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Brown recipient of prestigious award

By Jennifer Harbin
 Hesperian-Beacon

After 25 years of dedicated firefighting, Floydada Volunteer Fireman Gary Brown has been honored by the Panhandle Fireman's/Fire Marshal's Association (PFFMA) as the "Fireman of the Year."

At the 122nd annual convention of the PFFMA, held on May 17-18 in Amarillo, Brown was announced as the award winner. The PFFMA covers a wide area from Lubbock up to the Oklahoma-Texas border on the north and spanning east to west from the Oklahoma border to the western New Mexico border.

Every year, fire departments from over 38 counties submit one nominee from their department for the "Fireman of the Year" award. This is the second time that Brown has been considered for this award, ranking in the top three candidates previously. This year a nomination was sent in to the PFFMA by his peers in recognition of his dedication to the

profession.

According to Brown, he was 41 or 42 when he became a fireman and trained in Floydada, at Lubbock and Abilene Schools, as well as A&M University. He was schooled in everything from rescue, hose handling, wildfire management to National Incident Management System (NIMS).

Brown had just accepted a job as City Manager for the City of Floydada and was approached by then Fire Chief Bobby Welborn to join the department. Most likely, from Brown's speculations, Welborn thought that if he was a member he'd understand City Operations better. Twenty-five years later he is still there.

The best part is the comradery of other firemen, both locally and statewide, according to Brown.

Over the years he has formed many close relationships and shared experiences that have been very emotional and difficult.



Courtesy Photo

Volunteer Fireman Gary Brown recently received the honor of "Fireman of the Year" at the May 17-18 Panhandle Fireman's/Fire Marshal's Association annual meeting.

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Upcoming

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

LHS CLASS OF 1953 REUNION

The Lockney High School Class of 1953 will be holding their class reunion all day on Saturday, June 8th at the Marriott Courtyard in Lubbock. Class picture will be taken at 5 p.m. at the Fairfield Inn in Lubbock. Hope to see you all there!

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Celebrate Recovery every Monday night in Olton at the First United Methodist Church beginning at 6:30. A meal and childcare will be provided.

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 BENEFIT CAR SHOW & CONCERT

All proceeds benefit the Skate Park in Floydada. Car Show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and concert from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Sim's Training Field on FM 1958 in Floydada on June 15. Lil Flip will be performing, along with Pat's Justice, Team CNKI G's, Lady Tyco and 2 Man Army. Tickets on sale at Ray Ray's Café or Merm's Liquor Store for \$20 (presale) or \$25 (at the door).

Floydada City Council Offers City Manager Position to Johnston

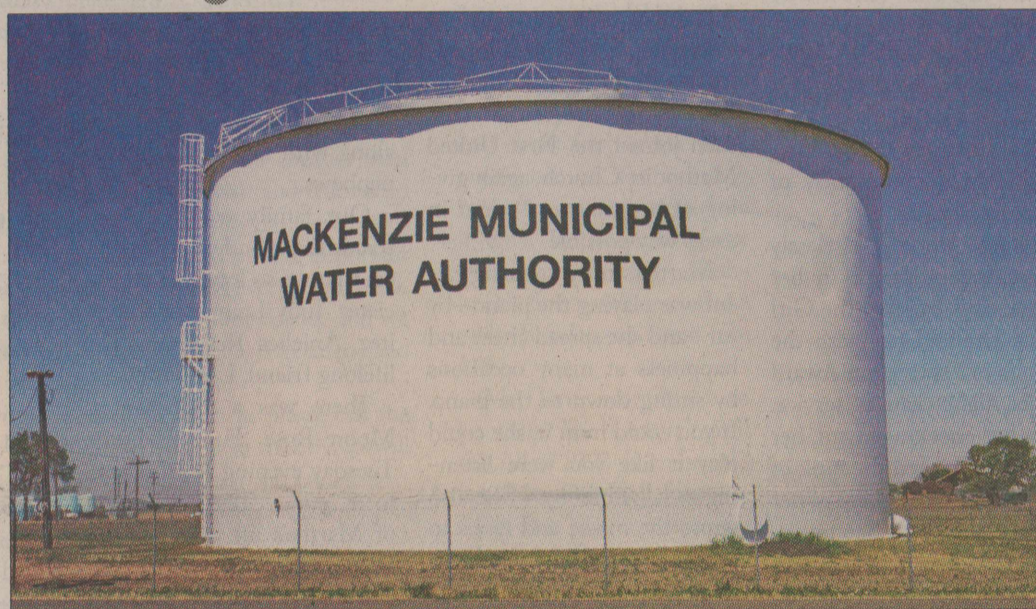
By Sara Sisemore
 Special to the Hesperian

The Floydada City Council met on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 to discuss hiring someone to fill the city manager's position once current City Manager Gary Brown retires in the fall. The council met in executive session interview Jeff Johnston, a candidate for the city manager's position. Once reconvening in public session, councilman Sam Green made a motion to offer the city manager position to Jeffery Johnston beginning October 1, 2013. Green's motion was unanimously approved.

Brown shared with the council about the work he does with the Texas Public Power Association board of directors. Then, the council agreed to allow Brown to continue to serve on the board with the city reimbursing him for any expenses

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Shortage



City of Lockney facing dire water shortage

By Jennifer Harbin
 Hesperian-Beacon

With the MacKenzie water source quickly drying up by the day, the City of Lockney is looking into some progressive options to help keep citizens glasses half full.

The problem first came to the City's attention when City employee Dickie McCarty turned on the well at Aiken, which is currently supplying 95% of the town's water, and soon found that the MacKenzie water tower was only half full. According to City Secretary Charlotte Hooten, MacKenzie can only be used a few hours a day, which is insufficient for maintaining the current water consumption of the town.

In May, Lockney representatives attended a meeting held by the Texas Commission on Envi-

ronmental Quality (TCEQ). MacKenzie representatives reported the dire condition of the lake and that its dwindling water supply will not be able to support Floydada, Lockney and Silverton.

In the near future, the City of Lockney will be gauged as to what Stage it is in and how rationing will commence. Water rationing will be monitored by the City and if anyone has a special requirement for using more water, they must come to a City Council Meeting to request a variance.

At this moment citizens are being asked to voluntarily cut back on their water usage. If watering grass, do not do it every day, and only after 6 p.m.

The Lockney City Council will be meeting Thursday, June 13, at noon to discuss these, and other matters, and the public is welcome to attend. City Hall is located at 218 E. Locust St.

Precipitation falls on grateful, dry county

By Jennifer Harbin
 Hesperian-Beacon

Floyd County residents were very grateful Wednesday, June 5, as steady rain fell on thirsty lands and got a smaller scale replay late Saturday night and early Sunday morning.

A line of thunderstorms delivered quite a blow to Lubbock and surrounding counties, with 80-plus mph winds damaging buildings, fences, homes, vehicles, windows and felling trees and power lines.

Fortunately for Floyd County residents, the damage was limited to a few broken branches and flooded streets, leaving the dry land with a temporary taste of moisture. No known major damage was reported.

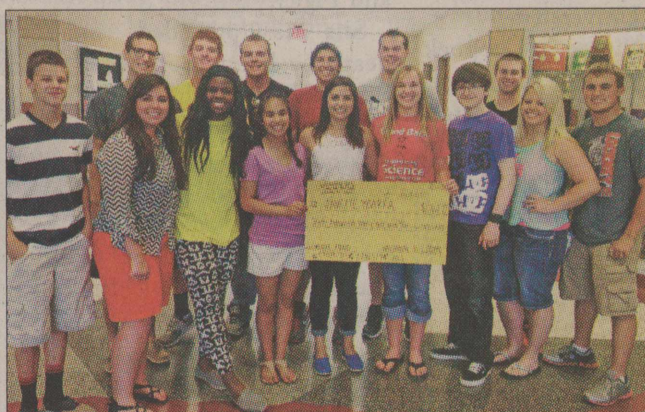
Some areas of the county received as little as .2 inches of water in their water gauges, but welcome all the same, while a few miles over the collection was more generous.

Darty Gin reported .7 inches, and up to 2.0 inches of rain north of Dougherty. Lockney received a little more rainfall with measurements from .4 to 1.5 inches over Floydada's .2 to .5 inches.

Flo mot received an incredible high of 4.25 inches.

Location	Precipitation (inches)
Floydada	2-.5
Lockney	4-1.5
Cedar Hill	3.0-4.0
Providence	2.1
Flo mot	Up to 4.25
Sandhill	.5
Plainview	.25
Darty Gin/Dougherty	7-2.0
South Plains	4.5-5
Cone	1.5
McCoy	1.25

Community Service



Courtesy Photo

The Lockney High School National Honor Society members delivered pizza and took donations for the Janette Ybarra Love Fund. Main Street Pizza added money to the collection for a total of \$761.12. Pictured are: (front row) Johnny Rose, Anna Hernandez, Tanee Ramos, Janette Ybarra, Alexis Rodriguez, Mary Sammann, Hunter Thompson, Rayann Race, and Jake Bramlet; (back row) David Johnson, Ky Teeter, Landry Kidd, Jose Guerrero, Collin Fulton, and Maison Ragland.



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Father's Day June 16

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 Lexie Terrell & Kody Smith ~ June 22
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 Britt & Tessa Saul Clark ~ June 8

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 Lexie Terrell & Kody Smith
 Abbey Noland & Dusty Hicks

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SOCIETY

Business of the Month



Courtesy Photo

The Floydada Chamber of Commerce has chosen Brown's Implement, Inc. as their "June Business of the Month". Pictured are (l-r) Red Severe, Eric Stringer and Curtis Emert.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margaret Jones

Events of the season keep us busy with the activities of Life, filling the days with promised hope. Graduation, now passed, we move on to the wedding showers, expectant with visions of tomorrow for the Joy the young couples receive, excitingly opening treasured gifts from friends and family. Expectant anticipation quiets the nervousness of beginning a new life, prayerfully aware of the changes to come. Wedding jitters and new home situations fill the time in between with hopes and dreams of tomorrow.

Remembering promises made and challenges yet to come, the desires of the heart ever mindful of others outside of self, produce the glue of togetherness. My wish for the future is a life centered in God and His teachings, focusing on the unity of family in the expectant hope of promise to those choosing His will for yet an uncertain future.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK Fruited Chicken Salad

- 2 cups skinless, diced, cooked chicken breast
- 1 cup diced celery
- 1 cup seedless grapes, halved
- 1/2 cup crushed pineapple, drained
- 2 Tbsp. slivered almonds
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- 1 Tbsp. Miracle Whip

Combine ingredients and chill. Serve on lettuce leaves. Makes 4 (1 cup) servings.

Thought for the Week – Become someone's Hero.

MEMORIALS

By Margarette Word
Our mailing address is PO Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235. We at the Center truly appreciate you remembering the Center when you need to make a memorial donation.
In memory of Jimmie Lou Stewart – Gary

and Emma Pate, Corynne Galloway, Gloria Fannon, Fred and Pat Zimmerman, Roger and Bo Poage

Our sympathy to the family of Martha White Farris.

This past week Guy Ginn's daughter and her husband, Janice and Steve Rodgers, came with Guy and ate lunch with us.

Norma Reese of Amarillo came to visit her mother, Ruby Gooch, and surprised us with a beautiful decorated cake with "Tuesday" written on it for us all to enjoy and celebrate Tuesday.

Last Thursday, Pat Ginn of Lubbock was at the Center with her father, Guy Ginn

Diana Glover's daughter and her husband spent two days visiting her mother this past week.

If you are 60 years or older, we would love for you to eat with us every day. It's cheaper than other places and you get to visit and fellowship with those of us that come every day. Some of us think the visiting with friends is more important than food. However, we do have very good meals. Going to the Center breaks our day up and we feel better being with friends and getting good food at the same time.

If you plan on eating with us please call the Center, 983-2032 by 10 a.m. so that Sylvia will have enough food prepared.

MENU

- June 17 – June 21
- Monday – Beef soft taco, Spanish rice, broccoli, seasoned corn, mandarin oranges w/whipped topping, low fat milk
- Tuesday – BBQ chicken filet, baked potato w/ sour cream, whole wheat roll, margarine, mixed vegetables, mandarin oranges, low fat milk
- Wednesday – Roast pork, sweet potatoes, succotash, whole wheat roll, banana pudding, low fat milk
- Thursday – Spaghetti w/meatballs, whole wheat roll, margarine, spinach, honey dew melon, low fat milk
- Friday – Breaded fish on bun, lettuce, tomato, pickle, tartar sauce, potato wedges, cole slaw w/ dressing, peach chantilly, low fat milk

Museum Archives

From The Floyd County Historical Book "Memories", 1979

The Lockney Ledger Newspaper

The Lockney Beacon wasn't the first newspaper published in Lockney despite the fact it is 50 year old. "The Lockney Ledger" came out with its first edition telling of the affairs of this then young and growing West Texas Community almost exactly 4 years previous to the first edition of The Beacon. As far as The Beacon editor can determine "The Ledger" was the first newspaper published in Lockney.

The first edition of "The Ledger" was published on April 21, 1898, with Jno. C. Hendrix as editor and Romulus Jones as assistant. Mr. Jones, a brother of Mrs. George Meriwether of Lockney and now living at Kerwell, Texas, was kind enough to loan The Beacon editor a copy of this first edition recently.

Mr. Hendrix was a lawyer and only stayed long enough to get the newspaper started, stepping out soon thereafter leaving it in the hands of Mr. Jones, an early day photographer of Lockney, and he had just finished his school work at Lockney Christian College, comparable to high school work now. He had about four or five years experience in the printing business, having started as a "devil" in the office of the "Lubbock Leader," Lubbock's first newspaper, started by Bob Rogers about July, 1891.

Mr. Jones continued to publish "The Ledger" until the fall of 1900 when he sold it to Mrs. Dot Hall, formerly Miss Dot Shafer, whose father, J. M. Shafer, published the Hale County Herald at Plainview.

"The Ledger" was a four page, six column all hand-set weekly, published on Thursday. The equipment for printing the newspaper was kindly furnished, without charge, by a board which had been given possession of it when a newspaper published at Mayshaw, "The Mayshaw Zephyr," suspended publication. The town of Mayshaw was located southeast of Lockney and north and a little east of Floydada and existed only a few years.

The printing plan used by the early publishers consisted of an old George Washington hand press and an assortment of 10 point body type, some display type, type cases and stands and a few other pieces of equipment. After a few months trying experience of pulling the lever that made the impression on the old "G. Washington," an opportunity presented itself for the purchase of a second-hand 14x22 Universal job press and a pretty good supply of type and other equip-

ment. Mr. Jones made a deal for the "new" equipment and turned the old equipment back to the group who had possession of it originally. He is of the opinion that this group either sold or leased the equipment to the founder of The Beacon, Frank N. Oliver.

After the better equipment was secured for "The Ledger" plant, a small religious paper, "The Bible Student," edited by Prof. G. H. P. Showalter, then president of Lockney Christian College, was printed each month. Later Elder Showalter discontinued this publication and purchased the "Firm Foundation," a religious paper published at Austin and is still connected with it.

The first issue of "The Ledger" is a well printed, well-edited newspaper although quite different from the modern weekly newspaper. In an article titled "Salutatory," the editors of "The Ledger" say that they seek the upbuilding of the community, Floyd County, and themselves in the publishing of the newspaper. They promise to deal with facts, not to mislead anyone and to keep the people in formed on public issues. They state that they will be independent in politics and desire to give value received both for money received for advertising and subscriptions.

Another article comments on the date of the first publications being also the 62nd anniversary of the Battle of San Jacinto in which "700 patriots under the command of one of histories' most noted men. General Sam Houston, won the greatest battle recorded in the history of the Lone Star State."

An "Educational Column" is written by G. H. P. Showalter, in which he discussed a summer normal to be held in Plainview and also the Lockney Christian College, at which the session will close June 10. He tells of the Young Men's Debating Club and ends with

an article urging young people to think seriously on life.

On the editorial page a directory of various state and county officials if given including C. A. Culberson, governor; A. B. Duncan, county judge; J. B. Bartley, county attorney; R. T. Miller, county clerk; E. C. Henry, sheriff; J. D. Starks, commissioner, precinct No. 1; W. C. Nichols, commissioner, precinct No. 3; S.B. Chadwick, commissioner, precinct No. 4.

The editor has a long article telling of the only time the United States has declared war, that against England in 1812 and hinting that this country may again have to take such a course, apparently against Spain.

T. F. Beall, county chairman for the Populist Party, issues a call for all precinct chairmen to hold precinct conventions in their respective precincts on the third Saturday in May and to send delegates to the county convention meeting at Lockney on May 28. In the same vein a resolution is given signed by Mr. Beall and J. J. Rogers, secretary, in which the men "endorse the action of the reorganization committee at St. Louis, and are opposed to fusion in any form." The resolution further states that the men are opposed to the present administration, that a change is necessary, and that they favor a co-operative railroad in the state

A long article in this issue describes Floyd County's many virtues, telling of its location, altitude, etc. In the latter part of the article he describes Lockney as "The principal town of the county, located northwest of the center of the county, a thriving little village of 200 population." It also says, "Floyd City is the other town in the county, it being the county site, located about 12 miles southeast of Lockney and is a very nice little town filled with energetic businessmen."

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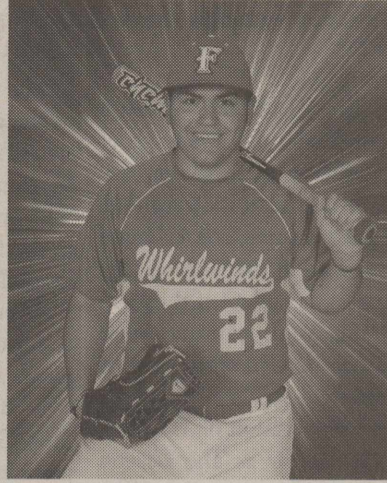
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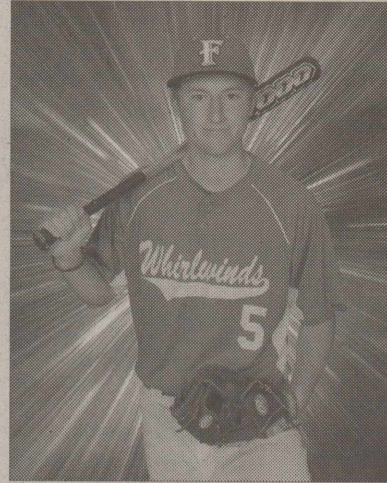
Whirlwinds Garner All-District Honors



SETH NIELSON
FHS – Senior
District 3-2A
All-District
First Team - Pitcher



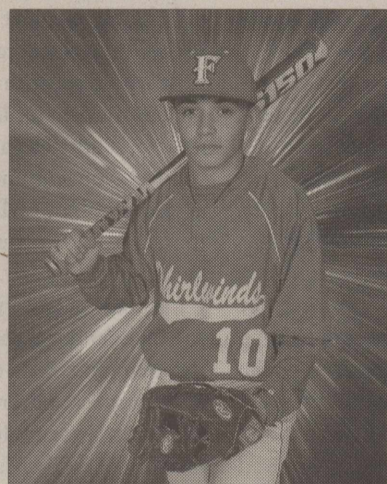
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District 3-2A
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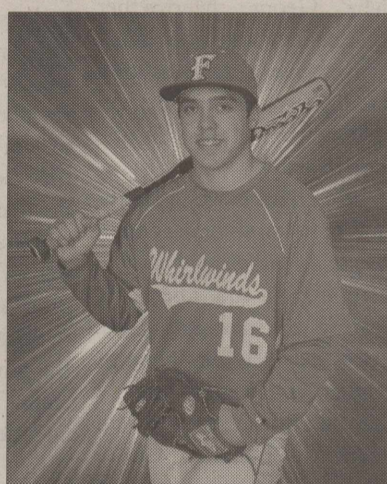
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District 3-2A
First Team All-District
Outfield



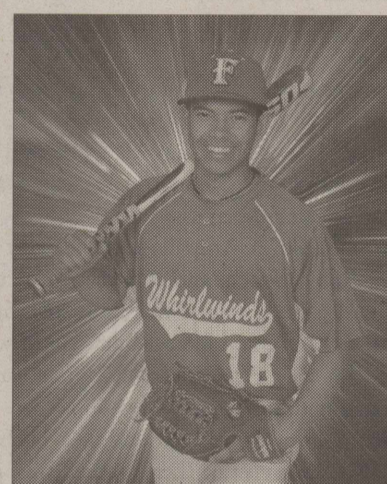
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FHS – Senior
District 3-2A
Second Team
All-District
Catcher



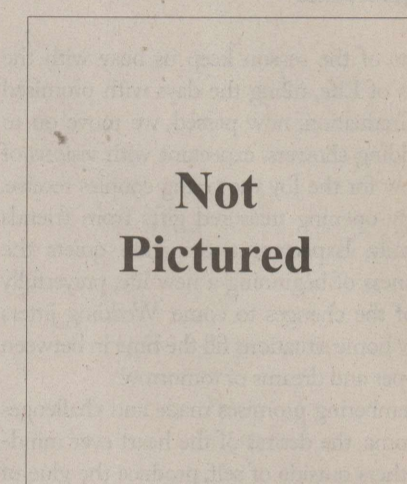
ADAM SUAREZ
FHS – Senior
District 3-2A
Second Team
All-District
Infield



MATTHEW MCGOWEN
FHS – Junior
District 3-2A
Second Team
All-District
Pitcher



DANNY MARTINEZ
FHS – Sophomore
District 3-2A
Second Team
All-District
Infield



Not
Pictured

BEN PEREZ
FHS – Senior
District 3-2A
Second Team All-
District
Outfield

Roaring Springs Dates to Remember

June 22nd - Roaring Springs School Reunion. More details to come. Contact City Hall at 806-348-7231 M-F 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. for more information.

July 4th - City of Roaring Springs 100th Anniversary and July 4th Celebration - visit the Historic Train Depot, games for kids of all ages, meal sponsored

by the Volunteer Fire Department, homemade ice cream, parade, Little Miss Small Town USA Pageant and the best fireworks show around. Vendors welcome at no charge! Contact Roaring Springs Volunteer Committee: Teresa Woolsey, President, 806-269-3615, or Kim Woolsey, Treasurer, 806-422-0194, for more information.

RanchFest to be held June 10 in Childress

CHILDRESS — RanchFest 2013. It's the buzz in Childress and across West Texas and Southwest Oklahoma.

Childress' first Red Dirt concert, hosted by Childress Theatre Company, will be staged lakeside in historic Fair Park Saturday, June 29, from 4 p.m. to midnight.

Proceeds from the family-friendly event are dedicated to the restoration of The Palace Theater in downtown Childress.

The party will have all the facets of a country music festival—first and foremost, the entertainers. Coming to Childress for your entertainment are Charla Corn, Zach Edwards, Thrift Store Cowboys, and Trent Willmon, all dynamic stars on the contemporary country music scene.

Event hosts guarantee there will be dancing in the park to the "WOW!" sounds of these exciting bands. Attendees are invited to bring yard chairs and "rear back" in the 7-acre park for hours of entertainment.

The stage will sit on the north side of the park, adjacent to the covered bridge that stretches across the century-old lake where Col. Charles Goodnight watered his herds, decades before the park was created.

There will be a variety of food and soft drink vendors, as well as a first

aid station, excellent security, and convenient parking at Bobcat stadium.

No outside food or drink will be allowed.

Attendees will be issued bracelets and will be free to come and go throughout the evening.

Advance tickets, at \$25, can be purchased locally in Childress at the Chamber of Commerce office, at Preston Insurance & from Kay House at Farm Bureau. At the gate, tickets will be \$30.

Tickets can be purchased online from EasyTix, www.myeasytix.com, and by phone at EasyTix, 1-877-840-0457.

Information about The Palace and RanchFest 2013 can be viewed on their Facebook page "RanchFest 2013" and on The Palace website, www.rememberthepalace.com.

Floydada ISD is participating in the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided to all children ages 1-18 without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided at:

A.B. Duncan Elementary
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A.B. DUNCAN ELEMENTARY
June 4 - July 2, 2013
and
July 8 - 18, 2013
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

MENU

- Monday** – Beefy macaroni, garden salad, baby carrots, breadstick, fruit, milk
- Tuesday** – Pizza, salad, veggie cup, fruit, milk
- Wednesday** – Crispy tacos, pinto beans, rice, salsa, fruit, milk
- Thursday** – Corn dog, mustard, baked beans, cucumber & tomato cup, fruit, milk
- Friday** – Cheeseburger, mustard, potato rounds, lettuce, tomato, pickles, fruit, milk

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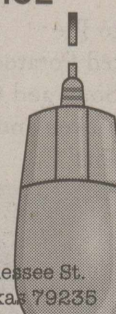
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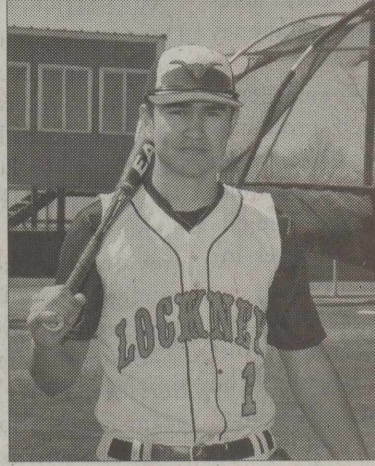
LHS Baseball Players Earn Honors



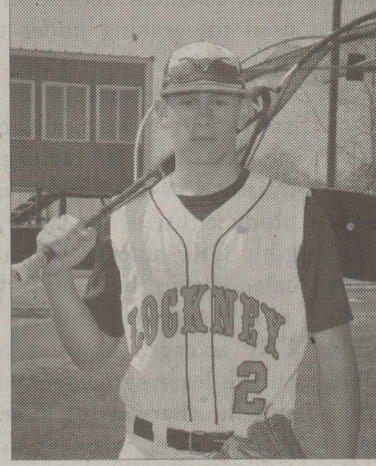
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LHS-Junior
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First Team Designated
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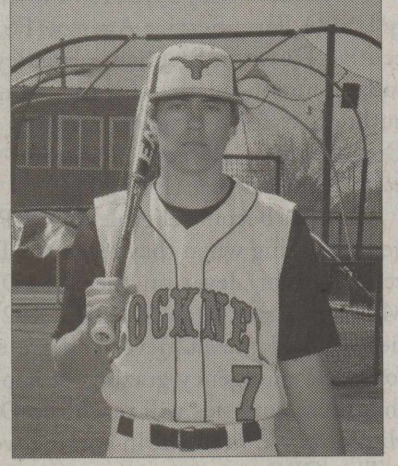
DAYLEN GATICA
LHS-Freshman
District 1-1A
New Comer of the
Year Award



ERIK CORTEZ
LHS-Senior
District 1-1A
Second Team Out Field



IAN DUNBAR
LHS-Senior
District 1-1A
First Team Pitcher



KAMERON HUNT
LHS-Junior
District 1-1A
First Team Middle
Infield



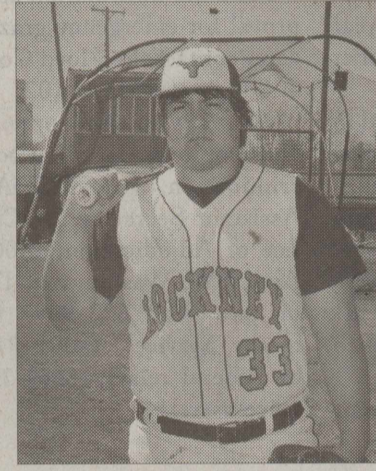
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District 1-1A
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LANDRY KIDD
LHS-Senior
District 1-1A
District Most Valuable
Player



MAISON RAGLAND
LHS-Senior
District 1-1A
First Team Out Field



MARCOS MERCADO
LHS-Senior
District 1-1A
First Team 3rd Base



RYAN POOLE
LHS-Sophomore
District 1-1A
Second Team Out Field

Anderson receives degree from Lubbock Christian University

Lubbock Christian University held commencement exercises on May 4th and among those graduating was a Lockney resident, Troyce Ann Anderson, daughter of Troy Phillips and late Mary Laurene Phillips of Brownfield, spouse of Bil Anderson graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management.

Lubbock Christian University has over 2000 students and is a four-year private master's level institution that promotes unique educational opportunities with a

strategic focus on student success in four key areas: spiritual formation, intellectual growth, personal stewardship and leadership development. Degree programs are offered for both bachelor's degrees and master's degrees. For over 55 years, the school has offered academic excellence in a Christian environment.

For more information about Lubbock Christian University visit their website at www.lcu.edu.

Ragland, Kidd chosen for scholarships

Maison Ragland and Landry Kidd were awarded scholarships at the Greater West Texas Baseball Coaches All-Star Game on Sunday, June 2nd.

Ragland was selected to play in the All-Star game for the North Squad that won the game 10-9 against the South. He played in Center Field and was 1 for 2 at the plate with a double and two RBI's. The North scored two runs in the bottom of the 9th inning when the South Right Fielder dropped a game ending fly ball.

At the end of the 1A/2A All-Stargame, Ragland was awarded the Greater West Texas Baseball Coaches Association Scholarship of \$500.00. He plans on attending Texas Tech University and majoring in Exercise Sports Science with a minor in Math. He plans on teaching and coaching upon graduating from Tech.

Kidd was not able to participate in the All-Star game after suffering a season ending knee injury in the last game of District play. Kidd ruptured both ends of his Patellar Tendon on his right knee. He was selected District 5 Most Valuable Player for the end of year honors. Kidd was a

vital part of the Longhorn Baseball team, and continued to be a leader from the dugout throughout the playoff games. Landry was awarded the "Amy Turner Class A Player of the Year" Award and Scholarship of \$500.00.

Amy Turner, the late wife of New Deal Head Baseball Coach David Turner, absolutely loved the game of baseball. She hardly ever missed an opportunity to watch the New Deal Lions or the Texas Rangers play. During her nine year battle with brain cancer, she showed resiliency and a strong Christian character, trusting in God,

knowing that she would be healed either on earth or in heaven. Even though the circumstances she faced here were heavy, she always put God and everyone else first, never complaining about her situation. Amy touched many lives all over the state of Texas. Amy left this world to be with Jesus on January 31, 2013, but her spirit still lives on through the lives of her husband David and her two children, Lyla and Jax.

Landry plans on attending North Texas University in Denton, Texas and will major in Business with a minor in Accounting.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids are being accepted by Spirit of Sharing, property located at 619 E. Houston, Floydada, Texas. Lot size - 30x150, building 1400 sq. ft. and a small storage building. There is a minimum bid of \$1500.00.

Bids will be opened June 26, 2013. Deadline to submit a bid is Friday, June 21, 2013. Send bids to Spirit of Sharing, P.O. Box 184, Floydada, TX 79235.

Additional information may be had by calling 806-983-1816.

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USDA Authorizes Emergency Grazing of CRP Acres for Floyd County

(Floydada) — May 30, 2013 — Floyd County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director, Stephanie Bradley Fryer today announced that Floyd County was authorized for emergency grazing use of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres for fiscal year (FY) 2013.

Counties become eligible for CRP emergency grazing when they reach the D2 (severe drought) level on the U.S. Drought Monitor. As of May 30, 2013, 192 counties reached the D2 level and are eligible for CRP emergency grazing. It is possible that more counties will reach the D2 level eligibility requirement in coming weeks.

The CRP emergency grazing authorization for fiscal year 2013 begins June 2, 2013 for a 90 day period.

Based on a decision made by the Texas FSA State Committee, CRP emergency grazing approval will only be available for those CRP lands that were not utilized for haying or grazing during fiscal year 2011, 2012 or in the fall or winter of fiscal year 2013. FSA's fiscal year runs from October 1 to September 30.

"Eligible producers who are interested in emergency grazing of CRP must request approval before grazing eligible acreage and must obtain a modified conservation plan from the Natural Resources Conservation Service that includes grazing provisions," said Fryer. "Current provisions allow grazing on 100 percent of a field, up to the 75 percent stocking rate," she said.

Additionally, there will be a 25 percent

CRP payment reduction for CRP acres used for grazing under these emergency provisions.

To take advantage of the emergency grazing provisions, authorized producers can use the CRP acreage for their own livestock or may grant another livestock producer use of the CRP acreage. The eligible CRP acreage is limited to acres located within the approved county.

"If a producer chooses to lease eligible CRP acreage, the producer cannot profit on the lease agreement," said Fryer. "The amount charged for lease of CRP emergency grazing acres cannot exceed the value of the 25 percent payment reduction," she said.

Texas FSA will review the U.S. Drought Monitor on June 27, 2013 and counties at a D3 (extreme drought) level will be authorized for emergency haying of eligible CRP acres.

For more information and to request approval for emergency grazing use of CRP acres contact the Floyd County FSA office at 806.983.3763 ext 102.

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Help Honor The Memory Of Fallen Volunteer Firefighters

AUSTIN, TX. — This April, the tragic explosion in West, TX brought attention to the lack of space on the Volunteer Firemen's Monument at the Texas Capitol. This monument, erected in 1896, has been used to house the names of our State's fallen volunteer firefighters for over one-hundred years.

Volunteer fire departments make up around 78% of the fire departments in the State of Texas; House District 68 is served almost entirely by volunteers. Before the memorial was full, names were added each biennium in a special ceremony, often attended by more than 1,000 spectators. Today there are 12 names waiting for the monument expansion so they can be remembered for giving the ultimate sacrifice.

"As a volunteer firefighter, I have seen firsthand the dangers these brave men and women face on a daily basis protecting our families and property," said Rep. Drew

Springer. "During the last biennium we lost a fire chief in Memphis, TX and just a couple of months ago we lost 5 firemen in the tragedy in West. We must expand this memorial so we can etch their names into history and honor their memory."

To expand this memorial, it will cost over \$100,000, all through private donation. For more information or to make a donation, one can visit: <http://www.texas-firefightermemorial.org>.

"Donations of all sizes are welcome, and truly will help us reach our goal," said Springer. "Please take a moment to share this with your friends and family, so that we can forever honor these men and women that selflessly gave their lives for our safety."

If you have any questions or would like more information feel free to contact Rep. Springer's Capitol office by phone (512) 463-0526 or by email Drew.Springer@house.state.tx.us.

SURE Disaster Program Deadline Approaches for 2011 Crops

WASHINGTON, June 3, 2013 — The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Juan M. Garcia reminded producers today that they have until Friday, June 7, to apply for assistance for 2011 crop losses under the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program. The program provides crop disaster assistance payments to eligible producers on farms that have incurred crop production or quality losses.

For more information about the Farm Service Agency's disaster assistance programs, visit a local FSA county office or <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov/>.

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WASHINGTON, 3 de junio de 2013 — Juan M. García, el Administrador de la Agencia de Servicio Agrícola ("Farm Ser-

vice Agency" o FSA) del Departamento de Agricultura de Estados Unidos recordó a los productores hoy que tienen hasta el viernes, 7 de junio para solicitar la ayuda por pérdidas en la cosecha del año 2011 bajo el Programa de Asistencia de Ingresos Suplementarios ("Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program" o SURE). El programa ofrece pagos de asistencia por desastre de cultivos a los productores que cumplan con los requisitos en granjas que han incurrido pérdidas en la producción o la calidad de cultivos.

Para obtener más información acerca de los programas de asistencia por desastre de la Agencia de Servicio Agrícola, visite una oficina de condado local de la FSA o <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov/>.

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Coordinated Research Can Help Prevent, Mitigate Damage from Windstorms

Washington, D.C. — The Research and Technology Subcommittees today held a hearing to examine the current role of research and development (R&D) in mitigating the damage from windstorms across the nation. Witnesses discussed how best to transfer the results of research into practice for stakeholders, including building code developers, builders and property owners.

Research Subcommittee Chairman Larry Bucshon (R-Ind.): "Every year the federal government funds not only disaster relief but also emergency supplemental appropriations when states are hit particularly hard by unexpected disasters. I believe that we need to be more responsible about planning how to deal with natural disasters and minimize the need for disaster supplemental funding."

"Federal agencies currently conduct research and development to help inform the resilience of buildings and communities, but it is not clear how each agency is conducting unique work that is not duplicated by another agency. I believe that a coordination mechanism would help shed light into what is going on at the federal level, and how it can be strengthened to ensure better coordination."

The hearing reviewed the activities of the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program (NWIRP), a multi-agency program between the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the National Science Foundation (NSF). The hearing also reviewed The National Windstorm Impact Reduction Act Reauthorization of 2013 [H.R. 1786], a bill to re-authorize NWIRP sponsored by Rep. Randy Neugebauer (R-Texas).

Rep. Neugebauer:

"When a family loses their home in a windstorm, they don't just have to rebuild their house—they have to rebuild their lives. My bill ensures smart and efficient use of taxpayer dollars for wind engineering research. That improves our disaster resilience and reduces overall recovery costs. I'm grateful to Chairman Bucshon for examining this important subject." Every year, there are an average of around 80 deaths and 1,500 injuries from tornadoes in the U.S. 2011 was an especially bad year, with 551 fatalities caused by tornadoes alone: NWIRP was first created in 2004 to help improve building codes, voluntary standards and construction practices for buildings and homes. It also supports basic research to better understand windstorms, atmospheric science research and data collection and the development of risk assessment tools and mitigation techniques. Since 2008 when the original authorization expired, NIST, NSF, NOAA and FEMA have conducted related activities, but without direction from Congress regarding what specific research it should conduct.

The following witnesses testified before the subcommittees: Dr. Ernst Kiesling, Research Faculty, National Wind Institute, Texas Tech University; Ms. Debra Ballen, General Counsel and Senior Vice President, Public Policy, Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety; Dr. David Prevatt, Assistant Professor, Department of Civil and Coastal Engineering, University of Florida. For more information about today's hearing, including witness testimony, please visit the Science, Space, and Technology Committee website.

Public Misinformation is Greatest Challenge in Windstorm Mitigation

As victims try to untangle their lives left behind in the wake of Oklahoma's recent deadly tornadoes, a Texas Tech University wind engineer commends the work of forecasters on tracking and locating storms, but urges that a more consistent message to the public regarding reaction and response.

Ernst Kiesling, research professor at Texas Tech's National Wind Institute (NWI) and executive director of the National Storm Shelter Association, testified before the House Science, Space and Technology Subcommittee on Research today (June 5). Kiesling said information presented by some news media during recent tornadoic events left much to be desired. He especially was referring to coverage of the May 31 El Reno tornado, when residents who could not find shelter underground were encouraged to outrun the storm. The result was highway gridlock that trapped thousands in their vehicles as the tornado moved through the city.

"Some of the advice given in the last couple of weeks is both deadly and wrong," Kiesling said. "Having to be underground to survive an EF-5 tornado is simply a falsehood that should be squelched. We have all types of shelters available today that meet standards and guidelines, and provide near-absolute occupant protection from extreme winds, even an EF-5."

"Texas Tech is doing some of the most innovative windstorm research in the country," Neugebauer said in a statement. "The work being done here has practical applications that help us build stronger, safer buildings."

The legislation would reauthorize the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program, which directs the National Institute of Science and Technology, the National Science Foundation, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Federal Emergency Management Agency to help reduce loss of life and property from windstorms.

During testimony, Kiesling also pointed out the lack of building code enforcement, largely at the local level.

"There are many disconnects that occur between the agencies and researchers that generate good research, and what happens in the field," he said. "Education, I think, is the best way to address that."

The complete video testimony is available online at C-SPAN.

Find Texas Tech news, experts and story ideas at www.media.ttu.edu and on Twitter @TexasTechMedia.

CONTACT: Ernst Kiesling, research professor, National Wind Institute, Texas Tech University, (806) 834-1931 or ernst.kiesling@ttu.edu

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Unity Center News

By Elaine LaBaume
Special to the Hesperian

On May 18th Floyd County Friends Unity Center was the setting for the wedding reception and dance for Yeliza Serrato and Elliot Fernandez. They exchanged vows in Petersburg. Parents of the bride are Arnaldo & Juana Serrato of Floydada and Ever & Lisa Soto of Abernathy. About 400 people were in attendance for this celebration.

On June 24th, 103 fourth and fifth graders from Duncan Elementary in Floydada were treated with fun and games at the Unity Center. Superintendent, Mr. Trevino, was the DJ for the fun afternoon. Pizza was ordered from Main Street Pizza in Lockney. Teachers that sponsored this "fun day" were Mrs. Nutt, Mrs. Renfro, Mrs. Galvan, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Rainwater, Mrs. Alaniz, Mrs. Chadwick and Mrs. Simmons.

On May 25th Floyd and Birscoe County Farm Bureau held their Scholarship interviews for graduating Senior's. There were 8 seniors interviewed.

The extreme high winds that we have been having have torn the flag up that was flying. If anyone would like to donate a flag to the Unity Center, you can contact manager, Jon LaBaume, or Bob Gilliland at Script Printing in Floydada.

All the bills are paid and we have the final figures for the 18th Floyd County Friends Gala..Net Income: \$40,028.77. Floyd County Friends Board of Directors are very grateful to each and every person and businesses that had anything to do with the gala this year as this is the largest amount we have ever raised at one of our gala's.

Queens



Courtesy Photo

Lubbock to visit the patients & take gifts to them. A great time was had by everyone. The patients were very excited to see four beautiful Queens. This was the last project that the girls and their sponsors had planned. Ann Anderson and Barbara Carthel will be stepping down as sponsors. "We have been truly blessed to be a part of such a rewarding endeavor", said Carthel & Anderson. "We hope that whoever takes on next years program has as much fun as we did", said Anderson. Not pictured was Laura Summers.

FISD Accepts Application for Limited Assessed Valuation Agreement for New Wind Project

By Sara Sisemore
Special to the Hesperian

The Floydada Independent School District Board of Trustees held a special meeting on Wednesday, May 29, 2013, to discuss hiring Underwood Law Firm as counsel to negotiate a Limited Assessed Valuation Agreement for the district. After some discussion, the board unanimously approved a motion in favor of hiring Underwood Law Firm as counsel.

Wes Jackson of Cummings Westlake, a Property Tax Consulting Firm, was in attendance to make a presentation to the board on behalf of Longhorn Wind

Project, LLC, a project proposed by RES America Development Inc. Following his presentation, the board adjourned to executive session for approximately 30 minutes. Once reconvening in a public meeting session, William Dean made the motion to accept an application for a Limited Assessed Valuation Agreement for Qualified Property under the Texas Economic Development Act, Texas Tax Code, Chapter 313, for this project. The vote was unanimous in favor of Dean's motion.

A Limited Assessed Valuation Agreement is a contract setting a reduced valuation on the property in question to allow

for reduced property taxes for a specific amount of time. This type of agreement allows companies to start more new projects than they otherwise could due to the projects becoming profitable more quickly.

The acceptance of this 313 application from the Longhorn Wind Project will allow the company and the school district to proceed to the next step of running the financial impact to the district. After the school board receives the financial analysis, the board will then make the decision whether or not to enter into a 313 agreement with Longhorn Wind Project, LLC.

Car show and concert to benefit skate park

By Jennifer Harbin
Hesperian-Beacon

There will be a live concert and car show held June 15 to benefit the Floydada Skate Park.

The car show will begin at 10 a.m. and is open to any kind of vehicle:

motorcycles, cars, trucks, classics and pre-50s. Food venders will also be present selling food, drinks, clothing, hats, etc.

Register for the car show by calling Brandon Rainwater at 806-866-0100 or 806-317-4996, or by calling the City of Floydada at 806-983-2834. Starting at 4 p.m., Lil Flip will be

performing, with Pat's Justice, Team CNKI G's, Lady Tyco and 2 Man Army. Also on sight will be Dj Timbo Slice and DJ Ci\$co-D.

Doors open at 10 a.m., beginning with the car show and concert from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Sims Training Field south on FM 1958 and Hwy 207. Dress code will be enforced.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Troop 259 is still Troop 259

Growing up in Lockney, some of the most significant experiences I had were in Lockney's Scout Troop 259. As many of you know, Boy Scouts of America recently made the decision to allow openly gay scouts in scouting. I want to express my opinion on this matter as it pertains to Lockney. I think there are two important things to consider: 1) my own experiences with scouting and 2) how the decision will affect Troop 259 and its ability to provide similar experiences for kids in the future.

I remember the many great experiences I had in scouting, which allowed me to go on many camping trips and do many things that I would not otherwise have been able to do. Many of these experiences were at Boy Scout summer camp in Post, Texas and Tres Ritos, New Mexico. At these camps, I was able to: build my own shelter and sleep under it in the mountains of New Mexico, shoot a bow and arrow, do a mile long swim (twice), make a stretcher and carry someone in it (just for practice of course), and backpack in the New Mexico

wilderness. These are things that many kids never get to do. Additionally, my time in scouting (with its numerous campouts and activities) gave me unparalleled leadership experience by learning how to deal with others and work together to complete an objective.

In terms of the decision's affect on Troop 259, I know from talking to Mike Lass (the Troop's Scoutmaster) and from my own personal experiences that this decision will have little real effect on the actual operation of the troop. The biggest reason for this is that in scouting we are there to learn, grow, get merit badges, go on campouts, and have great experiences. All sexual activity and inappropriate remarks has and will continue to be forbidden at all scouting events. Troop 259 will focus on providing invaluable experiences and leadership development for Lockney's youth, not promoting some kind of sexual agenda. Lockney's Troop 259 has provided me with invaluable experiences and will continue to do so for the youth in our community. The Troop, as it always has, will continue to encourage Lockney's youth to be trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind,

obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent (in accordance with the Scout Law). These are things we can all agree are good for our youth and community. Please continue to support your local scout troop (whether Lockney or Floydada). And to all those who have and continue to support them, thank you.

If you are interested in supporting Troop 259, their paid flag service is an excellent way to do so. As I have mentioned, some of the best experiences I have had were at Boy Scout summer camp. Summer camp, however, is not free. If you want other kids from Lockney to have the same kind of experiences I had (while showing your support for this country by having a flag in front of your house during national holidays), you can subscribe to the paid flag service. The money for the service goes directly toward paying for summer camp for Troop 259's kids (which greatly helps those who otherwise can't afford it). For information on how you can help Troop 259's scouts go to camp, contact Jim Huggins or Mike Lass.

Patrick Doucette
Lockney, Texas

Commissioners retain legal rep for wind energy dealings

By Jennifer Harbin
Hesperian-Beacon

The Commissioners' Court met in a special session on June 3 to consider hiring a professional consultant for figuring the tax abatement decision making. Commissioner Mike Anderson presented Allen Carmichael, Attorney at Law for Wetsel & Carmichael, L.L.P.

from Sweetwater. Carmichael has assisted 15-20 counties in the past eleven years with the tax abatement process. His firm is presently assisting Glasscock County, Dickens County and Crockett County. Most of his tax abatement work has been involved with wind energy, though not exclusively.

"I strive for whoever comes in to use their dollars locally, and require them to use local goods and services if they can do so," said Carmichael. "Applicants are required to self report annually that they are following these requirements."

Carmichael also stated that he usually requires the applicant to designate a local liaison to provide training, job fairs, etc.

and pay the cost instead of the county. He stated that typically he has gone with a 60-40 abatement.

Commissioner Amado Morales asked the lawyer how many counties of the 15-20 he has helped with have been passed over by developers. Carmichael replied "none".

Tax abatement terms last for 10 years beyond the abatement term and then must be reestablished, and abatement terms must be consistent through the investment zone.

Carmichael explained that he felt that Floyd County was in a good negotiating position at this time. The guidelines and criteria are looked at every two years, and the reinvestment zone every five years per state law.

The county's most recent tax abatement is with South Plains Wind Energy L.L.C. Carmichael suggests strengthening the terms. However, Floyd County will still get their cut most likely according to Carmichael.

Carmichael also said that the court naming the majority of the county as one

big reinvestment zone "kind of handcuffs the county when dealing with several different developers."

The county is currently locked into the terms according the lawyer, but not the "teeth", or specific requirements, to benefit the county. In the future, hopefully the county will have multiple reinvestment zones.

Carmichael also explained that the lawyer's fees are reimbursed by the contractor, with no retainer fee required. He would be on standby when the Commissioners' Court needed him and would be available to answer questions at any time.

Anderson made a motion to retain Allen Carmichael and his firm to represent the county on wind projects. A second was made by Morales. The motion passed with a 3-2 vote. Anderson, Commissioner Lindan Morris and Morales voted in favor, and Judge Golightly and Commissioner Nathan Johnson voted against.

The court approved to take bids to sell a 2004 Crown Victoria that belonged to the Sheriff's Department.

THE FLOYD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT IS TAKING SEALED BIDS FOR

2004 Ford Crown Victoria

All bids must be brought to the Floyd County Judge Penny Golightly no later than July 5th 5:00 PM- Room 105 Courthouse

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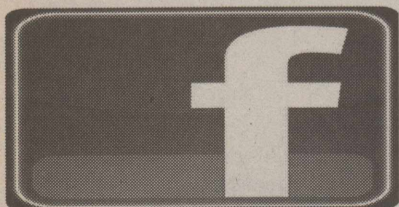
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Lockney Junior High School Honor Roll

A Honor Roll

Sixth: Liborio Ascencio, Bryson Hallmark, Lyndee Setliff, Addison Sullivan, Bryson Walker; Seventh: Aleah Jimenez, Nickolas Rendon, Nimsi Reyes, Bethany Salazar, Tristan Schlueter; Eighth: Elizabeth Belt, Tabettha Bigham, Emilee Encizo, Luke Kasner.

AB Honor Roll

Sixth: Cristal Garcia, Sierra Martinez, Reagan Nuncio, Daniel Palomin, Joshua

Pena, Alexa Poole, John Salazar, Haley Sanchez; Seventh: Ryann Araujo, Israel Cuellar, Ricardo Cuellar, Alyssa Gutierrez, Sara Keyser, Julio Lara, Shawn Marquez, Alma Mendez, Clemente Perales, Austen Rexrode, Destiny Soliz, Karina Torres; Eighth: Trevor Ascencio, Shelby Dunbar, Andres Garcia, Mya Garcia, Valerie Hernandez, DeAndrea Jimenez, Hannah Kidd, Lesly Sanchez, Lawson Sullivan, Haley Walker, Tavien Walrath.

Lockney High School Honor Roll

A Honor Roll

Freshmen: Levi Kasner, Jace Klein, Jake Moore; Sophomores: Darby Long, Andrew Palomin, Ashley Roberts, John Salas, Nicholas Serman, Dixie Williams; Juniors: Jake Bramlet, Nathan Caballero, Paula Cuellar, Dillon DeLeon, Anna Hernandez, Kameryn Hunt, Katie Jackson, David Johnson, Jasmine Pena; Seniors: McKenzie Kemp, Rayann Race, Maison Ragland, Taylor Rose, Mary Sammann, Luke Sherman, Kelsie Stennett, and Lindsay Stewart.

AB Honor Roll

Freshmen: Dezirae Borunda, Camryn Diaz, Daylen Gatica, Breanna Hernandez, Elizabeth Hernandez, Michael

Lass, Lena Luna, Osiel Mondragon, Tevin Phillips, Alejandro Rea, Alyssa Rivera, Salvador Ruiz, Elizabeth Salas, Stephen Setliff; Sophomores: Justicee Arjona, Ignacio Ascencio, Sarah Belt, Sarah Carstensen, Leslye Flores, Kennedy Hallmark, Olivia Hernandez, William Prayor, Isabella Rodriguez, Brenna Tidwell; Juniors: Ashly Alvarado, Alyssa Cruz, Heather Fierros, Lance Fulton, Isaiah Gonzales, Stephen Karlin, Cynthia Pesina, Tanee Ramos, Alexis Rodriguez, Brenda Salazar, Ky Teeter, Brittany Thompson, Hunter Thompson, Janette Ybarra; Seniors: Bilia Astorga, Erik Cortez, Jose Guerrero, Jonathon Hooten, Landry Kidd, Gabriella Peralez, Candelaria Rea.

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CHRIS BLACKBURN

Looks like the whole country should have that feeling right now with all of the spying this government is doing via the Prism program. The United States Government is rotten to the core. They are a rogue state and they are targeting US!

I bet scandal-ridden politicians are really questioning why they started going after news folk. The Obama Administration already had the mainstream media in their pocket ... pretty much guaranteeing a nice victory lap for the president to do as he's always done and never get called out (with the exception of Fox News and talk radio).

Now the media has turned on Washington and each new week brings a new scandal.

The fact is - Washington is quickly losing all credibility. There are now foreign governments ... allies ... wondering if they've been compromised.

If you have a Droid, Blackberry or iPhone ... if you're on Facebook ... if you've ever Googled ... the government knows it. If they choose to connect your personal dots, they can with ease. They have all the data they will ever need and we handed it over to them like they were our best friends. All it took was a smart phone.

Speaking of spying,

"There are millions of contractors inside the nation's intelligence agencies," said Angela Canterbury, director of public policy at the Project on Government Oversight. "The U.S. intelligence community is rife with outsourcing."

Right now in the U.S., 5 million people

hold a government security clearance, according to a 2012 report by the Director of National Intelligence. Nearly 1.4 million people have top-secret clearance, with half of those being employees of private businesses.

Around 480,000 contractors currently hold top-secret credentials and 2,000 companies supply contractors to the intelligence agencies.

Did you know any of this? Me neither. I wonder why the press never looked...

Google, Apple, Facebook and Microsoft are reeling after the latest spy scandal.

They want the world to trust them with personal information, emails, photos, documents - but now the trust is gone after disclosures that the U.S. government was given access to their customers' data online via the Prism program operated by the National Security Agency.

The companies involved - Microsoft, Yahoo, Google, Facebook, PalTalk, AOL, Skype, YouTube, Apple - deny giving the Obama Administration backdoor access. They are supposedly shocked. Maybe they're just shocked the secret got out. Who knows? Like I said, the trust is gone.

What do you know? Sales of George Orwell's "1984" are up 69 percent on Amazon and climbing at a rapid rate.

Amazon currently lists the paperback version of the sci-fi classic "Big Brother" book at number 19 on its Movers and Shakers list.

People, you don't need to read the book ... we are living it!

If you are still a naive sheeple following this administration like some stoned fan of The Beatles, it's time to wake up! It's time to toss them all out on their collective butts!

It's hard to come to grips with the fact that someone you may have loved and honored completely destroyed your trust. They did. It's over. They now have your life's details on a server in Utah. Come to terms with the fact that what we're witnessing is a sick mistrust and rips at the very fabric of this country. We should not stand for it!

Okay Uncle Sam. I said my piece. Bring it on!

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Quack in a bottle

Who's an archaeologist? Maybe me. Maybe you. Per the loosest definition, it's somebody who learns about history from things that get dug up.

The bug bit me during the drought of the 1950s. The south wind blew and uncovered little tidbits of an earlier civilization in the driveway that circles our farmhouse. During my childhood, I spent much time digging at one particular site or, better said, scratching. I've never quit.



The finds are mostly pieces of pottery and glassware. Maybe it's where some circa-1900 dugout dwellers took their trash.

Since it's my 60-year-old dig older really -- I get to establish the leading theory. So far, that's it.

As a child, I put my finds in a cigar box. I'm still saving stuff. When my husband questions the meaning of broken bits of glass on the kitchen counter, I sweep them away quickly and stow them in the designated plastic lunchmeat container. I tell him I'm planning to create a mosaic. He pretends to believe me. So do I.

Just last week, a fragment of clear glass turned up in the driveway. The raised lettering intrigued me:

"...AYR'S...TOMA...CH..." The middle letters made me think I'd found some

sort of stomach medicine. The "CH" made me wonder if it was cherry-flavored.

On my third Internet search, an "M"

in front of "AYR'S" turned up "Mayr's Wonderful Stomach Remedy, Chicago." Yea! My little piece of glass suddenly became significant.

George Mayr, it seems, was quite the quack. When it comes to patent medicines, his false claims alone would have been reason enough to justify establishment of the Food and Drug Administration. He wasn't the only slick seller of miracle potions, but he was among the most shameless, all in the tradition of the proverbial snake oil salesman. On the Internet I saw an intact Mayr's bottle with lettering exactly matching my fragment. In the rush of the moment of discovery, I contributed to an online discussion one with an earlier post from someone named Jan, who took a defensive stance on behalf of her late Uncle George. Ah the Internet.

In a way, amid so much information, the initial mystery around my find evaporated, creating a bit of a letdown. Except I was left to wonder who'd bought Mayr's Wonderful Stomach Remedy in the first place and tossed the bottle on our farm. Was it a traveler passing through on the old road that followed the old cattle trail? Or was it my great-grandmother Ella, who once lived here in a half-dugout? Or her second husband, the man named Leathers?

The bigger question: Would it be unethical for me to plant the artifact somewhere for my grandchildren to find? They'd love looking it up on the Internet. They'd relate to that part of archaeology.

Maybe it wouldn't be unethical if I told them 20 years later I found it first?

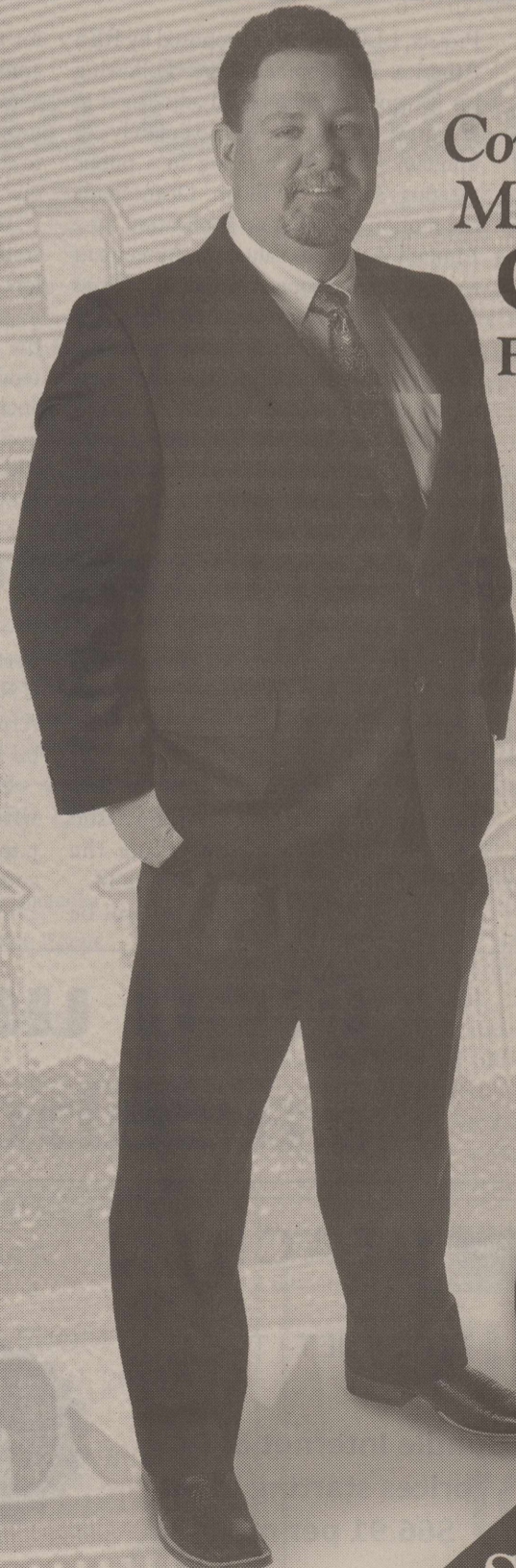
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RRC Production Statistics and Allowables for June 2013

AUSTIN — The Texas average rig count as of May 17 was 831, representing about 49 percent of all active land rigs in the United States. In the last 12 months, total Texas reported production was 583 million barrels of oil and 7.4 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

The Commission's estimated final production for March 2013 is 58,472,484 barrels of crude oil and 524,643,816 MCF (thousand cubic feet) of gas well gas.

The Commission derives final production numbers by multiplying the preliminary March 2013 production totals of 50,087,788 barrels of crude oil and 455,578,166 MCF of gas well gas by a production adjustment factor of 1.1674 for crude oil and 1.1516 for gas well gas. (These production totals do not include

casinghead gas or condensate.)

Texas natural gas storage reported to the Commission for April was 300,716,943 Mcf compared to 378,427,552 Mcf in April 2012. The May 2013 gas storage estimate is 328,988,802 Mcf.

The Texas Railroad Commission's Oil and Gas Division set initial June 2013 natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 8,779,071 MCF (thousand cubic feet). In setting the initial June 2013 allowables, the Commission used historical production figures from previous months, producers' demand forecasts for the coming month, and adjusted the figures based on well capability. These initial allowables will be adjusted after actual production for June 2013 is reported.

City-wide blackout attributed to unlucky animal

By Jennifer Harbin
Hesperian-Beacon

A city-wide power outage in Floydada had city employees scrambling to get the lights back on after a furry critter decided to take a fatal walk at a substation on Friday, June 7.

Around 9:30 a.m., the entire city was plunged into darkness and city employees soon discovered the small reason why.

City electric employees were dispatched to the substation located at 114 W. Jackson

Street where they found a squirrel laying on the ground, having recently been electrocuted.

"Apparently the squirrel had cross-phased (touched two wires at the same time) and the main breaker controlling the substation, causing it to short out," said City Manager Gary Brown.

The town of Floydada was without light for approximately fifteen minutes. The employees reclosed the breaker and brought the lights back on. No one was hurt, except for the unfortunate squirrel.



An unfortunate squirrel took a risky walk on a power line, resulting in a short-term power outage in Floydada on June 7. Courtesy Photo

Protect Your Skin From Sunburn This Summer

WASHINGTON — As summer temperatures heat up, more people are outside for longer periods of time, and more skin is exposed to the sun. The nation's emergency physicians want to remind everyone of the dangers associated with sunburn.

"Most of us want to get some sun in the summertime," said Dr. Andrew Sama, president of the American College of Emergency Physicians. "But emergency physicians see the pain of patients who gets too much sun. A little goes a long way, and if you don't protect your skin, the sun's ultraviolet rays can damage it in 15 minutes."

You may not know the full extent of skin damage until several hours after you've been exposed. Also, don't be fooled by a tan as opposed to a sunburn in terms of health. A tan is simply damaged skin.

The obvious major risk is skin cancer. Melanoma is currently the third most common skin cancer, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and it can be deadly.

Those at highest risk include:

- * Those with a history of sunburn
- * Those with lighter, natural skin color
- * Those with light colored hair (blond or red)
- * Those with personal history of skin cancer
- * Those with family history of skin cancer
- * Those with many moles on their skin
- * Those whose immune systems are suppressed

The risk of melanoma is more than 10 percent higher for whites than for dark-skinned people, but people of every color should protect their skin.

Other sunburn dangers include dehydration, eye damage, second-degree burns, skin infections and rarely shock from massive fluid loss.

Even if it's cool and cloudy, the sun can do damage to your skin and you still need protection. It is the sun's UV rays and not the ground temperature that is doing the harm.

How to protect yourself from sunburn:

- * Seek shade, especially during midday hours when the sun is strongest (10 am to 3 pm)
- * Wear sunscreen with UVA and UVB protection and with sun protective factor (SPF) of at least 15 or higher. Use higher SPF when near the water or at higher elevations.
- * Reapply sunscreen at least every 2 to 3 hours, especially after swimming and sweating.
- * Wear sunglasses with UV ray protection to protect your eyes.
- * Wear a hat to protect your head.
- * Cover up with clothing to protect exposed skin.
- * Teach children how to protect their skin. Especially protect the sensitive skin of babies younger than 6 months.

"Protect your skin," said Dr. Sama. "The damage you do to it may come back and haunt you years from now in the form of skin cancer. It's simply not worth the risk."

Of course, if you notice any unusual discoloration on your skin or anything out of the ordinary, it's best to have it checked out by a physician.

ACEP is the national medical specialty society representing emergency medicine. ACEP is committed to advancing emergency care through continuing education, research and public education. Headquartered in Dallas, Texas, ACEP has 53 chapters representing each state, as well as Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. A Government Services Chapter represents emergency physicians employed by military branches and other government agencies.



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Texas Lake And River Swimmers Reminded Of Potential Health Risks

WACO, Texas (June 4, 2012) – With summer starting to heat up, people across the Brazos River basin are heading to nearby rivers and lakes. However, the conditions that make the water temperature so delightful can also encourage the growth of a rare but dangerous microorganism.

The Brazos River Authority encourages visitors to enjoy the water, while being aware of health risks associated with swimming in or around stagnant or slow-moving water.

Primary amebic meningoencephalitis (PAM), which is most common during the summer, is a rare disease caused by naegleria fowleri, an amoeba found in almost all untreated, fresh surface water and in soil. The amoeba thrives in low levels of fresh water that is warmer than 80 degrees and stagnant or slow-moving. The PAM infection occurs when water containing the organism is forced into the nasal passages – usually from diving or jumping into water or from water skiing. The amoeba makes its way into the brain and spinal cord, destroying brain tissue.

Symptoms of the almost always fatal infection include severe headache, high fever, stiff neck, nausea, vomiting, seizures and hallucinations as the condition worsens. Although PAM is rare – affecting about one to three people a year in Texas – those infected usually succumb to the disease within a week.

There were 10 known cases of PAM in Texas between 2000 and 2010, according to state health officials. No cases have been diagnosed in Texas since the beginning of 2011. Worldwide, only a few hundred cases have been reported over the last 30 years.

To prevent infection, it is recommended that those taking part in warm, fresh water-related activities use nose clips or hold their noses shut while jumping into water. With the amoeba often found in soil, it is best to avoid stirring up underwater sediment. The Texas Department of State Health Services recommends that people avoid stagnant or polluted water and take "No Swimming" signs seriously.

While the BRA tests for a variety of contaminants, such as E. coli at more than 100 sites, no testing is conducted for the PAM microbe.

PAM cannot be spread person to person nor by drinking water. Swimming pools and hot tubs that are properly cleaned, maintained and chlorinated are generally

safe, as is salt water.

For more information contact the Texas Department of State Health Services Public Information Office at (512) 458-7400.

About the Brazos River Authority
The Brazos River Authority, with headquarters in Waco, is the oldest river authority in Texas. Created by the Texas Legislature in 1929, the Authority's 42,000 square-mile territory includes all or part of 70 counties; extending from the Texas-New Mexico border west of Lubbock to the Gulf of Mexico near Freeport.

The Authority built, owns, and operates three reservoirs (Lakes Possum Kingdom, Granbury, and Limestone). In addition to these water supply reservoirs, the Authority contracts with the Corps of Engineers for the water supply storage space at eight federal multi-purpose flood control and water conservation reservoirs (Lakes Whitney, Belton, Proctor, Somerville, Stillhouse Hollow, Granger, Georgetown and Aquilla).

The Brazos River Authority owns and operates a regional wastewater system for the cities of Temple-Belton. The Authority also operates wastewater treatment plants for the cities of Georgetown, Dime Box, Clute-Richwood and Sugar Land. Through an alliance with the Lower Colorado River Authority, the Brazos River Authority operates wastewater treatment plants at Brushy Creek Regional Wastewater System in Round Rock, the city of Hutto and the city of Liberty Hill.

The Authority owns and operates water treatment systems at Lake Granbury (which supplies potable water to wholesale customers in Hood and Johnson Counties), and the City of Taylor. The Authority also operates a potable water treatment plant for the City of Dime Box. A water treatment plant for the City of Leander is operated by the Brazos River Authority through an alliance with the Lower Colorado River Authority.

The Authority also engages in water quality monitoring activities throughout the Brazos River basin. As a member of the Texas Clean River Program, the Authority samples and tests water from 157 locations throughout the basin on either a monthly or quarterly basis.

For further information on the Brazos River Authority, please contact Judi Pierce, Public Information Officer at (254) 761-3103.

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