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Veteran Spotlight:

Vietnam veteran Larry Guthrie says 'I'm not a hero, I did my job'

By Charles Keaton
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It started with a pellet gun he received when he was nine years old and it took him halfway around the world to the rice paddies and jungles of South Vietnam. Larry Guthrie's shooting abilities, which he honed on the farm, paved the way to a job as a sniper in the Marine Corps at the age of 20.

On June 1, 1967, Guthrie enlisted in the Marine Corps as the war in Vietnam continued to escalate. Initially, he signed up to be a truck driver but at the end of the nine weeks of boot camp, he, along with several others, was asked about becoming snipers. Those that accepted then spent another six weeks in training that included improving their shooting skills by understanding the physics of shooting as well as what to do and where to stay as a sniper.

At the end of the training, Guthrie shot 224 out of 226 and it all started with a pelt gun and shooting grasshoppers off of the fence at 20 yards.

"When I was nine, I received a pelt gun and I practiced with it shooting at grasshoppers," Guthrie said. "Then I got a .22 rifle and continued to improve my shooting skills."

Once all of his training was completed in San Diego and Camp Pendleton, Guthrie received his orders to deploy to Vietnam. During this time, he told his fiancée, Rhonda Burns, that they would have to wait for him to get back from Vietnam to get married.

"I couldn't marry her and then leave for Vietnam not knowing if I would even come back. It wasn't fair to her," Guthrie said. "The trip to Vietnam took us through Hawaii where Rhonda's brother was and I couldn't even go to a nearby phone booth to call him. They kept us restricted.

We then went to Okinawa for five days before they sent us on to Da Nang."

Guthrie arrived in Vietnam on Oct. 1, 1967 to scorching temperatures of up to 140 degrees and heavy rains that pushed the temperatures down to 60 degrees. He said even a West Texan had a hard time adjusting to the weather and his poncho became his best friend during the rainy season.

He spent much of his time on and around Hill 55, southeast of Da Nang. Going out with a partner, they would spend from one to three weeks out in the jungles performing their duty as snipers.

"It was the job I was assigned to do and I did my job," Guthrie said. "I'm not a hero; I was just a Marine doing his job. It wasn't fun but it was what I had to do. Most of my shots were between 1,000 and 1,500 yards."

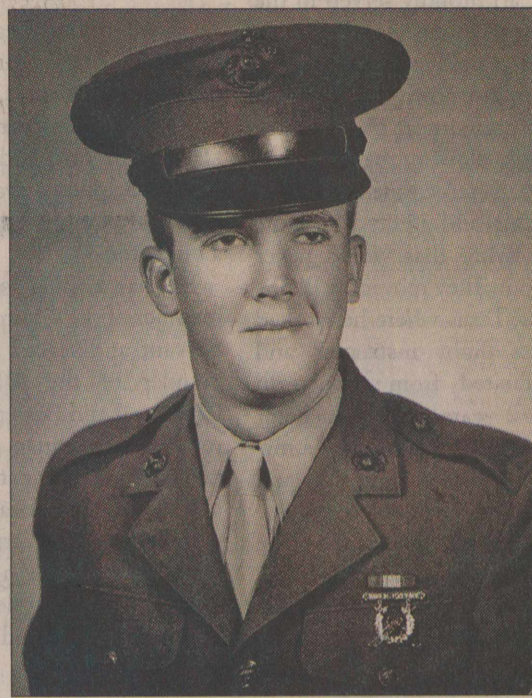
Guthrie said most of the times that he and his partner would just walk out into the jungle then disappear to do their job, but sometimes they would catch a truck out to a drop point. They had supply drop-off points where they could resupply themselves when they were out for extended periods. Guthrie said he and his partner slept very little because they had to be alert at all times.

"I didn't make friends over there, especially with my partners that I went into the jungles with because there were too many that did not come back," Guthrie said.

With the stress of Vietnam plus the extra stress of being a sniper, Guthrie still has flashbacks of that time in his life. He said the only pleasant memories over there were when they got to go on weekend leave to a secure beach where they could play football and blow off steam and when he had kitchen duty.

Guthrie said, "I told them I could cook, although I really couldn't, just so I could do

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Courtesy Photos
Larry Guthrie, shown above in a 1967 photo, served in Vietnam during 1967-68 as a sniper in the Marine Corps until he was wounded in a battle in Da Nang, South Vietnam.



2013 in review in Floyd County

By Charles Keaton
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July:

The Spirit of Sharing moved into their new location at 925 W. Crockett. Winfield and Patty Davenport were recognized at the Texas 4-H State Roundup as Distinguished Leaders. Steve Lloyd, Bobby Gilliland and Dana Crossland were sworn into Floydada City Council positions. Lockney issued Stage 3 water rationing because of continuing drought conditions and a dwindling water supply. Jeff Johnston was hired as the new Floydada City Manager. Jianna Davenport received an \$18,000 4-H Scholarship from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. A multi-agency manhunt in a cornfield west of Lockney resulted in the arrest of three illegal aliens and a continuing search for three more. Amy Kress was named the new AgriLife Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Science. First Baptist Church of Lockney sponsored 13 kids and 10 adults as missionaries to Panama.

August:

The Caprock Hospital District in Floydada and the doctors of W.J. Mangold Hospital in Lockney dissolved their working relationship; however, the Hospital District is working to find another group to open the clinic. KCBT-TV from Lubbock broadcast their 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. news from the Floyd County Courthouse Square. The Lockney Salvation Army reopened at their new location at 108 N. Main in Lockney. Xcel Energy began construction of a 345-kilovolt transmission line through Floyd County. Floydada and Lockney football teams began two-a-days in anticipation of a new high school football season. Jay Ragland became the new head coach for the Longhorns. West Texas Family Medicine in Plainview announced at working agreement to reopen the Cogdell Clinic in Floydada. Matt Williams was appointed to the Lockney City Council after Bil Anderson moved to Lubbock. Floyd County 4-H sponsored a fundraiser to benefit the South Plains Honor Flight. Lockney residents Claude Brown and Lavim Carthel participated in the trip and Lon Colvin was scheduled to go but was unable to due to health issues.

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Flu Season Hits Texas

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

With the flu season in full swing in Texas, the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) encourages everyone to take the necessary precautions to prevent the flu and the spread of the flu. Vaccinations are available for everyone beginning at six months old. The vaccination comes in different versions. For healthy people from two to 49 that are not pregnant, a nasal spray is available. Also, for people 65 and older, a high-dose vaccine is available. The DSHS reminds everyone to talk to their health care provider about the best type of flu vaccine for them.

This year's vaccine includes protection against the most common flu strains including the H1N1 which is the most common strain seen thus far in Texas.

Dr. David Lakey, DSHS commissioner said, "Flu is on the rise and causing severe illness in certain people. It is not unexpected this time of year, but it's a good reminder for people to get vaccinated and stay home if they're sick. Flu can be deadly. People who have not been vaccinated should do so now. It's the best defense we have."

On average, the flu kills 23,600 Americans a year according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Those most at risk include people over 65, pregnant women, young children and people with chronic health conditions.

Standard prevention steps include: washing hands frequently with soap and water or using alcohol-based hand sanitizer; cover coughs and sneezes; and stay home if sick.

Signs that you may have the flu include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills, fatigue and sometimes diarrhea and vomiting. Not all of

these symptoms have to be present for it to be the flu, so be sure to consult your health care provider for treatment. Do not put off seeing your health care provider because if they feel you need antiviral drugs, the sooner treatment is started, the better the drugs work.

If you are feeling only mildly ill, do not go to the emergency room but go to a clinic or your personal health care provider. However, if the emergency warning signs are present, take the patient to the emergency room.

The emergency warning signs for children include: fast breathing or trouble breathing; bluish skin color; not drinking enough fluids; not waking up or not interacting; being so irritable that the child does not want to be held; flu-like symptoms improve but then return with fever or worse cough; and fever with a rash. In addition to those signs, get medical help immediately if an infant has any of the following signs: being unable to eat; has trouble breathing; has no tears when crying; and significantly fewer wet diapers than normal.

In adults, look for these signs: difficulty breathing or shortness of breath; pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen; sudden dizziness; confusion; severe or persistent vomiting; and flu-like symptoms that improve but then return with fever or worse cough.

If you or a family member gets sick be sure to follow these steps: stay home and rest; avoid close contact with well people in your house so they don't become sick; drink plenty of water and other clear liquids to prevent fluid loss; treat fever and cough with medicines you can buy at the store; and if you are pregnant or have a high risk medical condition contact your health care provider.

For more information regarding the flu, the DSHS has a website specifically for the flu at texasflu.org.

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 at the Unity Center in Muncy. Show starts are 7:30 a.m. The Premium Sale will be held SATURDAY EVENING following the conclusion of the show. Buyer's meal will be at approx. 5 p.m. Please make note of the new changes!

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

The Caprock Crop Production Conference is scheduled for Thursday, January 23, 2014 at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center. 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. See article in the Hesperian-Beacon this week for further info.

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.

Corrections

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

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Deaths

Carl Arnold Brock

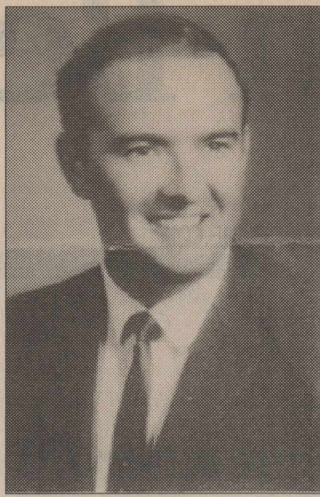
Carl Arnold Brock, 72, died peacefully, surrounded by his family, in his Oklahoma City home Thursday morning, November 21, 2013 after a lengthy illness.

Carl was born on May 29, 1938 in the McCoy community near Floydada, Texas to WH (Bill) and Emma Tina Brock. He was the fifth of six children.

On August 25, 1956, he married Patsy Beth Johnson in Floydada, Texas and spent 57 happy years together.

Carl proudly served in the United States Air Force for four years. He farmed for six years just north of the cemetery and airport in Floydada. While plowing the fields one day, an Aerocoupe buzzed his tractor and ignited a flame for flying that would never go out. They moved to Plainview, Texas where he worked as a flight instructor and graduated from college in 3-1/2 years with a Bachelor of Arts in Business and a minor in History from Wayland Baptist University in 1970.

He went on to run the fixed base operation in Duncan, Oklahoma. The family moved to Oklahoma City in



CARL BROCK

1975 when Carl began selling aircraft at Catlin Aviation. Over the years, he sold waterless cookware, fire alarms, aircraft, soda vending machines, warehouse rack and anything there was a buyer for.

He has been a long-time member of the Church of the Servant and served as commander of the Oklahoma City Snail and Power Squadron. He was a man of many talents with an innate ability to entertain and always quick with a joke. In true west Texas style, he was a straight shooter who cared deeply for his family and lived his life

with honor.

Carl is survived by his wife, Patsy Brock, and his children, Terri Ward and her husband, Greg Ward, and Tina Stuber; his grandchildren, Tana Libby Puckett and her husband, Sean Puckett, Tasha Loreane Libby, Jesse Beth Stuber, Taryn Marie Libby and Brock Randy Stuber; his brother, Jack Brock of Austin, Texas; his sister, Dorothy Hansen of Cranfills Gap, Texas and his wife's siblings, Lourie Johnson and his wife, Velda, Novis Brown and her husband, Ellis, and Wesley Johnson and his wife, Linda.

He was preceded in death by his parents, WH and Emma Tina Brock and his siblings, Harvey, Ellen, and Tommie Brock.

Carl was an elaborate story teller and professional home videographer. He enjoyed fishing, boating, water skiing, and traveling. He was always ready for adventure and enjoyed sharing his time with his family.

We encourage you to leave your stories about Carl or notes to the family online at: <http://memorialwebsites.legacy.com/CarlBrock>

Judy Mae Miller

Judy Mae Miller, age 63, passed away at the family home on Sunday, December 29, 2013.

A Family visitation was held at 3 p.m. on Friday, January 3, 2014. Arrangements were under the care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Quitique.

Judy was born on March 7, 1950 to Gwan Henry and Mary Alice (Peterson) Wilkinson in Clarendon, Texas. She married Steve Edward Miller on June 10, 1968 in Silverton. They lived in Tulia for a short period before moving back to Silverton. Judy attended Clarendon College to become a Licensed Vocational Nurse. While working for the Floydada Hospital as an LVN, she attended Amarillo College and completed schooling as a Registered Nurse. After the Floydada Hospital closed, she found her "extended family" at W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital in Lockney. Her nursing career spanned 28 years as an LVN and RN.

Judy was a gifted nurse and caregiver for thousands of patients in the South Plains area. Her compassion wouldn't stop with her own family. She was passionate about her job, the patients, and "extended family" at W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital.

Her passion didn't stop there. She was an avid quilter who enjoyed her fellow quilters in Floydada and Plainview. They

would share ideas, stories, and show off their quilts.

When she wasn't quilting or working, she loved to spend time tending to her flowers with Eudean. The Miller Garden has been used as the setting for many photographs. The highlight of her days was to come home from a hard day's work and sit with Steve by the fishpond to feed their fish. Jaws, their koi, was her favorite.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Durwood Wilkinson.

Judy is survived by her husband, Steve; a daughter, Tonnette Perkins and husband, Scott; a son, Terry Miller and wife, Leslie, all from Silverton; five grandchildren, Zakkary David Perkins from Spangdahlem AFB, Germany, Johnathan Michael Floyd Perkins from Dyess AFB, Abilene, Whitney Elizabeth Perkins from Canyon, Hayden Lee Miller and Jennifer Lynn Miller, both of Silverton; a brother, Gwan Lane Wilkinson and wife, Tiffany of Hedley; a sister, Sheila Brooks and friend, Larry Edwards of Silverton; a sister-in-law, Peggie Wilkinson of Sulphur Springs, Texas; and her special family friend, Eudean Crow of Silverton. Along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to your favorite breast cancer charity.

Noe R. Martinez

Floydada - Noe R. Martinez, age 65, passed away, Saturday, January 4, 2014 at UMC in Lubbock. Mass of Christian Burial will be held 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Floydada. Interment will follow at the Floydada Cemetery. Rosary will be 7:00 p.m., Monday, January 6, 2014 at the Moore-Rose Funeral Home Chapel. Arrangements are under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

Noe was born March 24,



NOE MARTINEZ

1948 to Refugio G. and Dora (Cuellar) Martinez in San Ignacio Mexico. Noe was multi-talented man and

a master of many things. Those who know him know he loved his motorcycle, "Big Bertha" and the rallies he rode her to. He loved farming, ranching, welding, and barbequing, but most of all he loved spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Yolanda of the home, one son; Richardo C. Martinez and wife Melisa, two daughters; Christina Hinojosa and husband Herbert III, Esther Alaniz and husband Jorge all of Floydada. Also surviving is his sister Maria Escalon of San Jon, NM, 13 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and a host of friends who loved him very much.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Refugio C and Dora (Cuellar) Martinez and one grandson, Abraham Noe Alaniz.

Online condolences may be made at www.moore-rose.com.

William O'Daniel (Dan) Smith

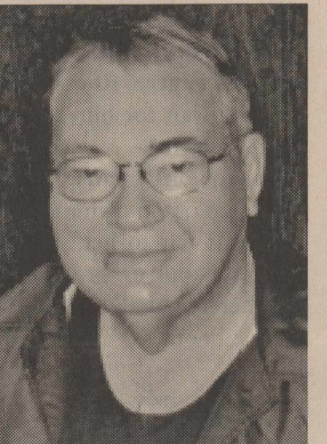
William O' Daniel (Dan) Smith, age 75, died on December 27th, 2013 at his home in Floydada.

Dan, or Danny as his family knew him, was born in a farmhouse in Brown County, Texas on March 22, 1938 to the late Hazael Millican Smith and Willie Owen Smith.

In 1962 he married his late wife, Karen Goen Smith of Floydada, Texas. Dan graduated from Arlington High School in 1956 and from Baylor University in 1961. After receiving his PhD in Distributive Education from the University of Minnesota, Dan moved to San Angelo, Texas where he taught at Angelo State University from 1974-2001. Dan retired and moved to Brownwood, Texas where he maintained a pecan orchard for several years before moving to Floydada, Texas to be closer to family.

Dan Smith was a gentle man who saw only the best in those around him. He enjoyed his family and was especially proud of his three grandchildren. He will be deeply missed.

Dan is preceded in death by his parents, Hazael and Owen Smith, his wife, Karen Goen Smith, and his son, Daniel



DAN SMITH

Darrell Smith. Dan is survived by a son, Kyle Smith and Shelly of Floydada, Texas; a daughter, Jennifer Smith Rose and Josh of Dallas, Texas and three grandchildren, Hannah and Konner Smith and Hazel Rose. He is also survived by his sister, Dorothy Emmons of Frisco, Texas and his brother, James (Jim) Smith of Brady, Texas, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 11 a.m. on Monday, December 20, 2013 at the Southland Baptist Church in San Angelo, Texas.

Graveside services followed at Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens. Services were under the direction of Moore Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

RE-ELECT

Penny Golightly Floyd County Judge

EXPERIENCE COUNTS

- ★ Balanced and managed 2 and 3 million dollars budgets
- ★ 30 years experience with Floyd County government
- ★ Cleaned up criminal and civil dockets, and conduct county court on a regular basis
- ★ Designed and implemented the courthouse evacuation plan
- ★ Implemented Wi-Fi and improved the efficiency of the inter-net system for the courthouse
- ★ Updated and reviewed the "Personnel Policy Manual" with enforcing drug testing
- ★ I appreciate your vote and support

Subject to the Republican Primary Pd. Political ad by Lori Morales Treasurer

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We would like to offer our apologies to Ruby Gooch for listing her name on the Memoriam by mistake. Ruby is alive and doing great at the age of 95 years old. We sincerely regret any inconvenience this may have caused. The name should have been listed as Ruby Bunch. We apologize to both families.

IN MEMORIAM

As we begin a new year, let us not forget those who have preceded us in death. Those who played such a vital role in building our community and forging our lives. Those who we lost this year. Those who will be missed.

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<i>Eva Parker</i>
<i>Roger Flory</i>
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<i>Carlos Riojas</i>
<i>Dorothy Anderson</i>
<i>Jerry Morphis</i>
<i>Susan Young</i>
<i>Barbara Cousins</i>
AND MANY MORE.....</p> |
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"LORD, TEACH US TO NUMBER OUR DAYS AND RECOGNIZE HOW FEW THEY ARE. HELP US SPEND THEM AS WE SHOULD."

Notices of Non-discrimination

Policy of Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability Status

The County of Floyd does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or employment in, its program or activities. Jo Elliott has been designated to coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements contained in the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) regulations implementing Section 504 (24 CFR Part 8, dated June 2, 1988).

Equal Employment Opportunity Statement

The County of **Floyd** does not discriminate on the basis of color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

The County of **Floyd** has adopted complaint and grievance procedures regarding its Texas Community Development Block Grant Programs. These procedures outline the steps for a citizen to follow if s/he wishes to file a written complaint about proposed TxCDBG activities. The County will make every effort to respond fully to such complaints within ten (10) working days. Citizens may obtain a copy of these written procedures at the County Courthouse between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Citizens may also request the procedures be mailed to them by calling County Treasurer Jo Elliot, at (806) 983-4910.

SOCIETY



**REBEKAH LEIGH THORNTON
AND DYLAN EUGENE CARVER**

Thornton and Carver to wed

Travis and Amy Thornton of Plainview are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebekah Leigh Thornton of Houston to Dylan Eugene Carver of Houston. The groom is the son of Harold and Kim Carver of Cleveland, Texas.

The bride is a 2006 graduate of Lockney High School and a 2010 graduate of Texas A&M University at College Station with a B.A. in international marketing. She is employed as the regional design centers manager for the Houston/South Texas area by Wisenbaker Builder Services.

The groom is a 2009 graduate of Texas A&M University at Corpus Christi with a B.S. in marketing and another B.S. in communications. He is employed as projects superintendent for a commercial construction company in the Houston area.

The wedding will take place March 29, 2014 at Madera Estates in Conroe, Texas.

Sherman and Villarreal to marry



**BRANDON SHERMAN AND
STEPHANA VILLARREAL**

Kay Wilson of Lubbock is pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of her son, Brandon Sherman to Stephana Villarreal, daughter of Felix Villarreal and Elizabeth Ramos of Lockney.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Texas Tech University where she obtained a Bachelor's degree. She is currently employed by Baylor University's Texas Hunger Initiative.

Stephana is the granddaughter of Juan and Genoveva Villarreal of Lockney.

The future groom is a graduate of Texas Tech University where he received his Bachelor's degree. He is employed by Walmart in Lubbock.

Brandon is the grandson of Bill and Mary Sherman of Lockney.

The couple will be married on Saturday, February 22, 2014 at the Monterey Church of Christ in Lubbock.

Museum Archives First Officers' Whereabouts

Special Edition
The Hesperian
December 21, 1905

By Claude V. Hall

Something of the whereabouts of the first officers of Floyd County will doubtless be of interest to many readers. Insofar as it is possible, information from all available sources has been secured that the reader may be edified.

Judge Duncan has filled the county Judge's office continuously since the organization of the County in 1890. During the past four years he has been conducting a real estate business in connection with his official duties.

John C. Hendrix was reelected county attorney in the general action of November, 1890, but he resigned early in the year of 1891. He was married during his incumbency to Miss Alice Brashear and continued his residence in Floyd County only a few months thereafter. He cast his lot in Oklahoma where he pursued the practice of law for a few years. In the autumn of 1897 he and his family returned to Floyd County and resided a year at Lockney. During his residence at this place he and R. W. Jones founded and published the Lockney Ledger. He moved from Lockney to Miami, Roberts County, thence to one of the Twin Territories.

R. T. Miller continued to fill the office of county and district clerk until the general election of 1898, when he voluntarily retired from office. He still resides at Floydada. In 1898 he was granted temporary license to practice law, and during the year following he obtained permanent license. At the election of 1904 he was elected county attorney. This position he is now filling. He owns a country home about three miles northeast of Floydada. He devotes some of his attention to farming and stock-raising.

D. W. Jenkins continued in the office of sheriff and tax collector until his death in May, 1896. His remains now repose in the Floydada Cemetery. Prior to his election he was a cowboy on the F Ranch. Soon after the election in the fall of 1890, he was married to Miss Ella Powell. He wife and children who survived him continued their residence near Floydada until the winter of 1898-1899, when they took up their residence in the Dutchman settlement in Motley County.

E. E. Keeley remained in office only during the short term from the organization of the County until the general election in November following. He continued his residence in the western part of Floyd County for about two years.

L. C. Darby filled the office of the assessor until the election in November, 1892. He remained a citizen of the Sandhill settlement until 1895 when he cast his lot in Scurry County. In 1900 he was elected sheriff and tax collector of his adopted county. He still resides in

Scurry County.

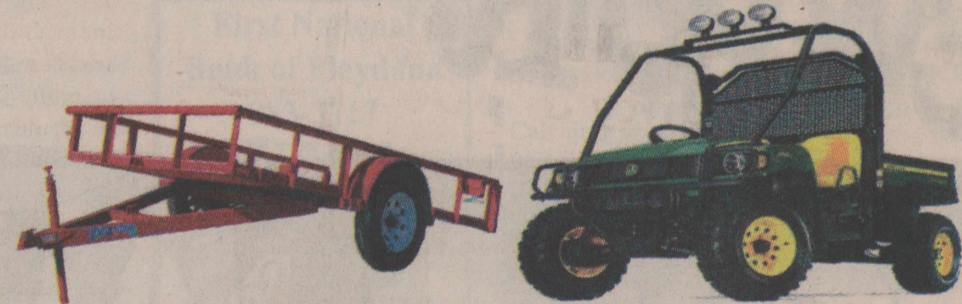
W. M. Massie was reelected county surveyor in the election in November, 1890. He came to Floyd County in 1888 and resided at Della Plain where he taught school in 1889. He entered into the real estate business before the organization of the County and has been a leading land agent ever since. Mr. Massie is a public spirited citizen and has taken an active interest in the promotion of various public enterprises. He was married to Miss Martin, of Parker County, in the summer of 1899. His residence is on the west side of the Floydada town section. He has been highly successful in business, and is now rated as one of the biggest tax payers in the County. He owns much realty in Floyd and other Plains counties. It has all been accumulated since he came to Floyd County eighteen years ago.

Mr. Ramsey has continued to reside in Floyd County since he was commissioner. For a number of years he ran a well-drilling machine and many of the wells in the County are the results of his craft. He is a successful farmer and stock raiser. His farm is about four miles west of the town of Lockney.

Mr. Michael after his term as one of the first commissioners of Floyd County resided a number of years in Briscoe County, where he filled the office of sheriff and tax collector from 1894 to 1898. At the expiration of his term of office in Briscoe County he returned to Floyd County. In 1900 he was again elected county commissioner and reelected in 1902. He resigned however in the spring of 1904 in order to take up his abode in California, where he now resides. In the eastern part of the County just prior to his removal to California, he owned a large farm and ranch, which he sold for \$10,000.00.

W. R. Vandever served as county commissioner until the fall of 1892. Soon after this time he moved to New Mexico. He was a typical western character. His home was in Blanco Canyon and it consisted of a rude stone structure on a 160-acre homestead. At the time of his election as county commissioner he was in the evening of his life.

B. P. Merrell continues to reside in the Sandhill Settlement. His home is one mile south of the first section he occupied. His incumbency as county commissioner continued until November 1892. In 1896 and 1897 he resided in Scurry County but returned to Floyd County and settled the place he occupies at present. Uncle Perry, as he is familiarly called by all who know him, is a Texas of old regime, which implies Southern Hospitality and democratic sentiment. He came to Floyd County in 1887 and has been engaged in horse raising ever since. Tho he is in years close on to three score and ten he is still hale and hearty, active and energetic. His life is one fraught with many interesting and thrilling experiences. In the War between the States and the frontiers of Texas he has done service and endured hardships and privations that would lend the life of any man of average constitution and vitality.



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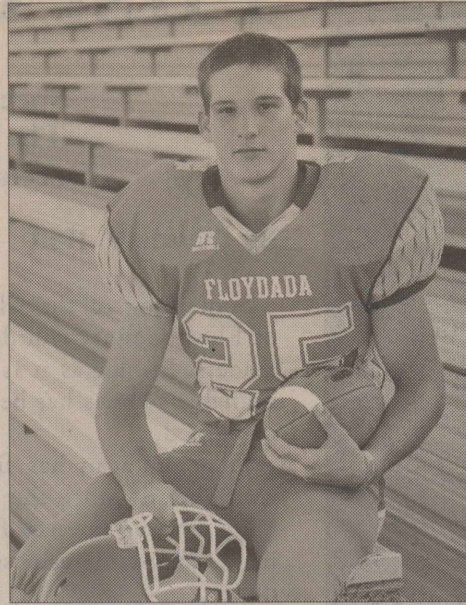
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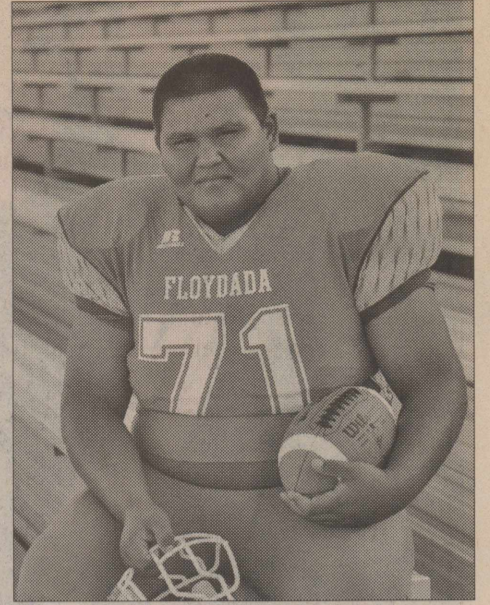
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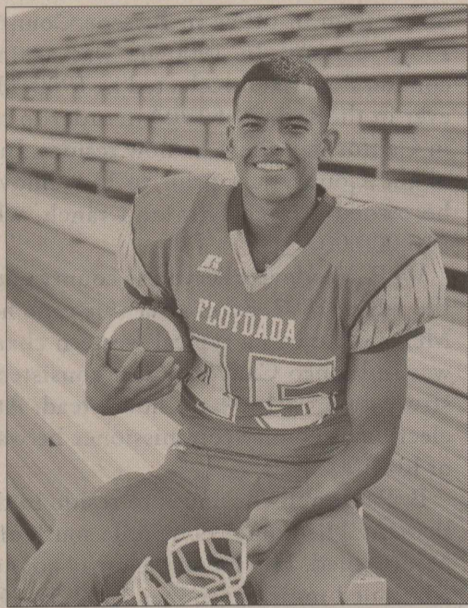
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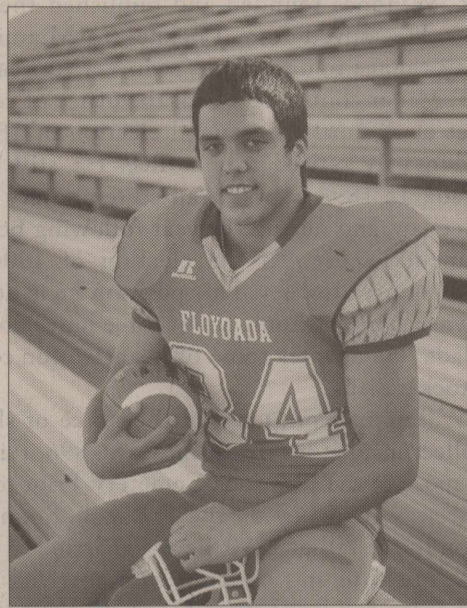
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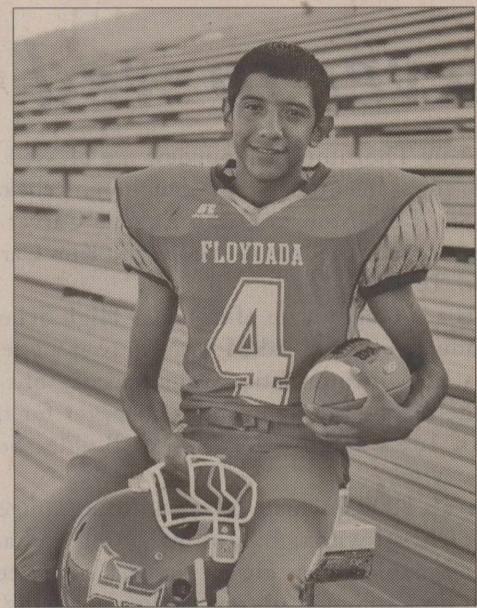
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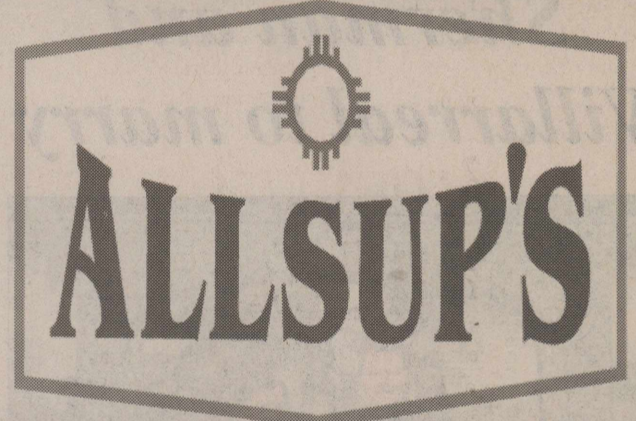


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AGRICULTURE

High Plains Irrigation Conference set for January 16 in Amarillo

By Kay Ledbetter

AMARILLO – The annual High Plains Irrigation Conference will be held Jan. 16 in the Regency Room of the Amarillo Civic Center, 401 S. Buchanan St., Amarillo.

The program, hosted by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Texas Agricultural Irrigation Association, will address a wide variety of topics of interest to the general public, as well as to agricultural producers, landowners, crop consultants and irrigation professionals, said Dr. Dana Porter, program coordinator and AgriLife Extension agricultural engineering specialist-irrigation and water management, Lubbock.

“We wanted to offer farm owners and managers information on economic risk management tools for limited irrigation conditions, as well as research updates and new recommendations for crop-specific irrigation management,” Porter said.

A concurrent trade show also will provide opportunities for attendees to see new products and technologies, and to visit with experts from industry, non-profit organizations and agencies.

Registration will be onsite only, beginning at 8 a.m., with the program starting at 8:30 a.m. The fee is \$30. Irrigation Association – five certified irrigation designer – and certified crop adviser continuing education units – 4.5 in soil and water management and one in crop management – will be offered.

Topics and speakers for the program will be:

- Regional Water Issues, Kyle Ingham, Panhandle Regional Planning Commission Regional Water Planning director, Amarillo.

- Texas Water Development Board Programs: SWIFT Updates and Agricultural and Rural Water Conservation.

- Trends in Agricultural Irrigation, Dr. Kevin Wagner, Texas Water Resources Institute associate director, College Station.

- Crop Insurance and Irrigation Best Management Practices, Jay Yates, AgriLife Extension economist-risk management, Lubbock.

- Risk Management Tools for Limited Irrigation, DeDe Jones, AgriLife Extension risk management program specialist, Amarillo.

- Applied Research Panel: Irrigation Management Strategies for High Plains Crops, Dr. Qingwu Xue, Texas A&M AgriLife Research crop stress physiologist, Amarillo; Thomas Marek, AgriLife Research senior research, Amarillo; and Jim Bordovsky, AgriLife Research scientist and agricultural engineer, Halfway / Lubbock.

- Irrigation Management Tools, Porter.

The meeting will conclude after 4 p.m. with a wrap-up, evaluation and CEU distribution.

For more conference information, go to the Texas Agricultural Irrigation Association website, http://taia.org/HPIC_2014.html. Questions about the program can be directed to Porter at atdporter@ag.tamu.edu. Trade show questions should be directed to Kern Stutler at 806-786-5644.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margarette Word
Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

This is January and the starting of a new year. We have a new business in town. Bella Tee's, which is a t-shirt screen-printing business. I hope Floydada supports her because we need more businesses to be a service to this community. The more we shop in Floydada the better our community will be.

We wish more senior adults would be a part of the Senior Citizen activities at the Center. We really need you to come and eat lunch and visit us. Those that do attend seem to have a good time eating a hot meal and visiting with friends.

Please call Sylvia at 983-2032 by 9:30 a.m. so she will have enough food for everyone. The holidays are over and it's a good time to start the new year out by being a regular member at the Center. I do not like to cook any more and it does me good to have somewhere to go each day.

Thank you for remembering the Center when you make a memorial donation in memory of a loved one.

In memory of Dorothy Anderson – Ruth Hammonds, Lovene Moore, Ronald and Alyne Evans, Vicki and Merle Terrell

In memory of Maria Bueno – Don and Carolyn Hardy, Ruth Hammonds

In memory of Fred Zimmerman, III

–First National Bank of Floydada, Don and Carolyn Hardy, Dougherty Farm, Frank M. and William David Dougherty

In memory of Dr. Jack Jordan – Lovene Moore

In memory of Dan Smith – Ronald and Alyne Evans

Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235. Our phone number is 983-2032.

Thought for the Week – “A man cannot be comfortable without his own approval”.

Mark Twain

Menu

January 13 – January 17

Monday – Creamy mushroom steak, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, whole wheat roll, margarine, emerald pear, low-fat milk

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

Wednesday – BBQ chicken filet, baked potato w/sour cream, whole wheat roll, margarine, mixed vegetables, mandarin oranges, low-fat milk

Thursday – Sweet & sour pork, fried rice, mixed vegetables, tossed salad w/dressing, fruit parfait, low-fat milk

Friday – Hot dog on bun, mustard, baked potato w/sour cream, seasoned broccoli, pineapple gelatin, low-fat milk

Texas Cotton Ginners Assoc. Taking Nominations for Ginner of the Year

Now is the time to begin sending in your nomination for the Texas Cotton Ginners Association Ginner of the Year. This is the highest honor a gin manager can receive by peers in the industry.

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deserves this prestigious honor, send us a letter describing his or her attributes. Supporting letters from other industry individuals and organizations are encouraged. Nomination letters need to be sent to the TCGA office by December 31, 2013. Send the information to the Texas Cotton Ginners' Association, Ginner of the Year, 408 West 14th Street, Austin, TX 78701.

RRC Production Statistics and Allowables for January 2014

AUSTIN — The Texas average rig count as of December 13 was 846, representing about 50 percent of all active land rigs in the United States. In the last 12 months, total Texas reported production was 677 million barrels of oil and 6.3 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

The Commission's estimated final production for October 2013 is 63,932,725 barrels of crude oil and 569,435,256 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas well gas.

The Commission derives final production numbers by multiplying the preliminary October 2013 production to-

tals of 54,522,194 barrels of crude oil and 462,917,857 Mcf of gas well gas by a production adjustment factor of 1.1726 for crude oil and 1.2301 for gas well gas. (These production totals do not include casinghead gas or condensate.)

Texas natural gas storage reported to the Commission for November was 436,325,959 Mcf compared to 463,524,469 Mcf in November 2012. The December 2013 gas storage estimate is 391,122,702 Mcf.

The Texas Railroad Commission's Oil and Gas Division set initial January 2014 natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the

state to meet market demand of 8,125,899 MCF (thousand cubic feet). In setting the initial January 2014 allowables, the Commission used historical production figures from previous months, producers' demand forecasts for the coming month, and adjusted the figures based on well capability. These initial allowables will be adjusted after actual production for January 2014 is reported.

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Darwin Robinson, Pastor
983-5278
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday..... 7:00 p.m.

CALVARY'S CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP
Floydada
Armando Morales, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

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Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m.
Afternoon Worship .. 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST
Levi Sisemore, Minister
Ivan Gomez, Minister
Floydada
Sunday Bible Study.. 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Tim Franks, Pastor
Terry Simmons,
Minister of Ed./Music
Josh Burgett - Min. Students
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship ... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Lockney
Jonathan Sullivan, Pastor
Chad Cook, Youth Min.
Phil Cotham, Music Min.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday..... 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday (Youth) . 7:15 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Lockney
Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges
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OUT REACH HARVEST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
310 E. Mississippi
Floydada
Rev. David Ramos, Pastor
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader
Sunday Bible... 10:00 a.m.
Morning Praise.. 11:00 a.m.
Evening Praise 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship.... 7:00 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Floydada
Rev. Les Hall, Pastor
Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School..... 10:50 a.m.
Youth (Sunday)..... 5:00 p.m.
Youth (Wednesday).. 6:30 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Lockney
Rev. Ricky Carstensen
Pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service..... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Jr. High 5:30 p.m.
Wed. High School... 6:30 p.m.

GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Joe Bennett, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service..... 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday..... 8:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:30 p.m.

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Lockney
Beau A. Hart, Minister
Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday..... 7:00 p.m.

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Rev. Timothy Askew
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Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Study .. 6:00 p.m.

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Wed. Worship.... 7:00 p.m.

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Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor
704 N. Main, Lockney
Sunday Services... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday..... 7:30 p.m.

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Lockney
Jesus Caballero, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Floydada
Rev. Toby Gonzales
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 10:40 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Evening 7:00 p.m.

SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH
Lockney
Jim McCartney, Pastor
Wed. Communion... 8:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass..... 11:30 a.m.

SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH
Joe Weldon, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting..... 7:00 p.m.

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..... Sunday School
English..... 9:45 a.m.
Spanish..... 11:00 a.m.
Spanish Worship 9:30 a.m.
English Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service..... 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday..... 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday Mass..... 11:30 a.m.
Mon. Wed. Mass..... 6:30 p.m.
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TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM
Lockney
Rev. Joe Hernandez
Sun. Prayer Service 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 p.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA
Rev. Herman Martinez
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday 7:30 p.m.
Thursday Service 7:30 p.m.

TRINITY ASSEMBLY
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ... 10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.

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Rev. Peter W. Harrington Minister
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

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REVIEW
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September:

Floyd County 4-H held their annual achievement banquet to honor 4-H youth and leaders. The Lockney Longhorns claimed the Floyd County trophy with a 38-36 victory over Floydada. Annual Floyd County Fair held at the fairgrounds in Lockney. Providence Farm Supply celebrates 50 years of business.

October:

A death of a county resident due to the West Nile Virus was confirmed by the Texas Department of State Health Services. Punkin Days were held for the 26th time in downtown Floydada. Floyd County reported reduced state sales tax revenues. Rodger Stapp steps down as mayor of Lockney. Floydada and

Lockney open district play with losses. Lady Winds and Lady Horns begin basketball practice. Cargill announced closing of the Lockney Feed Lot sometime in 2014. Floyd County benefits from Competitive Renewable Energy Zone initiative with completion of transmission lines and five different wind energy projects in various stages of development in the county.

November:

Several foxes were discovered trapped in the old Duncan Abstract Office in Floydada. Floydada city voters approved a bond issue that will allow the city to build a new pool and splash pad as well as improve softball fields. Floydada and Lockney football teams failed to make playoffs. Ice and several inches of snow slow travel and harvest activities.

December:

Annual Holiday Health

Fair held by Mangold Hospital. The University Interscholastic League released the conference and division cutoff numbers for the biennial realignment. Floydada will play is conference 2A division I and Lockney will play in conference 2A division II, new district assignments will be release Feb. 3, 2014. Hospice Hands of West Texas celebrates 16 years of service. Lockney and Floydada communities and organizations plan for various Christmas activities. Bill Glass was recognized as a Distinguished Leader for Floyd County at the District 2 4-H Gold Star Banquet. Kirby Nixon and Jacob Graham received the 4-H Gold Star Award and the Gold Star Banquet. Schacht Flowers in Lockney closed after 41 years in business. Aiken Post Office closed after 98 years. Carr's Chapel holds 108th Christmas Eve service.

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong
Special for the Hesperian-Beacon

Hope everyone is getting back into a normal routine now that the holidays are over. Hope you all enjoyed having family in for a visit.

Joshua and I want to personally thank you all for our Christmas gift. We appreciate it so much.

We had 64 here for Family Night and everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship. Hope

to see you all again on January 10th. Family Night begins at 5, so you all come and enjoy.

Remember Pot Luck Thursday night at 5 p.m. and enjoy games afterwards.

Coffee is everyday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Exercise with Dorothy on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:45 till 9:15 a.m.

Remember if you would like to eat lunch with us daily please call by 9:30 a.m. so that

we will have enough food prepared.

Please keep those that are sick and those who have lost loved ones in your prayers.

Menu

January 13 - January 17

Monday: Enchiladas

Tuesday: Baked potatoes

Wednesday: Chicken fried steak

Thursday: Chicken & dumplings

Friday: Hamburger steak

VETERAN
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something different. The chore gave me relief from the daily stress I was under as a sniper. I did get pretty good at cracking eggs. I could crack two at a time and do it pretty fast because there were a lot of Marines to feed at base camp."

Guthrie remembers that in early 1968, the Tet Offensive was beginning and things intensified around Da Nang. By August, 1968, many of the snipers were pulled out of the field to reinforce the 'groundpounders' otherwise known as the infantry. In late August, they were battling for control of the city of Da Nang.

"On Aug. 21, I was in a building during a battle when I took three rounds. Two rounds hit my rifle and the third hit my upper left arm," Guthrie said. "The rifle saved my life, but I know there were over 100 U. S. personnel killed in my area that day."

Guthrie helped save his own life as the medic attending to his wound had to have him plug the hole in his arm in order to slow the bleeding so the medic

could get the arm wrapped tight enough to stop the bleeding. Guthrie was then put into a personnel carrier with other wounded to be evacuated. A sergeant gave Guthrie his .45 pistol to protect the back of the personnel carrier as they were taken to an evacuation zone.

Guthrie was transported to a hospital ship, which took them to Japan for recovery. The Marines restricted wounded to base for seven days following evacuation, then they could go on leave but when his seventh day rolled around, Guthrie was ordered to get on a plane headed for the states. Following a stay in California, he was sent to Corpus Christi where he was discharged on Dec. 21, 1968 as a lance corporal. His wound left him disabled because of severed nerves in his arm, which caused him to have little feeling in his hand.

"The hard part of coming back was the anti-war sentiments that were so strong in the states," Guthrie said. "When we got back, we were told not to wear our uniforms when we were off base because they feared we might be in physical danger from the

anti-war demonstrators."

After his discharge, Guthrie headed to Lubbock where Rhonda was going to school and surprised her at her apartment. On May 17, 1969, they finally were married. It took another 10 years before Guthrie received his Purple Heart. He also received the National Defense Service Medal and Vietnam Service Medal.

Guthrie said that the conditions and the dangers were always present while he was in Vietnam. The North Vietnamese were sneaky and they had Russian-made weapons that were superior to the weapons that the U. S. forces had available. He feels he was one of the lucky ones because even though he was exposed to Agent Orange, he has seen limited effects to his health.

Even though he faced death on a daily basis as well as dangerous conditions in stressful situations, Guthrie said he would do it again.

"Yes, I would do it again," Guthrie said, "because of our country and what we stand for, not that I liked it or would ever hurt anyone, but I would go back."



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I grew up working in the oil fields of West Texas. I graduated from Anson High School in May, 1982. I graduated from Abilene Christian University in December, 1985 with a Bachelor of Science Degree. I graduated from the Texas Department of Public Safety Training Academy in May, 1987 and was assigned to Floyd County. I obtained a Master Peace Officer License, Law Enforcement Instructor License and was a Certified DPS Firearm Instructor. During my time as a State Trooper, I developed a great working relationship with the Law Enforcement, Fire, EMS and TxDOT in Floyd and surrounding counties. I also had a great relationship with the Courts, State Attorneys and Judges in the area.

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