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County hires attorney pro-tem to replace County Attorney in Alpha-Tex trial

By Homer Marquez

After it became official that County Attorney Lex Herrington had recused himself from participating in the Alpha-Tex dog trial; Floyd County Commissioner's have unanimously voted to hire Arlington Attorney Don Feare as the acting Attorney Pro-Tem for the Alpha-Tex case.

After being informed that the County would have to search for a replacement attorney on their own, it was Justice of the Peace Tali Jackson responsibility to find an adequate attorney to handle the case.

In her search, Judge Jackson told the Commissioner's Court that many attorneys did not want to take the case, either because the attorney

was not familiar with these types of animal cases or because of the trial's high publicity.

Eventually, Judge Jackson would be contacted by Arlington Attorney Don Feare. Mr. Feare described himself as having lots of experience with animal cases in the past and was proficient with animal laws as well as was very knowledgeable in the civil side of these types of cases.

Floyd County Sheriff, Paul Raissez also added that about 85 percent of Mr. Feare's practice dealt with animal cruelty law.

The cost for Mr. Feare's services will be around \$250 an hour, which Judge Jackson thought was pretty reasonable.

In addition, the County will have to pay for Mr. Feare travel from Arlington to Floydada.

The exact route on how the County will pay for Mr. Feare services is still up in the air; however Commissioner Lindan Morris added "We might have more discussion on that, but we'll get it paid for."

After a brief discussion, Floyd County Commissioners would unanimously approve the hiring of Mr. Feare as Attorney Pro-Tem.

"My opinion, I'm for going with the best guy we can get," commented Commissioner Mike Anderson.

As of right now, no date has been set for the Alpha-Tex jury trial.

Brown promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Air Force



Jason Brown, son of Gary and Charlene Brown of Floydada, Texas, was recently promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Air Force. The promotional ceremony was held in Salt Lake City, Utah on Saturday, October 22, 2011.

Lieutenant Colonel Jason C. Brown has been a part of the Air Force since 1993. Lt. Col Brown was born in 1969 in Fredericksburg, Texas. He spent several years in Floydada, Texas, graduating from Floydada High School in 1988.

Lt. Col Brown completed higher education and the Reserve Officer Training Core Program (ROTC) at Texas Tech University in 1993. Following completion of his bachelor's degree,

Lt. Col Brown settled into an Air Force career with his first duty station at the 917th Air Refueling Squadron in Dyess AFB, TX. Lt. Col Brown was further stationed at the 617th Munitions Support Squadron, Klieene Brogel AB, Belgium, before being given the opportunity to become an Air Battle Manager.

Lt. Col Brown's military career brought him to Utah in 1998 when he was first stationed at the 729th Air Control Squadron, and later at the 299th Range Control Squadron. He joined the 109th Air Control Squadron in April 2008.

During his time in the military Lt. Col Brown has been deployed in support of numerous worldwide contingencies, to include

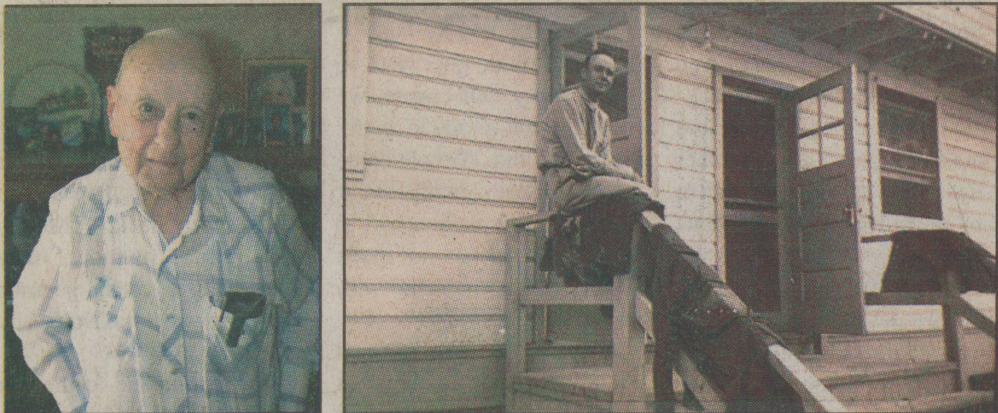
Operation Southern Watch during three different time frames, Operation Noble Eagle, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. During 2010 he deployed with the 109th Air Control Squadron in support on Operation Enduring Freedom.

Lt. Col Brown's effective dates of promotion were: Lieutenant Colonel - October 2011; Major - October 2004; Captain - July 1997; 1st Lieutenant - July 1995; 2nd Lieutenant - September 1993.

Lt. Col Brown is currently stationed at Hill Air Force Base in Odgen, Utah. He is married to Stephanie Brown and they have a daughter, Sydnee.

After the ceremony, Gary, Charlene and other family members fed 125 members of Jason's squadron a Texas style barbeque lunch.

Veteran Spotlight: Francis Gunter



The Floyd County Hesperian Beacon has teamed up with local veteran organizations to bring you a continual monthly spotlight of Floyd County Veterans. This month we will spotlight, Mr. Francis Gunter who was an Aviation Engineer and Cook in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

By Homer Marquez

The price of our Nation's freedom has come at a heavy cost; and it has been the bravery and sacrifices of our armed forces that has contributed a great deal to the birth and survival of our great Nation. It is for this reason that it is imperative that we honor our Nation's veterans for their crucial role in United States history.

One way to pay tribute to these fine men and women is to bring them into the deserving spotlight and honor their journey. To accomplish

this, the Floyd County Hesperian Beacon has teamed up with local veteran organizations to bring you a continual monthly spotlight of Floyd County Veterans.

The first series in this tribute will honor those Floyd County citizens who fought bravely in World War II.

Our inaugural feature will spotlight Floydada resident Francis Gunter, who was an Aviation Engineer and Cook in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

During his service, Mr. Gunter witnessed and

participated in one of the most crucial points in the Allied Forces' fight with Japanese Forces; the retaking of the Philippines Islands.

After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Japanese Forces launched an attack on U.S. Military bases on the Philippine Islands. Japan would eventually overtake the Philippines; however before the U.S. evacuation, U.S. General Douglas MacArthur vowed to return to the islands.

Prior to the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Mr. Francis Gunter was drafted into the Army on June 13, 1941. Living in Roaring Spring at the time, Gunter headed for

Floydada Senior Citizen Center Needs Your Support

By Jimmie Lou Stewart

The Floydada Senior Citizen Center is struggling to keep open. Due to so many of our members being ill, having to go to retirement homes, losing members due to death or other problems seniors have, attendance has been dropped dramatically in the past few months.

We must maintain an

attendance set by the South Plains Association of Governments or we are subject to being closed down. We are not maintaining that goal at this time.

The Board of Directors wants to thank our regular attending members and encourage everyone who can to come whenever it is

possible. We also need new members.

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Floydada's "Christmas on the Square" planned for December 8th

By Paulette Robison

The Floydada Chamber of Commerce is making plans for "Christmas on the Square." It will be held Thursday, December 8th.

All the good little boys and girls can look forward to the arrival of Santa Claus at 5:30 p.m. We will be having

a "Live Nativity" and lots of merry musical entertainment at the pavilion.

Also come play at the bouncy house and ride the train and warm up with some hot chocolate and try a turkey leg. You can have your picture taken with Santa for \$1.00 and enjoy the

festivities surrounding the Lighting of the Community Christmas Tree.

If you would like to donate an ornament for the tree, please bring your decorations and we will get them on the tree.

We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Covingtons to benefit from the First United Methodist Church Bazaar

The First United Methodist Church of Floydada will hold its annual fall bazaar and Thanksgiving meal on Saturday, November 19th.

The country store will open at 10 a.m. and the traditional Thanksgiving meal will be-

gin serving at 11 a.m. Tickets for the meal are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. Take out meals are available by calling the church at 983-3706.

The handmade quilt donated by the Mike Carter Estate will be raffled off for \$5

a ticket. Both the meal tickets and the raffle tickets for the quilt may be purchased at the church office and are available the day of the bazaar.

All proceeds from the bazaar will benefit Dustin and Mallary Covington's mission to India.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

From the Lockney Beacon
March 26, 1978

'I CAN SAY, I ENJOYED EVERY DAY'

--ETHEL KNOX

By Felicia Applewhite

Ethel Knox thinks that anything can open if you stay in the grocery business long enough. She was in the business for 35 years, and she "learned a lot of things."

"One thing that I learned was that there are a lot of honest people in the world," she emphatically states.

"I also learned that it's hard work, and I enjoyed it because I just love people," she continues.

Her introduction to the public was when she was five. This was before she had anything to do with selling groceries.

"My dad ran a livery stable. That was back in the days when salesmen were called "Drummers." Most of the drummers in those days didn't have a way of getting from one town to another. There were no railroads out to smaller towns where drummers had business with small mercantiles. They rented buggy and horses from our livery stable, and my dad's drivers move them to where they wanted to go.

"He also had surreys to rent out. He stayed in business until cars came into general use."

Ethel's father had moved his family from Whitt, Texas to go into the livery stable business in Eldorado, Oklahoma.

Ethel was born in Whitt, near Weatherford, Texas in 1898. It was in 1900 that the family move came.

Her public school education, from the first grade through graduation, was in Eldorado.

Her grocery experience began when she married Bob Knox in 1917. Bob was a rural mail carrier and a grocery store clerk.

It was also, the beginning of a number of moves over a period of years from one community to another because of varying circumstances. The first of these moves came three years after their marriage when they moved to Dimmitt, Texas in 1920.

Bob's brother, who was in the mercantile business, gave Bob a job there. The business was good and the job good, but there was much prairie land to be "broke out" for farming. A new interest in farming was being felt all over the Plains country. Walking sod plows were still

in use when Bob turned his interest to farming.

In less than a year after coming to Dimmitt, the Knoxes moved to a new six-room house and began farming on a section of land owned by a friend.

Other than the "few acres already broke out," Bob broke out the section walking behind a sod plow.

These were the fun years for the Knoxes. They went everywhere horseback, even to church. They went horseback to Dimmitt, 15 miles away.

Then some of the leaders in the community decided to meet together for singing. After the initial move, there was a surprising number of people, who loved singing, who joined in. The crowd and the enthusiasm grew until a union church resulted. Preachers from different denominations took turns coming to preach.

After having lived there for four years, they decided they had too much land to farm. They made a good wheat crop, gave up the farm and moved to Hereford in 1925. In 1926 their son, R. L. was born there.

Their next move came in 1927 when they moved to Lockney and "put in a produce business" in a building where Dr. Crum built his hospital.

We bought cream and eggs, and we bought car loads of turkeys in the fall. It was the only way people could buy the groceries they needed. That cream and egg money was family income.

The Knox family were active members of the Methodist church while they lived in Lockney.

They were four years in Lockney before they moved to Lone Star north of Lockney in 1931. They bought the Lone Star Grocery Store from Harve Thomas.

These were the bad days of the Great Depression. They were the "black Blizzard" dust storm days.

People still needed to sell cream and eggs to meet basic family needs. The Knox Grocery Store took the cream and eggs in exchange for ice and groceries. For several years, they had to haul cream and eggs away and haul groceries back to their store.

"I hauled loads and loads of cream and eggs and groceries, while we had the store at Lone Star. I could back a pickup

back to the warehouse, but I never did learn how to back a trailer. Too, I never did have an accident. I hauled many passengers. People didn't have cars, so someone usually wanted a ride to town," Ethel says.

The Knoxes bought everything that anybody had to sell to pay a grocery bill.

The store was a gathering place. Mothers or fathers would bring their children to the Lone Star school which was just across the road from the store. The fathers often spent the day waiting for school to be out to take the children home.

When irrigation of farm land began, some men would come to the store to stay until time to change the water. Some of them would stay even though the next water change came late at night.

Trustees of the school always met at the store "because we had living quarters in the back."

In one snow storm, fifteen people spent the night at the store. Most of these people were parents and their children who were unable to get home. Some came during the storm thinking they could get home before the storm worsened.

"I don't remember what we ate that night. I do remember that some of the crowd slept by the stove. We had butane heat. We were the first people in the community to have a butane tank. Before long, everybody had a butane tank.

"Bob and some of the people in the community who wanted to sing, organized a singing group. We had the auditorium full on Sunday nights. We organized Union Sunday School. We had over 100 in Sunday School. Then the Baptist members organized their own group and moved to their building. There was not enough of us left for a Union Sunday School.

"We put on plays and other programs and had more fun taking our programs to other communities.

Before salesmen began delivering bread to the store, Ethel had been making two trips a day to Plainview and one to Floydada at times. Most of the time she went once a day.

Cream was tested by using a few drops of acid in a sample of cream with just so many drops of water.

Each family usually had the same test time after time,

so it became a practice to just accept the last test and that saved re-testing each time cream was brought in.

Once when Ethel and Bob were away for a few days, a man took advantage of the testing practice by bringing cream every day—cream that was watered down. When the Knoxes returned, they had "gallons of poor-test cream."

Many times, they took a neighbor to the doctor or to the hospital. One time Bob had to go to the church to get the doctor after he had taken the patient to town.

One boy walked a mile and half with a bucket of cream that brought 35 cents. He was so surprised at the small amount his cream brought that the said, "I'll never be a farmer."

"There was one thing that we never did have to worry about in the cream-and-egg days of our grocery experience. We didn't have to worry about being robbed. We didn't have any money to be robbed—just cream and eggs."

During World War II sugar and gas stamps had to be dealt with.

"We would get just so much candy. Of course, we couldn't put it out in sight. We kept it hid. People came from Lockney with sugar stamps. Each person had to have a stamp for so much sugar. It was the same with gasoline," she says.

In one sense the store and the community functions at the school house were linked together in the thinking of the community.

For that reason Bob used to be the one to build the coal fires and light the gasoline lights at the school house when there was a community gathering there. No one knows when or where he got the job, but it came to be understood that he would do it.

"We had a peculiar kind of book keeping, I guess. Sever people wouldn't settle up except once or twice a year. When it came time to settle, sometimes we would owe them, and sometimes, they would owe us.

Once Bob took his pickup to Oklahoma and brought back the body of an elderly woman for burial in Lockney. We were called on for everything.

"Just after the war we decided to build a house, but we had a terrible time getting lumber. Finally, we had a call from Floydada that we could get lumber there. Then, there were so many other things we needed in building and couldn't get that we wished a thousand times that we hadn't started," she says.

There was no telephone until after Consumers oil business built at Lone Star. Before then, Knoxes often delivered telegrams and telephone messages.

"One of the most dangerous and frightening experiences was when the Consumer building caught fire. We thought the store was going with the fire. We were in the act of selling the store and the buyer had put up \$500.00 forfeit in the Consumer safe. It burned with the building."

"People climbed to the top of the store with wet-tow sack. Our furniture was moved into the road. It was the worst scared I ever was," she remembers.

The smoke and flames were seen "way off." The fire truck came from Lockney, but there was not enough water to fight a fire.

"After 18 years, we sold to Lloyd Reidhimer. At the end of that 18 years not a person owed us.

"We thought we would take a rest, but ended up buying a farm one mile north of the store where we built a house."

"Our next move was to a store north of Amarillo at Bivins or Masterson. Bob was the first postmaster there. Once, we wrote down a car license number when a man paid us by check. Through this license number, they were able to catch the man who was wanted in Dumas by officers."

Once someone came for gas "way in the night." Bob had to deliver it on the river quite a distance from the store. Ethel decided "then and there" that they had no need of being there.

That last move was back to Lockney, when the bought the Pont Darnell grocery store. While they were here, in 1961 Bob died.

During the last time in Lockney, the money safe was stolen and taken near South Plains. The door was beaten open and the bills on the inside were set fire. The Knoxes thought "we were ruined."

"People who knew that they owed us, paid. One man owed \$1,000, but paid. The thief was caught and sent to the pen.

"Finally, we just leased the store out for three years. At last, we sold the fixtures and sold the store.

"I can say, I enjoyed every day of it. We made so many good friends. Oh, Yes, it was work all right," she says.

Of course, I think people in Lockney are the best people in the world. I love my friends," she adds.

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To insure our readers receive their Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon before the Thanksgiving holiday and so our staff can enjoy Thanksgiving with their families we will have early deadlines for the Thanksgiving week

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OBITUARIES



DOROTHY BAILEY

Dorothy Maxine Gwinn Bailey, age 86, of Lockney, passed away on November 2, 2011. Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Friday, November 4, 2011 at the Lock-

ney Cemetery in Lockney. Arrangements were under the direction of the Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Lockney.

Dorothy was born on March 4, 1925 in Lincoln, Arkansas to Richard A. and Ola Mae (Long) Gwinn.

Dorothy loved going to church, quilting, and canning. Dorothy's house was the family headquarters for holiday celebrations.

She is preceded in death by her husband Guin Bailey; two brothers, Howard Gwinn and Edwin Gwinn; and two sons, James Bailey and Carl Bailey.

She is survived by a son, Glenn Bailey of Floydada; two daughters, Linda Bailey and Quinda Emert of Lockney, 14 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild; and a sister, Gloria Lee and her husband, Alvis of Spur.

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

THIS WEEK'S

VETERANS DAY SERVICE AND RECEPTION

There will be a Veterans Day Service and Reception held on Friday, November 11 at the Floydada High School Whirlwind Gym. The program will begin at 9 a.m. with the Wreath Ceremony at the Veteran's Memorial located at the Floyd County Courthouse beginning at 11 a.m.

COMMUNITY WIDE THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Community-Wide

Thanksgiving Service scheduled for November 13 has been CANCELLED. Each congregation is asked to take a special offering to give to our Spirit of Sharing (SOS).

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The First United Methodist Church in Floydada will observe its annual tribute to our veterans on Sunday, November 13th at the 11 a.m. service. The service will include patriotic hymns and songs, readings, the sermon

by Jeff Bertrand, and recognition of the veterans as well as members of the active military. Everyone is invited to attend this special church service.

SALVATION ARMY JACKET DONATIONS

Winter is coming and the Salvation Army of Lockney is asking for jacket donations of all sizes. Donations can be made at Lockney's Salvation Army Store on Locust. If no one is there donations can be made at 205 NE 4th in Lockney.

at 6 p.m. and exercise on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9:00 a.m.

Please keep the family of Dorothy Bailey in your prayers. She passed away this past week.

Thank You to all of you who have made memorial donations to the center in the memory of a loved one. We really appreciate your generosity; hope you all have a great week.

- Menu**
November 14-18
MONDAY Cheeseburgers
TUESDAY - Tacos
WEDNESDAY - Chicken Fried Steak
THURSDAY - Salmon
FRIDAY - Pork Chops

Lockney Senior Citizens Center News

By Renee Armstrong

Hello again from the Lockney Senior Citizens Center; we have the Friend to Friend Pink quilt on display here at the center. If you would like to come by to see it and purchase tickets I have them. All proceeds benefit Susan G. Komeen for the CURE.

Please mark your calendars, the Center will be closed November 24th and 25th for the Thanksgiving Holiday. A friendly reminder to all the members who eat at the center, please call the center by 9:30 if you wish to eat. To make sure there is enough food prepared.

Remember Pot Luck on Thursday night

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margaret Jones

Module trucks hauling cotton to the gin, trees shedding their beautiful coat of many colors, and now we have turned our clocks back one hour to "Fall Back" and welcome the longer nights of the season. Even though there are still 24 hours in the day, it takes my body a while to adjust to the change. It seems I go to bed later and want to get up earlier. The longer I live, the more interesting my life becomes; perhaps you can relate.

The numbers in attendance at the Center rise and fall. The overall average determines whether or not the doors remain open. It has been discussed about having a FUNDRAISER after the first of the year and a POT-LUCK SUPPER, with games, once a month. We look forward to our eating and visiting with us whenever you can.

I received a call from Margie Womack concerning the lap robes she is making for the care centers. She is in need of yarn (the large size) for this project. If you are interested please contact her. Thank you, Margie. This is a very worthwhile project.

It is good to see Francis Gunter out and about after his time spent in the Ralls Care Center. I visited with him in Lowe's grocery store a day or so ago, and he was back in his usual greeter position at First Baptist Church this past Sunday morning.

I received word that our friend from Lubbock, Sam Spence, has been in the hospital. Sam comes for a visit whenever he is in Floydada and is a joy to be around. We hope he improves quickly and comes back for a visit real soon.

Margarette Word is still

in rehab and is expected to have her surgery on November 15th. Let us continue to remember her in prayer and wish her a speedy recovery with complete healing.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK - You will never FIND time for anything. If you want time you must MAKE it.

- MENU**
Nov. 14 - Nov. 18
Monday - Pizza pie, Italian blend, corn, garlic bread, fruit
Tuesday - Chicken pot pie, salad, roll, cake w/ fruit
Wednesday - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, corn, roll, rocky road pudding
Thursday - Tacos, pinto beans, rice, cobbler
Friday - Lemon pepper chicken, mixed vegetables, mac & tomatoes, roll, apple crisp

It is such a blessing to live in such a wonderful, caring community. We have felt your many prayers and appreciate all your support for our family through Winfield's accident.

A special thank you goes to the Floydada EMS and the Floyd County Sheriff's Office. Also thank you to all who have donated blood in Winfield's name. We have seen God at work. It has been humbling watching the body of Christ in action.

God bless,
 Winfield, Patty, Bailey and Jianna Davenport

Floyd County Church Directory

AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Dennis Butler, Pastor
 Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.

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 Evening7:00 p.m.

CARR'S CHAPEL

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

West College & Third, Lockney
 Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
 Afternoon Worship ..1:30 p.m.
 Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST

Levi Sisemore, Minister
 Ivan Gomez, Minister
 Floydada
 Sunday Bible Study..9:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
 Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
 Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Tim Franks, Pastor
 Terry Simmons, Minister of Ed./Music
 Josh Burgett - Min. Students
 Sunday School9:15 a.m.
 Morning Worship10:30 a.m.
 Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
 Wed. Bible Study....6:30 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Lockney

Carl Moman, Pastor
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 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
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 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.
 Evening Service.....7:30 p.m.
 Tuesday.....8:00 p.m.
 Wed. Service7:30 p.m.

MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

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 Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
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Fosters take Animals to World's Largest, Purebred Livestock Expo

Foster Brothers Farms, Senee' Foster and SyAnn Foster, all of Lockney have entered livestock in the 38th annual North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE).

Foster Brothers Farms has entered four head of Simmental Chiangus in the Beef Division. Senee's Foster has entered two head of Sim Angus Chiangus and SyAnn Foster has entered five head of Simmental Chianina Chiangus in this livestock show.

The NAILE is recognized as the world's largest purebred livestock show with more than 23,000 entries and nearly \$700,000 in prizes and awards. Scheduled for November 5-18, the event takes place at the Kentucky Exposition Center, Louisville, Kentucky.

Purebred farms from nearly every state and Canada bring livestock to compete in one of ten expo divisions: dairy cattle, dairy goats, meat goats, beef cattle, quarter horses, draft horses, mules and donkeys, sheep, swine and llamas and alpacas. More than 200,00 American and foreign visitors attend the hundreds of individuals breed shows, sales and events. In addition to the recognition and prize money that comes with winning at the NAILE, the value of the champion breeding stock is significantly enhanced.

Breed association events are not the only NAILE feature. The expo is also home to numer-

ous youth events that are an important part of the livestock industry's traditions, including: Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup; Youth, Junior College and Senior Collegiate Dairy Judging Contest; Dairy Quiz Bowl; National Collegiate Livestock Judging Contest; National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest; Junior College Livestock Judging Contest; and National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference.

Additionally youth exhibitors enter market animals, those targeted for meat production, in the Junior Steer Show, Junior Market Swine Show or Junior Wether Show. These youth shows are sponsored by Farm Credit Services of Mid-America and are nationally recognized for both the quality of competition and prestige of winning. Champions from these shows are sold at the Sale of the Champions on November 18 at 6 p.m.

The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) Great Lakes circuit Rodeo Finals takes place November 10-12 at 7:30 p.m. nightly.

The NAILE is produced by the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the Kentucky State Fair Board. It is held at the Commonwealth's giant Kentucky Exposition Center, which features over 1,200,000 square feet of climate-controlled exhibition space.



Courtesy Photo

Floyd County 4-Her SyAnn Foster won Reserve Supreme Heifer at the Amarillo Tri State Fair and Rodeo. Her Chianina heifer FBFXceptional 033X birthdate is February 17, 2010 also won Breech Champion Chianina Heifer. There were a total of 87 heifers that participated in the Tri State Fair heifer show.



Photos by R.K. Hunt Photography

After a hard fought season the Lockney Longhorns will finish the season with a 2-8 record after falling to the Quanah Indians in their last game of the season. A strong defensive showing and a touchdown pass from Lockney's Riley Teeter to Marcos Bernal wouldn't be enough to seal the game for Lockney, as the second place Indians edged out the Horns by an 8-15 score. Last Friday's loss will put the Horn's hope for a playoff run on hold until next year as they finish 0-3 in district play. However the record is no testament to the hard work that the Longhorns showed fans throughout the season; and it is no doubt that the Horn's will enter the off-season with the drive to the district next year. In the 2-1A District, Panhandle will finish in first place with an 0-3 district record; Quanah will finish second with a 2-1 district record; and Clarendon will grab the third playoff seat with a 1-2 district record.



Williams, LaBaume and Sanders winners in football contest

The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon's annual football contest ended at the end of the regular football season.

The rules changed last year with the grand prizes going to the top three winning entries of the 10-week contest. In addition, the other seven top 10 finishers will also receive a prize consisting of a year subscription to the Hesperian-Beacon.

Only two points separate the first and second place winners and also the second and third place winners. Matt Williams of Lockney garnered the first place prize of \$100. Coy LaBaume of Plainview will receive the second place prize of \$75 and Brent Sanders of Floydada will receive the third place check of \$50.

The other seven top 10 finishers were Chris Fulton of Lockney, Keith Marricle of Floydada, Jack Covington of Lockney, Sammy Bradley of Floydada, Ricky Ascencio of Lockney, Max Yeary of Floydada and Franklin Harris of Floydada. If you are listed here you will need to come by the Hesperian-Beacon to give us your information so that your one-year subscription can be started.

We would like to say thank you to the

other entrants that participated in this contest. They were Lanny Barnett, Martin Ramirez, Pam Fulton, Diane Ramon, Jane Pruitt, Nicholas Castro, Rachel Ramirez, Dale Minner, Johnny Dorman, Paul Lopez, Boyd Lee, Steve Stringer, W. L. Carthel, Imelda Resendiz, Jared Lambert and Jace Klein.

We would also like to say "Thank You" to the business that helped make this possible. They are KFLP Radio, Stapp Paint and Body Shop, Providence Farm Supply and Grain, Muncy Elevator, Lighthouse Electric Coop, Clark Pharmacy, First National Bank of Floydada, Shepherd's Meadow Assisted Living Center, Windmark Insurance, Script Printing, Cornelius Oil Company, Quality Body Shop, Heart's Desire, Davis Lumber, Lowe's Pay-n-Save, Floydada, D & J Gin, Lockney Cooperatives, Payne Pharmacy, Cogell Clinics/W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital, Lowe's Pay-n-Save, Lockney, Tastee Burger, Hammond Sheet Metal, DeBruce Ag Services, Floydada Power and Light, Main Street Pizza, Assiter Insurance Agency/Assiter Punkin Ranch, Crop Production Services, Ray Lee Equipment, R.K. Hunt Photography, Raceway Fuel, Ace Hardware.

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Football Contest Standings

	THIS WEEK	OVERALL
Matt Williams	22/29	223/297
Coy LaBaume	22/29	221/297
Brent Sanders	22/29	219/297
Chris Fulton	23/29	218/297
Keith Marricle	22/29	216/297
Jack Covington	22/29	215/297
Sammy Bradley	23/29	212/297
Ricky Ascencio	23/29	212/297
Max Yeary	23/29	211/297
Franklin Harris	23/29	211/297
Lanny Barnett	22/29	210/297
Martin Ramirez	22/29	207/297
Pam Fulton	22/29	206/297
Diane Ramon	22/29	203/297
Jane Pruitt	25/29	202/297
Nicholas Castro	23/29	195/297
Rachel Ramirez	22/29	194/297
Dale Minner	23/29	194/297
Johnny Dorman	23/29	192/267
Paul Lopez	41/59	190/297
Boyd Lee	22/29	184/297
Steve Stringer	20/29	176/297
W.L. Carthel	21/29	119/179
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Jace Klein	15/29	15/29

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Floydada Eagles Claim 2011 Tiger League Football Championship



Courtesy Photo

FLOYDADA EAGLES ARE 2011 CHAMPIONS—The Floydada Eagles are shown accepting their first place trophies for the 2011 Tiger League Championship in Plainview. They played the Plainview Tigers in the championship game Saturday night in Plainview and won by a score of 18-16.

The Floydada Eagles scored twice in the final eight and a half minutes Saturday evening to defeat the Plainview Tigers and win the Tiger League Championship game by a score of 18-16.

Playing under the lights in Plainview at Greg Sherwood Memorial Bulldog Stadium on artificial turf, the 5th and 6th grade boys

came from behind to win the game, capping an undefeated season and finishing with a 9-0 record.

Jordan Mendoza led Floydada with touchdown runs of 4 and 52 yards, and caught a 31-yard TD pass with 1:05 remaining in the game to preserve the Eagles perfect record. The sixth grade tailback finished the night with 138 yards on the ground on

14 carries and added two receptions for 27 yards.

Plainview had a similar effort from Zaevery Vela who scored on a 1 yard run and a 68-yarder - on 4th and 8 to put the Tigers up by ten (16-6) early in the fourth quarter. Vela carried the ball 11 times for 114 yards.

But it was the defense that sealed the deal for the Eagles, forcing three Plain-

view turnovers - including an interception by Mendoza. After being run over by a punishing "up the middle" ground attack in the second and third quarters, Floydada started plugging the holes and forcing the Tigers to run outside. Despite both teams having an air attack during the regular season, neither could establish and capitalize on it following a day of blowing dust and wind gusts in excess of 40 mph.

Floydada took the lead about halfway through the second quarter after forcing the Tigers to turn the ball over on downs (on their own 39 yard line) and after a three and out punt - which gave the Eagles their best field position during the game (starting at the Plainview 23). Mendoza would take it in for the score six plays later from 4 yards out to light up the scoreboard. They couldn't convert on the point after (PAT) as the kick from Miguel Pena fell short.

Vela would return the favor on the next Plainview series, eating up seven minutes and capping it with a 68-yard touchdown run on 4th and 8. The Tigers would convert on their points after

BOXSCORE

Floydada	0	6	0	12	18
Plainview	0	8	0	8	16

Scoring

2nd Quarter		
7:32	FLO 4yard TD run by Jordan Mendoza (PAT failed)	6-0
0:28	PLA 1yard TD run by Zaevery Vela (PAT good)	6-8
4th Quarter		
10:58	PLA 68 yard TD run by Vela (PAT good)	6-16
8:20	FLO 52 yard TD run by Mendoza (PAT failed)	12-16
1:05	FLO 31 yard TD pass from Miguel Pena to Mendoza (PAT failed)	18-16

TEAM TOTALS

	Floydada	Plainview
Rushing (att-yds-td)	25-262-2	36-147-2
Passing (comp-att-yds-td)	2-5-27-1	0-4-0-0
Total Yards	189	147
First Downs	7	6
Penalties	4-35	2-10
Turnovers (fum-int-total)	2-0-2	2-1-3

INDIVIDUAL TOTALS

Rushing (att-yds-td)	
Floydada	
Jordan Mendoza	14-138-2
Miguel Pena	6-23-0
Jaiden Blakey	3-6-0
Destry Faulkenberry	2-(-5)-0
Plainview	
Zaevery Vela	11-114-2
Slade DeHoyos	11-25-0
Santana Soliz, Jr.	8-20-0
Zachary Janzich	4-(-2)-0
Terren Conana2-(-10)-0	

Passing (comp-att-yds-td-int)

Floydada	
Destry Faulkenberry	1-1-(-4)-0-0
Jordan Mendoza	0-2-0-0-0
Miguel Pena	1-2-31-1-0
Plainview	
Zachary Janzich	0-3-0-0-1

Receiving (comp-yds-td)

Floydada	
Jordan Mendoza	2-27-1
Plainview	
None	

and would take an 8-6 lead into the locker room at the half. Rules for Tiger League games mirror that of UIL rules (based upon NCAA

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FLOYDADA EAGLE TEAM CAPTAINS walk to center of field for coin toss. Captains are 27-Ruben Marmolejo, 80-Remington Ricketts, 68-Alex Sanchez, 45-Jordan Mendoza, 34-Miguel Pena, 1-Destry Faulkenberry and 89-Alex Glass.



Photos by Jim Covington

In a heartbreaker, the Floydada Whirlwinds fell to the Abernathy Antelopes by a score of 49-25 in their last game of the season Friday night.

The game looked like it was going to be a close one in the first quarter after a two yard touchdown run by Jordan Woody answered the Antelopes opening touchdown. However, Abernathy would run away with game in the second, putting up 21 points. Before the end of the half, Floydada would grab another six points after a 25 yard touchdown pass from Michael Cisneros to Jordan Woody. At the break, Floydada would trail 28-13.

In the third, Floydada's Rex Mathis would score on an 85 yard blocked field return; but the Antelopes would answer back with a 61 yard touchdown pass.

In the fourth, Jordan Woody would light up the scoreboard again with a 20 yard touchdown run, but the Antelopes retaliated with 14 more points; making the final score 25-49.

Friday's loss finishes the Wind's season with a 4-6 overall record, and a 2-4 record in district. After a hard fought season the Wind's can be proud of their performance in the 2011 season and will be looking to finally get that playoff spot next year. Abernathy will finish first in District 1-2A with a 6-0 district record, coming in second will be Sanford-Fritch, followed by Spearman. Floydada will finish fifth in the district.



Courtesy Photo

FLOYDADA EAGLE CHEERLEADERS leading the Eagles onto the field during Saturday night's Championship Game.

Floydada cross-country runners compete at Regionals

By Coach Styles
Floydada was well represented at the Region 1 Class 2A Cross Country Regional Championships.

Kristan Sanchez ran a season best 13:30 in the 3200-meter event.

Benselodo Perez ran a gutsy 17:40 in his 5000-meter race.

Both of these athletes ran with great determination and desire. When you run your best at the final meet of the season, it is a good feeling knowing that you gave it your all.

I want to thank all cross-country runners for their effort this year. Getting up at 6 a.m. every morning takes special dedication.

Thank you to the parents who made sure that they were there every morning.

Thanks to Coach Eddelman and Coach Murphree for your assistance in cross-country this year.

Also, thanks to all who supported these athletes at their meets.

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The Floyd and Surrounding Counties Fair would like to thank the following individuals and businesses for their contribution to the Fair Auction. Because of their wonderful generosity, the Floyd and Surrounding Counties Fair will be able to continue operating next year and hopefully, for many more years to come. A really big "Thanks" goes to Larry Ogden for volunteering his time to come and be our auctioneer for the event.

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USDA Reminds Producers of Dec. 1st Sales Closing Date for Noninsurable Crops

(Floydada, Texas) – November 7, 2011 – Floyd County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director, Stephanie Bradley urges producers who want to purchase coverage through the Noninsurable Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) to do so before the sales closing date of December 1, 2011.

NAP provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops when low yields/grazing loss, loss of inventory or prevented planting occur due to normal disasters.

The following crops have a NAP application closing date of Dec. 1, 2011: grazing and forage/hay on native

and improved grass, honey, potatoes, radishes, grapes and canberries.

“Purchasing a crop insurance policy is an easy way for producers to practice risk management,” said Bradley. “The 2011 crop year has proved that natural disasters can directly affect the profitability and recovery of agricultural operations,” she said.

In order to meet eligibility requirements for NAP, crops must be noninsurable, commercially-produced agricultural commodity crops for which the catastrophic risk protection level of crop insurance is not available.

In the event of a natural disaster, NAP covers the

amount of loss greater than 50 percent of the expected production based on the approved yield and reported acreage.

Eligible producers can apply for coverage using form CCC-471, “Application for Coverage.” Producers must file the application and service fee by the Dec. 1st deadline. The service fee is the lesser of \$250 per crop or \$750 per producer per administrative county, not to exceed a total of \$1,875 for a producer with farming interests in multiple counties.

For more information on sales closing dates and NAP, contact the Floyd County FSA office at 806.983.5747.

USDA Farm Service Agency Reminds Producers of Livestock Disaster Program Deadlines

(Floydada, Texas), November 7, 2011 –Floyd County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Executive Director Stephanie Bradley reminds eligible ranchers and livestock producers who had livestock losses or grazing losses during the 2011 crop year that the deadline for applying for benefits under the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) and the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) is Jan. 30, 2012.

“It is imperative that producers meet the deadline for disaster assistance as there are no late file provisions for LFP and ELAP,” said Bradley. “To insure a smooth application process, producers should have all required supporting documentation with them at the time they apply for benefits,” she said.

Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP):

LFP provides payments to eligible livestock producers who have suffered livestock grazing losses due to qualifying drought or fire that occurred before Oct. 1, 2011. Fire losses apply only to federally managed rangeland. Eligible livestock under LFP include beef cattle, alpacas,

buffalo, beefalo, dairy cattle, deer, elk, emus, equine, goats, llamas, poultry, reindeer, sheep and swine.

During the 2011 crop year, all Texas counties met the LFP trigger requirements for a three-month payment for native pasture, improved pasture and forage sorghum. Eligible ranchers and livestock producers have until Jan. 30, 2012, to apply for LFP benefits.

Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP):

ELAP provides emergency assistance to eligible producers of livestock, honeybees and farm-raised fish who have losses due to disease, adverse weather or other conditions, including losses due to blizzards and wildfires that occurred before Oct. 1, 2011. ELAP assistance is for losses not covered under other disaster assistance programs established by the 2008 Farm Bill.

Producers who experienced livestock death losses must file a notice of loss 30 days after the loss is apparent, but no later than Dec. 29, 2011. Producers who suffered livestock grazing and feed losses must have filed a notice of loss no

later than Oct. 31, 2011, and have until Jan. 30, 2012, to submit an application for payment for livestock death losses and livestock grazing and feed losses.

Program Requirements: In order to qualify for LFP and ELAP, the applicant must have purchased insurance coverage through FSA’s Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) or the Pasture, Rangeland and Forage Insurance-Rainfall Index for Grazing (PRF-RI) program offered through the Risk Management Agency (RMA). Producers who meet the requirements of a socially disadvantaged, limited resource, or beginning farmer or rancher do not have to meet the Risk Management Purchase Requirement (RMPR).

Program applicants should note that certain payment limitation and adjusted gross income eligibility requirements must be met in order to qualify for LFP and ELAP.

For more information on FSA’s livestock disaster assistance programs, please contact the Floyd County USDA Service Center at 806.983.5747. Information can also be obtained online at http://www.fsa.usda.gov.

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USDA Announces Disaster Assistance Sign up for 2010 Crop Losses

(Floydada, Texas) – November 2, 2011 – Floyd County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Stephanie Bradley announced today that the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) program enrollment for 2010 crop year losses begins November 14, 2011.

“Producers across the state experienced several natural disasters during the 2010 crop year that caused hardship and financial losses to many agricultural operations,” said Bradley. “The SURE program provides assistance to producers when disaster strikes, so I strongly encourage producers

with 2010 crop losses to contact the Floyd County FSA office to learn more about the program,” she said.

To qualify for a SURE payment, the producer’s operation must be located in a county that was declared a disaster for 2010 and have at least a 10 percent production loss that affects one crop of economic significance. Producers with agricultural operations located outside a disaster county are eligible for SURE benefits if they had a production loss greater or equal to 50 percent of the normal production on the farm. SURE program benefits are calculated based on revenue and production on all of a producer’s farms in all counties and states.

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Cotton Market Weekly November 3, 2011

Breaking out of its week-long pattern, cotton futures prices on the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) traded on either side of unchanged on Thursday in a pattern that increasingly widened as the day wore on.

"The high and low of the day came within 40 minutes of each other during the last half of live trading," an analyst said. "While the cause of the market's gyrations still could be traced back to outside events which pushed and pulled the U.S. dollar's exchange rate, traders seemed to be looking to buy on value-based dips more so than in the previous trading sessions this week," he explained.

Cotton retreated from six-week highs reached last Friday, finding renewed pressure Monday. Macroeconomics starting with the Euro-zone situation, Japanese currency intervention, and securities firm MF Global filing for bankruptcy protection strengthened the U.S. dollar and applied pressure to commodities. Lack of key details in the Euro-zone plan made markets jittery and once again was a reminder of how the Europe debt crisis can affect U.S. financial institutions, a trader noted.

In other news this week, the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) said the projected slowdown in global

economic growth in 2011 and 2012 will affect consumption of textile products, and therefore, demand for cotton fiber. The ICAC Secretariat now projects global cotton mill use to remain stable at 112 million bales in 2011-12. China, India and Pakistan, which account for two-thirds of global mill use, are expected to spin only one percent more cotton in 2011-12 than in 2010-11.

While the committee says cotton consumption could remain stagnant in 2011-12, cotton production is expected to increase in reaction to the high cotton prices received by farmers last season. ICAC expects global cotton production to rise by eight percent to 123 million bales in 2011-12, the largest crop since 2004-05. The increase from last season is explained mostly by an expansion in world cotton area. The global production increase in 2011-12 most likely will be driven primarily by China and India. Production also is expected to increase significantly in Pakistan, Australia, Africa and Turkey. However, U.S. production is forecast down by 12 percent due to severe drought in the Southwest.

Global cotton trade is expected to increase by a moderate two percent to 35 million bales in 2011-12, driven by an increase in Chinese imports. While U.S. exports are pro-

jected to drop by 23 percent to 11 million bales due to reduced supplies, exports from Australia and Brazil could rise to record levels. India's exports are expected to remain stable.

As a result of the projected surplus of 10 million bales, global cotton stocks could rebound to 51 million bales by the end of 2011-12, ICAC representatives said. The stocks-to-use ratio in the world outside China is expected to rise from 46 percent to 55 percent.

Meanwhile, USDA's export sales report, while not as solid as last week's, was better than anticipated by most market observers. The department reported net export sales of U.S. cotton totaled 92,000 bales in the week ended Oct. 27 with Turkey and China as the week's top buyers. Net sales of 78,900 bales for delivery in 2012-13 were for Turkey and Vietnam. Export shipments of 90,200 bales were up 20 percent from the previous week and 18 percent from the four-week average with Mexico, China, and Turkey as the primary destinations.

Closer to home, spot cotton sales were considerably higher as more cotton became available. Producers in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, and New Mexico sold 13,086 bales on-line in the week ended Nov. 3 compared to the previous week when 3,467 bales were sold.



Courtesy Photo

The Floydada Chamber of Commerce has chosen KFLP Radio as their November Business of the Month. Pictured (l-r) are Charla McHam, chamber president, chamber directors, Kay Wilson and Roland Camacho, Tony Ricketts and Steven Orr. Not pictured was Corey Johnston. Please stop by the station and thank them for all they do to support our community.



Photo by Homer Marquez

The Lockney Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce that Dick's Automotive has been chosen as the Chamber's Business of the Month for the month of November.

Dick's Automotive was opened in 1976 by Richard and Barbara Ellison. Since then, the business has become a staple in the community.

Their son, Craig Ellison, would eventually buy the business from his mother in 1990 and has been running the shop ever since. When asked what he liked most about doing business in Lockney, Mr. Ellison commented, "It's a small town atmosphere, and helping the people you know."

Mr. Ellison has been a mechanic for 26 years. Dick's Automotive' employees Lynton Garrett has been a mechanic for 13 years and has worked at Dick's for the past 5 years; Johnny Gonzalez has been with the shop for over 33 years.

Pictured above from left to right are Lynda Garcia, Craig Ellison, Lynton Garrett, Johnny Gonzalez and Chamber President Archie Jones

Pheasant Management Workshop

By Mark Carroll-CEA-AG
Floyd County

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Floyd County will be sponsoring a Pheasant Management Workshop on Wednesday, November 16th. Registration for the program will start at 9 am. The program will start at 9:30 am at the Floyd County Extension Office Meeting Room.

The program is open to all area residents. The program will cover the identification of plants important to pheasants; the origin and biology of pheasants; economic importance of pheasants to local communities and pheasant management in the Texas Panhandle.

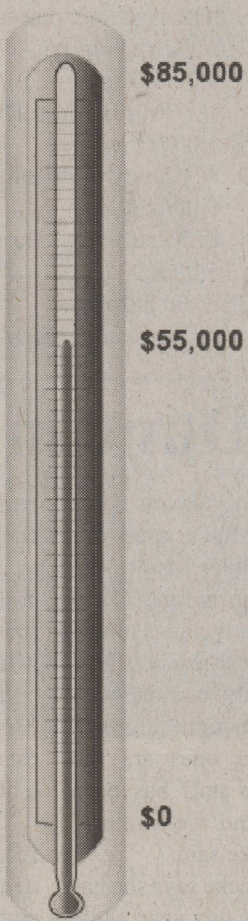
Clearly, Texas AgriLife Extension Wildlife Specialist from Canyon will be the pre-

sentor for the program. Two CEU's will be provided to all private applicators. This is an excellent opportunity for producers to learn tips on managing and improving pheasant habitats.

Registration for the program costs \$10. Please RSVP your attendance through the Floyd County Extension office by noon on Tuesday, November 15 at 983-4912.

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Whirlwind News



Go Reach Our World



Written By: Taylor Orr-Staff Writer

What do you think of when you hear "Go Reach Our World?" When people hear "Our World" they typically think about different countries and places they've never been. However, our world is right here in Floydada. The First Baptist Church of Floydada recently began a new ministry called "GROW." Members from the church meet every Sunday afternoon and go out into the community with a hot apple pie and packet in hand. They deliver these pies and packets to members of the community with the intent that the gospel is in every home in the community. I had the pleasure of visiting with Tim Franks, the Pastor at First Baptist Church of Floydada, about

the GROW ministry. When asked what the goal of the GROW ministry is Tim replied, "With the apple pie, there is also a packet of information with the gospel in it and then a packet of information about First Baptist Church of Floydada. We hope to get the gospel in every home in the community, but we are also trying to get information out about our church and invite anyone who is not currently involved in another church to join us." The GROW ministry is not unique to just Floydada. In fact, many other churches in the area are organizing and conducting this ministry too. A member of First Baptist Church brought the idea to the attention of Brother Tim. "Bart Greer actually heard about the idea from another

church in the area and brought it to my attention. We prayed about it for almost nine months and we really felt that the Lord put it on our hearts to implement this ministry," Tim said. Brother Franks said that the response of the community has been tremendous. "The community members appreciate the opportunity to enjoy the apple pie, but another thing they enjoy is prayer. One of the questions we ask before we leave the doorstep is 'Is there anything we can pray with you about?' and the response is always overwhelming. Almost everyone has mentioned a prayer request. We pray with them at their home, but we also have prayer teams back at the church who pray for those needs too," Franks concluded.

Education Does Matter

By: Homero Ramirez-Staff Writer

The Education Matters Scholarship of 2011 is being offered to students needing financial help for college. The scholarship recipient will receive a \$3,000 scholarship. Applicants must be thirteen years of age or older at the time of entry and be a legal resident of the United States. They must be currently enrolled (or enroll no later than the fall of 2017) in an accredited post secondary institution of higher education. Applicants must submit an

online short written response (250 words or less) answering the question: "What would you say to someone who thinks education doesn't matter, or that college is a waste of time and money?" For more information concerning this and other scholarships visit the websites below.

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Teacher Spotlight



By: Sarah Jo Miller-Staff Writer

Recent teacher spotlights have been on new teachers; however, this week's focus is on a teacher who hasn't taught the past four years. Mrs. Jan Beedy, who used to teach 5th grade science is currently teaching 6th grade math at A.B. Duncan.

Sarah Jo: Why did you decide to come back?

Mrs. Beedy: I was going to have an empty nest at home and was ready to be busy.
 Sarah Jo: So far, what is your favorite thing about A.B. Duncan?
 Mrs. Beedy: The people I work with, kids, and the new building.
 Sarah Jo: What are your after school hobbies?
 Mrs. Beedy: Yard work and decorating.
 Sarah Jo: What would your ideal day in the classroom be like?
 Mrs. Beedy: Learning by playing a game
 Sarah Jo: If you could live anywhere in the world, where would it be and why?
 Mrs. Beedy: Here because I love the small town.
 Sarah Jo: Do you have a favorite movie?
 Mrs. Beedy: The Help
 Sarah Jo: What is the one thing you must have in your classroom in order to have a productive day?
 Mrs. Beedy: The SmartBoard and computer

Staff's Corner



By: Cynthia Smith-Editor

"Believe with all of your heart that you will do what you were made to do."
 -Orison Swett Marden
 Can you recall a particular time when your fear of something, mixed with your lack of self-confidence, stood in the way of your opportunity to make a difference? At the

end of last week, I was in that very predicament. Many of you may not know me, but those of you who do can vouch that I am typically very vocal and not the least bit timid or shy. However, what you might find surprising is that one of my biggest fears is speaking in front of my peers. The thought of presenting

anything in front of a group of adults sends my nerves spinning in whirlwind of anxiety so much so that I can feel the butterflies having a party in my stomach. So when the opportunity to give a presentation at a state conference was presented to me, I began to feel the tension tighten in my neck, and the word "NO," was trapped in my mouth as the words "I'll think about it," escaped my lips. It just so happened that this conversation occurred during my journalism class, and one of my students noticed my uneasiness about the opportunity. I expressed that I would need motivation to do give this presentation. The next day I was greeted with a 12-page paper, written by one of my very own students. I won't go into detail as to what all was written in this paper, but I will say that based on the motivation provided to me by Shani Ross in her paper, made me

reconsider my decision, and I agreed to give the presentation. I'm usually a very strong-minded individual, so for me to allow the words of another person influence my decision, you just have to know that something she said must have moved me in a way that caused one, extreme euphoria in my mind as well as in my heart. I always tell my students that although I am a teacher, I'm still learning, so there is always something they can teach me. My students will tell you that I am a hard teacher. My response to that is, "I'm not a hard teacher; I'm just a teacher who will push you to reach your greatest potential because I believe in you and know that you can do it." I will never forget the words Shani used in her essay: "You believe in us, well, we believe in you too!" With that, I must say, "That's all the motivation that I need." Until next time...

Upcoming Events for Floydada ISD

By: Emily Hall-Staff Writer

- November 11: Veteran's Day Varsity/JV Girls Basketball VS Amarillo Caprock Here, 5:00/6:30 pm
- November 12: State Cross Country
- November 14: 7/8 Girls Basketball VS Dimmit Here, 5:00/6:00 pm
7/8 Boys Basketball VS Dimmit There, 5:00/6:00 pm
- November 15: Junior High UIL Speaking Events at Wayland JV/Varsity Girls Basketball VS Olton Here, 5:00/6:30 pm
JV/Varsity Boys Basketball VS Shallowater Here, 5:00/8:00 pm
- November 16: Junior High UIL at Wayland
- November 18: JV/Varsity Girls Basketball VS Brownfield Here, 5:00/6:30 pm
JV/Varsity Boys Basketball VS Brownfield Here, 5:00/8:00 pm
- November 19: Area 1 FFA LDE Contest JH UIL OPA Contest at Friona
- November 21: 7/8 Girls Basketball VS Abernathy Here, 5:00/6:00 pm
7/8 Boys Basketball VS Abernathy There, 5:00/6:00 pm
- November 22: JV/Varsity Girls Basketball VS Slaton Here, 5:00/6:30 pm
JV/Varsity Boys Basketball VS Slaton Here, 5:00/8:00 pm
- November 23: 12:00 Dismissal
- November 24-25: No School, Thanksgiving Holidays

Guess Who

Created By: Shani Ross-Staff Writer

I am a history teacher at FHS. I attended Texas Tech University and got my degree in Education. I have always wanted to teach since I was little. I have been married to my husband for 39 years, and we have one son who is graduated. My hobbies include gardening and watching the Dallas Mavericks, Texas Rangers, Dallas Cowboys and Texas Tech teams play sports. I enjoy Mexican food and spending time with my two boxers.
 Can you GUESS WHO I am?



Familiar Faces Light up Duncan Library



By: Sarah Jo Miller-Staff Writer

When Junior High was dispersed between two campuses with seventh and eighth grade at high school and sixth grade at A.B. Duncan, each teacher smoothly made a transition to his/her

new room. One educator, however, wouldn't have her own library to run. Mrs. Penny Giesecke was moved over to help Mrs. Kathy Mulder in the A.B. Duncan library. "Having a well-read teacher like Mrs. Giesecke become a part of your library team

is a librarian's dream come true!" Mrs. Mulder said. Mrs. Mulder isn't the only one who is fond of the change when it comes to students and other teachers. "I had only worked with older students until this year. The younger ones are fun too, and the staff has been wonderful and welcoming," Mrs. Giesecke said. Mrs. Giesecke says she has learned a lot this year while dealing with students of different ages. "The biggest difference is that between being dependent on me and being independent. They are content to browse and can locate books on their own." The students are part of the

reason why Mrs. Mulder became a librarian. "I love having the students come in and seeing their enthusiasm for reading," Mrs. Mulder said. In addition to students, Mrs. Giesecke's own interests are her motives for being a librarian. "I love books! It is a perfect fit-working to help students find that perfect book and hopefully discover a love of reading," she said. Mrs. Giesecke and Mrs. Mulder have both taught over 27 years. The "librarian team" is a perfect pair to help the elementary students find the perfect book to read and possibly even an unknown liking for reading!

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Longhorn News

Lockney fifth graders head to Austin

Recently, Lockney Elementary took their history lesson beyond the classroom as 37 fifth graders headed down to our State's Capitol for an up close experience with Texas' rich history.

"It was really lots of fun because I've never really done that big of a field trip with my class before," explained fifth grader Lyndee Setliff, "I pretty much liked it all."

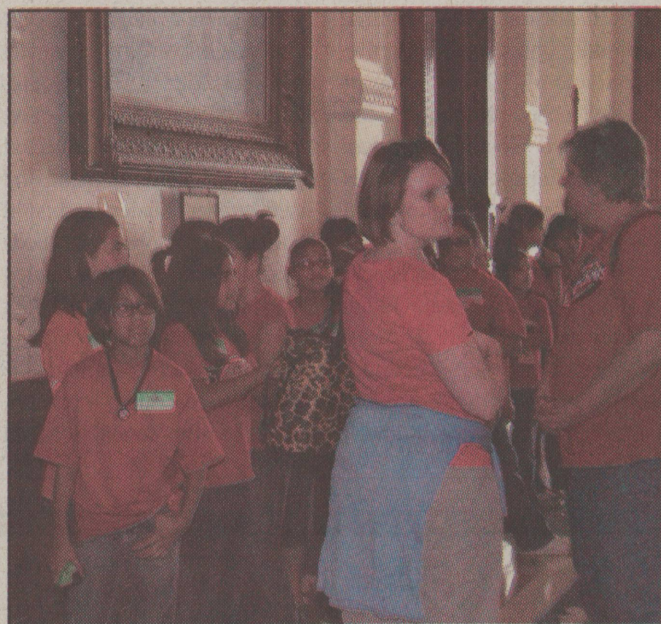
For the past three years, Lockney Elementary has taken their fifth grade class to Austin for hands-on lessons in government, history, social studies, English and math.

During their two day trip, students visit Texas' most historical landmarks; like the State Capitol and the State Historical Museum.

The trip also gives students who have never been far away from home an opportunity to see some different things and learn about the history of Texas and its government while at the same time having a little fun too.

Started by Elementary Principal Jean Anne Williams, the trip is earned by students who are well behaved and keep their grades up.

Teachers utilize the trip by tying in social studies, history, math, and language arts lessons into the trip. Even before heading out to Austin, students are required to write essays about their expectations before going Austin, and once they return, students write about what they actual-



Photos by Elementary Principal Jean Anne Williams Recently Lockney fifth graders headed to Austin for an up close and personal lesson in Texas History.

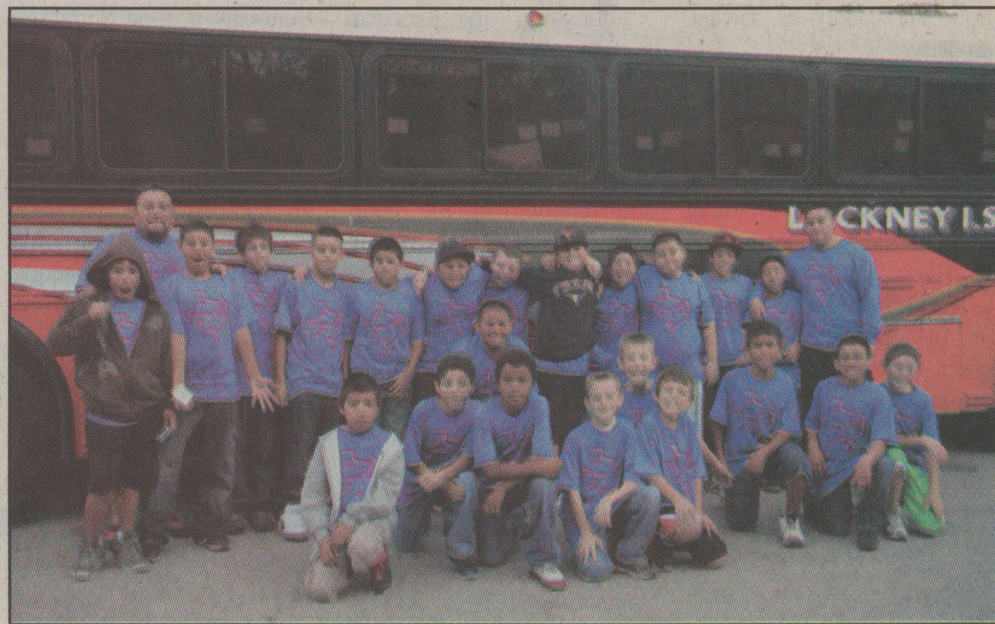
ly did and learned while they were there.

The cost for the trip is close to about \$1,200. To help cover the cost of the trip, students help with the fundraising by writing letters and visiting different community organizations asking for help in the funding of the trip. Once the class returns, students write thank you letters to the Lockney School Board and to those organizations that helped, "We were really thankful we got to have donations" commented Elementary Principal Jean Anne Williams. This year's donors included the Rotary Club, the Lion's Club, Lockney's Chamber of Com-

merce, and the Elementary Mom's Club.

During their first day in Austin, students were able to take a tour of the Texas State Capitol and learned about government and the jobs of legislators. Following the Capitol tour, kids headed for fun at Wazoo's, which offers a building full of inflatable jumping houses. After dinner, students stayed the night at a church in Austin.

The next morning students visited the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum, where students learned interesting facts about Texas Governors and about the history of Texas' Independence. There, fifth grader Robert Idrogo ex-

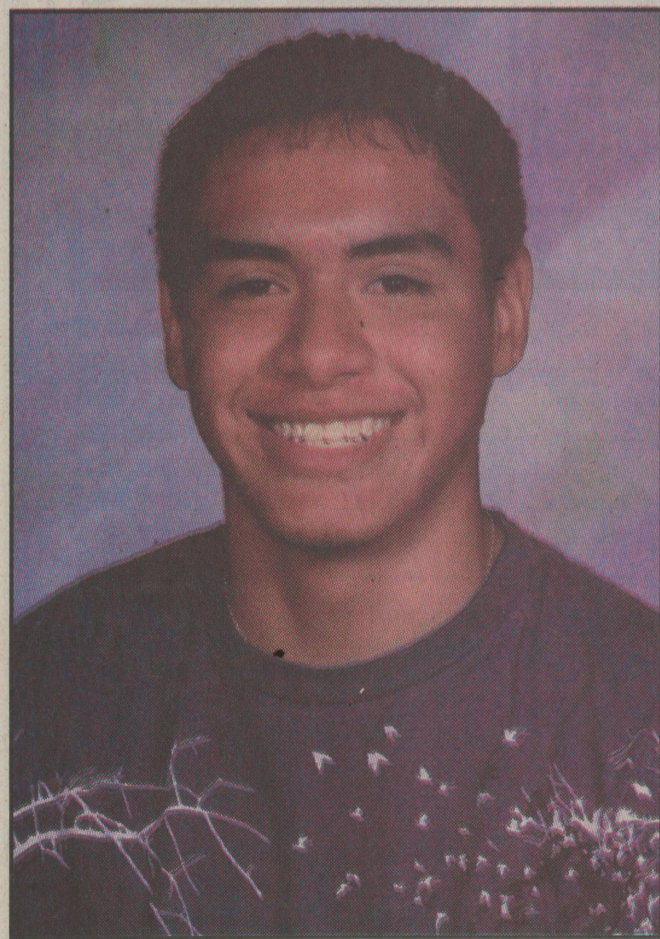


plained that his favorite part of the museum was seeing the statue of the goddess of Liberty. After that, students load back into the bus and

head back home. Principal Williams plans to continue taking the trip every year. During last year's trip, fifth grade stu-

dents received the flag that flew over the capital; the students presented that flag to Floyd County Veterans on Veteran's Day.

Local Scout working on Eagle Scout



Jonathan Sustaita is a young man who is very active in his community. He is a senior at Lockney High where he is a Drum Major for the band, as well as a very active member in the FFA, and is also the mascot for the Longhorns. Jonathan also volunteers his time as a coach for the PIPS basketball program.

Jonathan is also active at his church, San Jose de Calasanz; there he serves our Lord as a Eucharistic Minister and participates in Altar Service and is a trainer for the service.

Jonathan has been in the Lockney Boy Scouts since the first grade. Jonathan would like to thank all those in the community who have

helped him in the past.

As he begins to work on his project, he would like to once again thank the communities for their support.

Jonathan Eagle Scout Project will be to put the names of Veterans, along with their branch of service, and years of service, on the crosses at the Veterans Memorial Park in Lockney. This will help to identify who each cross represents.

Anyone wishing to contribute to his project can contact Jonathan at 806-317-8239 or at P.O. Box 421, Lockney Texas. You can also contact Bill Hunter at 652-2370, Mike Lass at 652-1309, or Ed Marks at 652-3157.

Jonathan is looking forward to getting this done and would like to thank everyone ahead of time for their help.

Though scouts, Jonathan has learned river rafting, skiing, and mountain climbing; recently Jonathan scaled Guadalupe Peak, the highest peak in Texas.

Jonathan has also attended The National Jamboree. Jonathan is the son of Joe and Caliva Sustaita of Lockney and is the grandson of Frank and Amelia Guerrero and of Jose and Dominga Sustaita, who are all from Lockney. His parents accredit the scouting program in helping Jonathan become the responsible young man he is today.

UIL Competition Begins for Lockney Students

In UIL competition, students participate in different academic fields where they will take part in a test to see how they will place with other students in the region. Dylan Morris, an educator and UIL sponsor for Lockney High School, was generous enough to give us some information concerning the student's most recent test scores. In the Math cat-

egory, she says, Rico Trejo placed 10th in 11th grade while Nikki Jimenez placed 10th in 10th grade. The two attending members of Number Sense team did very well with Dylan Aufill placing 1st in 12th grade and Quinn Jackson placing 3rd also in 12th grade their combined score placing them in 2nd place in the small school division. Taylor Rose of the UIL Sci-

ence team placed 7th in 11th grade, Hunter Thompson placed 9th in 10th grade, and their teammate Taylor Esty also participated. Morris also says that all of the members of each UIL team meet at least one day out of the school week to improve their skills she hopes the teams will advance to the regional competition in April.

Lockney School Lunch Menu November 7-11

<p>Monday Breakfast-Waffle and Syrup or Cereal, toast, juice, milk Lunch- Steak Patty or Chicken Patty, potatoes, broccoli, pears, roll, milk</p>	<p>Thursday Breakfast-French Toast or Cereal, toast, juice, milk Lunch- Spaghetti or Grilled Cheese, salad, peaches, garlic toast, milk</p>
<p>Tuesday Breakfast-Eggs and Ham or Cereal, toast, juice, milk Lunch-Chili potato or Burrito, baby carrots, apples, Texas toast, milk</p>	<p>Friday Breakfast- Cinnamon Roll or Cereal, toast, juice, milk Lunch-Hamburger or Corndog, Hamburger salad, western beans, orange smiles, crispy treat, milk</p>
<p>Wednesday Breakfast-Rice or Cereal, toast, juice, milk Lunch-Chicken Fajitas or Ham, refried beans, salad pineapple, tortilla, milk</p>	<p><i>Menu subject to change without notice; Peanut butter and Jelly Sandwich-3rd choice daily</i></p>

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Commissioners meet for November Agenda, and hire new county librarian

By Homer Marquez
This past Monday, Floyd County Commissioners convened for their November court session. Items discussed during this month's agenda would include reaching a final decision on a Goods-in-Transit tax exemption, accepting the resignation of Floyd County Librarian Sandra Crawford, and deeming old scrap metal from the county as salvage property.

As usual, commissioners started off the meeting by approving the consent agenda; this would include paying this month's bills and awarding farm contracts. This month farm contracts were awarded to Janet Minton for the removal of old concrete for soil, water, forestry and wildlife conservation; the other contract was awarded to Mitchell

Farms for a rebuilt terrace for conservation to prevent soil erosion.

In the County Treasurer's monthly report which was filed on Oct. 31; the total of funds held by the County Treasurer, as well as other assets in her hands totaled to a sum of \$2,124,149.83; this amount was deposited at the First National Bank in Floydada.

Following the consent agenda and the Treasurer report, the court gave the floor to AgriLife extension agent, Melissa Long for her monthly report. In her report, she reported to the court that the AgriLife's booth at Punkin Day was able to raise \$1,600 by selling baked goods; some of the proceeds will go to fund the trip to the National 4-H Conqueror. On Oct. 30, the AgriLife

office held a luncheon in honor of Floyd County First Responders; attendance for meal, which was provided by donations, was around 103. The following day at their Halloween Party, another sizable crowd filtered into the Unity Center for Halloween fun and games; attendance for that event rounded out at about 412 people. The District 4-H food Show and Nutrition Bowl was held this past Saturday at Levelland; three students participated from Floyd County. One of the teams placed third at the competition. Upcoming events for the AgriLife office will be the Gold Star Banquet on Nov. 21 at Texas Tech's Frazier Alumni Pavilion; Jianna Davenport, Jake Bramlet and Jerry Chappell will be recognized. The

Extension Program Council Annual Committee Meeting will be held on the Nov. 24 at Lighthouse.

After the report, the court unanimously voted to accept the resignation of County Librarian Sandra Crawford; following the court meeting, commissioners entered a closed session to interview candidates for the position. After the closed session was reopened, commissioners would approve by a vote of 3-2, the hiring of Paula Rochelle Martinez as the new Floyd County Librarian. Commissioners Lindan Morris and Mike Anderson would vote against the motion. "It was a very difficult decision," commented County Judge Penny Golightly.

Next on the agenda, commissioners unanimously voted to deem scrap metal

owned by the County, this would include old metal desks, old school voter boxes, an old safe from the sheriff's office, and old scrap grader blades, as salvage property. Put up for bid and not sold in the past, this salvage metal will be sold as scrap metal and proceeds will go to the County's general fund or will be donated to someone.

The court would also accept a donation from precincts one and four. Last month, Commissioners Mike Anderson and Amado Morales collected and loaded old scrap metal and used grader blades and sold it to a salvage yard; proceeds from the sale, which totaled \$667, will be donated and split between the Dougherty and the Floydada Fire Department.

Following that motion, the commissioner would

unanimously approve the Goods-in-Transit tax exemption. The tax would only apply to goods held in commercial warehouses. It will preserve the option for the Commissioner's Court to grant tax abatements to these facilities at a future time as an economic incentive. If the resolution was not adopted, all owners of goods in commercial warehouses would automatically receive the exemption, shifting the burden to other property owners.

Closing out the court, Commissioners unanimously accepted an audit of the District Attorney and the Floyd County Sheriff's asset forfeiture report; County Treasurer Jo Elliott reviewed the audit and explained that the numbers looked good.

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basic training in Missouri. There he would learn how to make bridges and temporary airbases.

While he was training, Gunter was allowed to go home for a visit, however right after he bought his ticket, Gunter was informed about the attack on Pearl Harbor. Gunter was immediately deployed to California before heading to the Philippines.

Gunter would be attached the Fifth Air Force and served with the 808 Aviation Engineers, a unit whose purpose was to clear away enemies and build airbases and bridges for planes and equipment. "We went in ahead of the Air Force, (before) the planes and all" commented Mr. Gunter.

Mr. Gunter would leave with the first convoy of ships after Pearl Harbor.

Originally his ship was headed for the Philippines, but on the way, his ship spotted a British ship that informed his unit that the Philippines had fallen and that the Japanese had started trying to take New Guinea.

Because Gunter and his unit built airplane bases and was only equipped with rifles and machine guns, Gunter's ship was redirected to Australia.

"They said (that was) the best thing we could do, being that we weren't a fighting unit, we were builders; so we went to Melbourne Australia, the most southern big town in Australia. We landed there, and then we had to go over land, carry all our equipment that we built airbase with, and cross that desert," explained Francis Gunter.

Once Gunter's unit landed on Melbourne, the crew unloaded their equipment off the ship and

headed north on train across the desert; the unit was heading to Darwinia.

On the way to Darwinia, the unit would have to unload in Kirkland Australia after Japanese forces began to bomb Australia; the train would go on ahead to Darwinia to help pick up women and children. While medical personal tended to the wounded, Gunter and his unit built their first airbase in Australia near the railroad tracks.

Gunter's unit would continue traveling north on the train, building several airbases along Australia's rugged terrain.

As they built air bases, Gunter's unit would first have to clear out and level out plane runways using bulldozers and other heavy machinery; "(There's) a lot of vegetation out in the jungle" explained Gunter, "some of them trees (had) six and eight foot thick trunks and big and tall. We put dynamite under them and blowed them out and hauled them out."

While the unit traveled along the tracks, building vital runways for US and Allied planes, the crew was constantly under the threat of Japanese attack; eventually the crew would be hit by Japanese planes right before arriving in Darwinia. However after the attack was over, Gunter and the brave unit picked up their equipment and continued on their mission; building another airbase six miles out of Darwinia.

After the Darwinia Airbase was completed, the unit got word that a battle had erupted in the Coral Sea between the Japanese and the Allied Forces. The Coral Sea was located on the west side of Australia, between New Guinea and

Australia.

The conflict would be pivotal moment in the Pacific Theater as the conflict would be well-known as the Battle of the Coral.

As an attempt to grab a foothold in the battle, the Japanese began to invade New Guiepa.

At nightfall, Gunter and the unit were ordered to head to New Guinea so they could build airways for Allied planes.

Before arriving in New Guinea, Gunter's Commander asked for eight volunteers to go with him so they could survey the land; and without missing a beat, the Commander volunteered Gunter for the mission.

"The reason he said that was because when I started into the war I was a machine gunner," explained Gunter, "but what happen, when we landed in Australia we had a bunch of cooks from New York that had been through the cooking school; they had never cooked before but they had been through a cooking school before they had gotten into the Army.

But when we got down there, the first night we went to camp out, away from civilization, these cooks could never get no fire going, they couldn't cook no breakfast. So the General said 'Say I was reading in the roster, and there is an ol' boy from Texas in here,

and I ain't never seen a Texan yet that couldn't cook a deal of water to make coffee."

Gunter was asked if he could do it, so he gave it a try. After he noticed that the gas line was clogged, Gunter was able to clean the line and start the fire; from that point on, Gunter was the cook.

So when the Commander needed a crew of eight to survey New Guinea, Gunter was a shoe in because of his cooking ability.

Gunter and the smaller crew would head to Lea, New Guinea on an airplane; Allied forces had just taken Lea and needed an airbase. Once they got there, the crew had to travel miles through the jungle to reach the location; once they arrived the crew went to work.

Originally, the survey mission was supposed to last ten days; however fighting around them stranded the crew for a lot longer, so they just kept working. From their location Gunter explained that he could see the war play out around them.

Gunter's unit would eventually be reinforced, and the crew would complete the airbase.

The Battle of the Coral Sea would be a strategic victory for the Allied Forces as the battle helped stop Japanese expansion.

Gunter and his unit would stay in the New Guinea area for a bit longer building air bases,

roads and water wells.

While there, at a picture show that was put on for the soldiers, Gunter was also able to see future President John F. Kennedy who, at that time, was an Officer on the P.T. 109. He would also see Bing Crosby and singer Patty Paige during the traveling U.S.O tour.

After a while, the U.S. and the Allied Forces would begin to battle their way back into the Philippines, these battles would be the fulfillment of General Douglas MacArthur's. vow to return to the Philippines. Gunter would travel with the barrage of ships back into the Philippines.

Once the Philippines, were taken by the U.S and Allied forces, General McArthur made the now famous "We have returned" speech.

Gunter would continue to cook until he returned to the States. He was stationed in Lubbock where he cooked at the Reese Air base.

After the war, Gunter would eventually get a job as an agent with railroad, shipping cotton bales. He would first be stationed in Roaring Springs; there he married his wife Stella May Warren. In 1960, Gunter was re-stationed at the train depot in Floydada so he could help ship cotton and automobiles; he has lived in Floydada ever since. Mr. Gunter would retire from the railroad in the 80's.

During his service, Gunter and his whole battalion would receive a Presidential Citation for building an air base in record time.

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 City of Floydada
 Resolution No. 11-5
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Lockney will hold a public hearing at City Hall on Thursday, November 17, 2011 at 5:05 pm, in regard to the Texas Capital Fund Downtown Revitalization Program project that has recently been completed in Lockney.

This public hearing is being held to review the outcome of the downtown revitalization program improvements. The grant was used to reconstruct and rebuild sidewalks, curb and gutter as well as add additional ADA ramps.

Citizens who wish to comment, but are unable to attend this hearing may submit their written comments to Charlotte Hooten, City Manager, PO Box 387 Lockney, TX 79241. Anyone needing additional information or special assistance may call Kelly Davila at South Plains Association of Governments at (806) 762-8721.

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Lockney hosts 19th District American Legion Meeting



Photos by Homer Marquez

(Pictured Left) On Saturday, the 19th District of the American Legion held its bi-annual meeting in Lockney. On the left, District Commander Bill Youngren of Lubbock presented Lockney's Post Commander Bill Strickland with a resolution thanking Post 141 for hosting the event. On right, special guest speaker Otto B Schacht (right) gave a rousing speech on the history of the American Legion.

By Homer Marquez

The 19th District of the American Legion held their bi-annual meeting at Legion Post 141 here Lockney this past Saturday.

Started by an Act of Congress in 1919, the American Legion serves as an organization of US Veterans who have dedicated themselves to the cause of helping their fellow veterans.

Twice a year, local American Legion Posts, like Lockney's 141, meet up with other local Legion Posts for a district meeting. This goes around,

Lockney's Post 141 hosted the American Legion 19th District meeting at the Community Center in Lockney.

Posts in the 19th District include; Lockney, Floydada, Denver City, Petersburg, Hale Center, Seminole, Plainview, Brownfield, Post, Littlefield, Morton, O'Donnell, Muleshoe, Staton, Slaton, Anton, Abernathy, Big Spring, Lubbock and Levelland.

Presiding over the meeting would be District Commander Bill Youngren from Lubbock; Serving as President for Lockney's

Post 141 is Bill Strickland. At the meeting, the Legion would discuss a number of topics, but before the meeting started, Post 141 would start off the meeting with the advancement of the Colors, an invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance and the POW/MIA Empty Chair Ceremony.

Following the ceremony, the District gave the floor to special guest speaker Otto B. Schacht. Mr. Schacht would provide a rousing speech on the history and traditions of the American Legion. "The comradery during your

service is something to be proud of," commented Mr. Schacht as he spoke about the brotherhood shared by veterans.

After graduating college in 1970, Mr. Schacht joined the Air Force during the Vietnam War. While serving in the Air Force, Mr. Schacht worked on Minutemen Missiles. Mr. Schacht would be discharged in 1975. Mr. Schacht would go on to receive his PhD from Texas A&M University.

In 1978, Mr. Schacht joined the Reserves and stayed in until he retired with a Colonel rank in 2008.

During this time Mr. Schacht has been and continues to be a Dean and professor at Wayland University's School of Business.

After Mr. Schacht's presentation and after watching a video on the American Legion's history; those in attendance began to talk about District business like the recruitment of new members.

Lockney would be honored with the Golden Post Award after recruiting 11 new members to Post 141 and signing up nine membership renewals.

The District also

encouraged members to volunteer for American Legion programs like Boys State, the American Legion Auxiliary, and the American Legion Riders.

Also discussed at the meeting, Legion members were encouraged to visit with younger veterans to let them know that the Legion was there to support them in anything they needed.

Closing out the meeting, a resolution was passed thanking Post 141 for hosting the District meeting. The meeting would adjourn with the retirement of the Colors and a lunch.

Floydada City Council Approves Operating Budget & 2011 Tax Rate

By Sara Sisemore Correspondent

The Floydada City Council met on Oct. 13 for a public hearing and regular meeting pertaining to the 2011-2012 Operating Budget. Those present – in addition to the city council – were City Attorney Karen Houchin, City Secretary Selia Arellano, Terry Turner, Eddie Sanchez, Julian Alaniz, Jack Alaniz, Reuben Ramon, Albert Chavarria, Gary Fuller, and Chief of Police Darrell Gooch. There were no comments from the public, so the council moved into their regular meeting session.

Councilman Sam Green moved to adopt Ordinance No.

11-7 approving and adopting the 2011-2012 City of Floydada Operating Budget. The motion was approved with councilmembers Green, Bettye King, Gabriel de la Fuente, Dana Crossland, and Alicia Turner voting in favor of the motion; councilman Jon Nielson voted against the motion.

A second public hearing was held at 7:38 p.m. to receive comments from citizens on the proposed 2011 Tax Rate of \$0.40 for the City of Floydada. The public had no comments, so the council entertained a motion from Green to adopt Ordinance No. 11-8 fixing and levying the 2011 Tax Rate of \$0.40 for the City. The motion was

unanimously approved.

The council also unanimously approved to aware the surplus vehicles to the highest bidder for each vehicle.

City Manager Gary Brown reported he and Lucio Vasquez, Animal Control Official, had recently visited Tulia to see their animal shelter for ideas as to what plans the City could make for a 12-pen animal shelter for the City. The council took no action at that time.

The council approved the minutes from two previous meetings and approved cash balances, investments and approved payment of the September transfers, fixed expenses, and city bills.

Floydada Chamber of Commerce to hold annual meeting

By Charla McHam

The Floydada Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture will hold an annual meeting for its members on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at the historic Covey Hotel.

The business meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner immediately following. We will be electing six new directors to serve on the board and be presenting a set of by-laws for membership approval. If you would like a copy of the by laws to

review before the meeting please go by one of the following locations: Script Printing, Happy State Bank, Don Hardy Race Cars, Floyd County Farm Bureau, Karen Houchin Law Office, Caprock Motor Parts, or the Bunkhouse Motel.

Because of the limited space available at The Covey we are asking that everyone who will be attending please RSVP by calling the Floydada Chamber of Commerce at

(806) 983-3434, e mail us at floydadachamber@yahoo.com or leave us a message on Facebook. Reservations for the meeting will not be accepted after 3 p.m. on Friday, November 11, 2011.

If you are not a member of the Floydada Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture and would like to become one please feel free to contact us. Individual memberships can be purchased for \$25 and business memberships can be purchased for \$75.



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