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Gray Finds a Blessing in Teaching Piano

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

Sixty-six years ago, a six-year-old girl simply wanted to learn to play the piano so she could play the "Boogie Woogie" but now that determination, desire and passion has allowed her to touch over 2,500 lives through piano, organ and voice instruction.

Dell Gray has turned her simple desire into a life-long career and is celebrating her 49th year of instruction with no plans to retire.

"I had many good instructors that created a love for piano," Gray said. "I plan to continue teaching piano and voice until the very end. I haven't got rich with money, but I'm rich with blessings."

Her career as a piano instructor started in January, 1965 in El Paso when Gray decided she needed to teach her own children to play the piano. A neighbor soon came to her and asked if she would teach her children and soon Gray had

eight students.

In 1967, Gray and her family moved to Las Cruces, N.M. and over the next 10 years, she touched the lives of hundreds of students. At one time, she instructed 76 students a week.

"I had so many because the schools would allow the students to leave during school time to come take lessons," Gray said. "Floydada use to allow students to come during the day, too."

In 1975, Gray married Bill Gray and they moved to Lubbock in 1976. She continued teaching but only about nine to 10 students a week. After about three years, the Grays moved to Floydada in 1979. Since that time she has had as many as 50 students a week but right now she is down to 14 a week but Gray said she has room for more.

"The Lord gave me an opportunity and the talent," Gray said. "It has been one of the greatest blessings of my life."

She has never regretted the



Charles Keaton/The Hesperian-Beacon

Dell Gray has touched the lives of over 2,500 students in her 49 years of teaching piano, organ and voice. The desire, that began when she was six, continues today and she plans to keep sharing her passion by teaching until the end.

decision to become a piano and learning to play the organ is no voice instructor. In the past, she has taught organ as well but

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Upcoming

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

EARLY VOTING FLOYD COUNTY

Early voting in Floyd County contested races began on Tuesday, Feb. 18 and runs through Friday, Feb. 28. Early voting locations will be at the Courthouse Annex meeting room in Floydada and First United Methodist Church in Lockney. The regular election is Tuesday, March 4 at the same locations.

THE SINGING WOMEN OF WEST TEXAS

The Singing Women of West Texas will be presented in a concert Sunday, Feb. 23 at the First Baptist Church in Floydada. The concert will begin at 6 p.m. The group is under the direction of Dr. Sarah Herrington. Please join us for this evening of worship through music.

WILLSON LECTURES

Wayland Baptist University will host the Willson Lectures on March 4-5, featuring Dr. Thomas Brisco a Biblical scholar who specializes in archeology and history. He will visit Wayland on Tuesday, March 4, for a 7 p.m. lecture in Room 211 of the McClung University Center. For more info see the article in this week's Hesperian-Beacon.

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

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County Commissioners take no action on follow-up audit report

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

Meeting in special session, the Floyd County Commissioners decided to take no action on a follow-up to the audit report and corrective action that has been put in place as well as a budget amendment that would have allowed Knapp and Company, the auditors, to follow-up.

Commissioner Lindan Morris said that they need someone who is independent of the auditors and the Court to come in and review the findings of the audit and corrective actions that have been put in place, including balancing accounts on a monthly basis.

Commissioner Nathan Johnson volunteered to visit with a former Floydada resident that is a certified public accountant in Lubbock.

In other actions the Court approved a farm contract and approved paying bills that had come in since the last meeting.

Floyd County Sheriff Office Offers Reward

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

On Feb. 8, 2014, in the city of Lockney, Texas, between 3 a.m. and 4:45 a.m. a person entered the residence of an 84-year-old female and sexually assaulted her. The victim was taken to the local hospital where law enforcement was notified.

The Floyd County Sheriff's Office is asking for the public's help in locating the person that committed this heinous crime. Anyone that has any information is encouraged to call the Floyd County Sheriff's office at 806-983-4901.

A reward is being offered for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the suspect.

Sheriff Paul Raissez said that they are waiting for DNA results but at this point they have very little to go on.

"We need the public's help to solve this one," Raissez said.

Raissez said that citizens need to be extra cautious by locking their doors and not opening their doors to anyone they don't know, especially after dark.

"Don't answer your door if it's the middle of the night," Raissez said. "Call the Sheriff's office and we'll send an officer to investigate. That's why we have officers patrolling at night."

Raissez said they would rather respond to a door being knocked on during the night than another assault because someone opened their door and was attacked.

Floydada EDC Director Resigns

The Floydada EDC would like to thank former Director, Justin Jaworski for the five years that he devoted to the Floydada community.

Over the past five years Justin has worked with City and County Officials on various projects including assistance with wind generation and power lines, several beautification and revitalization projects throughout Floyd County. As EDC Director, Justin's main objective was to bring new business prospects with job creation to the Floydada region. In doing so, he aided in incentivizing several new businesses in the Floydada community. As a result of Justin Jaworski's resignation the Floydada EDC will begin the process of acquiring a new Director.

Thank you Justin for all your contributions to the Floydada Community, good luck on your next endeavor.

The Singing Women of West Texas to perform Feb. 23 in Floydada

By Karon Moss

The Singing Women of West Texas is just one of seven chapters of the Singing Women of Texas. SWOT was organized 20 years ago by the Baptist General Convention of Texas music department to meet the needs of Texas Baptist women to minister musically. They performed in August of 1994 at the Texas Music Conference. They will be celebrating their 20th anniversary in June with a joint concert of all chapters in Richardson, Texas.

The Singing Women of West Texas is under the direction of Dr. Sarah

Herrington. The chorale has over 50 members from the Lubbock area churches, including several Floydada members.

They have traveled to many places in the United States, Canada, and Europe, ministering at different churches and anywhere else the Lord leads. God has afforded these ladies many opportunities to minister from singing the National Anthem at basketball games to singing in Munich, Germany.

The members of First Baptist Church in Floydada and the members of the Singing Women of West Texas would like to invite you to join in worship on Sunday, February 23, 2014 at 6 p.m.



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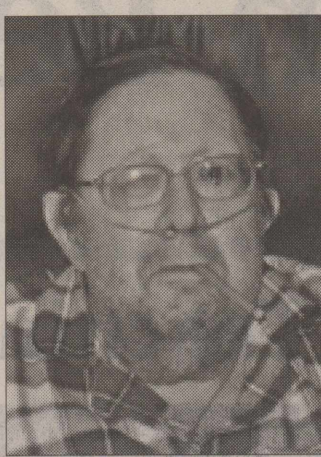
Louis Bill Carr

Louis Bill Carr, age 67 of Petersburg, passed away Sunday, February 9, 2014 at his residence.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Thursday, February 13, 2014 at Carr's Chapel in Floyd County, Texas with Reverend Mike McCright officiating.

Arrangements were under the care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

Louis was born on November 26, 1946 in Lubbock, Texas to William Wesley and Gertrude (Bailey) Carr. He was married to his loving wife, Darlene



LOUIS CARR
Willis Carr. He enjoyed watching T.V., reading, video games, computers, audio books;

and he tinkered with everything.

Louis is survived by his wife, Darlene Carr of the home; a son, Nathan Carr and wife, Nelda of Italy, Texas; a daughter, Stephanie Smith and husband, Jeff of Lubbock, five grandchildren, Hannah Carr, Hagan Carr, Halee Carr, Jasmine Smith and Logan Smith.

He is preceded in death by his son, Kevin, a brother, Charles and his parents, Gertude and Wesley Carr.

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

Willson Lectures feature Thomas Brisco

By Jonathan Petty
Director of Communications
Wayland Baptist University

PLAINVIEW -- Wayland Baptist University will host the Willson Lectures on March 4-5, featuring Dr. Thomas Brisco a Biblical scholar who specializes in archeology and history.

Brisco spent 21 years as a professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary where he also served as Associate Dean for the Doctor of Philosophy program. He currently serves as Provost and Chief Academic Officer for Hardin-Simmons University and teaches Old Testament and archeology in HSU's Logsdon Seminary. Brisco will visit Wayland

on Tuesday, March 4, for a 7 p.m. lecture in Room 211 of the McClung University Center. His topic of discussion will be "The Prophetic Call and its Consequences." A reception and discussion time will follow the lecture.

On Wednesday, Brisco will address Wayland students during chapel at 11 a.m., discussing "The Prophetic Vision of Hope." Anyone interested in ministry or missions will be invited to lunch with Dr. Brisco at noon in UC 211. He will then participate in a question-and-answer forum at 1:30 p.m. in the Nunn Business Building auditorium.

The Willson Lectures were established in 1950 by gifts from Floydada residents James M. and Mavis Willson. Successful business persons and active community residents, the Willsons were dedicated Methodist laypersons who were active in their local church. In addition, Dr. Willson served as a trustee at McMurry University, Southern Methodist University, and the former Methodist

Hospital in Lubbock.

Willson was the recipient of several awards and honors, including honorary doctorates from Texas Wesleyan University and McMurry University. He was given a humanities award from Southwestern College and a merit award from Wayland. Wayland also nominated him for the Freedom Foundation Award in 1960, which he received in Valley Forge, Pa. He participated in numerous civic organizations, including the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, the Masons and the Shriners.

The Willsons intended for the annual lectureship to feature topics related to "Applied Christianity" and "Christian Home and Family Life" and they worked to secure outstanding speakers over the years. Former lecturers have included atomic scientist Dr. George K. Schweitzer; former Southern Seminary president Dr. Duke McCall; Dr. Leon McBeth, noted church historian; and Dr. Grover Murray, former president of Texas Tech University.

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Oh yes. In this world where personal responsibility no longer matters, lawyers around the country are beginning to salivate at the notion that they can do to "big food" what was done to Big Tobacco.

"I believe that this is the most promising strategy to lighten the economic burden of obesity on states and taxpayers and to negotiate broader public health policy objectives," said Paul McDonald, a partner at Valorem Law Group in Chicago.

Lawyers have approached state attorney generals in 16 states with the idea to make the food industry pay for obesity-related health care costs.

They are hoping to take a page out of the Big Tobacco settlement of the 1990s which netted 46 states \$246 billion.

But, as we know, food is not tobacco. And to compare the two is preposterous.

I'll be the first to admit that I need to drop a few pounds. Do I blame Kellogg's Pop Tarts? No! I blame myself!

I'm the one with the mouth and the big eyes. Or maybe that's the eyes and the big mouth ... Either way, whether I'm fat or skinny is up to me.

The way this potential lawsuit is going down, it sounds to me like the lawyers are scheming so they can get rich.

The Valorem Law Group has actually sent proposals to AGs from California to Mississippi explaining how suing "big food" can help their states close budget shortfalls or help eliminate their debt entirely.

For example, McDonald informed Pennsylvania Attorney General Kathleen Kane that the state faced a \$3.7 billion budget shortfall in 2012. The state's total Medicaid burden that year was \$10 billion. He feels that if the state sues the food industry for billions and wins a settlement, the poor decisions which have landed the state in financial problems can be absorbed.

Forget fixing the financial problems caused by leftist idiots in Michigan and California, let's just sue and get money that way.

And by the way, who would foot the bill if the food industry had to cough up half a trillion dollars? You and I.

How would having to pay much higher prices at the grocery store and restaurants fit into your budget?

The way to defeat our obesity problem is not through laws. Like many issues we have, it starts at home. It starts with parents being responsible enough to teach their children healthy eating habits and making them get outside and play.

But I forgot. This is America. We do what we like and then we blame others when things don't work out for us. That's what we learn from our elected officials so it must be the right thing to do.

So go ahead and eat the bad stuff. What difference does it make? Someone else will get the bill for your irresponsibility.

Who cares how bad we bankrupt this country. That's for another generation to worry about.

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1934 Drought Hit Hard

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By Will Martin

The drought of 1934 covered lots of county including Floyd County. I really don't know just

how much country it did cover. Of course, there were spots that made some crops, but not many. I am better acquainted with how it affected Floyd County, our family and myself, not that I was anymore important than my neighbor, but we can feel our desperation and we can only see our neighbor's. This year had the makings of another 1934, but no two years are the same in my seventy-five years here.

I don't remember much rain or snow that winter in 1934. Papa was going to let me have thirty-six acres of cotton, but we needed a pair of jack rabbit mules. I knew where I could buy a pair for fifty dollars if I could borrow the money.

I went to the bank and asked Mr. E. L. Norman for the loan. I told him fifty dollars wasn't much, and it looked like anybody ought to make that much. Then he told me, "You never can tell. You may not make a boll of cotton." But, he let me have the money by Papa co-signing my note and my putting up my two cows and the two jack rabbit mules I bought for collateral.

On our home place, two and one half miles west of town, about the middle of May, we happened to get about two inches of rain, so we took the team of four and planted the ninety acres we farmed jointly. In due time the crop came up, but we got no more rain. At that time there were few irrigation wells in Floyd County. I think H. R. Patterson had one about one mile and a half south of our place. They used gasoline for fuel which was a very economical fuel then.

Remember, 1934 was right in the middle of the Depression and me Dust Bowl. Some of me younger people find our version of those days hard to believe. Papa and I had our crops clean of weeds and still waiting for rain at harvest time.

So I took a job driving an old Allis Chalmer tractor pulling a twenty foot combine for Sam Shultz. Harvest lasted about two weeks. We would start working on the combine about sunrise;

there was always something to repair. In those days one had to grease everything pretty often. Because, as I remember there were very few sealed bearings and most of all moving parts were run by chains instead of belts.

After we finished, I took what little money I had and bought Mama a new print dress and Papa and I

a new pair of overalls each. What little was left was spent for food. This was the last of June and no rain yet. In July I worked a few weeks with a rock crusher on the edge of the canyon. We dug rocks to go in the crusher. The rocks were sold for short roads and driveways, but people ran out of money and we had to quit. This was along the last of July and still no rain. We hardly saw a thunder head in the sky. Of course, we had no T.-V.; we didn't even have a radio that summer to hear the temperature. I am glad we didn't because it sure was hot.

During that summer since it stayed so dry, some of the poor fellows were so deep in debt that they left their wives. They in turn sold the old plows, horses, cows, and most of the house furniture, or they would allow the bank to take over. Later the wife would take what things they had left and head for parts unknown. When a man left like that, the neighbors would say "the owls carried him off," since he usually left at night.

Of course, 1934 wasn't the only year things like that happened, but it was the worst for some and more of those kind of situations happened than some years. Some of the poor men worried themselves into a nervous breakdown. Drugs to treat at home were not available like we

Welcome!



Photo by Kim Perez

The Floydada Chamber of Commerce would like to welcome the West Texas Family Medicine Clinic in Floydada. They are located at 901 W. Crockett Street. Attending the ribbon cutting on Thursday, Feb. 13th was (l-r) Amanda Hinsley, Laura Coursey, Jackie Gutierrez, Phil Richards, Kristin Zuniga, PA-C, Dr. John McClanahan, D.O., Jerika Longoria, Cassandra Chavez, Sandra Januta, and Darolyn Snell.

have today. So they just called them crazy and sent them to Wichita Falls. I wonder if they just elect them now and send them to Washington, D. C. Ha!

The cotton stalks got about five or six inches high that year and lived all summer with hardly any rain. Sometimes several feet apart there would be a square and a real small boll. At least ours and some of our neighbors did that way. Some just plowed theirs up in the late summer.

I went to Roaring Springs in late August and stayed off and on for about six weeks with my sister and her husband and children.

There was a little cotton made in some areas and my two oldest nephews and I would pull boles. That

would last only a few days and then we would run out of a job. We spent more time looking for a job that we did working.

There were more hands than there was work. In the early part of September we heard we had a three inch rain at home. When we got home Papa was the happiest man I ever saw.

The cotton and feed took the second growth but never did any good it was so late. Papa cut his short feed with a hoe. If it hadn't been for the windmill to make a garden, I don't know how we would have lived that winter. There were not many jobs, and I worked very little.

But something in particular I noticed; everybody was not doom and gloom.

Many people were opti-

mistic, cheerful and some even made jokes of their hard luck.

While I was staying at Roaring Springs, we were so poor we went to the filling stations and begged used oil for our old cars. One day we come in from a days work.

When we pulled into a station that Ross knew well, we begged the old oil, thanked the man and then Ross said to bin, "By the way have you got any old used gasoline that we can beg?"

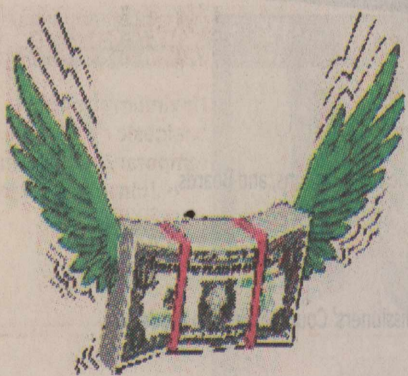
Because we had no T.V and there were very few radios, people went to visit more with each other than they do now.

And I believe the church houses were much more crowded in those days than they are now.

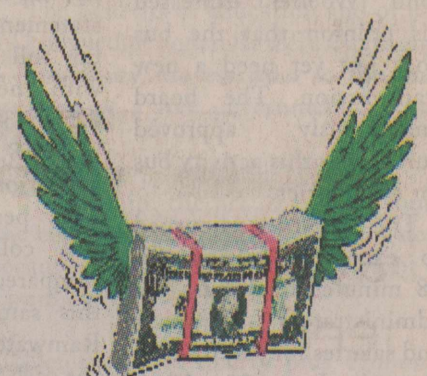
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FLOYDADA SCHOOL

FISD Buys Activity Bus, Renews Administrators' Contracts

By Sara Sisemore
Correspondent

The Floydada Independent School District Board of Trustees met Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2014, to recognize February's Students, Educators, and Support Staff of the Month. Principal Wayne Morren introduced 8th grader Abigail Corona to the board and told that she was chosen to be honored because she always puts other people first. Rikardo Cervera, FHS junior, was recognized by the board because he has already made the decision to serve his country in the U.S. Army Reserves. Educator Nancy Trevino was recognized due to her extensive commitment to the district and leadership to both the students and other teachers. Also recognized, but not present, were kindergarten student Jerald Henderson and elementary educator Jan Beedy.

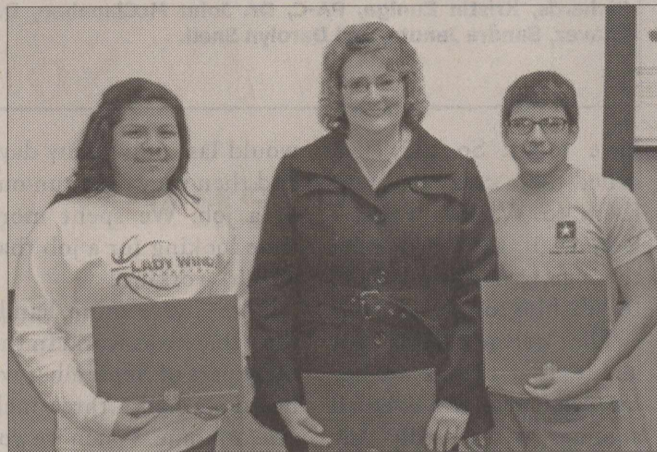
Superintendent Gilbert Trevino asked the board to consider purchasing a new District Activity Bus. He shared a slide show from a trip he and board member Marty Lucke made to Tulsa to look at activity buses. According to Trevino, these types of buses have been completely refurbished on the inside. The particular bus – a 55 seater – Trevino and Lucke were interested in has 183,000 miles on it, but can easily be driven up to two million miles. Trevino suggested going ahead and having a newly rebuilt transmission installed for \$10,000-15,000, as it is recommended to have a new one installed at 500,000 miles. Trevino reminded the board that \$350,000 has been set aside in the district's fund balance to purchase a bus like this and that the district currently has two activity buses, but one is not able to be used anymore and the other is on its last legs. Trevino emphasized to the board this bus is for all district activities, not just athletic ones. Lucke made a motion to purchase the activity bus as presented by Trevino. Board member John Woelfel expressed his opinion that the bus does not yet need a new transmission. The board unanimously approved purchasing this activity bus for the district.

The board adjourned to executive session for 18 minutes to discuss the administrators' contracts and salaries for July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016. When the board resumed their open meeting, they unanimously agreed to extend all administrator contracts listed by one year for a total of two years with a salary increase of four percent: Rex Holcombe, Assistant Superintendent/



Shown above, GRACIE DIAZ was sworn in to fill the FISD's District 3 seat on Feb. 11, 2014. This seat was recently vacated by Rachael Castillo. Diaz will fill Castillo's seat until the end of Castillo's term in May.

Below, FISD Board of Trustees recognized 8th grader Abigail Corona (left), FHS junior Rikardo Cervera (right), and educator Nancy Trevino (center) as students and educator of the month. Also recognized, but not present, were kindergartener Jerald Henderson and elementary educator Jan Beedy.



Technology Director/Federal Programs Director; Wayne Morren, High School and Junior High School Principal; Monica Smith, Director of Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment; Alicia Bice, Director of Special Programs; Todd Bandy, Athletic Director/Head Football Coach; Sharon Rainwater, Business Manager.

The board also accepted the resignation of Debbie Bertrand effective June 30, 2014.

Gracie Diaz, a Floydada graduate who is well-respected in the community, was present at the meeting to be considered for appointment to the board. After no discussion, the board unanimously approved Diaz to fill the District 3 seat which was recently vacated by Rachael Castillo. Diaz will fill Castillo's seat until the end of Castillo's term in May.

Kay Brotherton was nominated to fill the position of Board of Trustees Secretary. Brotherton was unanimously appointed to this position.

In other business, Rainwater presented the tax report and cash flow statement. M&O current tax roll is \$2,704,963.38, with net collections of \$2,529,365.72. I&S tax roll is \$318,746.49, with net collections of \$298,054.48. The percent of current roll collected is 93.51, compared to 91.13 percent this same time last year. Rainwater pointed out that the cash flow was so high in January because insurance on all the buildings and vehicles were paid for the entire year and some new vehicles were purchased for the custodians. Rainwater said she's still projecting an increase to Cash Balance as of Aug. 31, 2014 of \$183,635.26.

The board accepted the following highest bids for the sale of the used district vehicles: \$755 for the 2000 Green Ford Ranger from Adolfo Garcia, \$2,250 for the 1999 White Ranger from Abe Enriquez, and \$1,400 for the 2001 Chevy from Sylvia Garcia.

Surveys were given to the teachers in the district to get feedback about the upcoming 2014-2015 School Calendar. Once the feedback was processed, the calendar now shows Teacher Service starting on Aug. 18, 2014, with students starting school on Aug. 25, 2014. The last day of school is May 28, 2015. The board unanimously approved the 2014-2015 FISD school calendar as presented.

The Order/Notice of School Trustee Election for May 10, 2014, Resolutions of the Board of Trustees of FISD, the agreement with the City of Floydada and Caprock Hospital District for a joint election, and the Election Services Contract with Floyd County for this election were unanimously approved.

Dee Leatherman was unanimously approved to serve as Early Ballot Clerk, Kelli Reddy as Deputy Ballot Clerk, and Petra Gonzalez as the bilingual early voting clerk for the May 10, 2014 election. Brenda Heflin was approved to serve as the Early Ballot/Election Judge, Karrie Williams as the Alternate Election Judge, and Petra Gonzalez as the bilingual clerk for this election. The board also set compensation for the election workers.

Also, the board approved the minutes from the Jan. 9, 2014 public and regular meeting, as well as setting the March Board Meeting for March 11, 2014.

Palacio graduates from Southwestern Assemblies of God University

Joseph Palacio, from Floydada, Texas, graduated from Southwestern Assemblies of God University (SAGU) on December 13, 2013 with a Bachelor's degree in Bible and Theology.

Southwestern Assemblies of God University (SAGU) is a private, Christian university located 30 minutes south

of the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex in Waxahachie, Texas. The university was established in 1927, and now offers more than 80 associate, bachelors, masters and doctoral degrees on campus or online.

More information is available at www.sagu.edu or by calling 1-888-YES-SAGU.

Hinton Named to Dean's List at McMurry University

ABILENE, TX -- Katie Hinton, a senior history major from Floydada has been named to the Fall 2013 Dean's List at McMurry University.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must have maintained at least a 3.5 grade point average while taking 12 or more credit hours.

Offering a diverse academic curriculum to more than 1,400 students, McMurry University is a small Christian liberal arts school in Abilene. Students choose from

41 majors; education and business are popular as are the school's pre-professional programs in medicine, dentistry, law, and physical therapy.

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.

Floydada School Menu

Feb. 24 – Feb. 28

Monday

Breakfast – Oatmeal, blueberry muffin, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety
Lunch – Corn dog, baked beans, tomato & cucumber cup, apple-pineapple d'lite, milk variety.

Tuesday

Breakfast – Chicken-n-biscuit w/syrup, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety
Lunch – Nacho grande,

refried beans, garden salad, orange smiles, chocolate chip cookies, milk variety

Wednesday

Breakfast – Pancake/sausage on a stick, oven roasted potatoes, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety
Lunch – Chicken sandwich, oven fries, fresh veggie cup, fruity gelatin, milk variety


Thursday

Breakfast – Sunrise

sandwich, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety
Lunch – Beefy macaroni, garden salad, baby carrots, fresh grapes, breadsticks, milk variety

Friday

Breakfast – Breakfast taco, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety
Lunch – Pepperoni or cheese pizza, crunchy broccoli salad, seasoned corn, fresh fruit bowl, milk variety



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- Secretary of South Plains Association of Governments
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Whirlwind Basketball Floydada Wins Against Lubbock Roosevelt

By Coach Riley

The Whirlwinds beat Lubbock Roosevelt on Tuesday by a score of 74-41. Leading scorers for the Whirlwinds were DeAndre McCann with 19 points, Tucker Lowrance with 17, Zach Martinez with a

11, and Sammy Segura with 10.

The Whirlwinds finish district on a good note and a 4-6 record in district.

They will play their bi-district game Tuesday Feb. 18th against Brownfield. The game will be at Littlefield at 6 p.m.

LOCKNEY SCHOOL

Lockney School Board extend principals, athletic director, calls for May election

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

Meeting in regular session, Board members approved adding an additional year to the contracts of Todd Hallmark, high school, Craig Setliff, junior high, Jean Anne Williams, elementary and Malcom Moerbe, athletic director.

The School Board set School Board elections for May 10, 2014. Places up for reelection include Place 5 held by Jimmy Kemp and John Quebe's at-large position. Also, the unexpired term for Place 3, that Heath Rexrode was appointed to will be on the ballot. Anyone interested in running for any of these positions has until Friday, Feb.

28, 2014 to sign-up at the Superintendent's office.

In other action, the School Board approved the 2014-15 school calendar. The school year will begin Aug. 25, 2014 and conclude May 28, 2015. Holidays from the school year will include Labor Day on Sept. 1, 2014; Thanksgiving, Nov. 26-28, 2014; Christmas/New Year break, Dec. 22, 2014 thru Jan. 2, 2015; Presidents Day, Feb. 16, 2015 and Spring break, March 16, 2015 thru March 20, 2015. Snow days for the school year will be April 3, 2015 and May 25, 2015.

Enrollment from each campus was reported as 154 for high school, 101 for junior high and 246 for elementary.

Lockney School Menu

Feb. 24 - Feb. 28

Monday

Breakfast - Oatmeal, Blueberry muffin, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety
Lunch - Corn dog, baked beans, tomato & cucumber cup, apple-pineapple d'lite

Tuesday

Breakfast - Chicken-biscuit with syrup, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety
Lunch - Beefy queso, tortilla chips, refried

beans, garden salad, orange smiles, milk variety

Wednesday

Breakfast - Pancake/Sausage on a stick, oven fried potatoes, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety
Lunch - Beef & bean burrito, oven fries, fresh veggie cup, fruit gelatin, milk variety

Thursday

Breakfast - Sunrise sandwich, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk

variety

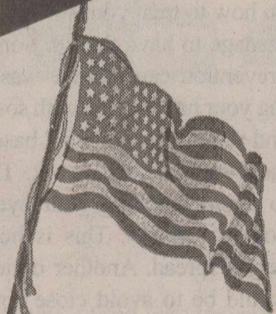
Lunch - Chicken nuggets w/gravy, garden salad, carrots, fresh grapes, breadsticks, milk variety

Friday


Breakfast - Breakfast taco, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety

Lunch - Pizza choice, crunchy broccoli salad, seasoned corn, fresh fruit bowl, milk variety

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Lockney Softball

Jackson leads Lady Horns to 5-1 victory over Denver City

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

Senior Katie Jackson struck out 12 as the Lockney Lady Longhorns opened their softball season with a 5-1 victory over Denver City this past Saturday.

In seven innings of work, Jackson allowed only three hits and one walk. Jackson also doubled in a run in the bottom of the first. The Lady Horns scored again in the bottom of the second and finished their scoring with three in the bottom of the fifth.

Camryn Diaz went 2-2 with a double

and a single to lead the Lady Horns in batting. In the bottom of the fifth, Shelby Coats scored on an error. Janette Ybarra's single drove in Darby Long and Diaz to give the Lady Horns a 5-0 lead.

Garcia took the loss for Denver City. She lasted five innings, walking six, striking out five and allowing five runs.

Denver City scored its only run in the top of the seventh on an error.

The Lady Horns traveled to Wolfforth to take on the Frenship JV on Monday, Feb. 17 and will host the Lubbock Titans, Monday, Feb. 24 at 4:30 p.m.

Lockney JV Softball defeat Denver City 19-3

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

Brittany DeLeon picked up the victory as she led the junior varsity Lady Horns to a 19-3 victory over the Denver City JV.

DeLeon, pitching three innings, gave up only three hits, struck out one, walked two and allowed one earned run. Lexi Chavez relieved DeLeon in the fourth,

going three up, three down including one strikeout.

Defensively, the Lady Horns were led in the field by Karis Carstenson at third base. She recorded two fly outs and threw out four runners at first base.

Offensively, the Lady Horns recorded 10 hits in three innings. Emily Reyes was 2 of 3 and Chavez was 2 for 2 with five runs batted in. Breanna Hernandez also went 2 for 2 at the plate.

Photography enthusiasts needed for March classes

LEVELLAND - South Plains College will offer two photography classes for interested individuals at off campus locations. Spaces are still available.

The Levelland Studio Light Class will be offered from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on March 8 in Room 122 of the Technical Arts Build-

ing on the Levelland campus.

The Outdoor Advanced Lighting Class will be offered from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. on March 29 at the SPC Reese Center campus in Building 8.

The Spring Fandango trip to a designated location is planned for May

10. The locations will be announced. Price to be determined.

The instructor will be Wes Underwood, Photography Specialist for South Plains College. To register for classes contact Underwood, call (806) 716-2215 or email wunderwood@southplainscollege.edu.

Wit and Wisdom of Texas

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

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.

"It's how you show up at the showdown that counts." - Homer Norton

"Too much self-pity will give you a nervous breakdown." - Sid Richardson

"To begin with, you must know what you want." - Mary Kay Ash

"Texas is the most diverse of states. The only thing we don't have is year-round snow-capped mountain peaks. We've got just about everything else." - Ann Richards

"You can't get ahead while you're trying to get even." - Dick Army

"Make sure your associates are partners, not employees. That way they will always be working for you - or perhaps it would be better to say, with you." - Trammell Crow

"The benefits of education and of useful knowledge, generally diffused through a community, are essential to the preservation of a free government." - Sam Houston

"Leadership: the art of getting someone else to do something you want done because he wants to do it." - Dwight D. Eisenhower

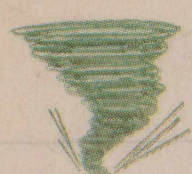
"Democracy is liberty plus economic security. We Americans want to pray, think as we please - and eat regularly." - Maury Maverick

"If you don't get up and stir around in the morning, you've missed the best part of the day." - Watt Matthews

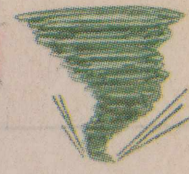


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Whirlwind News



Whirlwinds Gearing up for a Playoff Run



By Tucker Lowrance- Staff Writer

The Floydada Whirlwinds Boys Basketball team solidified themselves a playoff spot for the second year in a row. Players are definitely getting excited for the opportunity to try and make a run for state. "This is definitely an exciting time for us; we knew that if we worked hard enough we would be able to achieve our goal and make playoffs, and we have done that, but our job is not finished yet,"

said senior, Cristo Rosa. Being one of the younger teams in the past, the Whirlwinds will look for leadership from a couple of players who have had a playoff experience. "We know that we need to step up and play the game of our lives, and I feel like we can do it with this team. Having a little bit of playoff experience is helpful and will help benefit our team," said junior, Tucker Lowrance. The players know that the

hardest part has just begun for them and preparation is crucial for their playoff success. "We have been preparing very hard this past week, we know that we have to practice even harder and push ourselves a little harder to achieve what we want to," said junior, Zach Martinez. The Whirlwinds play Brownfield on Tuesday night at Littlefield. Congratulations on a fantastic year and making the playoffs.

Track and Field Athletes Sprint into a Great Season

By Aaron Chavarria - Staff Writer

A new season for track started this week for the boys and girls of FHS. The sky is the limit for the athletes this year as they look to build off a strong finish from last season. For the athletes such as Rebekah Hall, exceeding expectations is the main goal this season. "After surpassing area, and qualifying for regionals last year, I found out quickly that my hard work paid off," said Hall. "This year I look to keep working hard and go even further than last year to make it to state." Track is an enjoyable sport to engage in, and most athletes simply participate for the competition. "First of all, I enjoy the opportunity of getting to leave school and most importantly the

competition my fellow competitors provide for me," said senior, Librado Chavarria. This year's team consists of many new athletes with positive attitudes. "I haven't been in track since my eighth grade year, so this is all new to me," said sophomore, Chris Chavarria. "My goal is to achieve what Coach Bandy always tells us, be great than great." The coaches have set a high standard for this year, and are making it a goal so far. "We should have more participation from both boys and girls, which makes us hopeful that we have more people making it to area and regional track," said head track coach, Todd Bandy. "We will still be very young this year, but our motto is still to run fast, jump high and throw."

Into The Spotlight

By Hunter Schwertner - Assistant Editor

Over the past few weeks, the Floydada Theatricality group has been preparing their play, Flowers for Algernon, for both practice performances and district One Act Play. "We have been making sure that the play itself makes sense by constantly going over lines and blocking," said director, Rita Cox. This year has not only brought on a large cast, but it has also introduced many new faces.

"Having a lead role as a new actor is challenging, but I'm excited for this year's play," said freshman, Brooke Galvan. In order to have a lead role in a play, you must be willing to work hard. "Self discipline and sacrifice are both things I have had to accept in order to take on such a large, difficult character," said senior, Hunter Schwertner. For the returning veterans, memorizing lines and blocking and having hours of practice

every week is nothing new. "Even though there are only a few of us returning this year, we are working hard to do the best we can to help the others succeed," said senior, Samantha Caballero. With the competition season on the horizon, Mrs. Cox is hoping the students take something from this experience. "I hope they understand what true theater really is," said Cox. "I hope they don't get too wrapped up in One Act Play and focus on putting on a great performance."

College Day Wednesday: A Step in the Right Direction

By: Bethany Morales- Staff Writer

Wednesday is no longer just a normal day at FISD, but a day that has a deeper meaning. Every Wednesday Floydada High School and Jr. High teachers wear college t-shirts in hopes to promote college awareness to the students.

College is important and the teachers are trying to show the students just that. By wearing the college shirts teachers are allowing the students to also see the different colleges that they are able to attend. "Students need to realize that there are many options available for their future, and

they should look at several colleges and career options to pick the one that is right for them," said, Physics teacher, Amanda Miller. College Day has been making a huge impact at FISD as it will continue to allow students to take a step in the right direction.

Influenza: Deadlier than Ever

By Rebekah Hall Staff Writer

With everyone sneezing and coughing around you, preventing and taking care of yourself should be your priority. The flu season is among us, and it has been very deadly this year. You need to take precautions on how to treat yourself if you manage to have the flu. Some prevention can include washing your hands often with soap and water. Even alcohol based hand sanitizer will work. Try to avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. This is how germs spread. Another option would be to avoid close contact with sick people. Getting plenty of sleep and exercise, managing your stress, drink-

ing plenty of fluids, and eating healthy foods will help stop the flu from entering your body. If you do have a cough or sneeze, make sure to cover your mouth with a tissue so the germs do not enter the air. If you are not sure if you have the flu or a common cold here are some symptoms that can help you decide what sickness you have. Having a high fever or feeling feverish, a cough or a sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, headaches and/or body aches, chills, fatigue, and vomiting are symptoms of the flu. Treating the flu can be done with or without medication. Your healthcare provider can prescribe medication like,

Tamiflu, to help treat the flu. There are also ways to treat the flu without medical attention. Getting plenty of rest, and drinking fluids like water, broth, sports drinks, or beverages rich in electrolytes to prevent becoming dehydrated are some ways. Also, placing a cool, damp washcloth on forehead, arms, and legs to reduce the fever, sleeping with a humidifier, gargling salt water, and covering up with a warm blanket can help treat flu-like symptoms. After reading the symptoms and treatments, one should be more aware of the flu sickness. With the flu spreading around the campus and the town, be sure to try and stay healthy.

Claiming the First Gold Medal

By Mattie Sanders Staff Writer

The bobsled fiercely came around the corner of the ice track, whistling with such speeds that the Olympians inside had already claimed the gold medal as theirs. Surrounding spectators began to cry out the country's

name over and over again in a victory chant that rang true. Fists shot up in joy, two pairs of hands seen as the bobsled began to slow down. For the first time in Olympic history, one pair of hands belonged to a black athlete. In honor of Black History Month, the FHS Journal-

ism staff would like to recognize men and women who have made a difference for themselves and for the United States throughout history. Vonetta Flowers was the first black athlete from any country, male or female, to receive a gold medal in the Winter Olympics. With her teammate, Jill Bakken, she finished first in the 2-woman bobsled event with a time of 1 minute and 48 seconds.

Before earning gold, Vonetta Flowers led a focused life. Born in Birmingham, Alabama, Flowers was the first to go to college in her family and attended the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Soon after graduating, she was married. Her husband, Johnny Mack Flowers, doubled as her Olympic coach. When the 2002 Olympics finally came around, the United States had yet to win a medal in bobsled in over forty years. Vonetta Flowers and Jill Bakken ended this drought for the United States by winning the gold medal during their event, making what they did together a spectacular success story. Vonetta Flowers went on to be inducted into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame. Her hard work and effort has landed her as one of the most recognizable faces of women's bobsled to this day.

Project Pillowcase: Students Donate to a Good Cause



By Rebekah Hall Staff Writer

The freshmen in sewing are using their class time to make and donate pillowcases to people in need. Without the money support from a local group Project Pillowcase would not be possible. "We belong to a group out of Lubbock called Communities and Schools, and they give us money every year to do good things with," said family consumer science teacher, Dana Crossland.

"This year we plan on giving them out to a women's shelter or My Father's House. With all of the fashionable fabrics, the student had to pick the best ones for their pillowcases. "I think my pillowcase's fabric looks good together. Some of the girls in the class helped me out," said freshman, Alfonso Mendoza. The students are very enjoyable to have in class and they work hard. "I have told these students that they have to be in my

class again next year. They are great and they are joys to have everyday in class," said Crossland. A majority of the students is thrilled to take sewing, especially since they are helping people who are in need. "I've enjoyed this class because it brings me closer to my friends and brings out my creativity," said freshman, Alylin Chavana. "While making my pillowcase I took my time and made sure to be very careful so the people who receive it absolutely love it."

Upcoming Events for Floydada ISD

By: Hunter Schwertner- Assistant Editor

- Feb. 20: NHS Inductions
- Feb. 21: Tennis Meet Varsity/JV, Levelland
- Feb. 22: Softball JV VS Dumas, Here 1:00 pm
Baseball Varsity VS Tulsa, Here 12:00 pm
- Feb. 25: Softball Varsity/JV VS Hale Center, Here 5:00 pm
Baseball Varsity/JV VS Olton, Here 5:00 pm
- Feb. 26: LCU Job Fair
- Feb. 27: Softball Varsity VS Post, Ralls Tournament 1:00 pm
Baseball Varsity New Deal Tournament
- Feb. 28: Softball Varsity, Ralls Tournament
Baseball Varsity, Neal Deal Tournament
- Mar. 1: Softball Varsity, Ralls Tournament
Baseball Varsity, Neal Deal Tournament
- Mar. 3: Cheerleading Tryouts
- Mar. 4: Tennis Meet Varsity/JV, Levelland
Softball Varsity/JV VS Dimmit, Here 5:00 pm
Baseball Varsity/JV VS New Deal, Here 5:00 pm
- Mar. 5: BPA SLC
Science TAKS
- Mar. 6: BPA SLC
Social Studies TAKS
Baseball Varsity, Tulia Tournament
- Mar. 7: BPA SLC
Baseball Varsity, Tulia Tournament
- Mar. 8: BPS SLC
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Longhorn News

Child Development class visits School for the Deaf

The Lockney High School Child Development class participated in a field trip to Lubbock ISD to visit the Regional Day School Program for the Deaf. This program is dedicated to serving families with deaf or hard-of-hearing children in the twenty-county Lubbock region. They are committed to providing our students a quality education that will enhance students' potential and create an envi-

ronment that expands knowledge, understanding, and acceptance of children who are hearing impaired. The following students and sponsors participated: Shana Hallmark, (LHS Counselor); Espi Guerra, (former student of Overton Elementary and was serviced by the Regional Day School Program in her early elementary years); Sheridan Keyser; Shelby Coats; Sarah Belt; Darby Long; Ashley Rob-

erts; Nic Sherman; Kennedy Hallmark; Lexi Chavez; Neri Enriquez; and Family & Consumer Sciences Teacher Cindy Belt. All of the students participate in Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America; FCCLA.

The LHS students observed and interacted with the hearing impaired students of Overton Elementary. This was a moving experience and gave students insight to work-

ing with children who have learning differences. Students also were given the opportunity to listen to and ask questions from the professionals in the following careers: Deaf Ed Teachers, Diagnosticians, Interpreters, and Itinerant Teachers. More information on the program can be found at www.lubbockisd.org under Regional Day School Program for Deaf.



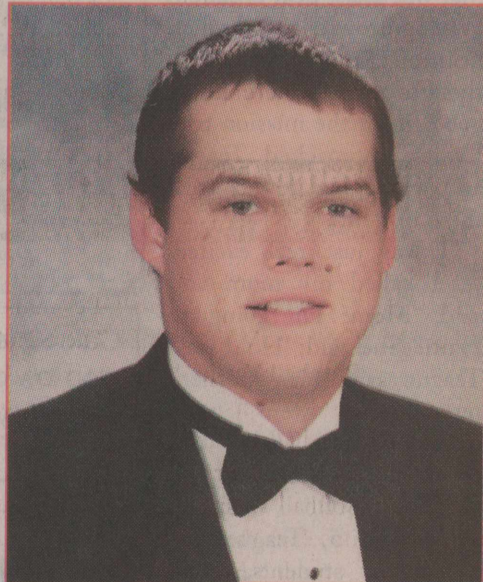
Genetics Field Trip



Sixteen Lockney High School students attended the Genetics Update Conference held at Lubbock High School on Tuesday, January 28th. The presenter, Sam Rhine, is a genetics educator worldwide, but lectures in the summers at Indiana University. Students were reminded of basic genetic principles and were introduced to some newer complex genetic studies including cutting-edge research on stem cells and therapeutic cloning. Students left the conference with great questions to research on their own

and a new found amazement for the field of genetics. For more information on the conference, please visit the website: <http://www.samrhine.com> Students were accompanied by the teachers of the Lockney High School science department, D'lyn Morris and Racheal Kasner and the high school counselor, Shana Hallmark. The science teachers would like to thank the administrators for supporting this event each year and Shana Hallmark for her time spent transporting the students and teachers.

Senior Spotlights: Heather Monic Fierros & Lance Collin Fulton



Heather Monic Fierros, daughter of Holly and Isa Fierros, was born in Plainview and has attended school in Lockney for the past fourteen years. Heather has been involved with Band and Athletics all four years of high school along with being a two year member of the National Honor Society. She has participated in FCCLA and is currently the NHS president. Her sophomore year she placed 4th in informative speaking in the district UIL academic meet. After graduation Heather plans to attend Texas Tech University where she will major in Occupational Therapy and minor in Pre-Law. She hopes her desire to help kids that are struggling with disabilities will lead her to an exciting and fulfilling career.

Lance Collin Fulton was born in Amarillo to Chris and Pam Fulton. He has lived in Lockney the past 13 years and has participated in many activities while here. Collin has been a member of the Longhorn Band, National Honor Society, UIL, Longhorn Athletics, and the FFA program. While being a part of the athletics program he earned all-district designated hitter in baseball. Collin has also earned awards as all-district defensive end 1st team, offensive lineman honorable mention, and all-district offensive lineman 2nd team in football. After graduation, Collin plans to attend West Texas A&M University in Canyon majoring in Mechanical Engineering or studying to be a Windmill Technician.

Levelland Powerlifting meet results

- Girls**
 Karis Carstensen-1st place in her weight class
 Ashly Alvarado-2nd place in her weight class
 Paula Cuellar-3rd place in her weight class
 Heather Fierros- 3rd place in her weight class
 Whitney Ascencio-7th Place in her weight class
- Boys**
 Jake Bramlet-4th place in his weight class
 Michael Guerrero-5th place in his weight class
 Cody Amador-9th place in his weight class
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BSM group building relationships in Haiti

By Jonathan Petty
Director of Communications
Wayland Baptist University

PLAINVIEW – Ashley Teague remembers attending a Girls in Action camp at Plains Baptist Assembly, near Floydada, when she was in the fourth grade. The worship team left a lasting impression on her as they used sign language to communicate their message, stressing the importance of reaching out to the hearing impaired.

“Deaf people are hard to reach because no one takes the time to learn their language and tell them who Christ is,” said Teague who has a deaf aunt with whom she communicates. “My heart really broke for deaf people in a spiritual sense. I never thought about who is talking to them and who is reaching them.”

Years later, as a freshman at Wayland Baptist University, she recounted her story while applying for a leadership position with Baptist Student Ministries. When an opportunity came up for the BSM to work with a group in Haiti, her story piqued the interest of BSM Assistant Director Kenny Lydick.

“One day, I was sitting in my college algebra class and Kenny texted me. I got really worried,” Teague said, not knowing what Kenny wanted to talk to her about. “He said he would see me at work because he needed to talk to me in person. I was wondering, ‘What did I do?’”

In 2012, the BSM, led by Director Donnie Brown, made a trip to Haiti to build rubble houses for the country that had been decimated by a hurricane. While Brown said the trip was a good opportunity for his student group, they had little contact with the people of Haiti. A year later, Brown connected with Grace So Amazing Ministries and agreed to lead his team to Mirebalais, Haiti, to assist in ministry efforts and start a church. Part of Grace So Amazing’s purpose is to build an orphanage that will assist deaf children. When Brown and Lydick heard Teague’s story, they thought she would be a good fit for the mission trip. Lydick approached Teague and asked her to go with them to Haiti.

“I was just real excited. ... I called my mom and said, ‘Mom! I’m going to Haiti!’ She said, ‘Hold on!’” Teague said. Her mother’s reservations were soon reconciled and Teague was off on her first mission trip to Haiti.

On Jan. 5, Teague and a team of students, alums and other, led by the BSM returned from her second trip to the Caribbean country. While she has yet to work with the deaf children, as the orphanage is still in the building process, Teague says the trips have really opened her eyes.

“Just getting to see that community and being there and loving that community, I know God called me down there for a reason,” she said.

Brown took a group of 18 people on the trip, including students, BSM staff and members of First Baptist Church in Hale Center that included Wayland alumni Kris and Sharla Knippa and James and Christy Soder. Kris was called as pastor of the church last June and said the church’s participation in the mission trip was very insightful.

“You get a picture of how

much of the world lives,” Knippa said. “You get a picture of how Christianity is growing in the rest of the world. Their faith is a vibrant faith. It is very genuine and very central to the lives of the followers there.”

Brown said the group’s mission was predominately two-fold as they were tasked with leading Vacation Bible School for the children in the mornings and a Bible study for the adults in the evenings. He said, however, that the evening sessions became more of a revival as people of all ages attended. During the week-long trip, the men in the group took turns sharing the gospel with the congregation through an interpreter.

Brown said they also had a lot of interaction with the people of Haiti. Wayland students connected with children, some of whom remembered them from their previous visit. Teague said she didn’t really expect them to remember her, but having pictures of them and having written about them in her journal she definitely remembered them. She said it was a pleasant surprise when some of them remembered her and called her by name.

“It was nice because it wasn’t like I was going to see ‘these people,’” Teague said. “I was going to people I know; people I love; people I have known for a while. It was really neat to be able to have that kind of connection and bond with them already.”

Brown said the group also had to chance to truly show Christ’s love to the people. While there, the house of a church member’s sister was damaged in a fire. The group, along with the Haitian church members responded by repairing and thoroughly cleaning the house to reduce the smoke and fire damage. The woman was suffering from AIDS and hadn’t eaten in several days so church members took care of her.



Courtesy Photo

Wayland sophomore Ashley Teague talks to Haitian children during a recent mission trip to Haiti. Teague and a group of WBU students, alums and community members traveled to the Caribbean country to conduct Vacation Bible School and Bible studies for the people in mirebalais.

The next day, Brown said she was taken to the hospital.

The Monday after the group returned home, Brown received a phone call from the church pastor. The man of the burned house had attended church the day before and made a profession of faith, saying he had known about Christ and had heard about Jesus and now he had seen Christ’s love.

“We never really talked about Jesus while we were there,” Brown said. “We prayed with them before and after, but that is all we did. Just those acts of love kind of turned his heart and he knew why we were there and who we were representing.”

Later that Sunday, the man’s wife died, but Brown said, now he had a church family to care for him.

Knippa said the experience gave him the desire to really encourage his church to be involved in these types of ministries and to possibly build an ongoing relationship with the people of Haiti.

“It gives me great sympathy for global concerns and a heart for those in the world who suffer and we don’t acknowledge,” he said.

Teague echoed that sentiment, saying one of the things Brown teaches the groups upon returning from trips is that there is a chance they will feel guilty for

having so much when other people have so little.

“There are times that I do feel that guilt,” she said. “Every time I go and come back, I have this time where I sit and prayerfully think about what I really need. It’s OK to have nice things. We live in a place where we are blessed to have nice things. But sometimes I try to think about the reasons I am going to buy something.”

“They have so little and we have so much, and we are willing to give. They don’t take for granted what they have. It kind of reminds you of the way you should look at things sometimes.”

Brown said the BSM will lead another trip to Haiti at the end of 2014. He also is working to help raise funds for Grace So Amazing. The ministry has received a \$20,000 matching grant to complete the orphanage. Anyone interested in joining the trip or donating to the cause can contact Brown at 806-291-3595.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

MENU
February 24 – February 28

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

Wednesday – Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, stewed okra, pumpkin square, low-fat milk

Thursday – Beef soft taco, Spanish rice, broccoli, seasoned corn, mandarin oranges w/whipped topping, low-fat milk

Friday – Ham & beans, cornbread, margarine, spinach, seasoned corn, orange pineapple cup, country apple crisp, low-fat milk

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.

“You can’t enjoy true freedom without limits.” – Tom Landry

“You have to live through life’s experiences of heartaches, sorrow, troubles and sadness. Then you can sing a sad song.” – George Jones

“When you are in any contest, you should work as if there were, up to the very last minute, a chance to lose it. This is battle, this is politics, this is anything.” – Dwight D. Eisenhower

“Don’t tell me I’m too old. I got nine kids. I gotta work till I can’t work no more.” – George Foreman

“The stakes are too high for government to be a spectator sport.” – Barbara Jordan

“The trouble with business is that everybody expects you to find oil on the surface. You’ve got to go deeper than that.” – Hugh Roy Cullen

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Smith Named to NCC Leadership Posts

MEMPHIS, Tenn. —Twenty-seven Texas cotton industry members were elected to leadership positions in the National Cotton Council (NCC) for 2014, including Wallace L. Darneille, a Lubbock cooperative marketing executive who was elected the NCC's chairman. Sid Brough, an Edroy ginner, was re-elected a NCC vice president.

The cotton industry leaders were named to their posts during the recent 2014 NCC Annual Meeting in Washington, DC.

Re-elected as advisors to the NCC's Board were former NCC chairmen: Woody Anderson, a cotton producer from Colorado City; Tommy R. Funk, Sr., a cotton producer from Sebastian; William T. Lovelady, a cotton producer from Tornillo; Herman Propst, a cotton producer from Anson; and Eddie Smith, a cotton producer from Floydada. Also re-elected as NCC Board advisors were Frank B. Jones, Jr., a Lubbock cotton producer; Gail Kring, a cottonseed crusher from Lubbock; and Mark D. Williams, a cotton producer from Farwell.

Elected as NCC directors were Shawn Holladay, a Lubbock cotton producer; Ron Craft, a Plains ginner; Thomas Clodfelter, a Seagraves warehouseman; Geoff Haney, a cottonseed marketer from Abilene; Robert Lacy, Jr., Lubbock cottonseed crusher; and Sam Hill, a marketing cooperative official from Lubbock. Re-elected as a NCC director was Eduardo L. Esteve, a Dallas merchant.

Dahlen Hancock, a Ropesville producer, was elected first vice president of the NCC's export promotion arm, Cotton

Council International (CCI). Elected as a CCI director was James Massey, a cottonseed crusher from Harlingen. Re-elected as CCI directors were: Esteve, Brough, Phil Bogel, II, also a Dallas merchant; Michael Alexander, a Colorado City producer; Lonnie Winters, a Lubbock cooperative marketing executive; and Rickey L. Bearden, a Plains producer.

Jon R. Whatley, Odem, was elected as a vice chairman of the NCC's American Cotton Producers (ACP) and Holladay was named the ACP's Southwest region director. ACP Texas co-chairmen are: Keith Corzine, Stamford; Craig Heinrich, Lubbock; and Doyle Schniers, San Angelo.

Elected as NCC Texas unit officers were: Schniers, chairman; Jim Bradford, a Dimmitt ginner, vice chairman; and Whatley, secretary.

As the unifying force of the U.S. cotton industry, the Memphis-based National Cotton Council brings together industry representatives from the 17 cotton-producing states to establish policies reflecting the common interests and promoting mutual benefits for its broad membership and ancillary industries. The NCC's mission is ensuring the ability of all industry segments to compete effectively and profitably in the raw cotton, oilseed and U.S.-manufactured product markets at home and abroad.

The U.S. cotton industry provides employment for some 200,000 Americans and generates more than \$100 billion in annual economic activity.

Common sense water policy is HPWD goal

The following is an OP-ED article by HPWD Precinct Five District Director Ronnie N. Hopper of Petersburg, who represents residents in a portion of Floyd County, and all of Hale and Swisher Counties.

The High Plains Water District Board of Directors and staff are working to develop common sense water policy for our district. Our goal is to develop policy by April 1, 2014 and to implement it by January 1, 2015.

Water and its use are complex and often controversial issues.

Water strikes at the core of our liberty. I believe that private property ownership has made this nation greater than many others, thereby revealing the great responsibility that lies on our shoulders. In the past, the groundwater has provided livelihood for tens of thousands of our residents, paid for the education of our children and helped build our cities.

For generations, West Texas landowners have struggled to purchase land. I sometimes think that water policy should be decided solely by my fellow landowners and me. After all, we are the only group immediately affected by water district policy. West Texas producers and landowners are generally an independent lot. It is

easy for us to become self-absorbed and solely independent until we stop to realize that we, like others, need someone else.

Yes, we produce the commodity, but someone else processes it and sends it along the chain toward public consumption. Someone else educates our children and prepares them for their future. Someone else protects our homes and businesses from fire and theft. Think of the thousands of businesses, both large and small, that depend on each other for their livelihoods. The list is endless. I am amazed how little I do for myself each day and how much others do for me.

Our water decision, as I see it, is a debate between preservation versus conservation.

There are those who believe the groundwater stored under lands of our district should be set aside (preserved) for future use. They believe water will be of greater value to the future residents. For those who favor conservation, on the other hand, believe the groundwater should be used in a judicious and prudent manner (conserved) in present times.

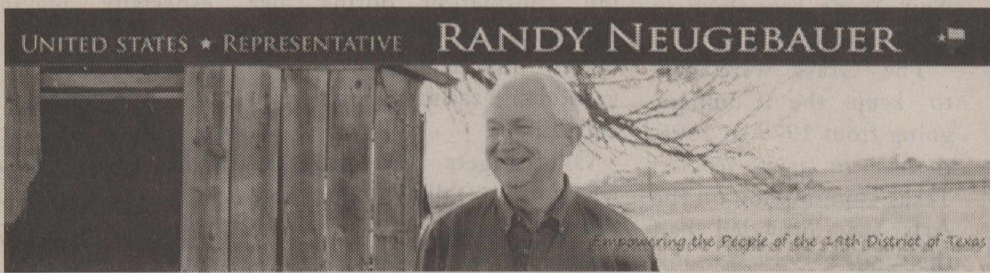
Remember, land always moves to its highest and best use. When our area was first settled, it was ranch land for cattle. Later, the land was broken out and it became irrigated farmland, a higher

and better use. Irrigated agriculture generates more dollars moving through the economy than does dryland production.

I explain the difference as \$400.00. In round numbers, I spend \$700.00 in production expenses for each irrigated acre that I farm and \$300.00 for each dryland acre. The \$400.00/acre is reduced revenue to our local communities, impacting local businesses. It is easy to see the reduction in revenue when our farmland moves from irrigated to dryland agriculture. Over time, irrigated farmland will continue to move toward dryland production.

Still, agriculture has a great story to tell. More than ever before, crops such as corn, wheat, sorghum and cotton produce higher yields with greater efficiencies using less water. For example, the amount of water required to produce one pound of cotton forty years ago is now producing more than three pounds. This is only one of many examples: a great success! This trend will likely continue.

My fellow Directors at HPWD and I will not have the wisdom to develop sound water policy without the advice, consent and support of the stakeholders. We ask for this input and support as we move forward with our task.



UNITED STATES • REPRESENTATIVE **RANDY NEUGEBAUER**
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WASHINGTON, DC—Congressman Randy Neugebauer (R-TX) released the following statement after voting against a debt ceiling extension today.

"I won't vote to keep extending our credit without making any reforms to the spending habits that keep pushing us up against our debt ceiling. Washington wants to keep spending, keep borrowing, and

keep pretending there are no long-term consequences. But as any family could tell you, that kind of reckless spending isn't sustainable. I'll continue voting to hold Washington accountable to American taxpayers."

The extension will suspend the debt ceiling through March 15, 2015.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE COMBINATION TAX AND REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION OF THE CITY OF LOCKNEY, TEXAS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Lockney, Texas, at its meeting to commence at 5 p.m. on March 20, 2014, at its regular meeting place in the Lockney Community Center, 502 NE 8th Street (FM 378), Lockney, Texas, tentatively proposes to adopt an ordinance authorizing the issuance of interest bearing certificates of obligation, in one or more series, in an amount not to exceed \$985,000 for paying all or a portion of the City's contractual obligations incurred in connection with: (i) acquiring, constructing, installing, and equipping additions, improvements, extensions, and equipment for the City's waterworks and sewer system, including acquiring existing water wells, drilling new water wells and construction of water distribution lines; and (ii) paying legal, fiscal and engineering fees in connection with such projects. The City proposes to provide for the payment of such certificates of obligation from the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes in the City as provided by law and from a pledge of surplus revenues of the City's waterworks and sewer system (the "System") that remain after payment of all operation and maintenance expenses thereof, and after all debt service, reserve, and other requirements in connection with all revenue bonds or other obligations (now or hereafter outstanding) of the City have been met, to the extent that such obligations are payable from all or any part of the net revenues of the System. The certificates of obligation are to be issued, and this notice is given, under and pursuant to the provisions of V.T.C.A., Local Government Code, Subchapter C of Chapter 271.

CITY OF LOCKNEY, TEXAS

Weather Whys

Q: Why is it that ice always forms on bridges first?

A: The answer is heat – or a lack of it, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University's Department of Atmospheric Sciences. Roads and highways, even though they are made of asphalt and concrete, are protected by the ability of soil underneath to absorb heat. "But bridges and overpasses are suspended in the air, which means

they do not have the means to absorb heat," McRoberts explains. "So when temperatures start dropping below freezing, it takes a while for the ground temperature to reach freezing. But bridges and overpasses, with freezing air on top and below the structures, will cool down and freeze much quicker."

Q: So bridges are affected more than roads by the outside temperature?

A: True, McRoberts adds. "Bridges don't have any way to trap heat, so they lose heat quickly and this allows them to freeze quicker than roads," he says. "The simple explanation is that bridges tend to follow the outside air temperature very closely. So if the temperature drops below freezing and it starts to sleet or snow, the bridge's surface will also fall below freezing and snow and sleet will stick to it very quickly. Also, bridges are often constructed from concrete and metal that tend to conduct heat efficiently, meaning heat passes through these materials more quickly than typical asphalt pavement. So ice can form on bridges and, when combined with a layer of snow, it makes driving conditions very dangerous. That's why bridges and overpasses are the first to be sanded when icing is about to occur."

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Wayland Baptist Univ. hosting African dance group

By Jonathan Petty
Director of Communications
Wayland Baptist University

PLAINVIEW -- Wayland Baptist University's Office of Student Activities is hosting the Saakumu Dance Troupe on Friday, Feb. 28, at 9 p.m. in Pete's Place. General admission is \$5 and all proceeds go to the general scholarship fund. Pete's Place is located

in the basement of the University Center. Saakumu, which means traditions, is a dance troupe that performs both traditional and contemporary African dance and music. The award winning dance troupe is based in Ghana, West Africa, and performs a range of spiritual, ceremonial and recreational genres as well as contemporary African dance forms. Admission to the performance is open to the public.

The 501 The Fledgling Snowbird

Fort Lauderdale is the Venice of the Americas. I'm not sure what that means for the real Venice, Florida, but now that I've spent a few days in Fort



HANABA MUNN WELCH

Liz. Nice cousin.

Liz also has adopted a homeless woman who sleeps on the beach. I've yet to meet her. Softhearted Liz gave her some money.

And those are the extremes of society in Fort Lauderdale - the ultra rich and the yachtless homeless, both attracted to the great weather here. So am I.

Liz's son, Brewster, lives here. If he weren't her son already, I'd adopt him.

It wouldn't be a no-strings

adoption. I'd make it clear he'd have to house me in the dead of winter if Texas ever has another one like 2013-2014. Brrrrrr.

Never have I thought much of snowbirds -- people too lazy to stay home and shovel snow. Wimps. They use places like Florida and the Rio Grande Valley the way we regular Texans use Colorado in August. Users.

Now I am one.

I'm not proud to have abandoned my husband to feed 43 cows and thaw out the frozen well without me. I make that confession as the ocean breezes turn the palm fronds into hula dancers and my hair into something it's not in Texas. I would say what, but there's not a word for it.

If there's a drawback here, the effect on hair is it, at least for anyone who tries to stay coiffed. I don't.

Travelogue-wise, I've little to say. Aside from visits with Liz and Brewster, my experiences have been bus rides, sort of like my first adventures in Paris, when I spent two days on the Metro. Nothing beats public transit for seeing both the seamier and ritzier side of things and

for rubbing shoulders with the natives, especially during rush hour. One bus lurch here sent me into the lap of a sickly fellow who was riding the bus in his wheelchair. And he asked me if I was OK!

So far, even on the crowded buses, no one has picked my pocket. That's more than I can say for Lisbon.

Yesterday, after some cursory online research, I took the bus to a used apparel store in a better (understatement) part of town, hoping to supplement my spare travel wardrobe. Prices started at \$150. I felt the discerning eyes of the clerks on my basic black Wal-Mart canvas shoes - the very same shoes confiscated and inspected by airport security. At least at the airport, they passed.

Clerks' opinions aside (not that anyone said anything), my cheap basic shoes have served me well here. Maybe I'll get them bronzed for spite.

Better yet, I should save them for trips to other places called Venice -- Bruges, Amsterdam, Manchester, St. Petersburg. Or even Venice.

Perk up little shoes. You know you want to go.



The hands of Dell Gray have impacted many children during her 49 years of piano, organ and voice instruction. Gray said teaching has been a foundation and a blessing throughout her life.

GRAY From Page 1

longer popular, Gray said.

When Gray and Bill moved to Floydada, Bill decided to revive the Gray family's musical stock company. The New Musical Gray Stock Company began touring Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma with a company of up to 20 people. They developed a musical show that would allow them to showcase the young talent that Gray was instructing but also help towns in the three states to restore old theaters.

"We provided a safe avenue for our students by keeping our shows clean," Gray said. "We performed all over the area including at Bob Wills Day in Turkey, the University of Texas at Arlington and a New Year's Eve show in Alamogordo, N. M."

The Grays were able to keep the Company going from 1979 to 2005, thanks in part to the Texas Commission on the Arts that provided half the funds necessary to put on the shows because of the teaching aspect they included in their shows. The rest of the funding came from gate splits with

the towns where they were performing.

Even with the Company's success and purpose, Gray still had the desire she had as a young girl; she wanted to play at church. Since the early 1980s, she has been a church pianist. She filled in at the First Methodist Church but then she and Bill moved to the First Christian Church and she played for them until they shut their doors. She continued to fill-in at the Methodist Church until 2009.

In 2009, Bill died unexpectedly but the full-time pianist position at the Methodist Church came open.

Gray said, "Being the pianist at the Methodist Church gave me the stability to deal with Bill's death. Over the years, piano has been my consolation during times of grief when I lost one of my daughters, a granddaughter, my parents and Bill."

Gray gets excited when she talks about the successes of her former students. One of her former Las Cruces students had a band in Chicago, other students are now instructors including some at the university level and even one that is

teaching organ. Even her own children have found a similar passion for music.

"My daughter in Carrollton has a degree in applied music from Texas Tech," Gray said. "She has her own CD out with native flutes and clarinets. She is in the process of developing a production based on Indian folklore and will use the native flutes and clarinets and ballet to help tell the story."

Gray said one of the hardest things she has ever had to do was play at the funeral of one of her students from Las Cruces.

"The greatest blessing is helping others in a time of need whether a funeral or a wedding," Gray said.

Through the years, music, prayer and Bible study has been a vital part of her life. It has sustained her, especially playing gospel music when she just wants to relax.

"Teaching has been a blessing," Gray said, "it's taught me many things including patience. It has been the foundation of my life."

The simple desire of a six-year-old girl has taken Gray on a life-long journey that has not been completed yet.

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Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

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Sunday Bible Study..9:30 a.m.
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Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
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Bible Study9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship ...6:00 p.m.
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Wednesday Study...6:00 p.m.

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Sunday Bible...10:00 a.m.
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Evening Praise5:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship.... 7:00 p.m.

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Ester Ramos, Praise Leader
Sunday Bible...10:00 a.m.
Morning Praise..11:00 a.m.
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Wed. Worship.... 7:00 p.m.

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Wednesday.....7:30 p.m.

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Jesus Caballero, Pastor
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Worship Service11:00 a.m.
Discipleship5:00 p.m.
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
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Wed. Evening7:00 p.m.

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Lockney
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Wed. Communion...8:00 p.m.
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English Worship.....11:00 a.m.
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Sunday School9:45 p.m.
Worship Service11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship ...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Meeting7:00 p.m.

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Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA
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Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship5:00 p.m.
Tuesday.....7:30 p.m.
Thursday Service.....7:30 p.m.

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Vance Mitchell, Co-Pastor
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Sunday Evening6:00 p.m.

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SENATE PASSES FARM BILL; PRESIDENT SIGNS

By Mary Jane Buerkle

After three years of negotiating, farmers and ranchers across the nation finally have a Farm Bill.

The U.S. Senate earlier this week passed the Agricultural Act of 2014, the Farm Bill, by a vote of 68-32. President Obama signed the bill today in Michigan, Senate Agriculture Committee Debbie Stabenow's home state.

"We appreciate the Senate for coming together in bipartisan fashion to pass this bill and move it forward to the President for his signature," Plains Cotton Growers President Craig Heinrich, a cotton grower from Slaton, said. "We commend the House Agriculture Committee and Chairman Frank Lucas, along with the Senate Agriculture Committee and Chairwoman Debbie Stabenow, for creating a legislative package that saves money, cuts the deficit, and reforms and streamlines programs."

The U.S. House of Representatives passed the bill last week, 251-166. PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett noted that the Agricultural Act of 2014 advanced relatively quickly through both the House and Senate because of excellent leadership, and Congressional leaders from West Texas played key roles on the bill's creation and passage.

"We are fortunate to have strong West Texas representation on the farm bill conference committee in Congressmen Mike Conaway and Randy Neugebauer," Verett said. "They understand why this bill is so important to our area and to the state, and have been actively working for agriculture, which is the cornerstone of our regional economy."

However, Verett said, PCG is disappointed that Texas Senators Ted Cruz and John Cornyn chose not to support the Agricultural Act of 2014.

"This bill saves billions of dollars while achieving meaningful reforms, and

is the best we could expect in today's budgetary and political climate," Verett said. "Our farmers need some assurance that they will have the tools they need to continue to grow our food and fiber."

Plains Cotton Growers will join with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Texas Tech University, and other ag-related organizations to host educational seminars regarding implementation of the Farm Bill.

The bill includes a transition program for cotton in the 2014 crop year, since enactment will come too late for USDA and the private sector to offer the new Stacked Income Protection Plan (STAX). Crop insurance continues to be the backbone of the farm safety net for cotton, and the bill includes several important improvements in the crop insurance program that will allow farmers to better tailor their crop insurance to the appropriate risk.

"TCGA...TAKING A STAND IN TEXAS" IS THEME OF TCGA TRADE SHOW APRIL 3 AND 4

The Texas Cotton Ginners Association's 107th Annual Meeting and Cotton Trade Show is scheduled for April 3 and 4 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

The trade show will be open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 3, and from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Friday, April 4. The show is a chance for ginners, employees, and customers to see the latest in ginning technology and to meet others in the industry to discuss important issues and the latest trends. It also is an opportunity for attendees to educate company directors, stockholders, and other key personnel on the role ginners play in the industry.

More information, including a complete schedule of events, hotel reservation form, meeting pre-registration and event forms is available on the TCGA website at <http://www.tcga.org>.

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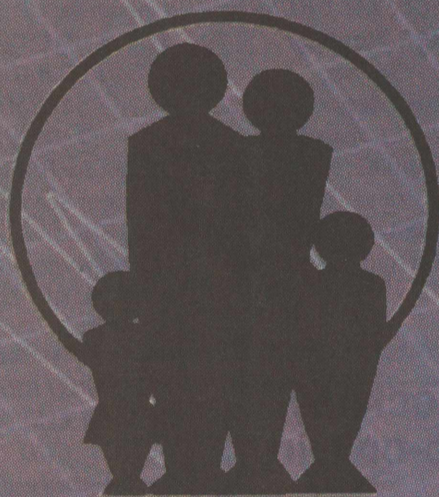
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