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Veteran Spotlight

Wilbanks enjoyed his time on the USS Hornet

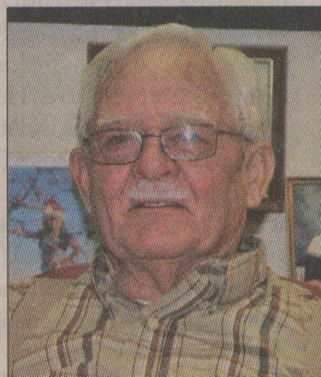
By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

Philip Wilbanks began his service to his country in 1959 at the age of 17 when he enlisted in the Navy. When he joined up, he spent four years mostly on a submarine rescue vessel or a submarine tender. He did experience one month on a submarine which was could not qualify for his "Dolphins".

In 1963, he got out but as the conflict in Vietnam escalated, Wilbanks re-enlisted in 1967 but this time he landed on the aircraft carrier USS Hornet for the next two years.

During his six years in the Navy, Wilbanks served as a radioman. Although, he did not see the hazards of shore duty, he knows he did his part to assist the cause in Vietnam.

"I don't regret my time in service," Wilbanks



Philip Wilbanks served in the US Navy twice. He enlisted in 1959 when he was 17 and served four years and then in 1967 he served two more years on board the USS Hornet (CV-12) during the Vietnam conflict.

said, "I got to see a lot of different places because of my service including Hawaii, Hong Kong, Japan, Thailand and the Philippines."

Wilbanks considered it a privilege to serve on the USS Hornet (CV-12) which was actually the eighth US Navy ship to carry that name dating back to a ten-gun sloop commissioned in 1775



Courtesy Photo
During his time in the US Navy, Philip Wilbanks served as a radioman aboard a submarine rescue vessel, a submarine tender, a submarine and the aircraft carrier USS Hornet (CV-12).

that served during the Revolutionary War. The CV-8 Hornet was the carrier that launched the



Courtesy Photo
USS Hornet (CV-12) was the home for Philip Wilbanks for two years during the Vietnam conflict. The Hornet (CV-8) was used for Jimmy Doolittle to launch his bombing run on Tokyo in 1942 and the Hornet (CV-12), named after CV-8 that was sunk in October 1942, recovered the astronauts from the first moon landing in 1969.

Doolittle Raid in 1942 of the Santa Cruz Islands that bombed Tokyo but it in October, 1942. The was later sunk in the Battle

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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.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 141

The American Legion Post 141 will hold a Pancake Supper at the Lockney Senior Citizens Center on March 22 from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Donations are appreciated.

NATIONAL AG DAY MARCH 25

Take a moment to appreciate the hard working farmers and ranchers in Texas on March 25, National Ag Day. This year's theme is "Agriculture: 365 Sunrises and 7 Billion Mouths to Feed."

19TH ANNUAL FLOYD COUNTY FRIENDS GALA

Tickets are available for the 19th Annual Floyd County Friends Gala that will be held on Saturday, March 29. Tickets are available at Nick Long's office in Floydada, D&J Gin in Lockney or from Jon and Elaine LaBaume.

FLOYD COUNTY FARM BUREAU

Floyd County Farm Bureau will be hosting a farm bill information meeting on Monday, April 14, 2014 at the Unity Center beginning at 9:00 a.m. Guest speaker will be Steve Verett. More details will be available soon.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Calvert Home Health holds their blood pressure clinic on every first and third Thursday of each month between 9 - 11 a.m. at the Community Room of the First National Bank of Floydada.

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Kentucky Derby comes to the GALA



Spring has sprung and it's time for the 19th Annual Floyd County Friends GALA at the Unity Center in Muncy. Ladies, find your best hat, fitting to go to the Kentucky Derby in Muncy for Triple Crown at Muncy Downs.

By Elaine LaBaume

More than 10,000 spectators attended the first Kentucky Derby on a sunny Spring Monday in 1875. Women coordinated their hats, dresses, bags, their shoes and their parasols.

Floyd County Friends are expecting about 450 spectators to attend the 19th annual GALA on March 29 at 6:00 p.m. where a sumptuous rib eye steak dinner will be served.

Let the races begin at the Kentucky Derby in Muncy, TX. "Triple Crown at Muncy Downs." There will be several races ran and clerks will be available to take your bets. The big winner will walk away with the \$1000 donated by Floyd - Briscoe Farm Bureau.

So ladies, wear your new spring hat or get out that treasured hat you have kept of your grandmother's or your great grandmother's.

During these races you can dance to the music of Mark Collins' band "High Lonesome." Mark was the game warden in Floyd County for 19 years and now resides in Canadian, TX.

Tickets are \$30 each or \$300 for a table of 8. They can be purchased at Nick Long's office or from Jon or Elaine LaBaume in Floydada or at D & J Gin in Lockney.

Newborn Added to Caprock Canyons State Park Bison Herd

Texas Parks and Wildlife Press Release

QUITAQUE — The first two of what is expected to be a healthy crop of baby bison were born recently and up to 25 more of the shaggy critters will likely join the historic herd at Caprock Canyons State Park this spring.

The growing bison herd, which now numbers 85, has almost doubled visitation to the sprawling Texas Panhandle park, where the Western icon can be viewed up close, according to Superintendent Donald Beard, who hopes to expand the bison range to all but 2,500 of its 15,000 acres later this year.

"We've seen our annual visitation increase from 38,000 in FY 2012 when the bison were released to roam more freely in the upland portion of the park to 68,000 last year," Beard says. "Visitation is already up 10 percent this year compared to the same time last year."

In the fall of 2011, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department released the state bison herd from a 300-acre area of Caprock Canyons State Park to roam more than 700 acres of restored native grass prairie near the Visitor Center and Theo Lake.



Photo © Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Today you can watch the Official Texas State Bison Herd roam peacefully. These bison are direct descendants from the legendary Charles Goodnight herd that saved the Southern bison from extinction in the 19th century and supplied wild stock for Yellowstone National Park and some of the nation's largest zoos and ranches of these impressive animals.

TPWD has been raising funds for additional fencing, mesquite eradication and prairie restoration the past couple of years by sponsoring public events at the park and in nearby Quitaque, including a music festival headlined by Asleep at the Wheel.

The Caprock Canyons bison descend from the legendary Charles Goodnight herd that saved the Southern bison from extinction in the 19th century and supplied wild stock for Yellowstone National Park and some of the nation's largest zoos

and ranches. This month the park has several activities planned. Saturday, March 22 from 8:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. there will a slide show presentation about Mary Ann Goodnight and the Texas State Bison Herd. On Sunday, March 23 from 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. the Children's Discovery Center will be open.

Caprock Canyons State Park is located about 45 miles north of Floydada on FM 1065 approximately four miles north of State Highway 86.

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Deaths

Naomi Battey

Naomi Battey, age 97, formerly of Floydada and Paris, Texas, passed away in Garland, Texas, Monday, March 10, 2014.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 15, 2014 at the First Baptist Church in Floydada with Tim Franks officiating.

Interment followed at the Floyd County Memorial Park in Floydada.

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

Naomi was born on June 9, 1916 to W.R. and Ruby Hodges in Lewisville, Texas. She was a talented artist; she painted many many landscapes on canvas in oil. She loved painting country



NAOMI BATTEY

scenes with blue bonnets. She was also accomplished in china painting. Naomi had a great love for flowers, and was well known for having a beautiful yard, and she won several awards for it.

She was preceded in

death by her parents, her husband, Wayne A. Battey, a daughter-in-law, Nelda Barbee Battey, a grandson, Kevin Glen Battey, and two sisters, Dorothy Thornton, and Lafaun Warren.

Naomi was survived by two sons, Alvin Lee and wife, Jirapa Battey of Thailand, and Jerry D. and wife, Pat Battey of Floydada; four grandchildren, Anita Groshans and husband, Gary of Garland, Jerry Jr. and wife, Abby of Floydada, Kathie and husband, Steve Ford of Trophy Club, Texas, and Scotty Battey of Floydada; 11 great-grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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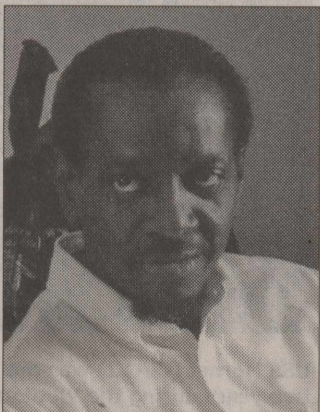
Billy Ray "Dollar Bill" Burks

Billy Ray Burks, age 53, of Floydada passed away Sunday, March 9, 2014.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at the Moore-Rose Funeral Home Chapel in Floydada with James Minner officiating.

Interment followed at the Carr's Chapel Cemetery. Arrangements were under the care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

Billy was born August 8, 1960 to Curtis Burks and Lucy Jones in O'Donnell,



BILLY RAY BURKS

Texas.

He leaves behind his mother, Lucy Burks; three sisters, Norma-Jean Ste-

venson of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Linda Ratliff-Williams of Floydada, and Darlene and Greg White of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; three nieces, Tamisha Garcia, Kocrist Taylor of Lubbock, and Anisah Burks of Oklahoma; three nephews, Bashshar Burks, Jeret Henderson, and Maurice Morton of Oklahoma; seven great-nieces and one great-nephew with a host of relatives and friends.

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

R.L. Knox

R.L. Knox, age 87, formally of Lockney, passed away Tuesday, March 11, 2014 in Marble Falls, Texas.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Friday, March 14, 2014 at the Lockney Cemetery. Arrangements were under the care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney.

R.L. was born on April 12, 1926 to Robert Lee and

Katie Ethel (Price) Knox. He graduated from Lockney High School in 1943. R.L. worked for Knox Grocery for 12 years that was owned by his father. He served in the Air Force for 2 years. R.L. taught school with his wife, Bettie for 26 years in Lockney; he was a principal of all three buildings. R.L. retired to Lake LBJ in 1986. He was an avid fisherman and was

a golfer.

R.L. was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Lockney.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Bettie Knox who passed away in 2005.

R.L. is survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

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

Carson McKaskle

Carson McKaskle age 80, passed away Sunday February 23, 2014 in the Lockney Nursing Home.

Carson was born November 26, 1933 in Natchitoches, Louisiana to Ezell and Hazel Maricelli.

He was an electric power lineman for fifty years. Carson worked at the Caprock

Electric Stanton, Light-house Electric in Floydada, and for the Tri-County Electric Hooker in Oklahoma. He married Neida Cox Thayer in 1970.

He is predeceased in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Neida of the home; two brothers, Conrad McKaskle of Stanton, and Sherman McKaskle of Reed, Oklahoma; two sons, Lyncell McKaskle of Louisiana, and Kerry Fletcher of Big Spring; two step-children, Fred Thayer and wife, Judy of Floydada, and Carrie Welty of Brownwood; two

grandsons, Kerry Dewayne of Big Spring, and Carson Fletcher of New Mexico; three granddaughters, Chanel McKaskle of Oklahoma, Sarah Fletcher of Liberal, Kansas, and Sherrie Evarrt of Big Spring and 10 great-grandchildren.

A family graveside service was held on March 8, 2014 at Carr's Chapel Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

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

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who campaigned on my behalf and to the citizens of Floyd County for getting out and voting.

Although we didn't win the election, just getting out and meeting and talking to the citizens of our county was a great experience.

Congratulations to Marty Lucke as the next Floyd County Judge.

Bobby Gilliland

Pol. Ad Pd By Barbara Gilliland, Treasurer

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Kendall Kelvin Cummings

Surrounded by his loving family, Mr. Cummings died on Sunday, March 9, 2014 at Providence Hospice Place in Waco, Texas.

He was born on March 20, 1921 in Collin County, Texas, the eldest son of Zach Carter and Oma Calahan Cummings. In 1924 he moved with his family to Liberty in northern Floyd County. He attended schools at Roseland, Lone Star, and South Plains where he graduated from the 10th grade. He graduated from Lockney High School in 1938.

He was employed in San Diego, California where he built airplanes before he decided that he would rather fly them. He joined the Civilian Pilot Training Program while attending Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa, Oklahoma and enlisted in the Army Air Corps Reserve. He was proud to serve his country for three years, four months, and sixteen days as a liaison pilot stationed at several places in Oklahoma (Muskogee, Enid, Tonkawa, and Fort Sill), New Mexico, Arizona, Louisiana, and Texas. Accomplished at aerobatics, he flew solo cross-country from Memphis, Tennessee to San Diego, California. After the war he continued to fly, earning both a commercial and an instructor's license. He taught many local pilots while working at James Miller's Flying Service in Plainview, Texas.

While stationed at Roswell, New Mexico, he bought a large chain for towing tractors and carried it home on leave, saying "I always intended to come home and farm and that's what I did." As a young man he walked behind a team of horses; he eventually rode in the air-conditioned cab of a John Deere tractor.

He married Dorthy Nell Wieland on July 22, 1947 at the First Baptist Church in Lockney, Texas. They moved to their farm in January 1948 and were members of South Plains Church. He was serving on the School Board when the school finally got indoor plumbing. He and Dorthy lovingly and generously cared for his parents and for his mother-in-law, Mary B. Wieland, in their final years. He retired from farming and moved to Floydada in 1991. Kendall loved his darling "Baby Dot," his family, Caprock Canyons, reading histories of the War Between the States and of the American West, baseball, ice cream, and "flying low" on a smooth road in a good car.

Kendall is survived by his wife of almost 67 years, Dorthy "Dot" Cummings of Clifton; one son, Kelvin Kendall Cummings and wife, Jolene, of Brownfield, and two daughters, K Cummings Pipes and her husband, David, of Houston, and Zacha Gregory and her husband, Jack, of Clifton; four grandchildren who were his joy: Brittany Gregory of Plano, Josh Gregory and his wife, Amy, of China Spring, Kendall Cummings II and his wife, Crystal, of Glen Rose, and Victoria Davis and her husband, Phillip, of Lawrence, Kansas; three great-grandchildren, Tilson and Tatum Gregory and Liberty Davis; one of his three sisters, Mona Geller of San Francisco; and two brothers: Sterling Cummings of South Plains and Zach W. Cummings of Glen Rose and their wives, Gleyenn Earle and Ravanell; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and neighbors.

Kendall was laid to rest at Lockney Cemetery on Thursday, March 13, 2014.

Memorial gifts may be given to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, the Wounded Warrior Project, or other good work.

The family expresses appreciation for the loving care and comfort given by the staffs at Sunset Lutheran Rehab, Providence Hospital, and Providence Hospice Place.

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Wilda Sue Mensch

Wilda Sue Mensch, 68, of Lubbock went to be with her Lord on March 12, 2014 in Lubbock, Texas.

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 15, 2014 at Petersburg Cemetery in Petersburg, Texas. Services were under the direction of Adams Funeral Home of Ralls.

Sue was born on October 7, 1945 in Paducah, Texas to Hal and Sudie Thomas. She lived and attended school in Floydada. She also attended Howard County College.

Sue moved to Lubbock in 1966 and married Milton Mensch on September 28, 1968 in Floydada. They have two sons, David and Kevin. Sue loved her family and cooking.

Sue is survived by her husband and two sons, David and Kevin Mensch; and four grandchildren, Christian, Olivia, Harper, and Adyson Mensch.



KENDALL CUMMINGS



WILDA MENSCH

Josefina Zambrano Perez

Josefina Zambrano Perez, 74, went to be with her Lord on Thursday, February 27, 2014 in Lockney, Texas.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 3, 2014 at Trinity Assembly Church of Floydada.

She was born May 20, 1939 in Beeville, Texas to Jose and Margarita Zambrano. Josefina married Julio Perez on February 16, 1972. She had one son, Roger Perez.

She was a member of the Trinity Assembly of Floydada, Texas. She loved her church. She was a housewife that enjoyed gardening and planting flowers. She always wanted her family to be happy and to feel loved.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jose and Margarita Zambrano, two brothers, Jose "Pepe" Zambrano, Jr. and Leonardo Zambrano, four sisters, "Enedina" Bela, Francisca Rodriguez, Antonia Martinez and Ophelia Zambrano Rodriguez.

Josefina is survived by her husband, Julio Perez and her son, Roger Perez.



JOSEFINA PEREZ

SOCIETY



JESSICA BRIENNE PRISK
AND SETH ALLEN MCCANDLESS

Prisk and McCandless to marry

He stole her heart, so she's stealing his last name!

Jeff and Ludustria Prisk of Floydada are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Brienne Prisk to Seth Allen McCandless, son of Robert and Sheila Burke of Dimmitt and Robert McCandless of Oakland City, Indiana.

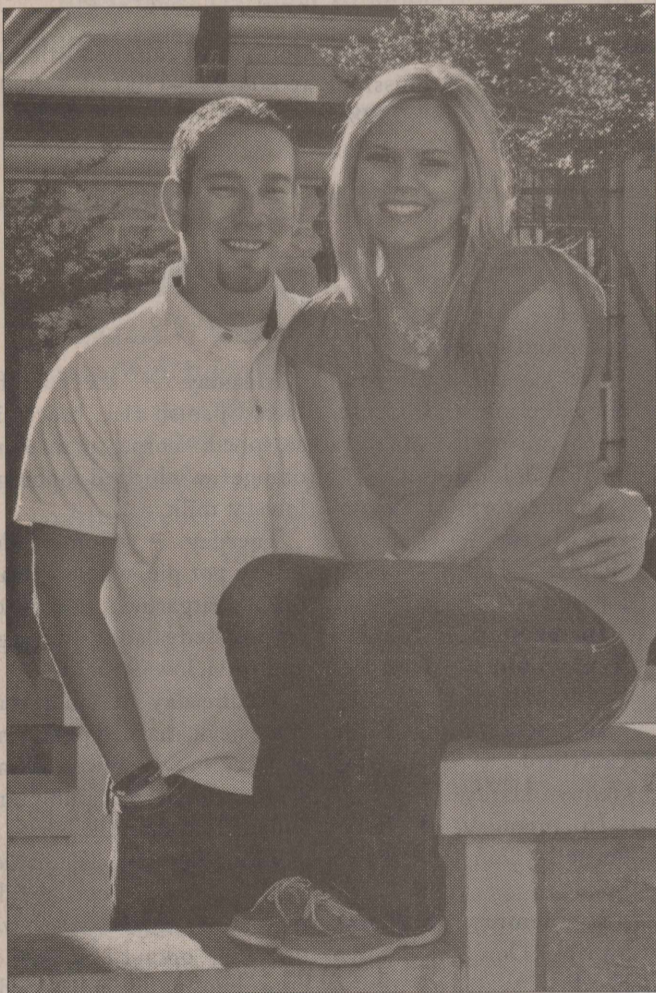
Jessica is the granddaughter of Jerry and Martha Leatherman of Floydada and Raymond and Jane Prisk of Cisco, Texas.

Seth is the grandson of Kelly and Diane Martin of Winslow, Indiana, Kenneth and Donna Meece of Oakland, Indiana, Jay and the late Barbra Moorman of Conroe, Texas and Reed and Jerie Burke of Spring, Texas.

The bride-elect is a 2010 graduate of Floydada High School and is attending West Texas A&M University in Canyon. She is scheduled to graduate in May 2014 with a BFA in Graphic Design.

The prospective groom is a 2010 graduate of Dimmitt High School. He is attending West Texas A&M University and will graduate in December 2014 with a BA in History.

The couple will be married in a private ceremony at the First Baptist Church in Floydada on Saturday, June 7, 2014.



TAYLOR HADLEY
AND JOSH QUEBE

Hadley and Quebe to exchange vows

Mike and Tina Hadley of Amarillo are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Taylor, to Josh Quebe. Josh is the son of John and Karen Quebe of Lockney.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Bill and Faye Hadley and David VanVickle and the late Roberta VanVickle, all of Amarillo. She graduated from Randall High School in Canyon and attended Amarillo College. She is currently employed at First Texas Bank in Georgetown, Texas.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Herb and Gerry Webber of Arlington and Anna Dell Quebe and the late Ewald Quebe of Plainview. He graduated from Lockney High School and received a bachelor of science degree from Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, New Mexico. He is an English teacher and coach at Round Rock High School in Round Rock, Texas.

The couple plans to be married June 28, 2014 at St. Paul's Methodist Church in Amarillo, Texas.

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FLU EPIDEMIC

It was during World War I. There may not yet have been many deaths from the war over in Europe, compared to World War II, but the Grim reaper was gleaned a bountiful harvest on the home front. The fact that men were dying in their beds, a scene generally described as "peaceful", cannot conceal the fact of tragedy. Mrs. Alma Holmes quotes Frank Harmon, who then worked for Mitchell Bros. Funeral Home, as source for the assertion that over fifty persons lost their lives in this epidemic.

DOCTORS

According to Mrs. Holmes, "The town's first Mayor, Uncle Billy Montgomery, was taken in the siege. Many returning soldiers from the war were greeted with the news of death in their family. Too great a tribute cannot be paid to the Floydada doctors who tended the sick both day and night. Dr. George Smith, Dr. V. Andrews, and Dr. Lon Smith were the doctors."

OVERFLOW

Dr. Childers had built a hospital in 1913, and it was overflowing with patients. Even the County Courthouse was pressed into use as an emergency hospital. Pallets and cots were placed in use for the patients, and Red Cross workers donned their aprons to nurse the sick. Dr. Lon Smith was county chairman for the Red Cross.

CLOSED

No meetings of a public nature of any kind were allowed during (he height of the siege, church, school, or otherwise. John Farris, in addition to Montgomery, was another casualty who had attained eminence in the community.

HARLEY SADLER

Following the boom of World War I days there was much activity in the county. Some of it was of the type that "Snuffy Smith," the comic book character, would appreciate, but Sheriff J. A. Grigsby, who was quite an outstanding peace officer, took pretty good care of the more shady element.

The first fluorescent lights were placed in the Baud Bishop Drug Store. There were flappers and sheiks a-plenty. Into this atmosphere came Harley Sadler with his traveling troupe, putting on high class entertainment. He had a baseball club, and some of the locals who played on it were Jim Curry, Elmer Mickey, A. V. Womack, Ed Holmes, and "Lefty" Holmes, the latter moving on up to higher baseball company with the Topeka Indians in Kansas. Harley and Billy Sadler and their daughter, Gloria, were on their way to Floydada one year in the 1930's and had even set up their tent for a two-week's run here, with a Symphony Or-

chestra lined up. Then Sadler went into bankruptcy as the town went into hysterics, when a terrific West Texas Windstorm scattered props, costumes, and tent poles over a large area. They haven't found all of it yet. Fortunately, Harley got back into business. One of his great friends and admirers was Rev. R. N. Huckabee, a former Methodist pastor here.

DEPRESSION

The real blow of the depression was felt in the '30's. Rags and tatters were the order of the day; eggs sold for 5cents per dozen, hogs for 2 ½ a lb., cream went for 7 cents gallon. Sand storms favored Floyd County; loan companies were taking farms. The city was practically paralyzed, the buildings were empty, and the First State Bank had to close.

FARM HOLIDAY

A "Farm Holiday Association" was formed, with men such as M. D. Ramsey, John K. West, Ed Holmes, and Ed Greer working on it. The Floydada Chamber of Commerce aided this farm group, raising funds to loan to then and to others to put down irrigation wells. Lovell Jones was the first man to use this fund for a well, and made very fine use of it. The Rural Electric Administration helped bring new hope.

WORLD WAR II

Floydada grew during this war. There was griping about the ration cards, there was less sugar eaten, less food bought and more gardens grown. Gasoline was rationed, and few exceeded the speed limit of 35. Shortly after the close of the War, in July of 1946,

Jim Willson, Sr., John Stapelton, Jack Henry, and J. L. Colville invited Gen. Jonathan Wainwright, the hero of Corregidor, to this town. About 15,000 persons attended the two-day celebration, with Gaines Davis and his crew carrying out a real West Texas welcome. Mmes. Jack Henry, John Herd, and Hugh Reed cooking fried chicken, then, according to Mrs. Alma Holmes, "The General ate nothing but wings." The V. F. W. Harrison Post is named for J. W. Harrison, who was killed in World War II. The McDermott Post in memory of Caleb McDermott, who met his death in World War I.

THE FIFTIES

There have been many changes through the years. In 1951 John Lloyd, W. Ed Brown, Menard Fields, Ed Holmes, J. M. Willson, Sr., and many others banded together to finance a co-operative hospital. (It won't be too long now until there is a new one, many hope, on the basis of a tax-supported hospital district). This is called People's Hospital.

KFLD

Radio Station KFLD started on the air in 1951 with owners Marshall Fonny, B. A. Robertson, and Ed Holmes. Jess Stanton was the first manager. Mrs. Holmes now holds that position, and the firm has expanded to handle books and records. Some of the most colorful characters in radio spin the records.

IRRIGATION

With quite a few wells in the '20's, and a drought in the '30's, dryland farming was considered too risky a business. The people here

are just like anywhere else—pretty fond of eating regularly. G. G. Tye and Sons had drilled wells for the city since there was one. Now they lead out in deep well drilling. Thus there came not only to be abundant cotton, wheat, grain sorghum, but also onions, tomatoes, lettuce, carrots, potatoes, cabbages, and cucumbers. 1957

The Floydada Growing and Marketing Co. Built a packing shed in 1957. Among the pioneers in the vegetable growing industry here were: Dr. John Kimbell, Jim Simpson, W. H. Simpson Jr., L. D. Simpson, Rafe Ferguson, Arlon Miller, Kenneth Probasco, Chuck Holmes, Johnny Miller, and Tom Snead.

LATIN AMERICAN

Latin American labor was brought in to work the fields. According to Mrs. Alma Holmes, "L. A. Marshall has contributed a great deal with his research on growling vegetables in Floyd County." Water is of course a prime requirement for this work. Marshall suggests a hooking onto the Canadian Dam, water line, with irrigation of the farms by gravity flow. He holds to the hope that someday the people of this area will be able to keep their water long enough to use it for irrigation as needed. He states, as a hope for the future, "We will use the Canadian River Plan, only on a smaller scale. Water is more valuable than gold."

TAKE A LOOK

Look around, Floydada is quite different from 1890. But "They made a beginning." Every enterprise has to get a start. The pioneers in 1890 built well.

Invitation for Bids

The City of Floydada will receive bids for its TDHCA HOME Program #1001754 RSP#2011-0113 until 2:00 p.m. on April 7, 2014, at City Hall, 114 W. Virginia, Floydada, Texas 79235 to complete the reconstruction of Eight (8) single family units with 1157 square feet per unit. **All units must be completed within 150 days from the notice to proceed or no later than October 31, 2014.** Only contractors with a minimum of 5 years of successful home building will be accepted. If you are a first time bidder on the TDHCA HOME Program, a list of references will be required and will be reviewed. **To demonstrate contractor's qualifications to perform the work, Contractor shall submit written evidence such as financial data, present commitments and such other data as may be called for in the Contractor's Qualification Statement.** Contractor shall provide a construction bond covering all projects awarded or standby letter of credit with requirements and conditions as specified for the total amount of projects to be awarded. Contractor must provide proof of Liability Insurance and Builders Risk Insurance. All work must be met the following codes: Texas Minimum Construction Standards (TMCS), Texas Minimum Construction Specifications (TMC Specs), International Residential Code (IRC), Texas Government Code 2306.514, all local building codes, standards and specifications. Contractor must ensure that employees/applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The contract will be subject to Section 3 requirements. The bid packages will be available at City Hall on March 21, 2014. The City of Floydada reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any formality in the bidding. Bids will be opened publicly at the City Hall on April 10, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. The City may hold bids for a period not to exceed forty-five (45) days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of bidders, prior to contract award. Contract award will be made to lowest responsible qualified bidder. The City is an Equal Opportunity Employer and supports Equal Housing Opportunity. Anyone wishing to protest the procurement procedures should submit a written complaint to:



Jeff Johnson, City Manager
City of Floydada
114 W. Virginia
Floydada, Texas 79235

Location of properties to be reconstructed:

1. 316 W. Mississippi
2. 312 W. Marivena
3. 208 E. Marivena
4. 309 W. Jackson
5. 115 W. Crockett
6. 617 W. Price
7. 324 W. Houston
8. 1011 Menefee

FLOYDADA SCHOOL

Floydada Elementary PTO announces fundraiser

Get ready to shop for bargains—and make money for the Floydada Elementary PTO at the same time! PTO officials have announced that the organization will participate in a rebate program offered through the Lubbock Just Between Friends Children's and Maternity Consignment Sale.

The fundraiser works like this: free admission postcards and coupons specific to Floydada Elementary will be distributed to students through their take-home folders and at locations in town for the Lubbock JBF sale, scheduled for March 19-22, 2014 at 6701 University Avenue (Trinity Christian School). After shopping the sale, each participant will give their coupon to the clerk at check-out, and the entire purchase amount (pre-tax) will be recorded. After the sale, Lubbock JBF will calculate the total amount spent by the Floydada faithful and send a check for 5% of that total to the PTO. It's a WIN! WIN! situation for all involved, as shoppers pick up the deals, and the PTO generates funds for its treasury!

Lubbock JBF is the largest children's and maternity consignment sale in the South Plains area. There will literally be

thousands of items at the sale—clothes, shoes, toys, baby equipment, books, games, electronics, sports equipment—anything and everything families need for their children. Items will be priced 50-90% below retail, so bargains will abound! It's an opportunity for families to stretch their budget and find gently used items in excellent condition for a fraction of normal cost.

The Lubbock Just Between Friends Spring 2014 Consignment Sale is open to the public the following times:

- Wednesday, March 19 from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
- Thursday, March 20 from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- Friday, March 21 from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- Saturday, March 22 from 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.

So pick up your coupons (available at the Floyd County Hesperian, First National Bank of Floydada, Dollar General, Floydada High School office, and City Hall) and get ready to shop til you drop! Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends—anyone and everyone will be welcomed! Show your support for the children in Floydada—you'll be glad you did! And the PTO will THANK YOU!

Last call for nominations during third annual America's Farmers Grow Rural Education

Nominate public school districts for a grant up to \$25,000

ST. LOUIS (March 13, 2014) – The deadline is fast approaching for farmers to nominate rural public school districts to compete for a grant of up to \$25,000, through America's Farmers Grow Rural Education, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund. Nominations will be accepted until April 6, 2014. Eligible farmers can nominate their school district by visiting www.GrowRuralEducation.com or by calling 1-877-267-3332. Grants are awarded based on merit, need and community support. The more farmers who nominate a school district, the more it demonstrates community support and can strengthen the school district's application. This year, the program has expanded to 18 new counties, for a total of 1,289 eligible counties across 39 states.

School administrators in nominated districts will have until April 21, 2014 to submit their applications online. The application website is also equipped to help answer specific questions about the Grow Rural Education program overall and assist with the grant writing process.

"As we work to grow our next generation of farmers, building a strong math and science foundation is vital," said Linda Arnold, Monsanto customer advocacy lead. "Working together with farmers and rural school districts, we are building relationships that benefit the community, with the ultimate goal of improving education."

The America's Farmers Grow Rural Education Advisory Council, a group of approximately 30 farmers from across the country, will review and select the winning grant applications. Advisory Council members were selected based on their passion for farming and education, as well as experience in rural school districts.

Last year, more than 73,000 farmers nominated 4,024 school districts, resulting in \$2.3 million in grants to improve math and science education in 181 districts

across the country.

The America's Farmers Grow Rural Education program is part of a broad commitment by the Monsanto Fund to strengthen farming communities. America's Farmers Grow Rural Education launched in 2012, after a successful pilot in Minnesota and Illinois, and has since awarded nearly \$5 million to school districts across the country.

For more information about the America's Farmers Grow Rural Education program and to view the official rules, a list of eligible states, counties and CRDs, visit www.GrowRuralEducation.com.

About America's Farmers

The America's Farmers campaign is an advocacy and community outreach program celebrating U.S. farmers through communications, awards and special programs that highlight the importance of modern American agriculture.

America's Farmers initiatives include:

- America's Farmers Grow Communities, which supports rural communities by offering farmers the chance to win \$2,500 for their favorite local nonprofit organization.

- America's Farmers Grow Rural Education, which supports rural education by offering farmers the chance to nominate local school districts, which can compete for a \$10,000 or \$25,000 merit-based grant to enhance math and science education.

- America's Farmers Mom of the Year, which celebrates women in agriculture by offering the chance to win up to \$10,000 and the title of "National Farm Mom of the Year".

- America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders, which launched this year in Alabama, Georgia, Indiana, Nebraska, North Carolina and South Carolina, and aims to encourage the next generation to remain involved in agriculture by offering students the chance to apply for a \$1,500 scholarship.

To learn more, visit America's Farmers at www.americasfarmers.com.

Nutt named to LCU Dean's list

Floydada resident, Kaylie Nutt has been named to the Dean's List at Lubbock Christian University for the fall semester of 2013. Nutt is a Senior and is majoring in Secondary Education with an Emphasis in Math. She is the daughter of Danny and Laura Nutt.

The criterion for Dean's List is a student taking a minimum of 12 semester

hours must achieve a 3.5 grade point average for the semester.

Lubbock Christian University has over 2000 students and is a four-year private master's level institution that promotes unique educational opportunities with a strategic focus on student success in four key areas: spiritual formation, intellectual growth,

personal stewardship and leadership development. Degree programs are offered for both bachelor's degrees and master's degrees. For over 55 years, the school has offered academic excellence in a Christian environment. For more information about Lubbock Christian University visit their website at www.lcu.edu.

Wayland Baptist Univ. prepares for Big Weekend

By Jonathan Petty
Director of Communications
Wayland Baptist University

PLAINVIEW – There is still time for high school juniors and seniors and college transfer students to register for Big Weekend at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview. Big Weekend gives prospective students the opportunity to explore Wayland and learn more about its offerings. It also gives students who like to get a head start the chance to register early for classes.

Scheduled for March 28-29, students may register by logging onto www.wbu.edu and clicking on the Big Weekend link, or by calling the Office of Admissions at 806-291-3500. Parents are welcome to attend the event with their students. There is a \$30 registration fee for all who attend.

Highlighted by a Friday night concert, Big Weekend gives prospects the chance to meet faculty and staff, experience classes, learn more about financial aid options and

have some fun at the same time. Special events include campus tours, information sessions, a late-night breakfast in the cafeteria, athletics tryouts, scholarship auditions, scholarship interviews and a concert headlined by Rapture Ruckus with special guests Abandon and Ryan Stevenson. Parents will receive valuable information and have a chance to ask questions during a parents' breakfast on Saturday morning.

Registration begins at 7:45 a.m. on Friday, and the event officially ends at dinner on Saturday. Students may stay in the dorms with current Wayland students but pre-registration is required. Parents are invited to stay in local motels. The Days Inn, Best Western Conestoga Inn, Holiday Inn Express and Comfort Suites all offer special Big Weekend rates. All meals are provided with the registration fee.

For more information, call the Office of Admissions at 806-291-3500 or 1-800-588-1928.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margarette Word

Another week has passed and I'm still having health problems and have not been at the Center. My meals have been delivered for which I am very grateful.

Since I'm not at the Center at noon I do not know what is going on in town or at the Center.

I am aware they had Naomi Battey's funeral last Saturday. I think she was 96 years old and lived here several years ago. She still has kinfolk here in Floydada.

I also understand Billie Crawford passed away. She lived here several years ago and still has kinfolk here in town also.

Our sympathy goes out to the Battey and Crawford family members.

Since I'm not out and about, I have not heard much news as to what my friends are doing. It sure gets old not leaving the

house and seeing people.

We do appreciate you remembering the Center when you need to make a memorial donation.

In memory of Naomi Lee Battey – Don and Carolyn Hardy, Nancy Lawson

In memory of Kendall K. Cummings – Don and Carolyn Hardy

In memory of Billie Crawford – Don and Carolyn Hardy

In memory of Jessie Pernal – Don and Carolyn Hardy

In memory of Danny Smith – Don and Carolyn Hardy

Thought for the Week – "Texans have always been Number One in their minds. There are no people as proud of their heritage. We've got a lot to brag about and rightfully so".

Dick DeGuerin

MENU
March 24 – March 28

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

Tuesday – Homemade turkey pot pie, whole wheat roll, margarine, seasoned corn, tossed salad w/dressing, ambrosia, low-fat milk

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

Thursday – Vegetable beef stew, cornbread, margarine, tossed salad w/dressing, orange pineapple cup, diet pumpkin custard, low-fat milk

Friday – Oven fried chicken, bow tie pasta, broccoli raisin salad, fruit cocktail, low-fat milk

The Floyd County
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LOCKNEY SCHOOL

Lockney Softball Recap

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

Lady Longhorns defeat Tahoka 14-3

Kayla Jimenez led the charge with four hits and three RBIs as the Lady Horns defeated the Tahoka Lady Bulldogs 14-3 on March 15 to bring their overall record to 9-1-1 and their district record to 4-1.

Katie Jackson struck out 11 batters and allowed only two earned runs to pick up the victory.

Lockney hitters combined for 18 hits, 11 RBIs and 14 runs scored. The Lady Horns started took the lead in the first inning, scoring two runs on a Kennedy Hallmark single and never looked back. They added three runs in the third, five in the fourth and four in the fifth to seal the victory.

Hallmark and Darby Long also had four hits each. Hallmark and Camryn Diaz each had three RBIs.

The Lady Horns will host Crosbyton, March 20 at 5:00 p.m. and Hale Center March 22 at 11:00 a.m.

Lady Longhorns suffer first defeat

Taking advantage of three errors by the Lockney Lady Horns, the Ralls Lady Jackrabbits defeated Lockney 13-1 on March 13.

Ralls scored two in the top of the first, the Horns scored one in the bottom of the first, but then Ralls crossed the plate three times in both the third and fourth and five times in the sixth while holding the Lady Horns to only six hits over the seven innings.

Lockney School Menu

March 24 - March 28

Monday

Breakfast - Oatmeal, Blueberry muffin, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety
Lunch - Two pizza dippers w/spaghetti sauce, garden salad, baby carrots, apple slices, breadstick, milk variety

Tuesday

Breakfast - Chicken-n-biscuit with syrup, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety
Lunch - Baked potato w/ham & cheese, breadstick, garden salad, seasoned corn, snowball salad, milk variety

Wednesday

Breakfast - Pancake/Sausage on a stick, oven fried potatoes, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety
Lunch - Chicken nuggets, savory beans, mashed potatoes w/gravy, apple-pineapple d'lite, milk variety

Thursday

Breakfast - Sunrise sandwich, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety
Lunch BBQ on bun, black beans, baby carrots, salsa, orange smiles, milk variety

Friday

Breakfast - Breakfast taco, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety
Lunch - Pizza choice, garden salad, fresh veggie cup, mixed fruit, milk variety

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong

Hope you all had a great Spring Break. There have been several of you that have been out of town. We are glad to have you back and we hope you enjoyed your trips.

Remember Pot Luck on Thursday night. Everyone meets at 5 p.m. Bring a dish and enjoy games afterwards.

This Saturday, March 22nd, the American Legion Post 141 will have a pancake supper here at the Center from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Please come and enjoy! Donations are appreciated.

Family Night Fish Fry will be held Friday from 5-8 p.m. Dine in or carry out or call the Center, 652-2745 and we will have it ready for you. \$10 adults and \$5 children under 10

MENU

March 24 - March 28

Monday - Meatloaf
Tuesday - Tacos
Wednesday - Oven fried chicken
Thursday - Salmon
Friday - Pot roast

LIVING ESTATE AUCTION
Saturday, March 22, 2014 - 9:30 a.m.
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Go to website: www.mcnuttauctionservice.com
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View: Friday, March 21 - 1 to 6 p.m.

View Home: Call Raby Garrett, Broker - 806-774-6980

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Rapture Ruckus to headline concert

By Jonathan Petty
Director of Communications
Wayland Baptist University

PLAINVIEW - Christian recording artists Rapture Ruckus will headline an outdoor concert at Wayland Baptist University's Moody Marsh, in front of Harral Auditorium between the library and the Moody Science Building, at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 28. Admis-

Lockney Track Olton track meet results

Courtesy of Kyle Browne, Track Coach

HIGH SCHOOL

Varsity:

Tevin Phillips - second in the long jump
Ruben Ascencio - first in shot put
Javier Guerrero - fourth in shot put
Jaden Butler - fifth in shot put, first in discus

Junior Varsity:

Tavien Walrath - first in long jump and triple jump; fifth in 200 meter and 400 meter dashes

JUNIOR HIGH

Eighth Grade boys won the Olton Track

Jaden Rosales - second in high jump, first in triple jump, first in 400M, first in 4x100M relay, first in 4x400M relay

Kevin Lopez - second in triple Jump, third in long jump, fourth in 300 meter hurdles, first in 4x100M relay, first in 4x400M relay

Ricky Cuellar - first in 200M, first in 4x200M relay, first in 4x400M relay

Israel Cuellar - first in long jump, first in 4x100M relay, first in 4x200M relay, first in 4x400M relay

Nick Rendon - second in long jump, sixth in 300meter hurdles, first in 4x100M relay, first in 4x200M relay

Raimundo Alvarado - fourth in 100M, first in 4x200M relay

Julio Lara - fourth in 800M

Tristan Schlueter - sixth in 400M, third in 800M

John Cleto - fifth in Discus

Shawn Marquez - sixth in 1600M

Diego Tranado - fifth in 100M, third in 200M

Joe Ochoa - second in 1600M

AJ Castro - fifth in 110 meter hurdles

Seventh Grade Boys

Bryson Walker - sixth in 100M, second in triple jump

Daniel Palomin - first in 4x200M relay, third in 4x100M relay

Fernando Valdez - first in 1600M, first in 4x200M relay, third in 4x100M relay

Tyrell Egnew - fourth in 110 meter hurdles, first in 4x200M relay, third in 4x100M relay, second in Long Jump

Devin Deleon - first in 4x200M relay, third in 4x100M relay, first in shot put, sixth in discus

Cesar Cienfuegos - third in 200M

Bryson Hallmark - third in 800M, fifth in 1600M

Nathan Salazar - sixth in 1600M, fifth in 2400M

Austin Ascencio - second in shot put, fifth in discus

Billy Dillard - fourth in shot put

TJ Blackledge - second in discus

Razzle Dazzle Red Hatters

By Donna Pernel

The Razzle Dazzle Red Hatters had luncheon Thursday, March 6th at the Floydada Senior Citizens.

A great meal was shared by thirteen

members and two guests. Guest was Betty King and Erenstine Pleasant. All present were blessed by Betty and Erenstine's glorious gospel songs. A special thank you!

Thanks also to the Floydada Senior Citizens.

SPC to offer Faux Finishing Furniture Class on March 24

LEVELLAND - South Plains College's Division of Continuing and Distance Education will offer a Faux Finishing Furniture Class March 24 through April 21. The class will meet from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Mondays in Technical Arts Building Room 122.

The cost is \$80 and includes supplies. Participants should bring a chair, small bookcase or side table. Furniture pieces also will be available through the instructor.

The class will focus on four different faux finishes in which students will complete a small furni-

ture piece. Students also will learn prep and final finish.

For more information and to register for the class, contact Kasey Reyes, administrative assistant in the Division of Continuing and Distance Education, at (806) 716-2341.

SPC to offer group guitar course II on March 24

LEVELLAND - South Plains College's Division of Continuing and Distance Education will offer Introduction to Group Guitar II starting at 6:30 p.m. on March 24 (Monday) through April 28.

The class will meet in the Commercial Music Building in Room 146.

The cost of the class is \$75 and space is limited.

To sign up, call Kasey Reyes, administrative assistant to the Dean of Continuing and Distance Education, at (806) 716-2341 or email kreyes@southplainscollege.edu.

sion is free and open to the public.

The concert is being held in conjunction with Wayland Baptist University's Big Weekend, a college preview weekend for high school juniors, seniors and college transfer students. The concert will feature special guests Abandon and Ryan Stevenson, part of the In This Together Tour 2014.

The New Zealand band quickly made a name for itself, debuting at

New Zealand's Parachute Music Festival with a unique blend of rock and hip-hop. Rapture Ruckus broke festival records for highest-selling debut act. Signed to a recording contract in 2004, Rapture Ruckus has recorded three albums, winning critical acclaim for their 2007 release "I Believe."

For more information, contact Wayland Baptist University's Office of Admissions at 806-291-3500.

VETERAN

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construction of CV-12 actually began in August, 1942 under the name Kearsarge but when CV-8 went down, it was renamed the Hornet.

"I was born in June, 1942 and the Hornet was 'born' in August, 1942 then 25 years later, we were together for a couple of years," Wilbanks said.

When the Hornet was at station in Gulf of Tonkin, off the eastern coast of North Vietnam, the planes flew off the decks of the carrier 24 hours a day. During this time, the Hornet only had prop planes flying off its deck.

"We received mail and packages from a COD (carrier on-board delivery) plane. One time I had a birthday present I was sending back to the states when the COD developed mechanical problems and had to land on the Hornet again." Wilbanks said, "After repairs were made, the COD took off again but this time it went into the drink and that birthday present is at the bottom of the Gulf of Tonkin."

Wilbanks said that in the region of the world, the heat and humidity are extreme and in during that time, the Hornet did not have air conditioning in the crews' quarters and besides

officers' berths, the only air conditioning was in the transmitter room behind the radio station.

"All of us radiomen made our own berths (beds) behind the transmitter room so we could take advantage of the a/c," Wilbanks said.

Watching the seamanship of the captains of the various ships was a site to behold, Wilbanks said because when you need to take on fuel for the carrier and aviation fuel for the planes, they had to handle whatever the seas were presenting them at the time.

Wilbanks said, "An oiler would pull up alongside us and connect fuel hoses and lines to send mail or even sailors back and forth. After we took on fuel, then our escorts would pull up to receive fuel from our tanks."

Of course like all good sailors, Wilbanks said he looked forward to shore leave at various ports. He recalls going into port in Manila Bay as a very emotional time.

"When we would enter or leave the Bay, Corregidor Island would be on our starboard (right side)," Wilbanks said, "The Captain would call 'All hands, attention to starboard, hand salute' and we would stop what we were doing, come to attention and salute Corregidor in remembrance of the brave men that lost their lives defending it in World War II."

Once the Hornet was in port

in Manila, Wilbanks remembers how hot and humid it was. When they got to shore, they found an A&W Root Beer place that had air conditioning and enjoyed the refreshments there.

"When we were ready to return to the Hornet, we were waiting for our launch to take us back out when a group of Australian sailors came up waiting for their launch," Wilbanks said. "Naturally, sailors being sailors there was some discussion going back and forth between the groups. One thing led to another and there I was jumping into the pool at the Manila Hilton to race one of the Aussie sailors. Of course, guest at the hotel called the Shore Patrol but before they got there, I beat him and we got dressed and were standing there waiting for the launch when the Shore Patrol arrived. They talked to us and sent us on our way back to the ship."

As things happened, that was a close as Wilbanks got to Australia. As the Hornet was headed for some rest and relaxation in Australia, he received his discharge orders.

"I was loaded onto the COD and shoot off the deck to begin my journey home," Wilbanks said. "That was a new experience, being launched off a carrier deck. I never even got to see the entire carrier even though I was on it for two years. The ship is so large; you just can't see it all."

When Wilbanks returned home, he began a short career in law enforcement with the Lubbock Police Department and the Lubbock Sheriff's Office. During these years, he was able to complete his Bachelor's degree from Wayland Baptist thanks to being a veteran.

"I used LEAP (Limited Examination and Appointment Program) and VA benefits to pay for my college," Wilbanks said. "I benefitted from my service including qualifying for VA benefits."

In 1977, Wilbanks acquired his insurance license, signing on with Farmers' Insurance and moving to Floydada.

"I really enjoyed being on an aircraft carrier," Wilbanks said. "I saw a lot of interesting places and experienced a lot of different things during that time. Unfortunately, I had been discharged when the Hornet performed one of her most famous duties, the recovery and housing of Apollo 11 astronauts on their return from the first moon landing."

Wilbanks met his wife Jo in Floydada and they were married in 1994. Between them, they have seven children, 24 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

It's been a long time since Wilbanks was on active duty with the Navy, but he is on active duty as a granddad, father and husband.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

My wife, Maria, and I are completely overwhelmed at the generosity and support we have received since the news of my cancer returning. We would be remiss if we didn't take a moment to THANK all of those we can think of...and to issue a general THANK YOU for those we may not specifically mention here.

Where to begin? To the Lockney High School Cheerleaders and their sponsor, Mrs. Fulton—Thank You for the generous gift card you gave us last fall. It was strictly used for gas to get to and from my appointments in Lubbock and actually just ran out of funds a few weeks ago! It was a tremendous blessing to have that card!

Thank You to Phil Cotham, Cindy Cotham, Jeananne Williams and all of the staff at Lockney Elementary for the wonderful ceremony and recognition of our contribution to the LIFE Scholarship Fund during the Elementary Movement Program on March. 6. Never in our wildest dreams did we EVER expect to be honored in such a wonderful way.

To Lockney Mayor Pro Tem Tina Graves and the Lockney City Council, Thank You for declaring us our own day. It was so exciting to see our names scroll across the Lockney Welcome sign at the town square.

And lastly we would like to thank anyone who has stopped by, asked about us, and most importantly prayed for us. This community is our family and we are so blessed and thankful to be a part of it.

Again, thank you to everyone!

Efren and Maria Perez
Lockney, Texas

Official Notice of Nominating Committee Meeting

10:30 a.m. April 1, 2014

Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc. Headquarters

East U.S. Highway 70

Floydada, Texas

In accordance with Article IV, Section 4.06 of the Bylaws of Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc., the Board of Directors has appointed a Committee on Nominations to prepare a list of nominations for Directors to be elected at the annual membership meeting of the Cooperative on April 24, 2014. Three (3) Directors, one each from District 1, District 3, and District 4, will be elected in 2014. Although Directors are nominated from the District they represent, all members in attendance at the annual meeting vote on all candidates who may be properly nominated.

SECTION 4.02 QUALIFICATIONS:

No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of the Cooperative who is a close relative of an incumbent director or an employee of the Cooperative, or is not a member in good standing of the Cooperative and receiving service within the District he/she represents; PROVIDED, that the operating or chief executive of any member which is not a natural person, such as a corporation, church, etc., or his/her designee, shall be eligible to become a director, from the Directorate District in which such member is located, if he/she or such designee (1) is in substantial permanent occupancy, direction or use of the premises served by the Cooperative, and (2) is a permanent and year-round resident within or in close proximity to an area served by the Cooperative; BUT PROVIDED FURTHER, that no more than one (1) such person may serve on the Board of Directors at the same time. No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of, or to hold any other position of trust in, the Cooperative who does not have the legal capacity to enter into a binding contract or is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise, or a business selling electric energy or supplies to the Cooperative, or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures or supplies to, among others, the members of the Cooperative. No person shall take or hold office as a Director who is the incumbent of or candidate for an elective public office in connection with which a salary is paid.

SECTION 4.05 DIRECTORATE DISTRICTS

The territory served by the Cooperative shall be divided into nine (9) Directorate Districts. Each District shall be represented by one director and the Districts are described upon the map of the territory served by the Cooperative attached to the Bylaws and made a part hereof.

SECTION 4.06 NOMINATIONS

It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint, not less than thirty (30) days nor more than one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the date of the meeting of the members at which directors are to be elected, a Committee on Nominations, consisting of not less than five (5) nor more than eleven (11) members. The Committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least twenty (20) days prior to the meeting a list of nominations for directors to be elected, listing separately the nominee(s) for each Directorate District from or with respect to which a director must, pursuant to this Article, be elected at the meeting. The Committee may include as many nominees for any director to be elected from or with respect to a Directorate District as it deems desirable. Any fifteen (15) or more members of the Cooperative, acting together, may make additional nominations in writing over their signatures, listing their nominee(s) in like manner, not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting, and the Secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the Committee is posted. The Secretary shall mail to the members with the notice of the meeting, or separately, but at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting, a statement of the names and addresses of all nominee(s) for each Directorate District from or with respect to which a director must be elected, showing clearly those nominated by the Committee and those nominated by petition, if any. The chairman at such meeting, after all nominations so made have been duly announced, shall call for additional nominations from the floor and shall ascertain and announce, after any nominations made from the floor, the particular Directorate District from or with respect to which any additional candidates have been nominated.

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AGRICULTURE

Floyd County Company Receives Texas Mutual's Top Honor for Workplace Safety

Floyd County, Texas— Texas Mutual Insurance Company announced that one employer in Floyd County has been awarded the company's top honor for workplace safety. Texas Mutual, the state's leading provider of workers' compensation insurance, recognized this company for preventing workplace accidents.

The honoree from Floyd County includes:
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To qualify for this honor, a company must demonstrate its commitment to workplace safety by executing an exemplary safety program and controlling workers' compensation losses.

"Texas Mutual is more than a workers' compensation provider," Richard Gergasko, president and chief executive officer of Texas Mutual Insurance Company, said. "Part of Texas Mutual's mission is to promote workplace safety and educate employers about safe work practices, but it's up to each company to implement safety policies. This award recognizes companies that put an emphasis on workplace safety—and as a direct result—the safety and well-being of their employees."

This year, Texas Mutual distributed 200 safety awards—a record number—to qualifying policyholders throughout the state.

Texas Mutual Insurance Company

Austin-based Texas Mutual Insurance Company is the state's leading provider of workers' compensation insurance, with approximately 37 percent of the market. Since 1991, the company has provided a stable, competitively priced source of workers' comp insurance for Texas employers. Helping employers prevent workplace accidents is a major part of Texas Mutual's mission. For more information, visit www.texasmutual.com.

FSA Celebrates American Agriculture Producers on National Ag Day – March 25th

(College Station, TX) – March 17, 2014-- USDA Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Judith A. Canales, encourages everyone to take a moment to appreciate the hard working farmers and ranchers in Texas on March 25, National Ag Day. This year's theme is "Agriculture: 365 Sunrises and 7 Billion Mouths to Feed."

USDA is proud to stand behind the producers who rise before dawn 365 days a year in order to put food on the table for 7 billion people.

"We recognize the importance of agriculture and hope that the recent passage of a new Farm Bill

is a sign that 2014 will be a 'banner year for the industry," said Canales. There is no better way to show our support for farmers and ranchers than to begin implementing a new Farm Bill - legislation that will provide farmers, ranchers and consumers alike supportive results."

While the American economy is rebounding and gaining strength, the agricultural economy has remained strong and at its best. Looking ahead, the U.S. has seen a trend towards aging farmers; however, according to the recent Census of Agriculture, the nation is beginning to reverse that trend. There is an increase in the

number of farmers under the age of 35.

And although the agriculture industry promises a bright future, many farmers and ranchers are still recovering from natural disasters that occurred this year, including the continuing drought. Fortunately, these producers were still able to grow the commodities that Americans rely on in order to remain a food-secure nation. Our farmers and ranchers have also continued their legacy of protecting natural resources and environmentally sensitive land through the use of conservation programs.

Please join FSA in celebrating America's farmers and ranchers – a selfless group of individuals who make up less than two percent of the world's population. They feed our country and make our nation secure. And, they supply quality foods to the rest of the world's seven billion people.

From the clothes we wear, the foods we eat, the fuel we burn and the agricultural byproducts we use daily, American agriculture adds to the quality of our lives.

None of the contributions of U.S. farmers and ranchers should be taken for granted, because no one can live without agriculture.

Ag Day is a project of the Agriculture Council of America. For further Ag Day information and events visit www.agday.org. For information on programs administered by FSA, please contact your local FSA office or visit us online at www.fsa.usda.gov.

Rainwater harvesting workshops scheduled

HPWD promotes practice to maximize precipitation benefits

For many years, the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 (HPWD) has shared the philosophy of former Texas Agricultural Experiment Station Superintendent R. E. Dixon of Spur: "Don't pray for rain if you don't take care of what you get!"

With this in mind, HPWD is sponsoring a series of workshops in April and May to share concepts of rainwater harvesting with area residents. The cost of the workshop is \$20 and includes all presentation materials.

The workshops will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the following locations:

* April 10: Mallet Event Center, 2320 Highway 385, Levelland.

* April 17: Ollie Liner Center, 2000 S. Columbia, Plainview.

* April 24: Bailey Co. Electric Co-op, 610 E. American Blvd., Mule-

shoe.

* May 1: Randall Co. Extension Office, 200 N. Brown Rd., Canyon.

"We never know when the next rainfall event will occur. Therefore, it's important that we be ready to maximize the benefits of the free moisture provided by Mother Nature. Rainwater harvesting allows us to capture water that would normally be lost to runoff and use it later during dry times," said Adeline Fox, HPWD education and outreach coordinator.

The district's presentation includes an overview of basic rainwater harvesting techniques for both small and large scale applications. Installation of gutters, rainwater harvesting barrels, and rain chains for home and businesses will be discussed. In addition, information about water conservation in the landscape will be provided.

She said the same program and materials will be presented at each workshop. "This allows persons who can't attend their

preferred workshop to receive the same information at another location," Fox said.

Persons are encouraged to register for the event at rsvp.hpwd.com or by calling the district office in Lubbock at (806) 762-0181. The first 20 persons to RSVP for each of the four workshops will receive a free rainwater harvesting barrel, courtesy of HPWD.

Additional information is available by contacting the HPWD office in Lubbock or visiting the district's web site at www.hpwd.com.

Created in 1951 by local residents and the Texas Legislature, the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 is charged with the responsibility of conserving, preserving, protecting, and preventing waste of groundwater within its 16-county service area. The High Plains Water District is the first underground water conservation district created in Texas.

Texas Lesser Prairie-Chicken Landowner Agreements Reach Record 600,000 Acres

AUSTIN – Eighty-four Texas ranchers in the Panhandle and Rolling Plains have voluntarily enrolled 614,250 acres in conservation agreements for the lesser prairie-chicken, marking the largest private landowner commitment to conserve a rare species in Texas history.

This comes as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service mulls whether to list the bird under the Endangered Species Act, a decision expected by March 31.

Back in November 2006, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

signed a Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAA) with the federal wildlife agency.

At the time, the bird was a candidate for listing. Yet for several years after the agreement was developed, few landowners signed on.

Then, after the USFWS proposed listing the bird as threatened in late 2012, enrollment surged.

By undertaking voluntary conservation measures on their property under the agreement, landowners are assured that no further land use restrictions or conditions will be required from them if the lesser prairie-chicken is ultimately listed.

In return, landowners undertake conservation actions such as brush control, grazing management, prescribed burning, and allowing periodic monitoring on their property.

"Prairie-chicken conservation equals grassland conservation," said Calvin Richardson, TPWD Wildlife Division district leader, based in Canyon.


"Landowners who provide good habitat for this bird are helping many other grassland-dependent species, such as pronghorn antelope and many grassland birds. Further, prairie conservation equals water conservation. Restoring and managing the native grasslands of the Texas Panhandle, including regions with Playa Lakes, can help provide vital recharge sources for the Ogallala Aquifer."

Department biologists also said the improvement in rangeland health that results from CCAA management also benefits cattle operations with conservative stocking rates that ensure good plant health, productivity, and a cushion in an unpredictable weather environment.

For more information about the Texas lesser prairie-chicken CCAA, and other available conservation tools for farmers, ranchers and other landowners, contact: Calvin Richardson, calvin.richardson@tpwd.texas.gov, (806) 651-3014.

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Whirlwind News



New Announcement Concept Creates Excitement at FHS

Sweeping Regionals and Raising the Bar for State Powerlifting



By Tucker Lowrance
Staff Writer

As students walk down the hall at Floydada High School they notice something very different. Students are now able to watch video announcements being played on a TV, where they can see what is happening in the school.

Students are very excited about the new addition as they feel it gives more of a chance to students who don't get to see what is happening in the school.

"I think it's a very good idea because most students don't get to watch the video announcements because they aren't able to get on the website," said senior, Albert Vasquez. "I think its very good that we get to walk through the halls on our way to class and watch our students who put time and

effort to make the news for Floydada High School," said Vasquez.

Students aren't the only ones taking notice to the new airing of the announcements.

"It is really nice to have and nice to see the kids on their videos because they never get to watch themselves. I know the kids are having a great time," said English teacher, Rita Cox.

Having the idea for this kind of project is just the first step, plans had to be made to insure that everything would be accomplished.

"Basically Tasha Hughes and her video class wanted a better way to display their announcements, so Mr. Morren thought it would be a good idea for us to have a monitor in the hallway," said Technological Advisor, Michael King. "Now we're displaying our video announce-

ments as well as rotating our slideshows on more up to date information on what's going on in the school," said King.

When it came to putting up the monitor, it was all about spreading positivity and creating an environment of pride for the students and the school.

"We wanted to be able to share positive affirmations about our school and do some self promotion of what our programs are and there's not a better way of doing that than letting people see what it looks like," said principal, Wayne Morren. "I know we can read about it and we can talk about it but actually getting to see it I think makes a difference. I believe we have a good chance to utilize the television to introduce programs and to share with everyone what our expectations are," said Morren.

By Aaron Chavarria
Staff Writer

Saturday, March 8, 2014, the regional powerlifting meet took place at Sundown High School. There, Aaron Chavarria won by a landslide and qualified himself for regionals. Expectations were high coming into the season for him, and now he is doing all he can do to prepare to win state.

Winning regionals was a priority heading into the meet even though second place would have qualified him for state.

"I've been working towards this goal of mine to win regionals and make it to state for three years now," said junior, Aaron Chavarria. "Now that it's here, first place is all I want and I have a really good opportunity of doing that on March 22, 2012 at the state meet."

Athletic Director Coach Bandy explained the neces-



sary process for making it to state and what he thought of it.

"Aaron qualified for the state powerlifting by winning the regional meet," said Bandy. "He set the regional records on squat by lifting 615 lbs. and the total record of 1530 lbs. Aaron will enter the state meet in Abilene ranked at number two trailing

by only 30 lbs. With his best lifts of the year, Aaron has a great shot at winning a gold medal at the state powerlifting meet."

Aaron has spent every day in the weight room over the past three years to get himself to this point, and there's no stopping him now. Good luck at State Aaron!



The winners of the fourth six weeks perfect attendance bike contest are 6th graders, Tyson Snell and Azalea Garza. Each six weeks the Rotary Club of Floydada donates two bikes to ABD for students who have held a perfect attendance record for the current six weeks.

Successful Walk-through at FJH Inspires Wilson Junior High

By Bethany Morales
Staff Writer

Floydada ISD still continues to stand out to other schools for its unique academic techniques. On March 12, 2014 two visitors from Wilson ISD came to Floydada to walk-through the junior high school in search of what ideas they could implement in their our school.

"From our walk through we were fond of the project based smart activities we have seen," said Wilson Jr. High's Assistant Principle, Leslie Wint.

Providing more opportunities for students to expand their learning was one major idea that Wilson ISD hoped to apply to their school.

"We liked the night school idea for the extra help and extra time. We also enjoyed the recording of the lessons for those who are absent. Those are really innovative ideas," said, Principal of Wilson Jr. High, Brenda Prather.

Not only did the academic strategies of FJHS stand out to the principals of Wilson Jr. High, but the overall atmosphere stood out to them as well.

"The positive atmosphere was outstanding. We did not see any behavior problems. In

all of the classes we observed, all the students were on task and engaged in the learning," said Prather.

When walking into the classroom, the academic structure and curriculum had an interesting twist on them from how learning used to be.

"When I walked into the classroom I could not tell if I was in an English, math, or science classroom without looking at the walls because the content was so integrated with each other. The curriculum was so integrated that in the science classroom they



were reading a book and talking about probability, which is math. It really connected the learning for the students," said Prather.

Whirlwind Word Search

Floydada High School UIL Events

By Kimberly Pacheco

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Upcoming Events for Floydada ISD

By: Hunter Schwertner- Assistant Editor

- March 20: Softball VS Abernathy, There
Baseball VS Slaton, Here
- March 22: Baseball VS Slaton, There
Softball VS Muleshoe, There
- March 24: District One Act Play
Tennis at Sundown
- March 25: Baseball VS Idalou, There
Softball VS Littlefield, Here
- March 26: District UIL
- March 27: District UIL
- March 29: Tennis at Plainview
Baseball VS Childress, Here
- April 1: STAAR
- April 2: STAAR
- April 3: District Tennis
- April 4: STAAR
End of Fifth Six Weeks
District Track Prelims
- April 5: District Tennis Playbacks
Baseball VS Roosevelt, There
Softball VS Muleshoe, Here
- April 8: Baseball VS Post, Here
Softball VS Littlefield, There
- April 11: District Track Finals
- April 12: Baseball VS Slaton, There
Softball VS Abernathy, Here
ACT
- April 14: Junior High Tennis Dual
- April 15: Baseball VS Idalou, Here
Softball VS Muleshoe, There
- April 16: UIL Band Contest
- April 17: Area Track Meet

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February Business of the Month



Courtesy Photo
The Floydada Chamber of Commerce has chosen KFLP Radio Station 106.1 as their "February Business of the Month". Pictured is Tony Ricketts, Pamela Ricketts, Corey Johnston and Steven Orr.

HEALTHY RECIPES

"Popcorn" Roasted Cauliflower

For a light and low carb alternative to popcorn, make a batch of this "Popcorn" Roasted Cauliflower. You may think that you don't like cauliflower recipes, but that's because you've never tried roasted cauliflower before. This dish is a delicious low-carb alternative to popcorn. Did you know that roasted cauliflower can be used as pizza crusts, as a substitute for mashed potatoes, or for creamy bases in soups? It's so versatile.

Serves: 4

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 heads of cauliflower, equivalent to 6 cups
- 1/4 cup oil, preferably coconut oil
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 teaspoon salt free seasoning (optional)

Instructions

- Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Line a sheet pan with parchment paper.
- Chop the cauliflower down to the florets. Remove the stems and cores.
- In a medium bowl, pour oil, salt, and salt-free seasoning. Stir until well combined.
- Add the cauliflower and ensure it is coated with oil.
- Spread cauliflower out on sheet pan. Place in oven for 60 minutes. Flip or rotate cauliflower every 20 minutes until the cauliflower is golden brown. They can be slightly blackened, but do not burn too many.

Nutritional Information

Per Serving: 96 Calories 7g Fat 8g Total Carbs (3.8g Fiber) 3g Protein

Read more at <http://www.favehealthyrecipes.com/Vegetables/Popcorn-Roasted-Cauliflower/ct/1#FP4uUZvUb7RKwqB2.99>

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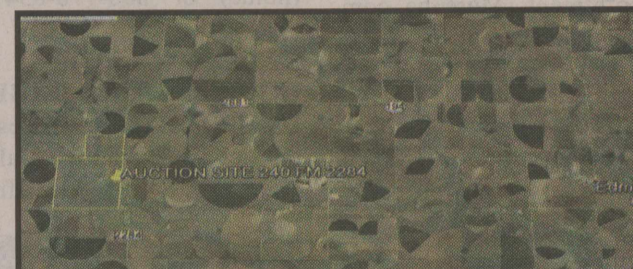
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