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What will be the effect of rainy weather, cooler temps on cotton, pumpkins, fall crops?



Photos by Kay Ellington, The Hesperian-Beacon
September rains flooded roads and fields and delayed pumpkin harvesting and raised questions about the grades and yields of the upcoming cotton harvest.



Photos by Kay Ellington, The Hesperian-Beacon
Tim Assiter with Assiter Punkin Ranch and Pumpkin Patch and with Assiter/Armtech Crop Insurance talks about the impact of late rains and chilly temperature on fall crops in Floyd County.

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

Late rains and early chilly temperatures have complicated the fortunes of farmers in Floyd County. "It's really too early to tell the impact of all the wet weather," said Charlie Carthel, crop insurance supervisor with AgPro.

"Rain wasn't the worst of what the farmers are facing," he noted. "The cooler temperatures have slowed the cotton's development, and that will be a bigger factor than the rain."

Carthel said area farmers won't know the effects of the late rain and early chilly temps until harvest time.

Tim Assiter, with Assiter/Armtech crop insurance, said, "This may be the year that some dryland cotton does as well as drip irrigation. For some of the drip irrigation cotton it was just too much moisture."

Both men said the late rains could affect the grade or yield, or both.

Pumpkin producers were in the middle of their harvests when off-and-on rains for ten days in Floyd County stopped their picking.

On Sunday, Assiter, who also has Assiter Punkin

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"Join in the Journey" Silent Auction items still available for bidding

Silent auction items for the Fifth "Join in the Journey" Christian Women's Conference are still available for bidding throughout the community at the following locations: First National Bank-Kenneth Wyatt print "The Quilt", Prosperity Bank- Jill Warren print, Happy State Bank Floydada-handmade quilt donated by The Other Quilt Club, Happy State Bank Lockney-handmade quilt donated by Linda Harbin, Heart's Desire-Jill Warren print, & Nick Long - Primrose Pattern quilt kit and handmade quilted table runner donated by The Other Quilt Club.

"Join in the Journey" will be held Saturday, Oct. 4 at the Unity Center. Doors open at 9 a.m.

"Join in the Journey" proceeds go to the Floyd County Christian Women's Job Corps New Options for Women. Tickets are \$20 and include lunch.

For more information contact Connie Johnson at 806-983-3441 or Karen Houchin at 806-983-5556.



Photos by Kay Ellington, The Hesperian-Beacon
A trio of Bigfoots? Bigfeet? Are you seeing double or triple? Sasquatch sculptures seen in Lockney at Charlie and Barbara Carthel's farm.

Bigfoot sightings not merely a myth at the Carthel Corral in Lockney

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

If you live in Lockney, it is very likely you've spotted Bigfoot. This particular Sasquatch is not furry and ominous, but instead is one-dimensional, created from sheet iron with a plasma torch and welder.

Bigfoot joins six-foot spiders, larger-than-life ladybugs, and a variety of metal-art flora and fauna emerging from the imaginations of Charlie and Barbara Carthel on their farm on Highway 97 just outside of Lockney.

"For the past two or three years we've been doing this (metal-art) just for fun," Barbara said. "This place has been in the family for years, and we used to raise cattle here, but because of the drought, we stopped doing that and switched to miniature horses," she said, motioning to the herd of small horses milling around pens decorated with steel-blade whirligigs, enameled cacti and rotary-hoe-blade flowers.

Charlie works by day as a crop insurance supervisor with AgPro, but on the weekends, he and Barbara can be found in the barn on their land molding monsters from metal.

They've sold a lot of their custom yard art, too, including Texas and American flags, ladybugs, centipedes, and especially Bigfoot. So far, Bigfoot sculptures from the Carthel Corral have been installed in Quitaque, Aiken, Sweetwater and Big Spring.

The Carthels take custom orders for metal art by emailing Barbara at barbara.carthel@att.net.

Charlie he can create a Bigfoot in about two days, he says. So if you need to scare up a Sasquatch before Halloween, you know where to go.



Photos by Kay Ellington, The Hesperian-Beacon
Barbara and Charlie Carthel of Lockney have created quite a stir with their Bigfoot metal-art. There have been many sightings of the Sasquatch sculptures across West Texas.



Photos by Kay Ellington, The Hesperian-Beacon
Sasquatch sighting in Lockney? Yes, in the form of metal-art on the farm of Charlie and Barbara Carthel.

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.

MANGOLD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FUNDRAISER

Mangold Memorial Hospital fundraiser held on Sept. 27 at Unity Center in Muncy. Doors open at 6 p.m. Come enjoy a steak and dance the night away. A silent and live auction will be held.

DUNCAN ELEMENTARY BOOK FAIR

Duncan Elementary will hold their annual book fair on Monday, Sept. 29 - Friday, Oct. 3. They will be open M-TH 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Friday - 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Parents, students and public welcome to come shop.

WHIRLWIND BOOSTER CLUB

The Whirlwind Booster Club will hold their next meeting on Monday, Sept. 29 at 7 p.m. in the high school library. Plans for the first district game and bonfire will be discussed. Make plans to be there and show your support!

FLOYDADA'S PUNKIN'DAY

The 27th Annual Punkin Day Celebration will be held Oct. 11 in downtown Floydada. For more info and times of events, see the front page article in this week's Hesperian-Beacon.

LIONS CLUB EYEGLASS BOXES

The Floydada Lions Club collects old eyeglasses for re-cycling and collection boxes are located at Floydada businesses. See inside the Hesperian-Beacon for locations.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

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

Corrections

If you spot an error of fact, contact the FCHB office email: fchb.editor@yahoo.com

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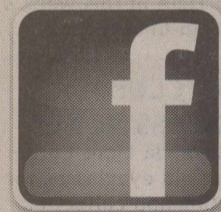
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Deaths

Leona Peck Campbell

Leona Peck Campbell, age 95, formerly Floydada, passed away Saturday, September 20, 2014 in Amarillo.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Monday, September 22, 2014 at the Moore-Rose Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Tim Franks officiating.

Interment followed at the Floyd County Memorial Park in Floydada.

Visitation was held from 8 a.m.-10 a.m. prior to service at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

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

Leona Peck Campbell was born on February 20, 1919 to William A. and Lenora Peck in Dill City, Oklahoma. She spent part of her childhood in Elk City, Oklahoma and grad-



LEONA CAMPBELL

uated from high school in Carlsbad, New Mexico. In 1939 she graduated from Lippert's Business School in Plainview and moved to Floydada where she worked as a bookkeeper. That same year she met Maurice Campbell, who became her loving husband in 1942. She lived in Floydada until after Maurice's death in 1982. Shortly thereafter she moved to Canyon.

Tommie Josephine Lyles

Tommie Josephine Britton Lyles, age 89, of Floydada, passed away Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at Shepherd's Meadow in Floydada.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., Friday, September 19, 2014 at the First United Methodist Church in Floydada with Ken Peterson officiating.

Burial followed at the Floyd County Memorial Park in Floydada. Visitation was held from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m., Thursday, September 18, 2014 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

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

She was born September 23, 1924 to the late Tom and Pearl Britton.

She was a lifelong resident of Floyd County. She married Olen "Dutch" Lyles on



TOMMIE LYLES

March 6, 1944 in Floydada, Texas. After Olen's military service, Jo and Olen moved to the Baker community where they farmed and raised their family. She was an active member of the Floyd County Pioneer Association and a lifelong member and servant of the First United Methodist Church in Floydada. Jo enjoyed quilting, was a member of the 1934 Study

Roylene D. Smith

Roylene D. Smith, age 78, of Salisbury, North Carolina, passed away Wednesday September 17, 2014.

Graveside services will be 3 p.m., Friday, September 26, 2014 at the Floydada Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

Roylene was born October 17, 1935 in Dickens to Roy and Anna Lou Dunavant. She moved to North Carolina in 2000 and was an active member of West



ROYLENE SMITH

Point Baptist Church. She was a dedicated wife and mother of two children and will be dearly missed.

She is survived by her husband of 48 years, J.P. Smith of the home, son,

Leona was proud of many things-including falling out of a covered wagon as a toddler, living in a dug-out in Kim, Colorado, experiencing man's first steps on the moon, all the way to staying with us until her newest great granddaughter's first birthday. Her faith, family and the farm were her greatest treasures.

She is survived by a son, Max Campbell and wife, Nancy of Lubbock; daughters, Jody Alt and husband, Ron of Friendsville, Tennessee, Jean Gant and husband, Roy of Graham, Texas and Kim Swanson and husband, Robert of Amarillo; nine grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and one sister, Lucille Olson of Atlanta, Georgia.

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

Club, served as Funeral Meal Coordinator for the church, and faithfully attended Bible study.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a brother, Jack Britton, and a sister Dessie Rainer.

Survivors include her children, Tommy Lyles and wife, Sallye Lyles, Gary Dale Lyles, and Lori Jo Ross and husband, Tom, all of Floydada; three grandchildren, Jeffrey Lyles and wife, Amber of Waskom, Texas, Jeremy Lloyd of Austin, Texas and Tana Lloyd of Lubbock, Texas, and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Hospice Hands of West Texas or Floydada Senior Citizens.

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

Carlton Smith of East Freetown, Massachusetts; daughter, Melinda S. Perry of Pawtucket, Rhode Island; two sisters and one brother.

In lieu of flowers the family request donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 3800 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte, NC 28215 or to Rowan County Hospice, 720 Grove Street, Salisbury, NC 28144.

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

Margie Womack

Margie Womack, age 81, of Floydada, passed away September 15, 2014 after an extended illness.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m., Thursday, September 18, 2014 at the City Park Church of Christ in Floydada with Levi Sisemore officiating.

Burial followed at the Floyd County Memorial Park.

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

Margie Womack was born in Levelland, Texas on March 18, 1933, the daughter of A.D. and Lillie Jester.

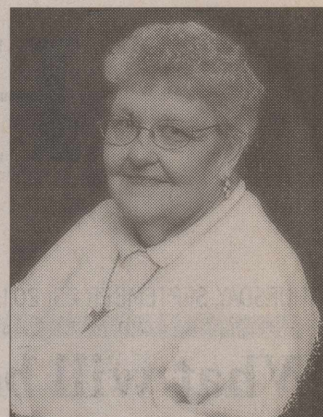
Margie, known to most as Memaw, had the upmost love for her grandchildren and was their #1 supporter in everything they did.

She is preceded in death by her mother and father, one sister, Lois Hodges and one brother, AJ Jester.

She is survived by her husband, Bill Womack of Floydada; four sons, Ricky Copp of Gatesville, Texas, Joe Womack of Floydada, Jay Womack of Nocona, Texas, and Tracy Womack of San Saba, Texas; one sister, Earlene Fenton of Tahoka; nine grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Cal Farley's Boys Ranch.

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



MARGIE WOMACK

Election news from the Floyd County Clerk's office

Early Voting for the November 4, 2014 General Election, will be held October 20, 2014 - October 31, 2014, in the Courthouse Annex Community Room, Floydada, and the First United Methodist Church, Lockney. Voting hours are 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. weekdays. Please bring your current Identification for voting.

Election Day, November 4, 2014, there will be two Vote Center locations, where all Precincts vote. The Courthouse Annex Community Room will be the Polling Place in Floydada, and the First United Methodist Church in Lockney will be the other.

If you are 65 years old by November 4, 2014, or you are disabled, you may apply for an Application for Ballot By Mail. (ABBM) Contact the Floyd County Clerk's office at

983-4900 and an application for this election will be sent to you. After January 1, 2015, new Annual ABBMs will be sent to all who have active applications as of December 31, 2014,

Look for a more detailed article about the General Election in the upcoming issues of The Hesperian-Beacon.

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Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

BRENTZ LAWTON BREED

Brentz Lawton Breed was born May 27, 1894 in Johnson County, 18 miles southeast of Fort Worth, Texas. Mina Alta Widener was also born in Johnson County, February 10, 1897. Brentz and Mina started dating in the year 1913. Then in September of 1914 Mina moved with her family, the Dave Wideners, to Memphis, Texas where Mr. Widener farmed. On July 22, 1915 Brentz came to Memphis and he and Mina were married the following day because Brentz received word that his father was critically ill. They left immediately by train for Burleson, Texas. His father, Joe Breed, passed away a week later and the young couple lived on at the home place and farmed until December 1916. At this time they decided to move to Floyd County along with Mina's family. Mr. Widener had bought a farm 8-1/2 miles southeast of Floydada in the Lakeview community and Brentz rented part of the place. Brentz loaded his household things, farm implements, three mules, one horse, chickens and pigs in a box car and came with it to Floydada. This took a week. He sent his wife by train to Memphis to come with her family to Floydada. Mr. Widener had two covered wagons with mule teams and wanted Mina, the oldest child, to drive one of them and he drove the other one. It was snowing when they left Memphis and there was snow on the ground most of the way and a very cold trip. They would camp near a farm house at night so that they could get water for the family and the mules. One night they camped just on the north side of the Red River. There wasn't a bridge for them to cross the river so they had to ford it. Mr. Widener wanted to cross it early in the morning while it was partly frozen. Mina remembers very well her father telling her not to let the team stop or they would get stuck in the quick sand! This eventful trip took three days.

Dave Widener also sent his household things, tools, cows, and chickens in a box

car from Memphis to Floydada. They arrived in Floydada on December 23, 1916. All the food that he had carried with him was gone and his Christmas dinner consisted of a small can of vienna sausage and some crackers and he divided them with a man that he had met on the trip!

There was a small three room house on the farm and Brentz, Mina, Dave and Dora and their five children moved into the house until they could build a new home which was completed in the spring. In 1917 the Breeds bought 260 acres adjoining the Widener farm on the west. In 1925 they rented the place west of this and moved on it and later bought it and this has been their home since.

In February of 1920 Joe, who was 15 years old came to live with his brother, Brentz and Mina. He made his home with them until he finished high school and entered college. The Breed children are Ella (Mrs. Ray Lloyd), Frank (married to Helen Martin), Odell (married to Genell Hambricht) and Dorothy (Ms. Bobby Britton). In 1930, Brentz's youngest sister, Verdine Thornton lost her husband and Brentz moved her and her seven children Mauritte, Weldon, Van, Herbert, Lou, Mabelle, and Marvinell, to Floyd County and helped the family farm for several years.

Brentz served as trustee of the Lakeview School for some 24 years. During this time the school house burned and the trustees helped to have another built. He also served on the A. S. C. County Committee Board for several years.

Brentz and Mina were members of the Lakeview Baptist Church for many years until it was disbanded and they joined First Baptist Church in Floydada. In 1958 Brentz retired from farming and rented his land to his sons. The Breeds have been blessed with 13 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. Brentz passed away February 23, 1975, and is buried in Floyd County Memorial Park. Mina is still living on the home place.

Business of the Month



The Floydada Chamber of Commerce has chosen the City of Floydada as their "September Business of the Month".

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By LuAnn Collins
Special for The Hesperian-Beacon

Jon and Elaine LaBaume recently returned from Cedar Park where they visited their daughter, Kelli Childre and family. Their granddaughter, Kate, an 8th grader at Vista Ridge Middle School in Leander made the volleyball team. Forty girls came out and only 24 were selected for the teams. Kate played on Thursday night and again in a tournament on Saturday.

Flu shots are scheduled to be given at the Center on Thursday, September 25th from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Please bring your Medicare card or pay \$25 cash. Be sure to get your flu shot this year!

Our mailing address for memorials or donations is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235. Please remember the Center when you need to make memorials or

donations. They help with keeping our Center open.

When you plan to eat with us, please call Sylvia by 9 a.m., at 983-2032. Serving time is 12 noon to 1 p.m. We are located at 925 W. Crockett St. (The old nursing home).

MENU Sept. 29 - Oct. 3

Monday - Glazed meatloaf, red bliss potatoes, breadstick, mixed vegetables, country apple crisp, low-fat milk

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

Wednesday - Not available

Thursday - Not available

Friday - Not available

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Mangold Memorial Home Health has attentively set a date for flu shots. It will be Thursday, October 9th starting at 5 p.m. If this date changes I will let you know as soon as possible.

Thank you to all who have made memorials to the Center. We appreciate you so much.

Exercises with Dorothy is Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:45 - 9:15. Coffee time is Monday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Potluck is held on Thursday night. Meet at the Center at 5 p.m. and dinner will begin at 6 p.m. with games following. Everyone bring a dish and come enjoy the food and fellowship.

Lunch is served everyday from 11:30 - 12:30 noon. Please call the Center by 9:30 a.m. if you would like to eat lunch with us. Our phone number is 652-2745.

Don't forget our Family Fish Fry each Friday night from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Let us do the dishes!

MENU Sept. 29 - Oct. 3

Monday - Baked potatoes
Tuesday - Chicken taco soup
Wednesday - Chicken fried steak
Thursday - Spaghetti
Friday - Hamburger steak
(Menu subject to change without notice)

Hospice Hands of West Texas benefit luncheon set for Sunday, Sept. 28 in Silverton

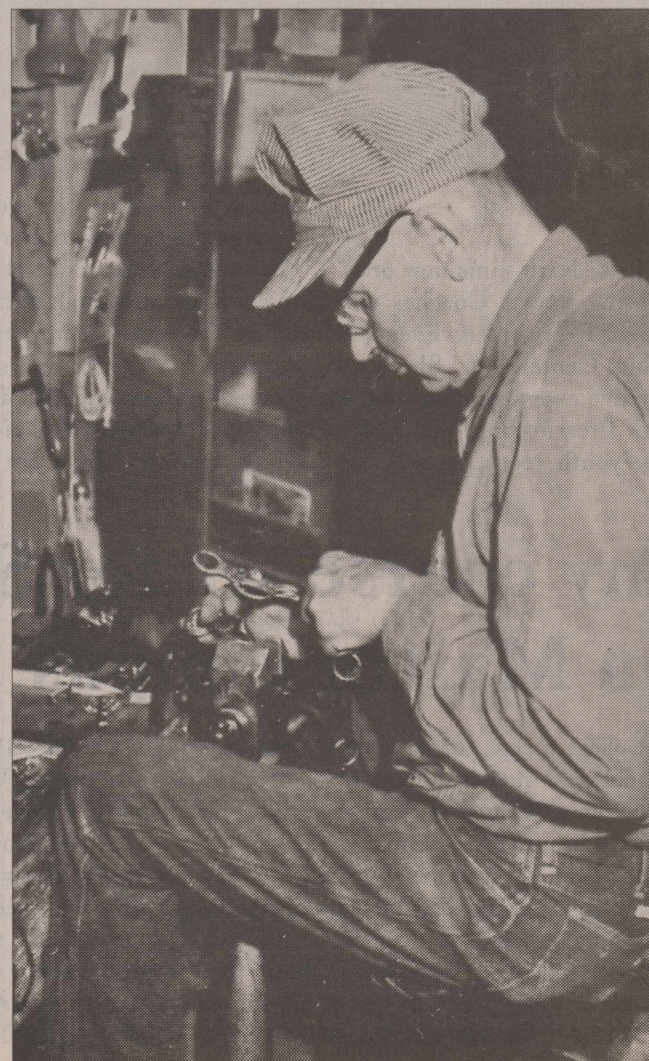
Hospice Hands of West Texas in Lockney will be holding a benefit luncheon Sunday, Sept. 28 beginning at 11 a.m. at the school cafeteria, 700 Loretta Street, in Silverton. Menu includes brisket, potato salad, beans, and homemade dessert. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

All proceeds will to the Hospice Hands

Advisory Board which assists those patients who do not have the resources to pay for their hospice care. Hospice Hands does not deny any patient hospice care and relies on fundraisers to cover the costs of these patients.

For more information call Hospice Hands of West Texas at 806-652-3000.

Museum Exhibit



The "Adolph Bayers Showcase" will be presented by the Wichita Brazos Museum in Benjamin, Texas, on Saturday, October 18, 2014. The doors will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., for this one-day show. Guest speaker, Frances Hamm, daughter of Adolph Bayers, will be speaking at 10:30 a.m. and again at 2:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served at the Museum during the show. There will also be a barbeque sandwich lunch offered from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Benjamin Ex-Students Building. Local and family collections of this master spur and bit maker from Knox County will be on display for everyone to enjoy. For more information call 940-459-2229, Tuesday through Friday, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

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FLOYDADA SCHOOL

Post outscores Whirlwinds, 47-7

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

Floydada could not stop the running attack of the Post Antelopes in a 47-7 loss in Post. The Antelopes dominated from start to finish as they out gained the Whirlwinds 426-141.

On the opening kick-off, the Antelopes recovered an onside kick and just a few plays later, AJ Reed scored on a two-yard run to take the lead at 7-0 with 10:44 left in the first quarter. With 3:28 left in the first quarter, Reed scored from 13 yards out to stretch the lead to 14-0.

In the second quarter, Austin Garza scored for the Antelopes on a one-yard run to make it 20-0 with 9:50 left in the half. With 4:39 left in the half, Reed scored his third touchdown, this time from 32 yards had to give Post a 27-0 halftime lead.

In the third quarter, Blaine Reece scored on a 40 yard run with 10:03 left in the quarter to give the Antelopes a 33-0 lead. With 4:15 left in the third quarter, the Whirlwinds finally broke through on a one-yard run by Kyi Baker to make it 33-7.

Post scored early in the fourth quarter, as Anthony Soto scored from one yard out to make it 40-7 with 11:20 left in the game. Reed scored his fourth touchdown with a 41 yard run and 8:34 left in the game to finish the scoring for the night and give

the Antelopes 47-7 lead and victory. Offensively, the Whirlwinds managed only 141 yards, all on the ground. Baker had 43 yards on 12 carries and a touchdown. Corey Mathis had 66 yards on 10 carries.

The Antelopes had 426 total yards, with 414 coming on the ground and 12 through the air. Cambry Gilbert had 12 carries for 129 yards, Reece had 15 carries for 108 yards and a touchdown and Reed had 88 yards on four carries and four touchdowns.

"The key play was when they recovered the onside kick-off on the opening kick-off and then scored off of it," head coach Todd Bandy said.

Bandy listed Josh Castaneda as a key player on offense, Josh Gonzales as a key player on defense and Juan Mendoza as a key player on special teams. Bandy also said Mathis really stepped up and ran the ball well when Sammy Segura went out.

Floydada travels to Lubbock Roosevelt for a 7:30 p.m. kick-off Friday night. The Eagles are 3-0 on the year having defeated Lamesa, Dimmitt and Trinity Christian.

"We have to continue playing good sound football, continue to execute on offense, tackle on defense and make plays on special teams," Bandy said.

Next week, Oct. 3, the Whirlwinds will have an open date before district play begins.

From Floyd County Texas Agri-Life and staff reports

National 4-H Week is October 6th - 11th. It is a great time to join with 4-H'ers and groups across the nation in celebration of our great organization. In Texas, we have designated October 11 as One Day 4-H, a day when all across our state, 4-H'ers participate in activities to help others.

What are some ways you can help promote National 4-H Week and/or One Day 4-H

- Sponsor a coloring contest with a 4-H coloring sheet
- Record radio announcements

promoting One Day 4-H and National 4-H Week

- Wear your 4-H T-Shirts during the week
- Make flyers to put in local businesses October 1- 5
- Make table tents for local restaurants promoting 4-H during National 4-H Week
- Make announcements at school during National 4-H Week
- Sponsor a 4-H Fun Photography Display or Contest
- Have a store front display during National 4-H Week
- Promote 4-H Week on local signs
- Promote One Day 4-H in Texas. Texas's own 4-H day is October 11.



Are You a "Top Shot"?



By Patty Davenport

Come test your shooting skills or learn some new ones. The Floyd County 4-H Shooting Sports Coaches will be hosting a "Top Shot" and 4-H Recruitment Event on Sunday, October 5th at the Unity Center. 4-H Shooting Sports programs provide a positive experience for youth, promote safe and ethical use of firearms and help foster involvement of the total family—youth, teens, parents and

grandparents—with the goal of strengthening families through the participation in lifelong recreational activities. The program focuses on the cultivation and development of youth as individuals and responsible citizens.

The "Top Shot" competition is open to Floyd County youth from 9 to 18 years of age. The afternoon will start at 3:00 pm with a mandatory safety meeting. Youth will start through the course immediately following the safety meeting. "Top Shot's" in each age category; junior,

intermediate and senior, will be recognized at the end of the competition. We will end the afternoon with a hamburger meal. Information on the different 4-H shooting sports activities will be provided and we will also be completing 4-H enrollment applications during the evening. For more information, contact Patty or Winfield Davenport or the County Extension office at 983-4912. Come, bring a friend and try your hand at becoming our next "Top Shot."

Phlebotomy course set for Sept. 29 at SPC Byron Martin campus

LUBBOCK – South Plains College Byron Martin Advanced Technology Center will offer a basic phlebotomy course from Sept. 29 through Dec. 8 in Room 141. The center is located at 3201 Ave. Q.

The class will meet Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The cost is \$555. A minimum of 10 participants is required for this

class to make with a maximum of 12 students. The textbook to be used is "The Complete Textbook of Phlebotomy" fourth edition.

Acencion Garcia, Jr., will be the instructor. On-site registration will not be accepted for this course.

All students must pre-register and provide proof of immunizations including Hepatitis B Series, 2-MMRs

since 1981, Tetanus no older than eight years, Varicella shot or proof of illness and have a current negative Tuberculosis test no older than six months prior to the first day of class. A flu shot will be required of all students enrolled between Oct. 1 and March 31. All clinical times will be scheduled during the day.

For more information and to register, call (806) 716-4906.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Manuel DeLeon, Deceased, were issued on August 29, 2014, in Cause No. 5981, pending in the County Court of Floyd County, Texas, to: Michael Daniel DeLeon and Manuel David DeLeon.

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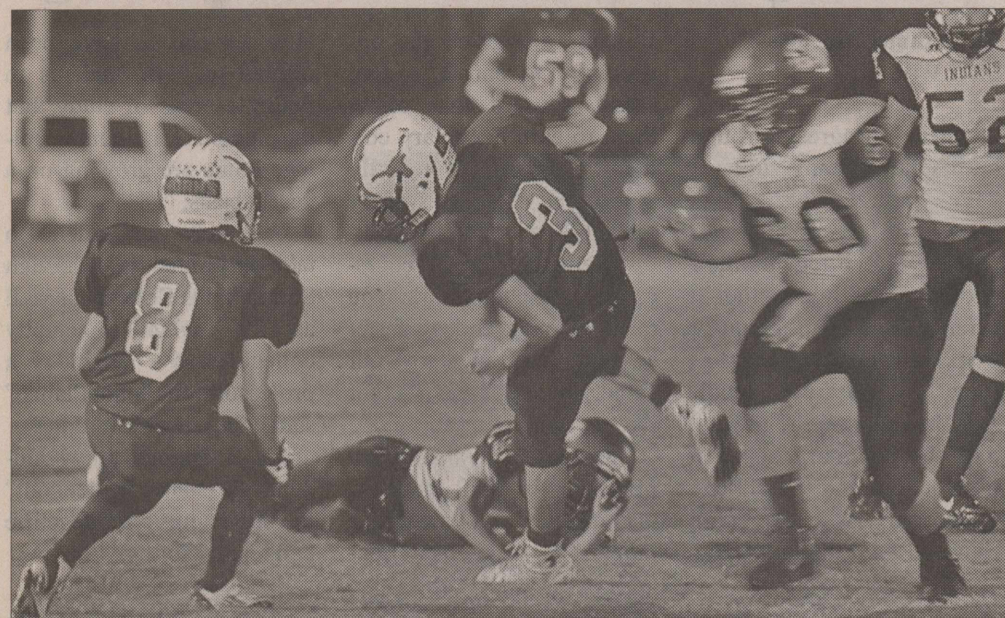
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LOCKNEY SCHOOL

Davila Leads Longhorns Over Morton



Courtesy of R.K. Hunt Photography
Lockney Longhorn Mauricio Davila (#3) tries to out maneuver the Morton Indian defenders as Israel Cuellar (#) moves in for a block during the Longhorns 28-20 victory over the Indians. Lockney is now 3-1 on the season and will take this week off before hosting the Vega Longhorns next Friday in their last non-district game.



Courtesy of R.K. Hunt Photography
Michael Guerrero (#51) wraps up a Morton Indians ball carrier as fellow Lockney Longhorns Nic Sherman (#12) and Levi Kasner (#24) move into assist. Lockney defeated Morton 28-20 on a last second touchdown to move to 3-1 on the year. They are open this week and will host Vega next Friday in their final non-district contest.

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

Mauricio Davila, filling in at quarterback for the Lockney Longhorns, passed for 88 yards and a touchdown and rushed for 86 yards and a touchdown as the Longhorns came from behind to defeat the Morton Indians, 28-20 last Friday in Lockney.

Davila scored on a 24-yard run then hit Ryan Poole for the extra point with 12 seconds left in the game to secure the victory for the Longhorns.

Morton struck first with 9:01 left in the first quarter when Adam Soliz ran it in from six yards out to give the Indians the early lead, 6-0.

In the second quarter, Davila connected with Poole from eight yards out and then connected on the two-point conversion to give the Longhorns an 8-6 lead with 5:33 left in the half. Four minutes later, Nick Sherman ran it in from 11 yards out to make it 14-6 with 1:33 left in the half.

In the third quarter, Trevor Ascencio found the end zone from eight yards out to increase the Longhorn lead to 20-6 with 8:52 left in the quarter.

Early in the fourth quarter, Soliz connected with Kaedon Taylor on a 62-yard touchdown pass and after making the two point conversion, cut Lockney's lead

to 20-14 with 10:54 left in the game. With 3:54 left in the game, Soliz connected with Darius Hall from 28 yards out to tie the game at 20. Then Davila broke five tackles to get into the end zone and capture the win for the Longhorns as they improved to 3-1 on the year while the Indians fall to 1-3.

Offensively for the Longhorns, they totaled 311 yards on offense including 229 on the ground and 102 passing. Sherman led all rushers with 22 carries for 102 yards and a touchdown, Davila had 14 carries for 86 yards and a touchdown, Darin DeLeon had 31 yards on six carries and Ascencio had one carry for eight yards and a touchdown. Davila was seven of 16 passing for 68 yards and a touchdown and Ascencio was 1-3 passing for 14 yards. Tevin Phillips had four receptions for 38 yards, Poole had three receptions for 35 yards and a touchdown and Justin Suarez had one reception for nine yards.

Offensively for the Indians, they totaled 281 yards on offense including 102 yards rushing and 179 yards passing. Soliz had 14 carries for 65 yards and a touchdown and Taylor had nine carries for 26 yards. Soliz was 15 of 19 for 179 yards and two touchdowns but also threw three interceptions. Hall had eight receptions for 45 yards and a

touchdown, Donovan Ruiz had four receptions for 55 yards and Taylor had three receptions for 77 yards and a touchdown.

"Three interceptions including one each in the second quarter by Seattle Jackson and Tevin Phillips and Michael Guerrero's intercepted two-point conversion attempt were key plays during the game," head coach Jay Ragland said.

According to Ragland, Davila had to fill-in for regular quarterback Daylen Gatica.

"Mauricio had a great game. He led the team on the final drive," Ragland said, "and scored the go ahead TD with just 12 seconds left in the game. He broke five tackles on the 24 yard scoring run to lead us to victory."

Ascencio also had to play some quarterback, according to Ragland. They did an outstanding job at quarterback to lead the team.

"Trevor had a score in the third quarter and blocked a punt late in the second quarter," Ragland said. "The blocked punt set up the Sherman touchdown."

Ragland said the blocked punt and three interceptions as well as Davila's winning touchdown run were all different turning points in the game.

"We have to continue to improve on defense and make plays when necessary," Ragland said. "We have an open week this Friday so it will allow us to heal up and work on fundamentals."

Ragland named Davila and Sherman as the key offensive players this week, Guerrero, Jackson and Phillips as key defensive players for their three interceptions.

After this open week, Lockney host the Vega Longhorns (2-2) for the last non-district game. Morton travels to Olton this week and hosts Bovina next week to close out their non-district schedule.

Lockney School Board Approves Adjunct Faculty Members

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

Meeting in regular session on Sept. 28, the Lockney School board approved Floyd County Extension Agents Cristen Brooks and Amy Kress as adjunct faculty members for the 2014-2015 school year.

In other action, the Board approved the FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) for the 2012-2013 school year that gave the District an above standard achievement. The ratings are based on 20 indicators that show how well the District is handling its finances.

The Board also approved an amendment to the 2014-2015 budget to reflect reve-

nues and expenditures of Migrant funds.

Elementary principal reported that she has 259 students enrolled and that it has been a very good start to the year.

"We have a renewed energy for teaching," Williams said, "and part of that comes from the very positive replacements that were hired over the summer."

Williams said that the district met and the Elementary UIL contests will be held Dec. 4 at Abernathy.

Superintendent Phil Cotham and Board President Mike Lass reported that construction is continuing on the Longhorn Wind Farm. Lass said that the construction company expects to begin erecting the turbines in October.

Area Football Roundup

Week 4 Scores

Lockney 28, Morton 20
Post 47, Floydada 7
Plainview 39, Caprock 22
Groom 51, Petersburg 6
Silverton 61, Fort Elliott 12
Valley 74, McLean 40
Hermleigh 46, Motley County 38
Plainview Christian 81, Wellman-Union 56

District 2-2A-1 (Floydada's)

Abernathy 33, Stanton 7
Ralls 20, Tahoka 18
Hale Center 19, Shamrock 16
Slaton 37, Olton 14
Farwell 27, New Deal 14

District 3-2A-2 (Lockney's)

Memphis 49, Claude 21
Crosbyton 59, Bovina 41
Gruver 41, Clarendon 0
Quanah 42, Munday 40
Ralls 20, Tahoka 18

Week 5 Area Schedule

Lockney OPEN
Floydada at Lubbock Roosevelt
Plainview at Dumas
Petersburg vs Anton
Silverton at Nazareth
Valley vs Paducah
Motley County vs Chillicothe
Patton Springs at Benjamin
Plainview Christian at Lorenzo

District 2-2A-1 (Floydada's)

Abernathy vs Childress
Floydada at Lubbock Roosevelt

Football Contest Standings

Week 4

	THIS WEEKS	TOTAL
Coy LaBaume	17/27	81/108
Brent Sanders	17/27	80/108
Franklin Harris	19/27	79/108
Max Yeary	16/27	78/108
Pam Fulton	20/27	77/108
Jessie Cervera, Jr.	21/27	77/108
Lanny Barnett	21/27	77/108
Paul Lopez	18/27	76/108
Johnny Dorman	18/27	75/108
Ricky Ascencio	18/27	75/108
Martin Ramirez	17/27	74/108
Renee Armstrong	19/27	74/108
Stanley Collier	19/27	73/108
Boyd Lee	20/27	73/108
Dale Minner	18/27	70/108
Debra Lee	19/27	68/108
Steve Stringer	18/27	63/108
Lu Ann Collins	17/27	49/81
Alec Tambunga	15/27	40/81
Tate Glasscock	19/27	35/54
Sandy Aguilar	20/27	35/54

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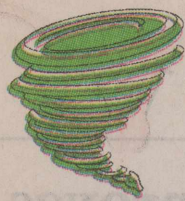
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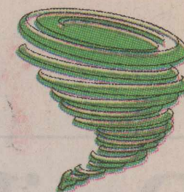
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Whirlwind News



A New Attitude

By Aaron Chavarria
Senior Editor

The 2014-2015 school year promotes a new attitude for staff, students, and administrators. The year began with a new mindset. All parties participate in the "Whirlwind Way": intended to increase morale and convey positive behaviors to both the students and the employees of FISD.

Wayne Morren, principal of Floydada High School, coined the phrase and is eager to share the logic and rationale behind this new mantra. "The Whirlwind Way is a set of characteristics that we introduced to students at the beginning of the year that we want attributed to the students and organizations of FJH and FHS," said Morren.

When prompted for more details regarding the slogan, Morren provided a list of ideal characteristics for each whirlwind to uphold:

1) **Leadership** is something that can be grown and is not exclusive to a few. For the success of our students and school, we encourage and expect students and teachers to accept leadership roles and responsibilities.

2) **Perseverance** is working towards a purpose despite difficulties. Similar to the determination expected from athletic achievers, we expect the extra work to improve the knowledge and skills of our students. We hope to raise the expectations and standards that students place on themselves. We want students to desire becoming Career, College and Life-ready.

3) Students must foster the capability to be **resilient** in their studies. We must bounce back when our grades do not meet expectations. Too often we attribute resilience to athletics, but we must steadfast in the classroom as well.

4) **Honor** goes hand in hand with **respect**. We are building respect for ourselves, our surroundings, our school, and from the community.

5) **Achievement** is a goal we strive for, and it is earned and celebrated as a result of hard work and sincerity.

The introduction of the "Whirlwind Way" is intended to promote a positive mindset. Current and future generations of Whirlwinds portray these qualities with the expectation that they earn success in their education and beyond.

Student-designed Skateboards

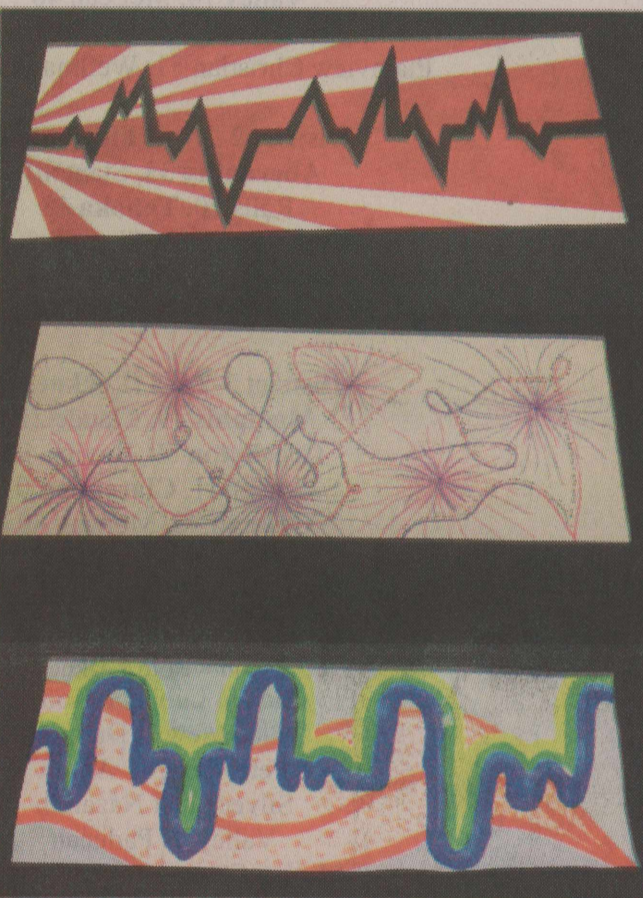
By Kimberly Pacheco
Staff Writer

Art teacher Janna Williams entered her students into a contest requiring them to design their own skateboard and – more importantly – use their imagination.

"This project's purpose is to create a skateboarded design, primarily using lines to emphasize motion, and the use of color to appeal to boys in the ages of 11-25, as well as a newer market – girls," said Ms. Williams.

Students began their projects with rough drafts using pencils, then finished their projects with any preferred medium such as paint, markers, or a combination of markers and colored pencils. At first, students thought it was going to be a difficult task, but as they continued to work, they found admiration for their projects.

Williams said, "In the beginning, several students were uncertain about demonstrating the idea of motion, but once they began to add color, they began to get excited and somewhat intimidated



Student skateboard concepts, provided by Ms. Williams.

by the idea that their designs are going to be sent to an actual skateboard design company to be critiqued by real designers."

Getting a Head Start in College

By Bethany Morales
Staff Writer

As they progress through high school, many students have increasingly high hopes of eventually attending the college of their choice. The diligent student offers more-than-adequate work on each assignment as they form into future scholars. However, in the present day, the boundary between high school and the college classroom is even more blurred. At Floydada ISD,

students are given the opportunity to enroll in dual credit courses that allow them to earn necessary college hours prior to actually graduating from secondary school.

"Taking dual credit [courses] in high school allows you to go through college faster so that you can start your career quicker," said senior Alyssia Minner.

There are many dual credit offerings for FHS students, and they are provided in a number of ways. Tradition-

ally, AP classes have been offered to FHS students in multiple areas of study, but the methods for attaining college hours are growing on a yearly basis.

"We allow our students to take an online class through South Plains College, as well as ITV - which is actually college class - taught by a professor from South Plains," said counselor Kathy Jahay.

These options allow students the chance to "feel out" the beginnings of college life and responsibility.

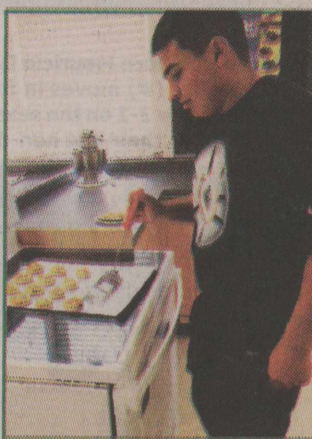
Crossland Teaches the Skill of Improvising in the Kitchen

By Alyson Perez
Staff Writer

Culinary arts teacher, Dana Crossland, is helping students learn how to cook with and without recipes. This week, she is teaching them to improvise with breakfast food.

Breakfast is the most important part of the day, and she emphasizes this by instructing students on how to create a quick and nutritional meal for the mornings, and why it is important. "You need your protein and carbs to get through the day," said Crossland.

She began the class with two simple ingredients: a can of crescent rolls and half a pound of sausage.



Junior Aaron DeLaFuenta learns to prepare breakfast in Ms. Crossland's class.

- First preheat the oven to three hundred and seventy-five degrees.
- Remove the crescent roll dough from the can and you'll notice that they can divide into equal pieces.
- Instead of separating the rolls into triangles, you will pinch them together to form a rectangle.
- Next you will cut the sausage in half.
- Carefully spread the uncooked sausage evenly onto the dough within a half an inch on all edges.
- Beginning on the long side, roll the dough to form a log.
- Using a serrated knife, slice half an inch pieces from the log and place on an ungreased baking sheet about an inch apart so when they bake they'll have enough room to expand.
- Bake approximately fifteen to twenty minutes or until golden brown.

This dish can be served with syrup or by itself, either way it is simply and a great source of nourishment.

World News Update: Scotland's Botched Departure

By Destiny Cabello
Junior Editor

In October of 2012, the UK and Scottish governments agreed to cast a popular vote to decide if Scotland could leave the United Kingdom to seek independence. Since 1999, Scotland has taken issue with their decisions not being deliberated on by Scotland Parliament. Scotland's First Minister, Alex Salmond, was the primary leader to enact the pro-independence campaign.

The vote was initiated on September of 2014, and it was a simple "yes/no" to determine if Scotland could be-

come an independent country. According to a bill that was passed last year, any 16 or 17-year-old living in Scotland or English Welsh could participate in this vote. All adults living outside of these two regions could not partake in this drastic decision. This also meant that anyone residing in North Ireland, England, Wales, and Scotland could not say "no" to this significant modification in the UK.

The Scottish council argued that the country would benefit independently because of its control of revenues from the North Seal oil and gas found in Scottish waters. They sug-

gest they could maintain the energy industry to a better standard, that they could be entrusted to increase production, and that they would generate a wealth fund comparable to Norway's oil fund.

Although 45% were for Scotland becoming its own country, a secure 55% said "no" and prevented the pro-independence effect. If Scotland had left the UK, it would have been the first time they changed the official flag in 200 years. The significant changes that would have occurred were critical aspects that obviously determined the voting outcome.

Teacher Spotlight: David Mancilla

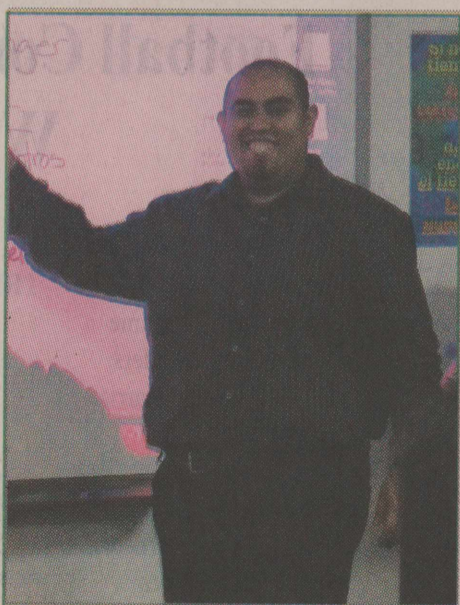
By Liz Morales, Staff Writer

David Mancilla has entered the world of teaching after having previously served the district as an aid. Mancilla teaches Spanish I and II in the high school. He earned his education at Wayland Baptist University, majoring in Art and minoring in English. His hobbies include painting, drawing, reading, and listening to music.

"I love music and enjoy going to concerts," said Mancilla. "I take pictures and I paint or draw them."

Mr. Mancilla sets very high expectations for his language learners.

"I want to inspire my students to believe in themselves so that they can be confident in their ability to learn something new... even if it's different," said Mancilla.



Next Junior Class Supper: Oct. 24

By Janna Williams, Junior Class Sponsor

We would like to thank everyone who attended the hamburger supper on Sept. 12 for their support and patience. We are grateful for your support

and understanding regarding our grill difficulties. We would also like to thank Mr. Rambo, Marty Lucke, and Zach Emert who worked diligently to keep the fire going during wet weather.

We will be having our next

supper on Oct. 24 (Floydada vs. Hale Center) and would be grateful for your continued support. We will do our best to make this meal be a much faster affair, and we look forward to feeding you a delicious meal.

Duncan Hosts Annual Book Fair

McKenna Johnson
Senior Editor

Monday, Sept. 29 through Friday, Oct. 3 A.B. Duncan Elementary School will be holding their annual book fair. M-Th, the book fair will be open from 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM and Friday 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM. The event is always open to students, parents, as well as the general public. The book fair is an outstanding way to get young students excited about reading. Everyone is encouraged to attend.



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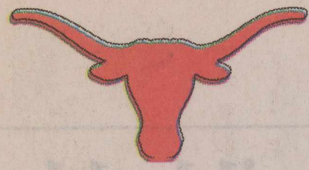
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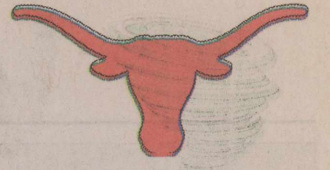
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Longhorn News



Lockney Theater Regroups After Loss of Theater Class

On Monday, September 8th, Lockney One Act Play held a meeting to discuss how this year's theater program would work with a new teacher, and no theater class.

For the last seven years Lockney High School has had a period in the day to practice their two annual plays, but now with nobody to teach a theater class, "all of our One Act Play rehearsals and related activities will be outside the normal operating hours of the school" said new theater sponsor, Mr. Hon.

All summer Lockney searched for a new theater director. Mr. Hon, Lockney High School Math teacher, decided he would take over as the school district's new OAP sponsor.

"I am very excited and nervous about the year. I hope to build on the incredible success of the program. Given the right level of commitment and attitude, we can have another successful year," he said.

Mr. Hon values drama and knows that it is important to many of Lockney's students.

"I know that for some students, theater is their number one place to belong. Without a theater program, many students would be less moti-



ated in their schooling. In my opinion, it was never an option to not have a One Act Play program... theater is a great place to feel like you belong," Hon said.

With no in-school rehearsal time, Mr. Hon is going to expect a lot out of his cast and crew.

"The number one thing I will ask of my One Act students this year is commitment. It will be a challenge to find rehearsal time in the busy spring semester and, since we will not have an allotted theater class time, all rehearsals and activities will be during extracurricular time," he said.

Although he may be a math teacher, Mr. Hon has

had experience in the theatrical world.

Mr. Hon says he was an "active member of the Wayland theater department for five years and [has] had the opportunity to act in several different productions, including the musical production 'Man of La Mancha'."

Last year, Lockney One Act Play won district securing the district UIL champion title and made it to the regional level of UIL competition with their play Fortinbras. Many cast members are returning from last year, as well as a large group of freshmen actors who have had experience in Jr. High one act play.

"I know we'll have to work

much harder than we have in the past to advance as far as we did last year" says junior theater student Jake Moore.

One Act play is an UIL competition where 15 cast members and five crew members made up of high school students put on a play in one act, which lasts approximately forty-five minutes. There are up to six levels of competition that the company can go through, zone, district, bi-district, area, regionals, and state. Three schools advance at the zone through area competitions, and two schools advance to state from each region.

Lockney will travel to Hale Center March 24th for district OAP competition.

New Teacher/Coach at Lockney High School - Shelby Easley

By Trevor Ascensio

Shelby Easley is a new addition to the Lockney High School staff. Coach Easley was born and raised in Boerne, Texas; home of Stone Cold Steve Austin, who she says is Coach Richard Jackson's twin (also a new addition to the Lockney staff). She graduated from Boerne Champion High School in 2010. Coach Easley has a great sense of humor and is very sociable. Some of her achievements include advancing to state with her basketball team while attending Boerne Champion High School. Coach Easley played Junior College basketball for one year at Mary Harden Baylor. She recently graduated from Texas A&M.

This year, Easley plans to work and challenge students and athletes to their full potential. She will be a great assistant coach of the Lockney Varsity girls' basketball team along with Todd Hallmark as head coach.

"We are excited to have Coach Easley on board with us as a classroom teacher as well as in the coaching duties. I believe she will be a



valuable part of our success at Lockney High School," said Mrs. Hallmark.

Some challenges she says she faces this year include working with students and athletes who lack motivation to work at what they face and get better at what they struggle with. She also hates waking up early every morning.

When asked what she liked most about teaching and coaching, Easley said, "I love having the chance of making a positive impact on the lives of these students. It's the best feeling ever to see them be successful in the classroom or in the gym. My favorite thing about coaching is watching our team come together and get better every day by working hard!"

New Teacher at Lockney Junior High School - Crista Gray

By Trevor Ascensio

Crista Gray is a new addition to the Lockney Junior High School staff. Mrs. Gray grew up in Lamesa, Texas. She has lived in many towns, but moved to Lockney from Shallowater, Texas this year.

Gray went to college at Texas Tech University and graduated in 2003. Over her 5 years of teaching she has taught at Little Field High School, Lamesa High School, Hale Center High School, and Shallowater High School.

Mrs. Gray is currently a Lockney Junior High 6th & 7th grade mathematics teacher, and is doing a fantastic job according to her students.

"I love kids and love to help them succeed in whatever they do," Gray said.

One of her goals is to show kids that God loves them. Mrs. Gray is a very friendly and a God loving person. She loves teaching and she likes the relationships she gets to build with her students.

This year she says she plans to accomplish, "being able to target the students that are struggling." She also loves when she sees their face light up when they start



to get the hang of something. She plans to establish a good math foundation with the lower grades in Lockney Junior High.

Mrs. Gray also plays a big role in the Lockney FCA, Fellow Christian Athletes. When she moved here she wanted to help the children and get involved with the Lockney community. The first couple of days she lived in Lockney she said, "I know this is what God wanted me to do." She wants to make FCA fun, but also help kids learn more about God and get closer to him through, "a lot of prayer."

"Me and my family are blessed to be here in Lockney surrounded with friendly people," Gray said. She would like to thank all the churches that have donated to FCA.

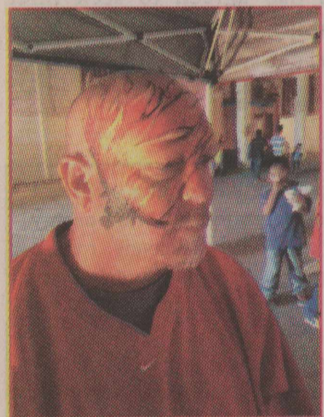
Lockney FFA News:

By Karis Carstensen

Vice President of the Lockney FFA Chapter

On September 9th, 2014 the first year members of Lockney FFA went to The Area 1 Greenhand Camp at West Texas A&M University in Canyon TX!

Greenhand Camp is a Camp for first year FFA members. This camp helps those FFA members practice good leadership skills that guide them



to be great leaders in the future. The Greenhands that went were: Austen Rexrode, Karina Torres, Tristan



Schlueter, Kiara Williams, Ryder Race, Kevin Lopez, Marco Urbina, and Cristo Martinez.

Austen Rexrode's favorite part of Camp was "playing leadership games in the mud" and Karina Torres' favorite part was "meeting new people and making new friends".

The one thing that stood out to AG Teacher, Mr. Sherrill was "Once we got there, the kids from the same schools were shy and not talking to

any other chapters, but once the camp was done everyone got out of their shell and they were talking and mingling with other kids who were not of the same chapter. I thought that was pretty neat to see!" That is what FFA is all about, meeting new people, learning how to be a leader, and making life-long memories.

We would like to wish good luck to the FFA members that will be showing animals in the South Plains Fair later this September!

The Boys of Fall

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Little Cheerleaders In Training

By Lena Luna, Lexi Chavez, and Lissa Hernandez

On the week of September 16-19 the Lockney High School cheerleaders hosted their annual cheer clinic.

"It's amazing to work with all the little girls that look up to us every week at the football games. They are all so eager to learn the cheers we do and be up close and next to us". Says Liz Salas Junior Cheerleader

This program is for kids starting in kindergarten

through sixth grade. For the past few years the Lockney cheerleaders have had an amazing turn out of kids. Each kid gets the opportunity to learn a cheer, chant, and dance that the varsity cheerleaders teach them. At the end of the week they will each receive a shirt that they will then be able to wear to the Lockney vs. Morton pep rally hosted in the new gym. During this pep rally they will perform their routines in front of the Lockney community.



"Looking out and seeing all those little girls reminds me of why I go play my heart out on that field every Friday

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Floydada City Council holds public hearings on new budget, utility rates plus regular monthly meeting

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

The Floydada City Council conducted a public hearing on Tuesday, Sept. 16 at 6 p.m. at City Hall to hear from citizens on the proposed 2014-15 operating budget. In addition, they conducted a public hearing to hear from citizens on the proposed 2014 tax rate, and adopting Ordinance No. 14-6, fixing and levying the 2014 tax rate of \$0.40 for maintenance and operations for the City of Floydada.

There was no public comment, and all measures passed unanimously.

After the special public hearing the council conducted its regular monthly meeting. First on the agenda was discussion of renting office space at the Crockett Center, 925 W. Crockett Street, to Central Plains Center Mental Health Services. Representatives from CPCMH said they had been conducting their services out of the courthouse, but had received grant money to allow them to open their own facility in Floyd County and would be able to pay the city \$150 a month in rent. CPCMH representatives noted that they would be able to offer quality psychiatric services in Floyd County through a video camera upload and Tele-Health assessment by Dr. Victor Gutierrez of Plainview. In addition, mental health clinic services would be offered once or twice a month in this facility.

Motion to approve renting the office was made by Bettye King, and seconded by Steve Lloyd. The Council then voted on a Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund request from the Floydada Economic Development Corporation for a \$575 grant. EDC

director Sean Overeynder appeared before the council and noted that the grant was to buy advertising to promote the city in West Texas Travel Host magazine. A motion was made by Sam Green to approve the purchase of this ad and was seconded by Gabriel de la Fuente. The motion passed unanimously.

The council voted unanimously to designate the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon as the official newspaper for the 2014-15 year based on a motion by Green and a second by Gail DuBois.

The council discussed appointments to city boards and commissions:

Airport Board, 4 seats; Floydada Economic Development Corporation, 3 seats; Planning & Zoning Commission and Board of Adjustment, 2 seats.

The council indicated that it would report out at the next meeting which appointees would be retaining their same seats and who might be appointed to the boards and commissions.

Discussion was held on Ordinance 14-7 increasing the base water rate by \$1.50 and adding \$0.25 to the current per 1000 gallon cost. Lloyd made the motion to approve the ordinance, and King seconded. The vote was unanimous.

The council discussed Ordinance 14-8 increasing the landfill tipping fee to \$36.00 per ton. Lloyd made the motion to pass the ordinance, King seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

The council approved Ordinance 14-9 increasing the electric rates for the City of

Floydada. Lloyd made the motion to pass the ordinance. DuBois seconded, and the vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned to executive session at 7:30 pm.



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The Panhandle-Plains Land Bank award four \$1000 scholarships to junior or senior students each year. The 2014-2015 recipients are (left to right) Sarah Jo Miller from Floydada, Laura Burandt from Perryton, Cory Bruce-Chief Credit Officer Panhandle-Plains Land Bank, Ashlee Adams from Canyon, and Madilyn Shults from Pampa.

Hale County Cotton Barons' Ball brings you "A Night at the Cotton Club" Oct. 11

By Jennifer Settle

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

The Hale County Cotton Barons' Ball Committee is pleased to announce the 2014 Gala lineup for: A Night at the Cotton Club...Roaring Towards a Cure Saturday, Oct. 11 at Panhandle Compress.

We are excited to bring you Texas Country Music Entertainer Bleu Edmonson opening for headlining artist Reckless Kelly.

Co-Chairs for this year's event are longtime American Cancer Society supporters, Scott Snipes and RaeAnne King. Doors open at 6 p.m. for VIP ticket holders and 6:30 p.m. for General Admission guests.

Panhandle Compress has once again graciously opened their doors for this fundraising event.

Tickets are priced at \$150 each for VIP's and \$100 per General Admission ticket.

Paired with Cotton Barons' sponsor Anheuser Busch, award-winning head cook for West Texas Pitmasters, Lance Moore, will be grilling up a premium steak dinner as part of the evening's package. Step back

to the 1920's in our speak-easy set venue as you test your luck in the casino area at Halligan's or hang out in The Cotton Club VIP lounge.

Silent Auction Co-Chairs Phyllis Wall and Julie Kelly have a variety of items and services from local supporting businesses and individuals on the roster for the evening's silent auction bidding and you won't want to miss out on live auction opportunities put together by co-chairing couples Johnny and Kim Street and Paul and Becca Gloyna!

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Floyd County commissioners hold special meeting Approve final expenses of fiscal year

Floyd County commissioners held a special meeting Monday, Sept. 22 to approve final expenses of the fiscal year.

On the agenda was to discuss a bid by Venture Communications for a new

phone and internet system, but earlier commissioners had agreed to seek three bids before taking any action on a new phone and internet system.

Floyd County unemployment rate ticks up slightly

From staff and media reports

Floyd County saw its unemployment rate increase slightly, going from 7.5 percent to 7.6 percent, in August according to information released Friday by the U.S. Department of Labor.

Neighbor Hale County continues to recover from the loss of jobs at Cargill meat packing plant. The county's jobless rate peaked at 15.0 percent in June 2013, five months after Cargill shuttered its massive beef processing plant in Plainview.

Since then, the local jobless rate had steadily fallen to 8.9 percent in May before jumping to 9.8 percent in June. It eased to 9.7 percent in July and fell to 9.3 percent in August.

Briscoe County went from 5.4 percent in July to 5.3 in August, Castro fell from 5.5 to 5.3 and Swisher from 6.5 to 6.4.

Crosby County is in the

Lubbock metropolitan statistical area, and the Lubbock-Crosby MSA had an unemployment rate of 4.3.%

The state's August unemployment rate decreased slightly from 5.6 percent to 5.5 percent.

The rate followed the state's five-year-average July-to-August unemployment rate decline of 0.2 percentage points and was the lowest August unemployment rate since 2008.

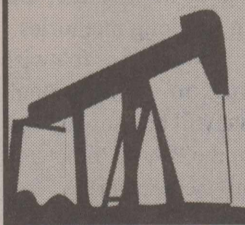
The Texas unemployment rate

continues to remain below the national unemployment rate of 6.3 percent for the MSA areas.

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Contest Rules

Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon Football Contest

Any subscriber or purchaser, age 7 or older, is eligible to enter this contest. Only one entry per week, per person. Entrants **MUST** play every week to be eligible for overall prize.

There is **NO COST** to play in the contest.

To play, circle the number of the team you believe will win on the official entry form to the left.

Only entries on official entry forms brought to a Hesperian-Beacon office in Floydada no later than 5 p.m. on Friday will be accepted. Photocopies and mail entries **WILL NOT** be accepted. Three cash prizes are awarded at the end of the contest. In the event of a tie, prizes will be combined and shared equally by those tied.

Print your name and address plainly on the official entry form and double check your choices before clipping out the entry form and depositing it at the Hesperian-Beacon office before 5 p.m. on Friday. Entries are limited to one entry per person, per week.

At the end of the 11-week contest period, the person with the best overall record will win a first place prize of \$100.

Second place will be awarded \$75.
Third place will be awarded \$50.

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Official Entry Form Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon Football Contest

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Assignment: Texas Cold War, Texas

In 1983, I was in junior high school and along with dealing with the various travails that adolescence brings, one thing loomed in my mind: nuclear war. I know it sounds crazy but in 1983 the United States and the Soviet Union were at the height of the Cold War and tensions were high and as a young teenager, I was aware of the tension when I probably shouldn't have been.



RUSSELL GRAVES

The movie *The Day After* absolutely frightened me to the point of loosing sleep after I watched it and the overall threat that loomed over the United States was palpable. In late 1983, the United States heightened security response to the terrorist attack on the Marines in Beirut, the deployment of Pershing missiles in the countries the bordered the Soviet Eastern Bloc, and an elaborate war game called Able Archer made were all misinterpreted by the Soviets. Instead of seeing each scenario as a separate event, the Russians thought they were interrelated and saw them as the United States posturing for an eminent attack on their country.

The two countries came very close to nuclear war.

During the Able Archer exercises, the United States employed top NATO commanders as well as President Reagan in the simulation. During the war game, the United States and NATO command played out a scenario where allied troops were attacked with chemical weapons in Eastern Europe. The response for the faux attack called for the NATO forces to launch a retaliatory nuclear strike against 25 Soviet controlled cities. Even though the military maneuvers were simulated, Russian spies picked up the chatter through surveillance channels and passed it on to their superiors.

Without vetting or contextual analysis, the Russians, under Yuri Andropov, though the attacks were eminent and mobilized their bombers and entered the launch codes into their missiles. Although it is an obscure historical footnote, hardly anyone realizes that we were a push of a button away from nuclear annihilation.

In 1983, the Cold War almost turned white hot.

Op-Ed

Securing Texas Landowners' Private Property Rights

By Leslie Kinsel, TSCRA Legislative and Tax Committee chair, with Laramie Adams, TSCRA director of public affairs

Since the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) was established in 1877, one of the association's top priorities has been to represent landowners by working to preserve and protect private property rights. This goal remains vital today as we monitor issues that could adversely affect the important rights held by ranchers and agricultural producers as stewards of our nation's land.

TSCRA has recently been monitoring a new rule proposed by the Railroad Commission of Texas, in the wake of the 2013 Denbury case. This new rule attempts to clarify how oil and gas pipeline companies can obtain "common carrier" status when applying for a permit to operate a new pipeline.

Essentially, a pipeline operator transporting oil (or certain other products) "to or for the public" is a common carrier, and is thereby granted the right and power of eminent domain. This critical power carries with it the authority to seize private land for the pipeline right-of-way.

Currently, pipeline companies seeking the eminent domain rights of a common carrier merely register with the Railroad Commission by checking a few boxes on a T-4 permit application. Under the new proposed rule, pipeline companies would be required to submit documentation supporting their claim to be a common carrier, and the commission would have 45 days to review applications.

While the proposal may sound like a step in the right direction, TSCRA doesn't believe it addresses many of the key issues landowners face when pipeline companies decide to lay pipe across private land. In fact, the new rule only adds paperwork to the current common carrier registration process.

TSCRA submitted comments to the Railroad Commission regarding the rule proposal. TSCRA stated that the revised T-4 application should include an acknowledgement from the applicant pipeline that they understand and agree the permit to operate a pipeline does not give a company the authority to utilize the power of eminent domain to acquire private property for its

pipeline. At the beginning of the Cold War, Texas played an important part in the stalemate. Around Abilene and one location in Northwest Texas, Atlas missiles sat in concrete silos waiting to be fueled and launched against aggressors within the 9,000 mile range of the missile. Topped with a nuclear warheads one hundred times more powerful than the bomb dropped on Nagasaki, Japan to close World War II, thirteen of the warheads laid vertically beneath the Texas soil from 1962 to late 1964.

The twelve sites around Abilene were deployed out of Dyess Air Force base and were mainly southwest to southeast of Abilene. I once heard an account from someone who was once charged with manning an Atlas missile that orders dictated to them that if a launch command was ever given, they were to man their post until further notice from the base command. However, the men in charge of the missiles were acutely aware of what a missile launch meant and had a secret pact that if they were to ever send a nuclear missile skyward, they would drive their military station wagons back to Abilene to be with their families in the apocalyptic moment.

The single northern Texas missile site lies just south of the Red River and was part of a twelve silo complex deployed from Altus [Oklahoma] Air Force Base. Today, the silo lays nondescript with an adjacent red quonset barn. Lying in the Northwest Texas prairie the silo is now filled with concrete and sets as a silent relic of a time when parts of Texas were players in a high stakes game of nuclear war.

I now live about 60 miles from the northwest Texas silo and about 45 miles from a sister silo in Oklahoma and I've often wondered if, back then, if local people realized that America's frontline nuclear weapons were right in their back yard. The ones I've met say that they new their was a missile base but didn't know much beyond that.

Either way, for a time the nuclear threat loomed big over Texas. I'm glad that time has passed.

Any questions or comments? Contact Russell at russell@russellgraves.com or visit his website at www.russellgraves.com

The 501 Dying to Look Fatter

Infamous Procrustes insisted everybody had to fit his iron bed. If you were too tall, you got chopped off. If you were too short, you got stretched. Ouch either way.

He gave us the adjective "Procrustean," meaning "enforcing uniformity or conformity without regard to natural variation or individuality: a fixed Procrustean rule." Leaping from Greek mythology to reality, consider computer graphics. Procrustes could have cropped, chopped, stretched and otherwise changed images of his enemies (I don't think he had any friends) with just mouse clicks and cursor drags. Nobody would have gotten hurt -- at least not physically. Given his sadistic nature, it's for sure he would have made everyone look worse.

Sometimes I think Procrustes reincarnated has been handling certain obituaries -- not for this newspaper but for one that shall remain unnamed. His approach: If the picture doesn't fit the space, no problem. Just stretch it.

Unfortunately, the deceased usually gets stretched sideways. In a country where obesity prevails, most of us, me included, don't need to be horizontally stretched for what's likely to be our last picture in the paper.

Do those who craft such obituaries, putting pictures with texts, really have a sadistic streak? Probably not. They must be slapping images carelessly into fixed templates and letting their design programs play Procrustes. Shame on them.

But maybe I'm being too hard on Procrustes. To his credit, he stretched

people lengthwise (my preference) but never compressed them if they were too tall for his rigid iron bed. He just did some chopping.

Are you wondering what Procrustes did if someone came along who fit the bed? It never happened. He had two beds, different in length. He made sure to match each victim to the bed that didn't fit.

So, you get the picture. Whatever you looked like when you came his way, you didn't look like afterward. Eventually, as with all good myths, Procrustes got his comeuppance. Theseus came along and, whack, fit Procrustes to a bed. Justice. I'm not sure what this means for anyone who distorts an obituary picture, but I like to think it means something.

Incidentally, it's not just human beings who get their images deformed via computer graphics. So do some animals -- notably livestock advertised for sale. A serious cattleman told me he can't tell if an animal is worth buying when the image in question has been manipulated. I'm guessing bodies get shorter and legs get longer or maybe the opposite, depending on what's in vogue carcass-wise.

Or maybe the animals get reshaped by accident when someone simply does not know how to guard the proportions of the original images -- someone like the obit picture mangler.

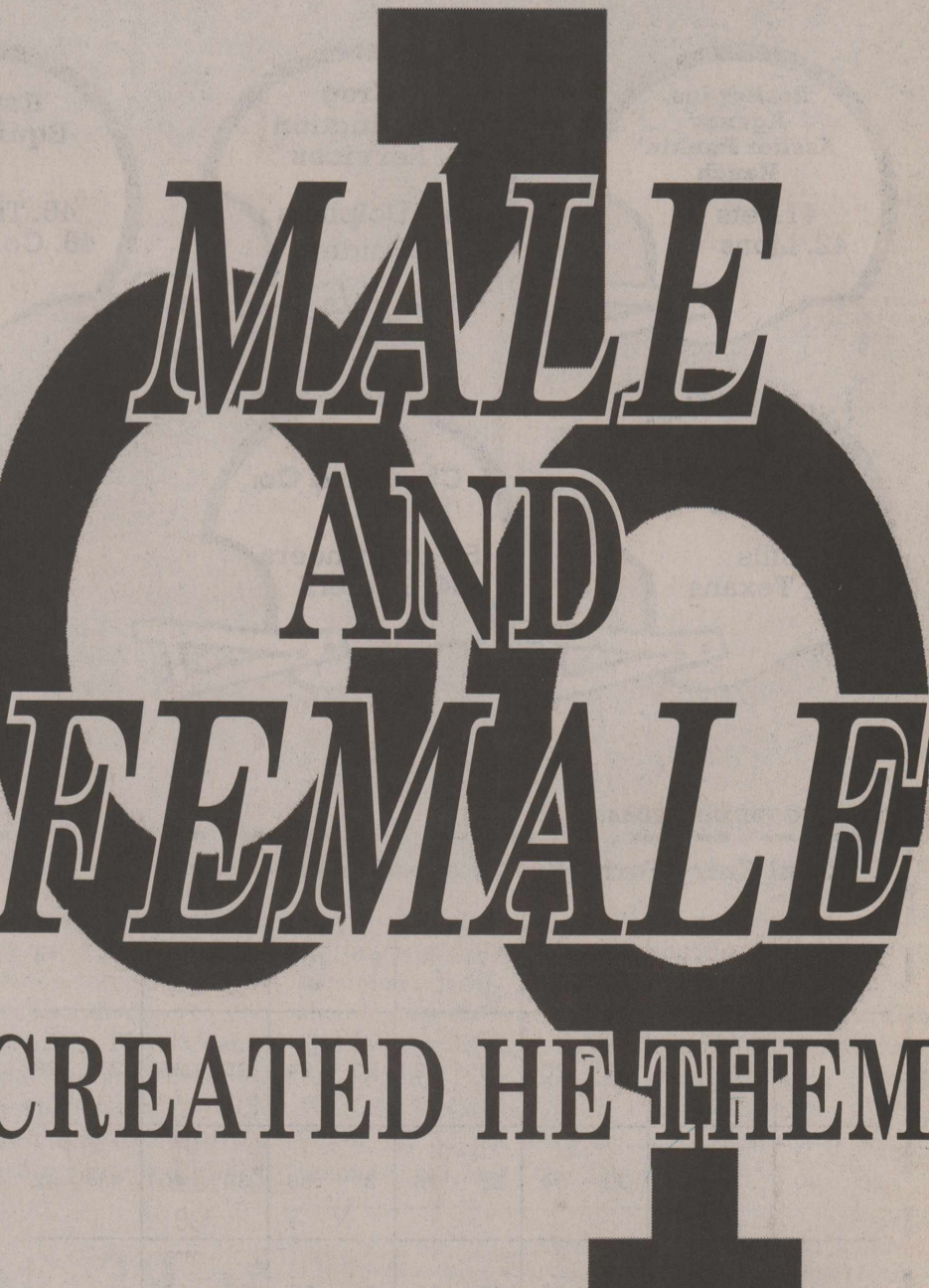
Either way, when an image that's supposed to represent reality gets deformed, truth takes a hit. We should wince, particularly when it happens in an obituary.

Thoughts to ponder: Frames and spaces should fit pictures, not vice-versa. Beware tyrannical templates and other such Procrustean devices.

Beware columns that are always exactly 501 words and dashes.

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The pumpkin harvest has been interrupted by heavy rains with producers predicting it'll be several days before they can begin picking again.



WEATHER

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Ranch and Pumpkin Farms in the southern part of the county, said, "It will take four or five days before we can get back into the fields and pick pumpkins."

The good news for pumpkin farmers is that cooler temperatures helped grow pumpkins to ideal conditions for shipping. For the past three years hot September temperatures have yielded softer, less resilient pumpkins.

According to Assiter the consumer season for pumpkins arrives sooner each year. "Retailers want pumpkins earlier and earlier each year. They want them in the stores—by August, if they could—so customers know they have them."

Typical pumpkin harvesters in this area begin the week after Labor Day, but this year Labor Day came early on the calendar. According to Assiter late rains helped pumpkin growers with a better yield and bigger pumpkins, but it brought its own share of problems.

"Besides producers not

being able to get in the fields, when they are able to harvest the pumpkins, retailers won't be able to sell directly from the bin boxes that the farmers deliver because the pumpkins will be muddy. Retailers will have to individually clean pumpkins this year," he said.

In his role as crop insurance agent, Assiter noted that the late rains would be considered a blessing for winter wheat farmers. As for corn, unfortunately, only about half of the county's crop had been harvested before recent rains set in.

Home Country

By Slim Randles

There's something so satisfying about getting out of bed when the world is still dark and quiet and resting. Making the coffee gives us time to scratch and think. Well, scratch, anyway. Most of that thinking will start after about the third cup of coffee.

But it's a quiet time. A private time. When the world is dark, and there isn't yet a hint of pink over the eastern mountains, it's very good. We can relax. No one is expecting anything from us right now. Our guilt can take some time off, and we can listen to music or work a crossword puzzle or turn on the TV and watch the weather guy discuss millibars and troughs.

Soon enough, we'll have to be out there living for others: our bosses, our customers, our animals, our fields. But right now no one needs us except the dog, and she does well on kibbles and an ear rumble.

We can look out the window at the eastern glow and wonder what will happen in the hours until our world turns dark again. People will be

born and people will die. People will win honors and people will go to jail. People will create things today that live past them and people will disappear forever. Some people will write about these things and other people will read about these things.

And then the world will go dark on us again and we'll think about what happened in our tiny portion of this huge moving amalgam and hopefully we'll sleep easily tonight. Then, when we arise tomorrow and head for the coffee pot, we can think about what happened today, and how it has made us slightly different for taking on the next tomorrow.

Come to us, Daylight. Bring us the new day. But do it gently, please, and slowly enough for one more cup.

There's always something for kids, too, on Home Country Hour, the new podcast. Listen at www.slimrandles.com.

Works of Art



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Metal-art of flora and fauna decorate the Carthels' miniature horses pens.

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Wit and Wisdom of Texas

By Charles Keaton

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

"The people of Texas are rightly proud of their own, just like the French and the Italians, but visiting artists have often been given a shot in the history of art." – Clifford Ross

"I have sworn to be a good Texan, and that I will not forswear. I will die for that which I firmly believe, for I know it is just and right. One life is a small price for a cause so great. As I fought, so shall I be willing to die. I will never forsake Texas and her cause. I am her son." – Jose Antonio Navarro, from Mexican Prison in 1841

"My companions were elated to be back in the desert. I was overwhelmed. My skin cracked, needles stuck me, and the sun forced me into shadows at noon. I thought it was inconceivable for someone to really love that hard country, unaware that it had already gotten through my tender hide and had quietly seized my heart." – Photographer Jim Bones, Jr., on his first real trip to west Texas

"The rest of the world is sweeping past us. The oil and gas of the future Texas is the well-educated mind. But we are still worried about whether Midland can beat Odessa at football." – Texas governor Mark White, 1986

"Imagine ... men dressed in every va-

riety of costume, except the ordinary uniform, armed with double-barreled shotguns, squirrel rifles, and Colt's six shooters, mounted on small, wiry, half-wild horses, with Spanish saddles and Mexican spurs, unshaven, unwashed, undisciplined, but brave and generous men, riding pell-mell along roads, over the prairies, and through the woods, and you will be able to form a correct conception of a squad of Texas Rangers on the march." – Willis L. Lang (1830-1862), planter, Texas Ranger, and Confederate Army officer, writing in his diaries

"Like most passionate nations, Texas has its own private history based on, but not limited by, facts." – John Steinbeck

"Nobody is ever going to make biscuits as good as a Texan's own mother." – Barry Schlachter, Fort Worth Star Telegram

"Go get your man. Get him alive if you can, dead if you must, but don't come back until you get him." – Traditional slogan of the Texas Rangers

"There's a vastness here, and I believe that the people who are born here breathe that vastness into their soul. They dream big dreams and think big thoughts, because there is nothing to hem them in. Nobody ever tells them that they can't, so they grow up believing that they can. And they do." – Conrad Hilton

"I was always proud of being from Texas and, you know, maybe that was part of fearlessness. I love the fact that Texas is so big but doesn't make you feel small because of that." – Sissy Spacek

Weather Whys

Q: Sometimes you hear the weatherman refer to the "jet stream." What exactly is it?

A: The jet stream is one of the most influential forces of weather known, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "The jet stream is a river of air that flows high above the earth, usually between 20,000 to 40,000 feet, and its true extent was not discovered until World War II when pilots made frequent trips across the vast Pacific Ocean. The core of the jet stream is a fast-moving wind current that blows west to east in the Northern Hemisphere around the Earth and it can range from speeds of 90 to more than 250 miles per hour," says McRoberts. Winds in the jet stream are stronger during the winter months because that's when the temperature contrasts between the Equator and the North Pole are greater – the greater the surface

temperature, the bigger the contrast."

Q: How does the jet stream affect the weather where I live?

A: The strength of the jet stream enables it to push weather systems from one area to another, thereby greatly affecting the weather where you live, making some places stormy and giving others extended periods of fair weather, McRoberts adds. Because the jet stream winds are greatly affected by mountains and oceans, their movement is not always a

uniform west to east direction. "They often contain arcs or dips, creating what meteorologists call troughs and ridges. Since the jet stream usually separates warmer air to its south, extended spells of warm or cold weather can be caused by jet stream patterns, too. There is still a lot of research being done on the jet stream, but we do know that it may stretch for thousands of miles around the world, but it is only a few hundred miles wide and usually no more than a few miles thick."

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