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PAYING IT FORWARD: Meal comes warm and with a smile

The First Baptist Church's kitchen bustled with activity on Christmas Day morning as volunteers deboned 22 turkeys and prepared them, along with delectable side dishes, for "A Christmas Day Meal" to be served to anyone who needed one.

All 22 turkeys, which were purchased locally at Lowe's Pay-N-Save, began smoking Christmas Eve at 8:30 a.m. by Johnston in the Floydada Fire Department's smokers and cooked to perfection by 4 p.m. that afternoon.

"We bought everything we could locally," said Johnston. Four hundred and twenty-five Styrofoam meal trays were filled and delivered. Also served were green beans, dressing, gravy, dinner rolls, cranberry sauce and an assortment of cobblers.

"There were no financial qualifications," said Johnston. "Maybe they needed a smile just as much as a meal."

Johnston explained that his wife RaNay, son, Camden and himself began volunteering six or seven years ago, because "to help his son understand that there's more than one way to live."

The lesson was quickly learned after delivering meals and seeing the understanding in his son's eyes, realizing that those kids have nothing in their houses. Christmas is not all about X-boxes and iPads, according to Johnston, and he wanted his son to realize that important fact.

This Christmas Day, meals were delivered to Floydada, Lockney, and Plainview citizens, along with the Ronald McDonald House in Lubbock. The Spirit of Christmas out-served the Salvation Army in Lubbock by 125 meals this year.

"The Spirit of Christmas Meal", started by Sudy Cochran in 1989, originally served communities in the area as well as the Ronald McDonald Houses in Amarillo and Lubbock.

According to Fred Thayer, who has been extensively involved for years, "we weren't going to do this last year (2012) until some individuals stepped in and wanted to carry on the tradition".

"I want to tell every single person who helped make this possible 'thank you'," said Johnston. "They are all amazing people who did a tremendous job."

"There's no reason 425 people should wake up on Christmas morning and not get a hot meal, a shiny face and a Merry Christmas," said Corey Johnston.



Photos by Barbara Anderson/The Hesperian-Beacon
"THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS" volunteers serving up hot Christmas dishes to be delivered for a "Christmas Day Meal".

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.

FLOYD COUNTY STOCK SHOW

The Floyd County Stock Show will be held Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014 at the Unity Center in Muncy. Show starts at 7:30 a.m. The Premium SE will be held SATURDAY EVENING following the conclusion of the show. Buyers meal will be at approx. 5 p.m. Please make note of the new changes!!! See article on front page of this week's Hesperian-Beacon.

FSA COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

USDA Farm Service Agency Administrator Juan M. Garcia announced that the FSA County Committee Elections begin Dec. 20, 2013, with the mailing of ballots to eligible voters. The deadline to return the ballots to local FSA offices is Jan. 17, 2014. See more info in the Cotton News article in the Hesperian-Beacon this week.

CAPROCK CROP PRODUCTION CONFERENCE

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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.

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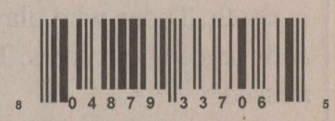
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Spirit of Sharing



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Floydada Scouts collected food for the local Spirit of Sharing on Saturday, Dec 14th. About thirteen hundred pounds of food was collected from the city, and about 200 lbs of that along with \$50.00 came from Floydada Junior High. The scouts of Pack and Troop 357 thank the citizens of Floydada for their continued support. This was our 23rd year to collect food for the Spirit of Sharing. Pictured are (l-r) Chris Emert, Hermilio Martinez, Jacob Chavarria, Daniel Cervera, Bobby Gilliland, and Jerry Chappell. Also helping but not pictured were Shayla Brewer, Richard Contreras, Esteban Lerma, Evan Ybarra, Lewis Alaniz, Tyson Snell, Elijah Contreras, Marques Porter-Ortiz, Brae Ballesteros, and Jacob Cuellar.

2013 in review in Floyd County

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

January:
Duncan Garden Apartments residents reported vandalism and arson. Lex Herrington, Paul Raissez, Mike Anderson, Nathan Johnson and Delia Suarez were sworn-in to county offices. Ten Whirlwinds and seven Longhorns received All-District Football honors. Former Lockney resident, Dr. Robert Moore was bestowed with the German Order of Merit. Kimberly Perez became the Floydada Chamber Manager. Cargill closed the Plainview beef processing plant leaving 2,000 employees without jobs. The annual Floyd County Livestock Show was held at the Unity Center. The 18th Annual Caprock Crop Production Conference was held at the Unity Center.

February:
Lucio's Dog House Adoption Services opened for business to assist in adopting stray pets. Precinct 2 began a Rural Watch group to combat thefts. The Make-A-Wish Foundation delivered a pink playhouse to a Floydada girl. Keenan Nixon showed the Grand Champion Chianina Female and Syann Foster showed the Grand Champion Chiangus Female at Fort Worth Stock Show. Junior Leal's Mini-Bull Riding was featured by the PBR Built Ford Tough Series. The Lady Longhorns lost in their bi-district basketball game to Quanah. A blizzard impacted all of the South

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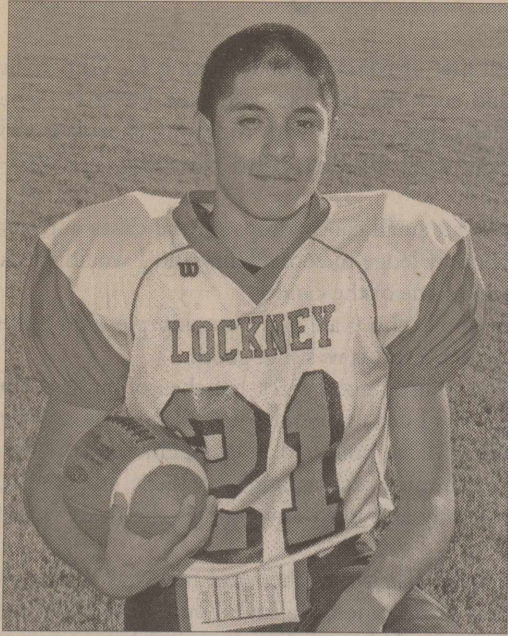
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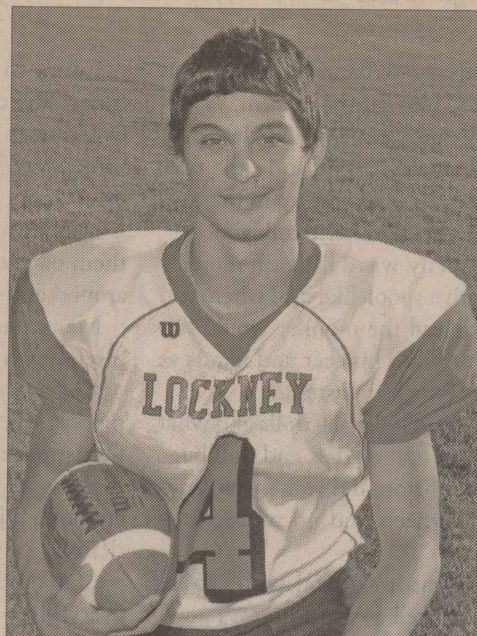
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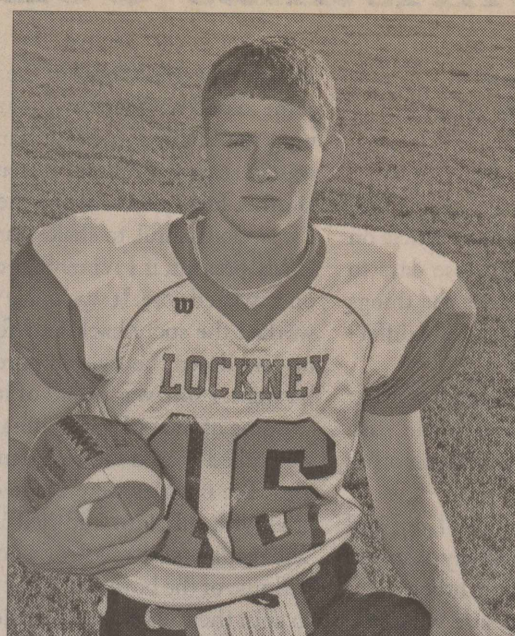
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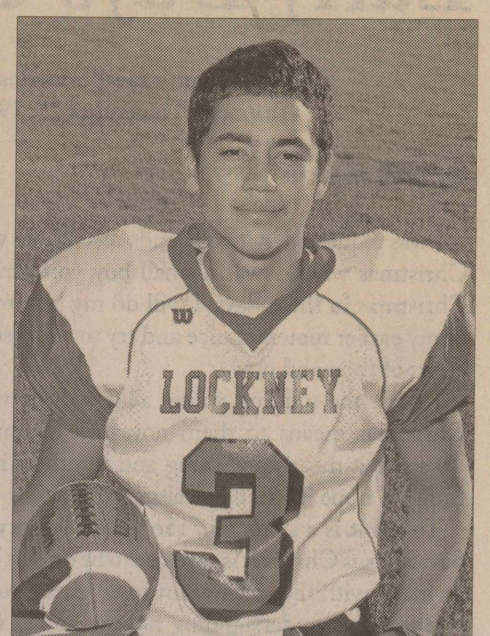
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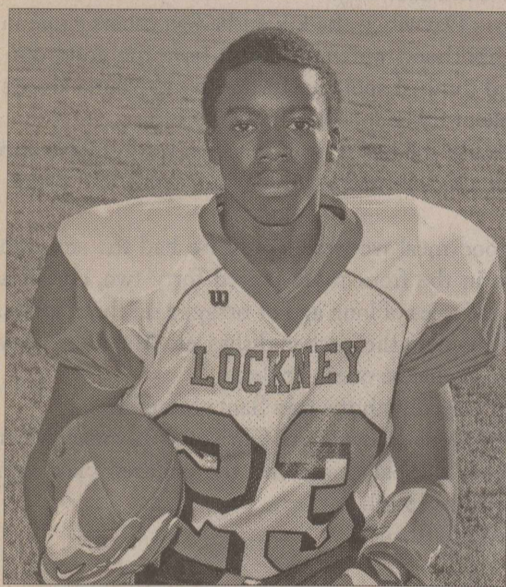
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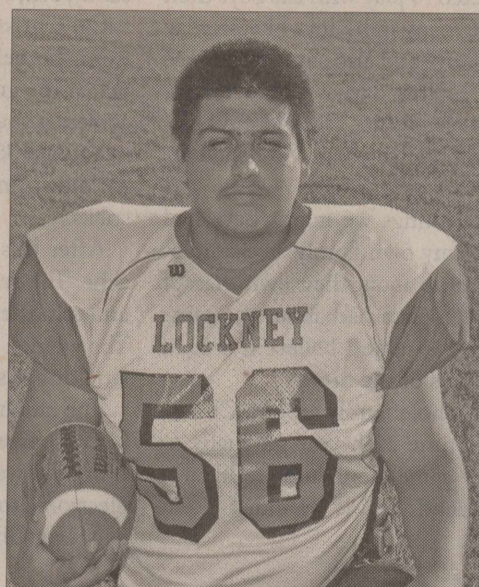
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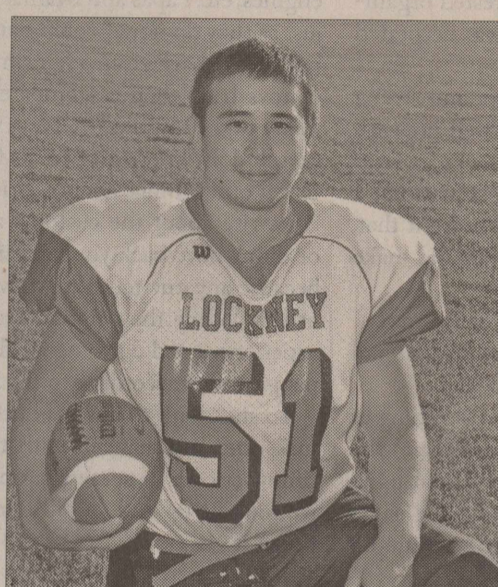
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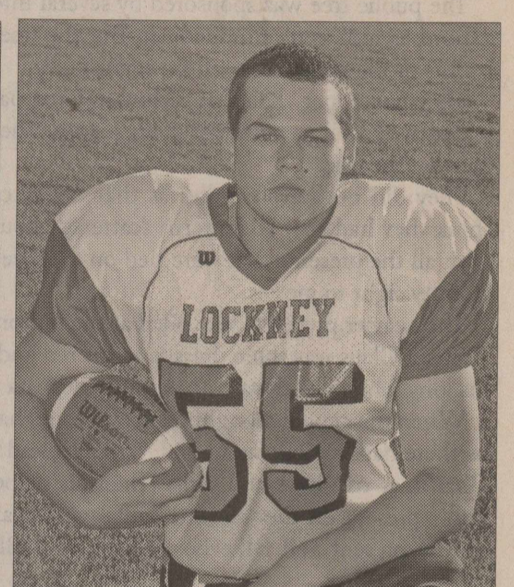
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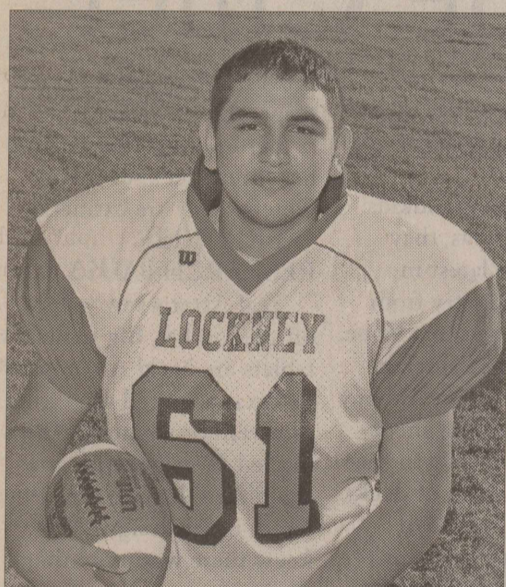
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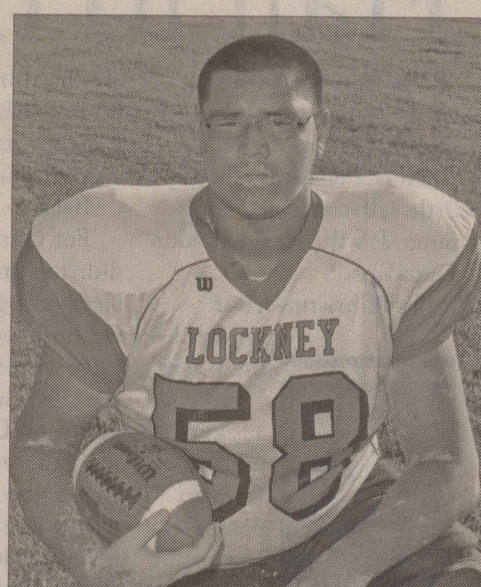
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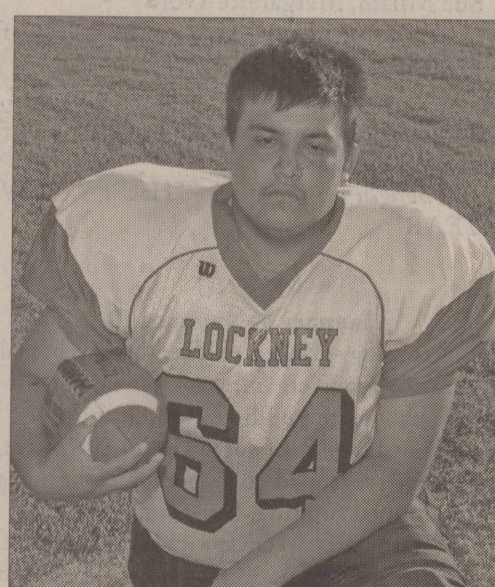
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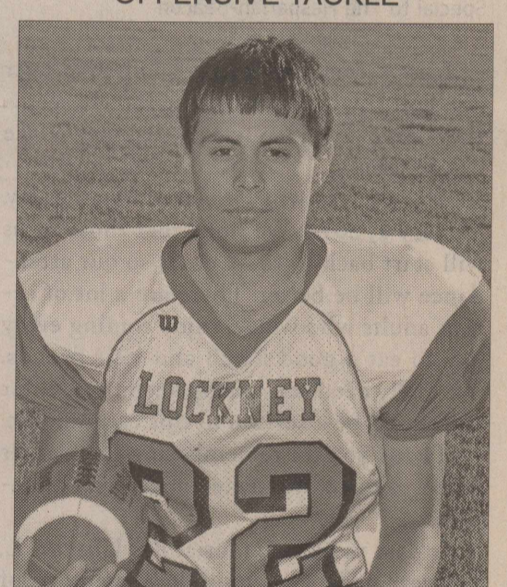
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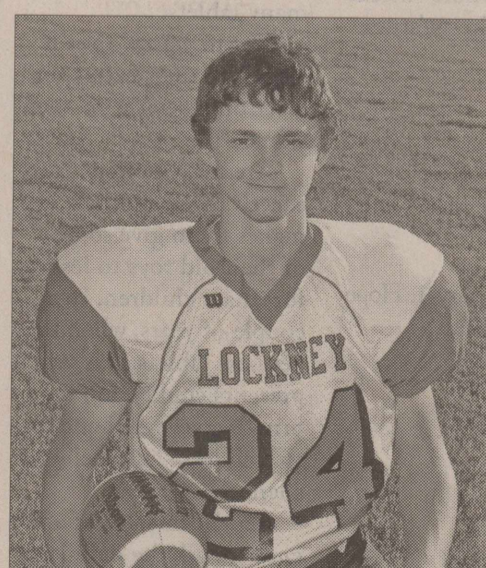
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Wit and Wisdom of Texas

By Charles Keaton

Wit and Wisdom of Texas looks to show the readers the common sense and uncommon genius of many Texans from the past to the present. I hope you enjoy and delight in these comments.

"Texas is the crossroads of the world. Everything here is big."
– Bobby Lee

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"Don't follow the crowd. Just trust your own horse and don't get into the same rut as everybody else." – Grandfather's advice to Barbara Jordan

"When your hand is in the lion's mouth, withdraw it quickly." – Sam Houston

"Defeat in this world is no disgrace if you fought well and fought for the right thing." – Katherine Anne Porter

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"When I started counting my blessings, my whole life turned around." – Willie Nelson

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Floyd County Live Stock Show Sees New Changes

Long hours of grooming, clipping, feeding, and exercise will soon payoff for area exhibitors as the 70th annual Floyd County Livestock Show will be held on Saturday, Jan. 11. All of the students from Floydada and Lockney have worked extremely hard throughout the year feeding and maintaining their animals for this upcoming show and this is the day that their hard work pays off. Come out and help support the youth of Floyd County as they exhibit their projects.

The Floyd County Stock Show Association has made some new changes for this year. They want everyone to please make note of these important changes. The show will begin at 7:30 a.m. instead of the usual 9 a.m. start and will begin with the goat show followed by the lamb show, the heifer show, and the steer show. The gilts

will be followed by the barrows. A lunch break will be taken but will be determined as the show progresses.

Also a new change is the Floyd County Stock Show premium sale. It will be held Saturday evening following the conclusion of the show. The annual Buyers Meal will begin at approximately 5 p.m. on Saturday.

The barns will open Friday, Jan. 10. The Floyd County Stock Show Association is holding a raffle for a John Deere Gator. Proceeds from this raffle will go to fund the scholarship program. The association will only be selling 350 tickets. Cost of tickets are \$100 each. Tickets can be purchased at Ray Lee Equipment in Floydada, Assiter Insurance Agency, Floyd County Agri-Life Extension Office or any association board member.

Caprock Crop Production Conference

By Caitlin Jackson
CEA-AG/NR
Crosby County

The Caprock Crop Production Conference is scheduled for Thursday, January 23, 2014 at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center located 6 miles west on Hwy 70 from Floydada and 4 miles east on Hwy 70 from Lockney. Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. The cost of the conference is \$35.00 (we will be accepting pre-registration until January 21) after this date a \$10 late fee will be added. Registration information can be received through the Floyd or Crosby County Extension offices. Registration will include lunch, 7 CEU's tentative as of now, conference cap, door prizes and program materials. Vista Bank has donated an I-Pad 2 to give away to one lucky attendee. The conference is open to all area producers as

well as anyone interested in crop production. The conference will include a trade show with vendors displaying their latest products and equipment.

The 7 tentative Continuing Education Units available by attending the conference will include 3.5 General, 2 IPM, 1 Laws & Regulation and .5 Drift Minimization. We are also approved for 6.5 Certified Crop Advisor credits for those interested and will include 1 Soil & Water Management, 3.5 Pest Management, 1 Crop Management and 1 Professional Development.

The program is scheduled to begin at 8:00 a.m. Speakers will be: Caitlin Jackson, TX A&M AgriLife Extension; Peter Dotray, TX A&M AgriLife Extension; Jason Woodward, TX A&M AgriLife Extension; Jim Bordo-vsky, TX A&M AgriLife Extension; Shawn Wade, Plains Cotton Growers;

John Robinson, TX A&M AgriLife Extension; Jason Coleman, High Plains Underground Water District; Jay Yates, TX A&M AgriLife Extension; Mark Kelley, TX A&M AgriLife Extension; Calvin Trostle, TX A&M AgriLife Extension; and Casey Summers, TX Department of Agriculture. The conference will conclude at 4:00 pm with evaluations and CEU certificates. If you need assistance or have questions please contact the Crosby County Extension Office (675-2347) or the Floyd County Office (983-4912) by January 17, 2014 to advise for auxiliary and/or services needed. Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socio-economic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin. The Extension Office will seek to accommodate all persons with disabilities for the meeting.

Springer seeks re-election, draws no opponent

(Muenster) – Last week State Representative Drew Springer (R-Muenster) announced he is seeking re-election to the Texas House of Representatives. With no opponent filing before the December 9th deadline, Representative Springer will be returning to the Texas House.

During his first term in office, Rep. Springer provided conservative, effective representation for House District 68.

"I am proud of the work we were able to accomplish this session," said Rep. Springer. "I appreciate the positive feedback my office has received from the community, and I look

forward to accomplishing even more for our district in the next legislative session."

"This past session my priorities included fighting job-killing regulations pushed by the Obama administration, protecting our local ranchers and farmers, and cutting through bureaucratic red tape that was preventing our outstanding educators from doing their job," stated Rep. Springer.

During the 83rd Session and three special sessions, Rep. Springer worked tirelessly to follow through on the promises he made to the voters of District 68. Because of these efforts,

he has been recognized as one of the top conservative lawmakers in the Texas Legislature.

"I look forward to continuing the fight for conservative, pro-growth policies that have made Texas the envy of the nation, and protecting the traditional values that we Texans hold so dearly," said Rep. Springer.

Rep. Springer is A Rated by National Rifle Association and consistently voted for pro-life legislation.

Representative Springer currently serves as a member of the Agriculture and Livestock Committee and the Land and Resource Management Committee.

Silver Spur Trade Shows Hosts South Plains Honor Flight

Silver Spur Trade Shows will host the South Plains Honor Flight at its first Gun & Blade Show scheduled for January 4-5 at the Lubbock Civic Center.

The South Plains Honor Flight is an organization that honors our veterans by promoting public awareness & support for our U.S. Military Service Members & veterans as well as their families. "We are proud to provide The Honor Flight with booth space at our show to distribute information on their fine organization," said event producer Kim Sansom. "It's our way of giving back to not only our community, but veterans as well," Sansom concluded.

The Lubbock show is sold out with over 350 exhibitor tables of thousands of

new & used guns, knives, swords, ammo, holsters, hunting and shooting accessories and even jewelry, purses, gift items and more for the ladies. Admission is only \$6 for adults and children under 12 years old are free. You can get 2 for the price of one for the first hour each day and active military and NRA members get a \$1 off discount (limit one). Also, all uniformed police, firemen, state troopers and game wardens in uniform get in free.

Buy, sell or trade at The Silver Spur Gun & Blade Show, January 4-5, Lubbock Civic Center, 1501 Mac Davis Lane Lubbock, TX 79401. Go to www.silverspurtradeshows.com for more information.

Notable Deaths in 2013

Compiled from various news sources.

- Dr. Joyce Brothers, 85, a pioneering psychologist on May 13.
- Scott Carpenter, 88, a member of the Mercury Seven, the USA's first group of astronauts on Oct. 10.
- Billie Sol Estes, 88, flamboyant Texas huckster on May 14.
- Chris Kyle, 38, former Navy SEAL sniper on Feb. 2.
- Ed Koch, 88, former New York City mayor on Feb. 1.
- C. Everett Koop, 96, former Surgeon General in the 1980s on Feb. 24
- Jerry Buss, 80, owner of the Los Angeles Lakers on Feb. 18
- L. C. Greenwood, 67, former Pittsburgh Steelers defensive end on Sept. 28
- Stan Musial, 92, Baseball Hall of Famer with the St. Louis Cardinals on Jan. 19
- Ken Norton, 70, former heavyweight champion on Sept. 18.
- Bum Phillips, 90, former coach of Houston Oilers and New Orleans Saints on Oct. 18.
- Pat Summerall, 82, NFL kicker turned broadcaster on April 16.
- Ken Venturi, 82, winner of 1964 U.S. Open and golf analyst for CBS on May 17.
- Earl Weaver, 82, Baseball Hall of Fame manager of the Baltimore Orioles on Jan. 19.
- Nelson Mandela, 95, apartheid activist and former South African president on Dec. 5.
- Margaret Thatcher, 87, the "Iron Lady" of British politics on April 16.
- Conrad Bain, 89, actor known for role on 1970s sitcom *Diff'rent Strokes* on Jan. 14.
- Eileen Brennan, 80, actress known for role in *Private Benjamin* on July 28.
- Roger Ebert, 70, film critic for the *Chicago Sun-Times* on April 4.
- Bonnie Franklin, 69, actress known for role on sitcom *One Day at a Time* on March 1.
- Annette Funicello, 70, actress on *The Mickey Mouse Club* in the 1950s on April 14.
- Peter O'Toole, 81, actress best known for role in *Lawrence of Arabia* on Dec. 14.
- Dale Roberston, 89, actor best known for *Death Valley Days* on Feb. 26.
- Jean Stapleton, 90, actress best known for *All in the Family* on May 31.
- Patty Andrews, 94, lead singer and last surviving member of the Andrews Sisters on Jan. 30.
- Van Cliburn, 78, pianist on Feb. 27.
- George Jones, 81, Country Music Hall of Famer on April 25.
- Patti Page, 85, singer of *Tennessee Waltz* on Jan. 1.
- Ray Price, 87, country singer on Dec. 16.
- Tom Clancy, 66, best-selling author on Oct. 1.
- Deacon Jones, 74, Football Hall of Famer on June 3.

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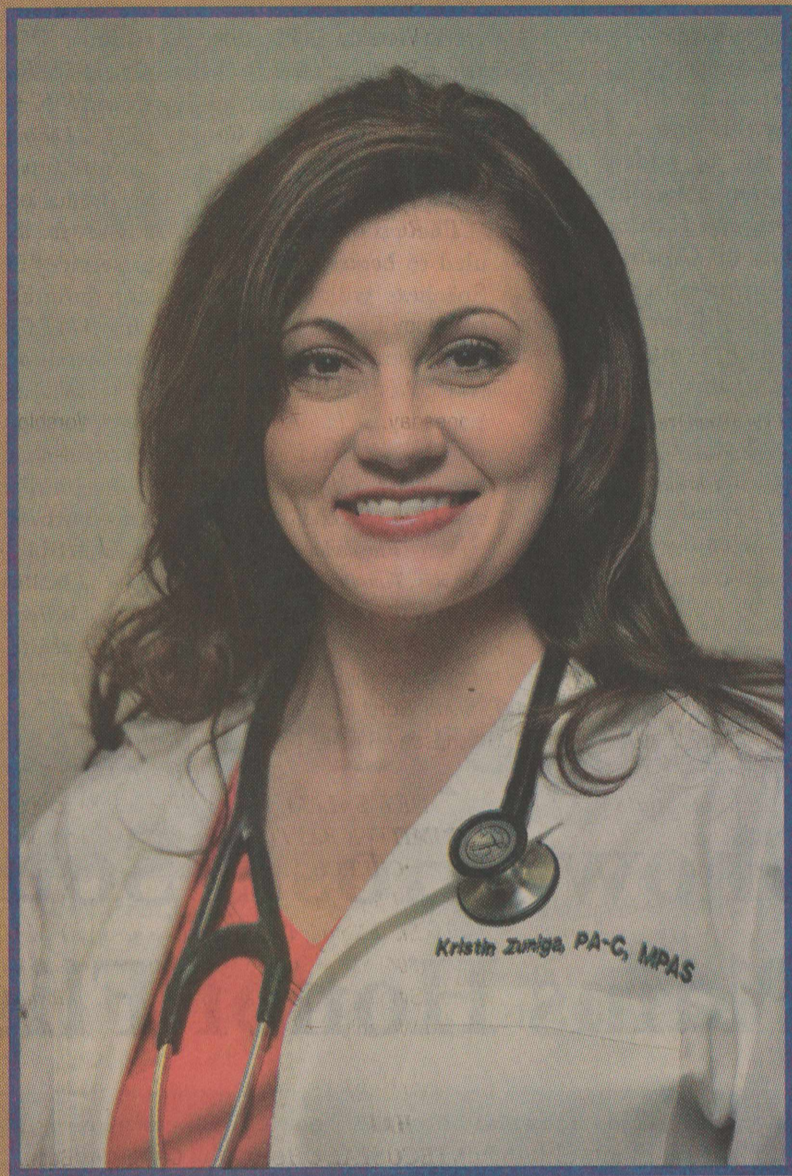
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Lockney Chamber of Commerce announces top decorated houses



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Donnie and Vonda McLaughlin's house was chosen as the first place house in the Lockney Chamber of Commerce Christmas decorating contest.



Independence McDonald's house was selected as the second place house in the Lockney Chamber of Commerce Christmas decorating contest.



Frankie and Linda Graves' house was selected as the third place house in the Lockney Chamber of Commerce Christmas decorating contest.

The Paperboy It's time

A new year. A new beginning. My wife made the comment that we needed to eat black-eyed peas on New Year's Day.

My retort was that it had been a long time since I had them on that day and I'd lost both my parents and listed other negative things that we'd been through.

Of course, I was linking the lack of peas to bad events. And while those events did indeed happen, there were a heck of a lot of positives that have happened during that span as well.

So perhaps it is a mindset. For three of the past six weeks, I've battled a stomach illness, a cold and bronchial issues. If you've been down in your health, you know it can affect your mindset. Frankly, it's hard to be positive when you feel lousy day after day.

For Christmas, my wife got me P90X. For those of you who aren't familiar, it's a workout program geared to get you in shape. That is something I certainly need and I've got a target date to begin the workouts. I also have the desire.

It's not that I have some death wish or some desire to break my body, but the simple fact is I need to lose 30 to 40 pounds and get in the type of shape to be more active. About the only exercise I get right now is tossing the football around with my boys. That's pathetic. I spend far too much time

behind the computer and not living life.

My focus is to get this old body back in shape and be able to do some of the things I used to like to do without it killing me.

For instance, I wrote a number of months of my desire to climb a certain mountain. That mountain has been a dream of mine since I first laid eyes on it nearly 40 years ago. There is no way I can physically make that climb to over 14,000 feet in my current condition. Ninety days from now, I hope to be singing a different tune.

It's not just about being in better physical condition. I think being in shape will improve my mental well-being as well. I think I'll have a more positive outlook on most facets of my life.

At the very least, I'll have a strong sense of accomplishment. I should also have a healthy dose of self confidence.

Back to the black-eyed peas. Indeed, I decided that would be on the menu New Year's Day. The year 2014 is getting off to the start I want. It's an important year in many ways for me and for my family. Does it have anything to do with peas? No. It has everything to do with discipline and desire. The peas are simply a tradition I've rejoined. But it can't hurt...

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60- and 40-Watt Bulbs banned for 2014

On Jan. 1, 2014, it will be lights out for standard incandescent 60- and 40-watt light bulbs. In order to comply with efficiency standards outlined in the Energy Independence and Security Act, which was signed into law by President George Bush in 2007, it will be illegal to manufacture or import them after Dec. 31. But retailers will still be able to sell off any remaining stock.

In 2012, all 100-watt bulbs were phased out, and 75-watt bulbs disappeared the following year.

The old incandescent bulbs are highly inefficient — only about 10 percent of their energy output is converted into light; the rest is lost to heat. "Once all of our nation's 4 billion screw-based sockets have an efficient bulb in them, U.S. consumers will save \$13 billion and 30 large coal-burning power plants-worth of electricity a year. The savings really add up," Noah Horowitz, senior scientist for the National Resources Defense Council tells Yahoo Shine. He adds that if you replace an incandescent bulb with a CFL (compact fluorescent light), you'll save about \$50 over the course of the bulb's lifetime. LEDs (light-emitting diodes) are pricey up front — they run about \$10 per 60-watt equivalent, but over time they offer a savings of \$100 to \$150 in energy costs. The numbers are compelling, but that doesn't mean that some of us won't mourn the loss of the mellow light emitted by old-fashioned bulbs, especially the 60-watt version, which accounts for about 50 percent of household lighting in the United States.

Lighting artist and designer Bentley Meeker, who runs a successful lighting design company in New York City, isn't a fan of all of the new, more efficient bulbs. "The soul doesn't connect to LED, it's a visceral reaction," he tells Yahoo Shine. "Until the mid-1850s, the

transition to energy efficient light that humans were exposed to was daylight and firelight — incandescent bulbs have a color that is similar to firelight." He believes that LEDs and fluorescents can be fatiguing on the eyes and unpleasant to live and work with for long periods of time.

Horowitz argues that the transition to energy efficient bulbs has been smooth and successful and that the technology and choices are continually improving. He says the main reason people aren't happy with some of the new bulbs is that they are choosing the wrong brightness level and/or "flavor" (the color of light the bulb emits).

Here are expert tips to comply with the new law, as well as to balance energy efficiency and cost savings with aesthetics:

Don't inadvertently buy a bulb that's too bright. New bulbs are measured in lumens, not watts, which can be confusing. A 10-watt LED is as bright as a 60-watt incandescent, so if you purchase a 19-watt LED for a small accent light, it will seem glaring. The NRDC has a useful chart showing the light equivalences of various bulbs.

Choose different types of bulbs for different purposes. Meeker uses LEDs and CFLs to light hallways, stairwells, and basements, and for spotlighting objects. For living spaces, he prefers halogen incandescent bulbs. He says they are a great substitute for the old bulbs, especially if you use them on a dimmer.



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