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## Cornelius Conoco expresses gratitude towards the community

By Homer Marquez

Inviting a little change into their lives, Cornelius Conoco Service Station owners, Eric and Julianne Cornelius recently announced that they will be selling their Floydada station at the beginning of 2012; "Just ready to do something different, ready for a change," commented Mr. Cornelius

For the past 36 years, the Cornelius Conoco service station has been dedicated to providing the community with the best in quality and service. From key pumps to card readers, Cornelius Conoco station has spent the past years not only becoming a vital part of Floyd County's economy but also becoming a valued member of the Floyd County family. "I enjoy the people," commented station owner, Eric Cornelius as he described the community, "I enjoy getting to know people...everybody's like a big family."

It has been the building of these relationships that the Cornelius family has attributed most of their success to; "We have the best costumers in Floyd County...they helped us support ourselves and put our kids through school, and it's been a blessing" added Mr. Cornelius. "I appreciate them supporting us, and they've been good to us...I just feel like they are our family really."

The Cornelius Conoco service station was established in 1975 after Eric's father, Jim Cornelius bought out the business and building from then owner Bud Sparks. Prior to buying the station, Jim Cornelius had worked for 17 years as a sales rep for the Conoco Oil Company. During this time, Jim Cornelius and his family moved all over the country selling Conoco gasoline and oil to Conoco service stations; Eric recalled his family living in a number of places growing up, including Fort Worth, Little Rock, Tulsa, and North Carolina.

Eventually the company would relocate Jim to Canyon where he serviced a number of stations in the region, including the Conoco station in Floydada.

A short time later, Jim would find out that the owner of the Floydada Station, Bud Sparks, was planning to retire and was looking to sale the business. Eager to own his own business, Jim decided to leave Conoco and buy the Floydada service station.

It wasn't long before business was booming at the station, as Cornelius Conoco offered customers the works including full-service gas, tire repair, oil changes, wash jobs, and some minor mechanic work like brake jobs. The station also provided gas and diesel delivery to farmers and gins; "The farm is a big part of our business; a little over half of our business is delivering to the farm," explained Eric Cornelius.

While in school, Eric worked as a part-time employee at the station. After his graduation in 1980, Eric decided to stay and become a full-timer.

Eric would continue to work for his father until January 1986, when Eric eventually bought the service station; "I just always wanted to do it; I wanted to own the business and run it since high school," explained Eric Cornelius.

Now the owners, Eric and his wife Julianne worked hard to continue the station's tradition of quality service; "Eric is the hardest worker you'll ever meet," commented Julianne Cornelius who worked as the station's bookkeeper. "God's blessed us with a good business and good people."

For the next 25 years, the Cornelius worked hand and hand with the community as they ran their business and raised their two children Skyler and Jordan. Through-

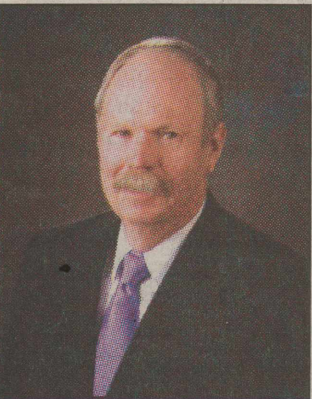
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Courtesy Photo

After 36 years the Cornelius' will begin a new adventure. Pictured are (l-r) Skylar Cornelius, Julianne Cornelius, Jordan Cornelius and Eric Cornelius.

## Secretary Vilsack Appoints Dunlap and Hegi to Cotton Board

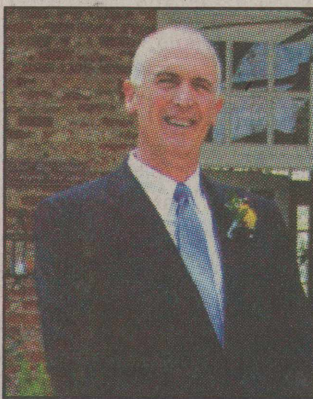


JOHN DUNLAP

WASHINGTON, December 27, 2011 - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced the appointment of 13 members, 13 alternates and one consumer advisor to the Cotton Board.

All appointees will serve 3-year terms beginning Jan. 1, 2012, and ending Dec. 31, 2014. In addition, Vilsack appointed one alternate to fill a vacant importer position with a term ending on Dec. 31, 2012.

"These appointees represent a cross section of the cotton industry and I am confident that cotton producers and importers of cotton and cotton-containing products will be well served by them."



MARK HEGI

said Vilsack.

The re-appointed members are: John R. Dunlap, Floydada, Texas (formerly an alternate); Tom M. Hegi, Petersburg, Texas (formerly an alternate); John J. Baxter, Watson, Arkansas; George G. LaCour, Morganza, Louisiana, (formerly an alternate); David M. Grant, Garysburg, North Carolina; Rafael A. Hernandez, Highland Village, Texas (formerly an alternate); Carlos F. J. Moore, Naples, Florida; Maureen E. Gray, New York, New York; and Deborah M. Gregg, Irvine, California.

The re-appointed alternate members are: Steve Cantu, Tranquility, California; Tom

J. Gary, Greenwood, Mississippi. (formerly a member); Jerry L. Hamill, Enfield, North Carolina; Courtney S. Okeefe, Easton, Connecticut; and Flora J. Wong, Mercer Island, Washington.

The newly appointed members are: Marty E. White, Jonesboro, Arkansas; John E. Pucheu, Tranquility, California; James C. Robertson, Jr., Indianola, Mississippi; and William E. May, Memphis, Tennessee.

The newly appointed alternate members are: Richard B. Bransford, Lonoke, Arkansas; Kenneth D. Qualls, Lake City, Arkansas; William B. Guthrie, Newellton, Louisiana; Bryan K. Patterson, Amherst, Texas; Sigifredo Valverde, Shallowater, Texas; Daniel M. Feibus, Carencro, Louisiana, George R. Perkins III, Sanford, North Carolina; and Kenneth R. Mangone, Fairview, Texas.

The appointed consumer advisor is Marshall Cohen, East Moriches, N.Y.

Catherine B. Allen, Athens, Tennessee, was appointed  
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## Water rights coalition fights water restrictions

By Homer Marquez

The Protect Water Rights Coalition will make good on their promise to combat water restrictions as the look to file a law suit against the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District by the end of the week; "We feel like there is some constitutional issues involved in this...this is a control issue" commented coalition member J.O. Dawdy.

Made up by a group of concerned farmers back in June, the water coalition was organized to fight back against water restriction that they feel take rights away from land owners; "We feel like the issue is not so much about saving water as it is about control, we feel like they want control, and we feel that's wrong."

The regulations being referenced to are water pumping restrictions being instituted by the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District at the beginning of 2012.

The High Plains water district, like others districts in Texas, were appointed years ago by Texas legislation to oversee underground water sources in the efforts of conserving and preserving their supply.

The High Plains Water District has been put in charge of the water supply located in the Ogallala Aquifer, which spans over 16 counties, including most of Floyd County.

Mainly, in the past, the water district has generally overseen issues concerning property lines and well spacing. However, droughts

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## W. J. Mangold Memorial Hospital Foundation receives \$3,990 grant to fund patient lift chairs

W. J. Mangold Memorial Hospital Foundation in Lockney, Texas has received a \$3,990 grant from the Lubbock Area Foundation to fund the purchase of patient lift chairs for W. J. Mangold Memorial Hospital.

W. J. Mangold Memorial Hospital Foundation is a non-profit organization created in 2008 to fund the purchase of equipment for W. J. Mangold Memorial Hospital, a critical access hospital owned and operated by Lockney General Hospital District. The hospital, founded in 1955,

serves thousands of people in the South Plains area. In addition to the hospital, WJMMH also operates clinics in Lockney, Floydada and Silverton and a home health agency that serves people living within a 60-mile radius of Lockney. Since its inception, W. J. Mangold Memorial Hospital Foundation has given over \$100,000 to the hospital to purchase medical equipment.

The Lubbock Area Foundation grant will be used to purchase patient lift chairs for the hospital. These chairs

will make it easier for patients to be able to be seated in and assisted up from a recliner. According to the hospital's Director of Nursing, Billie Hendrix, "These lift chairs will enable us to more safely assist our patients in a sitting or reclining and then standing position. Many of our patients are very weak from illness or post-surgery, so these chairs will provide better safety for them and allow them to be able to get out of their bed and into a seated

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## FLOYD COUNTY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>**  
**Teen Advisory Group (TAG) Meeting**  
 Time: 4 p.m.  
 Ages: 13-18 Years Old

**TUESDAY – JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>**  
**Family Math & Literacy Night**  
 Time: 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.  
 Ages: 3 Years Old – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
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# Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**  
 Hope everyone had a great Holiday, I know that we did but we are ready to get back to the normal routine. I'm sorry I didn't get news in last week but with everything that was going on it just wasn't possible.

Dorothy Stapp is recovering in our hospital from her bypass surgery and will be here for several more days. Attention to all board members there will be meetings here at the center on Jan.19 at 12:30, please make every attempt to be there.

I would like to thank all of you for my Christmas gift. Thanks so much I really appreciate it. I love you all.

Our sympathies to the Scheaffer family in the loss of Vicky; and to the family of Edith Cooper.

Thank you to all of you that have made memorial

donations or donated money to the Center, we greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness. That is what keeps our Senior Citizen Center running.

Remember Thursday night pot luck supper and games begin at 6 pm. Also the ladies exercise on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings beginning at 9. Coffee time is every morning at 9:30 including Saturday; please feel free to come for coffee and goodies. If you would like to eat here at the center or take out a meal please call the center at 652-2745 by 9:30 to get your name on the list. **HAVE A GREAT WEEK!!!!**

**Menu:**  
**January 9 -13**  
**Monday-Hamburger**  
**Tuesday-Enchiladas**  
**Wednesday-Chicken Fried Steak**  
**Thursday-Salmon**  
**Friday-Brisket**

# FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

By Margaret Jones

Happy New Year! My wish for everyone in 2012 is to Treasure the Gift of Life everyday and to Live Life to its Fullest.

I hope you remembered to eat your black-eyed peas on January 1 for good luck. We haven't decided if they really make a difference, but are afraid not to eat them just in case.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Floyd Bradford. He passed away December 29. Floyd struggled with many problems the last few years. Please remember Euna in prayer at this time.

Emogene Haenisch is out of the Lockney hospital where she has been for some time. Emogene has been moved to

Shepherd's Meadow. Let us remember Charles and Emogene in prayer as they adjust to a different situation.

Olive Hinton is very glad to be home as she has been away receiving care for quite some time. Pray for this couple as Henry's health is not good.

Margarette Word is continuing to improve, but not as quickly as she would like. Given the seriousness of her situation, I feel sure she is doing well. Continue to pray for Margarette as the days at home are long when one is dependant on others for so much.

Jon and Elaine LaBaume spent December 24th and 25th in Lubbock with their daughter and family, Charles,

Kelli, Harrison and Kate Childre. They went so they could see what Santa brought the kids on Christmas morning.

The Childres' hosted a Christmas Eve Party with Charles's family, Stu and Judy Childre of Lubbock and Charles's grandmother, Ruth Childre from San Antonio as well as the LaBaumes'. Charles, Kelli, Kate and Harrison came to Floydada on December 30th to have the LaBaume Christmas. Coy LaBaume of Plainview joined them.

Join me in something new for 2012. I would like for us to share Favorite Recipes each week. A recipe you have enjoyed for a long time that is quick, easy and good.

Either call or mail me one of your favorites and I will put it in the news for others to enjoy. The following is one of mine...

### APPLE CRUNCH

Preheat oven to 350. Spray an 8x8 baking dish with cooking spray. Slice 3 apples into the dish. (You may peel if desired, but I don't). **TOPPING:** ¾ cup oats, ½ cup flour, ¾ cup brown sugar, ½ cup butter, softened. Blend topping ingredients. Cover apples with oat mixture. Bake 35-40 minutes. Good either hot or cold. **ENJOY!**

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK –

One ought, every day at least, to hear a little song, read a good poem, and if possible, speak a few reasonable words.

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## Friends of the Library

By Carolyn Cheek

The Friends of the Library would like to invite everyone to join us on Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> as we honor our retired librarian, Sandra Crawford. Mrs. Crawford served as the Floyd County Librarian for over 30 years and the Friends of the Library want to honor her with this come and go reception. We hope you will mark your calendars now and be part of this show of appreciation for a job well done throughout her years of service.

We would also remind you about our "Books on Wheels" program. Our members will be happy to go to the library, check out books for you and deliver them to your door. We will also pick them up and return them to the library. Don't have a library card? No problem. We will also assist you in getting into the library system so that you can check out books any time you want them. Just

call the library at 983-4922 or any Friends member and we will be glad to assist you.

Another reminder. If you would like to donate money to the library to buy books in memory of in honor of someone, please do it through the Friends of the Library. We can assure you that the books will be purchased. Money donated directly to the library goes into the general library fund.

We hope you are saving the books you have read to donate to the Friends of the Library book sale. Our next sale will be the Friday and Saturday of the Old Settlers weekend. Just bring the books to the library or call a member and we will pick them up. Don't know the members? Call the library and the word will get to us to pick up your books.

The Friends of the Library want to wish you a very Happy and Prosperous New Year!

## First National Bank makes donation



Courtesy Photo

Brianne Glasscock, Assistant Vice President and Compliance Officer presents a check in the amount of \$5,000 from First National Bank of Floydada to Leigh Smith, President of the Floyd County Day Care Center.

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

OF THE FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM

**From the Floyd County Hesperian August 14, 1969 I REMEMBER, I REMEMBER**

By Homer Steen

### TRAPPING A COON

A raccoon is a wily animal, hard to trap. And as a corollary it can be said that many a boy's pet fighting dog has been lured into deep water by a coon and drowned before his young master's eyes.

However, a raccoon does have at least one weakness.

He is most curious. An experience that Jodie and Chester Day had in their boyhood is proof of this.

The tale is a long one, in a way, if one adds in all the angles.

Jodie and Chester were born to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Day in a farm home a few hundred yards south of Blanco Canyon. The Day pasture land lay back to the north, across the canyon.

In and on this canyon Jodie and Chester lived in an idyl-

lic setting. As their lives unfolded they found themselves swimming in the limpid waters of White River, climbing craggy cliffs, exploring clefts in this canyon wall, catching rabbits and opossums, killing skunks and snakes, trapping quail, and so on and so on.

Every day was a new venture—unless dad had them in the field working. But one thing they could not do. A raccoon was just too smart to be caught. The canyon was full of coon tracks, and a coon pelt was mighty valuable.

### Opportunity Beckons

So one day when they read in a catalogue put out by the St. Louis Fur Co., of a gadget they could buy for two

bits and it guaranteed to trap a coon, it was too much.

Some way they got the two bits, a stamped envelope, and shortly St. Louis Fur Co. had an order. They ordered a brass cylinder several inches deep with inverted hooks at the top. They were told a coon has so much curiosity he will stick his paw into the cylinder to see what it is that shines in its depths.

When the coon starts to pull his paw out of the tube the hooks take hold, and there's your coon. The boys realized at once that it was a wonderful idea.

Following instructions carefully they set out the trap

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*Honoring*  
*Sandra Crawford*  
*For 30 Years of Service*  
*As the Floyd County*  
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## SOUTH PLAINS HOBBY CLUB NEWS

By Sandra Lass

What a delightful day for the South Plains annual Christmas party! It was sunny and cool, not much wind, when club members and friends arrived at my house at noon on Wednesday, December 14, 2011. Loaded with packages, the following ladies came prepared for food, friendship and fun: Virginia Taylor, Ann Hartman, Char Baker, Betty Deavenport, Wanda Lane, Joy Smitherman, Lou Burleson, Peggy Roberts, Carolyn Marble, Kay Gilbert, Mary Lou Zinck, Janis Julian, Helen Teeple, Margaret Kitchens, Nancy Marble, Carol Hopkins, Glenda Ford and Sandra Lass. After unloading food, packages, favors, gifts, coats and purses (and chatting with each other for a while,) we formed a circle and held hands while Janis gave the blessing. Then someone said, "Dig in," and did we ever. The tables were already set, everyone had their water, coffee or tea, so all we had to do was walk around the kitchen counter, grab our silverware and fill our plates.

As we ate, we admired the favors provided by Betty (hand crocheted white snowflakes), by Co-Hostess Virginia (ceramic tree ornaments and other goodies in colorful silk bags), by Peggy (hand made multicolored dishcloths with a prayer), by Janis (silver ball Christmas tree ornaments with a

Christmas blessing), by Jack Lass (backscratchers) and by Sandra (pencil and small tablets.) Just as in the past no two dishes were alike and following our game, no two gifts were alike and no one ended up with the gift she brought, except Margaret, who had to leave after our meal, but before the game. After we had formed a circle with our chairs, Virginia asked each of us to get the gift that we brought and to take it to our seats. She explained that she would read aloud the poem, "Twas the Night before Christmas" by Clement Clark Moore, but would be inserting the words right or left as she read the poem. When she said "right" or "left" we were to pass the gift to the person sitting on the right or left of us. When we opened our gifts, we discovered there was one gift left over. Virginia called Margaret and determined that the extra was the gift that Margaret had brought. Virginia agreed to give the gift that she had received to Margaret so Margaret wouldn't end up with the gift she brought.

There were many other highlights of our party. Here are a few:

**ANGELS**  
**By Virginia Taylor**  
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 Angels, angels everywhere  
 On the ground and in the a  
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**WEDDING SELECTIONS FOR**  
*Haleigh Kernell & Kevin Simmons*  
*Brady Rainwater & Cherise Figueroa*  
**Caprock Motor Parts & Hardware**  
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**MARION FLOYD BRADFORD**

Marion Floyd Bradford, age 88, passed away Wednesday, December 28, 2011. Services were held on Saturday, December 31, 2011 at 2 p.m., at First Baptist Church.

Interment followed at the Floyd County Memorial Park in Floydada. Visitation was held from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Friday, December 30, 2011.

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

Floyd was born in Cleburne, Texas, December 4, 1923. Two years later, his family moved to Floyd County where he lived out his life. Floyd attended school in Floydada then served in the Army Air Corp during World War II.

In 1945 he married Euna Fawver. They spent their lives together farming near the Baker community and had two sons, Conley and Danny.

Floyd and Euna were members of the First Baptist Church of Floydada. For entertainment, they enjoyed square dancing and playing dominos with friends.

Floyd is also survived by four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. His grandchildren are: Paige Whitney, Scott Bradford, Jaymi LaGuardia, and Justin Bradford. His great grand-children are: Rachel Whitney, Deven Huerta Whitney, Hayden Bradford, Brady Bradford, and Julie LaGuardia.

He will always be remembered for his dedication to hard work, love for his family, and devotion to his church. Floyd will surely be missed by everyone whose lives he touched. May he rest in the arms of God forever.

## City of Lockney closes year with short council session

By Homer Marquez

In their last meeting of the year, council members for the City of Lockney reconvened for a short session to discuss items on December's agenda.

Opening up the meeting, the Lockney Economical Development Committee informed the council that the LEDC had decided to split the cost of purchasing a new tarp cover for the recently renovated city pool. The total cost for the new tarp will run about \$8,900. The LEDC also added that if the City could not pay for their half of the bill, the LEDC would pay for the entire tarp. The City was willing to split the cost, however the City was short allotted funds for the project because plumbing for the pool's water pump had busted; more than likely due to freezing weather conditions. The cost for plumbing repairs totaled around \$5,500. The LEDC agreed that they would pay for the tarp.

Next on the agenda, the

council made a motion to deny a request to replace a broken window on a South Main Street building. The building's owner, Belinda Noel claimed that her store front window was cracked during the City's sidewalk construction several months ago; she claimed that the crack eventually lead to the window to break. The council unanimously denied the request stating that there was no evidence that the sidewalk construction had damaged the window.

Ending the meeting, the Council entered a closed session once again to discuss fines issued by the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality. As reported before by the Hesperian-Beacon; several months ago, during an expectation of Lockney, the TCEQ found several minor violations including cat tails growing at the City's sewer pit; a back flow alarm not properly working at a sewer lift; and not having the right type of fence around

water storage tanks. Lockney along with many other small municipalities with similar violations were cited on the spot.

According to Mayor Stapp, since the citations were issued, the City has been able to get the TCEQ to drop the violation of the fence, explaining that the state only required them to have a single strand electrical fence. However the other violations like the back-flow alarm and the cat tails would stick. The amount of the fine has not been determined since the City of Lockney and the TCEQ are currently deliberating over the options the City has to address the fines.

During their December meeting, the council decided in their closed session to appoint Councilman Bil Anderson as the liaison to develop an internal compliance plan to comply with TCEQ issues and to coordinate the plan with the city council employees.

## Lockney School District discusses Nooks and batting cages

By Homer Marquez

Closing out 2011, trustees for the Lockney independent school district met to discuss several issues on their December agenda.

Opening up the meeting, board members gave the floor to high school librarian, Kathy Young who gave a presentation on the incorporation of electronic readers into the library. Several months ago, Mrs. Young took the initiative to save enough money out of her budget to purchase six Nooks electronic readers. With about a 7 inch screen and no thicker than a quarter inch, these electronic readers can hold around 19,000 different books inside its hard drive. Along with having an entire library in the palm of your hand, the Nook also features an easy to operate system that allows students to change settings like font size, and the line spacing of a book to their preference; these options, Mrs. Young explained, has had been a tremendous help for kids with dyslexia.

Since buying the electronic readers, Mrs. Young has purchased around 77 electronic books for the Nooks; and she explained that once you purchase a book, the book can then be put on all the Nooks, unlike other e-readers that only allow you to buy one book for each device.

So far since introducing the readers to students in November, Mrs. Young explained that the response from students has been overwhelming positive, "The kids that have used them have

been very positive about them; almost every one of the kids have said 'I read so much faster with this.'" Mrs. Young also added that one student had already read and taken AR tests on four books in a two week span.

Since the library only had enough money to buy six Nooks, Mrs. Young explained that students who want to check out an e-reader must first have to fill out a contract holding them and their parents responsible for any damages to the Nook; each one of these Nooks ran about \$139 with a cover and a two year warranty. Students also have to prove they can read at grade level and at least a 200 page book in two weeks. Then the student is allowed to check out the e-reader for two weeks.

These types of e-readers only allow students to read books and do not allow them to surf the web or play games; but that has been enough as students are lining the library for a chance to check one out.

The library will try to save enough money out of their budget to purchase more Nooks next year, however with state budget cuts it may be a challenge; but Mrs. Young is optimistic that she may receive some help.

Next on the agenda, the board received an unqualified opinion, which is the best opinion anyone can receive, from their 2011 audit. The audit company, Bolinger, Gilbert, Segars, and Moss, gave Lockney a good report

and congratulated the school district on its well tracked financial system and constant financial corporation.

Following the report, the board accepted policy updates which included new material to address how a district can decrease pay or provide furlough for an employee; language about the local decision to reduce staff because of program changes; and a revision for nursing mothers has been made to better reflect statute.

Also at the meeting, board members approved the Lockney 2012-2013 school calendars that will now give students and staff Memorial Day off; they would also approve an amendment to the 2011 budget which allowed increases in federal funds; this would include \$1,620 from federal revenue from TEA; \$2694 from federal revenue from TEA/Educational jobs; and \$15,976 from a small rural school achievement program that will be used by the Junior High.

During the administrator reports, the High School reported 159 students currently enrolled; the Junior High reported 122 enrolled, and the Elementary reported 363.

Closing out the meeting, in the superintendent report, Superintendent Phil Cotham reported that the district will be using left over money from buying a storage shed at the softball and baseball parks to fund supplies for batting cages. Parents and Kenny Hooten have volunteered to construct the batting cages.

## Floyd County Church Directory

### AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Dennis Butler, Pastor  
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.  
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### BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

810 S. 3rd, Floydada  
Darwin Robinson, Pastor  
983-5278  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ... 10:50 a.m.  
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday ..... 7:00 p.m.  
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### CALVARY'S CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP

Floydada  
Armando Morales, Pastor  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.  
Bible Study ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.  
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### CARR'S CHAPEL

Service Every Sunday:  
Morning Worship .... 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.  
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### 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.  
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### 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 Worship .... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.  
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Sunday School ..... 9:15 a.m.  
Morning Worship ... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study ..... 6:30 p.m.  
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### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Lockney

Jonathan Sullivan, Pastor  
Chad Cook, Youth Min.  
Phil Cotham, Music Min.  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship .... 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday (Youth). 7:15 p.m.  
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Floydada  
Rev. Les Hall, Pastor  
Early Worship .... 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ... 10:50 a.m.  
Youth (Sunday) ..... 5:00 p.m.  
Youth (Wednesday) .. 7:30 p.m.  
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### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Lockney  
Rev. Ricky Carstensen, Pastor  
Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service .... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Service ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Jr. High ..... 5:30 p.m.  
Wed. High School... 6:30 p.m.  
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### GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH

OF GOD IN CHRIST  
Joe Bennett, Pastor  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service ..... 7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday ..... 8:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service ..... 7:30 p.m.  
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### MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

Lockney  
Jay Don Poindexter, Minister  
Bible Study ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday ..... 7:30 p.m.  
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### MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Floydada  
Rev. Ralph Jackson  
401 N 12th St (983-5805)  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Study ... 7:00 p.m.  
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### NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Floydada  
Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges  
(806) 637-0430  
Sunday Singing ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.  
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### OUT REACH HARVEST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

310 E. Mississippi, Floydada  
Rev. David Ramos, Pastor  
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader  
Sunday Bible... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Praise.. 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Praise ... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Worship.... 7:00 p.m.  
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### POWER OF PRAISE FULL GOSPEL CHURCH

Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor  
704 N. Main, Lockney  
Sunday Services... 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening ..... 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday ..... 7:30 p.m.  
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### PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA

Lockney  
Jesus Caballero, Pastor  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service .... 11:00 a.m.  
Discipleship ..... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service ..... 7:00 p.m.  
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### PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA

Floydada  
Rev. Lupe Rando  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship .. 10:40 a.m.  
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Evening ..... 7:00 p.m.  
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### SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Lockney  
Jim McCartney, Pastor  
Wed. Communion... 8:00 p.m.  
Sunday Mass ..... 11:30 a.m.  
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### SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH

Joe Weldon, Pastor  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.  
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Joe M. Hernandez  
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..... Sunday School .....  
English ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Spanish ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Spanish Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
English Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service ..... 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday ..... 7:00 p.m.  
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### ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Floydada  
Rev. Angelo Consemio  
Phone: 983-5878  
Sunday Mass ..... 11:30 a.m.  
Mon. Wed. Mass ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Confession Sat. .... 10-11 a.m.  
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### TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM

Lockney  
Rev. Joe Hernandez  
Sun. Prayer Service 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 p.m.  
Worship Service ... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.  
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### TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Washington and 1st St.  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship .... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service ..... 7:00 p.m.  
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### TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA

Rev. Herman Martinez  
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 5:00 p.m.  
Tuesday ..... 7:30 p.m.  
Thursday Service ..... 7:30 p.m.  
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### TRINITY ASSEMBLY

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Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship .. 10:40 a.m.  
Sunday Evening ..... 6:00 p.m.  
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Worship Service ... 11:00 a.m.  
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# Lady Horns spend the last of the year at Wildcat Classic



Photos by Homer Marquez

Over the break, the Lockney Lady Horns traveled to Littlefield for the annual Wildcat Classic basketball tournament. In the first game on Wednesday, the ladies started the tournament off right, as they dis-

posed of Muleshoe 49-35; leading scorers were Anissa Reyna with 12 points, Tanae Ramos with 11 points,

and SyAnn Foster with 10 points. The win over Muleshoe put the ladies up against Roosevelt later that evening. Anissa Reyna would sink an impressive 20 points in that game however the Lady Eagles would edge out Lockney 63-56; top scorers in that game also included Meagan Dunn with 13 points and Tanae Ramos with 10.

The loss dropped the Horns into a fifth place showdown with Snyder on Saturday morning. The ladies started the game strong outscoring Snyder 25-19 at the half. The third period was the same as they extended their lead 34-24; but in the last period, Snyder would make a shocking comeback outscoring Lockney 18-4, and pulling off the win by a score of 42-38. Leading scorers for Lockney in that game were SyAnn Foster with 12 points and Ivette Davila with 10.

# Longhorns have tough break at Wildcat Classic



Photos by Homer Marquez

on Wednesday. Throughout the game the Wildcats proved to be too much for the Horns as they trailed the entire half, going into the break 13-23. The second half wouldn't get any better for the Horns as Littlefield closed the game out 44-27; top scorers for the Horns were Teeter and Bernal with 10 points apiece.

The loss would put the Horns up against Roosevelt the next morning. Lockney's performance in the first half was an improvement as they lead at the half by a score of 28-36. In the third, the Eagles came out running, out scoring the Horns 24-7 in the period. In the fourth, the Horns weren't able to pull off the comeback as the fell 60-53. Top scores in that match were Landry Kidd with a whopping 22 points and Marcos Bernal with 10.

The second loss dropped the Horns to the consolation bracket where they faced Muleshoe on Friday. The first half was a close one for the Horns as the trailed the Mules 29-27. Third period play would add 10 points to both sides as the teams headed into the final period 39-37. Fourth period was a nail biter as the Horns strived to get a win in the tournament; however by the final whistle the Mules would edge out Lockney by 4; bringing the final score to 53-49. Top scores in the game were Ian Dunbar who sunk 22 points, and Marcos Bernal who hit 11.

After opening presents last week, the Lockney Longhorns basketball team headed to Littlefield the following week for a chance to bring home a shiny championship trophy from the Wildcat Classic basketball tournament.

In their first game, the Longhorns faced tourney hosts, the Littlefield Wildcats

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## The Paperboy

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

An open letter to readers, advertisers,

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I'm not sure about you, but last year was a difficult one. Tremendous challenges were faced by many businesses across the spectrum and there is something to be said about survival.

As we continue to battle the obstacles around us and build lasting trust and relationships with clients, I hope you will keep in mind the fact that Blackburn Media Group newspapers reduced several of our rates in order to aid you business or service through the holidays.

Our small towns are important. What we do is important. In 2012, this publication must lead the way toward growth and prosperity. That means we have a lot of work to do. On a personal level, it means we need each other.

I wrote a column a few months back about making a list of what you need and getting the items you can in your city. I stand by the philosophy of shopping local. I was encouraged by the sales tax rebate numbers throughout 2011. It appears there is marginal to good improvement in our local counties. Is that not great news in a year with a horrific drought?

Most of us are like-minded. We want a safe community to live in and opportunity. We have those things before us. They may not be easy to recognize sometimes, but I believe they are real. Look around your community and notice the worker bees delivering meals, serving on the chamber, working the concession stands ... it takes a lot to make our communities hum.

Through organization, communication and hard

work, we can have the kind of communities we all want to see. We should strive for excellence in 2012!

So much of our local economies are based on attitude. It can be argued that the chances of a thriving economy are related to optimism on what to expect. Nationally, we get a very pessimistic view of the economy. Either view can gain momentum.

I'm optimistic this year. I know too many people in the communities we serve and they are motivated and they are winners. They love their homes and they fight the good fight daily trying to make it better.

Small businesses are the backbone of this country. You take the risk, you provide jobs, you work your tail off to make ends meet ... you are the lifeblood of your town and this country. Be proud of that!

Our communities can be what we make of them. You read your newspaper. You may love it or hate it, but odds are you are intelligent.

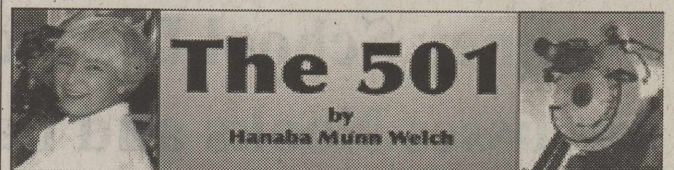
The fact is smart people read newspapers - either print or online. Anyhow, as an intelligent person, you have a vision of what you'd like to see happen in your community. Odds are, that vision is very close to that of your neighbors.

Those visions need to be shared. Through communication we can develop long-term goals. This can begin now, or we can kick the can down the road another year. We should get together with our friends and discuss the possibilities and begin the network it will take to realize a common vision.

Thanks again for your readership and your business. It means more than I can express in a letter.

Regards,  
Chris

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In front of our house at the farm is an old John Deere tractor. All other yard ornaments pale in comparison. It looks really good when it snows.

Be careful where you park a tractor in case it never starts again.

By any other name, the tractor is an "objet trouvé," that famous French art term for a "found object."

Of course, it's not like we found the tractor somewhere. But when it comes to calling something a found object, the term means finding the object to be art rather than finding

the object.

The longer you neglect a tractor, the more picturesque it gets, and the more it lends itself to being an objet trouvé. Still, much depends on who's looking at it and the going price for scrap.

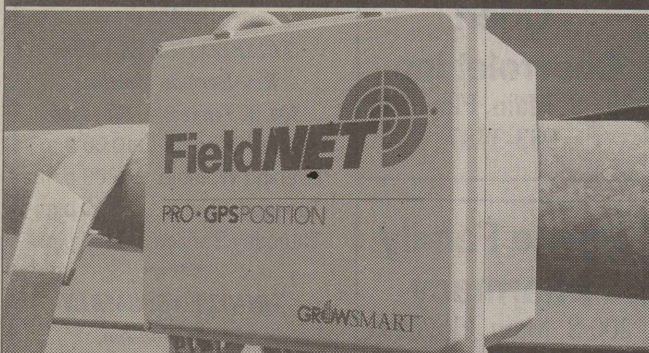
Meanwhile, here's a story with an objet trouvé theme:

In New Orleans in the 1970s I babysat once for an artist who let dirty dishes stack up in and by the sink. Then she painted them, and I don't mean she painted them instead of washing them, ex-

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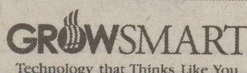
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- January 14, 2012 - Located: Panhandle, Texas  
Panhandle Area Farmers - Owners  
Sale Time: 9:30 a.m. - Selling: Farm & Ranch Equipment
- January 21, 2012 - Located: Clarendon, Texas  
Curtis Schaefer - Owner  
Sale Time: 9:30 a.m. - Selling: Farm, Ranch & Peanut Equipment
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# Lady Winds Compete at the Caprock Tournament

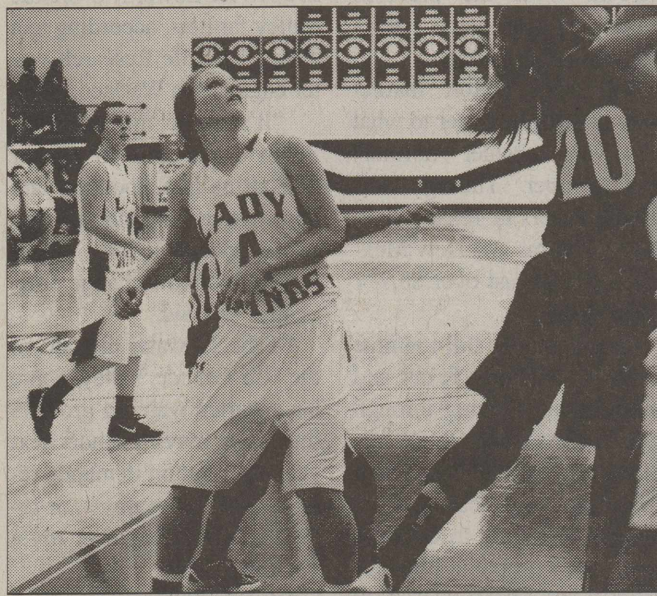


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**By Coach Styles**

The Floydada Lady Winds competed at the Ambucs Caprock Tournament over the Christmas break. The Lady Winds opened the tournament against Meadow and won 62-38. Later that night Spearman was Floydada's next foe. After a slow start the Lady Winds picked it up in the second half and tied it up at 47-47 at the end of regulation. The overtime period would go to the Lynxettes. The final was 54-49. On Thursday, the Lady

Winds played Quanah. The Lady Winds kept the lead throughout the game and won 42-34. Their final contest would be against Pampa. After a competitive 3 quarters the Lady Harvesters rolled to a 45-36 victory.

Statistical leaders for the all four games are below.

**Meadow:**

Points: Avery Miller 20, Emily Hall 10, Rebekah Hall 8, Liz Suarez 8, Sarah Sanders 4, Elyanna Duran 4, Kristan Sanchez 2, Nikki Seymour 2,

Amelia Gonzalez 2, Sarah Jo Miller 2

Rebounds: Sarah Sanders 8, Emily Hall 6, Rebekah Hall 5

Assists: Amelia Gonzalez 4

Steals: Avery Miller 6, Nikki Seymour 4, Emily Hall 4, Sarah Sanders 4

Deflections: Sarah Sanders 6,

**Spearman:**

Points: Sarah Sanders 18, Sarah Jo Miller 8, Rebekah Hall 7, Avery Miller 6, Nikki Seymour 5, Liz Suarez 5.

Rebounds: Sarah Sanders 15, Avery Miller 5

Assists: Sarah Jo Miller 3, Avery Miller 3

Deflections: Sarah Sanders 8

**Quanah:**

Points: Liz Suarez 13, Sarah Sanders 12, Sarah Jo Miller 6, Rebekah Hall 6, Avery Miller 5

Rebounds: Sarah Jo Miller 12, Sarah Sanders 11,

Steals: Sarah Jo Miller 4

**Pampa:**

Points: Avery Miller 17, Nikki Seymour 8, Rebekah Hall 6, Sarah Sanders 5

Rebounds: Rebekah Hall 5

Assists: Sarah Jo Miller 5, Deflections: Sarah Sanders 4

# Whirlwinds compete in Caprock Tournament

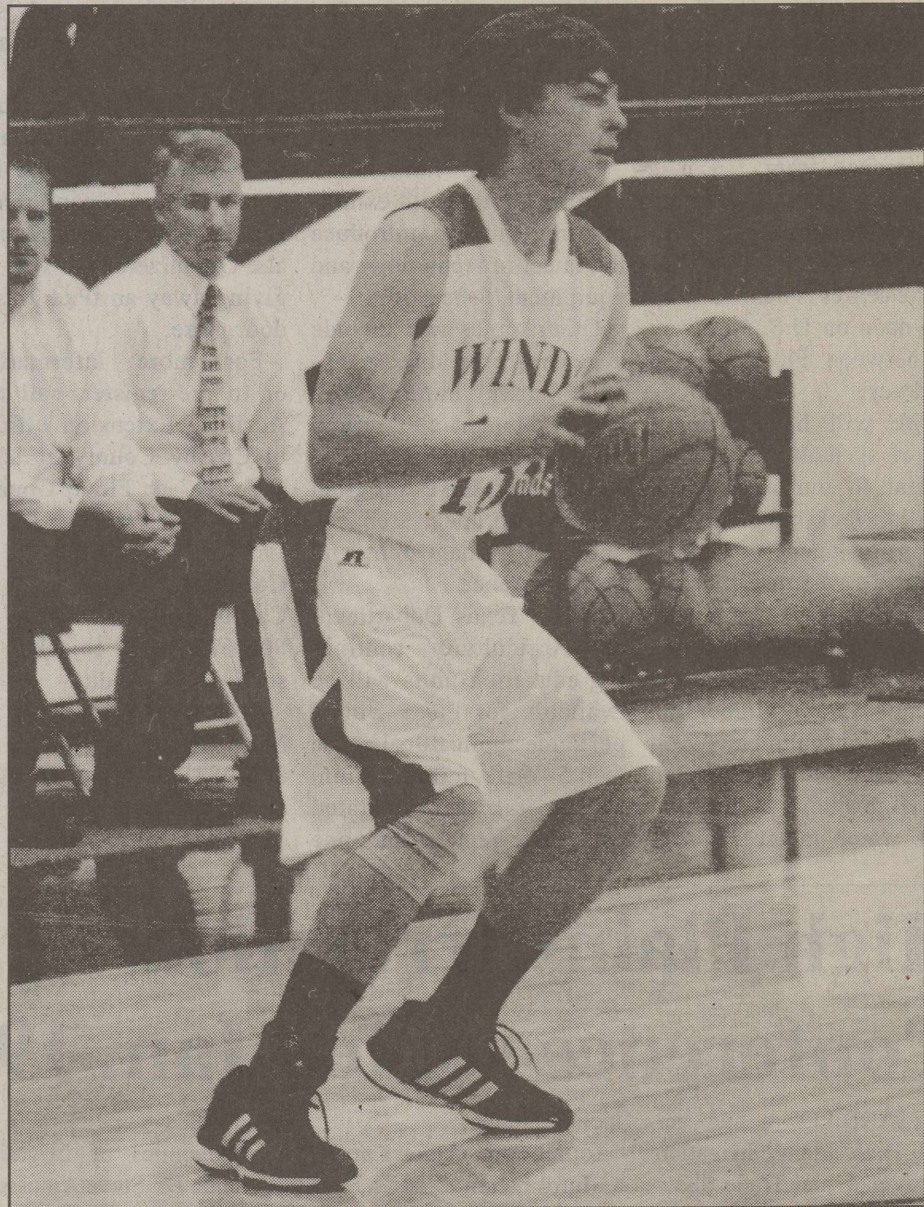


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**By Coach Renfro**

The Floydada Whirlwinds competed in the Caprock Classic basketball tournament in Lubbock Dec. 28-30, winning 2 games and losing 2 games.

The Winds opened the tournament with a victory over Snyder, 44-36. The Winds were led in scoring by R.J. Deleon who had 11 points. Deleon also grabbed 7 rebounds in the contest. Tyler Renfro added 9 points, while Cole Covington put in 8. Haden Lipham also added 8 points to go along with 4 assists and 6 rebounds.

Michael Cisneros had 3 points, Jordan Woody and Landry Morren had 2 each, and Ven-

turo Gonzales had 1. Woody also grabbed 7 rebounds.

In the second round game, the Brownfield Cubs got the better of the Winds in the fourth quarter to take a 58-47 victory. The Winds held the lead 40-38 going into the final frame, but were unable to maintain the pace down the stretch. Lipham had 15 points, Deleon 10, Woody 8, Covington 6, Gonzales 4, Renfro 3, and Cisneros 1. Deleon also grabbed 11 rebounds.

In the third round, Floydada won a hard fought game against the Olton Mustangs, 58-53. Woody had a big game scoring 17 points, grabbing 12

rebounds, and getting 4 steals. Renfro contributed 15 points and 3 assists, while Covington and Lipham had 9 points each. Lipham also had 8 rebounds. Jose Martinez had 4 points to go with 3 assists as Deleon and Gonzales put in 2 apiece.

In their final game of the tournament, Floydada fell to Lamesa, 48-33. Lipham had 12 points, Woody had 6, Martinez had 5, Gonzales had 4, Deleon 3, Covington 2, and Renfro 1.

## FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

January 9 - January 13

**Monday**

**Breakfast-** Scrambled eggs, toast, jelly or cereal, graham crackers, juice, milk

**Lunch-** Corn dog, western beans, celery & carrot dippers, sparkly apple, pudding cup, milk

**Tuesday**

**Breakfast-** Honey bun, fruit, or cereal, graham crackers, juice, milk

**Lunch-** Meaty macaroni, garden salad, seasoned corn, cornbread, frozen cherry fruit bar, milk

**Wednesday**

**Breakfast-** Pancake & sausage on a stick or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

**Lunch-** Oven crispy chicken, mashed

potatoes/gravy, savory green beans, hot roll, fruity gelatin, milk

**Thursday**

**Breakfast-** English muffin with egg, cheese, sausage or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

**Lunch-** Nachos grande, Spanish rice, lettuce & tomato, orange smiles, cinnamon sugar cookie, milk

**Friday**

**Breakfast -** Cinnamon roll or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

**Lunch -** Pizza choice, crunchy broccoli salad, corn cobbette, rosy applesauce, chocoaleana cake, mik

# Fire ants' 'aphid-ranching' skills may be key to their successful U.S. invasion

**By Steve Byms**

COLLEGE STATION — Like Old West cattle barons in a B-western, red imported fire ants are expanding their range and increasing their herds while laying wholesale waste to the range, according to an expert on the issue.

Red imported fire ants are shown "tending" cotton aphids. (photo courtesy Dr. Shawn Wilder, Texas A&M University)

Dr. Micky Eubanks, a Texas AgriLife Research entomologist at College Station, said the ants are using a practice known as "mutualism" to help them thrive despite the estimated \$1 billion Americans pour into controlling them annually.

"Mutualisms play key roles in the functioning of ecosystems," Eubanks said. "In this case, fire ants protect aphids in exchange for the honeydew that aphids produce and the ants eat. Native ants also do this, however a study by our team recently published in the Proceedings of the National

Academy of Science determined that mutualisms involving introduced species such as the red imported fire ant can actually enhance invasion success and ultimately disrupt entire native ecosystems."

Eubanks said the phenomenon has received relatively little attention in scientific circles prior to this study.

The team, consisting of Eubanks and lead researcher, Dr. Shawn Wilder, Texas A&M University entomologist; Dr. David Holway, Division of Biological Sciences, University of California; Dr. Andrew Suarez, departments of entomology and animal biology, University of Illinois and Dr. Edward LeBrun, Brackenridge Field Laboratory, University of Texas, examined how access to food-for-protection mutualisms involving the red imported fire ant aids the success of this prominent invader.

He said intense competition with other ants and insects in the pest's native Argentina checks their explosive success

there, but in the U.S. the invaders dominate the range, running rough-shod over the native ants while making full use of the aphid "cows" nourishing honeydew.

The research team found that the carbohydrate-rich substance known as "honeydew"—that sticky fecal substance that drips on your car from aphids feeding on tree leaves — is a magic elixir to the ants. It gives them the energetic edge needed to out-forage native species and conquer new territory.

"Laboratory and field experiments demonstrated that honeydew with its high carbohydrate content dramatically increases fire ant colony growth, a crucial factor of competitive

performance," he said. "We examined colony growth by rearing fire ants with and without honeydew-producing aphids. After seven weeks, laboratory ant colonies with access to honeydew-producing aphids were 20 percent larger than those grown with cotton plants, but no aphids, even though both colonies had all the insect prey they could eat.

"Our findings support the hypothesis that although mutualisms help generate and maintain biodiversity in our native flora and fauna, intro-

duced species such as the red imported fire ant can infiltrate these networks and divert resources for their own success with potentially devastating consequences to their native neighbors."

For more information on the published work titled: "Intercontinental differences in resource use reveal the importance of mutualisms in fire ant invasions," go to the Discovery Blog article: <http://tinyurl.com/7end6gy> or for the complete work, go to: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1115263108>

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## Dual-county Caprock Crop Production Conference slated Jan. 24

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 Center.

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 require-

ments 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 insurance.

Seven Texas Department of 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 available.

Individual pre-registration 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 prize.

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

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## High Plains Irrigation Conference set for 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 will run from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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.

-AquaSpy: Capacitance probe irrigation scheduling, David Sloane, AquaSpy agronomist, St. Louis, Mo.

-Crop Metrics variable rate irrigation, Kevin Abts, vice president of sales and marketing, North Bend, Neb.

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

-Long- and short-term weather insights, Dr. David Brown, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Fort Worth.

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

-Texas Alliance on Water Conservation Lockney project, Dr. Justin Weinheimer, Texas Tech University, Lubbock.

-North Plains Groundwater Conservation District “200-12 Reduced Irrigation on Corn Demonstration,” Harold Grall, Moore County

producer.

-Economics of irrigation systems, Dr. Steve Amosson, AgriLife Extension, Amarillo.

-Efficient Profitable Irrigation in Corn or EPIC Project, Kenny.

-Drought tolerant corn research, Dr. Brent Bean, AgriLife Extension agronomist, 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 booths from the irrigation industry, area groundwater districts and educational institutions, Kenny said.

For more conference information, go to the Texas Agricultural Irrigation Association website, <http://taia.org/> or contact Kenny at 806-677-5600 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](http://www.youtube.com/NPKTexasAgriLife).

## Cotton Market Weekly December 30, 2011

What a difference a year makes. In mid-December of 2010, the March futures contract was at just over \$1.50 per pound. By the same time in 2011, it was in the mid-80s. Whether it was the high prices rationing demand, or the weak world economy, demand for cotton steadily declined during 2011.

The decline was clearly evident this month as the cotton market seemed to be in a holiday mode three weeks early. With the exception of only a few trading sessions, traders remained cautious, textile mills seemed content with their cotton supplies, and trading at the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) in New York was mostly dull in light volume throughout most of the month.

“There simply was very little bullish news,” a market observer said. “Perhaps one bright spot was China’s steady purchases of domestic and foreign cotton to fill its strategic reserves which seemed to offer some stability to the market.”

The weak demand for U.S. cotton was clearly evident in USDA’s weekly export sales report with volumes well below normal for December. Export shipments were stronger but well off the pace to reach USDA’s estimate for this marketing year.

USDA reported net export sales of 77,900 bales for the week ended Dec. 22 as sales to China, Vietnam, and Turkey were partially offset by cancellations from Thailand, Italy, and India. Net sales of 17,600 bales for delivery in 2012-13 were mainly for China and Thailand. Export shipments

of 192,300 bales were up six percent from the previous week and four percent from the four-week average.

The spot cotton market may have been closer to what observers consider “normal” in December. Through Dec. 29, producers in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and New Mexico had sold just over 88,771 bales online.

Gin operations still continue in parts of Central Texas, and modules are moving through gins in Kansas and Oklahoma. However, as the 2011 crop year draws to a close, producers are beginning to consider next year’s crop and hope for enough precipitation to help alleviate historical drought conditions. Decisions will need to be made quickly for South Texas cotton producers as planting will begin in some areas in late February. Water for irrigation will remain a great concern in the upcoming year.

Record water usage and a lingering drought this year

could mean water shortages in 2012 for Lower Rio Grande Valley farmers, according to a Texas AgriLife Research water engineer in Weslaco.

“It’s ironic that in 2010, South Texas was in danger of Katrina-like flooding, and now we’re looking at limited irrigation in 2012 unless weather patterns change drastically,” he said.

Of the 28 water districts in the Rio Grande Valley, some have started warning growers that water may run short next year if irrigation demands remain high. Allocations, or rationing, could begin at some point next year.

“If growers are allocated only a few irrigations, about six to eight inches of water, it’s important for them to start making planting decisions now,” the AgriLife representative said. “They’ll have to decide what to plant since some crops require more water than others, and they’ll have to decide how much of their acreage they’ll plant.”

## Rabies Report

By James L. Alexander

This case is #65 in 2011 for HSR 1 and the 4th case, all skunks, in Carson Co. in 2011. The most recent prior to this case was 77 days ago in October. Will this be out last case for 2011? We’ll know early next week. In 2009 HSR 1 had the last reported case in the state with a skunk in Randall Co. on 12/31/09.

Please continue to urge the public to be sure their pets and certain livestock, especially horses, are kept current on rabies vaccinations. If any of your clients acquired a new kitty or puppy, or cat

or dog over the holidays, now would be a good time to remind them even holiday animals need deworming, vaccinations, etc.

On 12/29/11 the 26 Panhandle Counties have 49 (75%) of the 65 cases and the 15 South Plains counties had the other 25% (16 cases).

In 2005 HSR 1 recorded a total of 79 confirmed animal rabies cases with 56 (71%) being rabid skunks. So far in 2011, 65 cases have been confirmed (82% of the 2005 total) with 54 (83%) being skunks. We have 3 days left to match or surpass the 2005 rabid skunk total.

### Our statistics are now:

Armstrong	3 skunks
Bailey	1 skunk
Briscoe	3 skunks
Carson	4 skunks
Castro	6 skunks
Childress	4 skunks
Dickens	2 skunks
Donley	2 skunks, 1 horse
Gray	1 skunk
Floyd	1 horse
Hale	9 skunks
Hansford	1 horse
Hemphill	1 skunk
Lamb	1 skunk, 1 dog
Lipscomb	1 skunk
Motley	1 cow
Parmer	1 skunk
Potter	5 skunks, 3 cats
Randall	6 skunks, 1 horse
Swisher	4 skunks
Wheeler	1 cat, 1 horse
<b>Total</b>	<b>65 cases in 21 counties</b>

<b>Species:</b>	Skunk	54
	Cat	4
	Horse	5
	Cow	1
	Dog	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>65</b>

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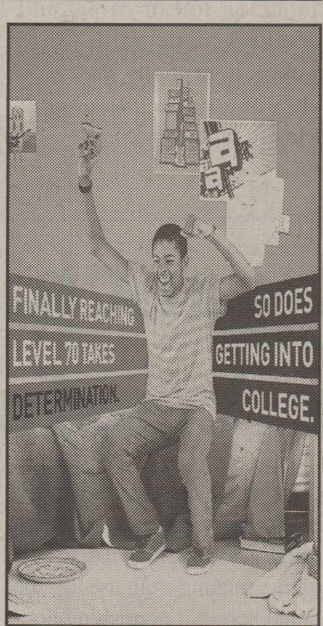
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# What To Know About Medicare In 2012

By Bob Moos

## Southwest public affairs officer for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

The New Year brings improvements and other changes to Medicare. Here's a brief rundown of what to expect in 2012.

### Original Medicare covers more preventive services.

Screenings for cardiovascular disease and obesity have been added to the preventive services available at no out-of-pocket cost to people with Medicare.

The new benefit covers one doctor visit each year to determine the best way for you to ward off cardiovascular disease. Your physician may screen you for hypertension and discuss how changes in your diet can lower the risk of heart disease or a stroke.

The free screening for obesity includes regular counseling sessions at your doctor's office if you have a body mass index of 30 or higher. Anyone who loses at least six pounds during the first six months qualifies for six more months of counseling.

### Generic drugs get a bigger price break in the "doughnut hole."

If you have a Medicare drug plan and reach the coverage gap, you receive a bigger discount on your generic prescriptions — 14 percent in 2012, compared with 7 percent last year. And, like last year, you still get a 50 percent discount on brand-name drugs in the doughnut hole.

Those price breaks are adding up. More than 2.7 million people have saved more than \$1.5 billion on their prescriptions in the coverage gap — an average

of \$569 per person.

### Medicare premiums change slightly — sometimes for the better.

The monthly premiums for the part of Medicare that covers doctor visits and outpatient hospital services increase for most people by only \$3.50, to \$99.90, in 2012. If you joined Medicare in the last few years and paid up to \$115.40, your premiums actually fall, to \$99.90, this year.

A small proportion of people with Medicare — about 4 percent — pay extra for their Part B coverage because their annual incomes are higher than \$85,000. They, too, can expect to see their monthly Medicare premiums for doctor visits and outpatient hospital services drop in 2012.

### Now's the time to switch from a Medicare Advantage plan to Original Medicare if you're dissatisfied.

If you're unhappy with your private Medicare Advantage health plan, an annual "disenrollment" period allows you to return to the traditional fee-for-service Medicare program between Jan. 1 and Feb. 14. You can also select a drug plan to go with your new coverage.

A word of caution here: There are two things you can't do during the six-week disenrollment period. You can't sign up for a Medicare Advantage plan for the first time. And you can't switch from one Advantage plan to another.

### Checking out the quality of hospitals and nursing home becomes easier.

It can be difficult to find hospitals, nursing homes, home health agencies and other health care providers that meet your needs. You can now use Medi-

care's new "Quality Care Finder" at [www.Medicare.gov/QualityCareFinder](http://www.Medicare.gov/QualityCareFinder) to compare similar kinds of providers.

The improved online tool describes the quality of care at specific facilities — such as how well a hospital protects outpatients from surgical infections and what steps a home health agency takes to manage pain, treat wounds and keep patients safe.

### Doctors and hospitals are coordinating your care better.

Medicare has begun to work with "accountable care organizations" that will promote better coordination between health care providers so that people with chronic conditions like diabetes and high blood pressure get the care they need to stay out of the hospital.

A lack of coordination has sometimes led to unnecessary tests and procedures. Accountable care organizations will encourage primary care physicians, specialists and hospitals to communicate more so that you get the right care, in the right place, at the right time.

If your doctor participates in one of the new groups, you'll be notified. But it's important to remember that your Medicare benefits stay the same. You can still see any doctor who accepts Medicare.

As I said, this is just a quick look at Medicare's more noteworthy changes. The "Medicare and You 2012" handbook you recently received in the mail will have a complete summary. If you need a book, call 1-800-MEDICARE to request a free copy, or visit [www.Medicare.gov](http://www.Medicare.gov) and download it.

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right where they found the most coon tracks, anchored it securely to a log. But the next morning no coon—and the next morning and the next. Then it dawned on them. Two good, honest country boys had been cheated, taken in by a city slicker.

### Used Plain Talk

Jodie let them know in no uncertain terms what he thought of St. Louis Fur Co. and all the other crooks who prey on good, honest people. He demanded his money back, as guaranteed.

Promptly came a return letter, "Look at your almanac," said St. Louis Fur Co. "You set your trap in the dark of the moon. The coon couldn't see anything in your trap and had no reason to stick his paw into it. Next week will be in the light of the moon. Set out your trap and see what happens."

Dubiously the boys followed instructions. And next morning they went wild with joy. The gadget had tricked a big, fat raccoon into their hands—and they had not been city slicked. Life was sweet once more.

### From the Floyd County Hesperian

September 4, 1969

I REMEMBER,

I REMEMBER

By Homer Steen

### HE COINED A WORD

When Claude V. Hall was editor and publisher of The Hesperian Gazette he enjoyed doing such off-beat things as providing a word (for the English language that would stand for the their person singular.

He argued there should be such a word so he manufactured it, and used it quite frequently. The word he coined was "thon." It stood for male or female. Gender of the subject governed. I have forgotten how he came to decide that "thon" was appropriate.

Mr. Hall supported William Jennings Bryan. It was in 1896 that he started The Hesperian Gazette, the year that Bryan electrified the Democratic National with his Cross of Gold, Crown of Thorns masterpiece.

Mr. Hall Evidently spent a number of years, as he matured, making up his mind whether he would make the school room, newspaper work, or the practice of law, his life's work. Each of these vocations apparently had a

strong appeal for him. And he was fortunate in that he could be gainfully occupied while he was making up his mind.

He was teaching in the Floydada school when he decided to try the newspaper office. His salutatory in Volume 1, Number 1, of The Hesperian, indicates as much. He walked out of the school room on March 5, 1896 and entered the journalist's profession at once, issuing his first newspaper on March 27. He bought at least a part of his printing equipment from Espuels Land & Cattle Co., Dickens.

After he sold his newspaper plant in 1903, he reentered University of Texas to get a degree with history as his major. A considerable part of the year 1905 he spent polishing up his "History of Floyd County" for publication as a special edition of The Hesperian for his successors, Crie & Adair.

The original of this history is stored somewhere in the university files. It was his thesis for a master's degree. Evidently it was well-researched and well edited for it was reprinted as a volume of Panhandle-Plains Historical Review in 1947. He had only minor revisions to make.

After a time in the classrooms of the public schools, Mr. Hall was back at study, preparing for a degree in law. He followed this profession for a time (He was practicing in Floydada in 1912) then he returned to the school room again, this time in one of the state's colleges teaching history

And in this course of time he was head of the history department in East Texas State College in Commerce. But he did not find this work completely rewarding. He told me he found he wanted to teach government. So, when ETSC established a government department he accepted an assignment, where he remained for the remainder of his active career. In fact, for years he was head of the History Department of the school.

I first knew Mr. Hall in 1901, shortly after our family moved to Floydada on December 31, 1900. I enjoyed hanging around his print shop occasionally. Incidentally he loaned me books from his home library quite freely.

From the Floyd County

Hesperian  
September 18, 1969

I REMEMBER,  
I REMEMBER

By Homer Steen

### ON SPOOFING A DOG

A little dog slips up and bites you on the heel before you are aware, but a big dog meets you from the front and you are mighty glad to hear the dog's master's voice calling the animal to heel.

Sometimes the dog's owner is not in sight and that makes a different story. What to do if you are 75 yards from any cover and your home or car much too far away for a retreat when the big dog sees you coming toward the place which is his domain.

I have a Floyd County acquaintance who had to do something under these circumstances once, and did.

In his boyhood he had been told of a trick you could use to "spoo" the dog, and save a mauling. This is the way it worked:

### A BEWILDERED ANIMAL

As the dog menacingly advanced the man dropped on all fours behind a fence post. Peeping around the post from one side to the other, he confused the animal. For where there had been a man advancing in open ground, he was now gone.

In his stead was a peeping eye, first on one side of the post, then the other. The dog stopped flat in his tracks. The bewilderment was evident. It was more than his dog "mind" could stand.

For thirty seconds or so the dog seemed to ponder the enigma. Then, my friend said, the dog's front feet just seemed to roll up forward under him, his long hard tail flailed the air, then he turned for the house as fast as his legs could carry him.

The dog's owner came around the corner of the house just as the dog swooshed by. At first puzzled by the dog's behavior he then sensed that the animal was consumed by fear.

Chagrined by the sudden change in his dog's behavior he said to the visitor, "I caint see what you wanted to scare my dog for that away."

(The above procedure is not recommended for amateurs nor for exercises in the study of dog behavior. It did actually occur, but my friend made a deadly serious gamble.)

HOBBY CLUB... continued from page 2

With wings of gossamer and robes of white The glow of the rays is shining bright.

They are charged to protect, help and guide No matter how rough the ride.

Many angels take on human form, Where, oh where do they come from?

Are you one of those that provide a smile When the road someone is trudging may be a mile?

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Or is it just a kind word, Something repeated or you heard?

Is it a deed that needs to be done? And God has appointed you the one.

Do you walk with Him hand in hand? Have you joined His earthly band?

Maybe you're the blessing that's needed that day, So pick up your feet - don't

delay. Just pass it forward and you will be. One of God's earthly angels don't you see!

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2 Tbsp. roasted almonds

Mix pudding with milk per package instructions. Layer all ingredients in a large container, first with 3/4 cup of pudding, then pieces of angel food cake and slices of bananas topped with Cool Whip. Continue layering until all ingredients are used, ending with the Cool Whip

on top. Sprinkle slivers of roasted almonds on top.

Variation: May mix pudding with pineapple or orange juice instead of milk and layer with bananas, canned pineapples and strawberries for a tropical dessert. Sprinkle with coconut and roasted nuts on top.

And then we all marveled at Brenda Walls' boots. They had high heels, pointy toes and were multicolored. She wore a red pant suit to complete her outfit. She was the most Christmas of us all. At first we thought her boots were leather, but we soon discovered they were rubber. Very handy for the snowy storm to come, which it did Christmas Eve.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at 2PM at the South Plains Baptist Church. Please bring ideas for 2012 activities and any pictures of Hobby Club events for the scrapbook.

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and depleting underground water levels prompted Texas lawmakers to make these water districts institute plans to better conserve water.

As a result, the High Plains created the 50/50 plan which is designed to save 50 percent of the current saturated water in the Ogallala for use in the next 50 year.

In order to achieve this, the water district created unprecedented water pumping restrictions for farmers. The restrictions which took effect on Jan. 2012, limits how much water a farmer can pump out of his land for watering his crop.

Within the span of three years, how much a farmer can pump will be gradually reduced. The restrictions allow the farmer to pump 21 inches of water per contiguous acre in the first year, 18 inches the second year, and from 2016 and on only 15 inches.

Along with the pumping restrictions, farmers would then have to install water meters with their own dime on each one of the farms water pumps.

Once the proposed restrictions were released, local farmers were in an uproar as the felt that the water district was overstepping their boundaries and they had no right to tell farmers what they could or couldn't do on their own land; "We feel like the Water District's main goal should be in education and in research to find more water conserving type measures...spacing requirement we feel like it is a good thing; but we feel like they have completely overstepped their authority and purpose in doing what they are doing now," explained Mr. Dawdy.

The opposition caused town meetings to surge during summer as farmers contested to the water district's new proposed rules. However despite the opposition, the High Plains water district unanimously approved the restrictions in July.

The High Plains water board's newly passed regulations would greatly differ from those set by other districts. Many of the other districts surrounding

the area only implicated milder annual management strategies that monitor underground water supplies to make sure that levels don't reach a certain levels; however no water restriction methods were used by other districts; "We feel they went at it the wrong way, we know that they didn't have to go such a hard line," added Mr. Dawdy.

Opposition to the regulations really caught fire after 43 days after the vote, a Texas Tech University study, which can be found on the water district's website, explained that if no water conservation policies were implemented and producers operated in an unregulated, profit maximizing manner, Ogallala water levels would still be above 50% of the current level in 50 years.

"If we are already doing better than their goal is, then why are we doing this, and so far we hadn't had any good answers from anybody," commented coalition member, Kevin Lewis. Mr. Dawdy added that he feels farmers are already conservative minded, "We feel like (farmers) have taken measures... putting in more efficient irrigation systems and all of that. I mean we feel like we have done what we were supposed to do; we've had too, just to stay in business. We feel like there is no farmer that is wasting water."

Mr. Lewis, who farms near Floyd County, added that restriction will be a "big economic burden to the area," as he added that the estimating cost to comply to the regulations could cost the region an excess of \$100-120 million. He added that even though the district will allow farmers to install their own meters, many producers do not have the resources or the knowledge to do it themselves.

It is the overall feeling of the coalition that these restrictions will deepen the hurt already being experienced by our farmers; resulting in many to just leave the business all together, "I can't operate under these rules they way they are written; there too restrictive and they will really inhibit my ability to make a living," commented Mr. Dawdy. This

result will more than likely have an extreme effect on small farming towns, "I point out to people, that a lot of these little towns have gone to six man football and there is no three man football," explained Mr. Lewis.

So as a way to combat the regulations, the coalition is fighting back with a lawsuit designed to abolish the restrictions, "We going to challenge the legality of what they are trying to do basically; the legality of their control over the water and their pumping restrictions," explained Mr. Dawdy.

The lawsuit will also request that the water district advisory board be expanded from it five member board so there is more representation, "Really with such an important issue, we really feel that you should have more representation, you don't want that kind of power in the hands of a few people," added Mr. Lewis. According to Mr. Lewis status state the board can consist of up to 11 members.

Overall the coalition is confident in the lawsuit, and feels that it will give the farmers a more solid foundation to work with, as the water district currently reserves the right to change or amend the regulations; a possibility that could become reality if drought conditions continue in the south. Mr. Dawdy explained that even though the water district has seemed to soften up, for example calling 2012 a practice year, farmers still need something in writing, and the lawsuit could do this.

Currently the coalition is continuing to look for support as their case has picked up backing from a number of farmers, gins, and businesses. According to the coalition, big names like the Plains Cotton Growers Association and several state representatives are beginning to sway towards the coalition's cause. As of right now the lawsuit will be filed at a district court, however a venue and date for a hearing has not been set. If you would like to contact or support the coalition, the group can be contacted at 806-831-5460 or at www.protectwaterrights.com.

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position, which can help them in their recovery."

Sharon Hunt, CEO of W. J. Mangold Memorial Hospital, expressed her appreciation, stating, "We are very grateful to the Lubbock Area Foundation for this donation. It is difficult for small, rural hospitals to obtain funding for purchasing equipment, so donations such as this one are extremely important to us and to our patients."

Lubbock Area Foundation is a nonprofit organization that exists to help people who care about the Lubbock area to invest - at any level - in its future. As the community foundation for the South Plains, the Lubbock Area Foundation provides a vehicle for building perma-

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W. J. Mangold Memorial Hospital Foundation is accepting donations to fund additional equipment purchases for the hospital, including a new cardiac telemetry monitoring system and equipment for the physical therapy department. For more information on W. J. Mangold Memorial Hospital Foundation or how you can support its community efforts, please call Sharon Hunt at (806) 652-3373.

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out the years the Cornelius' also stayed very active in the community; participating in Floydada's City Council and Chamber of Commerce and well as the Lion's Club and the Punkin Day Committee.

As the years flew by and with the kids now all grown up, the Cornelius family start to feel like it was time for a little change in pace; "We were just ready to downsize and change," explained Mrs. Cornelius. This decision would prompt the Cornelius to start looking for a potential buyer for their service station; "We have a great customer base, and we didn't want to leave them high and dry," explained Mr. Cornelius. The Cornelius' would eventually find a buyer in Floyd County Farm Supply owner, Lidian Morris, who will be taking over the business in early 2012.

As for the Cornelius', the

family is looking forward to the change, "It's going to be really weird to be not going down (to the station) and checking on stuff, checking and making sure were not going to run out of gas tomorrow," added Mr. Cornelius "It's going to be different, but an exciting new adventure,". The family plans to continue to reside in Floydada and Mr. Cornelius plans to work for the financial company, the Modern Woodmen of America which specializes in annuities, life insurance, and mutual funds.

In the near future, the Cornelius' are planning to hold an appreciation event for their customers as a token of their gratitude for their years of support, "Everybody's been really good to us in supporting us all these years and I appreciate them supporting us all this time," added Mr. Cornelius.

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ed to fill the importer alternate position vacancy.

The cotton research and promotion program is designed to advance the po-

sition of cotton in the marketplace. It is funded by assessments on all domestically produced cotton and imports of foreign-produced cotton and cotton-containing

products, and is authorized by the Cotton Research and Promotion Act of 1966. USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service oversees operations of the board.

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cept that's exactly what she did. For still life compositions, dirty dishes trumped fruit and flowers. (She could've changed later, but she was in her dirty dishes period back then.) Whether her stuff sold or not, as long as she had a kitchen clutter painting in progress on her easel, who could fault her for letting the housework go? Art first.

I remember only her last name. Did she ever become famous?

INTERNET PAUSE TO SEARCH FOR AN ARTIST NAMED D'ARENSBOURG

Believe it or not, I just found a New York artist named Jane D'Arensbourg, who designs jewelry. One of her Facebook entries indicates she made the November 2010 issue of Martha Stewart Living Magazine. Somehow I don't think it's the same D'Arensbourg.

ANOTHER INTERNET PAUSE

Wow. A little more research, and I've unearthed two salient facts: Jane D'Arensbourg was born in, of all places, New Orleans,

and she puts a torch to Pyrex to make jewelry! There you have it. Another way to turn dirty dishes into art. Use a torch.

Looking at her picture I think she is at best a descendant of the artsy D'Arensbourg I met, perhaps a younger sister of the little boy I babysat in that rather quaint apartment off St. Charles Avenue. I like to think so.

It's enough to make me want to do a quick pen and ink study of our kitchen counter and then add calculated dashes of color. My artist's eye is looking at dishes to be washed, a bowl of fruit worthy of a Dutch master and some objets trouvés -- Folgers coffee containers, a potato atop a Dannon yogurt container, a jar lid, a cell phone case, a tractor bushing, a pill bottle and the potholder I made in the first grade.

Did I mention the fruit bowl is Pyrex? And me without a torch.

Better I go take a picture of the tractor.

I know right where to find it.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

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