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BI-DISTRICT CHAMPIONS 20 guns in 20 days



Photo by Homer Marquez

On Tuesday, the Lockney Lady Horns became the BI-District Champs after beating the Memphis Lady Cyclones 62-36 in Canyon. This Thursday, the Lady Horns will return to Canyon to face the Gruver Lady Greyhounds for the Area Championship at West Texas A&M; for more on the game head to Lockney's school page.

The Floydada VFD to hold unique fundraiser

In order to raise money for a new addition to their firehouse, the Floydada Volunteer fire department will be holding an unprecedented 20 guns in 20 day raffle fundraiser. With the help of Gander Mountain, the Floydada VFD will be selling 1000 tickets for a raffle that will give away one gun a day for 20 days. Guns included are a Remington Model 770 Centerfire Rifle Package .308; a Remington Model 870 Express Shotgun; a

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Veteran Spotlight: William Bertrand



Courtesy Photo

February's Veteran Spotlight focuses on William Bertrand who was a pilot in World War II. A Captain in the Army Air Corp, Bertrand flew 35 missions while stationed in South Italy; upon his return, Bertrand received the Air Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

By Homer Marquez
 As a small tribute to the brave men and women who have served defending our great country, the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon is continuing our monthly installments of veteran spotlights with February's Floyd County veteran, William Bertrand. A captain in the Army

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Anyone wishing to apply for a Ballot by Mail for the upcoming Primary Elections should contact the County Clerk's office at 806-983-4900.

Weekend snow holds off burn ban a while longer

By Homer Marquez

In their February court session, Floyd County Commissioners postponed the reinstatement of the burn ban after four to five inches of snow fell on Floyd County last Sunday.

An item to reinstate the burn ban was added to February's agenda after dry

weather conditions and high winds posed in an increasing threat for wildfires. Floyd County and most of Texas have been under a burn ban for a little over a year after 2011's massive drought sparked rampant wildfires that have caused millions of dollars in damage. A few months back, after a

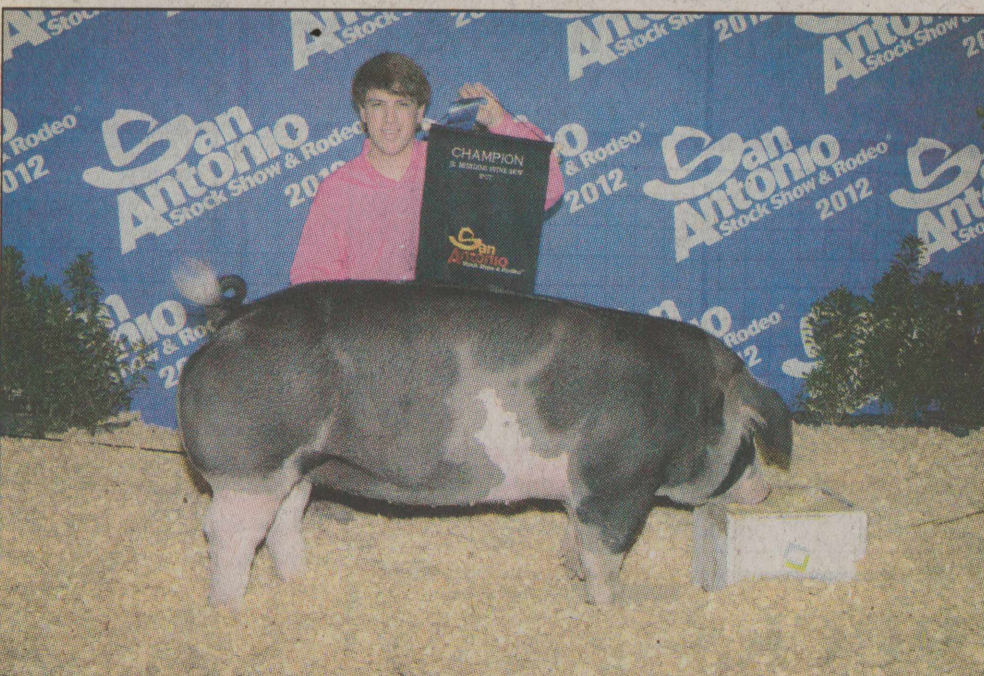
few brief sprouts of moisture, commissioners moved to lift the burn ban so Floyd County citizens could burn mounting piles of trash that were posing possible health hazards. However recent dry and windy conditions have forced commissioners to reconsider the burn ban as wildfire threats loom.

But after Sunday's snowfall, commissioners felt that the week's moisture could postpone the decision just a little longer.

"I certainly think we can hold off..." commented Commissioner Lindan Morris, "with everything

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Braden Graves wins Grand Champion Spot Gilt at San Antonio Stock Show



Braden Graves and his gilt named "Edith" win at the San Antonio Stock Show.

The Breeding Swine show was held February 9th at the San Antonio Livestock Show & Rodeo.

The Grand Champion Spot Gilt honors went to Braden Graves of Floydada, Texas, with his gilt, "Edith."

Graves is a sophomore and an active member of the Floydada County 4-H. He hopes to attend Texas A&M University

and major in Agriculture upon graduation.

Braden is the son of Ron and Melinda Graves.

San Antonio Livestock Expedition has a rich tradition and history of stewardship to the community, agriculture industry and youth of Texas. With a clear vision of the future, a successful past and continual dedication from over 4,000

volunteers, SALE will continue to provide wholesome family entertainment and be a pillar of strength and support to the youth of Texas. To date, the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo educational commitment exceeds \$79 million in the form of scholarships, grants, endowments, auction, calf scramble program and show premiums paid to youth.

Heston Graves wins Reserve Grand Champion Landrace Gilt at San Antonio Stock Show



Heston Graves and his gilt named "Lola" win at the San Antonio Stock Show.

The Breeding Landrace show was held February 10th at the San Antonio Livestock Show & Rodeo.

Heston Graves of Floydada, Texas, and his gilt "Lola," won Reserve Grand Champion Landrace Gilt. Graves, 14, an active member of the Floydada FFA, enjoys hunting and fishing.

Heston is the son of Ron

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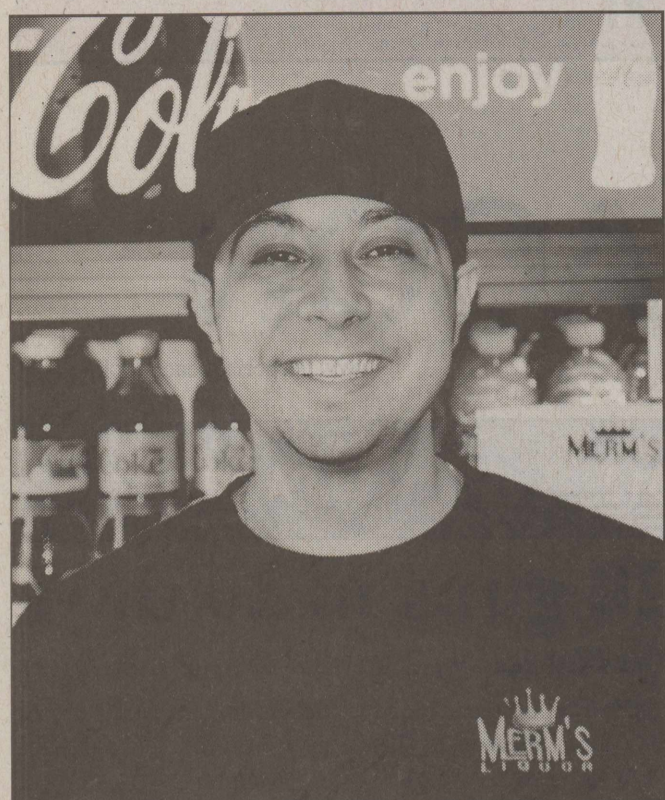
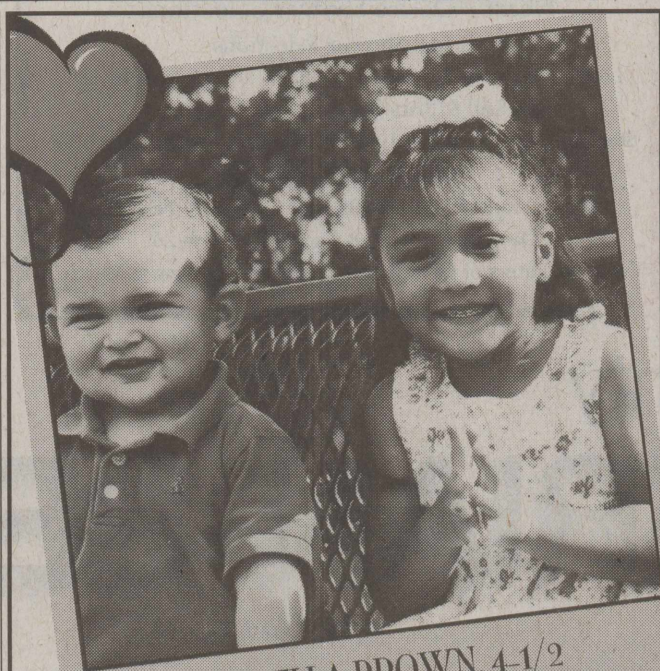


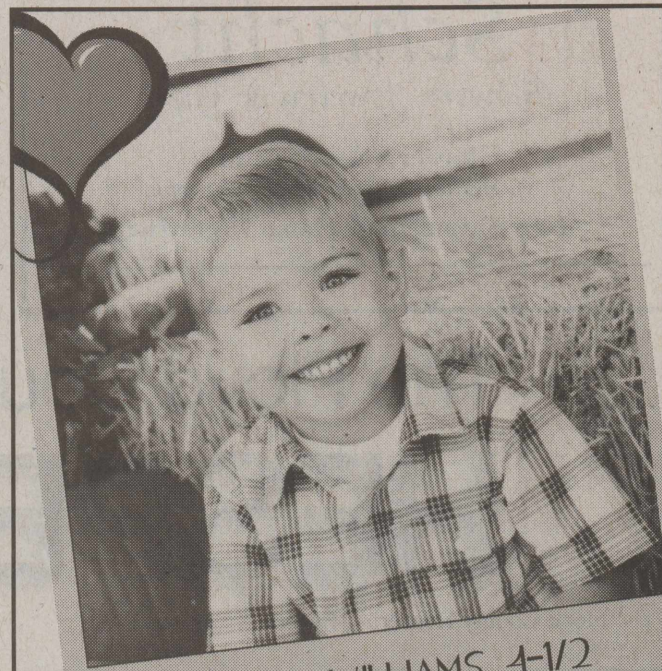
Photo by Kat Wallace

Meet Jeremy Rodriguez. He has lived in Floyd County for nineteen years. He graduated from Lockney High School, and received his degree from AIU. Jeremy is the owner of Merm's Liquor & BBQ in Floydada. He has a 1-1/2 month old daughter named Melane Alexa. Jeremy attends Experience Life Church in Lubbock. Some of his hobbies include water skiing and wake boarding. He also enjoys working out in his spare time. Nice to meet you Jeremy.



ISABELLA BROWN, 4-1/2 AND LEVI BROWN, 1-1/2

Children of Aaron and Brenda Brown of Austin, Texas. Proud grandparents are Baldo and Berta Benitez of Floydada, Texas and Louise and Susan Hayden of Pleasant Plains, Arkansas.



NATHAN WILLIAMS, 4-1/2

Son of Mike and Brissy Williams of Amarillo, Texas. Proud grandparents are Baldo and Berta Benitez of Floydada, Texas and Larry and Donna Williams of Plainview, Texas.

FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

By Margaret Jones

As I sit down at the computer to write the news of the week, I am counting my Many Blessings. Looking outside I see a beautiful, shimmering, white blanket of snow that fell so gracefully all day Sunday bringing with it the continued, must needed moisture for our parched land.

As the temperature slowly crawls upward, the warm sunshine forms puddles of water while a gentle breeze stirs the branches of trees and bushes and nature welcomes the much needed gift of life. Once again, there is hope that the drought will be shorter than predicted.

Valentines Day is here and everyone at the Center has enjoyed the red and white HEART shaped decorations. Thank you again, Floyd County Queens

for your thoughtfulness in sharing the Valentine season with your special touch.

The Center wishes to thank everyone for the many Memorials that have been received. This week's Memorials include:

In memory of Greg Campbell - Nell McClung, John and Judy Dunlap, Joy Guest, Sue and Alton Higginbotham, June McGaugh, Loretta Burns, Sheryl Back, Nancy and Gene Lawson, Jessie and Donna Pernell

In memory of Irvin Seymour - Sue and Alton Higginbotham, Nancy and Gene Lawson, Ferne and Louis Anderson

In memory of Rilla Sue Woody - Sue and Alton Higginbotham, Sheryl Back, Nancy and Gene Lawson, and Jessie and Donnie Pernell.

In memory of Noma Lou Rainer - Loretta Burns

In memory of Emagene Haenisch - Sheryl Back

In memory of Sharon Galaway - Loretta Burns

In memory of Betty Holmes - Loretta Burns

RECIPE OF THE WEEK...

Frito Corn Salad

2 cans whole kernel corn, drained, 1/2 cup purple onion, diced, 1/2 cup green bell pepper, diced, 1/2 cup red pepper, diced, 1-1/2 cup shredded cheese (reduced fat), 3 tablespoons Ranch dressing, 1/2 cup Miracle Whip, 10 oz. Chili Fritos. Drain corn and mix in all other ingredients except the Fritos. Chill a couple of hours before serving. Add Fritos just before serving.

This recipe is from my cousin, Ellamae (Cage) Gentry. Try it! You will like it!!

Thought for the Week - ...faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13.

MENU

Feb. 20 - Feb. 24

Monday - CLOSED

Tuesday - Spaghetti w/ meatballs, whole wheat roll, margarine, spinach, honey dew melon, low fat milk

Wednesday - Breaded chicken tenders, baked potato w/sour cream, peas & carrots, strawberries w/whipped topping, low fat milk

Thursday - Cheeseburger, potato wedges, tomato wedge, salad, melon medley, low fat milk

Friday - Taco salad & corn chips, seasoned corn, watermelon, peach cobbler, low fat milk

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Recent Donations Made by the Martha Ann Cogdell Trust

Connie Cogdell Clark, chairman of the board of the Martha Ann Cogdell Trust, announced that donations were recently made to the following entities: City of Turkey Ambulance Fund, City of Quitaque Ambulance Service, W. J. Mangold Memorial Hospital, Caprock Hospital District Ambulance Fund, Hall County EMS Ambulance Service, City of Lockney Ambulance Fund, Wayside Emergency Team, Silverton Voluntary Ambulance Service and Texas Tech Foundation.

For many years the Martha Ann Cogdell Trust has provided ambulances for various cities and hospital districts in this area including the Caprock Hospital, District Ambulance Fund, the City of Wayside Emergency Team, the City of Claude Volunteer Ambulance Service, the City of Turkey Ambulance Fund, the City of Quitaque Ambulance Service, the Silverton Voluntary Ambulance Service, the City of Lockney Ambulance Fund, and the Motley County Ambulance Service. In addition, many thousands of dollars have been made in annual gifts to these various ambulance services to

assist in operation expenses. The Trust has also built clinics in Floydada, Lockney and Silverton. The members of the board of directors of the Martha Ann Cogdell Trust are Connie Cogdell Clark, Gaylon Clark, Billy Rank Cogdell, Bette Cogdell, and Norma Birdwell. The Cogdell Trust has long been a supporter of Floydada EMS. The board of directors and the staff of Floydada EMS are very grateful to the Cogdell Trust for this recent donation.

Floyd County Queens Decorate Senior Citizens Centers

By Barbara Carthel
The Floyd County Queens have several projects that

they have to participate in during their year of rein. The latest project that they took

on was decorating the Senior Citizen Centers of both Lockney and Floydada for the month of February.

The centers will remain decorated for the month of February. If you have not been by the centers, feel free to go by and look at the decorations.

We the sponsors of the queens and their projects have had very positive feedback from this endeavor. We wanted the Senior Citizens to have a happy, friendly and positive place to go and eat and get together with friends.

The queens that either helped decorate or furnish decorations were Darby Long (Miss Floyd County), Ashley Roberts (Teen Miss Floyd County), Lauren Hall (Jr. Miss Floyd County), Kristina Sanchez (Little Miss Floyd County) and Anyaligh Tambunga (Tiny Miss Floyd County).

These girls will be recognized at the Lockney and Floydada Chamber of Commerce Banquets. These are a great group of girls to represent our county.

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Feb. 18 - Feb. 19

Longhorn News

MR. AND MISS. LHS Lockney VFD visits elementary

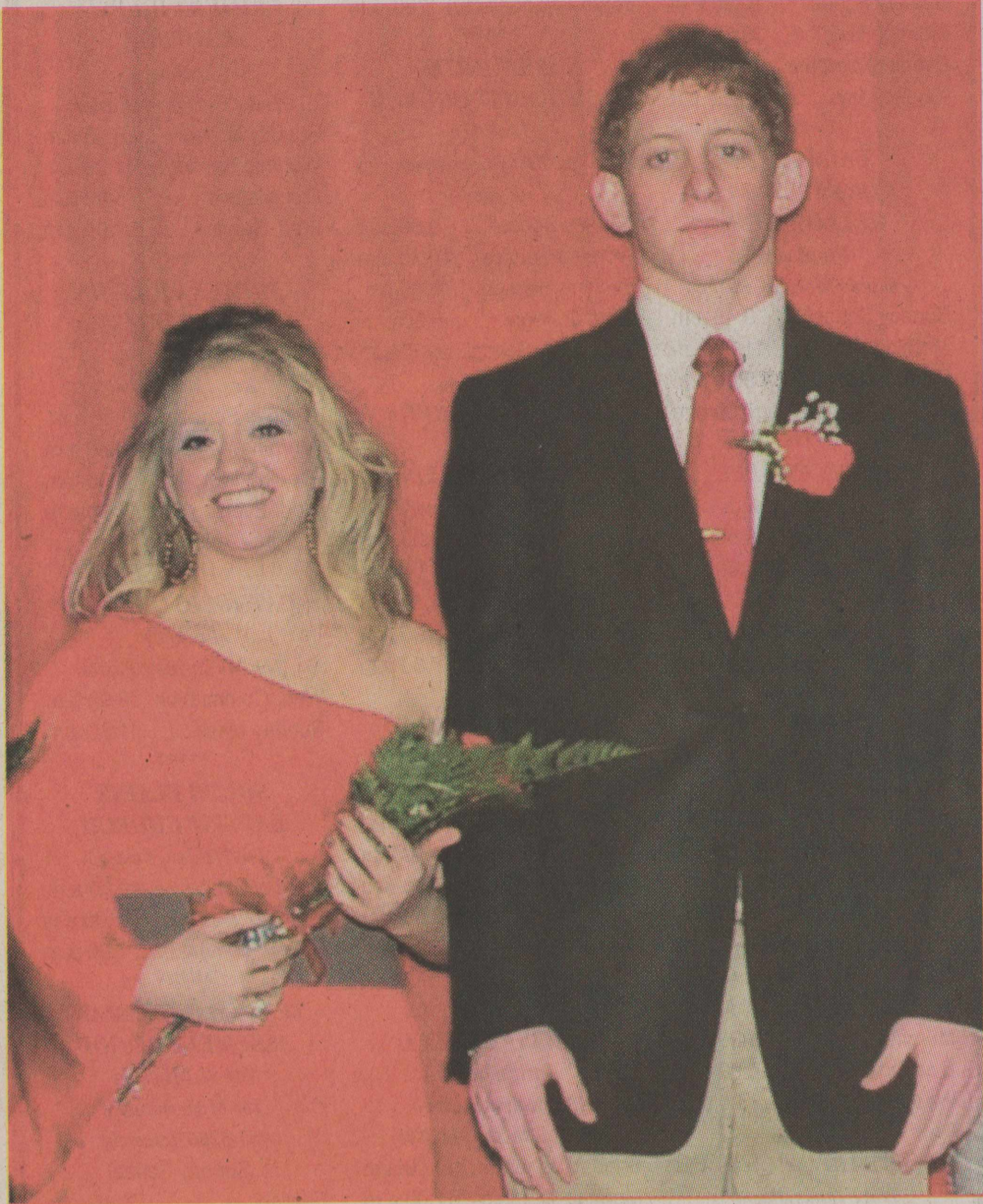


Photo by R.K. Hunt Photography

Over the weekend, the Lockney High School hosted their annual Mr. and Miss. LHS Ceremony. Honored as Mr. and Miss. LHS for 2012 were Riley Teeter and Sunny Williams; check out next week's Longhorn News for the rest of the night's winners.



Courtesy Photos

Lockney Elementary First Grade students hosted special visitors on Thursday, Feb. 9 as Sergio Solis and Scott Stapp of the Lockney Volunteer firemen, visited the school and talked to students from Mrs. Browne's and Mrs. Stapp's classes about fire safety and the dangers of smoking.

Students then got a tour of the Lockney fire truck and were able to try on the fireman's gear. Lockney Elementary wants to thank these men and all the firemen for what they do for our kids and our community.



Courtesy Photos

Recently Lockney ISD starting pouring the concrete for a triple caged batting cage that will be shared by the both Lockney baseball and softball teams; working hard above are Phil Cotham, Malcom Moerbe, Keegan Reynolds, Kenny Hooten, and Matt Williams.



Recently fourth grade teacher, Jennifer Sullivan was selected as the KKYN Teacher of the Week



Little Longhorns: D'ago Lopez, Hanna Casias, Jadden Luna, Kalebh Cook elide Mendez, Joey Vanlandingham, Darian Luna, Nathaniel Castillo, Jocelynn Reyes, Cutter Evans, K-Ci Williams, Xavier Hernandez, Jessie Naranjo

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Whirlwind News

What's Your Ideal Valentine's Day Date?

By: Staff Writer- Taylor Orr

Boxes of chocolates, expensive jewelry, sentimental cards, and beautiful flowers filled the shelves of stores a few days ago. Love was in the air and the mood caused many FHS students to begin daydreaming about their ideal Valentine's Day date.

"My ideal Valentine's Day date would be to be picked up by Channing Tatum in a carriage, covered in lights and drawn by horses, taken out to a romantic, candlelit dinner and then to the movies to a special premier of his new movie, *The Vow*. The perfect date would end with him driving me home in a brand new, cherry red, Corvette, which he'd let me keep!" said Christian Cabello, a junior at FHS.

Most people expect to hear that teenage girls dream of romantic and thoughtful dates, but surprisingly, a few boys at FHS have also been struck by cupid's arrow.

"My perfect Valentine's Day date would consist of taking my true love out to a scenic canyon and having a nice picnic. Roses would be scattered all around the picnic blanket, heart balloons would be fluttering above our heads, and fireworks that spelled out "I love you" would light up the sky. The perfect date would end with a romantic sleigh ride with the moonlight glowing overhead," Cole Covington, a senior at FHS, said.

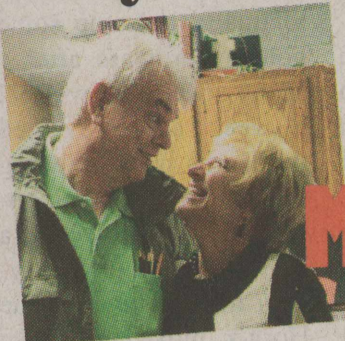
Most would expect that older students would be better at planning the perfect Valentine's Day date, but freshman, Bethany Morales, proved that theory wrong.

"The perfect date for Valentine's Day would be to be surprised with a picnic on the beach, with seashells in the shape of a heart with roses lying all around. Next we would share a delicious dinner with a soft breeze blowing through our hair. The date would end with me receiving a beautiful heart necklace and a fragrant bouquet of flowers," Bethany Morales, a freshman at FHS, said.

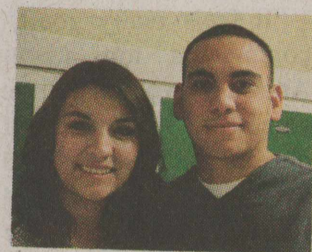
Some students want to be lavished with gifts, picked up in fancy cars, and treated to an extravagant meal, but others believe you can have just as much fun without all the frills.

"I envision my perfect Valentine's Day date being kind of laid back and stress free," said junior, Aaron Saenz. "I would take my girl out to eat at a nice restaurant and then take her to see a movie or to a concert. At the end of the date, I'd surprise her with a big bouquet of flowers and a big box of chocolates."

Love Is in the Air at Floydada High School



Mr. & Mrs. Willson



JOSE & SAMANTHA

By: Cynthia Smith-Editor

Last week, several student couples and a few teacher couples agreed to participate in the Valentine's Day Contest, "Who's Your Favorite FHS Couple?" sponsored by the journalism class. To vote for their favorite FHS couple, students chose the ballot of their choice, signed their names on the back of the ballot, and dropped it into

the ballot box. Students and staff members were only allowed to vote one time for one couple. No ballot was entered that did not include a name on the back of it. The contest began at 9:30 Thursday morning and ended at 12:00 pm on Monday. The journalism class would like to say congratulations to the two winning couples, Mr. and Mrs. Willson and Jose Marti-

nez and Samantha Cabellero. These two couples have each won a \$25 gift certificate to Chili's. Thank you to all of the participating couples: Raphael DeLeon and Paty Riojas, Coach and Mrs. Seago, Seth Nielson and Braxton Turner, BJ Perez and Kristan Sanchez, Gabe Mendoza and Valerie Hernandez, and Guadalupe Rodriguez and Alysia Shipley-Minner.

What's your perfect Valentine's Day gift?



The Junior High faculty and staff members had varied opinions as to what their perfect Valentine's Day gifts would consist of this year.

"Chocolate," answered Mrs. Dorman. When I asked if that was all, she replied, with a chuckle, "You know I

love chocolate!" "Mine would be someone tall, dark, handsome, and rich. I have to have him before he can give me a gift!" said Ms. Cooper.

All Mrs. Nichols said she wanted was "love," and what's a Valentine's Day

without love? One would think that Mrs. Ware's reply has a concealed hint.

"My perfect Valentine's Day gift would be to take me out to eat a good steak and spend some quality time with the person I love."

Methodist Men Honor Their Sweethearts

By: Emily Hall- Staff Writer

In the spirit of Valentine's Day, the Methodist Men of the First United Methodist Church held a banquet honoring all of their sweethearts.

"Better to have loved and lost, than to have never loved at all." -St. Augustine.

All the widows who wanted to attend the event were invited to be the guests of the Methodist Men.

"We decided to hold this event to honor the women of the church and express their love," said Methodist Preacher, Les Hall.

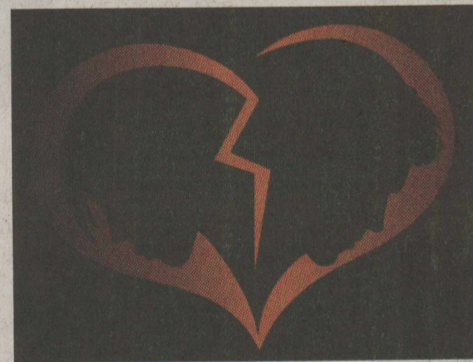
The Valentine's Banquet is a tradition at the church. As the years progress, the turnout of this event grows drastically in numbers.

"People have heard about what a great time we had last year and were looking forward to attending this years

banquet. We anticipated a great turnout, but we didn't expect the outcome to be as great as it was," continued Hall.

Kori Covington was the entertainment of the evening. She delighted the crowd with a number of different songs. Neilson's Restaurant catered a steak dinner with all of the fixings. Tickets to the event were pre-sold for ten dollars a plate.

Valentine's Date Gone Wrong



By: Merritt Johnson- Staff Writer

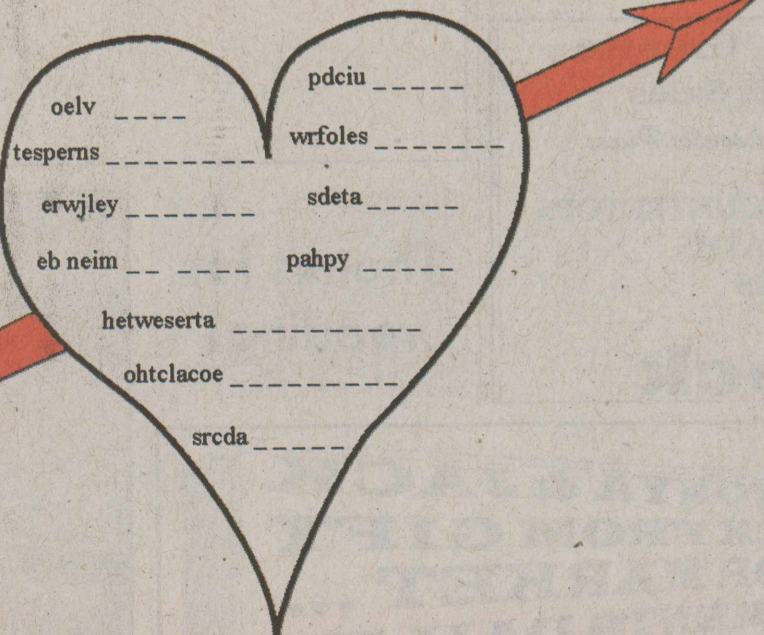
Valentine's Day is a day for romance and love. Couples walk hand and hand and show their appreciation for each other with chocolates, flowers, and other expensive gifts. Everyone hopes that his/her Valentine's Day turns out the way they have envisioned; however, this teacher's Valentine's Day date proved to be anything but romantic.

"The worst Valentine's date that I have ever experienced was when I decided to enter a radio contest called 'Win a Date with the Bachelor'. I had to call the radio station and give my profile information and then listeners had to call in and vote for the perfect lady for the bachelor. Much to my dismay, I won. Not knowing anything about the bachelor, I assumed this would be the greatest date of

my life. Was I ever wrong? The date began by him being forty-five minutes late to an already crowded restaurant. Upon his arrival I was immediately disgusted by his hideous appearance. He greeted me with a bear and some fake flowers. 'It's Valentine's Day for crying out loud, you could buy real flowers anywhere,' or so I thought to myself. The conversation was anything but interesting. My college level education was wasted on what seemed liked that of a fifth grader. After driving around to find an available restaurant, we finally decided on Italian food. I lost my appetite because of his improper table etiquette. As part of the radio contest, we won free tickets to a live concert. So after dinner, we proceeded to the nightclub, where I was approached by several people that knew me very well.

One would think that it was planned for all of my friends and family to be at that exact location, on that exact night. Embarrassed, I sat at the table waiting for the night to end. At one point in the date, I became excited because my date excused himself for a while. However, my excitement soon faded away when he returned with a different and very unexpected demeanor.irate by his actions, I told him that the date was pretty much over. The following week we had to report into the radio station regarding the date, and let's just say, I told them that they should leave the matchmaking to the professionals and stick strictly to disc jockeying. The lesson I've learned is never trust a stranger in planning your Valentine's Day date. Needless to say, that was my first and last blind date."

Valentine's Day Scrabble



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LOCKNEY SPORTS

Lady Horns win Bi-District Championship

After dominating performance last Tuesday, the Lady Longhorns are now the new Bi-District Champions after a whopping 62-36 win over the Memphis Lady Cyclones.

"I'm really proud of my kids, I think we played really hard...they all did some great things," explained Lady Horn head coach Lisa Schumacher.

The ladies were unstoppable throughout the entire game as they out-scored Memphis in every period. The first period was the closest the Cyclones ever got too containing the Longhorns as the two teams headed into the second with Lockney up 12-9. In the second, the Lady Horns seemed like they were hitting every point and grabbing every rebound as they extended their lead to 33-14 at the half.

The entire second half

mirrored the first, as Lockney put up 29 by the end of the game and held the Lady Cyclones to 22 points.

Lockney's 62-36 win on Tuesday was the product of consistent teamwork as precise passing created lanes to the basket and smash mouth defense kept Memphis surrounded by black and red resulting in massive turnovers for the Cyclones.

"I think we played good team ball; and team defense...we did a good job of blocking out tonight, and that's one of (Memphis') strengths is crashing the boards, and I thought we did a good job of blocking out," added Coach Schumacher.

Top scorers for Lockney were Anissa Reyna with 21 points and Tanae Ramos and Ivette Davila with 12. Three pointers kept Lockney well out

of reach throughout the game as Davilla hit four from outside the paint and Alanie Rendon hit two.

After the game, the Lady Horns were ecstatic to finally hoist up some golden hardware after a 50-63 loss to New Deal a week ago prevented the Horns from grabbing the District Championship trophy; however a Bi-District trophy maybe a little sweeter as the Horn's move on down the playoff road.

"It feels really good," commented top scorer Anissa Reyna after the game, "I think we all played really good and handled the pressure and came through with the win."

The Lady Horns will now face the Gruver Lady Greyhounds at West Texas A&M in Canyon on Thursday for the Area Championship.



Photo By Homer Marquez

Doucette Makes SMU's Fall 2011 Honor Roll

Patrick Doucette a resident of Lockney and a junior at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, is listed on the honor roll with distinction.

To be listed on the SMU honor roll with distinction, students must be in the top 10 percent of their school of record. SMU's Fall 2011

enrollment included 10,537 students.

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Longhorns end season

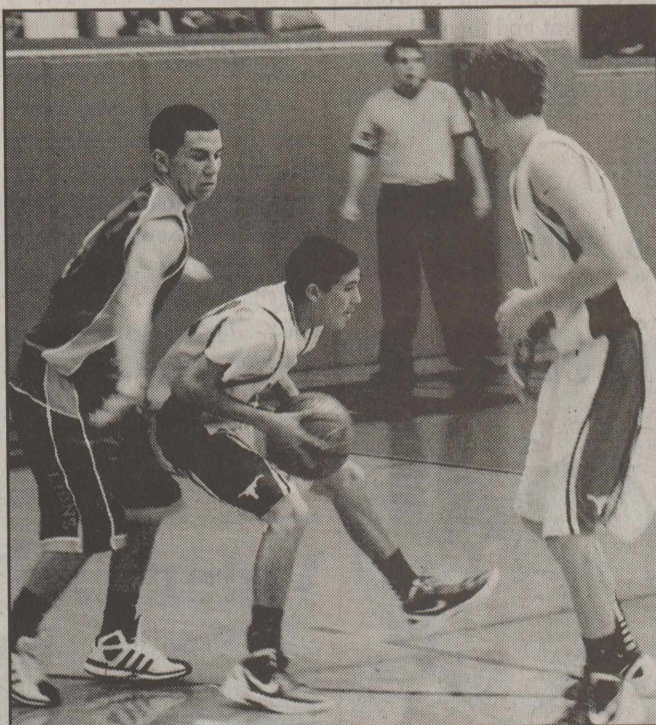


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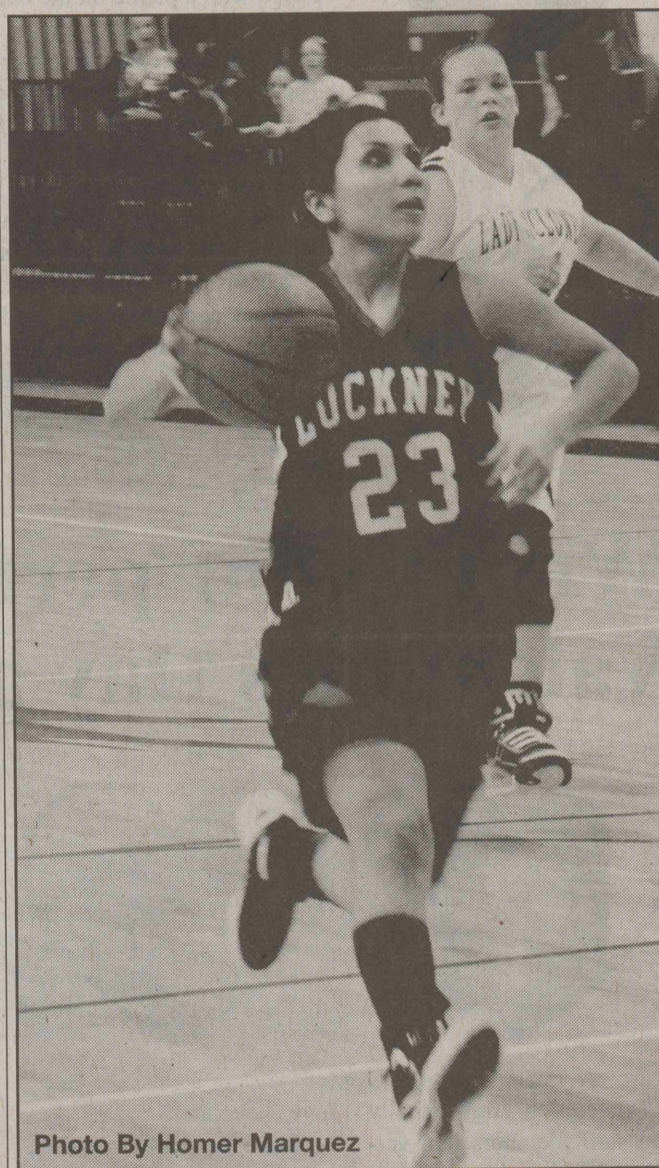


Photo By Homer Marquez

The Longhorns playoff hopes shrunk on Tuesday, when a must win game against New Deal resulted in a 50-63 loss to the Lions. Throughout the game, the Horn and the Lions traded blows as the game sawed on the scoreboard; however in the last period, referees called several fouls on Lockney including a couple of technical fouls on players for celebrating and showing their frustration. The points shot at the free throw line were enough to slash

Lockney's playoffs hopes. Top scorers in that game were Ky Teeter with 17 points, Landry Kidd with 13 and Ian Dunbar with 8.

On Friday a loss to Ralls would put a final nail in the coffin of a playoff run for the Horns.

Despite much improvement and determination the Longhorns will finish the season with an 8-20 overall record and a 2-5 district record.

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FLOYDADA SPORTS

Whirlwinds look for playoff spot after Tulia and Friona games

By Coach Renfro
The Floydada Whirlwinds kept their playoff hopes alive with a 63-57 victory in Tulia. Tyler Renfro had 18 points to lead the Winds, scoring 10 in the fourth quarter. Renfro also grabbed 10 rebounds and handed out 4 assists. Haden Lipham also turned in a solid performance with 13 points, 7 rebounds and 4 assists. Also hitting double digits in scoring was Cole Covington with 10 points, 7 rebounds and 3 steals.

Jordan Woody, the area leader in steals, added 6 to his already impressive steal total while putting in 9 points and getting 5 assists. R.J. Deleon had 6 points and 7 rebounds, while Michael Cisneros and

Venturo Gonzales had 5 and 2, respectively.

The Floydada Whirlwinds pulled out a crucial victory on the road against the Friona Chieftans, who are currently sitting in second place in the district race. Floydada managed a 57-52 tough road win behind Jordan Woody's 18 points, 4 steals, 5 rebounds, and 3 assists. Haden Lipham also had a big game putting in 13 points to go with 11 rebounds. R. J. Deleon also stepped up big grabbing 8 rebounds to go with 11 points.

Tyler Renfro put in 9 points while grabbing 8 rebounds and passing out 3 assists. Cole Covington had 4 points and 3 steals, while Venturo Gonzales had 2 points and played stellar defense down the stretch.



Photo By Homer Marquez



Photo By Homer Marquez

Photo by Cynthia Smith

Heartbreaking loss ends Lady Wind Season

A heartbreaking loss in Tulia would be the ending point for the Lady Winds season as they fell to the Lady Hornets 74-65. The loss knocked Floydada into fourth in district and out of a playoff spot as last Tuesday's games decided the final outcome of a three way tie for second between Floydada, Idalou, and Littlefield who at the time all held a 9-4 record in district.

A must win for the Lady Wind's; Floydada traveled Tulia to face the number one spot holders in the district. The first half was all Floydada

as the Lady Winds headed to the locker room with a 44-43 lead over the Lady Hornets. In the third period, the Winds extended by four as they lead Tulia 57-53. However the fourth was a different story as Tulia held the Winds to only 8 points in the entire period and put up 21 points themselves.

The 74-64 loss ended the Lady Winds season and playoff hopes with a record of 9-5 in district. Leading scorers against Tulia were Avery Miller with 24 points, Liz Suarez with 12 points and Sarah Sanders with 9.

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

February 20 - February 24

- 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, cinammon sugar cookie, milk
- Friday**
Breakfast - Cinnamon roll or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch - Pizza choice, crunchy broccoli salad, corn coblette, rosy applesauce, choleleana cake. mik

4-H Students fare well in Ft. Worth Stock Show

By Melissa Long
CEA-FCS
Floyd County
Floyd County 4-H members fared well at the Fort Worth Stock Show. SyAnn Foster took Reserve Grand Champion with her Simmental heifer. In the steer division Keri DeBusk placed

10th with her European cross and Christopher Emert was 1st place class winner with his Heavyweight European cross. Tasha Schlueter showed an 18th place Lightweight Southdown Lamb. In the Gilt division, Kirby Nixon showed a 4th place

Chester White as well as a 6th place Landrace. Keenan Nixon showed a 4th place Landrace and McCrae McCormick showed a 5th place Landrace. Also participating were Haden Lipham, Reagan Hughes, Karina Torres and Tristan Schlueter.

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2012 Texas 4-H Roundup to be held in Lubbock

LUBBOCK, Texas (February 7, 2012) – For the first time, the 2012 Texas 4-H Roundup will be held in Lubbock on the Texas Tech University campus June 11-15. This event is the pinnacle event for all of Texas 4-H and draws more than 4,000 youth and adults each year. The purpose of the 4-H Roundup is to supplement the county 4-H program and project works by hosting competitive events, skills building activities, trade show and networking opportunities. Aaron Watson will also perform for attendees the evening of June 14.

Since its inception 65 years ago, the Texas 4-H Roundup has always held its annual event in College Station, until this year. Each year, contests are held at the county, Texas AgriLife Extension district, and state levels. The Roundup consists of approximately 50 individual competitive events, the majority of which require each individual or team to qualify at the county and district levels. However, the Texas 4-H Roundup will also offer 13 invitational style contests that will allow intermediate and senior 4-H'ers to participate without having to qualify.

The 4-H Roundup is designed to strengthen youth participants by shaping their leadership and competition skills, team building, networking opportunities with youth and adults, career building opportunities, and citizenship development. In addition to skills development, approximately \$2 million in scholarship money will be awarded to 4-H members on Monday, June 11.

This year's 4-H Roundup will be in partnership with Texas Tech University, Texas A&M University, South Plains College, Angelo State University, West Texas A&M University, Texas 4-H, Texas 4-H Foundation, and Texas AgriLife Extension. Those interested in learning more about these partners will have the opportunity to visit with representatives from each organization at the Roundup Kickoff Event on Tuesday, June 12.

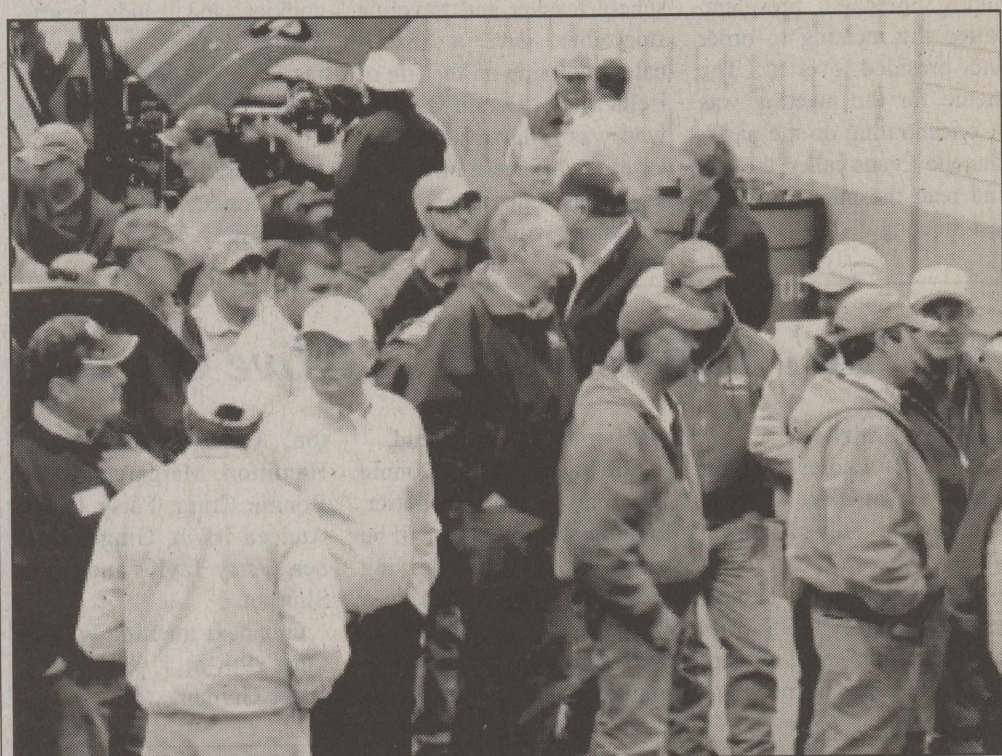
The Texas 4-H Friends & Alumni Association in conjunction with Texas 4-H Roundup will be hosting the 3rd Annual 4-H Trade Show during the event. The Trade Show is expecting to host over 75 vendors including colleges/universities, livestock associations, merchandise vendors,

fundraising idea companies, awards/trophy businesses, apparel companies and more. The Trade Show will be an opportunity for youth and adults to visit with various organizations from across the state and will provide 4-H members the chance to discuss higher learning opportunities and future career options all in one location. Additionally, a Scavenger Hunt will be held during the Trade Show giving away door prizes throughout the day and Grand Prizes to the top county/club that participates.

Other events will include a 4K for 4-H Walk and Run to promote healthy lifestyles, a 4-H Has Talent competition, and evening assemblies to recognize contest winners and promote camaraderie among 4-H members.

Day passes will be available for a small fee and can be purchased at the door of the United Spirit Arena each day of the event. Parents and youth of 4-H members can register early online if they wish. For more information please contact Amy Dromgoole, Graduate Assistant to the Texas 4-H and Youth Development at 979.845.6533 or ALDromgoole@ag.tamu.edu.

Area Farmers Hear Options for Meeting Energy and Emission Mandates



By G. Cole
The Ad Shoppe

On February 2nd and 7th hundreds of area farmers congregated in the Bailey County Event Center in Muleshoe and the Ollie Liner Event Center in Plainview to attend Green Carpet Events, hosted by Ray Lee Equipment Company.

The lunch time events featured energy saving and emission reducing innovations in the farm

equipment industry that John Deere has developed in compliance with Federal Mandates. The presentations also highlighted improvements in new John Deere tractors that allow the farmer to keep farming rather than having to stop operations to deal with these tedious compliance issues.

The Green Carpet Events included a lunch of smoked brisket, sausage and all the trimmings. The barbeque

was cooked by Travis Morgan and Mike Williams, both Ray Lee Equipment Company employees, on the renowned Traeger Grill. (Assorted models are available in all of the Ray Lee Equipment Company stores.)

The farmers attending were also treated to a bevy of door prizes, from hand tools to a Traeger grill, all provided by the Ray Lee Equipment Company.

Lawn and Garden Care

Dustin Patman
Extension Agent-IPM
Crosby/Floyd counties

What can you do easily to have a healthy landscape in the panhandle of Texas? Just remember these two major points...water and fertilization. Water is a limited resource in Texas as we all know so here is what you need to do to properly irrigate your yard.

First, you need to determine an irrigation schedule for your lawn. This is the best management approach, because proper irrigation scheduling reduces disease, it will accommodate air movement down to the root system and it conserves water. An easy way to determine how long you need to run your irrigation system is to set out five or six open top cans that are the same diameter from

the top to the bottom (tuna or cat food cans will work great). Place these containers in a straight transect through your hose-end sprinkler or automatic system zone and run the system for thirty minutes. Measure and record the depth of the water in each can. Add the depths of all the cans and divide it by the number of cans you used. Use a garden spade to determine how deep the soil was wet during the 30 minute watering. Push the spade into the soil, it will push through the wet soil easily, but will become more difficult when it reaches dry soil. Measure the depth of the wet soil.

After you have figured out how much water is applied, in a 30 minute cycle and how deep that volume of water wet the soil, it is easy to determine how long the sprinkler head must run to adequately wet

the soil to a depth of 6 inches. Let's say that you put out 1/2 inch of water in 30 minutes wetting the soil to a depth of 3 inches. You would need to run your water for an hour to reach a 6 inch soil depth. After you have adequately wetted the soil DO NOT run your irrigation system or sprinkler head until the grass needs it.

Drought stress symptoms will develop when your lawn needs watering. Drought stress symptoms include grass leaves turning a dull, bluish color, leaf blades rolling or folding, and footprints persisting for an extended period of time after walking across the lawn. In most cases, drought symptoms will usually develop within a week or so. Water is a two-edged sword.

If you apply to little your lawn suffers, if you over-water you can cause more

problems such as disease and the leaching of nutrients. This brings me to my next point regarding fertilization. In 2010 we saw an above normal year in rain fall. The result we observed from the over abundance of water was the leaching of vital soil nutrients such as nitrogen and iron. In 2011 we saw the worst drought on record which brought on a whole new array of problems. We observed wide spread iron deficiency in trees and shrubs. The symptoms of iron deficiency include, yellowing or chlorosis between the veins of younger leaves. The veins usually remain green. In more severe cases, interveinal and marginal browning or necrosis occurs and can be followed by premature leaf drop and dieback of twigs and branches. Fungal leaf spots are more common on leaves with iron deficiency and may tend

to make the necrosis appear worse. Unlike nitrogen where you see a response in about a week, iron may take longer depending on how much iron has been depleted in the soil. It will most likely take several applications of iron to get trees and shrubs back to a healthy stance. To see a response it may take anywhere from a month to a year or more.

A common mistake that homeowners make is that when they see a problem they just put out fertilizer and walk away. This is a huge mistake. When you apply insecticides or herbicides to your lawn and garden you should always read and follow all labeled instructions and you should always do the same for fertilizer applications. You must know your square footage of your property and apply the fertilizer accordingly. The best way to determine your

fertilizer needs is to take a soil sample. Using a sharpshooter, take several samples from random spots in your yard. Then take the samples and have them tested. After it has been tested you will receive a soil analysis report that will tell you exactly what macro and micro nutrients you will need and in what amounts you need. I would recommend having your soil tested once every three years and conduct this test in late winter before you fertilize.

For any questions or if you would like to know more about maintaining your lawn or garden, feel free to contact the Texas AgriLife Extension service in Floyd county.

South Plains Association of SWCDS to Meet

TEMPLE, TX (February 8, 2012)-- The South Plains Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SPASWCDS) will meet February 15, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the PYCO Industries located at 2901 Ave. A in Lubbock.

Featured program speakers will be Dr. Heidi Brady and Heather Hernandez, Co-Directors of Texas Tech College of Natural Resources Therapeutic Riding Center. "The mission of the Texas Tech Therapeutic Riding Center is to provide the highest quality of equine-assisted therapy to people with disabilities in the South Plains," said Dr. Brady.

"Through a collaborative effort of medical and universal professionals, our goal is to enhance the quality of life of each person participating in hippotherapy and therapeutic riding," added Brady.

"Hippotherapy is a term which refers to the use of the movement of a horse as a treatment form by trained physical, occupational, and speech therapists. The horse's stride provides

sensory input through movement that is variable, rhythmic, and repetitive because the movement of the horse as it is walking occurs in the same planes of motion that a human's pelvis moves when he/she is walking.

As a result, riding relaxes tight muscles, improves strength, coordination and motor skills, and stimulates the respiratory and vestibular systems as well as neurological activity" Brady said.

Speakers during the business session who will update SWCD directors on state and national soil and water conservation programs and issues include Scott Buckles, State District One member of the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, Rickey James, member of the board of directors of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts; Rex Isom, Executive Director, Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board; and Mickey Black, USDANatural Resource Conservation Service Assistant State

Conservationist for Field Operations.

Twenty-four soil and water conservation districts in the South Plains region of the state

are members of the SPASWCDS. Counties which the SWCDS serve include Bailey,

Lamb, Hale, Floyd, Motley, Cottle, Hardeman, Foard, Cochran, Hockley, Lubbock, Crosby, Dickens, King, Yoakum, Terry, Lynn, Garza, Kent, Stonewall, Gaines, Dawson, Borden, Scurry and Fisher.

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1950 Study Club

By Sue Daniels

The 1950 Study Club met at 4:00 p.m. February 7, 2012 in the community room of the Floyd County Library. Sandy Forehand, president, called the meeting to order and presided over it. The theme for the meeting was "Concentrating on the past". Geneile Evans called the roll and read the minutes of the last meeting.

The thirteen members present were entertained by program guest, Lou Burleson. Mrs. Burleson, a retired Floydada and Lockney school teacher and traveling storyteller, gave a historical monologue on the life of Bella Starr, "Bandit Queen", who was a flavorful character of the old west. Mrs. Burleson has entertained many audiences with her dramatic

skills, costumes and props through her presentations. Exhibiting a Valentine theme, delicious refreshments of assorted Valentine cookies and candy hearts, grapes, and hot tea and coffee of choice were served by hostesses Geneile Evans and Lovene Moore. A short business meeting was conducted by President Sandy Forehand. Fern

Hartsell gave the treasurer's report. A nominating committee consisting of Shirley Morton, Lee Battey and Nancy Lawson appointed to bring a recommended slate of officers to be elected at the next meeting which will be held on March 6, 2012 at the county library. Sharon Hinton will be sharing her experience of a mission trip at that time.

New Book Arrivals at the Lockney Library

ADULTS

Forgotten Affairs of Youth...Alexander McCall Smith
Sleepwalker...Karen Robards
77Shadow Street...Dean Koontz
Micro...Michael Crichton
Red Mist...Patricia Cornwell
Deadline...Fenja Michaels
Believing the Lie #17...Elizabeth George
D.C. Dead...Sturat Wiids
Gun Games...Faye Kellerman
Look of Love...Mary Jane Clark
The Rope...Nevada Barr
Copper Beach...Jane Ann Krentz
Love in a Nutshell...Janet Evanovich
Covert Warriors...W.E.B. Griffin
Devil is Waiting...Jack Higgins
Down the Darkest Road #3...Tami Hoag
Locked On...Tom Clancy
Private #1 Suspect #2...James Patterson
Adam...Ted Dekker
Growing Up Colt...Colt McCoy
Rescuing Sprite...Mark Levin
The Man From Beijing...Henning Mankell
The Second Chair...John Lescroart

YOUNG ADULTS

Michael Vey: the Prisoner of Cell 25...Richard Paul Evans
Moon Over Manifest...Claire Vanderpool
Daniel X...James Patterson
Skull Kings Shadow...Jake Ransom
The Gift...James Patterson
The Last Olympian...Rick Riordan
Crocodile Tears...Anthony Horowitz

The "50's Ladies" meet at Olive Garden

By Mary Shurbet

The 50's Ladies met on January 31 at Olive Garden. There were only 10 present. Maybe this name should be changed to "FHS 50's Guys & Gals" as I understand there are some guys

who would like to attend. The big news was Donnie Bowman is doing better, gaining strength and will be moving to an assisted living later this month, if all goes well. Present for lunch and visiting were Genell Blanton, Gayle Scott, Becky Hamilton, Margaret Balios, Bonnie Craig, Patsy Dunn, Audeen Irwin, Ginger Harber, Gerry Taylor and Mary Shurbet. Our next meeting will be May 29th at 1 p.m. at the Olive Garden.

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Lockney Senior Citizens Menu

Feb 20-24

MONDAY
BBQ on Bun

TUESDAY
Enchiladas

WEDNESDAY
Meat Loaf

THURSDAY
Salmon

FRIDAY
Hamburger Steak

THIS WEEK'S

FLOYD COUNTY PIONEER ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Floyd County Pioneer Association will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, February 20th at the First National Bank of Floydada Community Room.

VOCAL ENSEMBLE TO PERFORM AT SHEPHERD'S MEADOW
HeartSong, a mixed vocal ensemble, and the Westmont Christian Church Handbell Choir will bring their musical ministry to Shepherd's

Meadow Assisted Living Center on February 26th at 4 p.m. Both groups are under the direction of Dean Roy. Everyone is invited to come enjoy the music with the residents and their families.
LOCKNEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Lockney's Chamber of Commerce Banquet is coming up on March 24th. They are now accepting nominations for Citizen of the Year. Please send your pics to P.O. Box 477, Lockney, Texas 79241 or drop them off at J and K Insurance or

Kaleidoscopes in Lockney
LOCKNEY EX-STUDENT ASSOCIATION
The Lockney Ex-Student Association has set September 21-22 as the 2012 Homecoming Weekend. The first meeting for planning will be Tuesday Feb 21 at 7 p.m. at the Main Street Church of Christ Fellowship Hall in Lockney. Everyone is welcome! Please make every effort to attend.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

OF THE FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM

From the Floyd County Hesperian
October 23, 1969

I REMEMBER,
I REMEMBER

By Homer Steen
A CONBUSTIBLE IMAGINATION

I got my name in The Hesperian in the summer of 1903. The circumstances and the happening were a bit unusual, I suppose, and Mr. Hall, the publisher of the newspaper must have thought they were worth using as a human interest story.

I didn't report the occurrence, thought it was unfair for it to be in print, and made my vexation apparent by not borrowing any books from Mr. Hall for several weeks thereafter.

(Since it was about me I will use the personal pronoun.)

I was janitor of the Methodist Church that summer and for some time thereafter. I was a "busy merchant", what with other things I had to do as well.

But a long Saturday afternoon in the summer gave me time to dawdle a bit as I readied the building for the Sunday events. I stood in the shadow of the church and watched some boys having a good time playing ball about two blocks away. I envied them but that was all right. I was getting paid to work at the church and they were not making any money.

When duty called and I turned to resume my work I noticed the lower sash of a north window was about half open. The thought came to me what if a mad dog came along. Could I beat him to and through the window and to safety?

I would just see. I made a practice run, cleared the open window and hit the floor inside without touching the opening with my body. But for one thing it would have been perfect, a gratifying effort. Trouble, one of my feet flew up as I came through the open window, and burst the window pane.

There wasn't anything funny about that. In addition to the explanation that might well be forthcoming there was also the financial loss. I was making \$5 a month and it turned out the window pane installed cost me \$5. When the story appeared in the paper it came out on the front page and under the heading "A Combustible Imagination." I guess Mr. Hall must have written a pretty fair human interest story. Papa read it and laughed, then read it again and laughed even more.

I can't recall the Sunday school superintendent (Mr. Posey) or the pastor (Rev. J. T. Howell, or

any other of the authorities saying anything about it. One reason may have been that I didn't trouble to call attention to myself for awhile.

They might have said something had they had the opportunity.

From the Floyd County Hesperian
October 30, 1969

I REMEMBER,
I REMEMBER

By Homer Steen
MAN'S INHUMANITY TO MAN

Writing recently about the travails of a Local Service Board at the beginning of World War I, it seems I shouldn't have let it appear, if I did, that people all had long faces. Awed by the bigness of what was being done, yes, and concerned about the welfare of the boys and men that were going into the service, still most all took things in stride.

About the only time nobody could laugh would be mornings when we'd load out a bunch of boys. Even if you had no kinsman in a group you'd wonder which, you know, and brood about it.

The local board was grinding away one day when they came to Bert Smith's examination. Bert was much of a man, much more than six feet tall. Wide out, too, broad shouldered. Probably more than 250 pounds. (Friends kidded about putting him out in front, and marching behind they would not be in danger of getting "shot up".)

The questionnaire finished and laid aside, Doc Andrews began the physical—heart, lungs, sight, hearing, etc., the usual. And at the last the feet.

Now in the test of feet-fitness a registrar would have to hop across the room on one foot and back on the other. This would test the ankles and foot muscles. So, Bert, without benefit of clothing, save and except a towel around the middle had off his boots and started hopping. It was apparent from the first hop that the big man would not qualify for an infantryman. His ankles did not give evidence of enough strength and the muscles of his feet did not have enough bounce.

Starting on his return trip across the room Bert had gotten about six hops when his tender foot came squarely on a carelessly thrown match. He howled with pain as he fell to the floor.

The board members and their clerks howled too, but not with pain. This might be taken as an illustration of man's inhumanity to man—laughing at the pain of a man in a test of his fitness for

combat. On the other hand, it could have been relief from tension. I suspect Bert was clowning just a little and I know the board members needed to relax.

From the Floyd County Hesperian
November 13, 1969

I REMEMBER,
I REMEMBER

By Homer Steen
MAN EXCUSSED FROM SERVICE

When the machinery of induction into the armed forces got going in 1917 in Floyd County, physical examinations revealed a good many things about the general health of the community that had not been known before. Among other things the board realized that many men were neglecting physical conditions that should have been corrected.

Some of these conditions should have early and drastic attention, others attention to avoid trouble later. I thing the board found more than one case of incipient tuberculosis. And other things, too.

I recall one youngish (probably 30) registrant who had his wife with him when he made his first trip to see the board. She was with him every time he came back. Evidently they had only each other. They were inseparable—and consumed with the fear of war. To them only the spectre [sic]. Never a thought that he might return home from the wars, smiling through the tears to tell her "of the battles he'd been through."

APHYSICAL DISABILITY
The couple were back more than once. I talked to the man and got the impression he was certain he had a physical disability that would keep him from being called up. But he was nervous. He wanted to know for sure and kept nagging the board.

Sue enough, when the time came and he went through the usual routine and the doctor (Dr. V. Andrews, physician member of the board) finished the physical, the doctor told me there wasn't any probability the man would ever go to war. In fact, the man was not long for this world. (And the man did die of the illness in less than a year.)

When Dr. Varney handed the man his proof of physical disability he and his wife bowed with a fervent "Thank You, doctor." It was a puzzle to the physician. The man did not appear to be interested in what his ailment might be.

"The first time in my life," the doctor said, "I ever had a man to thank me for pronouncing a death sentence on him."

Randy's Roundup

A Weekly Newsletter
from Congressman Randy Neugebauer

Obama Submits His FY2013 Proposed Budget

Today, President Obama submitted his budget proposal for FY 2013 to Congress. Instead of addressing our nation's \$15.5 trillion dollar debt, his budget proposes to spend \$47 trillion over the next 10 years, while imposing a \$1.9 trillion tax increase on American families and adding trillions of dollars in new debt. It recycles budget gimmicks of the past three years and only furthers more debt crisis and decline.

Clearly, President Obama still does not understand that continuing to spend money we don't have jeopardizes America's chances of a stable and secure future. It's time to confront our nation's most pressing challenges head on by enacting common-sense cuts to control our debt and reform important programs for the future. I will continue to support and vote for legislation that fosters the spending discipline we so badly need.

Obama Offers a "No Change" Accommodation on Abortion-Drug Mandate
On Friday, President Obama

announced that he will make a so-called "accommodation" on the controversial Obamacare rule that will require religiously-affiliated organizations, regardless of their beliefs, to offer insurance plans that cover contraception, sterilization, and abortifacient drugs. I believe these proposed changes will have the same result: a massive government intrusion into the 1st Amendment rights of religious organizations. The "accommodation" does nothing to lift the mandate on religious-affiliated hospitals, colleges, and charities to contract with an insurer that provides free contraception, sterilization, and abortifacients to their employees.

In response, I have cosponsored of H.R. 1179, the Respect the Rights of Conscience Act, which would strike this rule and promote the protection of 1st Amendment rights. I am proud to cosponsor this bill and am working with my colleagues to repeal any rule that infringes on Americans' freedom of religion. The sooner we repeal this mandate, and Obamacare as a whole, the sooner we can restore freedom and liberty to Americans.

Oversight Hearing Will Examine CFPB Director

Richard Cordray

As you may know, I am the Chairman of the Financial Services Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations. On Wednesday, Mr. Richard Cordray, who was recently appointed director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) by President Obama, will appear before my committee to testify on the CFPB's budget. The CFPB currently enjoys unprecedented access to funding through the Federal Reserve Bank and can draw as much as \$548 million from the Federal Reserve's budget. There is no law, committee or person with the authority to prevent funds from being paid to the CFPB. These are funds that could otherwise be going to pay down the national debt.

This hearing will examine the CFPB's budget to ensure that it is using public funds in a cost-effective and transparent way. We will also examine the CFPB's policies and procedures for providing budget information to Congress. I look forward to questioning the director of the CFPB and hope you will tune in by watching from the Financial Services website.

Ammonia concentrations monitored in the Texas Panhandle

AMARILLO – The air we breathe may have a little more ammonia in it as the years go by, but the general public can rest easy that it is not anywhere close to posing a health threat, according to a Texas AgriLife Research scientist

Dr. Brent Auvermann, an AgriLife Research and Texas AgriLife Extension Service agricultural engineer, has spent the past four and a half years working with the National Atmospheric Deposition Program, monitoring a site at Canonceta on the rim of Palo Duro Canyon as a part of an ammonia monitoring network.

"Ammonia is anywhere and everywhere; it's an industrial pollutant. It's emitted by our bodies and automobiles, and it's emitted by production agriculture of all kinds," Auvermann said. "So we don't know precisely what sources are responsible for the increase, if indeed the trend we're seeing is even

real."

Since Oct. 30, 2007, the long-term average concentration is about 5 parts per billion, give or take 25 percent, he said.

"That's a factor of 500 lower than the odor detection threshold, and a factor of 5,000 below any current worker-health standards. The federal government doesn't even have a public air quality standard for ammonia," Auvermann said. "But by now, with about four and a half years' worth of data in hand, we can start to talk about long-term trends that may be suggesting themselves," he said.

Auvermann said the low background ammonia concentration in the southern Texas Panhandle, the region represented by the Canonceta site, appears to be increasing ever so slightly over time, at a rate near 2 percent per year.

"That apparent rate of increase is not too different from the human population increase upwind of our monitoring site," he said.

Even so, population increases alone probably don't tell the whole story, Auvermann said. "More industrial activity, more agricultural activity, more municipal development - it's all in the ammonia mix."

The ammonia monitoring-site field operations require Auvermann to pick up exposed cartridges and deploy fresh ones under a precipitation shelter every two weeks.

The cartridges, known as Radiello samplers, are small filter cartridges impregnated with an acid solution and dried, he said. When exposed to the air, the acid-coated fibers trap any gaseous ammonia that filter through the samplers.

"After we ship the Radiellos to the central lab in Illinois, the lab technicians run a solution through the sampler medium to extract all of the dissolved ammonia," Auvermann said. "They then analyze that solution to measure the amount of ammonia trapped by each sampler during the two weeks it was exposed to the air."