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Cogdell Clinic remains open, changing hands

By Jennifer Harbin
Hesperian-Beacon

The Cogdell Clinic is not closing. When most of us were younger, we played the game "telephone" where one person would whisper something in a friend's ear, and that would continue until the words had reached the end of the line of people. The only problem was, by the time the information got to the end of the line it was no longer factual and usually very confusing.

There's no problem playing the game, but it is also a good lesson in how some information can be distorted after being repeated over and over.

Lockney's W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital has been the facilitator for Caprock Hospital District in Floydada for some time, but because of unavoidable circumstances the Caprock Hospital District will no longer be under their care. The Lockney doctors will no

longer be providing services in the clinic by the end of August. "Whatever medical group we do a deal with will move in after a short remodeling time at the clinic before the arrival of the new doctors," said the president of the Caprock Hospital District, Eric Smith.

According to Smith there is already a lot of interested parties from the medical profession who would like to come to manage the clinic. Ninety percent of the taxes collected go to the running of the local EMS.

"Nothing changed with the taxes being collected, it just goes toward supporting the EMS now," said Smith. "We're purchasing a new ambulance, with the funds for that purchase coming from donations and any funds left over at the end of the operating year."

The hospital district is excited about the new ambulance. One will go out of service and they are "taking a step up in size" by adding the new vehicle.



What is charged in taxes is only for operating costs and the taxes are not for profit. Any money left will be set up in CDs and used to purchase cots, heart monitors and any type of equipment the ambulance would require. "The community is already paying and we think we should manage those funds appropriately," said Smith.

The hospital district is set up to provide emergency services to the community and the clinic is a service provided

to the community, according to Smith. They are also planning to add in-house x-rays, lab work and small procedures, all very positive changes.

"The clinic is necessary for our community," said Smith. "Our first priority is to keep the EMS running, but the clinic is not a second priority either, it is a necessity of the community also."

"Lockney has done an excellent job at the clinic and have been wonderful to work with.

It is unfortunate this is the change they had to make," said Smith. "We're sad to see them go but are also looking forward to the clinic's next phase."

Things are looking good with the hospital district and he feels good about the future and the town of Floydada according to Smith.

If anyone would like to make donations to Caprock Hospital District or EMS, please contact Floydada EMS at 983-3004 and ask for Katrina.

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.

LOCKNEY SALVATION ARMY

Lockney Salvation Army is now open at their new location, 108 N. Main Street, Lockney. Hours are Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 12 noon and 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. They are accepting shoes and clothes.

FORTENBERRY REUNION

The Fortenberry Family Reunion will be held Friday, August 2 at 6 p.m. and Saturday, August 3 beginning at 7 a.m. at the Massie Activity Center in Floydada. See article in this week's Hesperian-Beacon for further details.

TAX-FREE WEEKEND

State and local taxes will not be collected during the weekend of August 9-11 due to the state's annual tax holiday. This exemption includes most clothing, shoes, school supplies and backpacks that do not exceed \$100 per item.

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.

WEST TEXAS CHEMICAL CONFERENCE

The annual meeting of the West Texas Agricultural Chemical Institute has been scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 10 at the Scottish Rite Temple - Learning Center located at 1101 70th Street, Lubbock. Pre-registration will be online soon at <http://wtaci-tamu.edu/Registration.html>. Registration forms have been mailed. Contact Jason Woodward at 806-632-0762 for questions about the program and CEU's.

Meet the Author



Jennifer Harbin/Hesperian-Beacon

Mayor Bobby Gilliland presents author Kael Rhys/Randee Starritt with a special award from the City of Floydada acknowledging his accomplishments and naming Thursday, July 25, 2013 Kael Rhys/Randee Starritt Day.

Destination Alaska: Pen pals meet after eight years

By Jennifer Harbin
Hesperian-Beacon

One day the mail arrived, containing a letter from a complete stranger addressed to Jake Moore, then a second grader. Who was this person writing from Alaska? It was all quite a shock initially for Moore, but he wrote back to Erica Willis and has been communicating through letters and emails ever since.

From their correspondence, Moore learned that Willis' second grade teacher, Mrs. Carter, went online and had chosen Lockney Elementary to write to.

"The first letter I got freaked me out. It showed up and I asked 'Mom, who is this person?'" said Moore. "We wrote for two years, but decided it would go quicker if we emailed."

He found out a lot about her and her family over the years. Her mother Iada, who is from Brazil and father, Dean, work in the gold mine outside of Central during the summers digging up the dirt and sifting out the gold to sell to the tourist gold mines. During the winter there is time off and they go on vacation because it is snowy. Accord-

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Courtesy Photo

Jake Moore and Erica Willis finally meet after being pen pals since second grade. The Moore family, from Lockney, traveled to Central, Alaska and spent time with the Willis family, enjoying nature and getting to know one another.

KCBD broadcasts from courthouse lawn

By Jennifer Harbin
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At the close of business Tuesday, July 23, the people of Floydada started making their way downtown to participate in the KCBD Channel 11 Community Live Coverage Tour that aired at 6 and 10 p.m.

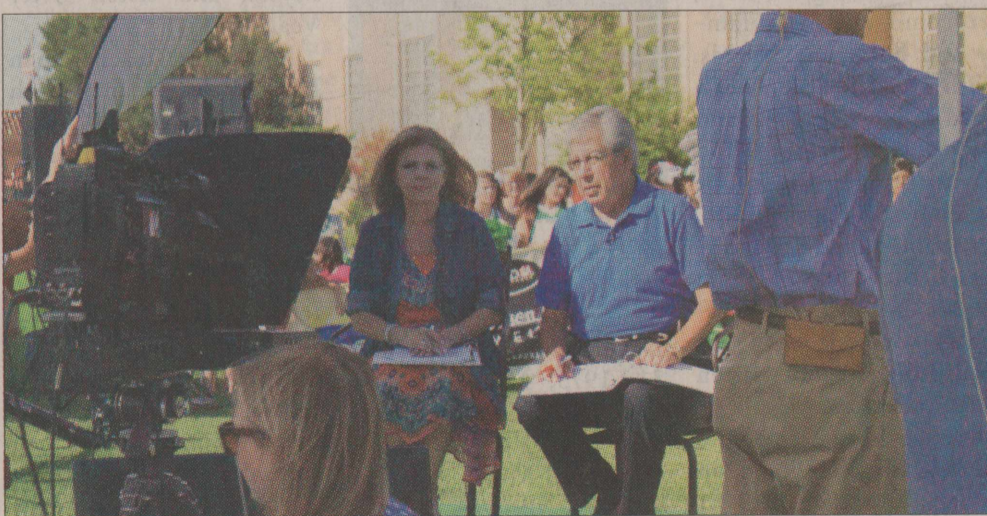
Karin McCay, Abner Euresti, John Robison and Pete Christy were all there, fighting off the heat before their broadcast while the courthouse lawn filled up with cheerleaders, public officials and townspeople.

Ten minutes before 6 p.m., KCBD representatives pumped up the crowd and gave them last minute in-

structions on when to cheer in preparation for the "real deal". The countdown was on and everyone nervously waited for the live coverage.

Broadcasting began at six sharp, with their usual opening banter, except this time all focus was on Floydada. Featured in the 30-minute spot were prerecorded interviews on the wind energy investments in Floyd County and its bright future, an interesting feature on how Crazy Hoe Farms is changing the face of farming and Don Hardy's race car legacy. Segments on Adam Soto's pumpkin creations that dot the town's

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Karin McCay and Abner Euresti prepare for the broadcast at 6 p.m. at downtown Floydada on July 23 as part of this year's KCBD Community Live Coverage Tour. Weatherman John Robison and Pete Christy also reported during the broadcast and all were on hand to sign t-shirts, take photographs and talk with the townspeople.

Corrections

If you spot an error of fact, contact the FCHB office at 806-983-3737 or email: fchb.editor@yahoo.com

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Deaths

Tommy Ray Assiter

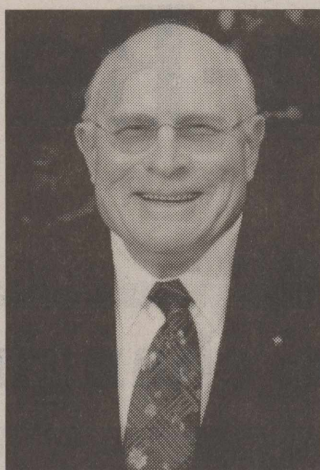
Tommy Ray Assiter, age 83, of Floydada, passed away July 22, 2013.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, July 26, 2013 at the First United Methodist Church of Floydada.

Interment followed at the Floyd County Memorial Park under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home. Visitation was held Thursday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Tommy was born on June 17, 1930 on the family farm in Floyd County to Thomas Elwood and Annie (George) Assiter. Tommy started school in Cone and graduated from Floydada High School. He married the love of his life Joy Keeter, on December 25, 1949 in Portales, New Mexico.

Tommy owned and operated Assiter Insurance located in downtown Floydada. Tommy was proud to continue the family farming business and was the third of four generations



TOMMY RAY ASSITER

of Assiters that has farmed the same sections of land south of town. Generations of families have started their fall traditions with an Assiter Pumpkin, making the "big red barn" on the Ralls Highway their destination.

Tommy was proud to be a part of the Floydada Community and showed his support by participating in many organizations. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and earned the honor of 32nd degree Mason. Tommy was also

a member of Eastern Star, Red Cross of Constantine, Lions Club, Rotary, and First United Methodist Church.

Tommy is survived by his beloved wife of over 63 years, Joy Assiter; his sons, Tim Assiter and wife, Michelle, Tom "Spanky" Assiter and wife, Amy; his daughter, Darla Carthel and husband, Jack; grandchildren, Memori Jackson (Kenneth), Bandy Assiter, Kelsey Deerinwater (Steven), Nicholas Roy, Helena Roy, Rachael Kranz (Robert), Brittany Sparks, Julia Sparks, Careese Wood (Josh), Candice Himelrick (Tadd), Colton Carthel (Madison), 15 great-grandchildren, and his brother, Teddy Assiter.

Memorials in Tommy Ray Assiter's name may be made to the First United Methodist Church, 203 W Kentucky, Floydada Texas, 79235, Spirit of Sharing, 619 E. Houston Floydada, Texas 79235 or to a charity of your choice.

Doris Eurlene Hinkle

Doris Eurlene Hinkle of Lubbock passed away on July 25, 2013 at the age of 76. She was born September 28, 1936 in Floyd County to Clarence Wesley and Marjorie (Lyles) Jones. Doris attended Floydada High School and worked as a homemaker.

She married Billy F. Hinkle on March 28, 1962 in Vernon. The couple lived in Floydada for many years where they raised their children and retired at Possum Kingdom Lake before Billy passed away. Doris then made her home in Lubbock where she was a member of LakeRidge United Methodist Church and was active in the

clothes closet ministry.

Those left to cherish her memory are two sons, Billy Gene and wife, Duffy and Joe and wife, Linda, all of Lubbock; three daughters, Jany Green of Malvern, Arkansas, Vikki Yeary and husband, Max of Floydada, and Sharron Fulton and husband, Bill of Lubbock; brother, Randall Jones and wife, Janette of Hamilton; two sisters, Ann Phillips and husband, Jerry of Las Cruces, New Mexico and Jan Richburg and husband, Quaid of McKinney; 15 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Doris was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Larry Jones and

husband, Billy.

The family received friends on Friday, July 26, 2013 from 6 - 8 p.m. at Combest Family Funeral Homes of Lubbock. Services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 27, 2013 at the First United Methodist Church in Floydada. Interment followed at the Floyd County Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests any donations be sent to Hospice of Lubbock, or your favorite charity.

Please celebrate the life of Doris by visiting www.combestfamilyfuneral-homes.com

Merle Myers Brotherton Mooney

Merle Myers Brotherton Mooney died on July 22, 2013 at Mangold Memorial Hospital in Lockney, Texas.

Merle lived a full and gracious life serving the Lord, her community, her family and her many friends. With a zest for life, Merle loved to sew and cook, and enjoyed entertaining and playing bridge. She will be remembered for her faith, her values, her friendliness, her love of family and friends, and always remembering someone with her beautifully hand-written notes and cards.

Services to celebrate Merle's life were held on Friday, July 26, 2013 at 10 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Lockney.

Interment followed at the Lockney Cemetery. Families welcomed visitors at Moore-Rose Funeral Home on Thursday, July 25, 2013 from 6-8 p.m.

Merle was born on November 14, 1920 to Herbert Ray and Olive Blanche Myers in Lockney. She graduated from Lockney High School in 1939. Upon receiving a generous scholarship, Merle went on to West Texas State University, graduating in 1944, with a degree in Education. She later went on to Texas Women's University and earned a Master's degree in Library Science. She married Charles B. (Ben) Brotherton in Au-



MERLE MOONEY

gust 1944 and they had three children, Robert Charles, Deborah Kay, and David Branson. On May 31, 1975, Merle married C.L. (Mike) Mooney and they were married for 35 years until Mike's death in 2010.

Merle leaves behind a loving family to cherish her memory, her son, Bob Brotherton and wife, Lydia of Folsom, California; daughter, Debby Threadgill of Kerrville, Texas; son, David Brotherton and his wife, Kay of Floydada, Texas; stepdaughter, Diane and her husband, Wyatt Phillips of Childress, Texas; stepdaughter, Debby and her husband, Dave of Pooleville, Texas; stepson, Pat Mooney and his wife, Ann of Avon, IN; sister, Kay McPherson of Palestine, Texas; brother, Jimmy Myers and his wife, Ernestine of Houston, Texas; and dear friend, Wallace Allen of Welch, Oklahoma. She also leaves 11 precious grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and

several nieces, nephews, and friends.

She was pre-deceased by her husband, Mike; her children's father, Ben; brothers, Don and Jackie Myers; and sister, Betty Veal.

Merle was a teacher, then librarian, at Lockney High School for over 20 years. Throughout her career in education, she taught a variety of subjects including Home Economics, English and Typing. Merle took great pride in her work guiding her students through their high school years and is fondly remembered by many as a strong and influential teacher.

Merle was a loyal member of the Lockney's First United Methodist Church where she gave her time and talent in every way possible. She was actively involved in her community as a steadfast supporter of the Lockney Care Center and a dedicated member of United Methodist Women and Business and Professional Women's Association.

Our family would like to thank the wonderful friends, neighbors and caregivers that we so appreciate for adding to the quality of Merle's life while allowing her to maintain independence.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church of Lockney or the Lockney Senior Citizens.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margarett Word

We are excited that we will be moving to our new Center. I think the address will be 925 W. Crockett. The building has not been in use for several years. The Spirit of Sharing has the south part of the building. We will have the kitchen, dining room and maybe more spaces.

We will be serving meals Monday (7-29) thru Wednesday (7-31) and then will be closed Thursday (8-1) and Friday (8-2) so people can move the equipment to the new location. We will be open in our new location for meals on Monday, August 5th.

Recently Rubie Gooch spent two weeks in Amarillo. She has lots of family there.

Guy Ginn's son, Pat, ate lunch with us recently. Guy's daughter, Janice Rodgers, also spent one day with her date and ate lunch at the Center.

The Lion's Club members ate lunch with us on Wednesday. We had turkey and dressing and all the trimmings. I really enjoyed my meal and I'm sure everyone liked it too.

We hope to be moved and ready to serve meals on Monday, August 5th. Please call 983-2032 if you are eating us with.

We will have the same phone number, 983-2032, so please call if you plan to eat with us at the new location. We want to be sure we have enough food. Some times we do not have enough food prepared. We don't like to waste food. Sylvia would be glad you called. She hates it when people are turned away. Our phone number is 983-2032 and our mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235.

We do appreciate you remembering the Center when you make a memorial donation or just a donation.

In memory of Tommy Assiter - K.D. and Janice Julian

Thought for the Week - "Protect your head and neck from injury". Please use non-slip strips or decals in tub and shower.

MENU

August 5 - August 9

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

Tuesday - Turkey sandwich, tomato, lettuce & pickle, broccoli raisin salad, macaroni salad, pineapple delight, low-fat milk

Wednesday - Cheeseburger, potato wedges, tomato wedge, melon medley, salad, low-fat milk

Thursday - BBQ chicken filet, baked potato w/sour cream, buttered carrots, whole wheat roll, margarine, chocolate pudding, low-fat milk

Friday - Crumb topping fish, garlic roasted potatoes, peas, whole wheat roll, margarine, watermelon, chocolate pudding, low-fat milk

Plains Baptist Assembly hosts Kids Kamp

By Jennifer Harbin

Hesperian-Beacon

Over 200 kids, ages 7 to 12, made their way to the Plains Baptist Assembly in Blanco Canyon this past week to enjoy several days of fun, worship and praise.

On the morning of July 25, kids and parents swarmed to the First Baptist Church in Floydada, with sleeping bags, pillows and cloths for the five day retreat, excited waiting to be registered and for the buses to take off.

Those over 12 went along as junior sponsors to help at the camp.

The campers attended singing, crafts, water sports, ropes course, zip line, and chapel (brief service with lots of praise music) every day.

There was a concluding service and hamburger meal at the end of camp on Sunday that kids and parents both attended.

According to Eric Smith, it takes a lot to put the whole camp on and the support of many volunteers. It is focused on God and Jesus and educating the young people.

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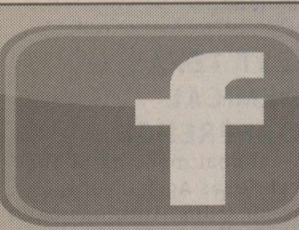
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SOCIETY

New Benches



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As part of the Beautification Project started last fall, the Lockney Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring the sale of benches that will be placed along downtown storefronts. Benches may be purchased in memory or in honor of someone, but first check with the business for permission before placing a bench in front of their store. Benches may be purchased from any Chamber of Commerce member or by calling Archie Jones at 392-7189 or Kay Martin at 652-3386. Benches and plaques are bought locally from Davis Lumber Company and Schacht's, respectively. Minimal assembly is required but Chamber members will gladly assemble your bench for you if you are unable.

Lockney Library News

By Carol Huggins
Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

Have you visited the local library lately? The Lockney Library Association encourages everyone to check it out. Here are just a few of the things the library offers.

There are approximately 5600 books in the library both fiction and non-fiction in the adult, juvenile, and children's sections. There are also encyclopedias and other reference materials. The library budget allows the library to order 8-10 books per month. Anyone who would like to request a certain book is welcome to do so. On average, 150 books are checked out each month by people of all ages. There are a large number of Accelerated Reader books available for school children.

Four computers are available for public use with time limits established so all

may have a turn. Parents of students twelve and under must fill out a permission card and anyone under nine must be accompanied by an adult.

The library building is owned by the Library Association. It was donated several years ago by Jim and Denise Doucette. We are very grateful for their generosity.

The Library Association is sustained through memberships and donations which are used to pay the insurance on the building, make any repairs, and to purchase books.

Memorials are used to purchase books. A card will be sent to the family with the name of the donor. A book plate will be placed in the front of the book with the memorial and donor on it. Special books may also be requested. Memorial donations need to be sent

to the Lockney Library Associates at Box 249 in Lockney.

A Summer Reading Program was conducted by Kristi LeFevre on Wednesday mornings in July. The Associates gave books to the children who attended.

The Associates will have an educational booth at the Floyd County Fair on September 13-14. The theme will be "Read, Read, Read."

The Library Associates will be having a Book and Bake Sale on August 24 in conjunction with Lockney's Old Fashioned Saturday. Lots of books and magazines will be available.

Some authors are: Peterson, Patterson, Lewis, Snelling, Evanovich, Clancy, Clark, Steel, Brown, etc. There is also a large selection of cookbooks. And for your sweet tooth, all kinds of baked goods will be available throughout the day.

The Lockney Library Association newsletter will be in the mail soon. Inside will be a membership form to be returned. For anyone interested in becoming a member who does not receive a newsletter, there will be newsletters available at the Library. Please be sure to mail your memberships, memorials or donations to the Lockney Library Associates at Box 249 in Lockney and make your checks out to the Lockney Library Associates. This will insure that the funds are received and deposited properly.

Officers of the Lockney Library Associates are: President, Robin Stoerner; Vice-President, Doylene Dipprey; Secretary, Carol Huggins; Treasurer, Neta Marble. These ladies are always available for any questions or concerns you might have.

The 501 Hot Glue Bonds Relationship

If you want to bond with a new family member, try using a glue gun.

I've had one in my hand for the better part of two days. If you think I've actually been dropping hot glue on human flesh, I have. But just mine. Mainly I've been laying beads of glue on pieces of heavy white paper to make flowers for a display structure for the reception following the upcoming wedding of my stepson, Ryan, to his fiancée, Kristin.

Yep, I'm going to be her stepmother-in-law. Sounds like a bad character straight from a fairy tale. I'm working

hard to counteract the negative connotations.

But this design project isn't work. I like making sturdy paper flowers. Move over Martha Stewart.

Indeed, Kristin has told me Stewart makes paper flowers, but the domestic design maven's perfect flora doubtless lack the interesting aberrations seen in my signature creations. Since the budget for the wedding is too tight to fly Martha Stewart in anyway, I'm it. The default decorator.

Not that Kristin hasn't made some of the flowers herself, but she has a real job. I don't. I'm a freelancer looking for ways to enrich my life and enhance my creativity. So here I am, cutting and hot-gluing paper to make something that ultimately will be the focal point of a post-nuptial garage sale. Could you use some large stunning panels of white paper flowers? I thought not.

Moving right along.

The first evening Kristin and I worked together, we searched the limitless repertoire of her smart phone for music we both could enjoy. Surprisingly, she'd never heard of Jack Teagarden or Al Jolson. Even I must admit "California, Here I Come!" didn't quite fit our agenda. We opted for silence. No TV either.

There you have it. Two women armed with glue guns, separated by only 40 years, one about to marry into the family of the other. So we talked into the night. I like to think we bonded, sealing our friendship along with the flowers.

We analyzed father and son for similarities and came up with several traits held in common, one being a strong tendency to over-analyze. Then, alas, it was way past bedtime. Fatigue and hot glue don't mix. Quote me.

The next day I worked

alone, trying hard to fabricate enough flowers to finish the project and to come up with some stepmotherly-in-law advice for Kristin. I settled on one suggestion: separate checking accounts, meaning less guilt when respective money is spent for things like fancy lamps and superfluous guns.

INTERNET PAUSE.

I just had to check out Martha Stewart's flowers. In a blog-like Stewart-oriented discussion, I ran across a new term for me: Crazy Craft Lady. It's somebody whose designs imprudently cross an imaginary line into the realm of the bizarre.

I hope nobody stands too close to my pseudo-Venus flytrap. Maybe we have the makings of a fairy tale after all.

As long as the ending stays the same:

And they lived happily ever after.

Lockney VFD/EMS

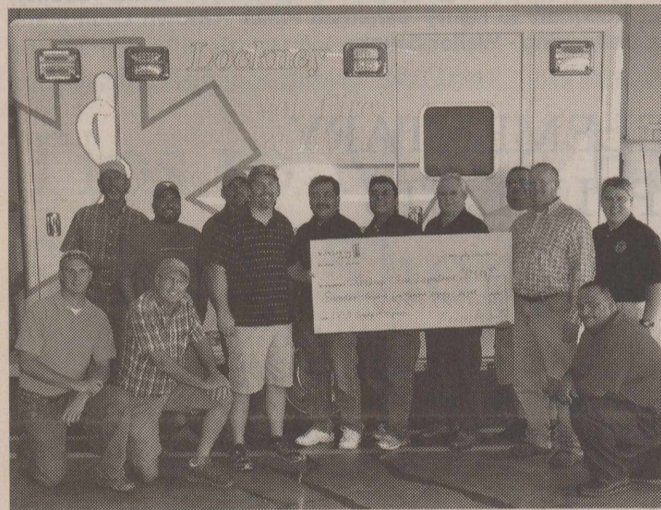


Photo by Rodney Hunt

The Lockney Volunteer Fire Department and EMS received a generous grant of \$17,588 from the Aiken Monsanto site on July 22 to help improve the safety of volunteers and Aiken area residents. The LVFD will use the funds to purchase state-of-the-art equipment to better protect emergency workers. This year, the Monsanto Fund has awarded 127 site grants to nonprofit organizations in 26 states. In Texas alone, three sites were awarded \$35,588 all together.

Museum Archives

From The Floyd County Historical Book "Memories," 1979

SUNSET SCHOOL

The Sunset School was built in 1895 and located two miles east of South Plains, the present location of the late L. T. Wood residence. It was a neat frame one-room building, as the enrollment increased, it was added on to two times. Some of the very first students were Roy Childress and Lee Pearson. The children came to school by hack, buggy, klondykes and when it snowed sometimes by sleds. Some lived near

enough to walk, and some rode a horse or burro. I understand Murry Julian even rode a burro. Frank Nix taught in the early days of Sunset School for \$30.00 per month. A few of the other teachers were Mr. Ragle, Mrs Hughes, Dave Hopper, Fannie Wilson, Mrs. Looney, Mr. Duck, Price Scott, Joe Weaver, Mrs. Joe Hanes, Hubert Oneal, Grayson D. Tate, Mrs. E. O. Nichols, Mr. White, "who had no legs but did not let this handicap hinder him, for he later became tax-assessor in

Floyd County", Mr. Grubbs, Belva Solomon, Obed Baker, Mrs. Blanch Phegley, Mrs. Vema Snodgrass and Bessie Wood. I am sure there were more and not in the order as they taught.

Sunset was noted for its ice cream socials. Syble (Covington) Teeple tells me she could remember those squeaking 15 or 20 ice cream freezers, while the children ran and played. The community Christmas trees were another highlight of most everyone I have contacted. The favorite lunch Johnnie Wilson remembers was cold biscuits and sausage, carried to school in a svrup pail. Some of the games the boys and girls played were stink base, Annie Over and later nseball and even basketball. The good 3- act plays made an impression on many, also

the challenging spelling bees and debates. Several remember going to church art Sunset Bethel Baptist church which was organized here in 1906, which later became the South Plains Baptist Church. Johnnie Wilson recalls in 1919 a big rain came and the draw west and south of Sunset was bank to bank. The teacher decided it unwise to cross, so all were housed in the Grigsby Milton Sr. And the Charlie Wilson homes, some went home with Mrs. Vema, as she lived north. A prank on Halloween was pulled on the teacher Mr. Ragle, who was living in the teacherage just north of Sunset. The boys took the wheels from his buggy and put them on the roof. Charlie Jarrett tells me he came here in 1908 and at that time Sunset was still a

one-room school, his wife Grace (Pearson) parents came here in 1893 and Grace was born 1894 in a dugout south of the Sunset School. Grace attended this school and later she and her sister Lula carried the mail from Delia Plain to Curlew in 1911. This story was told by Vema (McNeal) Campbell. One day at school one of them asked permission to go to the "out house", and the other soon followed. They knew a skunk had taken up abode under the schoolhouse, so

they got a stick and stirred him up good. Needless to say everybody had a vacation from Sunset School.

In 1926 a nice brick school was built one mile north of this location, where the Light House Electric Cooperatives now has a substation. This school had eight rooms with the enrollment of 189 pupils in two years this school was moved to the now location of South Plains and took the name of South Plains School.

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Dayne and I would like to thank those who brought and donated food and helped with the meal for the KCBF news 11 TV staff and crew.

PAY-N-SAVE and Johnny Summers for donating the brisket, Parent Adolescent Center- Reba Moore and Harvey Garza and staff for cooking the meat and the potato casseroles, tea, water melon, cantaloupe, and all of the delicious deserts, and helping with the meal, Lori and Ray Morales for the red beans and helping with the meal, Don and Nancy Marble for the vegetable tray & brownies plus helping with the meal, Jo Elliott for the pot of red beans, Bob Gilliland for a vegetable tray, and Albert Garza for all of his help in all of the activities of the day!

Penny Gohlightly and Dayne Gohlightly

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.

FLOYDADA SCHOOL

Floydada Whirlwind Coaching Staff Complete for 2013-2014

By Coach Bandy

As the summer comes to a close the Floydada ISD coaching staff will have some new faces again this year along with some familiar ones but in different roles.

Those new to the staff are Coby Emery, which will be the defensive coordinator, head power lifting coach and will help with track in the spring, Pake Freeman, he will be a varsity assistant coach for football, basketball and track, Eric Fierro, he will help at the varsity level with football as well as with our junior high programs in football, basketball, and then will be the varsity assistant in baseball, T.J. Fly will help with our high school girls programs with cross country, freshman girls' basketball, and track in the spring, and Brittany Maxwell will help with our junior high girls' programs with cross country, basketball, and track.

Tate Riley, who has been with us for 3 years, has taken over as the new head boys' basketball coach. Whitley Nutt, who was our freshman girls' coach, will be the new junior varsity girls' coach. Robin Nixon has stepped back into coaching taking over the tennis program and will also be our head cross-country coach in the fall.

The rest of the staff will remain the same:

- Head Football- Coach Bandy
- Head Girls Basketball – Coach Cook
- Head Baseball – Coach Webb
- Head Softball – Coach Morales
- Head Girls Track – Coach Cook
- Head Boys Track – Coach Bandy
- Boys Assistant Football, Basketball, and Track-Coach Logsdon

Whirlwinds hit field, prepare for first scrimmages

It's about that time of the year again. The summer days are about over and football season will soon be in the air.

The Floydada Whirlwinds will hold their first football practice of the 2013 season on Monday, August 5 at 8 a.m. Practice will go until around 12:30 p.m. with a break in-between. On Tuesday, August 6th there will be only one workout from 8 a.m. til about 11 a.m. Two-a-days will be held again on Wednesday from 8 a.m. – 12:30 (with a break in-between) and then back to just one practice on Thursday. Come Friday, the Whirlwinds will be donning their full pads for their workouts.

The first four days will be in shorts and t-shirts due to the change that was made last year by the Texas University Interscholastic League (UIL). Acclimation is required for the first four days.

The Whirlwind's first scrimmage will be Friday, August 16 against Wellington at Wester Field (time wasn't available at publication). After the scrimmage "Meet the Whirlwinds" will be held. For their second scrimmage the "Winds will travel to Ralls to play the Jackrabbits (time to be announced at a later date).

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Listen Up Cheerleaders!

The Floydada Varsity Cheerleaders will be holding their annual



"Little Cheerleader Clinic"
Aug. 13, 14 & 15
8 a.m. - 12 p.m. each day
At Whirlwind Gym

Registration time:
August 13 at 7:45 a.m.
\$35.00 per participant

Tuesday - Crazy Hair Day
Wednesday - Crazy Sock Day
Thursday - Spirit Day (wear green)

Clinic includes: Instruction, t-shirt, spirit stick, snack and certificate of completion
Ages: 4 years thru 6th grade

PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING

Proposed Budget for 2013/2014

Adopt the Budget of 2013-2014

On August 22, 2013 at 9 a.m. the Commissioners' Court will hold a hearing on proposed Budget and adopt the Budget at a special called meeting.

The on August 22, 2013 at 9 a.m. Commissioners' Court will adopt the Effective Tax Rate, at a special called meeting in the Floyd County Courthouse Room 106, Floydada, Texas.

Floyd County 4-H

Floyd County Youth Competes at National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational

By Ethan Fortenberry

CEA-AG/NR Floyd County

Floyd County 4-H'er, Jianna Davenport, was selected to compete on the Texas Recurve Archery Team at the 2013 National Shooting Sports Invitational. The competition was held in Grand Island, Nebraska June 24 through June 28. Team members are selected by a committee. Each applicant must be a senior 4-H'er, post scores at the State 4-H Shooting Sports Games in the discipline they are applying to compete in, complete an application and present 2 letters of recommendation.

The Texas Team was comprised of nine different 4 member teams. Each team shot a different discipline; Air pistol, Air rifle, Compound Archery, Hunting and Wildlife, Muzzleloading, Recurve Archery, Shotgun, Small Bore Pistol or Small Bore Rifle. Each discipline competed in 3 different events during the Invitational. Recurve and compound archers shot FITA, 72 arrows shot at bulls eye targets at 60 meters, 50 meters, 40 meters and 30 meters (what you see in the Olympics). They also shot 3D, a course of 3D foam animal targets at differing distances, and field, a combination of FITA and 3D.

The Recurve Archery Team finished 7th overall and the Texas Team claimed the Sweepstakes Award edging out Missouri by 1 point.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U. S. Department of Agriculture and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating. We will seek to accommodate all persons with disabilities for all meetings. We request that you contact the Floyd County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service as soon as possible to advise us of any auxiliary and/or services needed.



Courtesy Photo
Members of the 2013 Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Recurve Team are (Back row, left to right) Jianna Davenport - Floyd County, Coach Todd DePenning, Stephanie Ketchum - Bexar County; (Front Row, left to right) Jonathan Miller - Brown County and Claire DePenning - Waller County.

A.B. DUNCAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS 2013-2014

KINDERGARTEN

- 2-pkg. of pencils (12 count)
- 2-large erasers
- 1-pair of blunt tip scissors
- 3-boxes of Crayola Brand crayons
- 6-glu sticks
- 1-spiral notebook (1 subject and wide rule)
- 2-plastic folders with pockets
- 1-backpack (no wheels, please)
- 1-bottle of hand sanitizer
- 2-boxes of Kleenex
- 1-set of extra clothes (please label clearly with first and last name, place in a plastic bag)

1ST GRADE

- 3-boxes of pencils
- 1-pair of scissors
- 8-glu sticks
- 1-bottle glue
- 3-boxes of crayons 24 count
- 2-large boxes of Kleenex
- 1-school box for supplies (no pouches please)
- 1-spirals (Reading)
- 1-red vinyl folder with brads (Take-Home folder)
- 2-large pink erasers
- 2-composition book (math & science)
- 1-purple vinyl folder with brads (math)
- 1-blue vinyl folder with brads (science)
- All Girls - one box quart size zip bags*
- All Boys - one box gallon zip bags
- Headphones/earphones
- * Baggies are used for activities and games
- * Please write your child's name on all supplies

2ND GRADE

- 2-packages crayons (24 count)—true colors
- 24- wooden #2 lead pencils
- 1-wire bound spiral notebook(70 page)
- 1-pair of Fiskar Scissors
- 3-250 count Kleenex boxes

- 1-plastic folder
- 1-zipper pouch (No boxes)
- 3-Elmer's white school glue (4 fl. ounce)
- 4-glu sticks
- 1-box of markers (8 count)
- 1-water colors (8 tray)
- 2-big pink erasers/or pencil top-pers
- 1-box of 24 colored pencils
- 3-composition book/Journal
- 1-package of ruled notebook paper
- 1-headphones/earphones
- Girls: 1 Box of gallon size zip-tab Baggies
- Boys: 1 box of quart size zip-tab Baggies

3RD GRADE

- 5-composition books
- 1-spiral
- 1-box of color pencils
- 20-pencils
- 2-plastic folder with brads ANY COLOR
- 4-glu sticks
- 1-glu bottle 8oz.
- Kleenexes - 3 boxes of 200 count
- 3-holed pencil pouch
- Ear phones (\$2-\$3 at dollar store)
- 1-package of wide rule notebook paper
- 1-box of pint zipper baggies
- Cinch Backpack (small, with drawstring)
- **Students do NOT need binders, large backpacks, erasers, crayons, highlighters, markers, or pencil boxes

4TH GRADE

- 1-5 subject spiral with pocket dividers - Reading
- 1-composition journal - Science
- 6 -plastic folders with pockets and brads - Math, Writing, Social Studies, AR folder, Take Home and replacement
- 5-packages wide ruled notebook (NO COLLEGE RULE)
- 2-packages of 20 pencils

- 4-red ink pens
- 4-highlighters
- 1-box of crayons
- 2-boxes of Kleenex
- 1-pair of scissors
- 1-bottle of glue or glue stick
- Box or small bag to hold small supplies
- Headphones/earphones to use for laptops
- 1-handheld pencil sharpener

5TH GRADE

- 2- 1-1/2" binders (science and math)
- 2- packages of notebook paper
- 1- box of 24 crayons
- 1- package of markers
- 2- folders with pockets
- 1- folder with pockets and brads
- 2- 5 subject spiral (1 for reading)
- 2- spiral with perforated paper (1 for social studies)
- Map Colors
- 2- highlighters
- 1- bottle of Elmer's glue
- 1- pair of scissors
- 2- pkgs of dividers
- 1- pkg of pencils
- 2- boxes of Kleenex
- 2- composition notebooks (science and math)
- \$1.00 for plastic folder
- Headphones/earphones

6TH GRADE

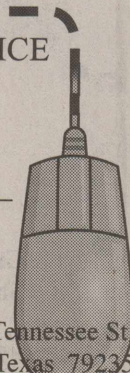
- Highlighters
- 1- package of wooden pencils
- 2- composition notebooks
- 2- boxes of Kleenex
- 4- red pens
- 1- package of notebook paper
- Ruler
- Glue
- Map Colors
- 2- blue or Black Pens
- 2- folders with pockets and brads
- 1- perforated spiral
- 1-2" binder
- 1-1" binder
- Scissors
- Headphones/earphones

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Tax-free weekend provides wallet-friendly solution

If you haven't bought your back-to-school items already, the second weekend of August is the time to do it.

According to the state website, state and local taxes will not be collected during the weekend of August 9-11 due to the state's annual tax holiday. This exemption includes most clothing, shoes, school supplies and backpacks that do not exceed \$100 per item. This is a savings of approximately \$8 per

\$100 spent. If a single item costs more than \$99.99, taxes do apply.

Accordingly to the state guidelines, any Texas business that sells these qualifying items must comply.

The tax exemption includes items purchased in a store, as well as those bought on the Internet, television or by mail.

Keep in mind, too, that not all general merchandise items are included in

the sales tax holiday. For example, cowboy boots and climbing boots are tax-free, but climbing boot and ski boots are still taxed during Texas' tax-free weekend. In fact, many sporting goods are not included in the sales tax holiday at all in Texas, like cleats, football pads, and protective helmets, so make sure that you read Texas' Sales Tax Holiday web page before heading out to the mall.

Required Immunizations for the 2013-2014 School Year

Austin—(April 8, 2013) For parents of students in Texas Schools, Kindergarten through 12th grade, these are the required immunizations for 2013-2014. State law requires students in Texas schools to be immunized against certain vaccine-preventable diseases. This is to inform you where you can obtain information about which vaccines your child needs to attend school and also remind you to get your child's vaccination early this year—before the summer rush and the school year begins. By doing this, you will be protecting the health of your child, family, community, and be prepared for the fall school season.

As of January 2, 2012, local health departments and health service regional clinics providing vaccines through the Texas

Vaccines for Children (VFC) program are no longer able to vaccinate individuals with insurance (although you might have obtained them there in the past). Instead, insured students must receive vaccinations through their private doctor. Please call and set up an appointment as soon as possible with your doctor so your child can receive the needed vaccines. Without the proper documentation of required vaccinations or a valid medical or conscientious exemption, students will not be allowed to attend school.

Should you have any questions about the recommend vaccines, please consult your doctor. You may see the specific immunizations you need by visiting www.ImmunizeTexas.com or call the Immunization

Tips to Make Back to School Shopping Easier

(StatePoint) During back to school shopping season, it can be easy to feel overwhelmed. From commercials to coupons to mailers, there's an overload of information about where the deals are for all the stuff your kids need this school year.

Even if you are a shopaholic, navigating the mall with your children in tow can be tiring.

"We're bombarded with too much information to truly process when we're out shopping, with so many ads, brands and ongoing sales competing for our attention," says Mort Aaronson, CEO of PlaceWise Media, which provides integrated marketing services to more than 300 shopping malls in 75 markets across North America. "Shopping is easier and more fun when we can eliminate the clutter to hone-in on just what we want, right where we are."

Take steps to simplify the experience and avoid those headaches that occur when you realize you've forgotten those things your kids need most.

Make a List

Figure out exactly what you need and want before leaving home. A checklist can help you map out a game plan, stick to a budget

and stay organized.

Conduct a little fashion show with the kids at home before heading to the stores, to see what still fits and is in good condition, and what's too small and worn out for the new school year.

Utilize Technology

Most of us don't have the means to hire a personal shopper, but new technology can replicate the benefits of this luxury. Zero in on just what you want with an online and mobile "shopping companion" that can deliver personalized, timely and relevant product information and deals based on your interests and location.

When selecting a shopping companion, look for one that safely uses a combination of your location and stated preferences to determine the most relevant deals, stores and products nearby. From keeping up with trends to getting directions to stores, a free online and mobile app, such as Shoptopia can ease the shopping experience from the planning stages to the trip to the mall. Above all, when selecting a shopping companion, don't just settle for one from a single store or brand -- find one that captures your entire shop-

ping universe in a single app. More information can be found at www.shoptopia.com/news.

Compromise

Remember, you're not the one who is going to be wearing all those new clothes. And let's be honest, kids can be picky. So even if that pink flowered skirt seems like a great deal, if your daughter refuses to wear it, you have thrown your time and money down the drain.

Being a good listener and respecting your child's preferences can help you avoid closet duds. By picking out things together, you can ensure everything is in line with your budget and your child's taste.

Don't shop 'til you drop. By preparing ahead and using new tools, you can make shopping more pleasant and more effective -- from identifying the hot new trends, to finding the stores that carry them and getting the best deals.

Monthly Oil and Gas Statistics

MAY PERMITS TO DRILL

The Commission issued a total of 1,931 original drilling permits in May 2013 compared to 2,530 in May 2012. The May total included 1,727 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 33 to re-enter existing well bores, and 171 for re-completions. Permits issued in May 2013 included 582 oil, 123 gas, 1,145 oil and gas, 67 injection, four service and 10 other permits.

APRIL CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION

Texas preliminary April 2013 crude oil production averaged 1,607,390 barrels daily, up from the 1,197,978 barrels daily average of April 2012.

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for April 2013 is 48,221,702 barrels, up from 35,939,326 barrels reported during April 2012.

MAY OIL AND GAS COMPLETIONS

In May 2013, operators reported 2,395 oil, 521 gas, 62 injection and 10 other completions compared to 887 oil, 336 gas, 32 injection and one other completion in May 2012.

Total well completions for 2013 year to date are 10,437 up from 6,246 recorded during the same period in 2012.

Operators reported 131 holes plugged and zero dry holes in May 2013 compared to 1,122 holes plugged and one dry hole in May 2012.

APRIL NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION

Texas oil and gas wells produced 538,662,626 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for April 2013 up from the April 2012 preliminary gas production total of 505,775,608 Mcf. Texas preliminary April total gas production averaged 17,955,420 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) a day.

Texas production in April 2013 came from 143,552 oil wells and 88,205 gas wells.

MAY TEXAS OIL AND GAS DRILLING PERMITS AND COMPLETIONS BY DISTRICT

RRC District: (1) SAN ANTONIO AREA

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 347
Oil Completions: 278
Gas Completions: 117

RRC District: (2) REFUGIO AREA

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 130
Oil Completions: 129
Gas Completions: 54

RRC District: (3) SOUTHEAST TEXAS

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 101
Oil Completions: 7
Gas Completions: 7

RRC District: (4) DEEP SOUTH TEXAS

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 51
Oil Completions: 0
Gas Completions: 38

RRC District: (5) EAST CENTRAL TEXAS

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 30
Oil Completions: 4
Gas Completions: 15

RRC District: (6) EAST TEXAS
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 59
Oil Completions: 9
Gas Completions: 71

RRC District: (7B) WEST CENTRAL TEXAS

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 102
Oil Completions: 46
Gas Completions: 23

RRC District: (7C) SAN ANGELO AREA

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 169
Oil Completions: 259
Gas Completions: 3

RRC District: (8) MIDLAND
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 632
Oil Completions: 1,467
Gas Completions: 3

RRC District: (8A) LUBBOCK AREA
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 83
Oil Completions: 48
Gas Completions: 0

RRC District: (9) NORTH TEXAS
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 130
Oil Completions: 124
Gas Completions: 119

RRC District: (10) PANHANDLE
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 97
Oil Completions: 24
Gas Completions: 71

APRIL TEXAS TOP TEN OIL PRODUCING COUNTIES RANKED BY PRELIMINARY PRODUCTION COUNTY - CRUDE OIL (BBLs)

1. KARNES - 3,820,561
2. GONZALES - 2,635,422
3. LA SALLE - 2,507,777
4. DE WITT - 2,266,256
5. ANDREWS - 2,161,603
6. ECTOR - 1,872,916
7. GAINES - 1,872,751
8. UPTON - 1,831,416
9. YOAKUM - 1,798,900
10. MIDLAND - 1,746,944

APRIL TEXAS TOP TEN GAS PRODUCING COUNTIES RANKED BY PRELIMINARY PRODUCTION COUNTY - TOTAL GAS (MCF)

1. TARRANT - 56,759,254
2. JOHNSON - 31,620,595
3. PANOLA - 23,255,377
4. WEBB - 22,551,015
5. PECOS - 18,892,068
6. WISE - 18,454,508
7. DENTON - 15,991,799
8. WHEELER - 15,527,021
9. FREESTONE - 14,310,424
10. DE WITT - 12,324,772

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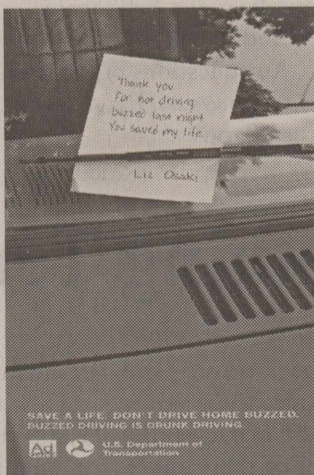
Lockney Salvation Army store open

By Denise Doucette

The Lockney Salvation Army is now open in our new location at 108 N. Main Street, next to the home health care and across from the post office. The store hours are Monday thru Friday, 10 a.m. - 12 noon and 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

The Salvation Army is accepting shoes and clothing, especially children's clothes.

For further information you can contact Alicia Luna.



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Producers Reminded of Nearing Deadline for FSA County Committee Nominations

WASHINGTON, July 24, 2013 – Juan M. Garcia, Administrator of USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), today reminded farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers that they have until Aug. 1, 2013, to nominate eligible candidates to serve on local FSA county committees.

"The last day to file your nomination form is about a week away," Garcia said. "Please get involved this year and nominate the candidate of your choice or nominate yourself to serve on your local county committee. I especially encourage the nomination of beginning farmers and ranchers, as well as women and minorities. This is your opportunity to have a say in how federal programs are delivered in your county."

FSA county committees help local farmers through their decisions on commodity price support loans, conservation programs and disaster programs, and by working closely with county executive directors.

To be eligible to hold office as a county committee member, individuals must participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and live in the local administrative area where they are running. A complete list of eligibility requirements, more information and nomination forms are available at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections>

All nominees must sign the nomination form FSA-669A. All nomination forms for the 2013 election

must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on Aug. 1, 2013. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters by Nov. 4 and are due back to the local USDA Service Centers on Dec. 2. The newly elected county committee members will take office Jan. 1, 2014.

USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer. To file a complaint of discrimination, write: USDA, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (866) 632-9992 (Toll-free Customer Service), (800) 877-8339 (Local or Federal relay), (866) 377-8642 (Relay voice users).

Texas Farm Service Agency Announces Accepted CRP Offers

(COLLEGE STATION, TX) – July 25, 2012 — USDA Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director, Judith A. Canales today announced that Texas will accept 2,092 offers on more than 312,000 acres offered under the 45th Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) general sign-up that ended in June.

Texas FSA received 2,226 offers on more than 333,000 acres of land, demonstrating CRP's continuing appeal as one of our nation's most successful voluntary programs for soil, water and wildlife conservation. Nationwide, USDA accepted enrollment of 1.7 million acres.

"The positive environmental impacts realized over CRP's 28 year history shows that producers, landowners and USDA are committed to protecting and conserving our state's natural resources," said Canales. "These new CRP contracts will insure continued efforts to conserve and protect wetlands and grasslands and improve wildlife habitat; while the annual rental payments to producers continue to support rural economies across the state."

Landowners enrolled in CRP receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource conserving covers on eligible farmland. Accepted contracts will become effective October 1, 2013.

National data demonstrates that during 2012, CRP helped to reduce nitrogen and phosphorous losses from farm fields by 605 million pounds and 121 million pounds respectively. CRP has restored more than two million acres of wetlands and associated buffers and reduces soil erosion by more than 300 million tons per year.

All CRP signup 45 offers were evaluated and ranked using the Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) that consists of the following five environmental factors plus cost: wildlife enhancement, water quality, soil erosion, enduring benefits and air quality.

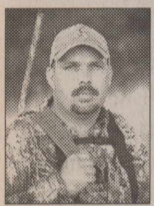
For more information about the Conservation Reserve Program, please contact your local FSA office or visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/crp>.

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Assignment: Texas The Slippery Road

Every now and then a place connects me to my past.

When I was a pre-teen and into my teen years, I had relatives who lived in New Braunfels and every summer, they would invite



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my family to spend a few days enjoying the copious water attractions found in the cool south central Texas town with distinct Germanic roots.

I was raised in the wet and green surroundings of Northeast Texas. By comparison, however, our rivers and creeks were muddy and slow moving - no match for the crystal clear spring fed Guadalupe and Comal Rivers.

Thinking back, those days were magical.

It's been years since I spent time in New Braunfels.

When I walked through the gates of the original Schlitterbahn location along the banks of the Comal River (this time with my own kids in tow), it was like stepping back in time. Most everything I saw was how I remembered it from back in the 80's when my parents brought me here. The iconic Bavarian-inspired tower was the same, the slides still wound their way down the hillside and emptied into the river, and the hospitality was as you'd expect in Texas - impeccable.

With tubes in tow, we make our way to Hillside Tube Chute for a quick float. The tube chutes at the original location are mild and perfect for a family ride. It's thrilling enough to make the kids giggle the whole way down yet not so extreme that it scares them. On the first float we stop short of the river exit and walk our tubes back up the hill to ride other stalwart Schlitterbahn tube chutes.

Schlitterbahn is the German phrase for slippery road and the name is completely apropos. Opened in 1979, the water park now has four locations across the United States including a park in South Padre Island and one in Galveston. The New Braunfels location is split into two parks. The original site and another, newer park



that's located downriver and is accessible by frequently departing shuttle rides that scurries visitors back and forth between the parks

While the newer park annex has plenty of modern-themed rides like a boogie board attraction, child-friendly splash parks, and thrilling water slides with plenty of drops and twists, my family's favorite ride was The Falls. The Falls is a long, winding tube ride that mixes the excitement of river rapids interspersed with slow, leisurely floats. With multiple access points, you can get in and out of The Falls to make the ride as short or as long as you'd like. My advice, however, is to enjoy the entire float. While the actual falls are on one end of the lengthy, oblong ride, the opposite end features the Aquaveyer - a huge conveyer belt that totes riders and their tubes uphill and delivers them back into the river ride for another round.

While I've already floated the ride twice already, my wife and kids signal that they want to float around once more. While I want to go ride something else, I give in and float The Falls again.

And two more times after that.

Any questions or comments? Contact Russell at russell@russellgraves.com or visit his website at www.russellgraves.com

Weather Whys: Lightning Temperature

Q: How hot can a lightning bolt be?

A: Hotter than you probably think, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Scientists have done numerous experiments on this very subject," McRoberts explains, "and the air around a lightning bolt can reach as high as 55,000 degrees Fahrenheit. That's about five times hotter than the surface of the sun. That's why when the air gets that hot near a bolt of lightning, it expands faster than the speed of sound, and the expansion of the air into the cooler surrounding

air creates a sonic shock wave - and that's thunder. And since these waves originate along the path of a lightning bolt, there are several of these shock waves one right after another, each at a different altitude. That's why thunder often seems to rumble."

Q: How many volts are in a lightning bolt?

A: One bolt can contain hundreds of millions of volts of electricity, McRoberts adds. "That's why lightning can be such a killer - it is extremely powerful. Between 1979 and 2008, an average of 58 U.S.

residents were killed by lightning each year. Worldwide, there are about 2,000 thunderstorms at any given moment, causing 100 lightning strikes per second. It's been estimated that the Empire State Building in New York City is struck by lightning 50 to 100 times each year. The building was originally designed to serve as a lightning rod for the surrounding area."

Weather Whys is a service of the Department of Atmospheric Sciences at Texas A&M University.

QuickBooks courses scheduled in Lubbock and Amarillo

By Kay Ledbetter

AMARILLO – Returning for the 12th year in a row, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will offer QuickBooks Pro computer short courses on Aug. 19-20 in Amarillo and Sept. 9-10 in Lubbock.

The trainings will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day in both cities, said DeDe Jones, AgriLife Extension risk management specialist in Amarillo, who will coordinate the event in that city. Jay Yates, AgriLife Extension risk management specialist in Lubbock, will coordinate the Lubbock course.

Both events will be held at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center in their respective cities. They are located at 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd. in Amarillo and 1102 E. Farm-to-Market Road 1294 north of Lubbock.

"Based on follow-up surveys, attendees have received an average economic benefit of more than \$2,000 per year," Jones said. "We've presented the program to almost 360 producers through the years."

QuickBooks Pro is a double-entry business accounting program often used by agricultural lenders and producers, Jones said. In the two-day course, participants will learn to enter transactions into the program and analyze costs and profits. No prior computer experience is necessary.

Registration for each two-day course is \$125 and includes computer use and teaching materials. Couples are encouraged to attend and will be charged only one registration fee if they share a computer. Class size is limited to 15 people to provide a hands-on experience for all participants, Jones said.

Those planning to attend should RSVP by Aug. 12 for the Amarillo session and by Sept. 2 for the Lubbock session. Payment is due upon arrival on the first day of the course.

For more information or to register, contact Yates at 806-746-6101 or jayates@ag.tamu.edu or Jones at 806-677-5667, djones@ag.tamu.edu.

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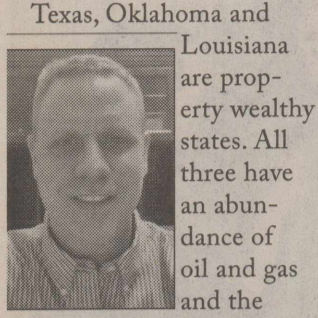
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There are a few states which are positioned very well for the distant future. It hasn't been talked about that much in the press, but since this is real news, it doesn't surprise me.



CHRIS BLACKBURN is the head-quarters for major oil and gas companies.

What does this mean? Check this out: For the first time I can remember, a Saudi billionaire is warning the country that the play happening in the U.S. is a growing threat to Saudi Arabia and the country needs to diversify their economy quickly.

Prince Alwaleed bin Talal, a Saudi Arabian investor, penned an open letter to the Saudi oil minister: "Our country is facing continuous threat because of its almost total dependency on oil ... we see that raising North American shale gas production is an inevitable

threat." Oil revenue accounts for 92 percent of the Saudi budget.

U.S. imports from Opec were at a 15-year low last year.

Projections say that the U.S. will become the world's major oil producer within the next 5-10 years. My how times have changed.

If these projections come to fruition, the three states mentioned above will play a huge role. How big?

Andrews County Texas, which is home to just over 15,000 people, just presented their tax evaluation for their upcoming budget. The amount was eye-popping. I mean, how would you like being a commissioner in a county with a \$6 billion tax base?

Andrews County is just one of dozens in Texas that are literally making a fortune.

If oil prices remain around \$100 a barrel for the foreseeable future, we could very well see a boom unlike anything we've seen in my lifetime.

Why Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana?

The short answer is private landowners. The vast majority of land is owned by private citizens. Alaska, Colorado and California

could be joining the boom, but a large amount of land in those states is owned by the U.S. government which, as you know, is under the impression that oil is bad.

The net result: the south is gaining population and power. It's where the jobs are. Good paying jobs in oil and gas or related businesses.

On top of the jobs, serious investments are being made in education by wealthy independent school districts to attract students. Some towns are out of housing and you see trailers galore swamping the RV parks. And in some counties, you see rows of hotels being built just to house the workforce.

I don't know what the future holds, but times are pretty good in the south when compared to many other states. There should be growing opportunities for these states to invest in themselves creating good places to raise children and chase the American Dream.

One day, some really smart people will develop the technology which will phase out our need for fossil fuels. Until that point, these states are going to grab as much oil and cash as possible. It's simple economics...

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Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Tim Franks, Pastor Terry Simmons, Minister of Ed./Music Josh Burgett - Min. Students Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Morning Worship ... 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study ... 6:30 p.m. *****</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Lockney Jonathan Sullivan, Pastor Chad Cook, Youth Min. Phil Cotham, Music Min. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday..... 6:30 p.m. Wednesday (Youth). 7:15 p.m. *****</p>	<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Floydada Rev. Les Hall, Pastor Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School..... 10:50 a.m. Youth (Sunday)..... 5:00 p.m. Youth (Wednesday) .. 6:30 p.m. *****</p> <p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Lockney Rev. Ricky Carstensen Pastor Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Evening Service..... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Jr. High 5:30 p.m. Wed. High School... 6:30 p.m. *****</p> <p>GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Joe Bennett, Pastor Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Evening Service..... 7:30 p.m. Tuesday 8:00 p.m. Wed. Service 7:30 p.m. *****</p> <p>MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST Lockney Beau A. Hart, Minister Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m. Wednesday 7:30 p.m. *****</p> <p>MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Floydada Rev. Timothy Askew 401 N 12th St (983-5805) Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Study .. 7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p>NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH Floydada Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges (806) 637-0430 Sunday Singing 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m. *****</p> <p>OUT REACH HARVEST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH 310 E. Mississippi Floydada Rev. David Ramos, Pastor Ester Ramos, Praise Leader Sunday Bible... 10:00 a.m. Morning Praise.. 11:00 a.m. Evening Praise 5:00 p.m. Wed. 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PEN PALS

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ing to Moore, it is so cold they can only go out to the mailbox to retrieve the mail and it is pretty isolated.

Since 2013, the Moore family—parents Sam and Sharie, Brett, Clay and Jake—had been planning an exciting vacation to Alaska. The last stop would be Central, Alaska, approximately 100 miles east of Fairbanks, to meet Willis and her family.

They flew from Lubbock, to Dallas, and then to Anchorage where they spent a few days exploring the sights. Sam and Clay went on a fishing trip to catch salmon, while the rest went to a museum which centered on Inuit history. The family visited Denali National Park and saw caribou, bears, moose, a red fox, and baby mew gulls (similar to sea gulls) while touring the park. Nature was all around and they took advantage of the hiking trails. Because of the cloudiness, though, Mt. McKinley was not visible that day.

The last leg of the adventure led to Central down 101 miles of paved and dirt roads.

The time had finally arrived that they would meet face-to-face, they hadn't even spoke



The Moore and Willis families pose for a dual family portrait in the pretty Central, Alaska surroundings. Sharie Moore not pictured.

the telephone up to that point.

"When I met her it was nice to finally put a face with the letters," said Moore. "We knew each other, were both kind of shy...but after a few days we were like best friends!"

Their families were very similar Moore recalled.

"Our moms were very much alike and our dads liked to talk. She loves to read like me, she's very intelligent and we're very alike," said Moore.

His brothers got along great with her sister Bianca, 13, and they enjoyed hours of playing by the creek and fishing.

The last day in Central, the families made a big fire and roasted marshmallows for

s'mores together. A nice conclusion to a trip shared between two families who were once strangers, but now friends.

On the ride back to Anchorage, Mt. McKinley made its debut, emerging from behind the clouds finally. They stopped the car and everyone piled out to take pictures.

Moore explained that having a pen pal has "given me a new friend who I can tell anything to, I'm able to learn about different things and about each other."

The trip to Alaska gave him a lot of time to think about everything.

"It kind of cleared (my) mind and opened (me) up to everything new," said Moore.

KCBD Channel 11 broadcasts from Downtown Floydada



KCBD

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landscape, the impact of KFLP radio station and how it has grown beyond the owner's expectations and the Floyd County Historical Museum's display of artifacts form the area's first settlers were also featured.

Mayor Bobby Gilliland presented a miniature pumpkin, made by Soto, to the KCBD team in honor of the special occasion.

The winner of the Finders Keepers scavenger hunt, hosted by Anderson Brothers Jewelry, was Josh Burgett, First Baptist Church of Floydada's student minister. He found the necklace, with a diamond-filled heart valued at \$3,800 in the Floyd County library. The winner

of the Gator didn't go to a Floydada resident, but a man from Plainview, due to the entries from all of the Ray Lee Equipment stores being added to Floydada's drawing according to Floydada Chamber of Commerce Manager Kim Perez.

Under the pavilion, guests were serenaded by gospel music sung by Women of Courage and later by the voice of Evan Johnson. Five hundred and twelve hotdogs were served by the Atmos Energy team cooked on their "Big Blue" traveling grill. Entertainment was also provided by Kirby Nixon playing the fiddle and music by dj Gilbert Trevino.

An on-site 16-foot water slide helped cool down all the children, while older kids and adults took refuge under trees and the pavilion where popcorn and snow

cones were served and t-shirts were given away by the Chamber of Commerce. Pumpkin train ran all evening, provided by Adam Soto, with Advanced Coatings Unlimited, and Assiter Pumpkin farm.

Performing free blood sugar/ cholesterol screenings and blood pressure checks was Accolade Home Health. Judge Penny Golightly hosted a come and go meal that the television hosts and crew attended, getting a quiet and cool respite from the heat.

After Bingo under the pavilion, the night ended with the ten o'clock broadcast which was attended by many townspeople.

KCBD's Josh Young stated that it was a really great event and how the town turned out.

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