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Pritchett celebrates 96 years due to good genes

By Charles Keaton
 The Hesperian-Beacon

From rural Arkansas to rural West Texas, Early Price Pritchett, Jr. has spent most of his 96 years living on or around farming.

Beginning life on Nov. 5, 1917, Pritchett grew up in Howard and Pike counties in Arkansas. Pritchett's dad, Early Price Pritchett, Sr., passed away when Pritchett was only five months old due to tuberculosis. Early, Sr. had come to Whiteflat, Texas because of the TB but did not live long after the move. He is buried in the Whiteflat Cemetery. This left Pritchett's mom to raise four children, all under the age of seven.

Pritchett's unusual name comes from his grandfather naming his children after southern generals. Early is from Lt. Gen. Jubal Anderson Early and Price comes from Maj. Gen. Sterling Price. The Early Price name is now in its fifth generation with Pritchett's son, grandson and great-grandson.

Sometime during his youth, Pritchett sustained an injury to his leg that left him crippled. Initially, doctors thought it was polio but when he was nine, his mom and step-dad took him to Shriner's

Hospital in Shreveport, La. where they discovered his kneecap was permanently damaged. In later years, this injury would also prevent him from enlisting during World War II and make it hard to even find work.

Because of this injury, Pritchett was not able to keep up in school. The one-room schoolhouse was about three miles away and since he had difficulty walking, he could not always attend. But as most kids of that era, he still had his fun.

"We made our own play pretties," Pritchett said. "We made stilts, slingshots and a cart type sled for rolling down the hills. We also played with the old wheel rim and stick."

In an era when many people were struggling financially, they had to find innovative ways to supply the family with food. One of the ways that Pritchett could remember was when they would use green walnuts to draw fish to the top of the creek.

"We would put the green walnuts in a tow sack and then pound them out. When we drug it in the creek, the fish would come to the top. It made it easy to catch them," Pritchett said.

In the hills of Arkansas, there were lots of wild berries and nuts that supplied the family. Next-door was the Highland Peach Orchard



Early Pritchett, Jr. celebrated his 96th birthday on Nov. 5. He credits good genes for his long life.



Courtesy Photos
 Four generations: Early Price Pritchett, Jr. (seated) is surrounded by Early Price Pritchett, III, Early Price Pritchett, IV and Early Price Pritchett, V. Early Price Pritchett, Sr. was named for two southern Civil War generals and the name has continued through the generations.

that had lots of peaches and apples. At its peak, the Highland Orchard was the largest in the country.

"The best peaches were the Indian which have a purple meat, but the orchard also had Melba peaches which were good too," Pritchett said.

Pritchett was able to spend some harvest seasons working at the orchard. The best job was in the shed because of being in the shade

and not in the hot sun. "I made 15 cents an hour," Pritchett said. "That was good money but the harvest only lasted about three weeks."

See PRITCHETT, Page 9

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.

SANTA LETTERS

It's getting close to that time again! Deadline for Santa Letters is Thursday, Dec. 4 at 4 p.m. Letters will be published in the Dec. 19 issue. Bring letters to the Hesperian-Beacon at 201 W. California Street. You can also mail them to: Hesperian-Beacon, 201 W. California St., Floydada, Texas 79235 or email them to: fchb.editor@yahoo.com

DINNER THEATER

The Lockney High School Theater and LIFE Foundation are joining together for a dinner theater on November 25, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lockney ISD cafeteria. For \$20 per plate you can enjoy an evening out, steak and all the trimmings provided by the LIFE Foundation and The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon theater presentation by the Lockney High School Theater.

BUFFALO GRASS CHAPTER

The Buffalo Grass Chapter, National Society - Daughters of the American Revolution will hold their regular meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the West Side Church of Christ in Lockney. Interested parties are invited to attend. There will be a historical program on Irish names.

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING!

Santa Claus is comin' to Floydada! He will arrive December 5th at 6 p.m. at the First National Bank of Floydada foyer. Please bring your cameras if you wish to take pictures of your child with Santa.

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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Lockney Community Thanksgiving Service slated for Nov. 24

The churches of the Lockney and surrounding communities would like to invite everyone for our annual community Thanksgiving service to be hosted by the First United Methodist Church of Lockney on Sunday, November 24, at 6:00pm. We are asking that you bring canned food items for the local Salvation Army. The Salvation Army also is in need of children and adult shoes, children and adult clothing, and blankets and coats. You can bring the items Sunday evening or by the local Salvation Army in Lockney during their open hours.

We are planning an exciting celebration of Thanksgiving and an update on the ministry of the Salvation Army. Immediately following, the Thanksgiving Service, there will be a time of fellowship. So please be our quest this coming Sunday, November 24, at 6:00pm in Lockney at the First United Methodist Church. We will see you there.

Community-Wide Christmas Celebration

By Les Hall
 Pastor
 First United Methodist Church

The Ministerial Alliance of Floydada will host a community-wide Christmas celebration on Sunday, December 15, 2013 at 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church.

This is an exciting time in our community to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ through authentic worship. There will be special music from a community choir, singing traditional Christmas Carols and messages that will bring hope to our lives.

The theme this year is "Love Came Down" and here is one of the verses:

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Wreck claims life of Childress woman



Courtesy Photo
 One person was killed and two others were injured when the driver of this 2001 Ford Explorer lost control and rolled just east of Lockney on Nov. 13 about 5:30 a.m. The vehicle burned as a result of the accident. None of the occupants were wearing seat belts. Texas Department of Public Safety are still investigating the cause of the accident.

By Ryan Mills
 The Childress Index

LOCKNEY — A wreck early Wednesday morning claimed the life of Viola Elena Saucedo, 19, of Childress.

According to the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) a 2001 Ford Explorer being driven by Clinton James Smith, 21, of Childress was traveling southeast of Lockney on U.S. 70 at approximately 5:30 a.m. when

the driver lost control and the vehicle rolled numerous times in the center median.

The driver, and front seat passenger, Terrence Jacoby Wright, 20, were ejected. Saucedo was trapped in the back seat of the vehicle. The vehicle caught fire and burned. Saucedo was pronounced dead at the scene.

None of the passengers were wearing seatbelts and the cause of the accident is still under investigation by DPS.

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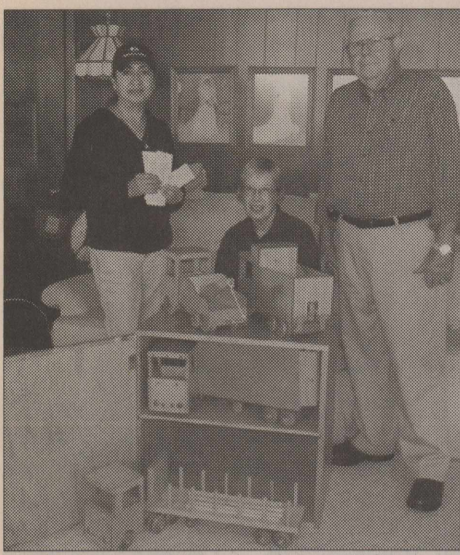
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SOCIETY

Floydada Senior Citizens Center Raffling Wooden Trucks, Painting



Courtesy Photos

Floydada Senior Citizens Center Director Sylvia Bueno accepts four wooden trucks and a storage cabinet from Dale and Charles Tyer. The Tyers built the trucks and cabinet. The Senior Citizens Center is raffling these as one package for \$5.00 per ticket. Contact Bueno at the Center if you are interested in purchasing tickets. The Center is also raffling off a painting by Verna Lynn Stewart.



Some of the current members include Faye Bertrand, Jerrold and Belle Vinson, Nancy Lawson, Frances Weathersbee and Margaret Soudelier.

By Charles Keaton & Melissa Long

Handmade, wooden trucks built by Charles and Dale Tyer are being raffled by the Floydada Senior Citizens Center. The four trucks also come with a wooden storage cabinet which measures 36x36x18. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the Center or next Tuesday at the grocery store.

Also, the Center is raffling an oil painting by Verna Lynn Stewart.

These are two separate raffles and tickets for each are \$5.00 apiece. The raffle drawings will be held at the Floydada Senior Citizens Center at 925 W. Crockett on Tuesday, Nov.

26 at 2 p.m. Refreshments will served prior to the drawing.

Sylvia Bueno, director of the center, encourages everyone to come see the new location which is the old Floydada Rehab and Care Center. Lunch is served Monday through Friday at noon. Some of the current members include Faye Bertrand, Jerrold and Belle Vinson, Nancy Lawson, Frances Weathersbee and Margaret Soudelier.

Volunteers are still working to get the new location prepared for additional activities. The committee overseeing the Center is planning to have activity nights including bingo, movies and exercise classes.

Museum Archives Civilization Comes to the Llano

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By Bill Gray

Of all the homesteaders arriving in West Texas during the late-1880s, perhaps none had more impact than Henry Clay "Hank" Smith. He came to America from Germany at the age of twelve, lived for a time in Ohio, and was beckoned to the West where he served in the Civil War.

The young adventurer was part of the Texas force that Major Henry H. Sibley led into New Mexico in an unsuccessful campaign to conquer the territory for the Confederacy. In the early 1870s, Smith became a buffalo hunter and arrived at Fort Griffin, Shackleford County, where he met and soon married Scottish born Elizabeth Boyle in 1874.

Hank Smith entered into a partnership with Charles P. Tasker, an Easterner of questionable character, who was building a rock house in Blanco Canyon-about 150 miles northwest of Fort Griffin. Young Tasker had hopes of establishing a ranch at the location, which only a short time earlier had been within two miles of a bloody encounter between Mackenzie's 4th Calvary and Quanah Parker's Comanches. Tasker, a spendthrift, became deeply indebted to his partner.

In order to satisfy the debt, Smith took possession of the rock house and homestead in the winter of 1877. Late that year Mrs. Smith joined her husband, and the Smith place became virtually "the anchor point to which ranching, farming, or the other things of civilized white men were fastened." The couple's determination to conquer the wilds of Blanco Canyon was the catalyst which hastened the settlement of Crosby and Floyd Counties and the entire South Plains.

The first post office west of Fort Griffin was located at the Smith house, which was called "Hacienda Glorieta." Elizabeth Smith, affectionately known to the locals as "Aunt Hank," was appointed postmaster at Mount Blanco-a position she held for thirty-seven years. It was from the location of the Smith house that former buffalo hunter Paris Cox and his Quakers set out to find what would become Estacado, the first organized settlement on the Texas High Plains.

Hank Smith dug the first water well and broke out the first thirty acres of farmland on the Plains at Estacado. He also laid the first roadway-a narrow path stretching over thirty miles from Hacienda Glorieta westward to Estacado. Buffalo bones were placed loosely on both sides of the road and were intended to help the traveler find his way. Many a disoriented pioneer would have surely lost his way in a driving blizzard or blinding sandstorm had it not been for Smith's bone-bordered path.

The development of

Estacado, formerly called "Marietta" in honor of Paris Cox's wife, triggered an even greater influx of settlers to the Plains. Although the Llano had been thought to be a land too arid for successful cultivating, the optimistic newcomers could foresee the buffalo lands' conversion into productive farmlands.

On August 21, 1876 the Texas Legislature created fifty-four new counties out of Bexar and Young Territories, which included Crosby, Lubbock, and Floyd. When Crosby County was formalized, Estacado was designated the County Seat in September, 1886-making it the first seat of justice on the Llano. Thirteen other counties were attached to Crosby for judicial purposes, including Floyd and Lubbock.

Many of the namesakes for the fifty-four counties created in 1876 were heroes of the Texas Independence and notable leaders in the early days of the Republic. Such was the case bbook and Floyd Counties.

Lubbock County, as well as the city of Lubbock was named for Thomas Saltus Lubbock, originally from Charleston, South Carolina. At the age of eighteen, Lubbock volunteered for the New Orleans Greys and fought at the Siege of Bexar in December, 1835. He became legendary as the co-founder of Terry's Texas Rangers of Civil War fame.

Floyd County was named in honor of Dolphin Ward Floyd, a North Carolinian who had arrived in Texas as a member of the New Orleans Greys during the fight for Texas Independence. Floyd, along with well-known Texas patriots David Crockett, James Bowie, and William B. perished during the defense of the Alamo on March 6, 1836.

The first white man with a family to permanently locate in Floyd County was Arthur Beasley. The family came by covered wagon in 1884 and homesteaded in a dugout in Blanco (a short distance from today's

Plains Baptist Assembly). Duncan and his wife, the Sarah Kizziar Day, were married in 1882 in Montague County, Texas. The Duncan's arrived in Floyd County, accompanied by their young son, Silas, and a twelve year old orphan Robert Price.

A.B. Duncan dared to raise sheep in cattle country. While her husband was away selling wool at market, Sarah was confronted by night riders who tried to scare away the young family. She responded to their threats with "the business end of a cocked shotgun," and informed the intruders that she would use it if they ever returned-which they didn't. The Duncan family lived in the dugout for about six years before moving into Floyd City.

When Floyd County was organized, Duncan would be elected the first County Judge. He later became involved in real estate, and the abstract company which he founded still carries the Duncan name.

Blanco Canyon became the hub of immigrant activity by 1886. The Public School Land Act of 1877 had provided for state school land to be sold for two dollars per acre, with payments deferred for forty years.

Following the act's passage, the arrival of newcomers increased rapidly. Driven from Baylor by a severe drought, T. J. Braidfoot was forced to find new grazing ranges for his cattle.

In 1886 he drove his herds to the central portion of Floyd County where "the grass was lush and knee high."

Braidfoot formed a partnership with John L. McLain, from Seymour, and McLain's nephew, Jim S. McLain from Baylor County.

In 1887 these men organized Della Plain- the first town in Floyd County.

The settlement was named in honor of Jim McLain's daughter, Della, and the founders had high expectations that the town would become the soon-to-be-named County Seat.

LOCKNEY SENIOR CITIZEN MENU November 25 - November 29

- Monday - Chicken strips
- Tuesday - Enchilada casserole
- Wednesday - Chicken and dumplings
- Thursday - Closed Thanksgiving
- Friday - Closed Thanksgiving

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margarette Word

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Just a reminder that the Center will be closed Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29 for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Just a reminder if you plan on eating at the Center please call Sylvia ahead of time to let her know that you will be eating with us. Also for our regulars that eat each day, if you can't be there please let her know

We do appreciate you remembering the Center when you need to make a memorial donation. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235. Our phone number is 983-2032.

MENU

November 25 - November 29

Monday - Baked chicken & dumplings, whole wheat roll, margarine, tossed salad w/dressing, winter fruit cup, low-fat milk

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

Wednesday - Breaded chicken tenders, baked potato w/sour cream, peas & carrots, strawberries w/whipped topping, low-fat milk

Thursday - Closed

Friday - Closed

Lockney City Council passes interlocal agreement with County, SPAG

By Charles Keaton

The Hesperian-Beacon

Meeting in regular session on Nov. 15, the Lockney City Council passed resolutions that provide for a working agreement with South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) in regards to a Texas Department of Agriculture Disaster Relief grant.

SPAG will provide administrative services during the grant time period. The Council also appointed Courtney Paz of SPAG as Labor Standards Officer for

the grant period.

In other action, the Council has approved an interlocal agreement with Floyd County, pending Floyd County Commissioners Court approval, which provides law enforcement services for the City of Lockney. The agreement will be on the Commissioners' agenda at the Dec. 9 meeting.

Rosie Rendon reported, in public forum, that the South Plains Community Action (SPCA) will host a ribbon cutting for two homes that have been rehabbed. Also,

she said that the homes the county is constructing with SPCA are nearly complete. SPCA is still interested in building additional homes in Lockney if the city can designate some lots to be donated to SPCA.

Rendon said there is still interest from builders to build homes on lots that the city designates. These homes would be 15-year, no interest loans.

The Council has decided to not appoint a mayor at this time since there will be a regular election in May 2014.

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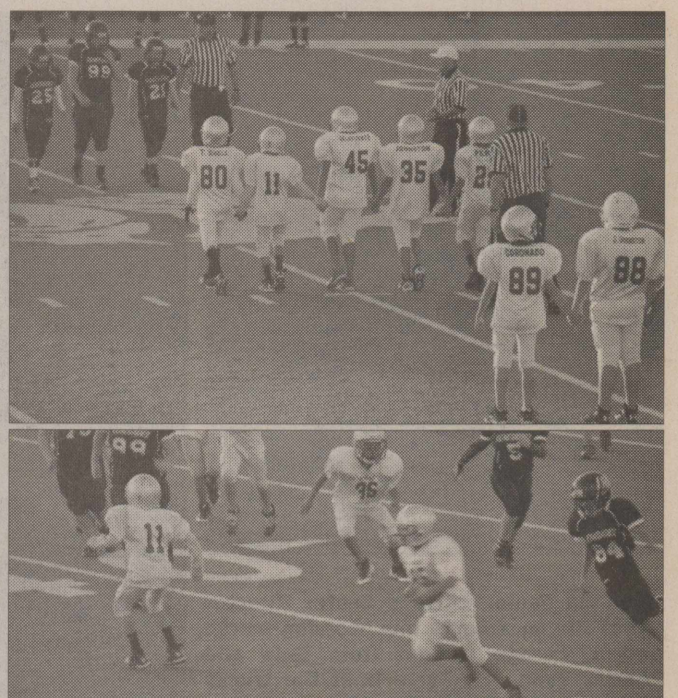
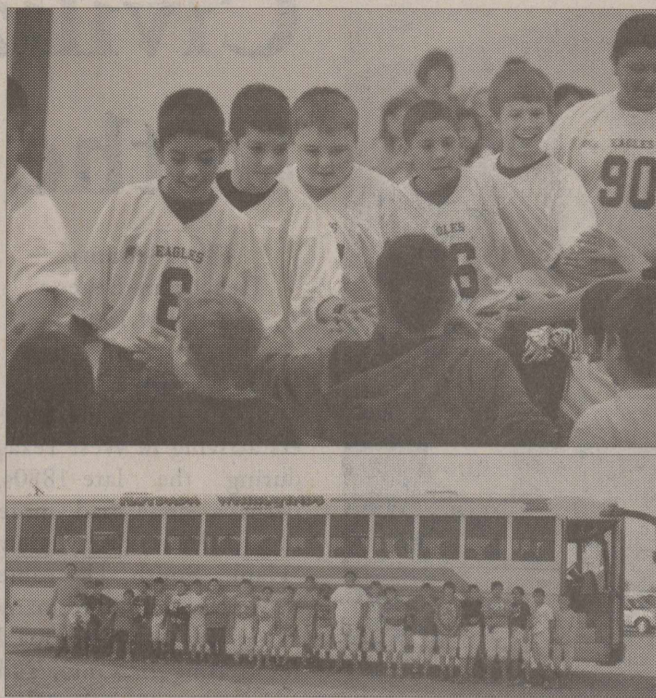
The family of Myrtle Minner would like to express their sincere appreciation shown to our family during the passing of our loved one. Thank you for the cards, food, visits, flowers, prayers and other loving deeds.

Thank you so much for the support that was shown to my son, Wayland Carthel, and myself, for allowing us the privilege and opportunity to go on the 2013 Honor Flight for the WWII, Korean and Viet Nam Veterans, I was honored to be a participant of the Honor Flight. We both appreciate the luncheon that the 4-H members and parents prepared and served to help raise money for my son and I to attend. It was a worthwhile trip to be able to visit the Nation's Capital city, the World War II memorial, Korean, Viet Nam memorials, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Capital and shake hands with our District Representative Randy Neugebauer, and our Texas Senator, Ted Cruz. This trip was 'dream of a lifetime' to be able to share with my son. Again I want to say a big "Thank You" for the memories I will hold dear to my heart from now on.

Thank you so much,
Wayland L. Carthel
W. L. (Lavirn) Carthel

FLOYDADA SCHOOL

Eagles Capture Third Place by Defeating Renegades



The Eagles, Floydada's 5th & 6th Grade Tiger League football team, competed in the Orange Bowl last Saturday in Plainview in their final game for this 2013 season. By defeating the Muleshoe Renegades by a score of 14-8, the Eagles finished 3rd in the area league which includes teams from Post, Plainview, Tulia, Lockney and others, with an overall season record of 9-1.

Hinton participates in McMurry Honors Program

ABILENE, TX (11/14/2013)-- Katie Hinton, a Senior History major from Floydada, Texas is participating in the McMurry University Honors Program during the 2013-14 academic year. She is the daughter of James and Sharon Hinton of Floydada.

The McMurry University Honors Program is a four-year honors track designed to enrich the college experience of our most outstanding students. Honors courses are small, are taught by our best professors, and guarantee a stimulating intellectual challenge to our brightest students.

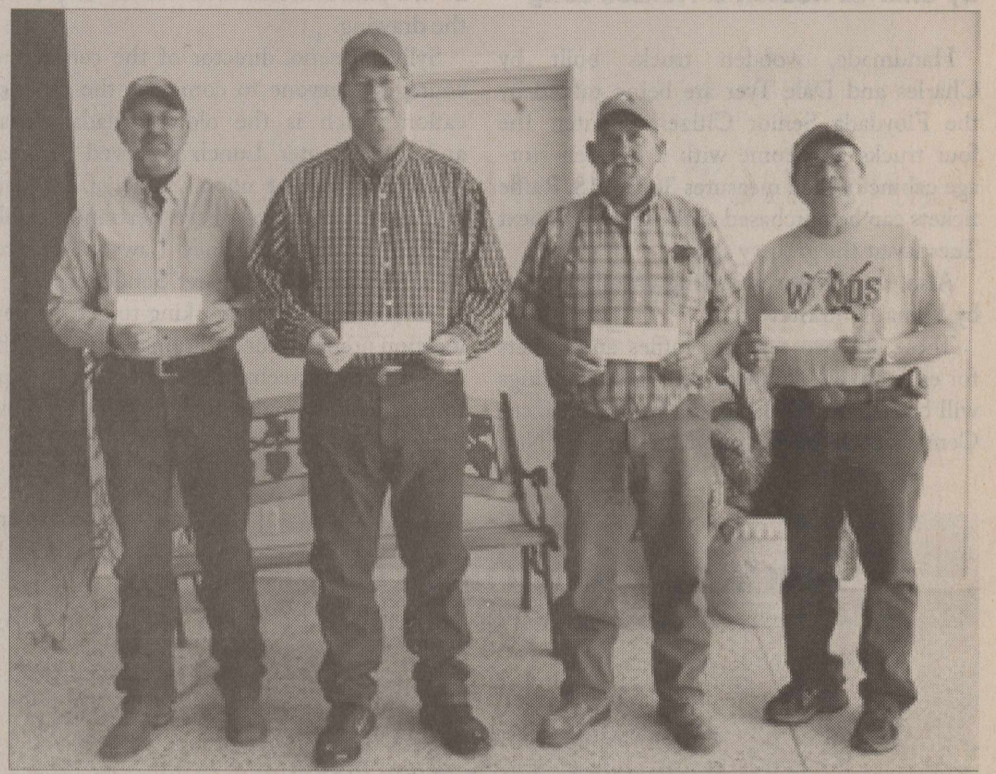
During the senior year, each honors student prepares a thesis that stands as the pinnacle of academic achievement on our campus. The thesis is the product of the student's independent research conducted under the supervision of his or her major professors. Our honors theses have won national and regional awards. Beginning in the freshman year, every honor student has the opportunity to travel to the Great Plains Regional

Honors Conference to present an academic paper. Honors courses, thesis research, and conference participation help honors students develop the skills, creative independence, and confidence necessary for success in graduate training and professional life.

McMurry students have a proven track record of academic excellence. Recent graduates have been accepted for advanced study at Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Duke, Rice, Carnegie-Mellon, the Mayo Clinic, Wake Forest, Vanderbilt, Notre Dame, Washington and Lee, Purdue, Emory, Baylor, SMU, TCU, Texas Tech, the Law, Medical, and Dental Schools of the University of Texas, and a number of other prestigious institutions.

McMurry University is committed to providing opportunities and experiences to ensure that every McMurry student achieves their maximum potential in their careers, their personal relationships, and in their roles as moral citizens and contributing members of society.

Football Contest Winners



The Hesperian-Beacon's Football Contest winners pictured were (l-r) Johnny Dorman (1st), Coy LaBaume (2nd), Franklin Harris (Tied 3rd), and Sammy Bradley (Tied 3rd). Not pictured was Max Yeary (Tied 3rd). We would once again like to say "Thank You" to all the participants and sponsors that make this contest possible.

Whirlwind Football

Whirlwinds suffer season-ending loss to Roosevelt

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

In a game that had no playoff implications, the Floydada Whirlwinds hosted the Roosevelt Eagles in the final game of the season for both squads. The Eagles limited the Whirlwinds to 297 total yards as they took a 48-8 victory.

Roosevelt took an early lead when Derek Coppedge found Tray Bass for a 10 yard touchdown pass with 9:18 left in the first quarter to go up 7-0.

Coppedge and Bass connected again for an 11 yard scoring play with 40

seconds left in the first quarter stretch their lead to 13-0.

With 4:03 left in the first half, Coppedge found Bass a third time for a 22 yard touchdown pass to increase the lead to 19-0. Coppedge connected with J. D. Rojas for a 52 yard score with 1:19 left in the half and following the 2-point conversion, had a 27-0 lead.

In the third quarter, Roosevelt continued to light up the scoreboard when their running back raced in from 34 yards out to make it 34-0 with 6:30 left in the quarter.

Floydada finally found the end zone with 4:16

left in the quarter when Aaron Chavarria found J. P. Segura for a 6-yard touchdown pass to make it 34-8.

The Eagles scored again with 41 seconds left in the quarter when Coppedge found Chance Miller for a 45 yard touchdown pass to make it 41-8.

With 6:10 left in the game, Coppedge connected with Brendon Wright from eight yards out to set the final score at 48-8.

Offensively for the game, the Whirlwinds managed 297 total yards including 240 yards rushing and 57 yards passing. Individually, Chavarria rushed 22 times for 178 yards and Corbin Nutt carried 9 times for 56 yards.

Chavarria was also 5-15 for 57 yards, one touchdown and one interception.

Segura had two receptions for 32 yards and a touchdown and DeAndre McCann had two catches for 27 yards.

Roosevelt had 468 total yards including 131 yards rushing and 337 yards passing.

Individually, Christian Silva had nine carries for 53 yards. Coppedge was 18-35 passing for 337 yards and six touchdowns.

Bass had eight receptions for 127 yards and three touchdowns, Rojas had four catches for 75 yards and a touchdown, Miller had one reception for 45 yards and a touchdown and Wright had one reception for eight yards and a touchdown.

Floydada finished the regular season at 1-9 and 0-5 in district. Roosevelt finished the year at 4-6 and 1-4 in district.

Area Football Results

Area Teams Bi-District Playoff Results

District 2-2A Div. 2

Canadian 54, Olton 6
Post 41, Highland Park 27
Spearman 28, Tulia 22
Abernathy 56, Sanford Fritch 6

District 2-1A Div. 1

Sundown first round bye
New Deal 56, Clarendon 21
Panhandle 48, Hale Center 42

Other area teams:

Motley County 60, Lefors 6
Happy 108, Paducah 91
Valley 56, McLean 8
Sudan 41, Crosbyton 36
Ralls first round bye

Area Round Schedule

District 2-2A Div. 2

Post vs. Sonora 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Colorado City
Abernathy vs. Crane 7:30 p.m. Friday, Seminole

District 2-1A Div. 1

New Deal vs. Seymour 7:00 p.m. Friday, Abilene
Sundown vs. Windthorst 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sweetwater

Other area teams:

Motley County vs. New Home 7:00 p.m. Friday, Nazareth
Happy vs. Grady 7:30 p.m., Friday Petersburg
Valley vs. Borden County 7:30 p.m. Friday, Slaton
Ralls vs. Booker 7:00 p.m. Friday, Amarillo

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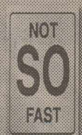
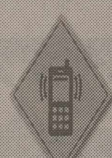
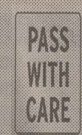
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LOCKNEY SCHOOL

Lady Horns Basketball

Lockney Varsity Girls go 1-1 last week

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

Lockney's varsity girls won one game and lost one game during the week of Nov. 11.

On Tuesday night, the girls lost the Abernathy 82-56. Tanae Ramos had 14 points, 12 rebounds and four assists to lead the Lady Horns. Kennedy Hallmark had eight points, two rebounds and two assists, Alexis Rodriguez had eight points and one rebound, Alanie Rendon had five points and one assist and Anna Hernandez had two points and one assist. Others that contributed were Heather Fierros with four points, Brittany Thompson with two points and three rebounds, Whitney Ascencio had two points and five rebounds

and Darby Long had two points and three rebounds. The junior varsity girls also lost to Abernathy.

On Friday night, the girls defeated Plainview Christian 42-35. Alanie Rendon led the way with 13 points, two rebounds and two assists. Kennedy Hallmark added nine points and four rebounds, Alexis Rodriguez added seven points, two rebounds and two assists and Tanae Ramos had five points, eight rebounds and two assists. Also, Darby Long had four points and five rebounds, Whitney Ascencio had two points, one rebound and one assist, Brittany Thompson had one point and Anissa Guerrero had one point and two rebounds.

On Monday, Nov. 11, the freshmen girls lost to Floydada 33-12.

Lockney 4-H News



Courtesy Photo
Last week the Lockney 4-H club collected and donated over 50 canned and dry goods to the Lockney Salvation Army Food Closet. If you can help the Salvation Army in any way, please contact their office. Pictured are (l-r) Stephen Setliff, Jake Bramlet, Brinley Lefevre, Alicia Luna, Haygen Lefevre, Terry Gonzales, Lolly Sanchez, and Kara Sanchez.

Junior High Basketball

Lockney Eighth Grade Boys Win Smyer Tournament

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

Traveling to the Smyer Junior High Tournament, the Eighth Grade Boys were able to bring home the championship trophy.

In the first game, the

boys defeated Ralls 42-6. Lockney was led in scoring by Jaden Rosales with 15 points, Isreal Cuellar had nine, Tristan Schluter had six and Ricky Cuellar, Julio Lara, Kevin Lopez, John Cleto, Jose Gonzales and C.J. Ascencio each scored

two points.

In the championship game, the boys defeated Hale Center 37-31.

Lockney was led by Jaden Rosales with 33 points and Ricky Cuellar had the other four points.

Lockney ISD approves new copy machine contracts; adjunct faculty

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

Meeting in regular session, the Lockney ISD School Board awarded a new contract for district copy machines.

Benchmark of Lubbock was awarded a 36-month contract for Xerox copiers on all campuses, the band hall and the administrative offices. The contract rate will be \$1,095.44 a month. The current rate has been \$1,255.38 a month.

In other action, the Board approved Floyd County 4-H as an extracurricular activity for Lockney ISD and in conjunction with this, approved Amy Kress, County Extension Agent, as an adjunct faculty member. This resolution allows the district to count students present when attending 4-H activities or contest during school hours.

The Board also approved a resolution to cast a vote for the Hale County Appraisal Board. Superintendent Phil Cotham presented the

Highly Qualified Report that indicated that each campus is 100 percent Highly Qualified.

Jennifer Sullivan, from Lockney Elementary, presented the Board information about the "Snack Pak 4 Kids" program that the elementary is participating in this year. Each Friday, students that have been screened and qualified, are given a Snack Pak filled with 10 to 12 healthy weekend snacks such as stable milk, juice boxes, peanut butter or cheese crackers, trail mix, breakfast cereal, pop tarts, fruit cups and beef stew. This allows a child that is living in a home where the food supply is insecure to have at least some food during the weekend. Most qualified students are on-free or reduced price breakfast and lunches. All of the snacks are provided through private donations and there is no cost to the school campus or district.

High school principal Todd Hallmark reported that they submitted 154 students at the snapshot date.

This number will be used by the University Interscholastic League for the biennial realignment which will be announced in early February.

Hallmark also mentioned that Jake Bramlet, Katie Jackson and Dixie Williams had qualified for the Area FFA contest as a Radio Team.

Junior high principal Craig Setliff reported they had 100 students enrolled.

The students are currently collection supplies to donate to the Ronald McDonald House.

The junior high will be participating in the district UIL meet during the first week of December.

Elementary principal Jean Anne Williams was on the road from the fifth grade trip to Austin.

Athletic Director Malcolm Moerbe reported that basketball was in full swing with all squads from junior high to varsity in action.

The next scheduled board meeting will be Dec. 16 at 6 p.m.

Salvation Army Needs Your Assistance

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

As winter time and holidays approach, the Salvation Army in Lockney needs your help. Winter clothing, blankets and coats are in high demand but also any other spare clothing in all sizes is needed. The store will also accept any household items including furniture and decorations. The food pantry is also running low so canned foods are needed to help those that need food. Monetary donations may be dropped at the store or mailed to: Salvation Army, PO Box 672,

Lockney, TX 79241.

The store is located at 108 N. Main in Lockney. Store hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The store manager is Alicia Luna and she can be contacted during the day at 806-283-6452.

You may drop items off during store hours or for your convenience there is a drop off box located behind the building for clothing items. Due to the cold weather, do not drop food items into the box, but if you cannot make it down during store hours, call Alicia and she will be glad to open up for you.

Christmas Ball at Quartz Mountain Resort Dec. 13

Dance all night, dance a little longer. Or just sit and visit with the neighbors. Music from Wendell Sollis and The Sidekicks All Star Band will live up the Christmas season Friday, Dec. 13, with a Christmas Ball at Quartz Mountain Resort to sounds of Western Swing, Classic Country, Cajun, and Big Band music.

Bandleader Sollis plays tenor and five-string banjo. His lead guitarist is Joe Settlemires, jazz and Western Swing musician.

"This band can do it all," Sollis said.

Settlemires played at age 19 with Bob Wills, the iconic bandleader known as the King of Western Swing. Settlemires has since played with a "Who's Who" of country legends, including Willie Nelson and Tex Ritter. He's also performed with the Oklahoma City Symphony Orchestra.

The Christmas Ball will begin at 8 p.m. in the Quartz Mountain Ball Room.

Tickets are \$30 purchased in advance or \$35.00 at the door. Contact J W Sollis at jwsollis@yahoo.com or (940) 839 7870 or call KEYB Radio, (580) 482 1555, or Bar Circle Rentals, (580) 482 5567.

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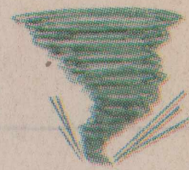
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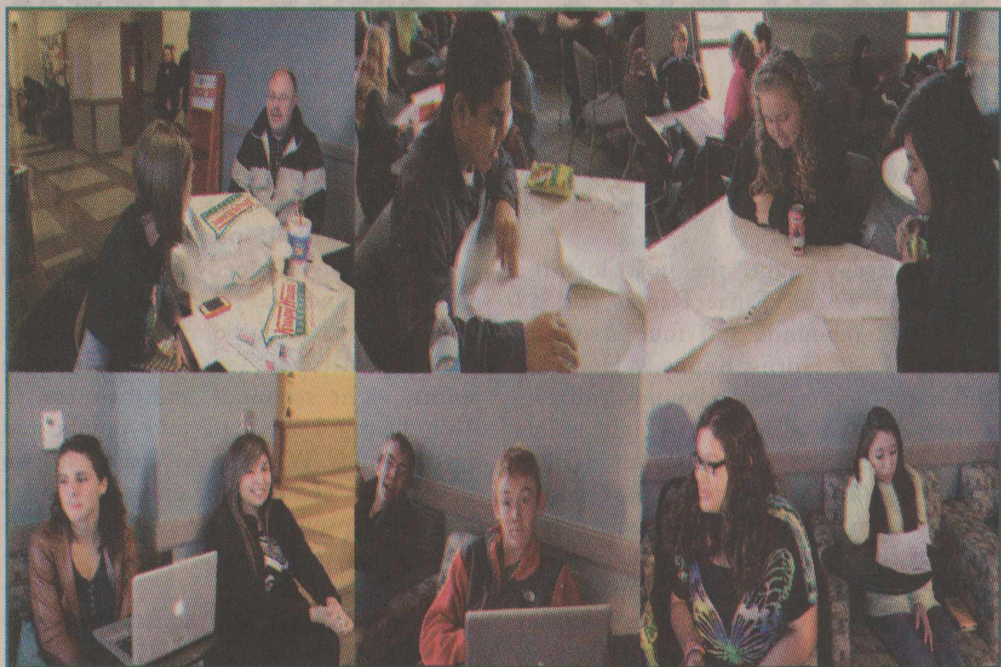
By Kimberly Pacheco
Staff Writer

As a way of bonding for the upcoming holiday season, AB Duncan held a Thanksgiving lunch on November 10, 2013 in the cafeteria. The plate consisted of delicious turkey, dressing, brown gravy, rolls, fresh green beans, and a fruit salad with tea or milk as the beverage. One of the many things the students enjoyed the most about their lunch was the company. "I like that I can eat lunch with my parents," said fourth grader Jazmine Coronado. "My favorite part is that I get

to hang out with my parents at school," said Erin Trevino. The fact that they received an early Thanksgiving dinner was what some students were looking forward to this week. "We get to celebrate early, and we get to have Thanksgiving with our families," said first grader, Kirsten Pyle. Most students' favorite part about this event was the delicious food the cafeteria ladies prepared for this day. "My favorite part is that we get to eat turkey," said Caleb Speed, AB Duncan Elementary student. By having events like this

yes it take a lot of work, but the teachers see what good it does to the students to take their mind off of school for a bit and concentrate on being united with their families and friends. "To have mom and dad come up with them to their school, to see where they have their classes because some students take their parents to their classroom after lunch," said Teacher's Aide, Libby Galvan. "They enjoy being able to eat not only with parents but with their friends. All of them being together for Thanksgiving I think that's the biggest thing."

High School UIL Attends First Meet



By Hunter Schwertner –
Assistant Editor

On Saturday, November 16, 2013, the Floydada High School UIL teams attended the Fall Fandango invitational meet at Texas Tech University. After the contest, the coaches and students have a positive outlook on the rest of the competition season. "These types of meets are always good for the students," said current events

coach, Pake Freeman. "It's a great way to boost everyone's confidence." "When we attend these meets, I always have a chance to see what I need to improve on and that gives us hope for the remainder of the year," said senior, Cristal Irlas. These practice meets are expected to benefit the students greatly. "It's important that I came to this event because this is

my first time competing in Feature Writing. This meet has really helped me understand how to fully craft my writing skills," said senior, Alora Ferrara. "These practices are important because they help us prepare for our meet next spring," said senior, Michaela Jackson. "By being in an identical environment to the actual contest, it gives us an idea of what the real deal will be like."

District FFA Competition Poses Challenge



By Tucker Lowrance –
Staff Writer

On November 14, 2013, the Floydada Future Farmers of America (FFA) members competed in the Plainview district contest that was held in Abernathy. There were many students who gave it their all in the events that took place Thursday. The Chapter Conducting Team consisted of Brayden Campbell, Casey Cage, Alfonso Mendoza, Mark McGowen,

Grant Potts, Marcos Cervera, and Carson Turner. There was also a Radio Broadcasting Team that consisted of Logan Everett, Reagan Hughes, and Rita Martinez. Both teams competed very well, even though the end result wasn't quite what they had expected. Kirby Nixon was the lone participant in the Senior Creed Speaking competition. Senior Creed Speaking is where contestants recite the FFA creed in front of a panel of three judges. "Out of twenty-five contes-

tants, I placed sixth this year," said sophomore, Kirby Nixon. "Although I messed up a little, I still thought I did great. I did better than what I have in the past." The FFA organization will continue to work very hard in hopes to advance their placing for the next competition. "There is always room for improvement," said FFA advisor, Vance Lemons. "With a little bit more effort, we will begin to focus on getting better next year."

FJHS Competes in the UIL District Meet



By Rebekah Hall
Staff Writer

Floydada Junior High put forth an exceedingly amount of effort at the district UIL meet in Roosevelt on November 12 and 13. Students worked very hard to mentally prepare for the

meet and learned how vital it is to stay dedicated. "I prepared for UIL by going to practice every week," said eighth grader, Lauren Hall. "I also learned that putting time and effort into my events, paid off in the long run."

Practice is imperative for the success of the students. "We did a great job at UIL because we worked hard day to day," said seventh grader, Allison Orr. "Practicing after school and in the school day helped us get ready for competition."

Preparing to Raise the Bar

By Aaron Chavarria-Staff
Writer

As January nears, the powerlifting athletes are working tremendously to better themselves for a successful season. There are five former regional qualifiers returning to the team this year, as well as a few others. Every individual of this team has his/her mind ready and set heading into the season. "My mentality for this season is simply to continue winning by working extra hard in

the weight room and setting a goal for myself to win state," said junior, Aaron Chavarria. Winning is very important to this team as a whole. "I am very excited to get this season under way," said senior, Federico Carmona. "My expectations are high for not only myself, but for the my team as well." Last season was a success for the team in general and everyone is using that as motivation. "I placed fifth at regionals last year and my goal is to continue my success for myself

and the team to win regionals," said senior, Adrian Gonzales. Athletic director Todd Bandy is well aware of the success that the program has achieved through the years, and is prepared to continue to be successful. "Our expectations, first and foremost, are to have a boy's team and a girl's team because we haven't had that in the past," said Bandy. "Our expectations are high for everybody with our goal being to win the regional meet and make it to state."

The Gift of College

McKenna Johnson – *Staff Writer*

Although it is not sparkly and wrapped in paper, college is a gift that will continue to change and improve student's lives after high school. Not all gifts must be expensive and over the top to have a large impact on the receiver. In 250 words or less, participants must think back and discuss something they received as a gift and why it meant so much to them. A scholarship of \$1,500 will be awarded

to the most creative and best-written." All students above 13 years old that will attend college by February 28. To apply for the scholarship students must first create a free account with the website. For more information regarding the scholarship visit <http://sams.scholarshipexperts.com/applicant/showScholarshipApplication.htm?scholarshipAppId=10714&sourceid=www.scholarshipexperts.com>

Welcome to Fisd Meet Mrs. Miller

By Bethany Morales
Staff Writer

Acceleration, gravity, component, and velocity are terminologies a science teacher would adore, but most students would avoid. Student learning what 9.8 m/s² stands for is what a science teacher is excited by. Discovering complex equations is no problem for Mrs. Miller. Amanda Miller, from Muleshoe, Texas, Graduated from Texas Tech university where she received her bachelor degree in science horticulture/agronomy with a post baccalaureate in curriculum and in-

struction- composite science. In her free time Miller enjoys sewing, cooking, and driving tractors. Miller is married to Jerry Miller and together they have three children Caleb who is a eighth grader at FJHS, Carson who is a fifth grader at Duncan, and Lindee who is a fourth grader at Duncan also. Mrs. Miller has set a goal for her students that will help them in not only science but in everything they do. "It is my goal for students to be independent thinkers who will carry with them the skills they need to be successful in their chosen fields," said Mrs.



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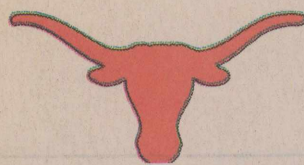
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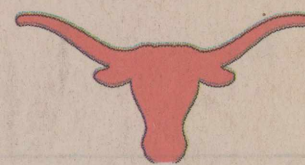
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Lockney Junior High School Honor Roll

A Honor Roll

6th grade
Kayla Rodriguez
Archer

7th grade
Lyndee Setliff
Addison Sullivan

8th grade
Karissa Petty
Tristan Schlueter

A/B Honor Roll

6th Grade
Anahi Ascencio
Diego Azua
Madai Chavira
Ainslee Dunn

J Faz
Emily Longoria
Taylor Moore
Josiah Rodriguez

7th Grade

Billy Dillard
Bryson Hallmark
Reagan Nuncio
Haley Sanchez
Bryson Walker

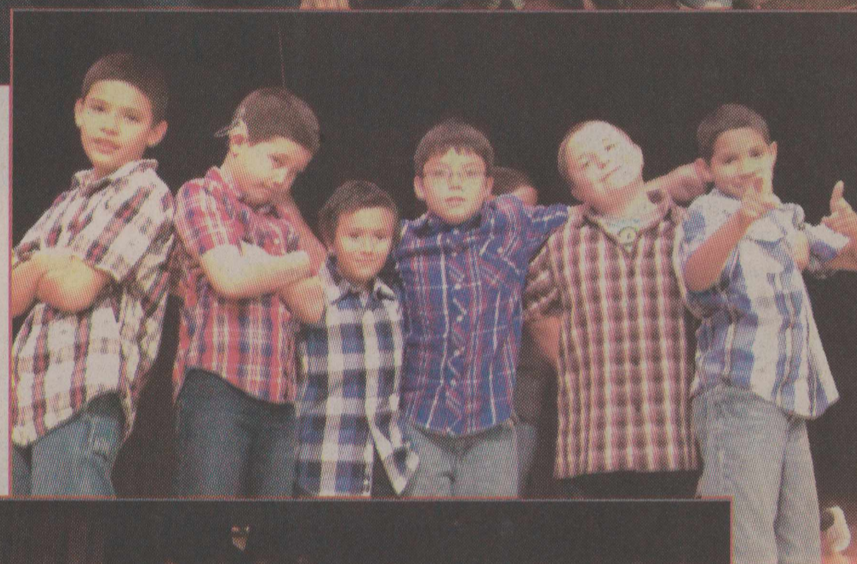
8th Grade

Ryann Araujo
Jose Bueno
Ricardo Cuellar
Jose Gonzalez
Alyssa Gutierrez

Aleah Jimenez

Sara Keyser
Julio Lara
Shawn Marquez
Joe Ochoa
Nickolas Rendon
Austen Rexrode
Nimsi Reyes
Jaden Rosales
Bethany Salazar
Nohelia Salazar
Destiny Soliz
Karina Torres

Rock the 45 Competition



Lockney High School Honor Roll

A Honor Roll

9th Grade
Tabetha Bigham
Luke Kasner
Lawson Sullivan

10th Grade

Daylen Gatica
Levi Kasner
Jace Klein
Jake Moore
Elizabeth Salas
Stephen Setliff

11th Grade

Darby Long
Ashley Roberts
John Salas
Dixie Williams

12th Grade

Jake Bramlet
Nathan Caballero
Paula Cuellar
Dillon Deleon
Heather Fierros
Anna Hernandez
Kameron Hunt
Katie Jackson
David Johnson
Jasmine Pena
Ky Teeter
Hunter Thompson

A/B Honor Roll

9th Grade

Lizzie Belt
Emilie Encizo
Filomena Felan
Brittany Peralez
Jose Rodriguez
Tavien Walrath

10th Grade

Ruben Ascencio
Christian Bursiaga
Karis Carstensen
Alyssa Castro
Lexy Chavez
Shelby Coats
Brittany Deleon
Camryn Diaz
Neri Enriquez
Anissa Guerrero
Breanna Hernandez
Elizabeth Hernandez
Brittany Jimenez
Sheridan Keyser
Scott Lass
Lena Luna
Ozzy Mondragon
Derick Patel
Tevin Phillips
Alex Rea
Salvador Ruiz
Colton Verdine

11th grade

Sarah Belt
Sarah Carstensen
Haley Dunbar
Elija Guerra
Kennedy Hallmark
Andrew Palomin
William Prayor
Isabella Rodriguez
Nic Sherman
Brenna Tidwell

12th Grade

Ashly Alvarado
Alyssa Cruz
Collin Fulton
Isaiah Gonzales
Stevie Karlin
Brittany Thompson

Hoops are Here!

It's the start of basketball season for the year 2013-2014. Many students are ready to see what the new basketball coaches have in store for their team. Lockney is very fortunate to have Jeff Dunn and Marc Puente as the new head basketball

coaches for the girls and boys basketball teams of Lockney High School. Although this is the first year for Coach Dunn to lead the girls varsity team, he has certainly taken charge and has helped lead the team to their first victory against the

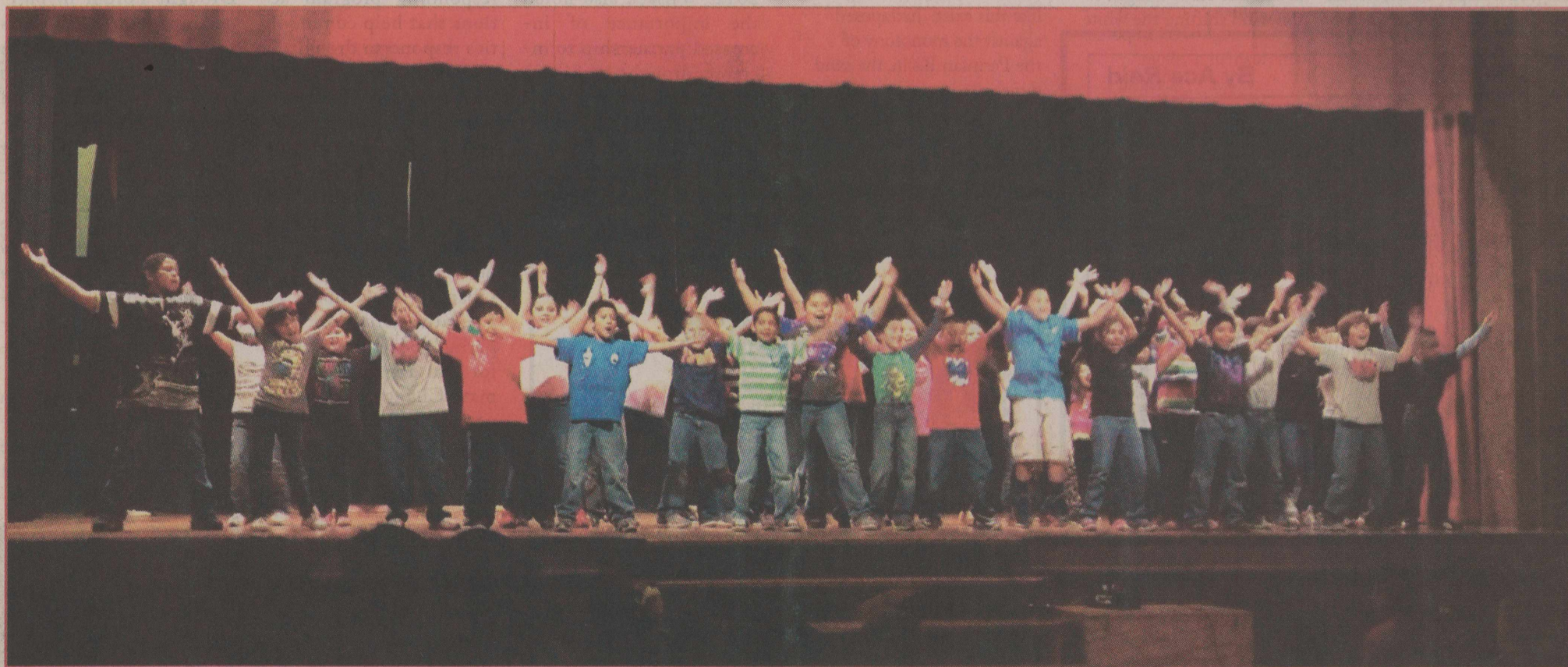
Silverton Owls. The boys went from their last football game to having their first basketball practice the very next day. Although they did not win against the Morton Indians they did exceptionally well and gave it their all for their first game.

Can't Hide that Lockney Pride

On November 12, 2013, Lockney Elementary hosted the 4th Annual ROCK the 45 Competition. This is a singing and dance competition that includes the 4th and 5th graders. The students prepare songs and choreography during a six weeks period and then conclude it with a competition. This year's theme was 50s and 60s music. This year's winners were: 3rd Place, The Tic Toes with Rock Around the Clock; 2nd Place, The Good Boys with Johnny B. Goode; and the

1st place winner was the Jackson 7 with I Want You Back. The 1st place winners will receive a ROCK the 45 shirt with CHAMP on the back. While the judges were making their final decisions the Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd graders did a freestyle dance to 50s and 60s music and then the Finale was performed by our 3rd graders to Evolution of Dance. The performance was standing room only for all of the great parents and family members who showed up to support our little longhorns.

3rd Grade performing Evolution of Dance



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Floyd County Commissioners Canvas Election Results

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

Floyd County Commissioners meeting in regular session approved the canvas of the recent general election that involved nine proposed amendments to the state constitution as well as the City of Floydada bond issue.

In other action, the Commissioners approved three farm contracts and a request to cross county road 190 with a water line by the Guffee Estate Partnership. Road and bridge employees will be allotted \$125 for one pair of steel toe boots per year af-

ter a change in the personnel manual was approved.

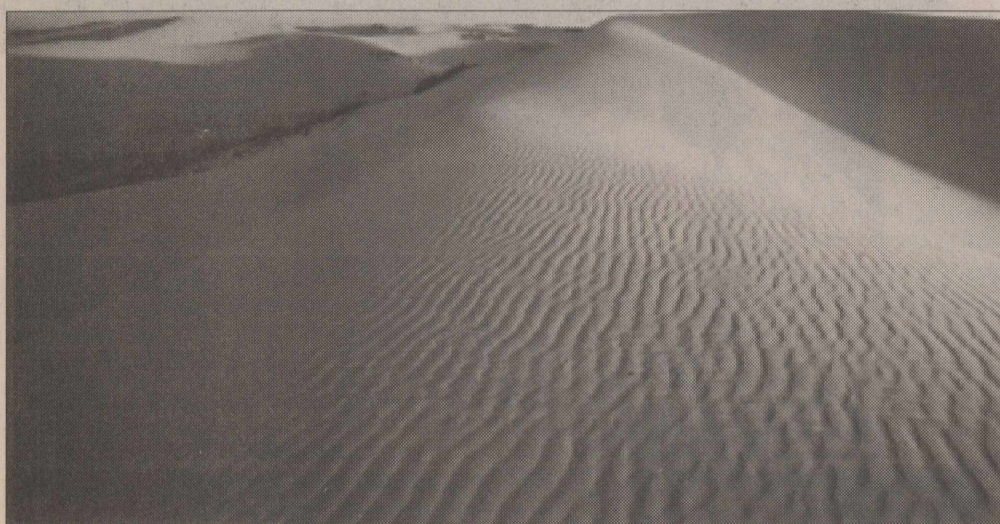
Commissioners approved a resolution to participate in the Indigent Defense Grant program for 2014.

An agreement for guaranteed maintenance and guaranteed minimum repurchase was approved with Caterpillar on newly purchased equipment.

Commissioners discussed the contract with the City of Lockney for law enforcement services. They took no action until Lockney approves the contract.

The next Commissioners Court meeting will be Dec. 9.

Assignment: Texas The Dunes



The Texas Permian Basin is notorious for its sameness. Broad stretches of creosote bush is broken only by the numerous pump jacks sipping crude oil from the soil that was once the bottom of an ancient sea.

For the unappreciative, this is drive-through country - only a place you have to go through to get to where you are going.

However, if you slow down and take a look, you'll see that the area is alive with all kinds of wildlife, an interesting plant community, and shape-shifting sand dunes that flank one of the world's largest oak forests.

While driving down Texas Highway 115 near Kermit, I first saw the geologic anomaly a few years ago. South of the highway, the dunes alternate between the open sand and vegetation covered humps. To the north, the dunes are a broad expanse

of sand that stretches as far as I can see - the bright white sand standing in contrast to the blue West Texas sky.

This area near Kermit is just a small part of a broader dune field that stretches north to south for 200 miles across West Texas. While most of the field is stabilized by vegetation, a few areas have no vegetation and the dunes ripple and move with the wind and create a dynamic, ever-changing landscape.

My travels took me eight miles east of Monahans, Texas to visit the Monahans Sand Dunes State Park. Here you'll find nearly 4,000 acres of dune habitat that's home to a variety of wildlife like porcupines, mule deer, skunks, jackrabbits, coyotes, and bobcats.

You'll also see the diminutive shinnery oak trees. At a less than impressive four feet tall when mature, the trees blanket the area and make up one of the largest contiguous oak forest in the world.

I arrived at the state park at sunrise. After a night of the wind shifting the white

silica sand, there were no signs of anyone having walked through the dunes the day before. Instead, I saw the tracks of coyotes, small rodents, and bugs bisecting the crests.

Because of the prevailing southeasterly wind, the dune's ridgelines generally point south to north. The windward side gently slopes up from the sandy basins while the leeward side typically drops off at a much steeper angle.

After an hour or so photographing the dunes in the soft morning light, my wife and kids soon join me. Stopping by the park's headquarters they rented plastic sand disks with which they would ride the slopes.

We spend the morning climbing up the slopes and sliding back down - blissfully ignoring the rising thermometer until the heat and the sun made the sand too hot to walk barefoot. While we sand surf, a few other families arrive to enjoy the park by exploring the dunes just as we are. However, the park never gets crowded.

It is fascinating that places like this exist. Juxtaposed against the monotony of the Permian Basin, the sand dunes rise in contrast. When we leave, my kids are a couple of pounds heavier because of the sand that found its way into their pockets and sticking to their sweaty skin.

Obama Administration to Help Communities Prepare for Drought

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15, 2013—As part of President Obama's Climate Action Plan, the Obama Administration today announced an inter-agency National Drought Resilience Partnership to help communities better prepare for future droughts and reduce the impact of drought events on livelihoods and the economy. Responding to requests from communities, businesses, and farmers and ranchers, the National Drought Resilience Partnership will make it easier to access Federal drought resources, and will help link information such as monitoring, forecasts, outlooks, and early warnings with longer-term drought resilience strategies in critical sectors such as agriculture, municipal water systems, energy, recreation, tourism and manufacturing.

In its first year, the Partnership will focus on creating a new, web-based portal to ease access to Federal agency drought recovery resources, hosting more frequent regional drought outlook forums that provide access to experts and locally relevant information, supporting the coordination of a national soil moisture monitoring network to help improve monitoring and forecasting drought conditions, and identifying a single point of contact for the public. In collaboration with local, state and regional governments, the Partnership will also undertake a pilot project in a western area hard hit by drought to create a local-scale drought resilience plan that could be applied in other areas.

"Last year, the worst drought in generations devastated farms and ranches across the nation, and the Obama Administration took every possible measure to help," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "But our work isn't done and we can always better prepare for the future. Today's partnership will help rural residents, farmers, ranchers and business owners prepare for drought events like the one we experienced in 2012." Vilsack also noted the importance of increased partnership to increase drought resilience at a time when climate change is projected to increase the intensity and the number of drought events that impact agriculture.

"The impacts of drought can be devastating to local communities and economies and don't end with the onset of fall and winter," said Dr. Kathryn Sullivan, Acting Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). "This partnership builds upon NOAA's climate programs and products, and recent improvement to our drought forecasts to provide our many stakeholders with the critical environmental intelligence they need for drought planning and preparedness activities. This is another step in our efforts to help build communities that are resilient to a variety of weather and climate related events."

"Drought threatens our water and food supplies, parches our ecosystems, and enables deadly and costly wildfires," said Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell. "No community can take on drought alone, and this partnership will help ensure that the federal family is a strong partner in providing accessible information and helpful tools to communities to prepare for and mitigate the impacts."

"A devastating impact of a changing climate is severe drought that hurts our families, farmers and ranchers," said EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy. "The partnership announced today will help communities strengthen climate resilience efforts, including modernizing our water infrastructure and efficiently using our precious water resources, while also supporting the agricultural economy."

"This Partnership will provide the coordination necessary within the Administration to prepare for drought. We have valuable information to share with communities and states, and we heard them when they asked for better communication," said Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works. "We are proud to be a part of this response and partnership. As climate change increases, agencies need to be ready with corresponding program actions that help communities respond to drought."

Climate change influences the frequency and intensity of events such as droughts, storms, floods, and wildfires, impacting communities nationwide. The National Drought Resilience Partnership follows President Obama's November 1st Executive Order on "Preparing the United States for the Impacts of Climate Change," a key step under his Climate Action Plan that created a Task Force of state, local and tribal leaders to advise the

Administration on steps the Federal Government can take to help communities increase preparedness, and committed Federal agencies to examining their programs and policies to make it easier for states and communities to build resilience against storms, droughts and other weather extremes. The Partnership also builds on existing federal efforts and the White House Rural Council's work to help communities, farmers, ranchers and producers stay resilient in the face of disaster.

Spearheaded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), members of the National Drought Resilience Partnership will coordinate the delivery of Federal Government policies, programs, information and tools designed to help communities plan for and respond to drought. Other partners in this effort include the Department of the Interior, the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy.

About two-thirds of the continental United States was affected by drought in 2012, impacting water supply, tourism, transportation, and near shore fisheries, with an estimated \$30 billion in losses to the agriculture sector alone, and an additional \$1 billion in losses from wildfires.

As part of White House Rural Council efforts, USDA chaired a National Disaster Recovery Framework effort to help communities respond to the 2012 drought, including hosting four regional listening forums to hear from communities directly. The National Integrated Drought Information System (NOAA/NIDIS), relying on its network of government agencies and organizations, conducted frequent national and regional drought outlooks around the country, and convened a National Drought Forum in partnership with Governors in Washington, DC in December 2012 to help provide new information and coordination to enhance the nation's drought readiness. The partnership announced today is one important outcome of these drought forums and continues the Obama Administration's commitment to helping communities get the drought assistance they need.

For more information on drought and the National Drought Resilience Partnership, please visit www.drought.gov.

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PRITCHETT

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When he was 12 years old, Pritchett traveled to Whiteface, Texas with his stepfather to harvest his cotton.

Pritchett said, "It was hard work but I made \$1 per hundred pounds of cotton picked. It was all picked by hand. I remember when I started farming and finally got my first two-row picker that we pulled behind the tractor, it really sped up harvest. Today, the equipment is larger and better, which makes harvest go faster. I think this has been some of the biggest and best changes in farming that I've seen in my life."

Sometime around the age of 12 or 13, he remembers his mom coming in from milking the cow and stepping over a rattlesnake in the yard. His sister held the lantern so he could see the snake so that he could shoot it with the shotgun. It was the first time he had ever fired the gun but he got the snake, which had 10 rattles and a button.

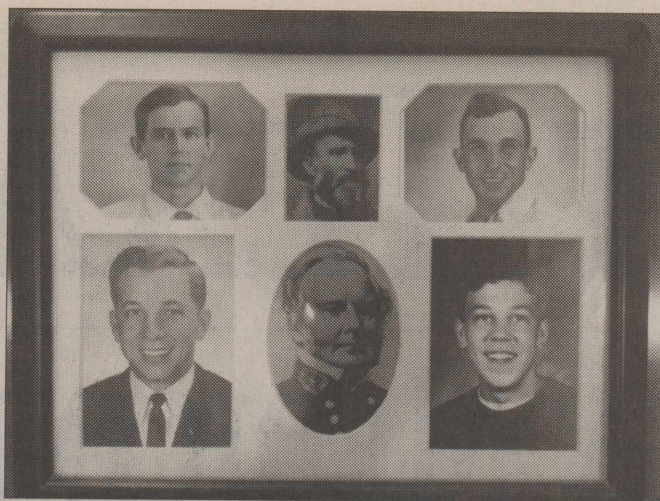
When he turned 19, he dropped out of school while he was in the eleventh grade and married Ruby Nell Oslin who was 17. They were married for 54 years until her passing in 1992. They had four children, Louise, Early Price, III, Jimmy and Steve.

During the three years prior to moving to West Texas, he worked at Alcoa Aluminum Company in Bauxite, Arkansas. Bauxite is a rock (that was in abundance there, thus the name of the town, Bauxite) that is the principal commercial source of aluminum.

So prior to and during the war the aluminum plants were busy producing aluminum for the war effort.

In the early 1940s, Pritchett and Nell moved to Matador, Texas where he worked for his brother for about eight months. His brother-in-law in Dallas had purchased a half section of land in Floyd County and offered Pritchett the chance to farm it, so he and Nell moved to the land, which is about 12 miles north of Floydada.

Eventually, Pritchett bought a quarter-section of land across the road which is where his current house sits. Over the years, he acquired nearly 1,300



Charles Keaton/The Hesperian-Beacon
The first four generations of Early Price Pritchett and Civil War Generals Jubal Early and Sterling Price.

acres where he farmed cotton, wheat and milo but in 1944 he had mostly milo and wheat because his cotton acreage allotment was only 37 acres.

His early years in this area were a learning experience. He watched and visited with neighboring farmers to learn to farm and experienced the vastness and oddities of the West Texas area.

"I remember when I first moved here, I went to Turkey to look at some land to buy," Pritchett said. "I was about to head home when I saw this red cloud coming at me. It scared me to death. I thought the world was going to end so I took off to Whiteflat as fast as I could go. This was my first encounter with a sandstorm."

After the family settled in the South Plains community, Pritchett remembers discovering windmills and prairie dogs towns all over the place.

"At night, we could hear the train as it went through South Plains," Pritchett said. "It was different than when we lived in Arkansas. When I was growing up, I remember a green stagecoach that brought the mail and occasionally passengers from Glenwood, Ark. It was pulled by a team of mules."

The hardest part about starting to farm in the mid-1940s was that equipment was hard to come by because of World War II. Pritchett remembers finally getting a second-hand wheat drill but he could not buy anything



NELL PRITCHETT

else due to the war.

Many things have changed during the course of Pritchett's life but he believes the thing that made the biggest difference for rural farmers was the coming of electricity.

"When electricity arrived on the farm, it opened up a new world. We got a radio and were able to listen to many different radio shows including Amos and Andy, Fibber McGee and Mollie and many more," Pritchett said.

Over the years, Pritchett hasn't let his disability hold him back. Even though he had a hard time in the early years of even getting a job, Pritchett was able to overcome the problems with his leg to run a successful farming operation. After nearly 50 years of farming, Pritchett retired around 1990 but still lives on the quarter section he bought and built his home on.

"I feel like I've been blessed with good genes. My mom lived to be 85 and both sisters lived to be 97," Pritchett said. "I'm not far from 100, so we'll see what happens."

Share a Social Security Tip with your Wise Elders

By Jose M Olivero
Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

While the baby boom era is behind us, the effects will live on.

The number of people reaching the autumn season of life is higher than ever.

In fact, the World Health Organization reports that there are around six hundred million people aged 60 and older living in the world today. That number is expected to double by 2025 — a short 12 years from now — and is expected to reach about two billion by 2050.

In the United States, 10,000 people reach retirement age every single day.

The elders of a community are often known as wise sages that younger people go to for advice; older people have the life experience and reflection that younger people lack.

But given the fast-paced changes the world now experiences, with new technologies becoming outdated in a matter of years or even months, there may be some helpful insights you can share with your elders.

For example, if you know someone who is nearing retirement age, tell them about www.socialsecurity.gov.

They may not be aware of the helpful and easy-to-use tools available to them.

It's no exaggeration to say that even someone who does not use the Internet on a regular basis can easily plan their retirement or even complete their retirement application online in a matter of minutes — much less time than

it would take to drive to a local Social Security office.

The best starting place for anyone thinking about retirement is Social Security's Retirement Estimator.

Use it to get an instant, personalized estimate of future retirement benefits in a matter of minutes.

Spend a few more minutes plugging in different information, such as different projected future wages and different retirement dates, to help make a wise decision on the best retirement date.

The Retirement Estimator is available at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator.

Then there's the online retirement benefit application.

In as little as 15 minutes, a person can apply for Social Security benefits and submit their application online.

In most cases, once one submits the application, there is nothing more to do but wait for the first payment.

It's really that simple.

And, if one decides they'd like to double-check some information before submitting the application, that's fine too.

The application can be paused and then restarted at any time during the process.

It's all available at www.socialsecurity.gov/applyonline.

It makes sense to go to our elders for advice and guidance.

But in this technology-driven world, we may be able to offer a little advice to the sages as well.

A good bet is to tell the older adults in your life about www.socialsecurity.gov.

CHRISTMAS

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"He could have called a thousand angels to surround himself with praise

He could have chosen not to leave His throne on high

He could have pointed to his miracles as evidence of grace but that's not the God He was.

To love us from a distance just wasn't good enough. So He came down."

Jesus loves us so much he came down to show us the way.

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Sheriff of Floyd County

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Although the public is restricted from area affected by ice fall, it does present a potential hazard to any personnel in the area affected.

Under freezing conditions, and following snow or rain events under freezing temperatures, it would be advised to stay away from the towers.

For a period of time after the freezing temperatures, thawing conditions may also cause ice and snow to fall or be flung from the towers or blades.

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Nov. 22, 1963: A Day Etched in Our Memories

When dawn broke on Nov. 22, 1963, it promised to be a mild, fall day in Dallas but when the sunset later that day; it had become a dark, gloomy day that changed history, not just in this

country but around the world.

The youthful exuberance and good looks of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy (JFK) had captured the hearts of the citizens of the United States as well as many nations around the world, but so had the beauty and elegance of his wife, Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy. The President and the First Lady allowed the world to see everything that was good about the US even as he faced the day-to-day tensions that normally surround the office of President of the United States.

With the world still recovering from World War II and the Korean War, there was tension around the globe due to the rise in Communism and the threat of nuclear war but within the borders of the US, there were more tensions. These tensions were brought on by other aspects of life, including Civil Rights and the growing protests and reactions as black Americans sought equal-

ity, also the recent threat of nuclear weapons in Cuba and the expansion of the military in a small, Southeast Asia country called Vietnam. And thus, the young President faced internal and global strife as he arose on this fateful day, Friday, Nov. 22, 1963.

Fifty years ago, I sat in the second grade classroom of Mrs. Wanda Houk. Just like other 8-year-olds, I had little to no interest in the politics of this nation; I was more concerned about baseball or football. On this day, just like any other Friday, especially the one right before Thanksgiving, I was ready to enjoy my weekend and looked forward to a short school week, but shortly after lunch, our principal, Mr. P. E. Davis, made an announcement that changed my day, my weekend and Thanksgiving 1963.

As Mr. Davis made the tragic announcement, that the President had been shot and killed, little did I realize the change that was about to come to this nation. Vice-President Lyndon Baines Johnson was sworn in as the President and within a few months signed into law the Civil Rights Act of 1964. President Johnson also escalated the US involvement in the Vietnam Conflict in 1965 which would last for 10 more years.

As an eight-year-old, most of my free time revolved around playing with friends and watching Saturday morning cartoons, but things were different this fourth weekend in November,



President John F. Kennedy's body is carried toward Arlington National Cemetery on a horse-drawn caisson followed by the riderless horse, Black Jack. President Kennedy was killed by an assassin's bullet on Friday, Nov. 22, 1963 and was laid to rest on Monday, Nov. 25, 1963.

1963. For those who are younger than 50, you have to understand that Lubbock had only two television stations in 1963 (and they only broadcast in black-and-white), so to have your Saturday mornings interrupted with all-day, all-weekend coverage of the Assassination of JFK, was tragic in my small world. But just like everyone else that weekend, I watched it all, trying to understand the significance of what had occurred in Dallas.

I remember hearing the reports of the killing of Dallas police officer J. D. Tippitt as every law officer in the Dallas area searched for the person or

persons that took the life of JFK. This concerned me, even though we lived over 300 miles away, because I was worried about my dad who was a police officer in Lubbock. I didn't understand that he was safe from what was happening in Dallas because most 8-year-olds just cannot grasp the understanding of distance.

I was concerned because there were rumors that the Soviet Union was preparing to invade the US. I was concerned because adults were upset and scared of what would or could happen to our country. What would happen if the Soviets invaded? What would happen to the world around me, the one I lived in every day?

The events that continued through the weekend, held me captivated. I missed the live murder of Lee Harvey Oswald on Sunday morning because we were at church. I do remember the discussions that took place on television as to why Jack Ruby did it. Even as early as two days later, the conspiracy theories were being discussed. Ruby denied the world the answers that Oswald might have provided, but even more so, he raised more questions regarding a conspiracy or other shooters.

As Monday, Nov. 25, 1963 began, a nation was in mourning. School was cancelled so everyone could stay home and watch the solemn ceremonies and proceedings that were taking place in Washington, D. C. My mom and I watched ev-

erything from the funeral procession to the final internment in Arlington National Cemetery.

The pain and loss was etched on the faces of everyone from the Kennedy family to the news commentators to the throngs that stood in silence as the horse-drawn caisson proceeded from the Capitol Building to the White House to St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Cathedral and finally to Arlington National Cemetery.

I remember the image of John F. Kennedy, Jr. saluting his father's casket as it left St. Matthew's. I remember the slow progress from St. Matthew's to Arlington National Cemetery. I can still hear the clip-clop of the horses as they made the slow march to the steady beat of the drums. I remember it as if it was yesterday and the impact it had on the world and the nation in 1963.

Even though the rumors of an impending Soviet invasion disappeared over the weekend, the impact of this event changed my life and changed a nation. For me, it awoke an interest and desire to understand what was happening in the world. I'm not a 24-hour news junkie, but I do want to know what's happening. I'm drawn to the tragedies that over the last fifty years have struck this nation from time to time. Many of which I have watched for countless hours. I'm not a historian but I want to know the historical significance of the events that have shocked this nation and

transformed its future.

What if...? What if JFK wasn't assassinated? What if Oswald wasn't murdered? What if the Warren Commission wasn't at the mercy of J. Edgar Hoover? What if...?

Fifty years later, an event that transformed a nation, still dwells in the minds of those that were alive and aware of the tragic events. Many feel there are still unanswered questions, most of which will never be known.

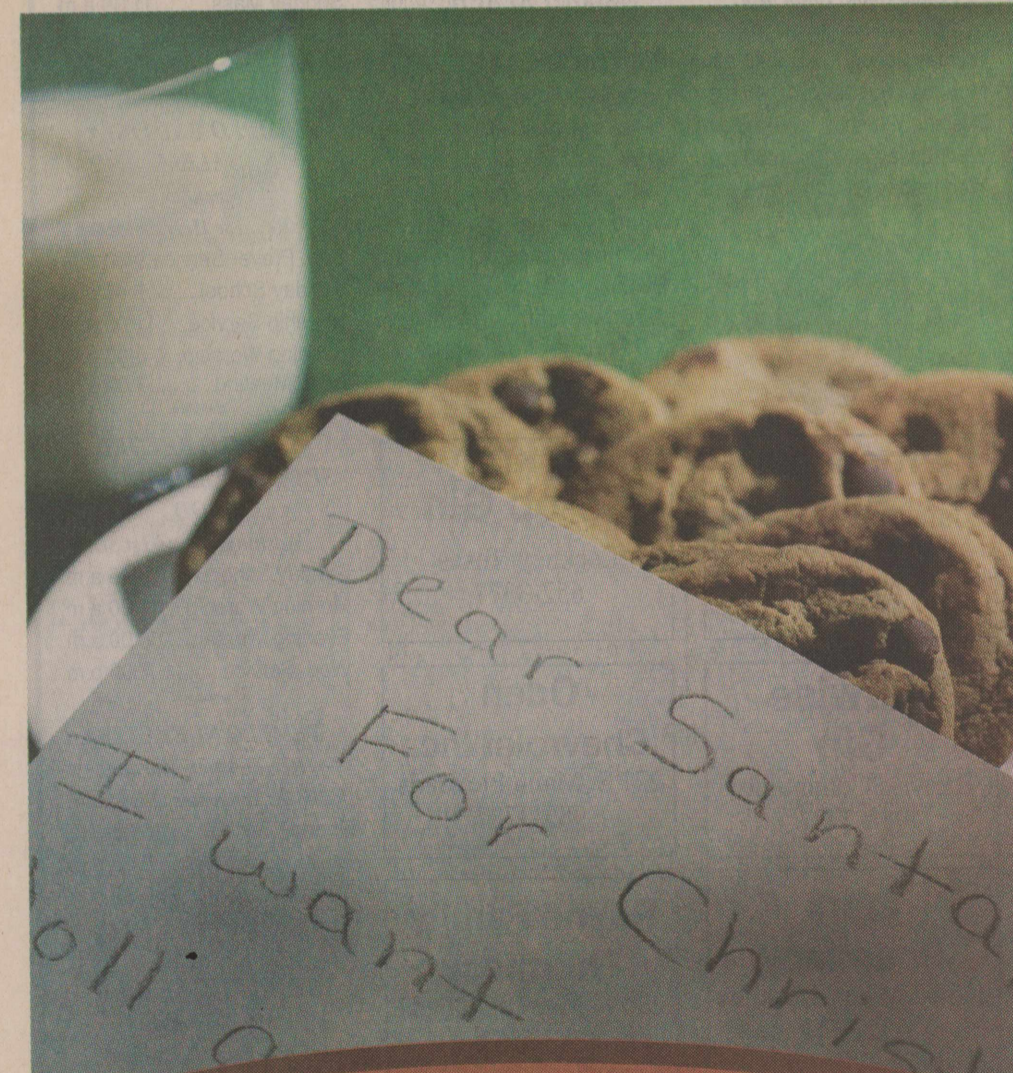
Where were you when JFK was assassinated? Most of us over 50 can answer this question without hesitation. We understand that what we lived through was a tragic page in the history of this great nation. As a nation, we were changed forever. The challenges that JFK issued to this nation were attacked with a vigor that saw this country achieve many of those challenges.

In his inaugural address, JFK said, "Ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country."

Today, we need to be reminded, that though he served a short time, JFK challenged the nation to continue to be great, to be the leader of the world, to work for peace and to look forward to the future. What can you do for our country today?

Nov. 23, 1963: a day etched in our memories forever.

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