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O.K. Tire gets a change

By Homer Marquez

The Grahams are taking the wheel at Garcia's O.K. Tire Store, as Ronnie and Jill have become the newest owners of Floydada's 56 year-old tire business.

On Dec. 5, the Grahams officially took over as the new owners after buying the business from longtime owner Aldofo Garcia. "It's been good." commented Mr. Graham as he described the transition from being a farmer to the owner of the newly dubbed: "Graham's O.K. Tire Store"

Started as a franchise of the O.K. Tire Company, the Floydada tire store first opened its doors in 1955 under the ownership of Ralph Rucker.

Immediately, the business became an essential tool for farmers as the tire store serviced everything from farm trucks to tractors; "That's the meat and potatoes of the business...farmers," added Graham.

In the 60's, Adolfo Garcia, or better known as Adolf, began his career at the tire store, serving as a key employee for the business for years to come. Eventually, Mr. Garcia would buy the business from then owner Darrell McCandless in 1988.

As the new owners, the Garcia family proudly continued the tire company's tradition of great service, as the business became a staple of Floyd County's ag businesses.

After a long and rewarding career at the tire store, Mr. Garcia decided to look into the possibility of retiring and selling the store.

During a routine tire repair, the possibility became a reality, after farmer Ronnie Graham showed an interest in buying the store. "It was time to do something else," explained Mr. Graham as he looked to get out of the farming business.

A farmer since the early 80's, this year's drought dealt a heavy blow to the Grahams who were already pondering the idea of retiring from farming. With the chances of another drought looming on the horizon, the Grahams decided to opt out of farming and pursue another career. Luckily, the tire store gave the Grahams a chance to move on. "I'd like to find something to do to get out of farming, and this opportunity came along," explained Graham. After completing this year's harvest, he started making plans to buy the business.

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Photo by Kat Wallace

Earlier this month, the Graham family became the new owners of Floydada's Garcia's O.K. Tire Store, after purchasing the business from longtime owner Adolfo Garcia. Picture above are new owners; Jill and Ronnie Graham, along with their children Mallory, Jacob, and Rachel.

Through strength and inspiration



Courtesy Photo

To fulfill his dream of riding on a roller coaster, the Make-A-Wish Foundation sent 11 year-old Zackary Reyna and his entire family to Disney World in Orlando Florida. Pictured above in the front car is Zackary, and to his left, is his mother Soyla who was born and raised in Lockney. Behind them are Zackary's two brothers J.J. and Eli, and his dad Jerry.

By Homer Marquez

Armed with faith and with family and friend in his corner, 11 year-old Zackary Reyna has defiantly become an unwavering source of inspiration for anyone who is against him.

lucky enough to meet him.

"He's really strong, and A modern day Superman, he is a fighter; not willing to Zackary is constantly beating give up, he fights every day," the odds that about four years explained Zackary's mother, ago were stacked so high Soyla Reyna, ""If the doctors say he can't do something, that's his drive, to be positive and show them that he can do whatever it is they say he

> A little over three and half years ago, Zackary, whose mother was born and raised in Lockney, was diagnosed with a life-threatening brain aneurysm that many doctors have called inoperable because of the aneurysm's location on the brain and its possibility to rupture at anytime.

When diagnosed in 2007, a number of doctors came to the conclusion that the aneurvsm would give Zackarv

tured. Treatment to combat his stripes I am healed." the prognosis was limited because doctors were unwilling make it through the radiation to take the case because of treatment but currently famits complexity and Zackary's ily and doctors are waiting to age; doctors felt that any pro- see it the treatment will have cedures may cause more harm an effect. than good.

diction, Zackary and his family kept fighting on, cherishing and battling every single day that God allowed them.

Eventually, Zackary and his family found doctors who were willing to take the case. Treatment would be a long road for Zack and the family as they traveled from their home in Kerrville to medical centers in Virginia, Dallas, and Austin. So far, Zack has undergone six surgeries with three of them yielding a success and three of them failing. Along with the surgeries, Zack has also received radiation treatments as a way

to combat the aneurysm. His last radiation treatment in October proved to be a big decision for the family as doctors warned that there was an 80 percent chance. that Zack would not make it through the procedure.

Zackary's mother Soyla described that the decision to follow through with the procedure was a difficult one to make. However, Zack, who at this point had now lived two and a half years above what doctors had originally predicted, placed the decision on faith and the thought that God would see him and his family through; "What keeps him also going is...he is really strong in his faith," commented Solya as she described that Zack holds on to one scripture

about a year before it rup- in particular; Isaiah 53:5 "By

Thankfully, Zack would

This last treatment would However, despite the pre- also prompt the family to

apply to the Make-a-Wish Foundation as Zackary became eager to do something he had never done before, ride a roller coaster. In November, during the Thanksgiving break, the Foundation flew Zack and his entire fam-

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Floydada EMS receives gift from **Farris Foundation**

By Katrina Gooch

The Floydada EMS recently received two POWER -PRO XT 6500 EMS cots. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Farris Foundation for purchasing these cots for us.

These cots are batterypowered with a hydraulic system that raises and lowers the patient with the touch of a button. This will help with the lifting and moving of patients. The cots are rated for up to 700 lbs

making it more helpful with our larger patients. This cot will cut down on the risk of back injuries for Floydada EMS as well as helping with the comfort level for our pa-

We are very excited about working with these new cots. We feel very blessed for this is wonderful Christmas gift for the employees of Floydada EMS. Thank you to the Farris Foundation for your kindness. May God bless you greatly this New Year.

Spirit of Sharing still in need of donations

The Floydada Spirit of Sharing is still in need of food donations. Payne Pharmacy, located at 200 S. Main, Floydada, has a collection box inside their store for you to donate canned and/or perishable foods. The Spirit of Sharing will be collecting food until January 15th.

The SOS would like to thank the citizens of Floydada for their donations. It is very much appreciated.



Must present coupon - One time per customer offer - offer good till 12/30/11

FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

By Margaret Jones

If you were Dreaming of a White Christmas, Your dream came true Christmas morning. What a Glorious Sight....Beautiful fluffy White Snow covering everything in sight....A wonderful time of worship at my church with beautiful music and the true meaning of Christmas read from the Bible. Thank you, Lord for our Blessings on me.

My refrigerator is covered with newly received pictures of family and friends. I will see them every day and be thankful. I truly enjoy the old tradition of sending and receiving cards and letters at this time of year.

Many family gatherings have taken place this weekend and will continue the rest of the week. I hope for safe travel for everyone and a wonderful time of fellowship and sharing yet another

Good news from Charles Haenisch about Emogene. On Monday morning he said Santa had been to the Lockney hospital and Emogene is doing a lot better. Family and friends are blessed when they visit because of the wonderful Spirit of these two. Our prayer is continued strength and wellness for Emo-

gene. Blessings on you, Charles as you patiently sit day after day, contented to do whatever needs to be done.

Several others need our prayers as healing comes slowly. Pray for strength for them and a contented well-being for family and friends

Margarette Word continues to do well. We are so thankful for Blessings on this sweet lady as this has been a difficult year for her with many days of hospital and rehab time. Our wish for the coming year is Good Health. We look forward to seeing you back at the Center soon.

William and Faye Bertrand celebrated Christmas with 23 family members in their home Christmas Day. A great time of fun and laughter was enjoyed by everyone.

Memorials:

In memory of Betty Holmes - Rick and Kelly Reddy, Ruth Hammonds

In memory of Noma Lou Rainer - Ruth Hammonds

In memory of Sharon Galloway - Floydada Fire Depart-

"Thought for the New Year" - God's gift to you - 365 days. Use it well!

County Judge Honored for Education Efforts

Floyd County Judge Penny Golightly has been honored by the Texas Judicial Academy for going the extra mile to be prepared to handle her duties as county judge.

Judge Penny Golightly was inducted as a Fellow in the Texas Judicial Academy November 16, 2011, at a reception in Côrpus Christi, Omni Hotel, during the 2011 Fall Judicial Education Session.

The Academy, a partnership between the Texas Tech University School of Law and the Texas Association of Counties, names as Fellows each year those judges who attain significant judicial education above that required by state law.

The educational program of the Texas Judicial Academy is overseen by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals and includes instruction by higher court judges, law school faculty as well as representatives of the Texas Probate College and the National Judicial College.



Courtesy Photo

Floydada Senior Citizen Menu

January 2 - January 6

MONDAY CLOSED

TUESDAY

Rigatoni w/meat sauce, garlic bread, seasoned lima beans, tossed salad, mandarin oranges, milk

WEDNESDAY

Chicken Teriyaki, fried rice, seasoned vegetables, strawberries & bananas, milk

THURSDAY

Breaded fish on bun, lettuce, tomato & pickle, tartar sauce, potato wedges, cole slaw, peach chantily, milk

FRIDAY

Turkey sandwich, lettuce, tomato & pickle, broccoli raisin salad, macaroni salad, pineapple delight, milk

FROM THE ARCHIVES

OF THE FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM

From the Lockney Beacon April 30, 1978

PROMISES TO THE 'GOOD LORD' KEPT BY C. H. ROSE

By Felicia Applewhite

For the "almost 90 years" in the life of C. H. Rose not much has "just happened." Most everything has been planned and orderly. His coming to Floyd County at age of 23 was planned and for specific purpose. He came to "build a home in this fine country with its bountiful prospects for young folk."

He came in a covered wagon, dragging an old cultivator and planter behind him. He brought this farming equipment "hoping to get a place to farm" because he "felt sure he would have some place to live."

He came here from the part of Oklahoma where boys and girls married early. Usually, after marriage, the girl went to live with her new husband's people. Often Rose heard rumors of how a family friction developed in such households. "None of that" for him. When a young friend attempted calling his attention to marriage, he informed her of his position on the matter. He just supposed he would never marry—certainly not until he had a home for a girl.

He made the move to here following a crop failure on "the best farm land" near Martha, Oklahoma. In fact, he hadn't made enough that year "to pay his board bill." That 65 acres of row crop had been "hard work and no pay."

What better place to stop on arriving in Floyd County than Meteor northwest of Lockney.

"There were three of us—my niece, her husband and I. We lived together. When we began farming, we moved to the Roseland Community northeast of Lockney. We had ½ section of farm land and 1/2 section of grass

Early in Mr. Rose's West Texas friendships was a Germanborn man by the name of Roloff who farmed nearby. Since Rose had no interest in making trips to town, he spent much of his spare time at the Roloff farm. And since there was always work at the Roloff farm, Rose "pitched in" and helped "without pay."

was the time the wind blew Roloff's barns down. Roloff called the wind "storm wind." It was so strong that it blew the hog sheds down and turned the

at the time, so I helped re-build the barns and hog sheds." He adds then, "No cost to Roloff."

wild ducks. They were by the

land," he recalls.

Very clear in Rose's memory

"I didn't have work at home

He sometimes fed Roloff's stuff and did other things he saw to be done. However, the most striking contribution made to Roloff was work that Rose did secretly at night.

"It was in the fall when Roloff had his feed on the ground in bundles. It was hard to see the bundles because of the hundreds, and they were eating Roloff's feed up.

"During the day, I was heading my own feed, so I started shocking Roloff's feed at night. He saw his feed was being shocked, so the 3rd night he came to where I was. Together we finished shocking his feed. He insisted on paying me. I told him if I had been doing it for pay, I would have asked before hand.

In the winter months when the crops were "laid by," Rose worked for Roy Phillips for "\$35 a month and board."

While he was working for Phillips, he became fascinated by some hand work Mrs. Phillips was doing. She was making coarse lacework by weaving and knotting cords into a pattern. She called it macramé. One day, he asked her to bring him some of the cord when she went to town. The end result was that he made a macramé bag.

The 64-year-old bag is still in Mrs. Rose possession. He made it for her in March before they were married in June. Mrs. Phillips instructed him because he said, "I believe I will just make one of those for Girl."

He points out the two errors he made in making the bag; those errors have to be pointed out because they are not noticeable. Many macramé artists have studied the bag hoping to reproduce its unusual design, but no one has.

"After I quit working for him Roy rode 17 miles horse back to get me to come back to take his ranch. I had 6 horses and 6 cows; he offered to pasture them and give me \$70 a month if I would come back, but I wanted a farm of my own.

Rose never refers to his wife by any other name than "Girl." She had said to him once that she never wanted to be referred to as "the old woman." He than began calling her "Girl" with his own special blend of the "i" and "r" as he says it.

Rose never did ask Girl to marry him; there was never a spoken proposal.

We just began making our plans to marry without saying so," he remembers.

"For our honeymoon, we

rigged out a covered wagon and went to Oklahoma for Girl to meet my folks. She had never met any of them."

There was a chuck box on the back of the wagon and a bed in the wagon. Rose did the cooking. "That's where I started wrong. I cooked it the first morning and still do."

It took 7 days to get to Blair in that wagon. One horse became a cripple when his leg swelled from a cut in the joint he had before they left Floyd County.

"Before we married, I told Girl that I didn't have anything. She said, 'I can make my own living' that is what we had done with no inheritance or assistance of any kind."

"A brother-in-law wanted me to come back to Oklahoma to work in his feed barn where I had worked once. I didn't want to work for anybody; I wanted a farm of my own. I had already arranged for a place to go before we married."

They spent 2 months in Oklahoma on the honeymoon, then came back and headed maize and picked cotton-both of them. At the end of the year they had \$500.

They bought cows and farm equipment from Roloff. They bought kerosene, coal and groceries to last 6 months. They spent \$50 on housekeeping items. After buying these things, they had less that \$5.

He then decided, "If I make a living, I have to have something to make a living with, so I bought 2 sows and 18 hens."

They didn't get possession of the place until February, and they were not much more than moved until the cows had calves. There were then 5 cows to milk. Girl churned butter to sell and sold eggs

For three months, Rose didn't go to town. Town had no appeal

Girl's brothers helped them move in when they took possession in February.

"The brothers had just left after helping us get moved in when Girl and I met each other in the middle of the room and stopped. We put our arms around each other and stood there and stood there. We promised the good Lord while we stood there to do

our best and asked Him to keep us and He was right there with us all the way.' However, it looked at times

that that prayer wasn't answered. A series of disappointments came to the young Rose family before the year finally ended on a good note.

To begin with, "I had 6 head of good work stock. First, in moving up there. I was leading one horse by the side of the wagon and ran across the side of his foot. Later, I went to saw off the bad hoof. Just as I bent down to saw, the hoof dropped off. The horse had to grow back another hoof.

Then, two of our 5-year old mares took what the veternarian called the 'grease heel.' I had the vet to come several times. I decided I would have to work the farm with 3 work stock.

"Then I went out one morning to find a 2-year-old dragging his hind foot. Something had kicked him in the hip. I got him up several times, but his leg stuck out a little farther all the time. I finally shot him.

"That left me with 2 good work stock. I went to farming early—the first of April. Mr. Rushing came by and told me to quit, but I went ahead. I planted cotton and maize the first of April. I had no rain until July.

"I made more on the 96 acres than some neighbors made on 1,000 acres. I made ½ bale of cotton, made good feed. I sold my maize for 17 cents a bundle.

The prayer had been answered through a series of hard luck experiences.

"If I had had all the good horses, I would not have begun until May to plant, and it would have been too dry to get my stuff up. We had a 4-inch snow the first of May. The young cotton was plain down the row as the snow melted. The snow was all gone by dinner.

"Since 6 days was for work, I promised the Lord I would not work on Sundays. In my whole life, I have worked 3 hours altogether on Sundays.'

When we moved there, we were given wheat and oat straw and my neighbor gave me half of his cane stalks to haul it out of the field after he had de-headed it. We had enough feed for our stock for the winter. Girl had stacked it as we hauled it.

Several years later, Rose sold Maytag washers for 2 years. About this time Pat Fairey came to Rose to see if he would buy his laundry. He finally ended up by saying, "You can have that laundry. You won't owe a penny. You won't be busy in it except in the mornings. "It wasn't long before we ran until 10 o'clock at night. The alarm for getting up was set for 10 minutes before 5. We operated the laundry for 6 years and never missed a day and never washed on Sunday."

After coming to town, he not only operated the laundry for a time, he bought the store where Rowell Variety is now and sold groceries 3 years. He worked at the hospital 2 years. Last year he raised 300 acres of wheat and kept the weeds hoed out of 100 acres of cotton. He hasn't missed hoeing on his birthday all his life except for sickness.

"We have a pretty good record on church service attendance. Whaven't missed 2 Sundays a year except for sickness, or when off visiting. At times when we have away visiting we have visited Catholic, Church of Christ, Baptist, Episcopal and Presbyterian churches.

In a few days, Rose will have his 90th birthday, but his life style is much as it has always been—planned and orderly.

Lockney Senior Citizen Center Menu

January 2- January 5

MONDAY Closed

TUESDAY Pork Chop

WEDNESDAY Chicken Fried Steak

> **THURSDAY** Chicken Strips

> > **FRIDAY**

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Obituaries

HELEN EMERT

Floydada, passed away on December 20, 2011.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, December 22, 2011 at Floyd County Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

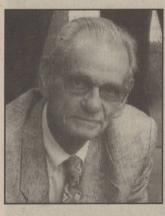
Helen Emert was born on August 25, 1924 to H.L and Josie (Massey) Hall at Roaring Springs. She was raised and attended school in Roaring Springs.

Helen married Oliver K. Emert in 1945 in Matador. She lived and raised nine children; six boys and three daughters in Dougherty. Helen worked as a waitress in Floydada until retiring in 1989. She attended First Baptist Church of Floydada.

Helen is survived by four sons, three daughters, ten grandchildren, three and great- grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made in Helen Emert's name to Lockney Health and Rehabilitation Center 401 S. Main Lockney, Tx, 79241.

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



LEON EDWARD (EDDIE) LANDERS

7/10/1929 - 12/19/2011 His Faith was Strong His Smile and Laugh came quickly and easily His Love was Unconditional

Funeral services for Leon Edward (Eddie) Landers of San Angelo, Texas, (formerly of Amherst, Texas) were held Thursday, December 22, 2011 at Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel in San Angelo.

He died December 19, 2011 at his home in San Angelo.

Eddie was born July 10, 1929 in Floydada, Texas to Leon Albert and Myrtle Ella (Dunavant) Landers.

He graduated from Floydada High School in 1946 and started his career with the Santa Fe Railroad in 1947. He was a station agent for the Santa Fe for 44 years. He worked at a number of Santa Fe Depots over the years, including Post, Plainview, Littlefield, Sudan, Muleshoe, and Lubbock.

Eddie was quite fast at Morse code on a telegraph covered with a Prince Albert tobacco can as well as on the typewriter using only his two ments are under the direction lissa Schaeffer of Amarillo; index fingers.

Eddie married Louise Seaton on December 14th, 1949 in Post, Texas. Eddie and Louise raised their three daughters in Lamesa and Amherst. He retired from the Santa Fe Railroad in 1991. He and Louise moved from Amherst to Tahoka in 1988 and from Tahoka to San An-

Helen Emert, age 87, of tist Church of Amherst for worked as a teller in the First many years and was currently National Bank of Lubbock. a member of Lakeview Bible Scooter McCurdy as Pastor.

death by his parents.

Louise of San Angelo; three Church. daughters and their husbands, Debbie and Steve Martin of Christine returned to Texas Tanoa and Charles Marsh of San Angelo.

Laci and husband, Clint Bradley, Lindzi and husband, Matt Timberlake, Keeli Boyles, Alison Marsh and Amy and husband, Matt Teufert.

great-grandsons (and one ard McDuffie, his wife Nancy on the way) and four greatgranddaughters.

Eddie also leaves behind Littlefield; several nieces and nephews and brother-in-laws two grandsons, Kent and Anand their wives.

Eddie was active in the Lion's Club. He was named for being a devoted daugh-Man of the Year by the Amherst Chamber of Commerce.

He coached Pee Wee baseball for many years and loved watching the Little League lieu of flowers memorials be World series each year.

He enjoyed fishing, danc- honor of Christine Patterson. ing, especially square danctune (he could always come com up with the answers quicker than anyone!) playing "42" dominoes, his Wednesday night dinners with his brother-in-law Floyd and his wife, rest of the group, a lively fiddle tune, a good joke and a to everyone he met.

Ride the rails once again Lockney. Eddie, all the way to Heaven! Family and friends may

sign an online guest register book at www.johnsons-funer-



CHRISTINE **PATTERSON**

Christine Patterson, age 85, Floydada, Lamesa, Amherst, passed from this life on December 21, 2011. Interment will be at Plainview Memorial Park in a private family ceremony. A memorial service to honor her life will be held at a later date. Arrangeof Lockney.

Brownfield on November Clay, Caleb Young, and Nash 25, 1926 to William Richard "Dick" and Maurine McDuffie. Christine grew up. The American Cancer Sociin Brownfield and graduated ety or to Hope Lodge of Lubhigh school in 1944. After bock. Online condolences high school, Christine at- may be made at www.mooretended Texas Tech University rose.com.

gelo in 2001. Eddie was a and married Richard Patterfaithful member of First Bap- son of Lockney in 1947. She The couple soon moved to Church in San Angelo with Lockney (Richard's home town) where they joined the Eddie was preceded in family business. They raised three sons and were members He is survived by his wife, of First United Methodist

Later in life, Richard and Shallowater, Lisa and Roger Tech, completed their respec-Boyles of Shallowater and tive degrees, and moved to San Antonio in 1970. There, Christine attended St. Mary's He is survived by two School of Social Work, earngrandsons, Doug and wife, ing an M.S.W. degree and Jaime Boyles and Nicholas working as a psychiatric soand wife, Joli Martin; six cial worker. Following Richgranddaughters, Errin Martin, ard's and her son, Kenneth's deaths in 1975 and 1977, Christine returned to Lubbock where she resided until very recently.

She is survived by the fol-He is also survived by three lowing: a brother, Rev. Richof Lexington, Kentucky, their children, Will and Kathleen; two sons, David Patterson two sisters, Barbara and and his wife, Laura of Lockhusband, Kenneth Willis of ney, Mark Patterson and his Floydada and Sue Landers of wife, Rene of Dallas, through Mark she is also survived by drew.

Christine is remembered ter, wife, mother and friend. She will be missed by all who

The family suggests that in sent to a favorite charity in

Online condolences may ing, watching Wheel of For- be made at www.moore-rose.

VICKY JANELLE SCHAEFFER

Vicky Janelle Schaeffer, Patricia Seaton and all the age 61, passed away Monday, December 19, 2011. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., good smoke. He was a friend Friday, December 23, 2011 at the First Baptist Church in

Visitation was held from 5:30-7 p.m. on December 22, 2011 at Moore Rose Funeral Home. Services were under the direction of the Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lock-

Vicky was born on November 25, 1950 in Tulia to Jack Thornton and Earlene (Hutson) Thornton. She graduated from Tulia High School in 1969 and later graduated from. West Texas State University with a Bachelors Degree in Education in 1973. Vicky married Milton Schaeffer in 1973; they were blessed with over 37 years of marriage. Vicky enjoyed teaching and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Lockney.

She is preceded in death by

her mother Earlene Thornton. Vicky is survived by her husband, Milton Schaeffer; three daughters, Tricia and husband, Chuck Clay of Plainview, Erin Schaeffer and Steve of Amarillo, and Meof Moore-Rose Funeral Home six grandchildren, Matthew Prather, Leeann Prather, Ga-Christine was born in briel Rodriguez, Michael Young.

Memorials may be made to

RRC Spotlights safety with propane gas logs

AUSTIN— The Railroad Commission offers the following safety tips for Texans enjoying the cozy warmth of a propane gas log set this winter. As the state's chief energy agency, the Railroad Commission has been in charge of propane safety in Texas for more than 50

"More and more Texans are fueling their fireplaces with clean-burning propane

gas logs," said Railroad Commission Chairman Elizabeth Ames Jones, "And it is easy to see why. Gas logs don't smoke up the neighborhood, and they turn on at the flip of a switch. But they don't turn off by themselves like a wood fire, so remember to switch off your gas log when you leave the room for an extended period and before you go to sleep."

Even though gas log own-

ers no longer have to split and stack firewood or haul ashes out of the fireplace, gas-fired logs do require some mainte-

Commissioner David Porter said,"Have a trained technician install the units and schedule a regular maintenance checkup at the start of the heating season. The checkup should include

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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 School 10:30 a.m.

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

Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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 Worship ...10:30 a.m Evening Worship6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study....6:30 p.m.

**** FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Lockney

Jonathan Sullivan, Pastor Chad Cook, Youth Min. Phil Cotham, Music Min. Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

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FIRST UNITED **METHODIST CHURCH** Floydada

Rev. Les Hall, Pastor Early Worship8:30 am. 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

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Longhorns get back to back wins

By Coach Strickland

The Lockney longhorns won again after dominating the Anton bulldogs on Tuesday night in overtime 49-42 victory. This is the first time the Horns have won back to back games in two seasons. The win improves Lockney's record to 6-9. Ky Teeter led all scorers with 12 points; Marcos Bernal and Ian Dunbar both had 10 points, and Erik Cortez added 8. The horns next play in the Littlefield Tournament on December 28-30.

Ladies sail past Bulldogs

By Homer Marquez

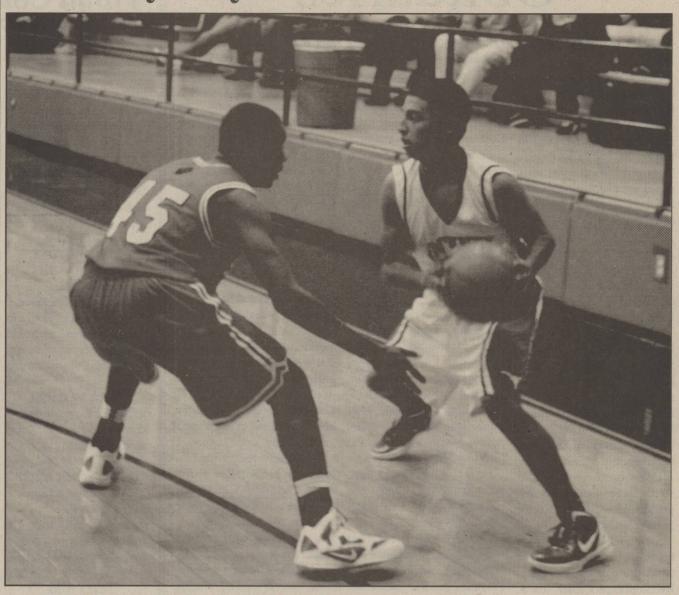
The Lady Horns put another one in the win column last Tuesday as the ladies crushed the Anton Lady Dogs 56-40. The Lady Horns dominated throughout the first half of the game, outscoring Anton 37-19 at the break. In the second half, Anton kept up with Lockney, outscoring the girls 19-21 by the end of the fourth. However, despite Anton's small comeback in the second half, the Lady Horns' dominance in the first half sealed another win for Lockney. Lead scorers for Lockney were SyAnn Foster with 17, Anissa Reyna with 16, and Tanae Ramos with 14 points.

Preparing for the New Year

By Abel Salazar

Christmas has passed, now New Year's is coming up; and people are hoping for a good 2012. As the New Year comes, schools everywhere are ready to begin a new semester. Kids are hoping to pass school and move on to the next grade so they can get more privileges and become more mature. School districts in Lockney are preparing for the STAAR test. Students start taking the test in May. Many are working hard to pass and others are already ready. New plans are being made for 2012 and projects are coming up. Have a happy New Year.

Lockney Boys and Girls basketball



About 300,000 Americans Each Year Experience Out-of- Hospital Sudden Cardiac Arrest

WASHINGTON — The nation's emergency physicians are encouraging everyone this holiday season to get Cardio-pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training, saying this skill could be the greatest gift given to someone.

"When a person goes into cardiac arrest, the first few seconds and minutes are crucial to saving his or her life and to preventing irreversible damage," said Dr. David Seaberg, president of the American College of Emergency Physicians. "If more people had CPR training, many more lives could be saved. It's not difficult to learn, and it's well worth the small amount of time it takes to learn."

Facts about Cardiac Arrest:

·Effective CPR immediately after sudden cardiac arrest can double or even triple a victim's chance of survival, according to the American Heart Association (AHA).

Studies suggest bystander CPR can double, even triple chances of survival.

·A victim's best chance for survival is when there is revival in the first 4 minutes.

About 300,000 victims of out-of-hospital cardiac arrest each year in the United States (AHA). Less than 8 percent of those victims survive.

Sudden cardiac arrest is different from a heart attack, which occurs when there is a blocked coronary artery. Cardiac arrest occurs when there is a heart rhythm disturbance – causing the heart to suddenly stop beating.

Less than one-third of out-of-hospital sudden cardiac arrest victims receive by-stander CPR, (AHA).

·Almost 6,000 children 18 years old and younger suffer out-of-hospital cardiac ar-

rest each year.

For those put off by having to perform mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, there is good news: compression-only CPR is considered as effective at maintaining blood flow. Compression-only CPR is the method where you would push hard and fast in the center of the victim's chest. Proper training from experts would easily be able to show a person this lifesaving technique.

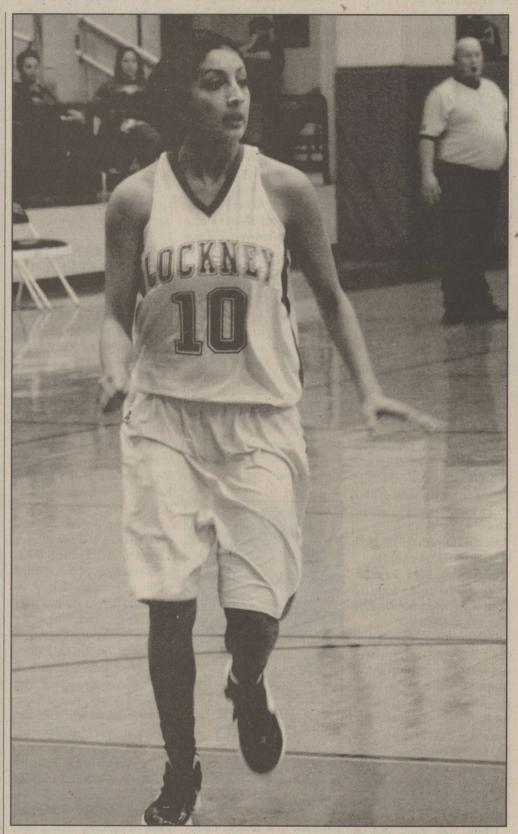
Dr. Howard Mell, an emergency physician in Ohio has set a goal for his county of training 10,000 residents in CPR. "Some new CPR classes can take less than an hour," said Dr. Mell. "Family and friends are often on the front line and can make a significant difference preserving the life of a loved one."

For information on taking a CPR class in your area, please visit the American Red Cross at www.redcross.org/takeaclass.

"I can't think of many better ways to get ready for the holidays," said Dr. Seaberg. "Prepare for the new year ahead by obtaining this valuable skill that could ultimately save someone's life."

Please visit <u>www.EmergencyCareForYou.org</u> for details on many emergency medicine and health-related topics.

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Photos By Home Marquez

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Julie Simmons, RN is new to South Plains Community Action Home Health, but is no stranger to the industry as she has worked as a Home Health RN for the last three years. Prior to that, Julie was an ICU RN who graduated from the Covenant School of Nursing. Julie, her husband Dustin, and daughter Landry make their home in Lorenzo, Texas where they also raise horses.

SPCAA Home Health looks forward to the addition of Julie to the Home Healthcare team! If you would like to have Julie as your Home Health nurse, or would like more information about South Plains Community Action Home Health, please call our office at (806) 894-7872, or toll-free at (800) 687-2085. We have offices across the South Plains, and can also be located at www.spcaahomehealth.orghttp://www.spcaahomehealth.org

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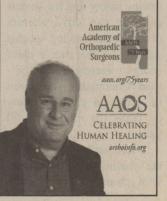
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Dr. Galpin actually credits his own incurable condition for giving him the focus that made him so passionate in his research. His story leaves us with two of the most contagious messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If Dr. Galpin's story inspires just one more person to make a difference, then its telling here has been well worth while.



Floydada Fire Dept received gift



Courtesy Photo

Floydada 4-H club president, Kirby Nixon presented Cory Johnston Floydada Fire Department with a donation from Punkin Day, the 4-H Halloween party, Floydada Lions club and collection jars in local businesses.

Lady Winds Stay Undefeated in District

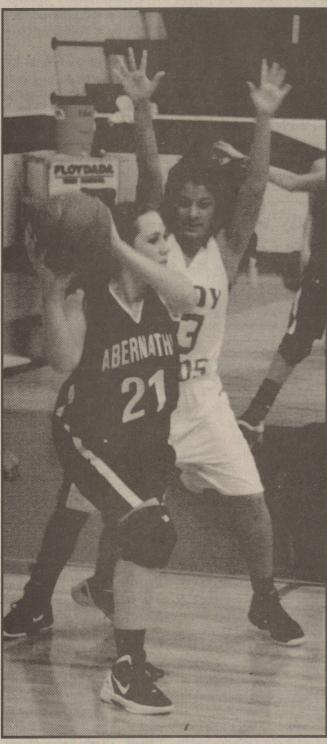


Photo By Homer Marquez

By Coach Styles

The Floydada Lady Winds remained unbeaten in district play with a 46-29 win in Whirlwind Gymnasium against Abernathy after Tuesday nights game (12-20-11).

The Lady Winds led 6-2 after the first quarter and came out red hot over the first 4 minutes of the second quarter on a 13-0 run and led

19-2. Abernathy returned the favor with a 14-4 run to end the quarter and only trail 23-16 at half. *Floydada led 30-19 after three quarters. The Lady Winds would outscore the Lady Lopes 10-1 to start the 4th on their way to a 46-

This win enables the Lady Winds to remain on top of the district standing along-

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side Tulia at 3-0. Littlefield eled to Friona to open District and Idalou are just one game back at 2-1. Friona and Abernathy are at 1-2, and Dimmitt season.

Points: Liz Suarez 11 points. Avery Miller had 9, Sarah Jo Miller 7, Nikki Seymour 6, Sarah Sanders 5, Emily Hall 3, Amelia Gonzalez 2, Rebekah Hall, Elyanna Duran with 1.

13, Sarah Jo Miller 9, Rebekah Hall 5, Avery Miller 5.

Steals: Nikki Seymour 5, Sarah Jo Miller 5, Avery

Assists: Avery Miller 4 Deflections: Sarah Jo Mill-

Lady Winds won their second district game in as many tries with a 44-38 win over Dimmitt in Whirlwind Gymnasium. Floydada led 10-9 after the first quarter. Each team scored eight points in the second quarter. The Lady Winds would lead 18-17 at intermission. Dimmitt would take a 30-29 lead entering the final

Floydada would take the lead and protect the ball causing the Bobbies to foul and send them to the free throw line. The Lady Winds would 5 hit 9 of 12 in the quarter, the last 6 in a row, to ice the victory 44-=38.

Points: Avery Miller 12, Sarah Jo Miller 10, Liz Suarez 10, Sarah Sanders 7, Emily

Hall 3, Rebekah Hall 2. Rebounds: Sarah Sanders 13, Avery Miller 7, Rebekah

Steals: Sarah Sanders 3, Liz Suarez 3.

Assists: Avery Miller 4 Deflections: Sarah Sanders 9, Avery Miller 7, Sarah Jo

On Tuesday (12-13-11) the Floydada Lady Winds trav2-2A play against the Lady Squaws.

The Lady Winds came out and Muleshoe are at 0-3. The on fire and took a 17-6 lead Lady Winds are 11-4 on the after one quarter of play. Both teams scored 11 in the quarter to give Floydada a 28-17 halftime lead. Friona outscored the Lady Winds 14 - 9 to close the gap to 37-31. Friona closed the gap to 2 on several occasions.

Friona would go to the Rebounds: Sarah Sanders free throw line 17 times in the fourth quarter compared to Floydada's 5 times. The Lady Winds made 4 to Friona's 10. The Lady Winds survived the free throw imbalance by sinking 6 of 10 for the game compared to the Lady Squaws 15 of 27. The Lady Winds iced Last Friday (12-16-11) the the game by sinking 4 of 4 in the waning moments of the

The final Floydada 49 Fri-

Points: Avery Miller 17, Sarah Sanders 10, Sarah Jo Miller 9, Emily Hall 4, Rebekah 4, Nikki Seymour 3, Liz Suarez 2.

Rebounds: Sarah Sanders 10, Rebekah 6, Sarah Jo Miller 5.

Steals: Sarah Jo Miller 3 Assists: Liz Suarez 5, Avery Miller 3

Deflections: Avery Miller

The Lady Winds will play in the Ambucs Caprock Tournament beginning Wednesday, December 28th - Friday 30th. Meadow will be Floydada's opening round matchup at 1:30 p.m. in the Lubbock Coronado gymnasium. The Lady Winds will play the winner/loser of the Spearman/ LCHS contest. If we win we will play at 9 p.m at Estacado gym that night and if we lose at Trinity gym at 10:30 a.m. the next morning.

I hope all have a Happy New Year.

Floydada grabs big win over Abernathy



Photo By Homer Marquez

By Coach Renfro

The Floydada Whirlwinds exploded for 26 second quarter points as they ran out to a 43 to 23 halftime lead against the Abernathy Antelopes in the district 2-2A opener for both teams. The Winds then cruised to a 73-51 victory to push their season record to 7-4.

Four Winds hit double figures in the game with Jordan Woody leading the way with 18 points. Woody also grabbed 6 rebounds and handed out 3 assists. Haden Lipham and Tyler Renfro each contributed 13 points and pulled down 6 rebounds apiece. Lipham also added 5 steals to his stat column. R. J. Deleon led the team in boards with

9, and he also contributed 11 points and 3 assists to the cause. Cole Covington put in 9 points to go with 6 rebounds and 5 assists. Jose Martinez added 5 points. Venturo Gonzales and Michael Cisneros put in 3 and 2 respectively, with Gonzales also grabbing 5

Overall, the Whirlwinds were able to capture 17 offensive rebounds as a team, while the taller Antelopes only had 7 second chance opportunities.

Floydada will travel to Lubbock to play in the annual Caprock Classic December 28-30 before continuing district play Littlefield on against January 3.

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU January 2 – January 6

MONDAY HOLIDAY TUESDAY

Breakfast- Sausage/biscuit or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch-Country style steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, savory green beans, hot roll, strawberry shortcake, milk

Breakfast-Pancakes/ syrup or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk Lunch-Chicken spaghetti, garden salad, fresh apple, Texas toast, brownie, milk

THURSDAY Breakfast- Oatmeal and cinnamon toast or cereal

and graham crackers, juice, Lunch-Beef and bean chalupas, Spanish rice,

lettuce & tomatoes, cinnamon applesauce, peanut butter bar, milk **FRIDAY**

Breakfast-Breakfast burrito

or cereal and graham

crackers, juice, milk Lunch- Pizza burger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, tater tots, fresh grapes, milk

NOTICE OF SCHEDULED **ENTRY INTO FIELDS**

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Dual-county Caprock Crop Production Conference slated for Jan. 24 in Floydada

By Steve Byrns

FLOYDADA - The Texas AgriLife Extension Service offices in Crosby and Floyd counties will conduct their Caprock Crop Production Conference from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Jan. 24 at the Floyd County Friends Unity Cen-

The center is 6 miles from Floydada on U.S. Highway 70 between Floydada and Lockney

"We will have a number of agricultural updates crucial to our area," said Caitlin Jackson, AgriLife Extension agent in Crosby County. "We plan to have representatives from the Texas Comptrollers office on-site to explain and issue the new Ag and Timber Tax registration numbers. We'll also have information on

the High Plains Water District water meter requirements and a trade show."

Jackson said the conference is open to all area producers and those interested in the South Plains crop production industry.

"We'll also have commercial booths with exhibitors on hand to introduce the latest in technology and equipment," she said.

Other topics will include a general crop disease update, drift minimization and equipment calibration, 2012 Farm Bill and conservation reserve program update, and updates on risk and pest management and crop insur-

Seven Texas Department Agriculture continuing education units will be available for those with a pesticide applicators license – 0.5 drift minimization, 3.5 general, two integrated pest management and one laws and regulations. Seven certified crop advisor credits will also be

Individual preregistration is \$35 by Jan. 20 and \$45 thereafter. The fee includes lunch, conference cap and educational materials. Organizers also will be giving away an iPad 2 as a door

For more information or to preregister, call the AgriLife Extension offices in Crosby County at 806-675-2347 or Floyd County at 806-983-4912.

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Cotton Market Weekly

The cotton market traded sluggishly this week, firmly locked into holiday mode ahead of Christmas and New Year closings. Some late session buying support on the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) brought nearby cotton futures prices back to the top of their ranges on Thursday, but trading still was somewhat "anemic," according to

"The market seems perplexed by the lack of business," a market observer explained. "The weekly export sales report confirmed the condition. In any case, it would appear that we've shut down for the year."

Despite a slow week on the ICE, sales on the spot market still were healthy. Producers in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, and New Mexico sold 22,546 bales online in the week ended Dec. 22 compared to the previous week when 18,100 bales were sold

Export sales, however, were considerably lower. USDA reported net export sales of U.S. cotton totaled 69,500 bales in the week ended Dec. 15 as sales to China, Vietnam and Bangladesh were partially offset by cancellations from Japan, Thailand, and Pakistan. Export shipments of 191,100 bales were up 10 percent from the previous week and from the four-week average. Primary destinations included China, Turkey, and Mexico.

The Chinese Reserve continued to support the cotton market by taking yet another 1.0 million statistical bales of domestic cotton into its stockpile, bringing the total amount to 8.2 million bales this season, not counting an estimated 4.5 million bales of imports. Many observers now feel that the reserve will procure as many as 18.0 million bales of domestic and imported cotton from the market which would be more than the global production surplus this season.

China is not the only country that seems to be attempting to support cotton prices. New reports indicate the government of Pakistan is intending to buy 1.0 million bales (375 lbs each) through the Trading Corporation of Pakistan (TCP) in order to help out its growers and ginners. While the prime minister seems to have already instructed the secretary of finance to arrange the funding for such an operation, mill owners and exporters are voicing their discontent and it may be a while before a final decision is reached.

Closer to home, the National Cotton Council's (NCC) annual survey of 2012 planting intentions was mailed to upland and extralong staple (ELS) cotton producers across the Cotton Belt on Tuesday, Dec. 20. The survey, conducted each year to aid with industry planning and policy deliberations, will provide the basis for the economic outlook presented to delegates during the NCC Annual Meeting on Feb. 11 in Fort Worth, Texas. As the first look at U.S. planting intentions, market observers are anxious to read the data. Cotton acreage in Texas still is the wildcard figure, according to those in the industry.

"The one factor helping to support current cotton prices is the severe drought gripping Texas which typically accounts for about half of the country's cotton acres," an analyst said. "Even though, Texas growers only harvested about half of the cotton acres they planted last year, believe Texans will plant as many acres to cotton this coming year as they planted last year."

While parts of Texas received beneficial rain and snow in late December and likely will even get more precipitation before planting season arrives, many market observers expect next year's cotton yields in Texas to be "iffy."

"When you are in a drought as severe as this, it takes a lot of rain to get back to normal," said a trader. In some of the worst hit areas of the state, experts say it could take 20 inches of rain to replenish soil moisture. On the other side of the coin, if the Texas drought continues, many traders question whether some cotton producers in Texas will even plant this coming year.

"But we could see an increase in acreage in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and the Mid-South," a trader explained. "Corn-oncorn yields have been poor in states like Arkansas, Missouri, and Mississippi."

High Plains Irrigation Conference and Trade Show to be held Jan. 19

AMARILLO - The annual High Plains Irrigation Conference and Trade Show hosted by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service will be held Jan. 19 in the Regency Room of the Amarillo Civic Center, 401 S. Buchanan St., Amarillo. The program this year, which is jointly sponsored by AgriLife Extension and the Texas Agricultural Irrigation Association, addresses a wide variety of topics, said Nich Kenny, AgriLife Extension irrigation specialist. The registration fee will be \$30, payable at the door only, and includes lunch. Topics and speakers are:

- Information on John Deere Water, Keith Patterson, John Deere Water senior technical services manager, Memphis.

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- Technologies in center pivot irrigation, Farris Hightower, Lindsay Corporation regional manager, Lubbock.

weather insights, Dr. David AgriLife Extension agrono-Brown, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Fort Worth.

Tillage effects on water use, Rick Kochenower, Oklahoma State University, Goodwell, Okla.

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Drought tolerant corn - Long- and short-term research, Dr. Brent Bean, mist, Amarillo. Five Irrigation Association certified irrigation designer and five certified crop advisor continuing education units will be offered for conference attendees, he said. The trade show will include - Texas Alliance on Water booths from the irrigation industry, area ground wainstitutions, Kenny For more conference informa-- North Plains Groundwater tion, go to the Texas Agricul-Conservation District "200- tural Irrigation Association tact Kenny at 806-6//-3600 or npkenny@ag.tamu.edu. For trade show information, contact Kern Stutler at 806-786-5644. All 2010 and 2011 presentations from the High Plains Irrigation Conference can be found at www.youtube.com/ NPKTexasAgriLife.

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- Randy's Roundup -A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer 2011 in Review

2011 was a significant and historic year in Congress. The House of Representatives passed 28 jobs bills that encourage economic growth in the private sector. I voted for legislation that would cut government spending, get our fiscal house in order and restore fiscal discipline. I have opposed every government bailout that rewards bad behavior and sticks taxpayers with the bill. I have also opposed, and will continue to fight against, President Obama's health care law.

I proposed legislation to protect the B-1 bomber, which was included in the National Defense Authorization Act (HYPERLINK "http://neugebauer.houseenews.net/mail/ util.cfm?mailaction=clickt hru&gpiv=2100082008.81 643.151&gen=1&mailing_ linkid=12772" \t "blank" NDAA), which passed the House and the Senate on December 14th and 15th respectively. The language decreases the number of bombers to be retired within the next year by half and will require longer term guidelines be established by the Air Force for the B-1. I also introduced HYPERLINK "http:// neugebauer.houseenews.net/ mail/util.cfm?mailaction=cl

ance options. This year, I also introduced legislation that would prevent excessive government spending. H.J.Res. 24 would establish an amendment to the U.S. Constitution requiring a twothirds vote in the House and Senate to raise taxes. H.J.Res'. 63 would establish an amendment to the Constitution requiring a two-thirds vote in the national debt limit. H.R. 206 class tax increase by making rates permanent.

In next week's Randy's Roundup, "Looking Ahead

to 2012. **Payroll Tax Update**

Last week, the House and Senate passed the Temporary ickthru&gpiv=2100082008 Payroll Tax Cut Continuation .81643.151&gen=1&mailin Act of 2011. This bill would g_linkid=12773" \t "_blank" extend the payroll tax holiday CROP Act, which will im- and unemployment insurance prove the crop insurance pro- for two months, as well as gram for farmers and ranchers maintain payments for docby offering them additional tors who treat Medicare pacost-effective area-wide insurtients. I expect Congress to take up this issue again when we reconvene in January.

End of the War in Iraq

On December 18th, the last American troops in Iraq crossed the border into Kuwait, ending the United States' presence in the country since March 2003. To every member of the military who served in Iraq, welcome home. I wish you every suc-House and Senate to raise the cess and happiness as you return to your families and would prevent a large middle friends. To see more of my thoughts on this subject, visit marriage tax relief, death tax my HYPERLINK "http:// reform and lower income tax neugebauer.houseenews.net/ mail/util.cfm?mailaction=cli ckthru&gpiv=2100082008.8

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ments and burner and checking all the components for proper operation.'

Gas logs may be vented or unvented. Unvented units do not have to be vented through a chimney or flue. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, unvented gas heaters are gaining in popularity because they are relatively inexpensive, easy to install and efficient.

Commissioner Barry T. Smitherman said, "Consumers should know whether their gas logs are vented or un-vented. If they are vented, make sure the fireplace where the logs are installed is designed for actual use, not just for decoration. Inspect it to see that it has adequate protective linings and that the chimney is clear and in good repair."

Vent-free models are easier to install, but they can pose

cleaning the control compart- a health hazard because they draw their combustion air from inside the room. That can deplete the room's oxygen level and may produce some carbon monoxide (CO). They also produce water vapor, which can cause problems when they operate often or for a long time, especially in a "tight" home that has limited infiltration of outside air. Newer models of ventfree appliances come with an oxygen depletion sensor that will automatically turn off the unit if the oxygen drops below a specified level.

For more information on how to stay warm safely with propane this winter, view the following website link at: HYPERLINK "http://www. propane.tx.gov/" \t "_blank" http://www.propane.tx.gov/ or call the Railroad Commission's Alternative Energy Division at (800) 64-CLEAR.

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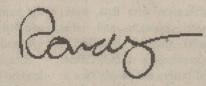
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The National Guard's 375th Birthday

On December 13th, the National Guard celebrated its 375th birthday. Since 1636, the National Guard has remained a critical part of the United States' Armed Forces. Comprised of citizen-soldiers and airmen, they provide communities with protection from natural disasters and relief from their aftermath. National Guardsmen deploy to far-away countries to defend the United States' interests abroad. I am proud to know many members of the National Guard, and continue to pray for them as they devote their lives to helping others and serving their country.

Welcome 2012

Dana and I wish everyone a very blessed and Happy New Year!



DID YOU KNOW?

Floydada won the county seat election after a bitter contest with supporters of Della Plain.

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The new business will be a great fit for Mr. Graham who has been self employed for the past 35 years; and with the constant demand for tires, the Grahams are excited about entering a new venture, "There are several things in life that everybody has to have, and

As the new operators for Graham's O.K. Tire Store, the Grahams are committed to offering the same great service that has been offered at the store for years. Before departing from the business, Adolf is helping the Grahams get a sure footing for success in the tire business; "It's important to Adolf for this business to be success-

tires are one of them."

ful; it means a lot to him...it's still important to him," commented Graham. Longtime employee, Lionso Cisneros

Jr. will continue to offer his years of experience and work ethic. Along with providing quality ser-

vice, Graham's O.K. Tire Store has brought back its "On-Site" service calls for farmers whose tractors get flats in the field; We are more that happy to do it," commented Jill Graham who will also be working as the bookkeeper along with her job at the

The transition is looking to be a positive one for both families as the Garcia family looks forward to the and Prosperous New Year.

freedom of retirement; and the Grahams look forward to the change in pace, which they expect will lead to more family time with their children; Mallory, Jacob and Rachel.

With the move still new, the Grahams express that support from the community has been overwhelming which has served as an encouragement for the family. Once weather conditions allow them, the Grahams will be completing final steps in making the business their own as they plan to repaint the name of the business on the building. The Grahams would like to wish each and everyone a Happy

Still time to qualify for home energy credits

year to make energy-saving these items does not count. and green-energy home imeither of two home energy

The Nonbusiness Energy **Property Credit**

"The Nonbusiness Energy ergy efficient improvements burn biomass fuel. such as insulation, new win-Clay Sanford, an IRS spokessubstantial tax savings."

credit rate is 10 percent of the cost of qualified energy effi-

DALLAS - If the thought ciency improvements. Enerof the long winter months has gy efficiency improvements you planning on getting new include adding insulation, insulation or windows, the energy-efficient exterior win-IRS reminds homeowners dows and doors and certain that they still have time this roofs. The cost of installing

The credit can also be provements and qualify for claimed for the cost of residential energy including labor costs for installation. Residential energy property includes certain high-efficiency heating and Property Credit is aimed at air conditioning systems, homeowners installing en- water heaters and stoves that

The credit has a lifetime dows and furnaces," said limit of \$500, of which only \$200 may be used for winman in Dallas. "The credit is dows. If the total of nonbusimore limited than in the past ness energy property credits years, but can still provide taken in prior years since 2005 is more than \$500, the Sanford said the 2011 credit may not be claimed in

Qualifying improvements

must be placed into service to the taxpayer's principal residence located in the United States before January 1,

The Residential Energy Efficient Property Credit

Homeowners going green should also check out the Residential Energy Efficient Property Credit, designed to spur investment in alternative energy equipment.

The credit equals 30 percent of what a homeowner spends on qualifying property such as solar electric systems, solar hot water heaters, geothermal heat pumps, wind turbines, and fuel cell

No cap exists on the amount of credit available except for fuel cell property. Generally, labor costs are included when figuring this **Get Details on Energy Tax Credits**

Not all energy-efficient improvements qualify for these tax credits, so homeowners should check the manufacturer's tax credit certification statement before they purchase. Taxpayers can normally rely on this certification statement which can usually be found on the manufacturer's website or with the product packaging.

Eligible homeowners can claim both of these credits on Form 5695, Residential Energy Credits when they file their 2011 federal income tax return. Because these are credits and not deductions, they reduce the amount of tax owed dollar for dollar. An eligible taxpayer can claim these credits regardless of whether he or she itemizes deductions on

Texas AgriLife Research helps feed the hungry potato and squash donations result from produce research

By Kay Ledbetter

AMARILLO - When the research is done on the potato fields planted southwest of Bushland by Dr. Charlie Rush and his Texas AgriLife Research plant pathology crew, about 30 tons of produce are left in the field.

Rush doesn't let it go to waste. He and his crew spend days digging the potatoes and then picking them up by hand to pile into High Plains Food Bank bins for distribution



Texas AgriLife Research photo by Kay Ledbetter Potatoes by the bucket full were picked up and loaded into bins headed to the High

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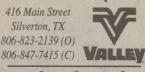
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throughout the Panhandle.

This year's crop of vegetable research netted 38,590 pounds of potatoes and about 1,155 pounds of squash, according to Broc Carter, director of communications with the High Plains Food Bank.

"Once we get it here, we do quality control on it and make sure it is fit for the public," Carter said. "For some counties, we put them in 5-pound bags; but with other counties, we are able to send the bins of potatoes and bags and let the people bag them."

The Food Bank covers the Panhandle from Perryton to Plainview going north to south and from the Oklahoma border to the New Mexico border going east to west, he said. Distributions are made to 171 agencies within 29 counties.

"Anything that is a perishable and doesn't have a long life, we try to move out as fast as possible," Carter said. "All of those potatoes were gone within a few

weeks of being brought in."

Rush said the potatoes were part of a 5-acre study on zebra chip, a disease of potatoes that can cause a yield quality concern to potatoes, but is not a food safety concern. This year, three different AgriLife Research scientists and Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialists had plots involving research on this disease.

"When the project work is complete, there are many pounds of perfectly good potatoes just laying out there and we don't want them to go to waste," Rush said.

The work is done through the AgriLife Research-led Specialty Crop Research Initiative titled, "Management of Zebra Chip to Enhance Profitability and Sustainability of U.S. Potato Production." The initiative, which is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture-National Institute of Food and Agriculture, is led by Rush, and nationwide has a team of 27 researchers and specialists.

In addition, the collaboration includes potato producers, such as CSS Farms of Dalhart, who loaned Rush's team a digger this year which allowed them to harvest many more of the potatoes, benefiting food bank produce recipients.

This is the third year Rush's project has made donations to the Food Bank, with this year's donation considerably higher than the previous 5,600 pounds of potatoes from a 3-acre plot dug by hand.

Carter said perishables such as the potatoes and squash are difficult for the general public to donate, especially in large quantities, so this is a unique product that's very much appreciated by the food bank recipients.

"The reason we like what this program does is we have enough for a whole area and not just one family," Carter said. "That's what these large amounts of produce from AgriLife Research do for us; everybody gets



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Courtesy Photo

After a week of fun at Disney World, Zackary Reyna (middle), his mother Soyla (front) and his father Jerry (back) capped off the week with a ride on the famous Space Mountain.

6 6 He made a comment about how,

'Those aren't just stars, those are actu-

ally people," she said of her son. Soyla

Cried as she described how special it was

for Zackary to know that he was a part of

the people on the ceiling. She said he fre-

quently reminds his family that he doesn't

want to be forgotten. Soyla said placing

the glass star on the ceiling is a way for

everyone to remember him. "That's an-

other wish that came true for him," she

said wiping the tears from her eyes.

ily to Disney World in Orlando, Florida to ran in the Kerrville Daily Times Mrs. Reyna make Zack's wish to ride the biggest roller coaster come true.

Once the family arrived in Florida, the Reyna's were given Disney's royal treatment as they rolled out the red carpet for a week loaded with fun. "It was one thing after another, these

amazing little moments that created a whole great week for the family," explained Mrs. Reyna to the Kerrville Daily Times, "It was (Zackary's) week.'

During their trip the family stayed at the Give the Kids the World Village with other Make-a-Wish families; this experience would help

encourage the Reynas as they visited with the other families.

After conquering the Space Mountain roller coaster, Mrs. Reyna described in the Kerrville Daily Times, that Zack was in awe the entire trip, "just to the see the look on face every single time (he met Disney characters), it's just priceless," added Soyla.

described the glass stars' significance to Zack:

Throughout this ordeal, Zackary has become a shining example of strength and an unmovable pillar of hope for his family and friends. His grandmother, Alica Luna, who works at the Salvation Army in Lockney, de-

> scribed that his example has given strength and encouragement even in her trying times; "I have learned a lot from him," explained Mrs. Luna as she decribed her recent heart attack, "I remember what he always said, that we need to be strong, and it helped me, and it has helped other people too. You know it is an example...that we need to keep our

chins up and keep going...Little things and little problems aren't a big deal when you look at the whole picture."

Now back from the trip, Zack and his family were in Lockney visiting family and friends at the time of this interview. Soyla and Zackary along with the entire family wanted to thank the community for their support and

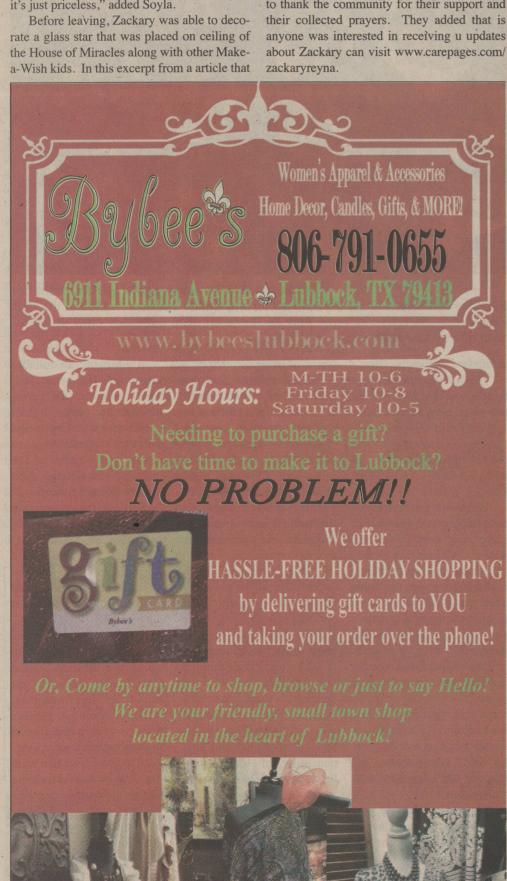




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On Wednesday, while attempting to knock down a rundown and abandoned house on the west side of Locus Street, near the Lockney Coop. County workers noticed smoke coming from the trash piles; a fire would soon engulf the piles and then the abandoned house; with no other structures around the house, the fire was left to burn itself out.

AgriLife Extension disaster recovery guide now available in e-book format

e-book contains details on

By Paul Schattenberg

COLLEGE STATION -The Texas AgriLife Extension Service disaster recovery guide on how individuals, families and businesses can recover from a disaster such as a hurricane, fire or flood, is now available free in e-book format.

"Now you can download this guide to your mobile device or tablet before a disaster happens, so you'll have it available in the event you're ever affected by one," said Dr. Andy Vestal, AgriLife Extension director of homeland security and emergency management in College Sta-

The "After a Disaster: Information to Help You and Your Family Recover"

various recovery-related topics, including keeping safe, assessing structural damage, debris removal, basic first aid, obtaining assistance, removing odors, controlling mold and insects, salvaging important documents and helping family members cope. Vestal said the guide was developed by experts from

AgriLife Extension and other entities of the Texas A&M University System in conjunction with input from state and national disaster mitigation and recovery organizations.

"This guide is a comprehensive but easy-to-understand publication with lists, worksheets, contacts and other useful material covering a preponderance of those issues and challenges people face in recovering from a disaster," he

Treye Rice, AgriLife Extension web usability and design specialist, said the guide was made available in e-book format in large part due to Internet search data from people affected by the many wildfires experienced throughout the state this year.

"The Texas EDEN website statistic and usage data collected during and after the Bastrop wildfires indicated that a large number of people were searching for disaster recovery information." Rice said. "They were

doing this using a mobile device, such as an Apple iPhone or Google Android Phone."

Rice said the guide may be downloaded in its entirety using almost any generally available mobile device. He added the new e-book is currently only available in English, but a Spanish-language version will be available soon. A PDF version is already available for download in English and Span-

"While the guide has been converted to e-book format to be downloaded and read on iPhone, Android, Kindle and similar devices, the mobile device being used will determine the format and any additional app that may be needed to allow reading it," he added.

Rice said in addition to downloading the entire guide in the e-book format, users may also download the complete guide or specific sections in PDF format. Download options can be found at http://texashelp.tamu. edu/disaster-recovery-guideand-ebook.php.

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