighthouse is a financially strong organization, and we will be okay. While we regret the closing - it is never good when something like this happens, we regret far more the loss to the communities and our friends and neighbors affected by the closing."

Harbin announced that beginning next month, Lighthouse will start a system wide GIS inventory which will affect every member. "Beginning around the 15th of May, and continuing for about the next 18 months, contractor crews will be retrieving detailed information for the inventory, down to the specific location of each pole. We ask that you be patient with us while we are in the process. As you know, many places our lines go are hard to reach, and some places cannot be reached by pickup, so these contractors will be using 4-wheelers and ATVs extensively as they travel to each and every pole on our system. They will take great care to protect your property and your privacy, and will not go on your property unless they have to carry out their assigned duties. We just want to give you a heads up, and we appreciate your patience."



Photo by Jennifer Harbin  
**A future farmer, perhaps? The Lighthouse Electric Cooperative 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting was held April 25 at the Unity Center. Guests young and old had a good time, with catering by Danny's Fins and Hens, and more door prizes to go around than could be counted.**

Harbin announced that LEC board had authorized payment of capital credits, "We had your checks here tonight totaling \$2.5 million, and that's 2 and 1/2 million reasons it's good to be a member of Lighthouse."

Guest speaker Keith Martin, Superintendent of Field Service Operations for WiPower internet, told the audience "We have, with great pride, partnered with Lighthouse to bring affordable, reliable internet service, along with digital phone service, to this area. We already cover a good portion of the Lighthouse area, but there are some areas that 'we aren't there yet'. The only way to know where these areas are is for you to call us. If enough people from a certain area call us, we make every effort to get the service to you, because that's what Lighthouse wants for you, their members, and we are proud to partner with that philosophy."

Mark Schwartz, General Manager of Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, reported on what has been happening at the Generation & Transmission (G&T) cooperative. "Why is Golden Spread important to you?" he asked. "Because of every dollar you spend on electricity, 70 cents of that cost is from Golden Spread as the power supply provider for Lighthouse."

He explained that Golden Spread was owned by Lighthouse and fifteen other distribution coops, and has generation assets at Mustang Station near Denver City, Antelope Station north of Abernathy, and Golden Spread Panhandle Wind Ranch west of Amarillo. "These are assets that you own, as members of Lighthouse, and that's the beauty of being a cooperative - when you pay that 70 cents, you are contributing

to the ownership of those assets," he said. "The value right now of all our generation assets, around 1,000 megawatts, is about \$1 billion, and between now and 2020 we will be adding another 1,000 megawatts, doubling our assets to \$2 billion. Current member equity in Golden Spread is around \$350 million. As members of Lighthouse and Golden Spread, these are your assets, there to serve your needs now and into the future."

Manager of Member Services Larry Ogden introduced the members of the advisory committee who helped plan and carry out the annual meeting, Erik and Maria Alvarado from Mt. Blanco, Ian and Bonnie McIntosh and Ty and Jenna Heflin from Floydada, Garrett and Linsie Mathis from Providence, Jon and Lee Ramsey from Petersburg, and Jonathan and Cara James from Floydada. He also recognized the youngest and oldest members present, Cody Ware, who resides east of the Cedar Hill community, and Guy Ginn, 97 years young, of Floydada.

LEC attorney Gary McLaren announced results of the director's election. Incumbent directors Gaylord Groce, Robert Nixon and W.D. Thornberry were returned to their respective district 6, 7 and 9 board seats.

Following the third prize drawing, all tickets were returned to the hopper for the grand prize drawing for \$500, won by Mark Hegi of Petersburg.

During the business meeting, the Floydada High School band hosted an activity program for the youngsters in the adjoining meeting room as a fund raising activity for their upcoming trip to Orlando, Florida.

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