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Kenneth Wyatt Print Up for Grabs

The Floyd County Pioneer Association is selling raffle tickets for a print of Kenneth Wyatt painting titled ".... All are mine, cattle on a thousand hills". (Psalms 50:10). The banks in town are selling tickets for \$5 each, or 3 for \$10, up until the time of the drawing, which will be held Saturday, May 24 at Old Settler's Day under the Pavilion downtown in the afternoon. You need not be present to win. All proceeds will benefit the Floyd County Pioneer Association. Pictured above are (left) Laura Turner and (right) Lou Burleson, at Texas Plains Federal Credit Union, who would be glad to sell you a ticket.

Warren indicted for improper relations with student

By Charles Keaton The Hesperian-Beacon

Former teaching assistant, Hope Warren, 50, was indicted last Thursday by the Floyd County grand jury on charges of having an improper relationship between an educator and a student.

Warren, along with her relations with a student. attorney, appeared at the

Floyd County Sheriff's office Friday morning, where she was booked then released following the posting of a \$20,000 bond.

Photo courtesy of Floyd County Sheriff's Office

Hope Warren was indicted

last Thursday for improper

Warren faces up to 20 years in prison for the seconddegree felony. Since this is her first offense, if convicted, Warren would be eligible for probation.

According to Floydada Superintendent Gilbert Trevino, Warren resigned her position on Friday, April 25 when school officials were made aware of the allegations.

"On Friday, April 25, we were made aware of allegations of an improper relationship between a teaching assistant at our secondary campus and a student at that same campus," Trevino said, "An internal investigation was immediately launched and a report was made to the local authorities. The teaching assistant resigned her position with the district on Friday, April 25."

Floydada Police Chief Darrell Gooch said the student was a 16-year-old male. His office was contacted by Floydada High School principal Wayne Morren on April 25 regarding the situation.

Gooch said the investigation wrapped up quickly because no one disputed anything.

Text messages and social media played a role in the case, Gooch said. There were texts between the two parties involved and the 16-year-old posted information about the relationship on Facebook.

Trevino said that Warren was a certified teaching assistant and had worked for the district for 12 years but is no longer employed.

"We are hopeful that the Floyd County District Attorney will ensure that justice is served as this case moves through the justice process," Trevino said in a news release.

Floydada's BPA Video Production Team wins 1st Place at the National Leadership Conference



Five Floydada High School students attended the National Leadership Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana last weekend. Hunter Schwertner, Samantha Caballero, Cristal Irlas and McKenna Johnson competed in the Video Production Team competition. Reagan Hughes served as a voting delegate representing Area IV Region I, Texas Association. These Business Professionals of America (BPA) students from FHS competed against 30 teams from 23 different states and were named National Champions Saturday night. Pictured are (left to right) McKenna Johnson, Hunter Schwertner, Cristal Irlas, and Samantha Caballero. Tasha Hughes is the BPA Advisor.

Castillo indicted for sexual assault in Lockney

By Charles Keaton The Hesperian-Beacon

Matthew Castillo, 24, of Amarillo, was indicted for burglary of a habitation by committing a sexual assault by the Floyd County Grand

Castillo faces a firstdegree felony charge with a penalty range of five to 99 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. If convicted Castillo is eligible for probation since it would his first offense.

Castillo is accused of

breaking into a residence and raping an 84-yearold Lockney woman last February. He was arrested after stolen property from the victim's residence was found in his possession.

sexual assault occurred in her Lockney home between 3:00 a.m. and 4:45 a.m. on Feb. 8. The victim was taken to Mangold Hospital where the sheriff office was notified of the assault.

No date for a trial has



Castillo **Matthew** indicted last Thursday for February sexual assault in

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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.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Friends of the Library will be holding a meeting on Thursday, May 8th at 4:30 p.m. in the Floyd County Library in Floydada.

OLD SETTLER'S REUNION

The Floyd County Old Settler's Reunion will be held on Saturday, May 24. Mark your calendars! Bring your family for a day of fun, good food and music. Don't forget the auction that will be held under the pavilion. The Wildflower Show and Quilt Show will be held in the Barrow Building. Rope making will be conducted also at the Museum.

FLOYD COUNTY

HISTORICAL MUSEUM The Floyd County Historical Museum will hold an "OPEN HOUSE" on Friday, May 23rd from 1 - 5 p.m. Refreshments will be

served throughout the afternoon. For more info see the article inside this week's edition of the Hesperian-Beacon.

FLOYDADA'S

"CENTENNIAL PLAZA" Floydada's "Centennial Plaza" located on the "Y" is in need of donations to be used for the purchase of flags and for upkeep. If you would like to donate, please send your donation to: Floydada Centennial Plaza, c/o Sue Ward, 904 W. Georgia Street, Floydada, TX. 79235. All donations are appreciated.

Customers may get call from energy efficiency contractors working on behalf of Xcel Energy

efficiency contractors working on behalf of Xcel Energy are currently contacting Xcel Energy customers around the area offering

free home energy audits. If customers want to verify the legitimacy of the contractors contacting them, they can check our official "sponsor" list at www. xcelefficiency.com. under "standard offer

programs." Additionally, customers can contact the

In case any of you get calls about it, energy contractors of their choice at any time to request the audits. Contractors will offer free efficiency upgrades such as weather stripping around doors and windows. Customers may also purchase additional services from these contractors, but there's no obligation to do so if even if they have taken advantage of the free services. Even though we do have a program that benefits low-income customers, all customers regardless of income can qualify

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for the audits and services. Energy hogs versus energy leeches

By Dee Derr

The Hesperian-Beacon

Editors Note: This is the final segment in a series of

energy and how it affects you and your family.

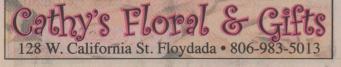
The average consumer has little control over many of the articles concerning the cost of factors that influence their

bill, but they do have some control in who they choose to buy their energy from as well as in how much, or how

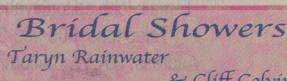
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We can do bouquets, roses, plants, gift, baskets and lots of flower arrangements!







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Deaths

John Lyles

John Lyles, 91, of Hale Center passed away on May 1, 2014 in Plainview.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 3, 2014 at First United Methodist Church Hale Center with Rev. Jimmy Cameron officiating.

Burial followed in the Hale Center Cemetery under the directions of Kornerstone Funeral Directors of Plainview.

A family visitation was held on Friday, May 2, 2014 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

John was born on June 16, 1922 to Carl and Ruth Lyles in Floyd County. He married Christine on December 17, 1943 in Floydada. He has been a life-



JOHN LYLES

long farmer, farming in Hale County for 70 years. He was a member of First United Methodist Church and traveled with Floydada Whirlwind Sams Travel

He is survived by his

wife, Christine of Hale Center; two daughters, Linda Spangler of Waco, Texas, and Nada Rogers of China, Texas; two sons, Glenn Lyles of Plainview, Texas, and Don Lyles of Rocklin, California; six grandchildren, seven greatgrandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, Olen Lyles, Marvin Lyles and Floyd Lyles and two sisters, Rena Baxter and Marge Jones McElyea.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1258, Hale Center, TX 79041

Online condolences can be sent at www.kornerstonefunerals.com.

Rita Joy Lyles

Rita Joy Lyles, 83, of Gentry, Arkansas died April 28, 2014 in her home.

Rita was born December 16, 1930 in Floyd County, Texas. She was the daughter of Weldon and Jewel Love McCormick.

She was a homemaker. She lived in Floyd County for 52 years before moving to Centerton, Arkansas. Then she relocated to Gentry, Arkansas in 2003. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, Gentry, Arkansas.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 55 years, Floyd Elton Lyles, and a brother, Wayne McCormick.

Survivors include her two daughters, Rhonda Lyles of Gentry, Arkansas and Naomi Wilson and husband, David of Gentry, Arkan-



RITA JOY LYLES

sas; one brother Delmas McCormick of Lubbock, Texas; two grandchildren, Wesley Wilson of Katy, Texas and Lisa Jones and husband, Jeremy of Lowell, Arkansas; three greatgrandchildren, Ava Quinn, Morgan Kate and Ethan Wilson Jones.

Visitation was held from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.,

Thursday, May 1, 2014 at Kornerstone Funeral Di-

Graveside services were held at 2 pm. Thursday, May 1, 2014 in the Floyd County Memorial Park Cemetery in Floydada, Texas with Dr. Sammy Elliott officiating. Arrangements were under the care of Kornerstone Funeral Directors of Plainview.

Pallbearers were nephews and family friends.

Memorials may be made to the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 116, Gentry, Arkansas

Online condolences can be made at www.kornerstonefunerals.com.



Robert Foote

Robert Foote, 88, of Travelers Rest, South Carolina, passed away on March 12, 2014. He was born on January 20, 1926. Robert coached at Lockney in the early 1950's and had many friends and fond memories of those years.

FLOYDADA'S "CENTENNIAL PLAZA"

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The Paperboy Adventures over the dry and dusty land

go on these little adventures each week and it's pretty interesting. It all stems from delivering L newspapers to some of the area communities we

A couple of weeks ago, I was in north Harmon

County, Okla., and I'm pretty sure I saw an elk. It was not completely dark, so I was able to see him coming about 30 yards before he crossed the road in front of me. At the rate he was running, not

bounding, and his size, I have to say it made me think about the potential damage that thing would have done to the car.

One of the things I dread on my weekly jaunts is the wind. Last week I drove around a thousand miles and most of it was in wind of 25 mph or more. Needless to say,

you have to keep both hands on the wheel under those circumstances.

CHRIS

BLACKBURN

I read this weekend where Lubbock has had 29 days of sandstorms in 2014. They had 18 in 2013. So basically, we've had four months this year and Lubbock and the surrounding area has been in a sandstorm for a quarter of the year. That's tough on the most hardened native.

Yesterday I was in Memphis, Texas, followed by a trek down Hwy. 70 in far eastern Hall County. If you've never been out that way, it's worth a trip. There is some absolutely beautiful scenery in that

People from other parts of the state think everything is flat around here. While there is plenty of flat, the Rolling Plains around Childress, Paducah and Matador have nice undulation and the edge of the Caprock is interesting.

Two things our area has over most cities are gorgeous sunsets and the ability to see the stars.

In our little towns, all you have to do is step outside and you can see plenty of stars. If you head out into the country, you can plainly see the Milky Way. One of the things I do not like to see are the condition of what used to be healthy reservoirs. Lake Greenbelt, Lake Kemp, Millers Creek Reservoir,

White River Lake, Lake Mackenzie, and on and on ... if there were ever a time for significant rainfall across a huge area, it's now. It's just pitiful to see these giant holes surrounded by such parched earth.

Can you imagine the impact of a massive storm system sitting on this area for a week? I'm talking about the kind of rain you see once a decade or less. I have to admit, I daydream about such an event and what it would mean to our ag-based communi-

I remember in June of 1995 the rains came. Over 10 inches of rain fell over a few days in a very large area. I was in awe at the Red River as it actually touched the bridges that crossed it.

It's crazy to think that it will happen again. And when it does, assuming it's sooner than later, don't start wishing for it to go away.

Perhaps one day, our children and grandchildren will be able to tell their children and grandchildren about the drought from 2011-2014 and how all the lakes dried up. And about how much we learned about conservation and the importance or wise water management.

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF KELLY DALE CHADWICK

Administration of the Estate of Kelly Dale Chadwick, Deceased, has been commenced by the issuance of original Letters Testamentary to Denice Chadwick Payne, on the 29th day of April, 2014 in the County Court of Floyd County, Texas, acting in Cause No. 5971 styled the Estate of Kelly Dale Chadwick, Deceased in which court the case is pending.

All persons having claims against the Estate are hereby notified to present them within the time prescribed by law. The address to which claims may be presented is:

> Lex S. Herrington Attorney at Law P.O. Box 445 Floydada, Texas 79235 806-983-4924 Attorney for Independent Executor

DATED the 29th day of April, 2014.

Lex S. Herrington

SOCIETY

Museum Archives

My Love for Critters

Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon October 18,1984

By Will Martin

Farm animals were both prevalent and necessary in the early days. People had a better chance to know and love "critters" than now, although many have a fondness for animals that will never be replaced.

Grandpa gave Mama a mare about 1900. He called Mama "Sallie." He said she was fine stock like the mare he was giving her. The mare was half percheron. He laughed and told Mama she and the mare both had big

I don't know why Grandpa did not give Maude, as they named her, to Papa. He took care of her and worked her to the plow an wagon mostly.

I don't know how many colts Maude raised, but I remember Kate, one of the last two. A brown mare, good and kind. I thought of her as my favorite. We kids worked her and if Papa didn't see us, we would ride her.) Papa did not want his work horses ridden. He said it was too hard on them to work at the plow and be ridden too.) He loved all his

Kate loved to be loved and petted. She would catch us near the lot fence, rub up against our neck and shoulders. We would pet her ad pat her most everywhere we could reach. When we would stop, she would nudge us with her nose and mouth for more. This would go on until we would get tired.

Kate raised several colts. Her last colt was a pet like her mama. She was gentle, kind, and good-natured. Light brown as a colt, she turned to an iron grey color when she got older. I never knew why unless it was a process of nature like we humans go through as we get older. Papa gave her to Brother Henry, but he never took her away from Papa. Papa used her as one of his plow team as long as he lived., if I remember clearly.

Maude's last colt was Rilda, a black, ill-tempered, nervous mare from which Papa raised mule colts.

This brings to my memory a good man who lived near us, Gule Snodgrass. I will never forget how good he was to Papa. Papa was meek and a poor trader. A trader in livestock, mostly a dealer in mules at that time, Gule would come by and get Papa's mule and sell it for him when he went to sell his own mules. He would give Papa the full price with

Gule are an example of what laid the groundwork for this country, and not like the ME generation we have too many of today. Of course, not all expect to get paid for everything they do today, but far too many do look out

In addition to Maude and her offspring we had other horses and a few Jack Rabbit Mules. We had a white horse named Old Button and Old Pete, gray mule. They were also kind and

But we had one iron grey mare that I sure did not like. Papa and Henry put me to minding the gate one day while they separated the work horses from the outside stock. I was about 12 and small for my age. (I weighed only 84 pounds when I was 16.) Anyway, that old mare took a notion she was coming through in spite of all the hand waving and shooing I could do, I couldn't or didn't get out of the way. She broadsided me right in the middle of the chest, knocking me about 15 feet. If you have never had the breath knocked out of you, you can't know how it is. I felt like I was killed until I could finally breathe again. It seemed like it was 15 minutes before I could, but I'm sure it wasn'

We had many more horses, but they did not make lasting impressions.

Papa was good to his horses. Every chance he got to walk behind the plow or wagon, he would. He said there was "no use making them pull extra weight." And, too, I think he just like to walk. When I got older, he would have me to walk behind the section harrow. With one particular horse, he would have me follow the Georgia stock, which I didn't mind. I guess I took after Papa that way. Henry didn't like to walk. Papa always said Henry would walk 2 miles to the back of the pasture, which reached 2 miles to where Charley Perry's farm is now, to catch a horse to ride up to Will Murry's, a quarter of a mile

I always loved horses, but didn't like to harness or unharness them. Henry always said after I got through helping Mama around the house, I would hide under the bed until he and Papa got through unharnessing the horses, and then I would come to the barn to help them put out the feed, slop the hogs and milk and feed the cows.

We usually kept from 2 to half a dozen cows with

in the lot in the daytime so they wouldn't get all the milk while the cows grazed all day. At night, the calves were put out after they had nursed and the cows would give down their milk. I would get so angry while I was milking. We usually milked in a Cottlene lard bucket. Just about the time I would get the bucket about three-fourths full, the old cow, standing so docile eating her feed, would catch me off guard and Ka-Wham! She would kick, knocking me off my stool backward, and stick her foot in the milk bucket and spill all the milk. When I would finish milking all the other cows and go the to the house. and say, "What did you let

her do that for?" The neighbor boys and I would catch the old folks in the house and slip out to the cowpen to ride the calves. Usually we got throwed. To me the calves were not as personable as the horses. I never did think they were as intelligent as horses either, but we had a few lovable and good-natured ones.

Two of them I loved were Old Pet and Old Blanche. We did not have beef cattle. When a cow accidently got in with the Hereford Bull, we would sell the calf to a cowbuyer who usually came around once a year when it was about yearling size.

I haven't made up my mind for sure which if the most intelligent horses or dogs. I suppose it is up to the person himself is to which one it is. We never raised sheep or goats but some of our neighbors did. I helped with them some but never liked it. Sheep were too much trouble, they were so meek and helpless. If one happened to fall into a ditch or was pushed up against a wall on his back and someone didn't help him up he would lay there until he died. Most sheep were gentle and would follow a person or another sheep but the neighbors goats would butt you over if you happened to bend over. The goats could walk a plank fence as good as a cat could. I suppose Papa got all he wanted of sheep on a large ranch near Vernon where he herded sheep for three years before he and mama came to Floyd

Papa had a brother John who fanned across the road from the Sandhill Store for a few months. He had a son Earl and twin girls Lorene and Norene who were sixteen years old while they lived here. Uncle John and all of them got homesick for Arkansas so they decided to leave here. The girls owned a pup they couldn't take with them. The worried so much about him they named him Old Trouble. We took him

no commission. People like calves. The calves were kept and he was the family pet and watch dog. Old Trouble was loved by the whole family. I was about six years old when we got him and he lived till he was sixteen. We had him through and past my whole school days. I wouldn't have time or room to tell all about him. Sometimes he was just like we humans. He was high tempered and would growl when someone threatened to take his meat or food away from him, which was natural. The rest I will say about him is all good. He loved us all. When we left the place he was trained not to go with us unless we were taking him jack rabbit hunt-

> Old Trouble would come Mama would bawl me out to the road gate to meet Annie Lee and me coming home from school, bark with joy and in general show his love for us. He had the smart to know he couldn't out run a jack rabbit on a long stretch, so he would jump one up close to the hog pasture fence, herd the rabbit to where it never saw the fence, and the rabbit would hit the fence so hard that he would bounce back almost in Old Troubles mouth.

Hawks were pretty bad about catching chickens, especially young ones and if Old Trouble saw a hawk sailing around the chicken yard he would run toward him barking and growling until the hawk sailed away.

We didn't have commercial dog food in those days for the dogs an cats but after a meal someone would never fail to throw the dogs some biscuits, scraps of meat, or anything they could eat. In cold weather we would make the dogs a small shelter outside and give them an old quilt or something similar. When it was extremely cold we would let them come in the house until it got warmer.

We had another dog, a white and black one, we called Happy. Why we took this name I will never know, unless it was because he was the opposite of Old Trouble. Happy was a pretty good dog, friendly and lovable, but as hard as the poor fellow tried he never came up with Old Trouble. Time and events passed on until Old Trouble went down with old age. Annie Lee and I took the best care of him we knew how. We fed and watered him as much as he could take. We kept him wrapped from the cold. He grew weaker and weaker until one morning we went out there and a loved dog was gone from the world. We wrapped him in a clean tow sack, dug a hole and buried him. Annie Lee said that I said a few funeral words in my own way. I don't remember. I can't remember what ever became of Old Happy.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margarette Word

We need more people eating with us. Always be sure to call Sylvia at 983-2032 when you or your group plans to eat at the Center. If you plan to eat with us and are not a regular, please call Sylvia early so that she can have enough food for those attending. We love to have visitors and always welcome you to come eat a hot meal and visit with your friends.

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

> MENU May 12 - May 16

Monday - Roast turkey, bread dressing, seasoned broccoli, waldorf salad, cranberry square, 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 - Herb roasted chicken, potato wedges, whole wheat roll, margarine, peas & carrots, strawberries w/whipped topping, low-fat milk

Friday - Crispy chicken on bun, tomato & lettuce, mayonnaise, potato wedges, carrot & raisin salad, fruit cocktail, low-fat milk

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong

Hello from all of us here at the Center.

Thank you to all of you that have made memorial donations. Memorials have been made in honor of: Jody Baccus, Gene Brotherton, Larry Golden, Eddie Joe Foster, Lillian Wheel, R.L Knox, Wanda Moats, Son Sutterfield. We appreciate each donation.

Please mark your calendar the Center will be closed on Memorial Day. Just a note to all Seniors, your membership dues will be due on July 1st.

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** May 12 - May 16

Monday - Hamburger steak Tuesday - Enchilada casserole Wednesday - Chicken fried steak Thursday - Salmon Friday - Meatloaf

Floyd Co. Grand Jury

Floyd County Grand Jury returns 5 indictments on May 1

The Floyd County grand jury returned 5 felony indictments against 4 individuals on Thursday, May 1, 2014.

Those indicted were:

· Matthew Adrian Costilla, 24, of Amarillo, Texas - Burglary of a Habitation with Commission of Sexual Assualt.

· Hope Warren, 50, of Floydada, Texas - Improper Relationship Between Educator and Student

• Jose Efrain Peralez, Jr., 52, of Lockney, Texas - (1) Felony Driving While Intoxicated; (2) Evading Arrest with a Vehicle.

· Gabriel Fierros, 50, of Lockney, Texas - Possession of a Controlled Substance, to-wit: Cocaine.

Floyd County Grand Jury returns 11 indictments on February 18

The Floyd County grand jury returned 11 felony indictments against 9 individuals on Tuesday, February 18, 2014.

Those indicted were:

• Damien Kyle Burks, 22, of Lubbock, Texas - (1) Theft of a Value of \$20,000 or more, but Less than \$100,000. (2) Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle.

· Joshua Kyle Cochran, 20, of Lubbock, Texas -Burglary of a Building.

· George William Cleveland, III, 27, of Lubbock, Texas - Burglary of a building.

· Jose Guadalupe Gonzales, III, 44, of Lockney, Texas - Failure to Register as a Sex Offender.

· Jose Oscar Ruvalcaba, 48, of Brownsville, Texas - Theft of Service/\$1,500 - \$20,000.

 James Fisher, 33, of Oklahoma – Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Young Child · Oscar Daniel Billegas, 21, of Floydada, Texas -

(1) Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle; (2) Evading Arrest with a Vehicle. · Manuel Arredondo, 38, of Floydada, Texas -Burglary of a Habitation with Intent to Committ As-

sault • Melissa Galyean, 40, of Floydada, Texas - Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon.



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FLOYDADA SCHOOL

Registration underway for 2014 summer band camp at SPC

accepted for the 2014 summer band camps at South Plains College. Students are urged to register by May 30; however, late registration will be accepted on the first day of camp. The camp runs from June

The camps are Drum Major Camp, Junior High Band Camp and High School Band Camp. On-campus housing is not available. Students will need to bring lunch money or a sack lunch daily throughout the week.

Drum Major Camp is for high school drum majors who want to develop their skills for leading their marching bands through fall performances and competitions. The camp is a weeklong program filled with learning, friends and fun. It is also designed to provide participants with encouragement and enthusiasm to excel while developing drum major skills. Each day, campers will participate in classes and have the opportunity to make new friends. There also will be plenty of time scheduled for recreational activities. The cost of the camp is \$85 which covers tuition, fees and a camp T-shirt. Students should check with their band directors for group transportation.

The Junior High Band Camp is for

LEVELLAND - Registration is being middle school and junior high school students who have completed at least one year of band as well as those students who will be entering the ninth grade in the fall. Each day of the weeklong program, campers will participate in band rehearsals, a section rehearsal, elective classes and various recreational activities. The camp costs \$85 which covers tuition, fees and a camp T-shirt. Students need to check with their band directors regarding group transportation.

> The High School Band Leadership Camp is for high school band students who will be entering the tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades in the fall. It is a weeklong program filled with music, learning, friends and fun, designed to provide participants with encouragement and enthusiasm to excel. There will be daily activities designed to help students improve musical and band leadership skills. The cost of the camp is \$85, and it covers tuition, fees and a camp T-shirt. Students are urged to check with their band directors regarding group transportation.

> For more information, contact Lynda Reid, camp director, at (806) 716-2265 or email bandcamp@southplainscollege.edu or contact your band director.

SPC to offer summer photography classes

for photo enthusiasts.

be offered from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the SPC Reese Center Campus Building 8 Room 822 on May 24, June 14, July 19 and Aug. 16. This class is the

Plains College will offer on digital photography. digital jump start classes It is designed to expose enthusiasts to camera be Digital Jump Start will options and capabilities. Photography This class should be taken for South Plains College. before enrolling in any advance level classes. The call (806) 716-2215 or cost is \$50.

Advanced Level classes southplainscollege.edu. will start after Sept. 1,

LEVELLAND - South first in a series of classes 2014, and will end in late October with Fandango4.

> The instructor will Underwood, Wes Specialist To contact Underwood, email wunderwood@

Wayland Board of Trustees approves doctoral programs

PLAINVIEW - The Wayland Baptist University Board of Trustees approved three doctoral programs Thursday afternoon. The curriculum for the new degrees was designed by current faculty and administrators. Pending approval by the Southern Association of College and Schools Commission on Colleges, Wayland plans to offer a Ph.D. in Business Administration as well as a Doctor of Management and Doctor of Education degree, all three programs are tentatively scheduled to begin in the Fall 2015 semester.

The Ph.D. degree is a 60-hour program consisting of 48 hours of coursework in accounting, statistical and econometric management information analysis, marketing, management, economics, finance and leadership. The additional 12 hours of the program will be devoted to the dissertation.

The Ph.D. will initially be offered only on the Plainview campus in a face-to-

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face format. Students will take 6 semester hours per term for 10 terms to complete the two-and-a-half-year program.

The Doctor of Management (D. MGT) degree is a 60-hour program that will be offered online. The program will include 15 semester hours in management theory, organizational and behavioral theory, human resource management, and 12 hours in research design. Students must also complete a comprehensive exam as well as a research project.

The Ed.D. in Educational Leadership is designed for education professionals looking to become leaders of educational institutions. This 60-hours program includes coursework and 12 hours of dissertation work.

Executive Vice President and Provost Dr. Bobby Hall explained that with the Board approval, Wayland will now seek final approval from SACS Commission on Colleges, Wayland's accrediting agency, to offer the programs.

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NOTICE TO AVAILABLE STUDENT LOANS

Floydada School Menu

May 12 - May 16

Monday

Breakfast – Sausage kolache, oven roasted potatoes, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety

Lunch – Beef & cheese chalupas, garden salad, refried beans, applesauce, tortilla chips, milk variety

Tuesday

Breakfast - Cheddar Omlette wrap, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety Lunch - Country fried steak, whipped potatoes w/gravy, savory green beans, strawberry cup, milk variety

NEW TEXAS LAW Effective 9/1/2009

Most children between ages 4 to 8 will need a booster seat to be

safe and comply with the law.

Trucks need more space to stop or turn. Whether you're in front, beside, or behind a truck, leave plenty of room

Wednesday

Breakfast – Breakfast pizza, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety Lunch - Chicken fajitas w/peppers & onions, 8" tortilla, charro beans, seasoned corn, orange smiles, milk

variety Thursday

Breakfast - Waffles with sausage, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety Lunch - Chicken spaghetti, garden salad, apple slices, baby carrots, breadsticks, milk variety

Friday

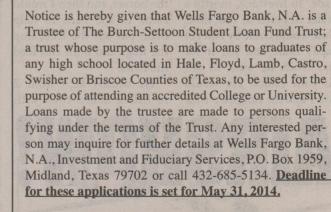
Breakfast - Cinnamon roll, bacon, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety Lunch - Fish tacos w/fish strips, corn tortillas, sweet potato fries, coleslaw, sliced peaches, milk variety





FOR KIDS







risks. On two-lane roads, never pass when the solid vellow line is on your side of the lane

Claude, Texas Saturday, May 10th All Kinds of Sales Throughout the City By Individuals, Groups, and Businesses Maps & listings available at www.claudenews.com. For more information, call (806) 226-4500. (Claude is about 25 miles east of Amarillo on Hwy 287.)

Lockney Softball All District



Katie Jackson District MVP



Shelby Coats 1st Team All-District Infielder



Kennedy Hallmark 1st Team All-District Outfielder





Camryn Diaz 2nd Team All-District Catcher Darby Long 2nd Team All-District Infielder



Nine out of Ten Texans Buckle up, but Nearly Half Killed in Crashes Are Unbuckled!

This Year's Click It or most of us do buckle up, Ticket Campaign Is May 19 to June 1.

While 9 out of 10 Texans buckle up, too many drivers and passengers continue to risk injury or death by not using seat belts. According to TxDOT, in 2013, of all people killed in vehicles in Texas, nearly half were reported as not wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash. Pickup trucks are so popular in Texas, but almost half of our pickup truck drivers killed in crashes were not wearing a seat belt.

After so many years of having seat belts standard

but some, especially pickup truck drivers and their passengers, depend on their bigger pickup truck to protect them in a crash. Yet, pickup trucks are twice as likely to rollover than passenger cars, and pickup truck crashes can be especially serious - even deadly - due to their tendency to roll over and for unbelted occupants to be thrown from the vehicle.

Unbuckled passengers can also be deadly to others in the vehicle. Most people are not aware of the dangers posed by unbuckled backseat passengers. In in vehicles, it would seem a crash, they can become that buckling your seat belt projectiles that are tossed before driving off would be around inside the vehicle, second nature. Fortunately, injuring or killing those

The Lockney Cemetery Association will meet Memorial Day, May 26, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at the Lockney Senior Citizens Building. If you have donated to the Cemetery Association or if you have a plot, you are a member. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers and transact any other business.

in the front seat. Riders in a child safety seat or boostthe back seat who use lap and shoulder belts are 44% more likely to survive in a crash than unrestrained occupants in passenger cars, and 73% more likely to survive in passenger vans and SUVs.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), young adults are dying at a disproportionate rate because they are not wearing their seat belts. Sixty-two percent of 18- to 34-yearold passenger vehicle occupants killed in crashes were not wearing their seat

When the Click It or Ticket campaign began in 2002, just 76 percent of Texans used seat belts. Today, over 90 percent of Texans buckle up. Also, since the campaign began over a decade ago, NHTSA estimated in 2012 (the most recent data available) that the Click It or Ticket campaign in Texas has resulted in almost 3,700 fewer traffic deaths and prevented more than 50,000 serious injuries.

Here's another good reason to buckle up - it's the law! Unbelted drivers and adult passengers can face fines and court costs of up to \$200. Children younger than 8 years old must be in

er seat unless they are taller than 4 feet 9 inches. Fines issued to drivers for unrestrained children in their vehicle can be as high as \$250 plus court costs.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agent Amy Kress from Floyd County reminds drivers that the campaign this year is scheduled for May 19-June 1, which includes Memorial Day weekend. During this time, extra law enforcement representatives will be on the roads enforcing the seat belt and child restraint laws in an effort to save lives. Those officers are not out to write tickets but instead want to help prevent the needless tragedy from motor vehicles accidents. Remember to buckle up and save your life - not just during Click It or Ticket, but every day of the year.

Educational programs of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, or veteran status. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating

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Lunch - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, savory green beans, roll, strawberry cup, milk variety

Wednesday

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

Lunch - Chicken fajitas w/pepper & onion garnish, charro beans, seasoned corn, orange smiles, milk variety

Thursday

Breakfast -Waffles with sausage, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety

Lunch - Popcorn chicken, garden salad, baby carrots, apple slices, breadstick, milk variety

Friday

Breakfast - Cinnamon roll, bacon, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety

Lunch - Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, pickle, sweet potato fries, coleslaw, sliced peaches, milk variety





Whirlwind News



PTO Gives Exciting Donation to Elementary

By Mattie Sanders Staff Writer

The children crowd around the two new gifts they received the week before. Several sets of eyes peer curiously into the glass lens. A picture of a squared-off structure filled with smaller objects comes into view. They turn their attention to the second present. A similar image comes into focus, except this one is round. Both new tools for the classroom produce a better picture of a cell than any other picture the students have seen before. Amazement fills the air.

The Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) recently gave two brand-new microscopes to the fifth and sixth grade science class. PTO has been raising money all year by having the elementary students collect receipts from the local grocery store. Contests to see who could gather the most receipts were held. These cash register tapes were then turned in and exchanged for money to be used for the

"The kids are really excited about it because they know that this is why they collected the receipts," said science teacher Laura Nutt.

Every year the elementary school has been borrowing four microscopes from the high school to be used in class. Now they have two of their own in excellent condition, if not bet-



ter then the ones they had been using before.

"I'm extremely excited because I feel like this is something that was really needed," said Laura Nutt. "It's not something that we use all the time, but it is something that the kids need to know how to use and that they will be using later on in junior high or high school."

sult of their hard work collecting the receipts. For the kids that get to use the microscopes, a great deal of thanks is dedicated to the PTO for their donation.

"I think it is really great, and I really appreciate them taking the time to do this for us because it is really exciting!" said Mrs. Nutt.

Art Competition Yields Exceptional Results



By Tucker Lowrance-Staff Writer

On Saturday April 26, 2014, a junior VASE competition was held at Irons Middle School in Lubbock. The competition was an opportunity for junior high art students to display their artwork. The competition was divided into three divisions with the sixth, seventh and eighth graders all divided into the separate divisions. The results ended with three of the eighth graders coming home with medals.

Expectations were for the kids to come Everyone is extremely happy with the re- away with a learning experience and have someone else judge their artworks.

> "The reason I take them is for them to see other people's artwork and talk to someone besides me about their artwork, and just have fun with the other kids," said art teacher, Jan-

Jacob Chavarria, and Caleb Miller both

received the highest rating on their artworks, which was a four. Destiny Marmolejo submitted two artworks and received a four on both of them, which made her a double medal

"I was very happy about being a double medal winner. It meant a lot for both of my artworks to be selected for the medals, especially in my first year in art," said eighth grader, Destiny Marmolejo.

For all three students it happened to be their first year taking art as an elective class, and Williams was very excited about the out-

"I was exceptionally proud of my kids; they got medals and they were competing against kids who had more years of art. I was very pleased, said, Williams.

Congratulations to all of these art students on their outstanding accomplishments.

A First for the Preparing For The Future Last Days of **High School**

By Mattie Sanders - Staff Writer

The small class of seniors files in one by one as they arrive to the church. Decorative tables matching a beach theme are spread out in the fellowship hall. Parents of some of the students as well as church members move around to help serve the class. Everyone chatters in excitement about what the meal and the night will hold, no one quite knowing what to expect.

The first senior supper was held last Tuesday, April 30, 2014, at the First Baptist Church. Senior suppers are hosted all around the community during this time of the year to honor those who will be graduating from high school this May.

"It was really fun being able to enjoy spending time with my classmates outside of school," said Tomas Casares.

The seniors ate a homemade meal, received prizes for games of bingo, won

gifts from the community in a raffle drawing and played variations of the classic game of volleyball. Over all, the night was successful in bringing a lot of memories, laughs, and giving the seniors time to spend together before the big day.

"It was really fun playing crab-walk volleyball because we all had to work as a class to try and kick the big ball over the net without standing up," said Ileana Moreno. "I really enjoyed

More senior suppers are coming up. The senior class opportunity given to them by the town to grow closer before life takes them in all anyone who has or plans to help in the suppers.

"We are all very thankful to have the support from the community that we do and that we are able to attend the senior suppers put on by the churches," said Cristo



will get a chance to use every By Bethany Morales-Staff Writer

A.B Duncan Elementary different directions. Every- is continually striving for the one is extremely grateful to success of its students by encouraging them to prepare for the future. On April 28, 2014 fifth grade students were able to dress in the attire of the career field in which they hope to later pursue. The fifth grade reading teacher wanted to make an impact on the students lives by having them choose their interest in a career at an early age.

"I just wanted the kids to look farther into the future. I wanted them to choose a job that they would have to go to college for. I also wanted them to figure out how much money they would earn after they have completed college so they can get an idea of what they need to do in the future," said fifth grade reading teacher, Jordan Beedy.

For many students, their choices in different career fields go far beyond what they enjoy doing; sometimes it even has a deeper mean-

"I want to be a lawyer be-

cause I've always wanted to be one since my mom never got

the chance, and I want to fulfill that so she can know that I followed her dream," said fifth grader, Maria Sanchez.

The students are aiming for an everlasting impact on not only themselves, but also on the lives of others.

" I want to help people with cancer and eventually find the cure so that is why I want to be a hematologist and an oncologist," said fifth grader, Laci Gourdon.



Whirlwind Word Search **UIL Regional Qualifiers** By Kimberly Pacheco U 0 **JOURNALISM** MISSSMITH BEKAHHALL AARONCHAVARRIA LITERARYCRITISM MRSFINLEY YARELIMARTINEZ PROS MRSJOHNSON READYWRINTING 0 MRSLOGSTON 0 6 GRANTPOTTS KENNAJOHNSTOI ROME ZQ







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Longhorn News



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Recently, members of the Lockney FFA participated in the Texas Career Development Events held on the Texas Tech campus. Several teams from Lockney High School competed in various events with the following results. The Livestock Judging Team comprised of Ky Teeter, Jake Bramlet, Haley Dunbar, Scott Lass, and Colton Verdine placed 37th in competition. The Horse Judging Team of Karis Carstensen, Marisol Hernandez, Reeda Sustaita, Alex Rea, and Collin Fulton placed 26th in their event. The Wool Judging team of Jake Bramlet, Scott Lass, and Lawson Sullivan placed 15th in their contest. Katie Jackson, Sarah Carstensen, Brenna Tidwell, Dixie Williams and Stephen Setliff of the Cotton Judging team earned 6th place in area competition allowing them to compete on the state level earning 14th place in the State Cotton Judging contest. The LHS FFA Radio team members earned 2nd in district and 10th in area competitions. Team members are Katie Jackson, Dixie Williams, and Jake Bramlet. The Texas FFA is one of the nation's largest state FFA Associations with more than 103,000 members and more than 1,000 FFA chapters. FFA gives students the opportunity to apply practical classroom knowledge to real world experiences through local, state and national competitions. Congratulations to all of our teams!



FFA Members

Horse Judging Team



Radio Team



Cotton Judging Team





Livestock Judging Team



Wool Judging Team



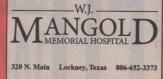
Senior Spotlights: Reeda Jo Sustaita & Brenda Marie Salazar

Reeda Jo Sustaita is the daughter of Joe and Calixta Sustaita. She was born in Lockney and has attended LISD since she was in Elementary school. Reeda is involved in Ag, FFA, Art Club, Band, Plainview Symphony Debutantes, and Girl Scouts. Her plans after graduation are to attend Tarleton State University to study Agribusiness.

Brenda Marie Salazar is the daughter of Angelica and Tony Salazar. She was born in Lockney and has lived here ever since. Brenda is active in band, art club, and was in yearbook for two years. After graduation Brenda plans to attend college to become a Registered Nurse.















Floyd County Historical Museum to hold "OPEN HOUSE"

Friday, May 23rd with the Floyd County Historical Museum holding their "Open House'in the Museum from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. Refreshments will be served throughout the afternoon.

Frank Potts will be on hand to print requested photographs that are located in the digitized collection. Also Museum personnel will be available to assist with genealogical research in the Mary Lou Bollman History and Genealogy Center. The afternoon will provide an opportunity

The Old Settler's Weekend begins to hear about the many resources located in the Museum.

> The Floyd County Old Settler's Reunion will be held on Saturday, May 24 in downtown Floydada with traditional activities on the square. Booths will offer arts, crafts and food items. The Wildflower Show and Quilt Show will be held in the Barrow Building on the corner next to the Museum. Rope making will also be conducted with Museum volunteers providing instructions and assistance.

Home Country

By Slim Randles

"How about a television ad," Steve said during the manure-and-worm free lunch focus group, "that shows a cartoon of a worm with a happy smile on his face? You know, you can have him munching on manure, and then producing

"Thanks so much, Steve," said Emily, very quickly, "but I don't think Dewey's budget will allow for animation."

"Or," said Anita Campbell, "you could show a delicious baked trout on a platter, and say 'The best baked fish starts with a

small worm."

Mrs. Doc said, "Do you really want people to think about dinner and worms at the same time?"

"Yeah," Anita said, "I see what you mean."

Doc slowly raised his

"I think everyone in

"Doc?"

town knows I'm a fly fisherman, but we're trying to sell worms here. Maybe an ad showing a happy boy carrying a cane pole and a can of worms, whistling and walking toward the local pond, and underneath it you could say something like, 'A boy, a summer's day, a can of worms: the building blocks

of America."

"Hey, that's kinda great!" Dewey said. "You equate worms with happiness, youth, and patriotism."

Doc smiled quietly but proudly. He thought he might consider branching off a bit into advertising. But then, who would give the flu shots?

Well, the lunch was good, anyway.

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Friends of the Library

The Friends of the them up. Library have already begun to prepare for our next book sale. They are asking their supporters to look in their bookcases and see if you might have some books to donate to them for this sale. The best sellers are children's books, Christian fiction and current novels. They also have a need for western novels. Just take the books to the library or call a Friends member and they will be happy to pick

Have you visited the County library Floyd lately? You will find a large assortment of books on our native state on display there. Not only will you find books about Texas history but there are books about Texas wildlife, wildflowers and trees and other native plants. Learn more about our wonderful state by looking through those books.

There is also a newly

expanded Christian Fiction section. There are quite a few new large print novels. New large print novels arrive every month.

Friends of the Library are always looking for new members. If you'd like to become a member, they will be holding a meeting on Thursday, May 8 at 4:30 at the library. Or you can contact the library or a member for more info.

Poetry Contest Seeks Spiritual Writers

A \$1,000.00 grand prize is being offered in a special religious poetry contest sponsored by the Rainbow Poets, free to everyone. There are 50 prizes in all totaling more than \$4,000.00. The deadline for entering is June 14, 2014.

To enter, send one poem only of 21 lines or less: Free Poetry Contest, PO Box 21, Talent, OR 97540. Or enter online www.rainbowpoets.com.

"We think great religious poems can inspire achievement," says Lavender

Aurora, the organization's Contest Director. "Our desire is to inspire amateur poets and we think this competition will accomplish that. Poems may be written on any subject, using any style, as long as there is a spiritual inference. A typical poem might be a love poem, or poem of praise, one that inspires the reader."

Be sure your name and address appears on the page with your poem. A winner's list will be sent to all entrants.

Wit and Wisdom of Texas

By Charles Keaton

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

"Texas is one and indivisible. Remember the Alamo." - State Seal of Texas

"If you want to get along, go along." -Sam Rayburn

"He climbs highest who helps another up." - Zig Ziglar

"Don't compromise yourself. You're all Lyndon Baines Johnson you've got." - Janis Joplin

"When I was a kid in Houston, we were so poor we couldn't afford the last two letters - we were just po!" - George Foreman

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"A mediocre idea that generates enthusiasm will go further than a great idea that inspires no one." - Mary Kay

"Why would I want to live anywhere else but Texas, and in Center? It's the center of the universe. And I think it's the best." - Mattie Dellinger

"Unlike some other Texas cities, Dallas has no history of wild days. It came into existence as a serious community with citizens of a peaceable and cultured type." - Federal Writer's Project

"Tomorrow is ours to win or to lose." -

"I am determined to sustain myself as long as possible and die like a soldier who never forgets what is due his honor and that of his country. Victory or Death." -William B. Travis

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The 501 Sticky fingers at the car wash

ust my luck. One day it's breaking news across the country that somebody has identified all the dangerous germs that live on money. The next day my cellphone and my credit cards fall into the wrong hands. Suddenly I'm back to handling filthy lucre. Bad timing.

My stuff didn't exactly get stolen. I laid my purse-phone case down by the bill

HANABA MUNN changer at the car wash. Careless of me. It wasn't there when I went back for it minutes later.

A word to the wise:

It's easy to leave things at the carwash especially at the vacuum station. I've heard of two left-behind laptops (one recovered) and one stroller (not recovered). What chance in life does a child have who WELCH gets wheeled around in a stolen stroller?

Am I being too harsh? Maybe strollers fall into the finderskeepers category. But credit cards and phones are different. They are strictly tied to identities. If they're not yours, they're not yours.

I cancelled my lost cards immediately. Then, per transaction trackers, someone tried to use one of them to buy fuel. Card declined. Yea!

A couple of days later, the police called. My phone plus the case and some contents had been found, tossed onto a street blocks from the carwash.

If someone gets your iPhone and throws it away, you know it's time for an upgrade.

If they do keep it, here's a suggestion: Borrow a phone and text the taker that you're offering a reward to get the phone back. With any luck, they'll text back. Meet them at a safe designated point. Act like you're going to pay them. Take the phone. Don't pay them.

I didn't think up that little scenario myself. A friend of mine told me that story. She got it firsthand from somebody who managed to get his wife's missing phone back exactly that way. He offered \$200. The amount of reward you offer doesn't matter as long as you don't intend to pay it anyway.

So who's the dishonest player in that little story? I'm on the side of the guy who outsmarted the opportunist.

By the way, I got my library card back. My press card too. What's missing is my driver's license. Somebody out there could be trying to be me.

Not good.

Another scary thought:

If money has germs, think about what's living on those little machines that take credit cards and debit cards at checkout. If you punch any buttons, you're putting your fingertips where everyone else does. If you handle the stylus to sign your name, it's the same. If the germ count on folding money (I like that antiquated term) was last week's big story, card readers could be next.

Here's what I really think:

It was a slow news day when the dirty money story broke. We all already knew money had germs. Our mothers told us.

In closing, a special message to whoever has my driver's license:

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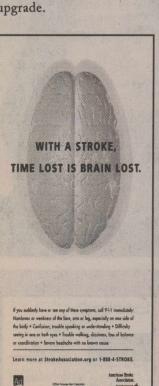
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ENERGY From Page 1

little, they use.

On average, most three family households will use over 800 kilowatts of electricity a month. Sixty to seventy percent of that energy is used for heating or cooling the rooms we live in. Heating and cooling may use the majority of the energy, but most homes will have appliances that can be potential 'energy hogs'. Anything which heats or cools, such as washers/ dryers, electric ovens and range tops, water heaters, dish washers, refrigerators, freezers and hot tubs can use a lot of energy.

Equally important are the items which are 'energy leaches'. According to www.powertosavetexas. org, the average American home will spend \$100 a year on powering items that are off, but still using electricity. In the last fifty years our society as a whole has become much more dependent on electronics for communication and entertainment, yet we rarely think about the total amount of energy used by large screen televisions, computers, cell phones, electronic readers, DVD and blue-ray players, or gaming devices like X-Box or Wii game sets. Many of these devices will continue to use electricity even when you aren't actively using them by going into 'a standby mode'.

Nearly everything that requires electricity will have a label which tells how much energy it uses, but not all products use energy equally. If you have a freezer that says it uses 300 watts, that is the maximum amount of energy it will use while the compressor is running. Since the compressor doesn't run 24 hours a day the amount of energy it uses will vary.

Another issue to be aware of is that many electronic items will advertise their energy output which can differ from the energy input required to operate it. Your sound system may require 40 watts of power to create 30 watts of sound. Another example is a microwave which is listed as a 1000 watt appliance, but it might actually use more wattage on it's highest setting.

One way to know where your energy dollars are being spent is to track your energy use. This will allow you to determine the average amount of electricity you use on a monthly basis. If your bill has suddenly spiked and you haven't changed your energy plan or your provider, you may want to figure out why.

This will require looking through previous utility bills. If your current average kilowatt usage is similar to previous months but the cost you are paying for it has risen, that means the amount you pay for each kilowatt hour has gone up. If your usage has remained steady but you are suddenly using more electricity your bill will reflect the increase as well.

In the event you believe your bill is still much higher than it should be, you should check to make sure the bill is accurate. In some instances a utility company may compute an estimate based on your average usage rather than send someone to read your meter. If this is the case, your bill should clearly state this.

Check the reading on your electric meter and compare it to the reading on the statement. If the numbers are off by a great deal or the amount of electricity you use each month has sharply risen without an explanation, you may need to see if your meter is running when you aren't using energy.

This will require you to shut off all of the electricity to your home by turning it off at the breakers and then checking to see if your electrical meter is spinning. If the meter shows electricity is still being used there could be several possibilities. If you live in a multi-family dwelling one of your neighbor's circuits may be incorrectly wired into your meter.

Although it would be highly unlikely, it is also possible that your meter may not be working correctly. If you think that may be a possibility, you would need to contact your utility company and ask them to calibrate the meter and ensure it is working properly.

Another possibility could be an issue with your home's electrical wiring. This can create a potential fire hazard which can endanger your life and your home due to wires heating up and wasting electricity. If you suspect an 'energy leak' or faulty wiring may be the cause, you should contact an electrician.

Elevate Your Gardening Success

By Melinda Myers

Don't let a sore back, bad knees or lousy soil stop you from gardening. Elevate your garden for easier access and better gardening results.

The simple act of creating a raised bed improves drainage in heavy clay soil. Add in some organic matter to further increase drainage and improve the water holding ability for sandy soils.

And if your soil is beyond repair or you don't want to wait, a raised garden allows you to bring in quality soil and create a garden right on top of the existing soil or even paved areas.

The quality soil and easy access will allow for dense plantings without pathways. This means greater yields, up to four times more, in raised beds than inground gardens.

Raised beds also help conserve water. You'll concentrate your growing efforts in smaller areas and that means less water wasted. Increase the benefit by using soaker hoses or drip irrigation in order to concentrate water application to the soil nearest the plants, right where it is needed.

Make your raised bed a comfortable height. Elevating the garden minimizes bending and kneeling. Design raised beds in corners or edges suited for sitting or areas narrow enough to set a garden bench alongside for easy access.

Design raised gardens so they are narrow enough for gardeners to easily reach all plants growing within the garden. Or include steppers or pathways if creating larger raised garden areas.

Add a mowing strip around the edge of the raised bed. A narrow strip of mulch or pavers set level with the soil surface keep the area tidy and eliminate the need for hand trimming.

Select a material suited to your landscape design. Wood, brick and stones have long been used to create raised beds. Consider using materials that are longlasting and easy to assemble, like Lexington Planter Stone (lexingtonseries.com). These stone sections can be set right on the ground, fit together easily, and can be arranged and stacked to make planters the size, shape and height desired.

Start a raised bed garden by measuring and marking the desired size and shape. Remove the existing grass and level the area. For taller raised gardens edge the bed, cut the grass short and cover with newspaper or cardboard prior to filling with soil. Be sure to follow directions for



Photo by Mark Avery
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the system being installed.

Once the raised bed is complete, fill it with quality soil. Calculate the volume of soil needed by multiplying the length times the width times the height of the raised bed, making sure all measurements are in feet. Convert the cubic feet measurement to cubic yards by dividing it by 27 (the number of cubic feet in a cubic yard). For a 4 x 8 feet raised bed that is 2 feet deep you would multiply 4 x 8 x 2. This equals 64 cubic feet. Divide by 27 and you will need just a bit more than 1 cubic yard of soil. Don't let the math overwhelm you, most topsoil companies and garden center staff can help you with the calculations. Just be sure to have the raised bed dimensions handy when you order your soil.

The best part is that this one time investment of time and effort will pay off with years of gardening success.

Gardening expert, TV/radio host, author & columnist Melinda Myers has more than 30 years of horticulture experience and has written over 20 gardening books, including Can't Miss Small Space Gardening and the Midwest Gardener's Handbook. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment segments. Myers is also a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Myers' web site, www.melindamyers.com, offers gardening videos and tips.

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Assignment: Texas The McDonald Observatory

Locke as well it should be. At 6,800 feet above sea level, the air is clear and thin. When I was there in June, the temperatures were brisk. So much so, many of the people sitting in the dark in the broad,

outdoor amphitheater
wore sweaters or hoodies to insulate themselves against the cool
mountain air.
"Believe it or not, you

"Believe it or not, you are on the University of Texas Campus," boasts the tour leader as he introduces the McDonald Observatory complex

before he begins a half hour talk on the planets, constellations, and the universe at large.

Even though its dark, I can see a trio of domed observatories further up the mountain. Located near Fort Davis, Texas, the McDonald Observatory has been contributing to the astronomical knowledge base since bachelor banker William Johnson McDonald of Paris, Texas bequeathed \$850,000 after his death in 1926. Constructed in the early 1930's, the astronomy campus was built initially in the hopes that a better understanding of the heavens would improve weather forecasting thus helping farmers plan their work.

Nearly eighty years later, the observatory and scientists from all over the world convene on the mountaintop to study the infinite mysteries of the universe. To help them with their job is an 82-inch, a 36-inch, and 107-inch reflector telescopes. Along with the traditional telescopes, the observatory also has a 30-inch lunar laser rangefinder.

The newest telescope is the Hobby-

Eberly Telescope (HET). Constructed in 1994, the specialized telescope breaks down light into component wavelengths in a process known as spectroscopy.

From just outside the visitor's center where I sit with my family, the big telescopes are prominent - even in the dark. While I listen to the program leader I notice that to the northeast, the HET beams a green laser up to the stars. Almost instantaneously, the speaker notices the beam and tells the crowd that the telescope uses lasers for precise aiming.

Throughout the program, me and about fifty others sit on rock benches and crane our necks skyward as the speaker talks about the location of various planets and constellations. Soon, though, we are released over to a small telescope park where we'll spend the next hour or so looking at the wonders in the sky.

Through one of the telescopes we see a ring nebulae that looks like a stellar donut. In another is a star cluster by which thousands of stars are packed together and are gravitationally bound. The most awe inspiring sight for me was seeing Saturn, complete with its rings and multiple moons. I don't know why I was so captivated by Saturn. Perhaps it's because Earth's neighbor or maybe it is the celestial body in which I am most familiar. Either way, I stand way too long staring in the telescope's eyepiece.

"Let's go, daddy," insists my nine year old daughter as she tugs my t-shirt and beckons me to the next telescope. Her and my son are excited to see the wonders of the universe and my wife and I are glad to oblige their curiosity. Just like my parents did for me.

AGRICULTURE

Floyd County Earns Prestigious Gold Star Safety Award



Floyd County Judge Penny Golightly (left) accepts the 2013 Gold Star Safety Award from the Texas Association of Counties.

Floyd County has earned a 2013 Gold Star Safety Award from the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) for its record of excellence in involvement and commitment to safety in the workplace, as well as for controlling workers' compensation claims.

Only nine Texas counties received the 2013 Gold Star Award, which is reserved for counties with the highest degree of safety commitment and success. TAC presented the awards May 1 during a ceremony at its County Management Institute in Austin.

Floyd County is one of approximately 300 governmental entities that collectively self-insure their workers' compensation through the TAC Risk Management Pool. The Association awards the prestigious Gold Star Award to only those Pool

members that have demonstrated actions and implemented procedures recognized as proactive in total risk management.

TAC risk control consultants evaluate county safety programs and work with counties to develop risk control and safety initiatives. When they begin the selection process for the annual Safety Awards, they consider the following criteria:

Specific safety program elements; Activity and success of program in the 2013 calendar year;

Support for the program by upper management, a governing board or a commission that directs the operations of

Recent loss history;

Improvement in the safety program;

Implementation of safety award criteria.

Floydada City Council approves **Community Development** Grant participation

By Charles Keaton The Hesperian-Beacon

Members of the Floydada City Council met in special session prior to the regular session on Tuesday, April 22. During the special session, Kelly Davila, representing the South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG), informed the council that because of the severity of the drought, the City of Floydada qualified for a Community Development Grant to drill a water well.

Davila said that the grant is for \$350,000 with no match required by the city. The qualifications for the grant include the severity of need which is already met due to the drought. The city is required to provide the Texas Department of Agriculture with information including how much water is used from the Mackenzie Water Authority and city owned wells as well as the city being in the equivalent of Stage 3 of the Drought Contingency Plan. Davila said that the city met all the requirements.

Council members voted 5-0 to approve the resolution that authorized the submission of an application and authorized Mayor Bobby Gilliland to act in all matters pertaining to participation in the Community Development Grant program.

In regular session, the council voted to not open the swimming pool this year. According to City Manager outdoor residential uses on

Jeff Johnston, the pool does not meet Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) standards including ADA requirements and other safety issues.

Last fall, city voters approved a new splash pad and pool to be constructed but neither will be ready for use this year. According to Johnston, a pool company is in the process of designing the splash pad and pool but due to the time of year, they are very busy.

"The pool and splash pad probably won't be ready for this summer," Johnston said, "and considering the drought and the need to conserve water, it's probably not a bad idea to wait."

The council also approved moving to Stage 2 on the Drought Contingency Plan.

Stage 2 restrictions are compulsory for all users and are intended to prohibit non-essential water use. Non-essential watering is described as but not limited to washing of windows, siding, eaves and roofs of houses with a hose; cleaning and washing of driveways, streets, curbs and gutters; washing vehicles or parts of vehicles; having unattended sprinkling of landscape shrubs and grass; draining and filling of swimming pools; and flushing of water systems.

Outdoor residential use of water will be permitted on alternate days. Even number houses will use water for

even days of the month and odd numbered houses on odd days of the month.

The Mayor will monitor system function and establish hours for outside water use depending upon system performance. Commercial and industrial users will be visited to ensure that conservation measures have been initiated.

In other action, the council approved a zoning variance for Leonard and Elizabeth King. The Kings are tearing down a house in the 900 block of South Wall and will be moving a trailer house onto the lot.

Also, at the request of Adelfino Aleman, the council approved reducing the speed limit from 55mph to 45mph on the south Ralls highway to extend to the entrance of the old drive-in movie. Aleman was concerned about someone getting hurt due to the semi-trucks going faster than 55mph in that area.

Based from recommendations the Planning and Zoning Commission, the council approved the condemnation proceedings on properties located at 416 West Tennessee, 417 West Tennessee, 421 Tennessee and 505 South 3rd Street.

The council approved allocating a minimum of \$300 a month or \$1,200 quarterly up to 40 percent of the hotel occupancy tax collected to the Floydada Chamber of Commerce.

SPECIAL SESSION

The City Council of the City of Floydada, Texas met in Special Session in the Council Chambers of the City Office on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Bobby Gilliland, Mayor

Bettye King, Councilmember #1 Dana Crossland, Councilmember #2 Sam Green, Councilmember At Large Gail DuBois, Councilmember #4 Steve Lloyd, Councilmember #3

Also attending:

Jeff Johnston, City Manager Selia Arellano, City Secretary Karen Houchin, City Attorney

Gabriel de la Fuente, Councilmember At Large

Absent: Others present:

Kelly Davila, Leonard Nail, Darrell Gooch

Mayor Gilliland announced at 6:02 the Public Hearing was now open to hear from the citizens on the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG Disaster Relief Fund Grant. Kelly Davila representing South Plains Association of Government (SPAG) informed the council that due to the drought in this area, the City would qualify for a grant to drill a well for water. She stated the grant is a \$350,000 grant with no match requirement by the City up front. She further stated the qualification for the grant was the severity of need for the grant which is already met due the severe drought in this area. She stated that Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) would need information about the water situation from us and from Texas Commission of Quality Commission (TCEQ) such as how much water the City is getting from Mackenzie Water Authority and from the City wells as requirements and that the City would have to be in the equivalent of Stage 3 water drought for this grant, which she said the requirements were already met.

Councilmember King moved to approve Resolution No. 14-3 authorizing the submission of an application and authorizing the Mayor to act as the City's Executive Officer in all matters pertaining to the City's participation in the Community Development Grant Program. The motion was seconded by Councilmember DuBois and carried unanimously by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmember Green, DuBois, Crossland, King and Lloyd.

NAYS: None

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Bobby Gilliland, Mayor

ATTEST:

Selia Arellano City Secretary

DSHS Urges Precautions as West Nile Season Nears

By Texas Department of State Health Services

The Texas Department of State Health Services advises the public to take precautions to avoid mosquito bites that may lead to West Nile illness. As we enter the warmer months, the risk of exposure to virus-carrying mosquitoes

The intensity of West Nile activity in Texas fluctuates from year to year and depends on a variety of factors including the weather, the numbers of birds and mosquitoes that maintain and spread the virus, and human behavior. The season can last until the first hard

freeze of the year. To reduce exposure to West Nile virus people should: use an EPA-approved insect repellent every time they go outside and follow the instructions on the label. EPA-approved repellents contain DEET, picaridin, IR3535, and certain oil of lemon eucalyptus and para-menthane-diol products; regularly drain standing water, including water collecting in empty cans, tires, buckets, clogged rain gutters and saucers under potted plants. Mosquitoes that spread West

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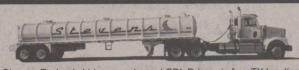


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983-5286 (church) Sunday School English..... 9.45 a.m Spanish Worship9:30 a.m. English Worship.....11:00 a.m. EveningService......5:00 p.m.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN

Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

CATHOLIC CHURCH Floydada Rev. Angelo Consemino Phone: 983-5878

Sunday Mass...... 11:30 a.m. Mon.Wed. Mass......6:30 p.m. Confession Sat......10-11 a.m. ****

TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM Lockney

Rev. Joe Hernandez Sun. Prayer Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School9:45 p.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Meeting7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Washington and 1st St. 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 Rev. Herman Martinez

308 W. Tennessee, Floydada Sunday School10:00 a.m. Evening Worship5:00 p.m. Tuesday.....7:30 p.m. Thursday Service.....7:30 p.m. ****

TRINITY ASSEMBLY 500 W. Houston Henry Russell, Co-Pastor Vance Mitchell, Co-Pastor

983-5499 or 983-2887 Sunday School9:45 a.m. Morning Worship ... 10:40 a.m. Sunday Evening6:00 p.m.

TRINITY **LUTHERAN CHURCH Providence Community** on FM 2301 293-3009

Rev. Peter W. Harrington Minister Sunday School9:45 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

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Lockney High School Class of 1958 Holds Reunion



The Lockney High School Class of 1958 met in Lubbock on Friday afternoon, April 25 and all day Saturday, April 26. The Reunion was well attended with 25 class members, two teachers and 11 guests present. The group enjoyed memories from the past as well as making plans for future Reunions. The all school homecoming will be held in 2016 and plans were discussed about having a 1958 Class Reunion in 2018. A great time was had by all. Those who were unable to attend were greatly missed. Those attending were (Bottom Row, I-r) Carolyn Jones Hardy, Martha Harden Cloyd, Jean Wofford Curtsinger, Glenda Foard Ford, Gayle Rucker Hamilton; (Middle row, I-r) Tommy Davis, Hope Cox Hancock, Sunny Lawson Hammit, Char Brown Baker, Betty Graham Mickey, Anita Durham Wofford, Joe Neil Rexrode; (Top Row, I-r) Larry Hammit, John Paul Schacht, Bruce Lynn, E. L. (Junior) Brotherton, Nelson Wofford, M. L. Johnson, Jerry Davis, and Donnie Jo Race. Class members also attending but not available for photo were Virginia Caldwell Dunlap, Jan Widener Fleming, Lanell Johnson Julian, Jerry Rose, and Roy Kidd. Teachers attending the reunion were Ruth Crocker Smith and Myrtis Cope.

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