

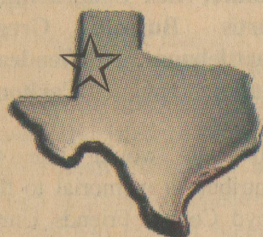
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67th Annual Floyd County Junior Livestock Show Schedule of Events

Friday, January 14, 2011

9 a.m. Barns open
 1 p.m.-4:30 p.m. All Animals weigh-in and in place

Saturday, January 15, 2011

9 a.m. Goat Show followed by Lamb Show
 11 a.m. Heifer Show followed by the Steer Show
 1 p.m. Swine Show: Gilts followed by Barrows;
 Swine will be released at the end of showmanship

Sunday, January 16, 2011

2 p.m. Set up for Premium Sale
 Monday, January 17, 2011
 5 p.m. Buyer's Meal Sponsored by Floyd County Farm Bureau
 6 p.m. Premium Sale
 Tuesday, January 18, 2011
 9 a.m. clean up and tear down

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR CONTROL BURN FOR CROPS

Due to the burn ban in force in Floyd County, farmers needing to burn crops need to call the Floyd County Sheriff's office at 806-983-4901 and the fire departments.

Your call is for the departments to know the burn is a controlled burn, and then the county is not charged for a dry fire run. Not calling about the control burn could result in the volunteer fire departments being called to a location where they are not really needed and a real fire may happen somewhere else in the county, delaying the fire departments response. The delay could cause death or extensive property loss.

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 Penny Golightly, Floyd County Judge*

LOCKNEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING

The Lockney Chamber of Commerce will be meeting on January 13 at Main Street Pizza. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

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FFA members prepare for the annual Floyd County Stock Show



Photo by Homer Marquez

Area students are gearing up for the 67th Annual Floyd County Livestock Show which will be held this Saturday at the Unity Center in Muncy. Students will clean up and show off their hogs, goats, and cattle for a chance to take home top honors in this year's show. (Above) KaCee Armstrong takes her hog "Pig-Pig" out for some exercise.

By Brady Rasco

Members of both Lockney and Floydada's FFA Chapters are diligently washing, clipping, working animals and setting up pens to get ready for the upcoming Floyd County Stock Show to be held at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center January 14.

The Lockney FFA Chapter will be bringing an assortment

of animals to the show this year including 47 swine entries, 18 lamb entries and 3 cattle entries. In Floydada the FFA will bring around 20 pigs and several goats.

All students have worked extremely hard throughout the year feeding and maintaining their animals for this upcoming show. Come out this weekend and support the youth of Floyd County as

they exhibit their projects.

The Floyd County Stock Show will begin Saturday morning at 9 a.m. with the goat show followed by the lamb show. Following the lamb show will be the heifers followed by the steer show; the swine show will begin at 1 p.m. Gilts will be followed by barrows.

The annual Floyd County

Stock Show premium auction will begin at 6 p.m. on Monday night preceded by the Premium Sale Buyer's meal at 5 p.m.

The Floydada FFA will have the concession stand this year at the stock show. They will be serving homemade stew and chili. Be sure to stop by and get a hot meal and support the Floydada FFA chapter.

FISD Sells R.C. Andrews, Discusses Appointment of Interim Superintendent

By Sara Sisemore
 Correspondent

During their Dec. 9, 2010, meeting the Floydada Independent School District Board of Trustees considered two bids received on the R.C. Andrews building and property. One bid was for \$3,500 and the other was for \$1,000. The board had the option of either accepting one of the bids or rejecting both of them. Prior to the meeting there had been some

vandalism and the board was assured the district would still receive an insurance settlement even if they sold the property.

Superintendent Jerry Vaughn reminded the board, "It's only going to get worse from here on out. There's no way...to secure that building. The thing is, we're liable."

Trustee Rachael Castillo agreed, saying, "I think we're losing money by having to insure it and we're under a

great liability."

Dr. Bill Dean made a motion to accept the bid of \$3,500 for the entire property. The motion was approved, with only one vote against from Marty Lucke.

In the matter of Vaughn resigning, the only action taken regarding the possible appointment of an interim superintendent was, after a lengthy closed session, a motion by Dean to postpone any further decision until a

special meeting on Dec. 13.

Vaughn said, "I want to express my gratitude, as I work through an exit plan, to the district." Board president Lyle Miller replied on the Board's behalf, "We really appreciate your nine years here. You've really done a lot for our district."

According to Business Manager Sharon Rainwater, during the Dec. 13 called

FISD

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Thank a School Board Member

Floydada - January 2011 is School Board Recognition Month and a good time to spotlight more than 7000 men and women who serve our local schools and help promote public education. The Floydada Independent School District will join other districts across the state to celebrate the countless contributions of these dedicated community leaders.

"Local school board

members work tirelessly and devote hundreds of hours to lead our students to success. Setting aside time in January is one small way to celebrate their service to our community and say thanks for caring so much about the future of every child enrolled in our schools," said Clifton Stephens, Floydada ISD interim superintendent.

"School board members shoulder critical responsibilities as advocates

for our children. They face difficult challenges and make hard decisions with the overall goal of promoting student achievement. Working as a vital link between the community and the classroom, the board is responsible for an annual budget of \$8.1 million, 879 students, 166 employees and 5 campuses. They serve as the passionate voice for public education and help ensure the

future of our state and nation. We truly appreciate every board member for voluntarily tackling the enormous job of governing our local school districts," Stephens said.

The board members serving Floydada Independent School District are: Lyle Miller, President, Rachael Castillo, Vice-President, Marty Lucke, Secretary, William Dean, Freddie Morren, Charles Tyer and John C. Woelfel.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By **Margaret Word**

Several of you have given me yarn in the past and I just thought you might like to know what I do with the lap robes I make. Recently Maria Brown and I drove to Lockney Rehab and Care Center and delivered 28 lap robes. I had called them and they said they could use them. About a year ago, Lee Battey took 17 lap robes to Lubbock where her husband, David lives at a care center.

I have given several robes to the Floydada Care Center when it was in operation. I've also given several to Shepherd's Meadow Assisted Living Center. I've given some to individuals also. So, the yarn you donated to me has helped a lot of people be a little bit more comfortable during the winter months and maybe all year long. Thank you so much for being a part of this volunteer work.

Betty Baker had a very nice Christmas this year. Her family came in from Colorado and North Carolina. Chuck Baker and wife, Dona and their children, Sabrina and Alexa and son, Garrett from Davidson, North Carolina came home and was here about four days. Donna Brand and husband, Larry came in from Lafayette, Colorado. They only family member that missed Christmas in Floydada was David, Donna and Larry's son from Denver. Betty said it was the best Christmas she has had in many years.

Ruby Gooch spent the holidays in Amarillo with her daughter, Millie Burgett and

family having a wonderful time.

The Sherman Aten and Joey Payne families visited their mother, Jo Payne, during the holidays. Also Drew Mireles came from Oklahoma. The grand-dog kept them all very busy too. Jo wishes each of you a very Happy New Year.

Twenty-two of Jon LaBaume's family gathered in Lubbock on the 29th, 30th and 31st of December for the holidays. Only one of Jon's great nieces that lives in Kentucky was not able to be there. They were guest of Charles, Kelli, Harrison and Kate Childre. Those were from Denver, Colorado, Lebanon, Ohio, Abilene, Plano, Mesquite, Dallas, Plainview and Floydada.

Everyone had a great time and lots of food to eat except for one thing. One sister and one brother-in-law had to go to Grace Clinic. Harrison Childre was already sick and had pneumonia. Then the "big dirt/mud storm hit on Thursday night and everyone at the motel had to clean windows in the cold to be able to even begin to go back to the Childres'.

None of the family members that were from out of town had "ever witnessed anything like that." It is not sure if they will ever return. As a result of the storm, Elaine LaBaume had to see Dr. Hale twice last week because of bronchitis and laryngitis. It was the first time all of the family had been together at one time in several years.

Our visitors recently were

Geneva and Lewis Knight of Ralls. Also Gary Matsler and Bill Weir came to the Center. We hope these families will continue to come to the Center. We need you each day.

Our sympathy to the families of Pollyanna Simpson, Joseph Stepp and Roger Dorman.

Thank you for remembering the Center when you need to make a memorial donation. Remember, please send all correspondence to Floydada Senior Citizens, P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235.

In memory of Jimmy Crader - Louis and Janice Lloyd, K.D. and Janis Julian, Herman and Bonnie Graham, Buck and Kathy Johnson.

In memory of Marie Warren - Louis and Janice Lloyd, Betty Baker, K.D. and Janis Julian, Herman and Bonnie Graham, Gene and Nancy Lawson, Faith Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church, Nell McClung, Charles and Dale Tyler, Mary Shurbet, Kenneth and Barbara Willis, Rosie Morris.

In memory of Sue Jones - Louis and Janice Lloyd.

In memory of Carlton Fawver - Louis and Janice Lloyd, Herman and Bonnie Graham, Betty Baker.

In memory of Beth Eckert - Herman and Bonnie Graham.

In memory of Verna Lynne Stewart - Mary Shurbet.

In Honor of Lee Battey and Rance Young - Mary Shurbet.

"Thought for the Day" - The best proof of love is trust.

Joyce Brothers

1950 Study Club

By **Sue Daniels**

The 1950 Study Club held its first meeting of the new year on January 4, 2011 at 4 p.m. in the Community Room of the Floyd County Library.

The meeting was called to order by First Vice-President, Lovene Moore, who also presided over the business meeting. Fifteen members and two guests were in attendance, one of which was Linda Greenwood of Houston, mother of the speaker.

Refreshments of apple cake, fresh fruit and dip, apple cider or tea were served by hostesses Carolyn Cheek and Gloria Fannon. A snowman theme was

used in the table decorations.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by Geneile Evans and Fern Hartsell gave the financial report. The quote of the day, "If it doesn't bleed you won't get much sympathy" was given by Nancy Lawson.

Dr. Sarah Herrington, former student and teacher at Wayland Baptist University, Plainview was the guest speaker. She presently is a stay at home mom with two sons and directs a women's choral ensemble and is an accomplished accompanist at Wayland. She is the choral director of "The Singing Women of West Texas", of which six women

from Floydada perform with the group.

Mrs. Herrington spoke to the members about diabetes. She gave a medical overview of Types I and II and Gestational diabetes and then related her personal experience with Type I diabetes. Her grandfather, father and she and her three-year old son share the common bond of Type I diabetes, with the later three managing the disease by using the pump method of controlling insulin.

The next meeting will be February 1, 2011 at the same location with Connie Johnson speaking about the Christian Women Job Corp.

FLOYD COUNTY Unity Center NEWS

By **Elaine LaBaume**

The Floyd County Friends Unity Center started the New Year off right with a family gathering on January 1, 2011. The Don Chesshir family met there for their holiday get-together. On January 8th two parties were held and another party was on Sunday. These were birthday parties.

Jon LaBaume, manager, has been busy cleaning the building from the dust storm and getting ready for these events. He is also gearing up for the Floyd County Stock Show.

At this writing it is

predicted to be a chilling cold week for the Floyd County Stock Show. Once again, we thank God for allowing so many of us that were involved in 5 long years of burning lots "of midnight oil" and working so hard to make the Unity Center a reality.

By the time you get this paper and read this article, the Unity Center will be ready and the animals will be moved into the "warm, dry" building on Friday, January 14th and ready for the show on Saturday, January 15th. Memorials received for the

year of 2010:

BillieCook, LaurenPowell, Chase Mitchell Beedy, Dylan Thomas, Buddy Brandes, Mike Mooney, Pat Frizzell, Billyjo Roberson, Myria Dade, Thelma Fawver, Shelia Faulkenberry, James Minner, Alex Langehennig, Curtis Burson, Gregg Quattlebaum, Glendean Young, R.C. "Carlton" Fawver.

If you would like to contribute a memorial to the Floyd County Friends Unity Center, mail it to Elaine LaBaume, 901 West Lee Street, Floydada, TX 79235.

Friends of the Library

By **Carolyn Cheek**

The Friends of the Library will hold its first meeting of the year on January 18, 2011 in the conference room at the library.

The meeting will begin

at 4:30 p.m. We will be discussing projects for the coming year and begin plans for our annual book sales which will each be a two-day sale. Our first sale is Old Settlers weekend

and the second sale Punkin' Day weekend.

We invite anyone who is interested in becoming a member of the Friends of the Library to attend this meeting.

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By **Renee Armstrong**

Here it is a New Year, 2011. We hope you all will have a great one. Remember potluck on Thursday, bring a dish to share and come enjoy games after the meal. We will begin eating at 6. Exercise is Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9-9:30. And for

you coffee drinkers, coffee is everyday at 9:30.

For you all that don't like the winter weather there is only days till spring beginning on March 20th. Good luck to all the students who will exhibit animals at the Floyd County Stock Show Saturday the 15th.

Menu:
Monday- Chicken Fajitas
Tuesday- Mexican Stack
Wednesday- Chicken Fried Steak
Thursday- Soup and Cornbread
Friday- Brisket

From the archives....

FLOYD COUNTY HISTORY FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM

From the Floyd County Hesperian and The Lockney Beacon May 24, 1990
Floyd County Centennial Reprinted from Floyd County Hesperian, March 30, 1944

BOMBER CRASH CLAIMS LIVES OF NINE AVIATORS

Floydada and Floyd county people are just beginning to regain their poise this mid-week following the crash-explosion Sunday night 2 1/2 miles west of Floydada and the violent death of its crew members, either nine or 10 men, after a losing fight with the elements. The machine was officially listed as a B-24 Liberator bomber on a routine training cruise from Peterson field at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Seen by scores and heard by hundreds as the gallant young airmen struggled to save their plane, the huge machine apparently developed engine trouble in the vicinity of Floydada, lost a 30-foot wing tip 1 1/2 miles west of Floydada on the farm operated by B. C. Hinsley and plunged to the ground violently within seconds on the Lee Trice farm 2 1/2 miles west of town.

Result of any investigation by the air corps is not due to be made public. Local opinion is agreed that the violent explosion which scattered plane parts and dismembered bodies over some 50 acres of ground and sliced out a 100-foot slit four feet deep in the earth, occurred

after the plane had plummeted to the ground. A lighter explosion, according to some viewers in the open, occurred while the plane was still in the air.

Summoned Medical Aid

Bert Massie, who lives within two miles of the scene of the accident, heard the unusual noise of the plane and was in his yard watching as it maneuvered in the air. His first thought as it struck the earth was to summon medical aid. Later he and his father W. M. Massie, went to view possible grass fire damage from the flares dropped by the airmen. This was found to be negligible or none on their lands.

W. M. Dyer, member of the local flying club with some experience in the air, estimated the height of the plane when he first saw it at 700 to 900 feet. He looked on as the huge bomber took its fatal plunge. Others thought the plane barely missed the high voltage lines over the northwest part of Floydada.

B. C. Hinsley said he was in bed when he heard the plane. He jumped to the floor as he heard a noise as of the engine being "gunshot." He reached his door in time to see the plane strike the ground and explode. Hinsley, on request, guarded the 30-foot wing tip which fell in the shallow lake 100 yards west of his barn.

Plane fell at 9:10

Night officer Roy Wood, who was on his rounds when the crash came, said the time was approximately 9:10, according to his schedule. He was looking toward the crash when it came. He thought it was a house burst into flames until he heard the roar some seconds after the fire flared up.

Order Quickly Restored

Hundreds of people, possibly thousands, who were aware of the crash almost as it happened had the same idea—to rush to the scene and render

what aid they could. Quickly they were in a traffic jam that extended almost from the city limits to and surrounding the Trice farm. Succor or help was fond to be impossible. Volunteers aided in maintaining a semblance of order for the brief period it took Company G of the State Guard to organize and take over.

Captain T. P. Collins and Lt. Harry Morckel were on the scene and sized up the need for control of the crowd and patrol of the grounds. Captain Collins notified South Plains Army Air field, from when crews and men came over Monday morning to take charge. By late Tuesday the grounds had been cleared.

Only announcement made by the army was contained in a two-paragraph item released through news agencies from Colorado Springs, which gave the names of nine men.

As late as Tuesday curious people from a wide radius were still attempting to view the scene of the crash, but were turned away by the guards while salvage crews cleaned up the broken bits of plane and bodies of men.

The list of dead as released by the station commandant at Peterson field, Colorado, is as follows:

Second Lt. Leslie A. Porter Jr., Oakland, N.J.; second Lt. Donald Novak, Throop, Pa; Second Lt. James A. Garvey, New York; Second Lt. Frank P. Sziguth, Allertown, Pa.; Sgt. Pedro S. Messa, Houston, Texas; Sgt. Joseph M. Miller, Chicago; Sgt. Harvie S. Vance, when it came; Sgt. George L Thomas, Cochranville, Pa.; and Sgt. James L. Driver, Memphis, Tenn.

Response and cooperation of the public when Company G took over the premises at the suggestion and with the aid of ARCHIVES
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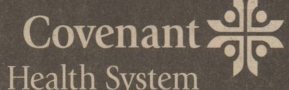
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Community Worship Service

This is the year of the Lord's favor. There will be a community worship service held at Templo Getsemani Assemblies of God Church. The church is located at 701 W. Missouri Street and anyone who is interested is welcome to attend.

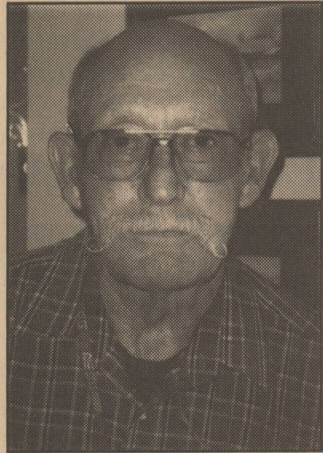
Believers from difference churches will gather to worship Christ during this service planned for Saturday, January 22, 2011. Time: 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. We no longer live in 2010 and God has given us a new year, a new day, a new vision. And along with that, He has given us new challenges however, His "Great Commission" remains the same.

We still live in a time of spiritual darkness, a time where anything goes, a time when things are done and decisions are made according to how we feel at the moment of course, and a time of uncertainties where things change in a blink of an eye.

The community is invited to attend this service to celebrate and worship the Lord Jesus Christ, but also to pray for our wonderful community in several areas that require God's intervention. Example: Our schools, our nation, etc. etc.

Make plans to attend and we'll see you there! If you have questions please call 806-983-5286 and ask for Joe Hernandez.

Obituaries



FRANKLIN JONES

"Hi, I'm Franklin Delano Roosevelt Jones. And that's the truth." Those who know Frank know he didn't meet a stranger.

Frank, also known as "Frankie D.," departed this life on Saturday, January 8, 2011 at the age of 68. He was born March 7, 1942 to Dock and Velma (Mercer) Jones in the doctor's office over the drug store in Lockney, Texas.

Growing up in South Plains and attending high school in Floydada, Frank joined the Army in 1960. After a whirlwind courtship, Frank married Jeannie Karen Foraker on June 2, 1967 in Hale Center. He retired in 1981 after serving three tours in Germany, one in Vietnam, and duty stations at Ft. Sill, Ft. Benning, Ft. Knox, and Ft. Hood. He and his family moved back to Lubbock after retirement. Frank worked almost 20 years for Selle Insulation Company and three years for Texas Boll Weevil Eradication. Frank was a faithful member of Sunset Church of Christ.

His memory will be cherished by his wife, Jeannie, of more than 43 years; two sons, Wilbur of Lubbock and Jody and wife, Lisa of Guthrie, Oklahoma; one brother, Robert of England; and 7 grandchildren.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Peggy Hinsley Suehs and Maggie Mae Davis.

The family received friends from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at Combust Family Funeral Homes, 2210 Broadway, Lubbock, Texas.

Public graveside services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, January 12, 2011 at the City of Lubbock Cemetery. Memorial services followed at 2 p.m. at Sunset Church of Christ in Lubbock. Memorial donations may be made to the National

MS Society, West Texas Division, 3610 22nd St, Suite 301, Lubbock, TX 79410; American Cancer Society, 3411 73rd St, Lubbock, TX 79423; Sunset International Bible Institute, 3723 34th St, Lubbock, TX 79410; or to the charity of your choice.

Arrangements are under the personal care of Combust Family Funeral Homes of Lubbock. To register or send condolences online, please visit www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com



JESUS Q. GARCIA

Jesus Q. Garcia, 81, of George West, Texas, died Wednesday, January 5, 2011.

He was born December 24, 1929 in Karnes City, Texas to the late Pedro Garcia and Josefina Quinones.

He as preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include one son, Valentin Garcia of George West Texas; two daughters, Roberta Miller (James) and Hope McHerron (Dustin), both of George West, Texas; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were under the direction of Galloway and Sons Funeral Home of Three Rivers, Texas.

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Elisabeth's experience caused her to redirect her own career aspirations. Inspired by the medical professionals who helped her reclaim her active lifestyle, she changed her major to study physical therapy—a profession where her own experience could help other patients prevail through difficult recoveries.

We tell Elisabeth Marra's story here to illustrate two of the most profound messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If reading it inspires just one more person to achieve something special, then its telling here has been well worth while.

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BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
810 S. 3rd, Floydada
Darwin Robinson, Pastor
983-5278
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

CALVARY'S CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP
Floydada
Armando Morales, Pastor
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
Bible Study6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

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Morning Worship9:00 a.m.
Sunday School10:30 a.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
West College & Third,
Lockney
Steve McLean -Minister
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship ...5:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Tim Franks, Pastor
Terry Simmons,
Minister of Ed./Music
Josh Burgett -Minister of Students
Sunday School9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study...6:30 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Lockney
John Franklin, Pastor
Chad Cook, Youth Min.
Phil Cotham, Music Min..
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....6:30 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Floydada
Rev. Les Hall, Pastor
Early Worship8:30 a.m.
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ...10:50 a.m.
Youth (Sunday).....5:00 p.m.
Youth (Wednesday)....7:30 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Lockney
Rev. Ricky Carstensen
Pastor
Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Worship Service10:30 a.m.
Evening Service..... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Jr. High5:30 p.m.
Wed. High School... 6:30 p.m.

GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Joe Bennett, Pastor
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.
Tuesday8:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:30 p.m.

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Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday7:30 p.m.

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Rev. Ralph Jackson
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Wednesday Study ...7:00 p.m.

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Ester Ramos, Praise Leader
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Morning Praise..11:00 a.m.
Evening Praise5:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship.... 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Worship Service11:00 a.m.
Discipleship5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:00 p.m.

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Pastor Reverend Raymond Asebedo
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:55 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Evening6:00 p.m.

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Lockney
Rev. Patrick Maher, Pastor
Wed. Communion...8:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m.

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Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.
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Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.
Evening Service.....5:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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Floydada
Rev. Angelo Consemino
Phone: 983-5878
Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m.
Mon.Wed. Mass6:30 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 Service11:00 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
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Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship5:00 p.m.
Tuesday7:30 p.m.
Thursday Service.....7:30 p.m.

Trinity Assembly
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Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5 p.m.

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Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Worship Service11:00 a.m.

WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST
Floydada 983-3548
Sunday Worship ...10:30 a.m.
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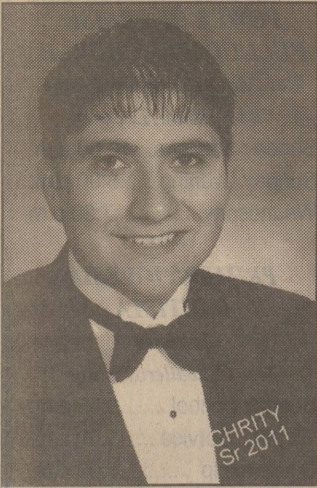
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Lockney Student makes All-State



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Lockney High School student, Christopher Rodriguez, has recently been selected to participate in the ATSSB All-State Band. Christopher, who is a senior and a drum major for the LHS band, is one of the five tenor sax players to be selected statewide for the All-State Band; Christopher is the son of Jerry and Sally Rodriguez.

The Association of Texas Small School Bands is pleased to announce that Lockney's own Christopher Rodriguez has been selected to be a member of their 2011 All-State Band. More than 9,000 high school band students from across Texas auditioned in twenty different regions for a place in their respective all-region bands. The top chairs in each region advanced to one of the five area auditions held this past weekend across the state, and only 240 of these 1360 students were selected for all-state honors.

Christopher is currently a senior and a Drum Major for Lockney's High School Band; He plays a Tenor Saxophone in the band, and is a student of George Riddell and Rob Lovett. Christopher is one of the five tenor sax players selected statewide for the All-State Band.

The ATSSB All-State Bands will meet in rehearsals in San Antonio, Texas, February 9-12 and will present a concert beginning at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, 12, 2011 in the Lila Cockrell Theatre of the Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center in downtown San Antonio. Larry J. Livingston from the University of Southern California will be the clinician conductor or the All-State Symphonic Band. Lowell Graham, Director of Bands at the University of Texas at El Paso, will be the clinician conductor of the All-State Concert Band. The ATSSB has commissioned William Owens to write a piece for the Concert Band. Chris Vadala, Director of Jazz Studies at the University of Maryland, will be the clinician conductor of the All-State Jazz Ensemble. Christopher is the son of Jerry and Sally Rodriguez.



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Little Longhorns: Back Row: Jakevon Arjona, Yanellie Bernal, Elida Mendez, Cody Trejo, Efrén Nunez, Devin Hernandez; Center Row: Fernando Valdez, Odyssey McCulloch, Morris Salas, Aleah Jimenez, Mireya Ascencio; Front Row: Abran Castillo, Nadia Perez, Gabriel Solis, Darian Luna



Photo by Homer Marquez

Lockney's Erik Cortez grabs the rebound in a recent home game in Lockney; in their away game last Tuesday in Olton, the Lockney Longhorns would fall 71-33.

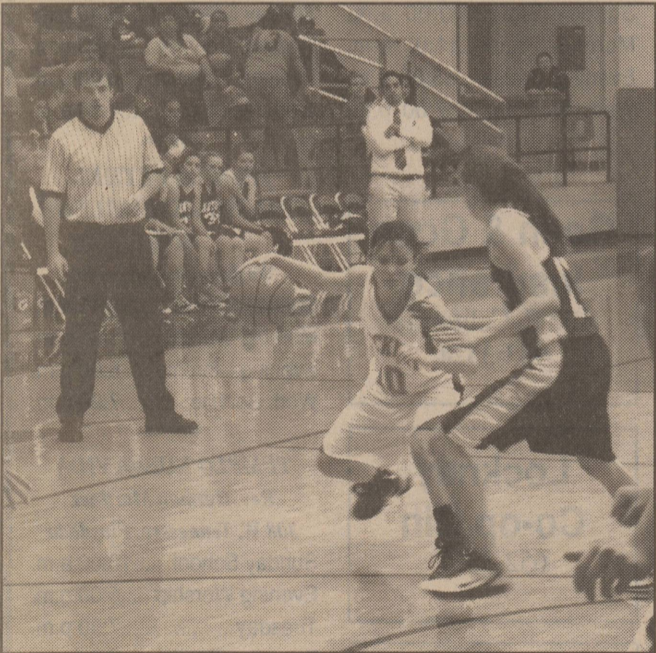
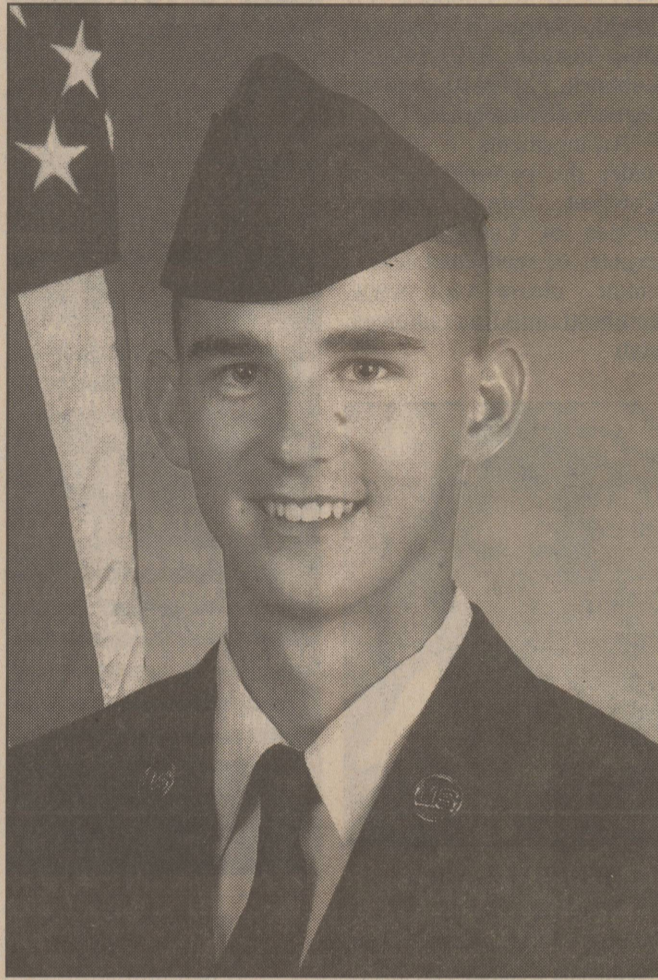


Photo by Homer Marquez

Lady Horn Devin Caballero (10) fakes her way to the board in a recent game at home. In the Horn's game against Ralls, Devin would put an impressive 11 points in the Lady Horn's close 57-59 defeat.

Lockney School Lunch Menu Jan. 17-21

- Monday**
Breakfast-French Toast or Cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Chicken nuggets or grilled corn dog, potatoes, broccoli, orange smiles, roll, milk
- Tuesday**
Breakfast-Breakfast pizza or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Fish strips or Ham, pinto beans, spinach, fruited gelatin, milk
- Wednesday**
Breakfast- Rice or Cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch- Spaghetti or tuna sandwich, salad, baby carrots, pear, bread, milk
- Thursday**
Breakfast- Eggs and Sausage or Cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch- Turkey noodles or grilled cheese, salad, applesauce, Texas Toast, milk
- Friday**
Breakfast- Cinnamon Roll or Cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch- Chicken patty and bun or ham and cheese, pickle spears, corn, pineapple, milk



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Airman First Class Cody Austin Smith, 18, graduated United States Air Force Training August 2010. He will be deployed to Germany in March 2011. Smith is the son of Dava and Barry Paul of Coaldale, PA and the grandson of Dennis and Mary M. Carter of Lockney, Texas. "May God bless all of our Men and Women in the Military"

Lockney Longhorns Vs Olton

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Olton	19	21	12	19	71
Lockney	2	12	9	10	33

Scoring:
Lockney
Stennett 6 pts
Cruz 7 pts

JV Longhorns vs. Olton JV

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Olton JV	12	0	8	4	24
Lockney JV	8	5	5	7	25

Scoring:
Lockney
Dunbar 6 pts
Caballero 6 pts

Lockney Lady Longhorns vs. Ralls

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Lady Longhorns	17	12	14	15	57
Ralls	6	7	20	23	59

Scoring: Lockney
Foster 14 pts
Reyna 14pts

Lockney High School Honor Roll List

3rd Six Weeks "A" Honor Roll 9th Grade

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10th Grade

McKenzie Kemp, Landry Kidd, Rayann Race, Maison Ragland, Taylor Rose, Mary Sammann, Luke Sherman, Kelsie Stennett, Lindsay Stewart

11th Grade

Christina Jackson, Amber Segovia

12th Grade

SyAnn Foster

"A-B" Honor Roll 9th Grade

Ashly Alvarado, Whitney Ascencio, Clay Bigham, Tanille Bigham, Jake Bramlet, Alyssa Cruz, Paula Cuellar, Michael Deleon, Lance Fulton, Anna Hernandez, Nikki Jimenez, Memory Lane, Bethany McCulloch, Jasmine Pena, Cynthia Pesina, Tanae Ramos, Alanie Rendon, John Rose, Brenda Salazar, Enrique Segovia, Brittany Thompson, Janette Ybarra

10th Grade

Erik Cortez, Rubina Cruz, Ryan Diaz, Jose Guerrero, Rene Guerrero, Gabriella Peralez, Canderlaria Rea

11th Grade

Steven Fernandez, Angelica Gonzales, Tanya Hernandez, Jessica Pena, Danielle Thompson, Sunny Williams, Dylan Afill, Meagan Dunn, Logan Edwards, Riley Teeter

12th Grade

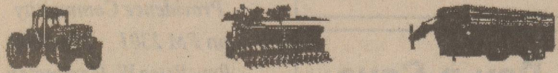
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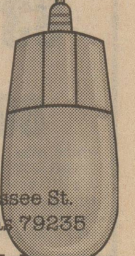
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Lady Winds defeat Idalou in double overtime, 73-72

By Coach Styles

The Floydada Lady Winds and the Idalou Lady Cats put on an amazing display of will and determination when they played this past Friday in Idalou. Idalou used four - 3 pointers to stake them to a 14-12 advantage after one quarter. The 3-ball and the free-throw line would prove to be Idalou's best offensive weapons. They made ten 3's and would make 34 free throws in the night.

The Lady Winds would crank up the defense and hold Idalou to no field goals in the second quarter. On the other hand, Floydada scored 6 field goals including one 3. The score at intermission was 26-21 in favor of the Lady Winds.

Both teams must have tightened up during halftime because the score after three quarters was 30-29, as Idalou scored 8 to the Lady Winds 4. This game would be far from over. The scoreboard

was just beginning to warm up. Both teams were experiencing some foul trouble, so it would be interesting to see which team would be effected by this the most. Idalou would hit three more 3's and 9 free throws in the fourth quarter. The Lady Winds on the other hand would rely on seven 2 pointers and seven free throws.

The Lady Winds had enjoyed a seven- point lead with less than three minutes to go. Idalou would hit some free throws and ended it with a three-pointer to send it into overtime.

The Lady Winds would score first on a lay-up to go up 53-51. Back and forth it went with both teams never getting over a three-point lead. With less than 20 seconds to play, the Lady Winds clinging to a two-point lead, sent the Lady Cats to the free throw line for two shots. They connected on

both attempts and Floydada's desperation shot missed the mark and we would go to a second overtime tied at 62.

In the second overtime the Lady Winds struck first 64-62. Idalou tied it at 64 with two free throws. After a turnover from both teams, the Lady Cats went to the free throw line and went ahead 66-64. This foul would cause the Lady Winds to have their fourth player to foul out. Floydada would have to play with four players the rest of the game. Idalou still had five on the floor.

After an Idalou turnover, the Lady Winds were able to capitalize on a traditional three-point play and they would lead 67-66. Idalou would proceed to come down and hit another 3 and would lead 69-67. Floydada still playing 4 on 4 drew a foul and sank both free throws to tie it at 69. This would cause Idalou to play the last thirty seconds with four players. Idalou dribbled around until they got free and threw up a rainbow shot from the corner that caught nothing but net. They would lead 72-69 with about 15 seconds left.

Idalou quickly called a timeout. Floydada came down and shot and a foul was called. Floydada went to the free throw line and made one of their shots to trim the lead to 72-70 with 6.1 seconds left. Floydada would get the ball out of bounds. They quickly called timeout to set up the last play. Floydada would get it in and shoot a three as the buzzer went off. When the ball finally hit the floor the visiting bench and stands were in celebration as the shot hit nothing but net. **Final Score - Floydada 73 Idalou 72.**

Leading the way for the Lady Winds was Avery Miller with 28 points, including the game winning shot. Sarah Jo Miller had 15 points, 8 rebounds, being perfect from the field and free throw line. Whitley Beedy had 13 points, and 9 rebounds. Brityn Helms 8 points and Breann Gooch 5 points. Sarah Sanders had 4 points, with 9 rebounds. Nikki Seymour 1 assist, 1 steal and Emily Hall had 1 rebound and 1 steal. A great TEAM effort.

This was a game you thought you had won three different times and then lost it three different times, then finally winning it. It was very intense and just a great girls basketball game where both teams played their hearts out. The Lady Winds are now 5-0, leading the district by one game over Littlefield and two games over Dimmitt.

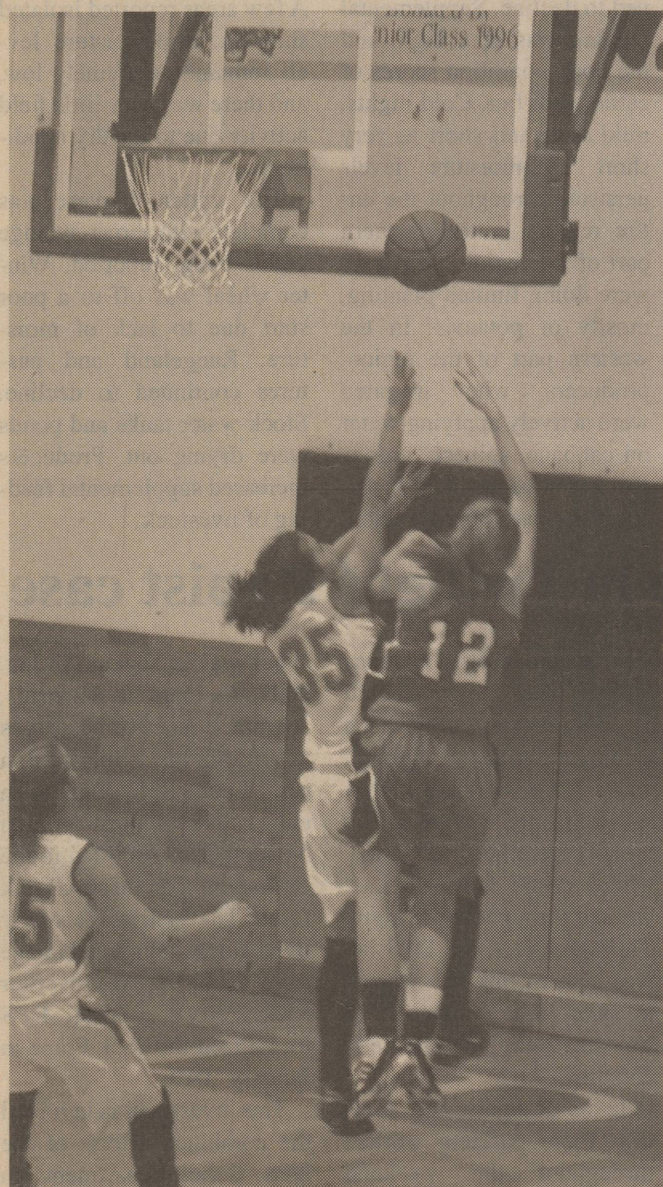
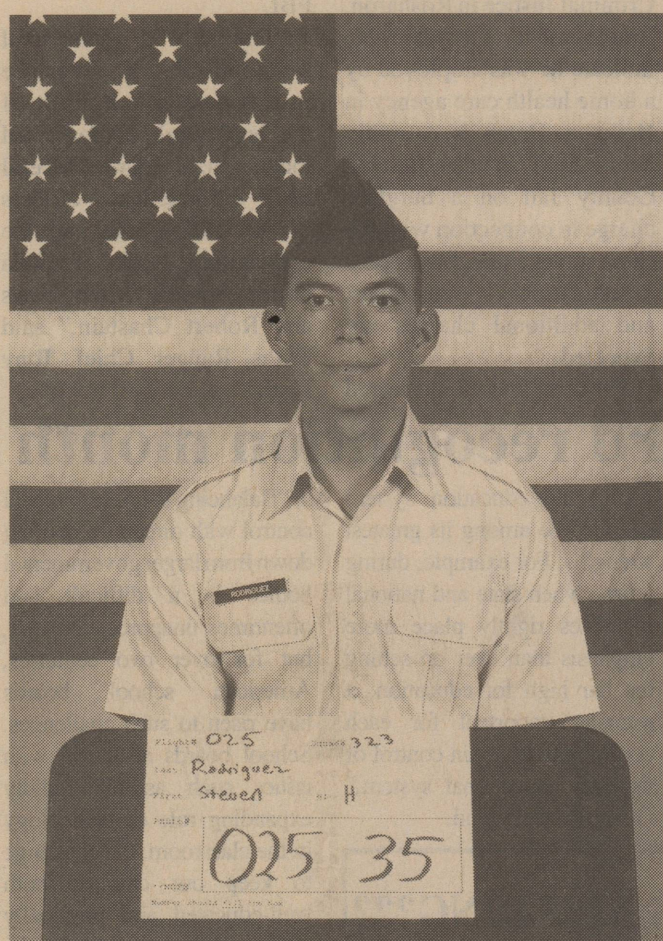


Photo by Tonya Gooch
Lady Wind Avery Miller (12) grabs the steal and the point in a recent game against Idalou. In double overtime Miller would seal the deal with a game winning 3 pointer in double overtime; the Winds would take it 72-73.



Courtesy Photo

Air Force Airman Steven H. Rodriguez graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force. He is the son of Aurora Tambunga of Alamogordo, New Mexico, and David Rodriguez of Floydada, Texas. Rodriguez graduated in 2008 from Alamogordo High School.



Courtesy Photo

Marla Noel Reeves graduated from the University of Texas at Austin on December 4, 2010. Marla earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Geography with a minor in Classic Civilization. Marla is a 2006 graduate of Floydada High School. She is the daughter of Mike and Stacy Reeves of Floydada and the granddaughter of Jerry and Martha Leatherman, Irene Reeves and the late Russell Reeves, all of Floydada.



Photo by Sara Sisemore

The Fisd board honored as students of the month for December second grader Andrew Gonzales (not present), jr. high student Kimberly Pacheco (second from left), and high school senior A.J. Lopez (second from right). Also honored as educator of the month was Rhoda Morales (far left), 5th grade reading teacher and elementary school campus reading coach, and Ricky Coronado (far right) as custodian of the month.



Photo by Tonya Gooch

Floydada's Tyler Renfro (20) reaches for a layup in the Whirlwind's recent game against Idalou. Floydada would end up falling to the number 10 ranked team 40-80; the loss brings the Winds to a 9-9 record.

Whirlwinds lose to number 10 ranked Idalou

By Coach Renfro

The Floydada Whirlwinds lost to state ranked Idalou 40-80 last Friday night. The Wildcats came into the game ranked number 10 in the TABC polls.

Bryson Session led the Whirlwinds with 14 points, 9 rebounds and 3 steals. Jordan Woody had 8 points and Haden Lipham had 6. Ventura Gonzales had 4 points, while Tyler Renfro Greg Aleman and John Angel Yannis had 2 each. The loss brings Floydada's season record to 9-9.

Lady Winds beat Littlefield, 49-25

By Coach Styles

The Floydada Lady Winds defeated Littlefield 49-25 on Jan. 4th. The win enabled the Lady Winds to take control of first place. Floydada and Littlefield were both 3-0 coming into the game.

Floydada would score first but Littlefield come back to take a 5 point lead. The Lady Winds would cut it to two and trail 8-10 after the first quarter. The second quarter would see the Lady Winds take control and lead

See LADY WINDS on page 8

JV 'Winds fall to Idalou

By Coach Renfro

The JV Whirlwinds played in Idalou Friday night, losing 91-43.

Scoring for the Winds were Michael Cisneros with

10, Landry Morren and B.J. Perez with 8 each, Laron Lamb with 7, and Anthony Ascencio with 6. Cristo Rosa, Joseph Herrera, and Dustin Nichols had 2 each.

WAY TO GO LADY WINDS!

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Saturday, January 15, 2011 - Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.
Panhandle Area Farmers - Owners
 Located: Panhandle, Texas - Selling: Farm & Ranch Equipment

Wednesday, January 19, 2011 - Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.
Olton Area Farmers - Owners
 Located: Olton, Texas - Selling: Farm & Ranch Equipment

Thursday, January 20, 2011 - Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.
Kevin Igo & Neighbors - Owners
 Located: Between Edmonson & Halfway - Selling: Farm & Ranch Equipment

Saturday, January 22, 2011 - Sale Time: 9:30 a.m.
Jack's Hammer - Owner
 Located: Hereford, Texas - Selling: Blacksmith Shop, Antiques, Tractors

Wednesday, January 26, 2011 - Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.
Frona Area Farmers - Owners
 Located: Frona, Texas - Selling: Farm & Ranch Equipment

Saturday, January 29, 2011 - Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.
Redwine Farms - Owner
 Located: Clays Corner - Selling: Farm & Ranch Equipment

Tuesday, February 1, 2011 - Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.
Mayfield Area Farmers - Owners
 Located: Mayfield, Texas - Selling: Tractors, Farm & Hay Equipment

Wednesday, February 2, 2011 - Sale Time: 9:30 a.m.
Carthel Brothers - Owners
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Thursday, February 3, 2011 - Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.
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Saturday, February 5, 2011 - Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.
Woods & Luttrell - Owners
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Tuesday, February 8, 2011 - Sale Time: 10:30 a.m.
Joe Neal Clary Estate - Owner
 Located: Post, Texas - Selling: Farm & Cotton Equipment

Wednesday, February 9, 2011 - Sale Time: 9:00 a.m.
Lamesa Area Farmers - Owners
 Located: Lamesa, Texas - Selling: Farm & Cotton Equipment

Thursday, February 10, 2011 - Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.
Eldorado Area Farmers - Owners
 Located: Eldorado, Oklahoma - Selling: Farm & Ranch Equipment

Saturday, February 12, 2011 - Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.
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Snow, ice and rain a good thing for winter pastures, wheat

COLLEGE STATION -- Though a hardship for drivers, the rain and snow that came to parts of Texas Jan. 9 was mainly good news for winter pastures, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel.

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the Jan. 9 event, whether it came as snow or rain, equaled from about 1 inch to 1.5 inches of moisture for South Texas and parts of the state east of Interstate 45. On Jan. 10, NOAA archives (<http://water.weather.gov/precip/>) show another 0.5 to 1 inch for East Texas.

"The recent snow and ice is a positive thing for our pastures and our soil moisture profile because we've been so dry this early fall and winter," said Dr. Vanessa Corriher, AgriLife Extension forage specialist based in East Texas.

Much of East Texas remains moisture short, however, said Randy Reeves, AgriLife Extension agent for Harrison County. Reeves noted that because producers in his county have had to buy hay for the last several months, any moisture was certainly welcome.

"We were behind the eight ball long before this," he said. "The wet and cold will increase the energy requirements for livestock, so that means more hay to be fed."

Purely from an agronomic standpoint, the cold weather is a plus, Corriher said. Cold weather means the moisture will be absorbed into soil rather than evaporate.

"The majority of that moisture is going to seep slowly down into our soils," she said. "It's an overall good thing to have this snow and ice, even for producers who didn't plant winter pastures."

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries:

Central: Winter pastures were in poor shape because of drought-like conditions throughout the fall. Rainfall and cooler temperatures arrived on Jan. 10, and this precipitation was badly needed for pastures, tanks and small grains. Producers continued to provide livestock with hay and other supplemental feed. Farmers were applying fertilizer on fields to be planted with corn and milo this spring.

Coastal Bend: Rain provided much needed moisture for low ponds and struggling winter pastures. Farmers and ranchers put spring-wheat planting on hold, waiting on more moisture. Livestock producers continued to supplement cattle with hay and protein.

East: Much of the area was still dry and in need of rainfall for most of the reporting period. Water levels contin-

ued to recede. Winter forages grew slowly due to lack of rain. Producers were still purchasing hay from other areas, and in some counties, they were concerned about having enough to make it through the winter. However, livestock remained in fair to good condition with supplemental feed being provided. A snowstorm late in the reporting period brought some moisture, but cold wet conditions will likely increase the need for supplemental feeding. Calving was in progress. Reports of feral hog activity continued to come in.

Far West: Dry weather and high winds continued to challenge agriculture. No measurable rainfall has been reported in more than 90 days. The danger of wildfire was high across the region. According to producers, the Coyanosa co-op (north of Fort Stockton) should finish ginning modules within a week. Reports were that cotton quality was high. Fall-planted onions were dormant, but stands were robust. Preparation for planting cotton, chiles and corn was under way. Winter wheat showed growth. Alfalfa was dormant. There were reports of locoweed showing up in fields, but there were no incidences of its consumption by animals as yet.

North: Soil moisture ranged from short to adequate. However, cold weath-

er stifled growth and crops were generally in poor condition. Late-planted wheat responded to rains received between Christmas and New Years, and the crop was in fair to good condition. The pecan and cotton harvests were completed. Supplemental feeding of livestock was ongoing. Hay supplies appear to be sufficient for the winter but there was not a surplus, and producers were searching for more supplies just in case of a harder-than-normal winter. Cattle looked very good going into the winter months. Stock-water ponds were getting low in some areas. Rangeland and pastures were in poor to fair condition. Feral hogs continued to be a major problem.

Panhandle: The region was dry and windy with near-normal temperatures. More moisture was needed throughout the region. Soil-moisture levels were short for the most part. Producers were preparing fields for the spring plantings. Wheat varied from being in very poor to good condition, with most reporting fair to poor. Rangeland and pastures varied from very poor to good condition, with most reporting poor. Cattle were in good condition with continued supplemental feeding.

Rolling Plains: Dry conditions still persisted throughout the region. A good rain was needed to perk up the wheat crop. A strong winter cold front, with lows in the teens and highs around freezing, forced ranchers to put out extra hay for cows.

Livestock remained in good condition. Cow/calf producers were providing heavy supplemental feed. In some areas, the supplemental feed was all the cows had to eat. Rangeland and pasture conditions held steady through the dry spell. Stock-water ponds were drying up in some parts of the district. The cotton harvest neared completion, with most gins and producers reporting average to slightly above average yields. Many producers kept busy cutting cotton stalks and plowing up cotton fields. Other farmers left their cotton stalks in the field, planning to try out no-till to conserve moisture. Burn bans remained in effect in some counties.

South: From 1 inch to 1.75 inches of rain fell in Atascosa County, which was just enough to help improve winter pastures a little but not enough to really bolster forage quantity. The rest of the district remained dry. Prospects for winter livestock grazing on winter forbs and winter annual grasses continued to decline. Supplemental feeding was at a high, and the body condition scores of cattle were fair. Cold nights, mild days and short to very short soil-moisture levels persisted throughout the entire region. In the northern part of the region, producers were doing limited planting, mostly of potatoes. In the western part of the region, producers who irrigated were actively applying water on cabbage, spinach, onions and other vegetables. In the southern part of the region,

fall vegetables were progressing well and producers were preparing for spring planting.

South Plains: The region had highs in the 50s and 60s, with lows in the high teens to mid-20s. Soil moisture was short. Winter wheat was in fair condition. The condition of wheat stands was falling because of lack of moisture. Most wheat that emerged was irrigated, not dryland. Pastures and rangeland were in fair condition with rain needed to green up cool-season grasses. The danger of wildfire remained high because of dry conditions and low humidity. Livestock were in good condition and continued to receive supplemental feeding.

Southeast: Recent rains improved topsoil moisture in some areas. Rangeland was expected to improve from this moisture during the coming weeks. Land preparation for spring planting slowed due to dry conditions.

West Central: Days were mild with no significant rains. A few areas reported isolated showers. Soil-moisture levels remained extremely low, and there was very little field activity due to the dry conditions.

The cotton harvest was complete with above-average yields being reported. Winter wheat was off to a poor start due to lack of moisture. Rangeland and pastures continued to decline. Stock-water tanks and ponds were drying out. Producers increased supplemental feeding of livestock.



Did Benjamin Franklin really discover electricity with a key and a kite string? Or is it an urban legend?

The story is grounded convincingly in an authorized 1767 account written by Joseph Priestly and virtually confirmed in something Franklin wrote in 1752, the year of the hair-raising experiment. Franklin also had a lightning rod installed on his house along about then – one designed to make bells ring in the stairwell across from his bedroom door, sort of like today's doorbells. OSHA would faint.

In my cursory Franklin research I myself was struck by what he said about how hard it was to write about electricity:

"I feel a Want of Terms here and doubt much whether I shall be able to make this intelligible."

If Ben Franklin and I have anything in column, that's it. We both find it hard to write intelligibly about electricity.

For Franklin, the problem was a lack of vocabulary, so he coined some terms, including battery, charge, condenser, conductor, plus and minus. (If you want those terms in quotes, imagine some. I like less frills.)

For me, writing about electricity is hard because I don't understand electricity. Why ground an electric fence charger? If invisible electrons are positively zipping along on that fence wire, where do they go via the ground rod? Can they not be recycled instead?

Meanwhile, Franklin's kite string came to mind recently when I hooked up a jumper cable wrong on a car battery. Snap, crackle and lightning! I knew better. I guess senility is attacking with éclat. At least I still have my French.

My husband understands electricity better than I do. If ever he wants to get rid of me, he can just give me bad advice. Somehow, he's always 150 miles away, dictating long-distance instructions. Can't

you imagine a plot for one of those spouse-kills-spouse stories? The headline:

"Woman Electrocuted on Farm While Connecting Heating Device to Stock Water Tank"

Except headlines are never that long.

Somewhere in the story it would mention that she was found with her cell phone still clutched in her hand. In the television version, they'll check his phone records. He'll be convicted.

Whatever ultimately happens to me, the phone-in-hand part isn't likely to change.

As for my husband, he installed some electronic circuitry for sound in an old computer last night. It worked! He tried not to act surprised when the music played. I tried not to act surprised either. I like to stay on good terms with him. Refer to previous comments. The instructions said he should ground himself to the computer, but he didn't. I think that's for people who value their computers more than themselves. Anyway, both he and the computer survived.

That's more than I can say for that car battery.

Anytime you jump a car battery, all you have to do is think of Ben Franklin, inventor of plus and minus.

Now let's see ... is it plus to plus or plus to minus? Senility can be exciting.

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Arrest made in Twilight Rapist case

The Twilight Rapist Task Force has confirmed that a man arrested Saturday in Jackson County has been positively linked to several crimes against elderly women throughout Central and South Central Texas.

Early Saturday morning, Edna police officers on routine patrol responded to a medical emergency alert activated by an elderly woman and found a man fleeing the residence. After a short foot pursuit, the suspect was taken into custody. Task Force members traveled to Edna and quickly began an investigation that resulted in Billy Joe Harris, 53, being positively linked to crimes attributed to the Twilight Rapist.

"Countless men and women worked long hours on the Task Force investigating every lead in this case for more than a year," said DPS Director Steve McCraw. "As in many complex cases, these investigations turn quickly on a single incident. We are indebted to the brave victims and the Edna Police Department for helping solve these heinous crimes against defenseless elderly women."

After the arrest, a Texas Ranger was flown aboard a DPS aircraft to Jackson County. With a search warrant, he obtained a DNA sample from the suspect. The aircraft returned to Waco, where crime lab personnel worked throughout the night. Through DNA, the DPS lab was able to link the suspect to five other assaults in Yoakum, Bell, Falls and Leon counties.

Texas Rangers and local task force partners worked throughout the weekend recovering several items of evidence further linking Harris to the crimes.

The suspect lives in Missouri City and works as a non-commissioned employee for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in Rosharon. Employment records also indicate he was employed by a home health care agency in Houston. Harris is currently being held in the Jackson County Jail on a burglary charge in connection with the Edna attack. The Task Force investigation continues, and additional charges are expected.

The first known suspected

attack was in Yoakum in Jan. 2009. As many as 12 rapes, attempted rapes or burglaries in Yoakum and Luling and in rural Leon, Bell, McLennan and Falls counties through November of 2009 led to the formation of an informal task force. The victims generally lived alone and ranged in age from 65 to 91. At Governor Rick Perry's request, DPS formalized the Task Force in January 2010.

This investigation involved the combined efforts of the DPS; police departments in Yoakum, Luling, Moody and Edna; the sheriff's offices in Leon, Falls, McLennan, Jackson and Bell counties; the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; the U.S. Marshals Service and the FBI.

"The successful development of evidence in this case is the result of the hard work of dedicated local, state and federal law enforcement officers of the Task Force and the outstanding work of Edna police officers Mike Yaws and Robert Chastain," said Texas Ranger Chief Tony Leal.

School Board recognition month

(Austin) – Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed January 2011 as School Board Recognition Month. Districts across the state will use this opportunity to show their appreciation of the critical role elected boards of education play in their local schools and communities.

"The biggest challenges

facing the education system can also be among its greatest strengths. For example, during a time when state and national mandates rightly place more emphasis than ever on setting the bar high for education, it remains important for each community to retain control of its own educational system," Governor Perry said.

"Balancing the need for local control with directives coming down from larger governmental bodies is a difficult and oftentimes unappreciated task, but for over two centuries, American school boards have risen to such challenges. School boards also deal with issues such as the rapidly expanding role of technology in the classroom, the challenge to keep our children both well-educated and physically active, and—as always—the difficulties inherent in dealing with budgetary priorities.

"The people who make up these boards volunteer their time because they care about their communities and their schools. Each year, the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) designates January as School Board Recognition Month, to emphasize the importance of the services these dedicated men and women provide to the schools and students of Texas.

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OPINION



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Stop politicizing tragedy!

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

One sickening development from this weekend's massacre in Arizona is the politicizing of the event. How dare anyone talk politics regarding this tragedy.

I know Democrats, Republicans, Libertarians and those in favor with the Tea Party. I even know people who want their state to secede, but I don't know of one person who wants to kill anyone.

The fact is there are disturbed people in all walks of life, and I doubt political affiliation really matters.

When tragedies occur, they should be used to build unity. If this country's better angels can't find common ground when it comes to these matters then we've lost our sense of society.

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While on the topic of political affiliation, I find it ridiculous and narrow-minded that those in charge at the national level have such a hard time listening to each other.

The only thing that should be on the minds of members of Congress is what is best for the American people. Nothing else matters.

If that was the sole thought in the head of every member of Congress there is no doubt more common ground could be found, and we the people would be better off. Instead we have this mindset of getting "even" with the other side.

Great leaders are not divisive. Great leaders reach out. They listen to all sides of every argument before drawing conclusions. Most importantly, great leaders listen to the wishes of those they represent and act on behalf of those people.

Is it any wonder we happen to remember the names of those who make it a habit of reaching across the aisle? It's unfortunate that it's the exception rather than the rule.

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This country is going to go broke forcing green energy down the throats of the people.

No doubt we need clean energy initiatives and companies in the energy business need incentives to begin research and development in the next generation of energy. However, why can't we take advantage of our God-given resources at the same time?

Texas and Oklahoma are oil-friendly states. Texas and

Oklahoma are also in better financial shape than most other states.

Did you know the solution to a rotten economy sits underground of many states? There is enough shale gas in New York to make billions in revenue. There's only one problem. Elected officials in Albany won't allow it.

If our state and federal governments would allow for exploration of oil and gas our economic problems would be solved. It's insane for us to rely on unstable countries for our energy. Almost as insane as trading on an uneven playing field with China, but that's a whole other topic.

What will drive green energy will be money. When some genius invents something better than what currently exists, markets will develop. That's pretty much why most of us don't travel by horse or train anymore.

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Other Opinions

Project Labor Agreements Could Lock Out Non-Union Shops

By KEVIN MOONEY

With John Boehner (R-Ohio) now officially sworn in as the new House Speaker you might think that organized labor's pursuit of special interest paybacks from the Obama Administration is dead in the water. You would be wrong.

The stipulations and restrictions included in Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) union bosses have advanced at the state level could be used to undermine "Right to Work" laws that guard against coercive practices, according to industry representatives and free market advocates.

PLAs establish guidelines for firms bidding on construction projects that put private shops at a severe disadvantage. Typically a contractor will be required to hire workers through union hiring halls and abide by a variety of union rules.

An executive order from President Obama signed in Feb. 2009 encourages federal agencies to use PLAs on construction projects costing over \$25 million. This reverses an earlier executive order from President Bush that banned PLAs. Non-union companies have expressed concern that organized labor can now angle itself into areas of the country that are largely non-unionized at the expense of taxpayers thanks to Obama's order.

Research from the Beacon Hill Institute shows that PLAs could raise construction costs by as much as 18 percent. If Obama's executive order had been in effect in 2008, and all federal construction projects worth \$25 million or more been subject to PLAs, the cost to federal taxpayers would have increased by \$1.6 to \$2.6 billion, according to the Beacon Hill report.

Union membership declined nationally from 17.5 percent of construction workers in 2000 to 15.6 percent in 2008, and then to 14.5 percent in 2009, the most recent figures from the Bureau of Labor Statistics show. Even in more unionized states, the overwhelming majority of construction outfits are non-unionized. This means PLAs could effectively lock out the majority of construction workers from new business opportunities in deference to narrow special interests; more than eight of 10 construction workers are non-union.

While non-union contractors are permitted to bid on PLA projects, they are typically awarded to unionized contractors. PLAs provide a framework for pre-hire agreements between construction contractors and labor unions that mandate the use of union rules for the duration of a particular construction project. The National Labor Relations Act (NLRA) generally prohibits pre-hire agreements, but an exception has

been created for PLAs.

"Louisiana's Right-to-Work Law allows employees within the state the right to join a union as well as the right to refrain from joining a union," John Walters, the Director of Governmental Relations for the Louisiana Chapter of Associated Builders & Contractors, Inc. (ABC), said in an interview.

"Workers typically are permitted to choose whether to join a union through a federally supervised private ballot election," he explained. "PLAs require unions to be the exclusive bargaining representative for workers during the life of the project. The decision to elect union representation is made by the employer rather than the employees. PLAs are called pre-hire agreements because they can be negotiated before the contractor hires any workers or employees vote on union representation."

Union-only PLAs strip away the right of construction workers to a federally supervised private ballot election when deciding whether to unionize their workplace thereby undermining Louisiana's Right-to-Work law, Walters added.

In his analysis of the order, Maurice Baskin, the legal counsel for ABC, wrote: "The Order will result in widespread discrimination against the many construction workers who do not belong to unions, and denies their right to Freedom of Associa-

tion and Equal Protection. The Order will cause money to be unfairly taken from such workers and funneled into under-funded union pension plans, from which the workers can receive no benefits. The Order will increase costs to the federal taxpayers by arbitrarily limiting competition for federal construction work."

Brett McMahon, an ABC representative, warns that fallout from PLAs could be particularly acute in the teeth of a recession.

"Decades of studies have shown that PLAs increase the cost of construction," said McMahon, who is also vice-president of Miller and Long, a Maryland-based concrete construction company. That's a bad idea during good economic times, but it's utterly foolish when we are already financially upside-down as a nation. We are financing these projects with debt that is underwritten by taxpayers — many of whom are not going to be able to work on these projects without paying union dues."

Looking ahead in 2011, the same free market advocacy groups successfully blocked costly legislation such as "card check" from becoming a reality must now turn their attention to administrative activity that circumvents congressional approval.

Other Views

ObamaCare Repeal Could Save \$2.6 Trillion

By ROBERT ROMANO

Even if some of the most conservative estimates of participation in ObamaCare prove to be correct in the next 15 years, the legislation will still mean expenditures of about \$102.8 billion every year once fully implemented, or about \$1 trillion over ten years.

Why? Because, as supporters claim, the program will offer health coverage to about 32 million new people. 15.9 million new enrollees in Medicaid by 2019, as estimated by Kaiser Family Foundation, at an average federal cost of \$4,950 per individual, and which leaves another 16.1 million who would receive taxpayer-subsidized private insurance at let's say an average cost of \$1,500 per individual.

So, that's \$78.7 billion extra for Medicaid every year thereafter and \$24.1 billion for the insurance subsidies, or \$102.8 billion every year. If one factors the \$26.4 billion annual revenue projected by CBO through 2020 from excise taxes on higher-premium insurance plans and other changes, it still leaves an unfunded obligation of about \$76.4 billion a year, or \$764 billion over ten years when the program is into its full implementation.

It will most certainly cost more than that, because more than 32 million people will ultimately receive coverage. And the amount per individual will also increase annually as the costs of health care increase incrementally. Last week, we calculated that it could cost more than \$2 trillion over ten years once fully implemented. Senate Republicans have said it would cost \$2.5 trillion.

Even the CBO estimated that, starting in 2019, Medicaid and CHIP expansions will cost \$86 billion and the insurance subsidies would cost \$111 billion every year

thereafter. That's \$197 billion every year going forward, or a \$2 trillion ten-year price tag. But it would be even more than that. By 2030, these expanded coverage schemes will easily cost \$350 billion annually, or ten percent of the current budget.

It is partially in this context, then, that the bizarre claims by the Congressional Budget Office and the Obama Administration that repealing ObamaCare would somehow "cost" \$230 billion must be analyzed. How can not increasing the taxpayer-financed health care rolls cost anything?

CBO says that through 2019, the health care expansion would have cost \$780 billion, but that would have been offset by cutting Medicare by \$500 billion under the assumption that waste, fraud and abuse were eliminated.

It's hard to figure what to make out of that. Either, a thousand-page piece of legislation, and not prudent enforcement of laws already in existence is what is required to eliminate Medicare fraud. Or, the CBO was guaranteeing that Medicare fraud would be prevented to the tune of \$50 billion a year. Which, after a year of being implemented, we're still awaiting the headline of prosecutions totaling \$50 billion in restitution being paid back to the program. The most one can see is an article from Time stating that the Obama Administration is spending \$1.7 billion to find Medicare fraud.

The most likely explanation is that CBO is saying that Medicare was going to be cut regardless of whether "waste, fraud, and abuse" was ever found. Else, how could they score it? That would put the lie to Barack Obama's claim at a joint session of Congress when he said on September 9th, 2009, "The only thing this plan would eliminate is the hundreds of billions of dollars in waste and fraud".

Of course, the mechanism for the reduction of Medicare spending was the arbitrary entity, the Independent Payments Advisory Panel (i.e. the death panel).

Leaving that aside, CBO also says \$410 billion of excise taxes, penalties, and an increase in Medicare payroll taxes would not be collected. Also, \$500 billion of scheduled cuts to Medicare would not take place. So, \$910 billion minus a net cost of \$780 billion, according to CBO, and then we're at \$130 billion "added" to the deficit through 2019.

Then, CBO added another two years to the estimate through 2021 (even though their original estimate only went through 2019), saying another \$80 to \$90 billion would be added to the deficit. And presto! Repealing ObamaCare, says CBO, would "cost" \$230 billion.

House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan says the CBO is wrong. "Misleading arguments about its true deficit impact exclude the \$115 billion needed to implement the law and over \$500 billion in double-counting Social Security payroll taxes, CLASS Act premiums, and Medicare reductions," he said in a statement. The CBO analysis also did not include so-called "doc-fix," a cut in Medicare payments to physicians.

House Republicans have released a report documenting the real costs of ObamaCare at \$2.6 trillion upon full implementation and \$701 billion in new debt in its first ten years alone. "The law was written to measure 10 years of tax increases to offset 6 years of new spending. There is no question that the creation of a trillion-dollar open-ended entitlement is a fiscal train wreck," Ryan said. Which is why it must be repealed.

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suggestion and with the aid of Sheriff Lee Howard and other local officials, was marvelous, said Captain T. P. Collins, commanding. The accident occurred probably at 9:10. By 10:30 o'clock the guard had been assembled and were patrolling the area, and the crowd, although horrified and morbidly curious following the spectacular accident, were cooperative and helpful in every way. At no time was there any unruliness or panic or hesitancy in obeying orders of the guard.

Pays Boys a Compliment

Cooperation, good common sense, and promptness of the Floydada unit of the Texas State guard, came in for praise here Tuesday from Major Jack Payne who was in Floydada from South Plains Army Air field. He expressed to Guard members appreciation of the commendable way in which the guard company functioned. It was a bad night out but the army did not take over until the early morning of Monday the guard members handling the situation in weather that was below freezing and with a stiff wind blowing. Lt. Harry Morckel said that after he ordered the call sounded for the guard to assemble at the armory he met men in uniform and ready for service as he reached the armory himself.

LADY WINDS

21-16 at the half. Floydada would stretch that lead to ten at the end of the 3rd 34-24. Floydada's defense came up with 13 steals and many forced turnovers by their pressure. The Lady Winds outscored the Lady Wildcats 15-11 in the fourth quarter for the 14 point win. Leading the way for the Lady Winds was Whitley Beedy 16 points and 7 rebounds, Avery Miller 8 points and 6 rebounds, Sarah Sanders 7 points and 9 rebounds, Breann Gooch 5 points and 6 assists, Sarah Jo Miller 5 points and 5 steals, Brityn Helms 4 points, Emily Hall 2 points, and Nikki Seymour 2 points. The defensive pressure was a big key to the victory. Floydada is now 16-2 on the year and 4-0 in district.

City, EDC discuss increasing funds

By Sara Sisemore
Correspondent

During the Dec. 16, 2010, regular meeting, the Floydada City Council was asked to consider absorbing some of the Floydada Economic Development Corporation's annual expenses in order to help further the impact made by the EDC.

Justin Jaworski, Executive Director for the Floydada EDC, was present to request the City's assistance with a few of the EDC's expenses.

Jaworski said, "We've looked at the things that we do as an organization and, considering what our budget is, I'm really pleased with what we are accomplishing. Other communities we're in competition with have a budget that's twice the size of ours." Jaworski asked for the council to consider absorbing three current EDC expenses: utilities currently provided by the City, annual audit expenses, and insurance. "If you total those numbers together, it only comes to \$3,600 which doesn't

sound like much, but for a budget that is less than \$80,000 a year it goes a long way," Jaworski stated. He finished by saying, "With wind energy coming in, this would open us up to have a little bit more exposure."

There was no motion from the council concerning the EDC's request.

The council considered a request for a Special Use Permit at 800 W. Georgia for a child-care center. On Jan. 18 the council will hold a public hearing to learn what the community has to say concerning this request.

According to Floydada Police Sgt. Reuben Ramon, this care center would care for no more than 12 children. Additionally, he told the council it is the owner's goal to have her fence replaced, and that because of her circle driveways, loading and unloading the children shouldn't be a safety issue. Sgt. Ramon said the owner - who is already licensed with the state - currently works for a care center in Plainview, but is attempting to open her own facility in Floydada.

City Manager Gary Brown recommended to the council to approve Southwestern Public Service Company's request to deny their proposed rate increase so SPSC can go back to the drawing board to get the same rate across the board.

He commented, "We would love to see the 17 percent rate increase go in, because it would allow Floydada Power & Light to increase [their rates] but still stay competitive." The council unanimously agreed to deny SPSC's rate increase proposal.

Brown reminded the council the auditors told the City last year they needed to be amending the budget to make the actual expenses match. According to Brown, almost every line item was adjusted in order to bring it into the standards set by the auditors.

The council unanimously adopted the amended budget for fiscal year 2009-2010.

Stanley Collier was present to ask the council concerning the possibility of getting a grant for a city

park or lake for fishing, picnicking, walking or running for use by the community and surrounding cities. Mayor Gilliland said the council would check into the possibility of getting a grant from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Commission. Councilman Sam Green mentioned that it would probably be best to dig a pond and line it rather than try to keep any current ponds filled. No additional action was taken.

Ordinance No. 10-14 establishing regulations for the sale of alcohol within the City of Floydada was again on the agenda to be discussed, but the council decided to table the discussion until the councilperson who requested it be discussed again is present.

The council unanimously approved a motion to authorize Mayor Bob Gilliland to sign any and all settlement documents for the water system improvements with Classic Protective Coatings, Inc. and to release the final payment of \$19,255 for work completed.

Combs releases Biennial Revenue Estimate

AUSTIN - Monday, Texas Comptroller Susan Combs released the state's Biennial Revenue Estimate showing the state is projected to have \$72.2 billion available for general-purpose spending during the 2012-13 biennium.

"The recent recession has had its impact on the state revenue outlook as major revenue sources such as the sales tax generated less money in the last couple of years," Combs said.

"While we have turned the corner to an economic recovery, the revenue estimate I'm releasing today is for moderate growth."

The state's general revenue collections from sources such as taxes, fees and other income is estimated to be \$77.3 billion for the 2012-13 biennium, of which more than \$800 million would be set aside as part of future transfers to the Rainy Day Fund, leaving approximately \$76.5 billion in net general revenue. Offsetting that revenue is a projected negative \$4.3 billion ending balance for the current biennium, leaving the Legislature the estimated \$72.2 billion for general purpose spending for the next biennium.

Lawmakers will address reducing the negative

ending balance for the current biennium when they convene for the legislative session.

Economic growth in the state is projected to reflect a growing population and revival of business activity. The Texas economy, in inflation-adjusted terms, is projected to increase by 2.6 percent in fiscal 2011 compared to the previous year, and by 2.8 percent in fiscal 2012 and 3.4 percent in fiscal 2013.

Texas had lost about 431,300 jobs from the time of the state's employment peak in the summer of 2008 to the bottoming of employment in the fall of 2009. But since then, the state has added back more than 220,000 jobs, and is on track to gain back all lost jobs by the second half of fiscal 2012.

The state's largest tax revenue source is the sales tax, which accounts for more than half the state's general revenue. It is expected to generate approximately \$42.9 billion in the 2012-13 biennium, an increase of about \$3 billion, or 8 percent, from the current biennium.

Among other large tax revenue sources, the motor vehicle sales tax is expected to generate about \$5.8 billion in 2012-13, an 8.8 percent increase from the current biennium. Natural gas

production tax revenue is expected to increase by more than 10 percent to \$1.5 billion the next biennium.

The oil production tax is projected to generate about \$1.9 billion, about a 4 percent decline. The state's total franchise tax revenue is estimated at \$8.8 billion for 2012-13, about an 11 percent increase.

"The state's economy is growing, but we have not yet reached a stage of sustained and broad-based robust growth," Combs said. "I would urge lawmakers to continue their historical practice of careful budget deliberations."

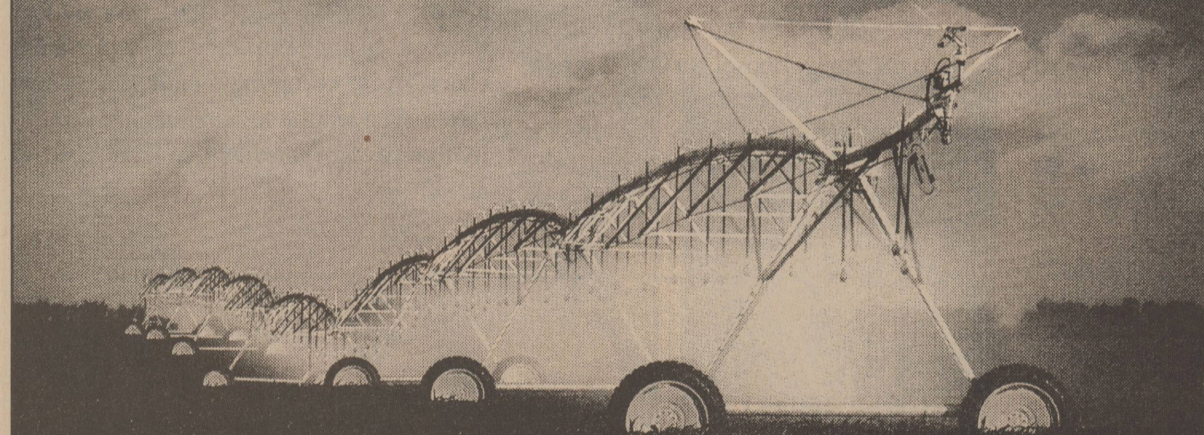
At the end of the current biennium, the state's Rainy Day Fund will have a balance of about \$8.2 billion. At the end of the 2012-13 biennium the balance would be approximately \$9.4 billion, absent any appropriation that might be made by the 82nd Legislature.

State revenue for all purposes is estimated at \$177.8 billion for the biennium, which would include approximately \$100.5 billion in federal receipts and other income.

The full Biennial Revenue Estimate is available on the Comptroller's Web site at www.window.state.tx.us/taxbud/bre2012.

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Commissioners hold first meeting of 2011

By Homer Marquez

Floyd County Commissioners convened this past Monday for the first court meeting of 2011. In this month's meeting, commissioners discussed several key agenda items, including farm contracts, county equipment and FEMA reimbursements.

The Court also welcomed newly appointed Precinct 4 County Commissioner, Amado Morales, to his first commissioner meeting. After being elected this past November, Amado Morales was sworn in on Saturday, Jan. 1st, taking the place of former Commissioner Jon Jones.

Starting off the meeting, the commissioners opened up discussions with a motion to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda consisted of bill payments, monthly reports from the county and district clerks as well as from the treasurer; it also included the approval of past meeting minutes, and the appointment of sheriff deputy Raynard Macha, and James Meador. Other consent agenda items were a renewal to the county's annual membership to Allied Compliance Services and a bond for Commissioner Amado Morales. The motion to accept the consent agenda would be passed unanimously with the exception of a bill that was under review by Commissioner Nathan Johnston.

Following the approval of the consent agenda, the Court unanimously voted to award farm contracts to Marty Covington Partnership, Jamie Hale, C.L. Gilly and to Brett Marble.

In a monthly report, Melissa Long with Texas Agrilife updated the Court with the current happenings of their program. Melissa Long explained that 4-H'ers were currently preparing and setting up for this week's Floyd County Livestock Show. There will be around 29 4H'ers that will participate in the County Show this Saturday. Other projects that will be keeping the 4-H'ers busy this year will include shooting sports as well as photography and fashion design classes and competitions. Long also wanted to remind everyone about the Caprock Crops Conference on Jan.25 at

the Unity Center in Muncy. Addressing health issues, AgriLife announced their future plans for Diabetes and Breast Cancer programs.

Following the report, James Hale addressed the Court with his concerns over the possible tardiness of a case filed to the sheriff's office. According to his complaint, Hale explained to the Court that he had filed a crime report with the sheriff's office concerning property valued at \$1,300 being stolen from his farm land located several miles west of Floydada. Hale explained to the court the situation after a meeting with County Attorney Lex Herrington, "We had some items that were stolen ... I tried for several months to work it out with the person that stole them, he admitted that he took them and everything, but we could not work anything out. Talked to Lex over at the sheriff's department, to see if they could help me ... nothing was accomplished on that. Lex finally just said 'we'll get Cory to work the case, and we'll get an investigator' ... and Lex said basically he'll work it to get the report turned in to him and in two days he'll have a warrant for the person. Well ... its been turned in for 6 months ..."

Hale explained that he had heard every excuse on why the case had not been approached and was intrigued for the reason why the case had still not been followed through by the county attorney. Hale expressed his confidence in the case and claimed there was some unknown reason on why the County Attorney had not pursued the case. At this time, Hale requested that the commissioners' court hire a special prosecutor. At that time, County Judge Penny Golightly explained that legally the commissioners Court had no authority to take such action, because the attorney was an elected official. After a short discussion, Commissioner Morris explained to Hale that the only influence the Court had over an elected official was the budget, and legally their hands were tied, but Commissioner Morris did assure Hale that he would personally try to talk with Attorney Herrington to see the rest of the situation; Hale then expressed his gratitude and went on his way.

In the next agenda item, Douglas Campbell with TxDOT told the Court that the county would be allowed 1,619 tons of Recycled Asphalt or R.A.P for the up-coming year.

Following the announcement, Dean Watson and David Watson presented the Court with road repair estimates that they had acquired from private contractors. Last month, Watson approached the court and expressed that the bill he had received from the County over road work that had been done on CR 290 was too high; he requested that the Court allow him time to investigate and acquire estimates from contractors, the Court allowed it. The work in question was the spreading of caliche on CR 290 making it more accessible. This Monday, Dean and David Watson returned with the estimates, and after reviewing the estimates from private contractors, Watson felt that the \$10,660 bill that the county had charged him was too high and that estimators had put a price tag of \$5,300 on the work. Feeling that he shouldn't have to pay for fixing the road, he estimated that it had cost the county around \$1,700 for all the labor and transportation from the caliche pit to the center of the road. Watson then requested that the bill be lowered to the estimated price. Watson then expressed that he really didn't understand why he was even being charged, claiming that while he was investigating he could not find any other instance where someone had been charged for the same type of work he had contracted the county to do.

The Court then responded by saying that any accounts of free work that may have been done before the current administration was in place and could not answer for them, the Court also said the county's policy did not charge for the spreading of the materials if the materials were provided but did charge for the transportation of loads. After reviewing the estimate, the commissioners expressed they had never encountered such low estimates before. In the estimate, cost for the transportation of the materials was about \$35 a load, but the Commissioners contested that they had never seen a transportation cost lower

then \$75 a load. And with the amount of loads moved in the project the county felt the price was more than fair, but Watson still disputed. Nevertheless, the commissioners pointed out that a farm contract had been signed between Watson and then Commissioner Jon Jones and felt that any investigation or estimates should have been done before Watson had signed the contract. Watson stated that he really didn't understand the contract and signed it only for the fear of Commissioner Jones moving on to another project. The Court expressed that the \$600 payment already made to the bill was Watson's understanding of the contract and proved that at some point Watson was fine with the price. Newly appointed Commissioner Morales then made a motion to lower the bill to more than half of the bill, Watson disagreed claiming it was still too high, but the motion died for the lack of a second. Not being able to find a compromise the Court decided to continue with the current action.

Moving along, the Court unanimously voted to extinguish the position of a Finance and Budget Clerk and moved to instead hire an assistant for the treasurer. Afterwards the Court discussed the use of County equipment during fire emergency.

In order to follow protocol, the Court decided that in any case of a fire emergency, use of county equipment on private property must first be approved by the current county judge; this will in no way change the current policy of reporting fires.

Closing the meeting, the commissioners discussed the first payments of FEMA reimbursements. After heavy damaging rains ravaged county roads last July, FEMA declared Floyd County a disaster area. Since then the county has spent months filling out paper work for government assistance, this past week the first reimbursements from FEMA arrived. According to the Treasurer; Precinct 1 received \$77,036 in assistance, Precinct 2 received \$35,334, and Precinct 4 received \$15,720. Precinct 3 is currently still waiting for his permit to be processed.



Photo by Homer Marquez

City of Lockney workers, Dickey McCarty and Abel Luna prepare for the renovation of Lockney's Main Street sidewalks; after being awarded a sidewalk renovation grant last year, the city is now ready to start the beginning stages of the renovation. (Above) McCarty and Luna carefully cut a line which separates the concrete from the entries of the businesses along the sidewalk; this will help to protect the store fronts while the sidewalk is being pulled up. The grant will allow for the sidewalk along the east side of Main Street to be renovated, as well as several other locations around the city.

USDA safeguards prove successful in administration of farm programs

(COLLEGE STATION, TX), Jan. 7, 2011- Juan M. Garcia, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Texas today used the release of a final rule that targets fraud and abuse of farm programs to join FSA Administrator Jonathan Coppess and state again his unequivocal commitment to accuracy. At issue has been the dispersal of payments to agricultural producers after an individual's death, a situation that is covered in the final rule published in the Federal Register on Dec. 28, 2010.

"It is common and legally required for USDA to pay estates of producers who die, because heirs have legal rights to receive program payments earned during the farmer's lifetime," said Garcia. "Generally, error rates have been small, but an audit in 2007 highlighted areas for improvement. Since then, we at FSA have worked hard to make procedural improvements that have further reduced error rates and are saving taxpayers significantly. We are codifying those improvements with this final regulation."

The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) audit in 2007 found that the vast majority of farm pay-

ments were made properly. Only two percent of payments to estates of deceased farmers were paid when the estate was not entitled to payment. Still, this error rate prompted USDA to implement additional safeguards and to strengthen data reconciliation procedures to ensure that payments made on behalf of deceased persons were not distributed incorrectly. As a result, in 2008, errors dropped to .008 percent, and in 2009, they fell even further to .007 percent.

Each quarter (double the amount of time required by the law); USDA matches individuals who receive FSA program payments with data provided by the Social Security Administration (SSA) to determine if any program recipient is deceased.

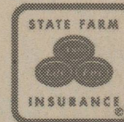
Under the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment Program, counter-cyclical payments may be legally issued up to two years and three months after program enrollment. The same taxpayer identification number must be used for the entire program payment period to properly track the issuance of program benefits.

Deceased individual listings are investigated through local FSA county offices. FSA

would only pay a farmer after death when the farmer applied for the benefit before death and is eligible to receive the benefit, but died before the payment was received. These cases account for payments made by FSA to deceased individuals.

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NOTICE OF LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY CAPROCK HOSPITAL DISTRICT BY SEALED BIDS
The Caprock Hospital District will lease by sealed bids the property know as Cogdell Clinic, which is located at 901 W. Crockett Street, Floydada, Texas 79235. A description of such property is described on Exhibit "1" together with all improvements thereon, and together with the office furniture and medical equipment, if any, located therein.
Date the Sealed Bids will be Opened: February 3, 2011
Time the Sealed Bids will be Opened: 7:00 a.m.
Place the Sealed Bids will be Opened:
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The property will be leased to the highest bidder subject to Caprock Hospital District's reservation to reject any and all bids. If your bid is accepted, you will be required to sign the Lease Agreement.
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CAPROCK HOSPITAL DISTRICT
By: Eric Smith, Chairman 1-13c

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meeting the board decided they would go outside of the district to hire an interim superintendent. As of that time, they were considering three different individuals, all retired superintendents from the area (Hale Center, Jayton and Borger) whom the board would interview for the interim position after the Christmas holidays. The interim superintendent, according to Rainwater, would probably be in place until the end of this contract period – which is July – at which time the board hopes to have hired a new full-time superintendent. Rainwater said after finding an interim superintendent the board would enter into a long process to hire a full-time superintendent.

Second grader Andrew Gonzales, junior high student Kimberly Pacheco, and senior A.J. Lopez were honored as December students of the month. Educator of the month was Rhoda Morales, a 5th grade reading teacher and the elementary school campus reading coach. Honored as custodian of the month was Ricky Coronado.

Miller announced the attendance and training hours for each board member. According to the new guidelines, these only have to be announced once a year. Each new board member is required to have 10 hours of training, while sitting members must have 8 hours. Castillo had 5.5 hours, being short 2.5 hours; Dean had 18 hours, exceeding the requirement by 9 hours;

Lucke had 14.75 hours, exceeding the requirement by 6.75 hours; Miller had 7.5 hours, being short a half hour; Charles Tyer had 15.75 hours, exceeding the requirement by 4.75 hours; John Woelfel had 7 hours, being short 3 hours; and Freddie Morren had 22.5 hours, exceeding the requirement by 14.5 hours.

In discussion concerning the school board having reserved seats for football, Morren commented that he has noticed over the past year or two the reserved seat section is not being saved for those who have purchased the reserved seating. He said he thinks the reserved seating either needs to have personnel supervising the area to keep out people who don't purchase reserved seating or the district simply needs to do away with reserved seating in the stands.

Lucke said he didn't have a problem with reducing the number of reserved seats while increasing the price, but he didn't think the district should completely get rid of them.

Castillo asked how Morren would suggest enforcing the reserved seating if it was not done away with. He suggested it be roped off and only those with a ticket be allowed in the roped off area. Dean said he was not in favor of changing it at this stage.

Morren made a motion to get rid of the reserved seating. There was no second, so his motion died. No action was taken.

According to Vaughn, there was much positive

feedback from A.B. Duncan's open house that was held the beginning of December. Amongst many others present, there was an architect who came to see what the district had done. According to Vaughn, this architect is working on a design for a large district up in the Texas Panhandle and told Vaughn he is going to have to go back to the drawing board to make sure some of these things he saw at A.B. Duncan are included in this new design in order to meet the needs of the students. Floydada was the first to host this kind of open house in the state.

The board approved a motion to authorize the purchase of technology equipment which will finish supplying enough laptops for the entire 6th grade which a grant won't cover. This purchase of just under \$30,000 will buy the district 35 more laptops.

Lucke was unanimously appointed to sit on the Floyd County Appraisal District Board for the 2011-2012 term after a motion by Castillo and a second from Woelfel.

The board unanimously approved renewing their agreement with the West Texas Food Service Cooperative.

Vaughn announced the latest enrollment numbers: 432 at the elementary school, 197 at the Jr. High, and 230 at the High School, with 859 total eligible compared to last year's 843. He told the board, "Right now our enrollment is holding – that's in our benefit."

SPC honors students named Honor List for fall 2010

SouthPlainsCollegerecently recognized students achieving academic excellence by naming them to the President's and Dean's Honor Lists for the fall 2010 semester.

"Achieving such a high grade point average is a great accomplishment, and it is so very rewarding and exciting to see so many students accomplish this honor," said Darrell Grimes, vice president of academic affairs.

Students named to the

President's Honor List earned a 4.0 grade point average while being enrolled in at least 12 college credit hours.

Students named to the Dean's Honor List earned at least a 3.25 grade point average with no failing grades while carrying at least 12 credit hours.

Floydada and Lockney students named to the President's List were:

Leslie C. Broadway, Floydada; Dee D. Leatherman,

Floydada; Wendy D. Moralez, Lockney; Laura L. Morrison, Lockney.

Floydada and Lockney students named to the Dean's List were:

Carrol A. Chavez, Floydada; Alene M. Clifton, Floydada; Raymond L. Everett, Floydada; Karissa K. Jahay, Floydada; Maria C. Segura, Floydada; David K. Simmons, Floydada; Whitley B. Walker, Floydada; Vanessa Lara, Lockney.



HACKBERRY HAPPENINGS

BY CARLA MEADOR, MARKETING DIRECTOR

The second week of January brought a cold chill to the air. With very warm temperatures this winter, it takes some adjustment for the cold, 30 degree temperatures, and to actually have to wear a coat. But, never fear, the Residents at Hackberry are warm and toasty and very comfortable with the home-like atmosphere of our Center. And, of course, the comfort of our Residents is our number one priority.

January also brought sadness to the staff at Hackberry with the loss of three of our beloved Residents, Max Hill, Lucille Kerr and Bonnie Edmondson. Each one of these precious people will be missed greatly at Hackberry.

Mr. Hill came to live at Hackberry in August of 2009. "Max" was very loved by everyone here. He most always had a warm smile for everyone and spoke with love and generosity. He was born January 18, 1921, in Bowie, Texas, and passed from this life January 3, 2011. He was a proud WWII veteran, serving in the Army overseas. He married Janie Long December 14, 1946, in Dallas. He retired from Certified Laboratories as one of their top salesmen. He enjoyed traveling abroad with his wife and was an avid bowler and fisherman.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 55 years, two brothers and a sister. He is survived by his daughters, Margo Green and Ginger Wilbanks of Lubbock; a son, Ronald Hill of Murphey, a sister, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Kerr came to live at Hackberry in June of 2009. Lucille was a sweet and beautiful lady and was adored by everyone here. She loved to sing and would sometimes sing for hours. She was born October 2, 1922, in Roaring Springs. She passed away January 8, 2011. Lucille graduated from Texas Tech University in Food and Nutrition. She and her husband, Roy Kerr, owned and operated the Colonial Kitchen Restaurant in the 60's and 70's. She was known for her cooking, especially her Mexican Food. In 1977, with their son Phil, Roy and Lucille established Kerr Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning. The business is still owned and operated. She was a Baptist and was an active church member. She felt that her greatest achievement in life was calling on the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and asking Him to come into her life and live through her.

Mrs. Kerr is survived

by one son, Phil and wife Carol of Afton; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two sisters.

Mrs. Edmondson came to live at Hackberry in July of 2008. Ms. Bonnie, as she was referred to by all those who loved her at Hackberry, was a very special lady. Bonnie was born in TeePee Flat, near Roaring Springs. She graduated from Roaring Springs High School and lived in Motley County most of her life. She married Howard Edmondson in 1939 and she and her husband owned and operated a service station in Matador for many years. Before coming to live at Hackberry, Bonnie was very active in the Motley County Arts and Crafts Club and the Methodist Church.

Mrs. Edmondson was preceded in death by her husband in 1996, and her son, Tom, in 2006. She is survived by one granddaughter, Kristen Haverland of Dallas; two great-grandsons and one great-granddaughter.

The staff and Residents of Hackberry will miss these three special people very much. Our sympathy and prayers are extended to their families.

SR. HEALTH TIPS

Hoarding: From Cluttered to Clinical

It's human nature to collect and save possessions we care about and use. But the mark of a person with a true hoarding disorder is the unchecked collection of possessions. This is accompanied by great difficulty discarding or letting go of these items, even articles of little or no apparent value, such as old magazines worn-out clothes and even expired foodstuffs.

Many people who hoard have an extreme sentimental attachment to such items or hold the notion that they might need these things at a later date. Some report difficulty in parting with possessions because of memories they associate with the objects. Some hoarders even collect large numbers of live animals, living with literally dozens of cats, for example.

Eventually, many people who hoard find that their behavior causes living spaces in the home to become exceptionally disordered; the mess often disrupts normal activities, such as using the stove for cooking or the kitchen table for eating, sitting on the sofa, or getting into bed. People who hoard – as well as people living with them – often find the level of clutter in the home distressing, according to Jack Samuels, Ph.D., a

psychologist specializing in personality disorders and an assistant professor at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Hoarders tend to lack awareness of the severity of their behavior. In one study, published in the journal Health and Social Work, elder service caseworkers reported that 85 percent of their hoarding clients didn't acknowledge the irrationality of their behavior, even though the majority of clients had underlying cognitive deficits, such as dementia. And many who hoard become angry and defensive when their overzealous collecting is criticized.

Knowing when a friend or relative crosses the line from pack rat to compulsive hoarder isn't always clear. "Characterizing hoarding is more complicated than diagnosing a disease such as hypertension, where the diagnosis is based on a simple number. Severity and symptoms of hoarding are different for everyone," says Dr. Samuels, who notes that if areas of the home, such as the bedroom or kitchen, are no longer usable for their original purpose, it's probably time to seek help.

What's behind hoarding? Hoarders are likely to display symptoms of anxiety, depression, and/or social phobia. But are these conditions what drive them to hoard? Traditionally, hoarding has been classified as a symptom of obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD). This anxiety disorder is marked by frequent, intrusive thoughts and repetitive behaviors – such as endlessly checking that the stove is off.

As many as 30 percent of those with OCD show signs of hoarding behavior. But, increasingly, studies show that collecting various items is the only symptom hoarders share with OCD sufferers. For instance, hoarders don't engage in compulsive rituals involving counting or checking. Preliminary brain imaging studies also show that different paths of the brain are at work in OCD than in hoarding, suggesting that it is a distinct disorder, separate from OCD.

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South Plains College to host spring 2011 registration this week

South Plains College will host spring 2011 registration in Levelland, Byron Martin Advance Technology Center, Plainview Center and Reese Center campus locations.

Spring classes begin Jan. 18.

SPC Plainview Center, located at 1920 W. 24th St., will offer spring registration from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday (Jan. 11) in the Main Office.

The Levelland campus will offer registration from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday

(Jan. 12) in the Technology Center.

Registration at the Reese Center for Reese and Byron Martin ATC classes will be from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday (Jan. 13). Registration will be in SPC Building 8.

Late registration on all campuses will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 18-19. A late fee of \$15 will be charged. The add/drop fee is \$5. On the Levelland, Byron Martin ATC and Reese campuses, students should

report to the Counseling Center. On the Plainview campus, students must report to the Main Office. On-line late registration is available Jan. 18-19 for returning and new students who have been accepted for admission may register through MySPC.

All students must bring the following items to registration: a trial schedule, pen or pencil, a valid Texas driver's license, vehicle registration information and form of payment for tuition and fees.

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