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Never too late for a hobby

By Homer Marquez

As he navigates his needle and thread through the tiny holes of his cross stitch material; it's amazing to see that the hands of 96 year old Ike Johnson run along the pattern just as steady and smooth as the cars that used to roll out of his and his brother's old garage, Johnson and Johnson, many years ago.

Working for many years as a mechanic and farmer in Lockney, the long-retired Ike Johnson has found great joy spending his sunset years creating intricate works of art through his needle work; "I kind of like to do thing with my hands, I was a mechanic for 30 years," commented Johnson with a smile.

With the help of a lighted magnifying glass that is perched at his work station in the living room, the 96 year-old has needled well over a hundred pieces of embroidered work, each so elaborate and detailed that one would have to take a closer look to make sure it was not a painting.

"I have to have something to do with my hands," Johnson explained, "I can't sit here and look out the window...you got to keep your mind doing a little something or you'd go crazy," Johnson said as he laughed.

As you walk through his home admiring the work, it's easy to tell his that needle work has become an extension of Ike's personality, as inspirations for pieces come from a variety of places including humor and nature. However, the central theme for the majority of his pieces comes from Johnson's faith as many piece focus on scripture and bible hymns.

"Well I depend on the Lord to help me,

He is number one in my life, and that's the way it is," added Johnson.

Johnson picked up the hobby after his wife Lucile became ill in the late 1980's. Knowing that he would spend a lot of time caring for her at the house, Ike looked for an indoor hobby that would help pass the time.

While eating lunch with Lucile at the Plainview Senior Citizens Center, Ike noticed a lady teaching needle work to several ladies at the Center. Curious, Ike started to look over the shoulders of the ladies to see what they were doing.

Noticing him peeking over their shoulders, the ladies eventually gave Ike his own needle.

"She handed me a little piece of material and said 'Here you can do this', and a little piece a paper and said 'This shows you how,'" explained Johnson as he jokily commented that they just wanted him to go away.

Intrigued with the entire process, Ike left the Center and headed downtown to a mother and daughter run needle shop to see what they had.

"They had this Hard Anchor book for beginners and I bought that thing," added Johnson

From there, Ike went home and began learning Swedish hardanger and Counted Cross Stitch embroidery; on average, Ike would spend two hours a day doing needle work.

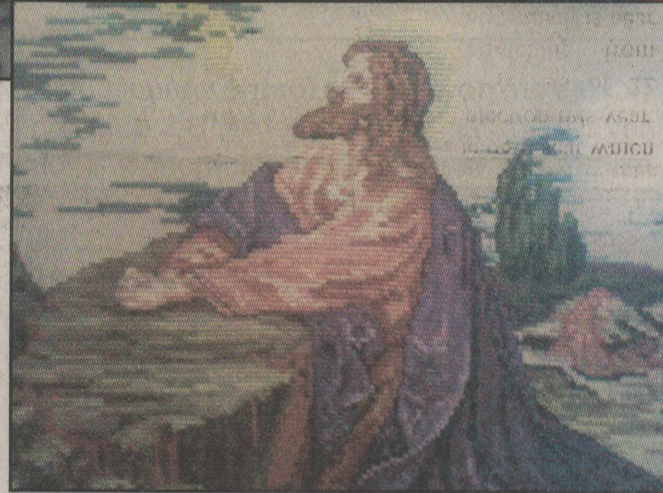
Johnson's new hobby was a big leap from

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Photo by Homer Marquez

Using the art of embroidery as an extension of his personality; incredibly, at the age of 96, former mechanic, Ike Johnson, has spent the latter part of his retirement creating intricate works of art through cross-stitch.



Yearys win America's Farmers Grow Communities Program

Recently, Max and Vikki Yeary of Floydada were selected as the winners of America's Farmers Grow Communities program, which gives farmers the opportunity to win \$2,500 for their favorite local nonprofit organizations. The donations are made available through the Monsanto Fund.

The Yeary's have designated Floydada's Volunteer Fire Department to receive the award in Floyd County.

This past Monday, the Yeary's and Monsanto representative, Chad Cook,



Photo by Homer Marquez

On Monday, Max and Vikki Yeary, who recently won the America's Farmers Grow Communities program, presented the Floydada Volunteer Fire Department with check for \$2,500. Funding for the check is made possible from Monsanto. Pictured above are Vikki Yeary and Monsanto representative, Chad Cook, along with members of the VFD; Craig DuBois, Corey Johnston, Rocket Vega, Chad Guthrie, Roy Moreno, Larry Guthrie, Roel Cisneros, Jeff Sullivan, Armando Garcia, Gary Brown, Brett Turner, Seth Neilson, and Cody Alaniz.

presented the check to the VFD.

The America's Farmers Grow Communities program is eligible in over 1,200 in 39 states. Farmers are eligible to win \$2,500 for their favorite community nonprofit. The Monsanto Fund expects to invest more than \$3.1 million in local communities.

America's Farmers Grow Communities is part of a broad commitment by the Monsanto Fund to highlight

the important contributions farmers make every day to our society by helping them grow their local communities. Nearly 60,000 farmers participated in the second annual Grow Communities program, which is designed to benefit nonprofit groups such as Ag youth, schools and other civic organizations. For more information and to see a full list of winners, visit www.growcommunities.com.

Floyd County back in District 68, primaries set for May 29

By Homer Marquez

It seems that the headaches caused by the redistricting of Texas' representative and congressional maps may be finally over after a federal court announced last Tuesday that they would release a new set of interim Texas House and congressional maps for 2012.

The release of the maps will now allow political parties to hold their already twice-delayed primary elections on May 29.

District lines on the maps needed to be redrawn after the 2010 Census showed a population rise in the state of Texas. Like they do every ten years, the state needed to redraw the lines in order to get a better representation of

the population shifts in the state.

Originally, the state had release a map that moved Floyd County out of Texas House District 85, which was represented by Republican Jim Landtroop of Plainview, and moved the county into District 68, which at the time was represented by Rick Hardcastle (R-Vernon). However, Representative Hardcastle had announced that he would not be running again for the 68th seat which was up for election this year. District 68 consists of 22 counties, stretching from Cooke County, which is near Denton, to Floyd County and also includes counties

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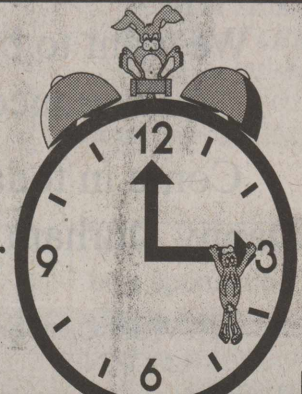
Floyd County NEIGHBORS



Photo by Homer Marquez

Meet Brett Turner: Born and raised in Floydada, Brett currently works at the Case house in Floydada. He is a 1981 graduate from Floydada High and is married to Alicia Turner. The two have four children Colby, Braxton, Carson, and Tyson. The Turners are members of the Methodist Church in Floydada and Brett is also a member of the Floydada Volunteer Fire Department.

Remember to set your clocks one hour ahead when you go to bed Saturday night for Daylight Saving Time.



DON'T FORGET TO SPRING FORWARD

LIFESTYLES

Lockney Health and Rehab to Sponsor Speaker

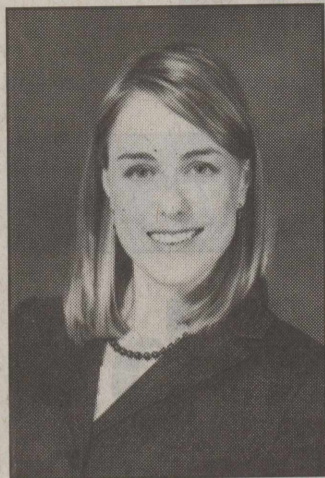
Lockney Health and Rehab will be sponsoring Liz Castro, the Director of the Area Agency on Aging on Friday March 9, 2012 at 9:30 am. The event will be hosted by the First Baptist Church of Lockney at 401 S Main. The Area Agency on Aging is a program administered by the South Plains Association of Governments which serves a fifteen county area.

According to the 2010 census, 17.8 % of Floyd County residents are age 65 or older. According to the same census, 23.8% of Floyd County residents live below poverty level. The Area Agency on Aging provides a variety of services and opportunities which can help seniors lead dignified, independent and productive lives. Not only do they oversee the Ombudsman Program, an advocacy program for this popula-

tion group, but they also offer a variety of services including information, assistance, legal and benefits counseling and caregiver support. Through the Care Coordination Program, they offer assistance assistive devices such as eye glasses and hearing aids and minor home repairs and much more.

Come to hear Liz Castro to learn more. For questions, call Terrell Thomas at Lockney Health and Rehab at 652-3375.

Hale named 'Young Alumnus of the Year'



AMANDA HALE

Lubbock Christian University has selected Amanda Hale to receive the 2012 Young Alumnus of the Year Award.

Amanda graduated from Lubbock Christian University in 1998 with a Bachelor of Arts in Humanities and a minor in Foreign Languages. She studied abroad in Germany through Texas Tech University's exchange program and then went on to earn her MBA from Texas Christian University in 2001.

She currently resides in New York City where she works for Deloitte on global initiatives. She is active with professional associations such as the Financial Women's Association and the German American Chamber of Commerce, and she volunteers with Junior Achievement and College Summit in teaching and mentoring local and high school and first-generation college students. She is a member of St. Bartholomew's Church.

Amanda is the daughter of Dan and Sharon Hale of Lubbock. Her grandparents are the late Roy and Ruth Hale of the Harmony Community.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margaret Jones

MY! MY! MY! WEATHER and POLITICS...What else do we hear and what else is there to talk about?

Fog, Drizzle, and Cold crept into our town so peacefully and calm...forming puddles and splashing droplets on thirsty vegetation. Then ever so relentlessly the winds began to lick-up the precious gift, as they raged through the countryside causing frustration and dismay in their path. In disbelief we watch the days progression...Only in West Texas!

...As the Political Storm rages, let us not be caught unaware of the situation facing our great country of America... "Home of the FREE and land of the BRAVE. To quote the ending of an article printed in the A.J. letters-to-the editor... "People have option to succeed." Friday, March 2, 2012.

"Socialism is a philosophy of failure, the creed of ignorance, and the gospel of envy, its inherent virtue is the equal of misery."---WINSTON CHURCHILL

I'm reminded of what our history teachers taught us...

"To plan for our Future we must remember the Past".

Thank you for remembering the Center when you need to make a memorial donation. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235.

In memory of Arvanna West - Q. D. and Joyce Williams, Gary and Emma Pate

In memory of Opal Poole - Gary and Emma Pate
CORRECTION....for last week's Recipe. In my haste to deliver my article to the Hesperian-Beacon before 5 p.m. on Monday, I failed to accurately PROOFREAD. The recipe should have been titled ten CAN soup, not ten CUP soup. (I made the recipe, and it is really good served over rice.)

RECIPE OF THE WEEK:

Ballpark Ice Cream Sandwiches
1 roll refrigerated Pillsbury Chocolate Chip Cookies dough, 1 gallon Blue Bell Nutty Coconut Ice Cream. Bake cookies as directed and cool. Spread ice cream on one cookies and top with another.

Wrap in Saran Wrap and chill. ***Serve and don't count the fat grams.****

Haley and Kourtney Jones (my granddaughters) UMMMM...sounds good....

"Thought for the Week" - Everything comes to him who waits, if he works while he waits.

MENU

March 12 - March 16

Monday- Beef stroganoff noodles, whole wheat roll, margarine, mixed vegetables, winter fruit cup, low fat milk
Tuesday - Baked chicken breast, baked potato w/sour cream, peas, pineapple tidbits, chocolate pudding, low fat milk

Wednesday - BBQ beef sandwiches, tator tots, carrots & zucchini, ambrosia, low fat milk

Thursday - Baked chicken dumplings, whole wheat roll, margarine, tossed salad w/ dressing, winter fruit cup, low fat milk

Friday - Glazed meat loaf, red bliss potatoes, bread stick, mixed vegetables, country apple crisp, low fat milk

FROM THE ARCHIVES

OF THE FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM

From the Lockney Beacon May 28, 1978

RAYMOND UPTON IS A LIFELONG RESIDENT OF SOUTH PLAINS

By Felicia Applewhite

"According to Texas state Highway 207 markers, we are located just 17 miles from Silverton to our north and 17 miles from Floydada to our south.

Lockney is about the same distance to the southwest of us." That is what Raymond Upton tells to locate his grocery store in South Plains. During a conversation, he will tell you that, "Our store is for sale". The Uptons have owned the store since 1945.

As he talks, he will probably be sitting comfortably near his desk behind the post office mail boxes, for the post office is a part of the

well-stocked, orderly store.

Written across the front of the Upton Grocery Store is "United States Post Office, South Plains, Texas." The American flag flies at the front and above the building.

Raymond Upton can tell you as much about South Plains as anybody. He was born there and grew up there. He has spent his adult life there. His knowledge of this part of the country extends beyond South Plains area. His West Texas roots are deep because of West Texas ancestry pioneers.

It all began for him in 1890 when his mother, Miss Bell Bourland and her brother, Uncle Tommy Bourland together with their mother filed on 1/2 section of land south east of Lone Star north of Lockney 12 miles. In 1889, the mother died and

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THIS WEEK'S

LOCKNEY HIGH SCHOOL EX-STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

The Lockney High School Ex-Students Association will hold a meeting to discuss homecoming on Tuesday, March 20 at 7 p.m. at the Main Street Church of Christ Fellowship Hall.

Everyone is encouraged to attend.

FLOYD COUNTY FRIENDS

"17TH ANNUAL GALA" Floyd County Friends "17th annual Gala" will be on March 31st. Tickets are on sale now.

Tickets are now on sale for the annual Lockney Chamber of Commerce Banquet on March 24; featured entertainment will be Jimmy Burson and the Texas Swing. Tickets are \$15 a piece and can be picked up at J&K Insurance or at Kaleidoscopes in Lockney.

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FLOYD COUNTY FRIENDS 17TH ANNUAL GALA MARCH 31ST
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FLOYD COUNTY Friends
TICKETS \$30 each Table for 8 - \$280

Lockney Senior Citizens Center News

By Bettye Jackson

Here we go into the windy month of March. (If March is windier than February, we may need to tie ourselves to the ground.) The year 2012 seem to be moving on very swiftly. At the Senior Citizens Center we are having busy days.

The schedule at the Center for Monday thru Friday is much the same every day. Coffee is at 9:30 a.m. Mon-

day thru Saturday; The Ladies exercise Mon., Wed. and Friday, 9:00 to 9:30 a.m.; lunch is served at 11:30 a.m.; Thursday at 6:00 p.m. is Pot Luck. (Everyone brings a dish and all the food is shared by those present.) Just a hint, there are a lot of good cooks at the Center.

We wanted to extend our sympathy to the families who have lost loved ones this year. Memorials have been received for the following: Joe Rigby, Nelda Widner, Mary Jean Moore, Patsy Byers, Mae Willis, Barry Barker, Vickie Scheaffer and Joyce Martin.

Those among us who are ill or have family members who are ill are Gladys Bobbitt's daughter, Donna Mitchell who is recovering from surgery. Linda Holley is better and is in the process of being moved to Prairie House Living Center in Plainview.

Some events held at the Center during the month of February were a Concealed Hand Gun class held on a Saturday. The National Honor Society members along with their sponsor, Julie Ellison had lunch with us Feb. 29. Twenty members came. It was pleasure to have these young people and hope they will be back. The Martin family was at the Center for lunch prior to the funeral of Joyce Martin.

We would like to say a big "Thank You" to the Floyd County Queens.

They, along with their sponsors decorated the Center for Valentine's Day. Everyone appreciated their efforts.

Just to remind everyone, it is not necessary to be a member to eat lunch with us. Renee needs to know by 9:30 a.m. if you are coming to eat. Members eat for \$4.00 a meal and non-members are charged \$5.00. Some mighty good eating comes from our kitchen. There is always dessert which could be cobbler, pudding or cake. This writer is definitely partial to the peach cobbler. If you haven't tried our lunches COME ON DOWN! The fellowship is enjoyed as much as the food.

For those who like to play Dominoes, seems there are players every afternoon. If you like to puzzle there's is always one being put together.

If you would like to become a member, the yearly dues are \$20.00.

If you need a place for a family re-union, luncheon, meeting or training session give Renee a call.

She is always willing to help. See you at the Center!

Lockney Senior Citizens Center Menu

Monday-Hamburgers
Tuesday - Mexican Stack
Wednesday-Chicken Fried Steak
Thursday-Spaghetti
Friday-Hamburger Steak

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was buried in Silverton. They lived in a half-dugout when they first came here.

Raymond's Uncle Tommy Bourland became a legend in his life time. Even though there is not too much family history passed down to the family, it is told that Uncle Tommy was the object of much teasing and fun.

One Lone Star neighbor of Uncle Tommy's tells of the time Uncle Tommy lived across the fence from an early-day ranch. When he saw the ranch steers "down" and unable to get up, he decided to offer a helping hand. He "tailed" the steer up and had him on his feet. The steer turned, charged Uncle Tommy and butted him down.

Up to this time, neither Uncle Tommy nor Miss Bell had married. But when James Upton came calling, the picture changed. Upton had 5 motherless children due to the death of his wife. It is not long until he and Miss Bell were married.

Of the 3 children born to Upton and Bell, Raymond was the only boy and the youngest.

The Uptons lived on a section of land for which he had paid \$1 an acre to the state of ownership. They were located 2 miles east and 1 1/2 miles south of where South Plains is now. Johnny Wilson owns the land now.

"Johnny and I are the only ones left here that were born in this community," Raymond says.

Upton's life was "just the life of the average kid—chores and everything." His list of chores included milking cows, feeding hogs and cleaning the chicken house—"all nice jobs" as he remembers.

He walked 2 1/2 miles for school to the Sunset School.

On a cold winter's day, Raymond was warming his feet at the wood-burning cook-stove. It was time to go to school, but the feet needed warming before shoes were put on. When he saw that others were leaving him, he just went on to school barefoot. After school, his surprised mother had no answer to her question "Raymond, why didn't you wear your shoes to school?"

"At times, the school teacher boarded with us," says Mrs. Helen McLeod, sister of Upton. "Once when papa and the school teacher were catching a horse to break, Raymond stood looking in from the outside. The horse jumped over Raymond, fence and all. When they got to Raymond, they found a very frightened child."

"Mr. Tate who used to teach at Lockney, boarded with us while he taught here. Raymond slept with him. When the teacher came in late at night in cold weather, he scooted Raymond over out of the warm place and took it himself," Mrs. McLeod remembers.

During this time, a mail hack "angled from Lockney by the Sunset School, but the name of the post office was Curlew."

The coming through of the railroad as a main track from Childress to Lubbock changed everything. It meant the beginning of South Plains in 1928. The area changed from a section of the country where farm houses dotted the country side to a community center. The move toward a community center began.

"In the summer of '29, they tore down the Sunset School house after school was out and re-built it at South Plains and had it ready for school opening that fall—didn't miss a day, darn it. The building was rebuilt just as it had been at Sunset. A new school building came later."

The Baptist Church was moved to South Plains to its present location.

A grocery store and post office were built. A filling station and 2 elevators became a part of the town. It wasn't long until the mail was delivered by truck from Childress. Even though unincorporated, South Plains became an active village.

"When they were laying the track for the railroad, I was

walking along from school one evening about 2 miles east of South Plains. They were laying the track. Flat cars with rails were out front of the locomotive. I was about 12 years old. That locomotive was something out of this world.

"The engineer motioned for me to get up there with him. If there had been an offer of a million dollars as a choice, I would have chosen to get up in that locomotive," he states.

"At the time everything seemed favorable for South Plains making a town. Two men bought the town site and built 5 buildings. One was to be a bank building. It had a sign painted on it that it was to be a bank building. I tore the sign down in 1945 when the building became our old grocery store building before we built this one. The bank never opened."

School life at South Plains moved along in the same tempo of that as it had been at Sunset before the building was moved. Raymond remembers a particular incident in 1929.

"That April Fool, several of us were walking down the railroad track. Down the way a piece, we saw a flat car doing nothing!

"We didn't know it, but it was there while the road crew worked on down the track putting up wire for a telegraph system.

"We put the flat car on the track and went for a ride. There were several of us around 12 years old and older.

"Some of us would push the flat car as fast as it would go, then jump on and all of us would take a ride. We went through both tunnels going toward Quitaque just like that. Then right out east of the second tunnel—there was the crew working on the telegraph wire.

"Of course, they took out after us and were about to catch us when we jumped off and ran over the hill.

"About 30 minutes later a special train came from the east and it was going fast. If that train had caught us in one of the tunnels!"

That does not end the story of the flat car. About 10 years ago Raymond Upton was in El Paso.

"I was introduced to the assistant manager of the ICX. When he found where I live, he mentioned the flat car incident. He was foreman of that crew that had parked the flat car beside the track.

"He said he almost lost his job because it was a rule that if a flat car or a motor car was parked to one side, it was to be chained down.

"That was about 40 years ago, but I ought to whip you yet," the former foreman said.

Only one of the tunnels that lead to Quitaque is left. It is the only one in Texas.

"Another time, I remember my mother was at the cow lot milking, and I was walking out the door to catch the school bus. I heard her holler, 'Son, Oh, Son'. I kept on walking. I never did hear so far as she knew. She was going to tell me not to run away from school for April Fool. But we had planned on running away. It was a yearly act to run away on April Fool.

"We would always go to the canyons. Our favorite place was the Blue Mole. We walked down the railroad to get there."

One of the first school buses that Upton remembers had a door in the back for loading and unloading.

Just as he was getting off the bus one day, a boy hit him. He picked up a rock and threw it at the boy, but the rock missed the intended target. It went on through the bus and broke the windshield. Upton was "sick" for a week and just couldn't go to school. But when he did go, the principal came to the door of his room just to ask for "Raymond Upton, please."

He attended school at South Plains through the tenth grade which was just as high as the grades went at South Plains. Others of his class then went on to Floydada to complete high school, but Raymond "quitted" and began farming until he bought the store in South Plains.

"In 1948, the South Plains postmaster died, then I became postmaster until I resigned in 1951. At that time I sold the store. We lived on the farm for 3 years then bought the store back in 1954. My wife has been postmaster since.

There have been many changes in the way this country used to look. One that Upton takes note of is the change to the number of jack rabbits.

"The country used to be full of jack rabbits. There were enough of them that they destroyed crops. We had to clear them out for that reason. Then, too, it was a form of sport. He described how it was done.

A number of me would load up on their way to a certain place for the "rabbit drive". Half of the men would be let out on one side of a section. The other half would be let out on the opposite side of the same section. At a signal, they would walk facing each other through the section, shooting rabbits as they walked. They met in the middle of the section still shooting. I guess there was some danger in it. One old man did get after me once. He said the buck shot from my gun went all around him."

Raymond Upton has seen many years of active life in the South Plains community and he has seen all the changes take place.

He says "he has had a good life, but it hasn't taken long to live it."

We would like to thank everyone who sent cards, flowers, food, prayers and thoughts with the loss of Joy. All of you who knew her, knew just how special she was. We can't thank everyone enough for all the support.

The Hardy and Bradley Families

San Jose Catholic Church

FRY

The Sacred Heart Men's Association of San Jose Catholic Church would like to invite you to our ANNUAL FISH FRY on Lent Fridays

\$7 per plate
Dine in or carry out • Call ins welcomed
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Floyd County Church Directory

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Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.

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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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Floydada
Armando Morales, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

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Lockney
Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m.
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Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

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

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Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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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.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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.

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.

GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Joe Bennett, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
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English Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
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Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday School 9:45 p.m.
Worship Service ... 11:00 a.m.
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Wed. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday 7:30 p.m.
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Girls power lifting competes in regional's

The Lockney Lady Horns where represented at the Regional Powerlifting meet by McKenzie Kemp and Rayann Race. They did very well and represented the school and community proudly. "I am very proud of these girls; they have been working hard and deserve everything they get. They don't ever complain and they have a true passion for the sport," Coach Kyle Browne. Rayann Race finished in 5th place in her weight class with a total of 715. She got 275 on squat, 125 on bench, and 315 on deadlift. McKenzie Kemp finished 3rd place and State Alternate in her weight class with a total of 675. She got 235 on squat, 120 on bench, and 320 on deadlift.



Courtesy Photo

Pictured above are regional lifters McKenzie Kemp on left and Rayann Race on right.

Lady Horns stay undefeated in district, Jackson pitches no-hitter



Photo by Homer Marquez

Lockney Softball has started off with a bang as the Lady Horns so far are undefeated in district. This past week's games advanced the horns to an overall 5-2 record and a record of 2-0 in district. Last Monday, the wind was no challenge for the ladies as they blew past Ralls 3-2 in their first district game.

This past Monday, the ladies extended that record with the help of pitcher Katie Jackson who throw a no-hitter in their 11-0 shutout victory over Crosbyton. Jackson threw 14 strike outs in the game.

Highlights from Monday's game against Crosbyton included; Gabby Perez and Meagan Dunn RBI's in

the first inning. Perez, M. Kemp, and A. Salazar RBI's in second; a single from Tonya Hernandez and a pair of doubles from Perez and Jackson that brought in five runs in the third, and singles from Dunn, Kemp, Salazar, and Hernandez that resulted in two more runs in the fourth.

Optimist Softball registration set for March 24 and 31

PLAINVIEW – The Plainview Noon Optimist Club will hold registration for its summer league girls' softball program on Saturday March 24 and 31 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the YMCA building at 313 Ennis in Plainview. Registration will be held in the Teen Zone room on the backside of the building.

The softball program

is for girls ages 6-14. Age groups will be broken into 8U, 10U, 12U and 14U. The softball board voted this year to allow teams to roll over. Girls who played last year will be allowed to register and play for the same team if they so desire. Girls who want to switch teams and those who are moving up in age division or who have

not played before, will be required to attend tryouts prior to the league draft. More information on tryouts will be available during registration.

The registration fee is \$70 and is due at registration. An additional fee (approximately \$25) will be required for uniform orders. Uniforms will be ordered through Infinity Graphics.

For more information, call Jonathan Petty at 806-685-1955.

Longhorns compete in New Deal



Photo by R.K. Hunt Photography

Over the weekend the Lockney Longhorns baseball team headed to New Deal for the Tournament of Champions. In their first game of the tourney, the Horns started off strong with an incredible 14-0 shutout of O'Donnell on Thursday. This game would be sweet revenge for the Horns who lost to O'Donnell by the ten run rule last year.

The next set of games wouldn't be so

fortunate, as Lockney fell 13-3 to New Deal in the Championship Semifinals. In their next game against Abernathy, Lockney would become the victim of the 10 run rule again, as they fell 10-0. Archer City would eventually win the tournament with a 6-4 win over New Deal.

Next up for the Longhorns will be the Field of Dreams tournament in Lockney on March 15-17.

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Dana is a scheduler for the clinic. She schedules appointments, answers the phone, filing, and general office duties. Her favorite thing about working in the clinic is the teamwork, her coworkers, and being able to work close to home. She loves to read, playing tennis, spending time with family and fixing up her house.


We appreciate Dana and congratulate her for being selected this honor by her co-workers!

Longhorn Spur Track Meet Results

Meagan	Dunn
- 5th Place	Discus
Mary Sammann - 5th	Shot Put
Alexis Rodriguez - 4 th	Pole Vault, 6th
place Long Jump, 3rd	place 400 relay, 1st
place 800 relay Tanae Ramos - 5th	place Long Jump, 4th
place Triple Jump, 3rd	place 400 relay, 5th
place 100m., 1st	place 800 relay Anissa Reyna - 3rd
place 400 relay, 1st	place 800 relay Brittany Thompson - 3rd
place 400 relay, 1st	place 800 relay Kennedy Hallmark - 3rd
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Trisha Chambers

Trisha is a coder for the medical records department. She has worked for the hospital since February 2011. Her job duties are coding ER charts, chart scanning, helping with UR, daily census, discharges, and coding clinic charts. She is always willing to help when and where ever she is needed. She has a heavy workload but always has a smile on her face. Her favorite thing about working here is that it's less stress, and she loves the people. Trisha loves spending time with her three grandsons.

We appreciate Trisha and congratulate her for being selected this honor by her co-workers!

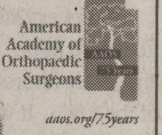
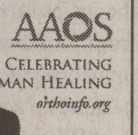
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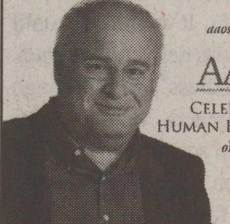
As one of the last American children to contract polio, Jeffrey Galpin grew up in a world of iron lungs and body casts, alone with his imagination. His story would be dramatic enough if it was just about his battle with this dreaded disease.

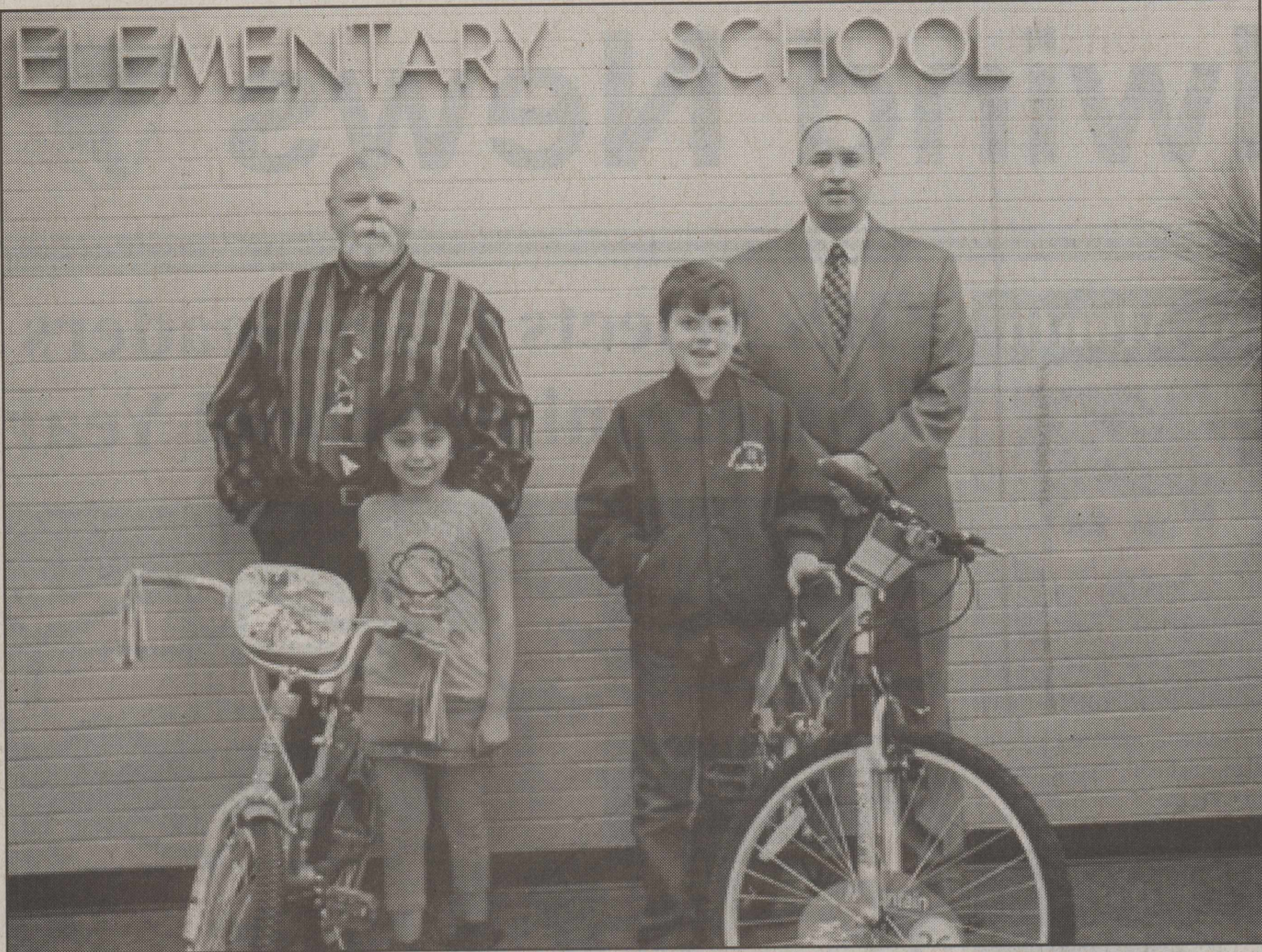
But Jeffrey Galpin did more than survive polio. He went on to a list of achievements in medical research—including being the principal investigator in applying the first gene therapy for HIV/AIDS.

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

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The Rotary Club rewards the fourth sixth week perfect attendance recipients at A.B. Duncan Elementary. **Front Row - (L)** Third grader, Denise Mendoza and **(R)** Fifth grader, Cutter Smith. Presenting the bikes, **Back Row - (L-R)** Mac Sherman, Principal at ABD and Gilbert Trevino, club member and representative for the Rotary Club.

Kaylie Nutt named to LCU President's list

Floydada resident Kaylie Nutt has been named to the President's List at Lubbock Christian University for the fall semester of 2011.

Nutt is the daughter of Danny and Laura Nutt and a sophomore Secondary Education major at LCU.

The criterion for President's List is a student taking a minimum of 12 semester hours must achieve a 4.0 grade point average for the semester.

Lubbock Christian University has over 2000 students and is a four-year private

master's level institution that promotes unique educational opportunities with a strategic focus on student success in four key areas: spiritual formation, intellectual growth, personal stewardship and leadership development. Degree programs are offered for both bachelor's degrees and master's degrees.

For over 55 years, the school has offered academic excellence in a Christian environment. For more information about Lubbock Christian University visit their website at www.lcu.edu.

Whitley Nutt named to LCU Dean's list

Floydada resident Whitley Nutt has been named to the Dean's List at Lubbock Christian University for the fall semester of 2011.

Whitley is the spouse of Jason Nutt.

The Dean's list requires a student to be taking a minimum of 12 hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or better for the semester.

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Wind's Baseball goes undefeated in last week's action

By Coach Seago

The Floydada varsity went 4-0 this week with a 10 to 4 win over Tulia last Monday. Seth Nielson was the winning pitcher going 6 innings with 8 strikeouts

and allowing only five hits. Nielson was also the leading hitter with 3 hits and Jose Martinez, Tyler Renfro, and Anthony Garza had two hits each.

During the weekend, the

Winds attended the Childress High School baseball tourney where they took first place over the host of the tourney with an 11 to 7 win. Hunter Galvan, Danny Martinez, and Jose Martinez

each picked up a win over the weekend with a combined 21 strikeouts over the three days and allowed only 12 hits to the three opponents. Thursday they beat Pampa 27-8, and on Friday the other victory came against Seymour with an 11-0 win. Leading hitters over the weekend were Tyler Renfro with 7 hits and then Jose Martinez, Jon Chavarria, and Danny Martinez with 5 hits apiece.

The Winds started district on March 6 when they travel to Dimmitt and then play at home here on Saturday against Abernathy starting at noon. Floydada is currently 6 and 2 overall

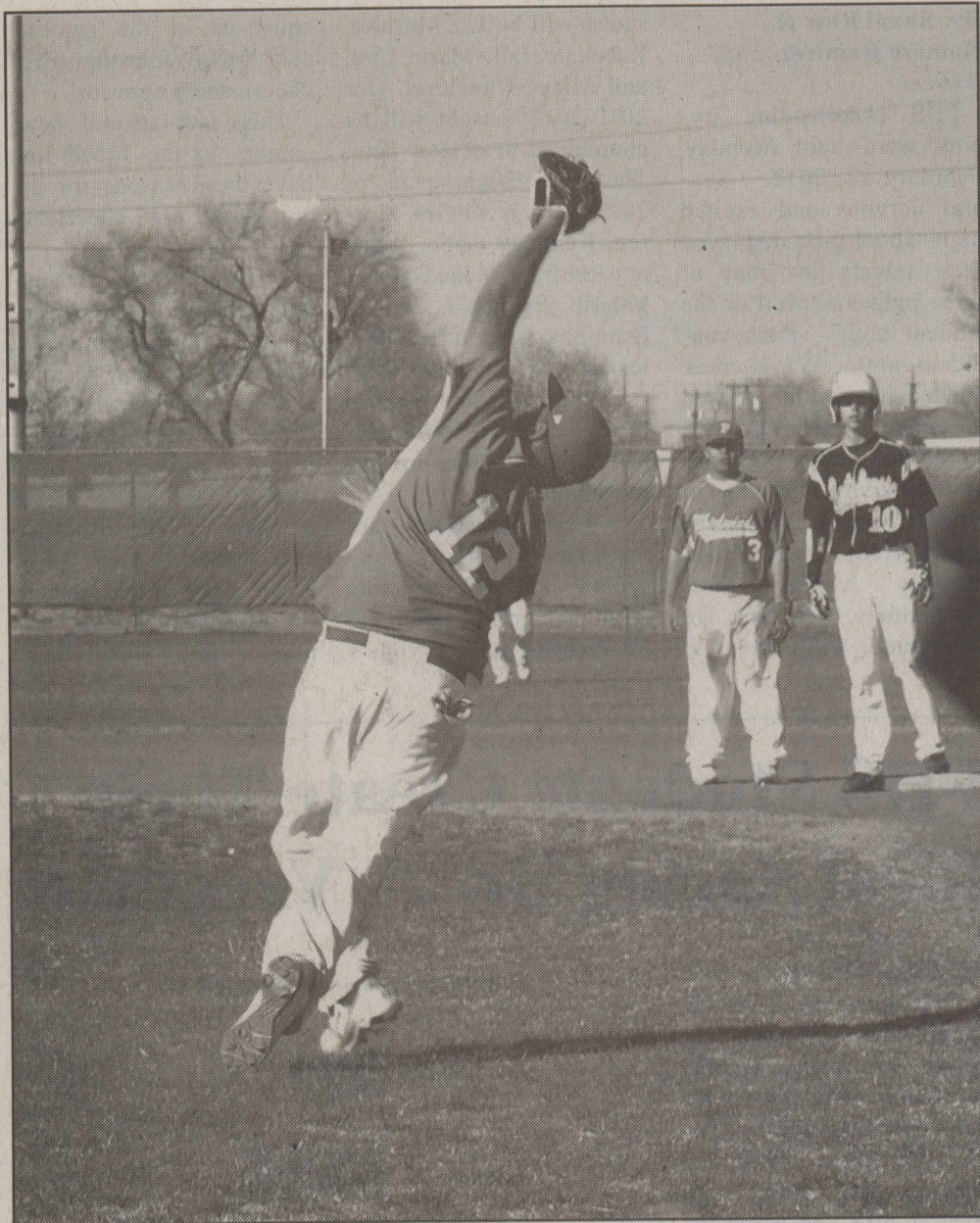


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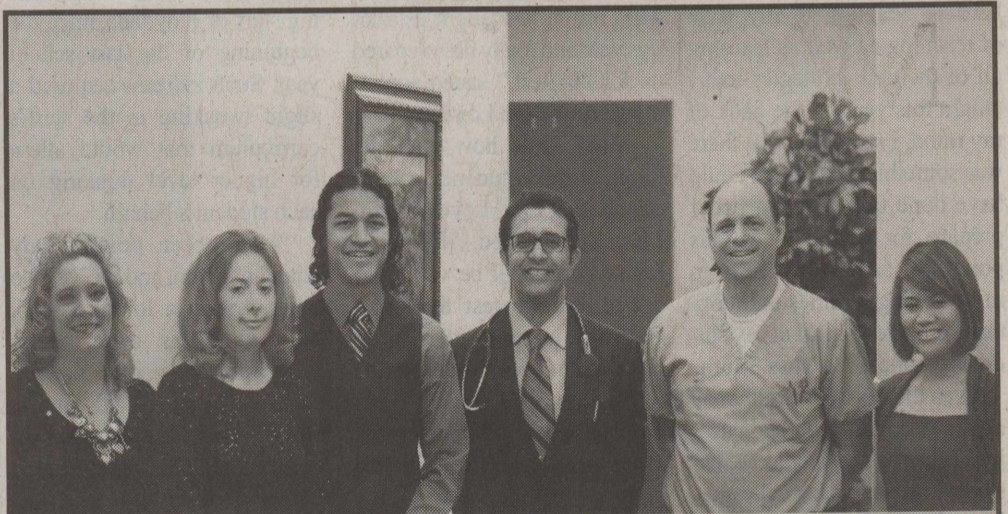
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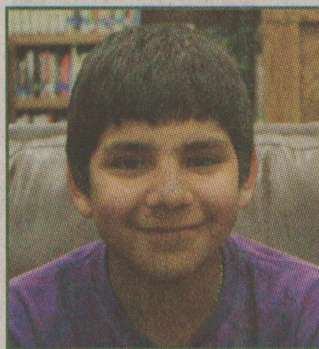
Whirlwind News

High School Student of the Month

By: Shani Ross - Staff Writer

Floydada's high school February student of the month is Rikardo Cervera. Rikardo is a freshman and is fifteen years old. His family consists of his parents, Julia and Gabina Cervera, one sister and three brothers. His hobbies include playing football, basketball, baseball, and tennis. Rikardo's favorite subjects are math and reading and his favorite teacher is Mrs. Teeple. When he

grows up, Rikardo would either like to be an eighth grade math teacher or a U.S. Marine. "The best compliment I could give Ricky is that I wish I had an entire class of him. He is a hard worker with a great attitude. His class participation makes teaching him enjoyable. He also gave up his time to reach out to a fellow student and get him caught up in his classes. He has a big heart and



is a valuable asset to Floydada High School!" commented Mrs. Teeple.

Jr. High Student of the Month

By: Shani Ross - Staff Writer

The FJHS student of the month is Karina Ortega. Karina is thirteen years old, and she is the daughter of Camilla and Rommel Castillo and Jesus Ortega and Liliana Gardia. She has four sisters and one brother. Her hobbies include drawing, and she enjoys taking care of people. Karina's favorite class is art and her favorite teacher is Mrs. Chavarria. When Karina grows up she plans to be a nurse. "Congratu-

lations to Karina! She is deserving of this award. As a teacher, we all hope and pray that our calling into the classroom has some kind of reward or purpose. With students like Karina, the purpose of this journey all makes sense. And having her in class is certainly my reward. Kudos to her parents for raising such a respectful, honest, hardworking, and caring child; Karina is very eager to learn. I'd



like to give a big thanks to Karina for being that model student that every teacher enjoys," commented Mrs. JoAnn Chavarria.

TAKS Test: Ready or Not, Here It Comes

By: Cynthia Smith-Editor

On Wednesday, March 07, 2012, students prepared to embark on what is known to be the first of the last two years of TAKS testing. For Sophomore English Teacher, Cynthia Smith, and Junior English Teacher, Rita Cox, this day could not have come soon enough.

"I am really nervous about the test this year, more so than I was last year," commented Miss Smith. "Although my students have really worked hard in adapting to my style of teaching as well as learning all of the new strategies that I taught this year, in the back of my mind, I still think that there was something else that I could have done to help them better prepare for this test. At this point all I can do is believe in my teaching abilities and continue to believe in all of my students," concluded Miss Smith.

Even though Miss Smith may not be as confident in her teaching ability as she should be, her students as well as her colleague, Mrs. Cox, believe that she has done a good job in preparing her



Photos By: Cynthia Smith and Emily Prisk (Left)- Miss Smith teaches her students how to use their reading strategies to analyze the story. (Right) Mrs. Cox has her students engaged in learning how to properly write a research paper.

students for this test.

"I am very confident that I will pass my English TAKS. Miss Smith has taught us a lot this year and really has prepared us for this test," stated sophomore, Royce De Los Santos.

When asked how well she thought her students would do on the Exit Level Exam, Mrs. Cox replied, "I believe my students will be very successful on the test this year. With the increase of rigor in my curriculum in addition to what Miss Smith taught them last year, I have no doubt in my mind that we will have a very high passing rate as well as a very good commended performance rate."

Increase in rigor has been one of the many things that have been stressed to the teaching staff of Floydada since the beginning of the last school year. Such increase required a slight tweaking in the staff's curriculum that would allow for higher level thinking on each student's behalf.

"We've been doing Study Island nonstop, and we've also been writing a lot of essays. Mrs. Cox has even taught us a whole new way to write short answers," said junior, Kelsey Nutt. "I think that all of the English classes in the high school will do very well because we have great English educators," concluded Kelsey.

FHS Selects Cheerleaders for Upcoming School Year



Photos By: Cynthia Smith

JV and Varsity Contestants consisted of: (Top Right/ L-R) Marie Lira and Rebekah Hall, (Middle Left/ L-R) Liz Morales and Allison Cisneros, (Bottom Left/ L-R) Malorie Alaniz and Emily Hall, (Top Center) Ana De La Fuente, (Bottom Center) Emily Prisk, (Top Right/ L-R) Braxton Turner, Samantha Caballero, and Amelia Gonzales, (Middle Right/ L-R) Mattie Sanders, Michaela Jackson, and Kelsey Nutt, (Bottom Right/L-R) Aimee Chavarria, Kimberly Delgado, and Roxann Chavarria.

By: Shani Ross & Homero Ramirez- Staff Writers

FHS cheerleading try-outs were held Monday, February 27, 2012. Several nervous and excited high school girls displayed their talents in front of three judges as well as the student body. Each candidate performed a cheer and a dance routine. Based on judges' scores as well as student body votes will of the varsity cheer squad consist Amelia Gonzales, Emily Hall, Emily Prisk, Malorie Alaniz, Mattie Sanders, and Ana De La Fuente, while the J.V.

squad will be Liz Morales, Rebekah Hall, Marie Lira, and Aimee Chavarria. Our 2012-2013 mascot will be announced at a later date. The Junior High squad for 2012-2013 is Kaylee Morren, Kennedy Coon, Whitney Renfro, Brooke Galvan, Valerie Espinoza, Selena Espinoza, Lauren Hall, and Kortney Campbell. With such a great group of girls the coach has set many expectations for the upcoming school year.

"My expectations are for them to work hard especially knowing that this is homecoming year and for them to get everyone's

spirit up at the games," said RaNay Johnston, FHS cheerleading sponsor.

There are several newcomers to the squad that have their reasons for becoming an FHS cheerleader.

"I want to be a cheerleader because I have a lot of spirit and like to go out and support our teams," said Amelia Gonzales.

Among the newcomers is one seasoned girl who has always had a desire to cheer. "I have been a cheerleader every year since fifth grade except for my freshman year," explained Emily Hall.

FHS Students Create Their Ideal Spring Break Vacations

By: Taylor Orr- Staff writer

With spring break quickly approaching, students all around the campus of FHS are already making plans for their upcoming breaks. The FHS journalism staff polled students from each grade level at FHS and asked the question, "If you could go anywhere for spring break, all expenses paid, where would you go?" The results received were very unexpected.

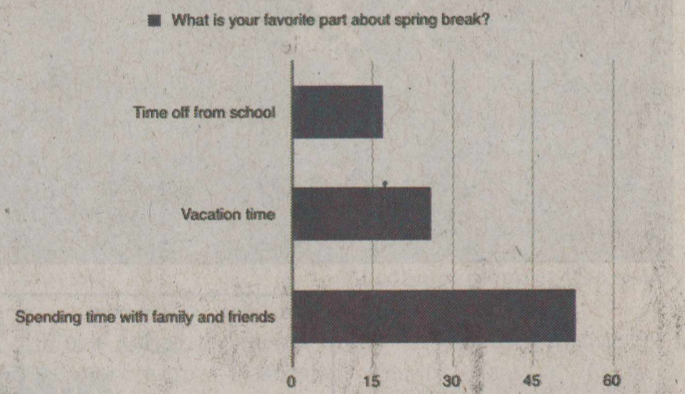
"I would go on a week long trip to France," said Aimee Chavarria, a freshman at FHS.

Aimee isn't the only one who would love to travel internationally; a few other students had some breathtaking destinations in mind as well.

"My dream spring break vacation would be to travel to Australia," stated Kattie Miller, an FHS senior.

Senior Ana Mora, said, "I would chose to travel on a Caribbean cruise over spring break. It would be warm and relaxing and a lot of fun!"

While Aimee, Kattie, and Ana had vacation time in mind when they chose their



destinations, one student had a completely different vision.

"If I could go anywhere over spring break, I would want to go on a mission trip in Asia," commented Amelia Gonzalez, a junior here at FHS.

Other students weren't necessarily looking for vacation time or looking to perform acts of kindness for others, but instead they wanted to spend quality time with family members who live many miles away.

"If I could travel anywhere during the break, I would travel to New Jersey to see my grandmother," said junior, Keri DeBusk.

Each of these students' ideas for the perfect spring break sound great and hopefully all students and community members will have a memorable spring break this year.

The journalism staff at FHS would love for you to submit your favorite spring break experience. The staff will choose its favorite story and feature the winner in next week's edition. Spring break stories for next week's edition can be dropped off in Miss Smith's room (112 at FHS).

On behalf of the journalism staff at FHS, have a safe and enjoyable spring break!

Upcoming Events for Floydada ISD

By: Emily Hall- Staff Writer

- March 8: Jr. High Track- Whirlwind Relays- Here
- March 8-10: Varsity Softball Tournament at Post State Team Tennis at Roundrock
- March 9: End of 3 Week Grading Period
Exit Level Science Retest
High School Track New Deal Relays
1:30 Dismissal
- March 10: Varsity/JV Baseball VS Abernathy Here, 12:00/2:30 pm
Regional Powerlifting at Sundown
- March 12-16: Spring Break
- March 16: State Powerlifting at Corpus Christi
- March 17: Varsity/JV Baseball VS Muleshoe There, 12:00/2:30 pm
Varsity/JV Softball VS Muleshoe There, 12:00/2:00 pm
- March 20: Varsity/JV Baseball VS Idalou Here, 5:00/7:00 pm
Varsity Softball VS Idalou Here, 4:30 pm
Tennis Sundown Tournament
TELPAS Testing Grades 7-12 in Library
- March 22: District One Act Play Contest at Tulia
- March 22-23: Tennis at Amarillo
- March 23: Track Meet at Muleshoe
- March 24: Varsity/JV Baseball VS Childress Here, 1:00/3:00 pm
Varsity/JV Softball VS Abernathy There, 12:00/2:00 pm

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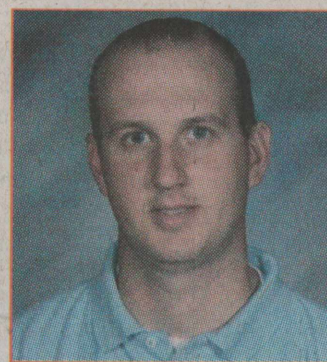
Lockney band receives 1's



Photo by Tracy Long

Recently the Longhorn band received all 1's at the UIL Concert and Sight-Reading competition this past Thursday at Lubbock-Copper High. The band performed "La Pequena Marcha Espanola", "Shepherd's Hey", and "Adrenaline Engines"; pictured above are senior band members holding the trophy.

Teacher Feature



Brady Rasco

By Kayla Jimenez

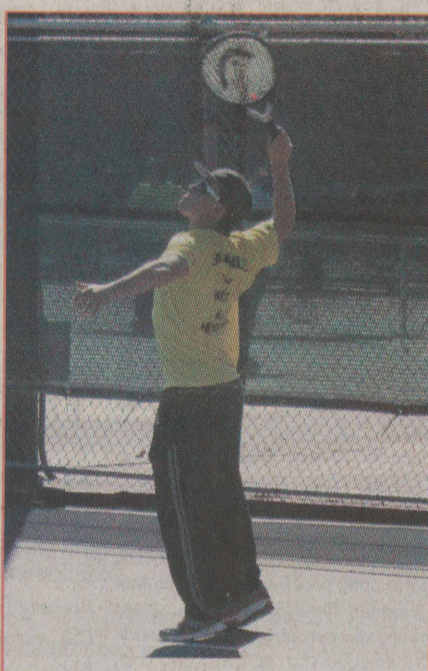
Brady Rasco was born and raised in Lockney and graduated from Lockney High School. After graduation, he went to college at Tarleton State University in Stephenville. After graduating from college, he moved to Alvarado for two years then to Hale Center for a year and then moved back to Lockney in 2010.

He has worked in education for five years having been an Ag teacher, a science teacher and an FFA advisor. The biggest challenge of his job is making students understand that agriculture is much more than cows and plows.

It is a part of every person's life, whether you grew up on a farm or in a large city. He most definitely enjoys working with students who love to see "projects" come to life. When students are passionate about a project or a class it carries over to the teacher. His most memorable moments are anytime one of his students excels at a project, stock show or contest, when their eyes light up and are excited he knows that his job is accomplished!

Outside of school he loves spending time with his wife and little boy and is also a musician who loves to sit down and play songs with his friends. He is a certified Emergency Medical Technician and firefighter and enjoys helping protect the citizens and community of Lockney. His favorite thing about Lockney is the people. Lockney is an outstanding community with people that will jump in to help you do anything you need. Growing up in Lockney everyone has known him since he was born. He is very positive about everything he does. Growing up involved in agriculture has played a big part in his life. Ted Young was his Ag teacher and had a huge impact on his life. He wants his students to get the same opportunities he was given by Mr. Young.

This week in Tennis



Courtesy Photos

By Hunter Thompson

This past week, on February 24th, the Lockney High School Tennis team participated in a tournament in Amarillo. SyAnn Foster and Anissa Reyna did exception-

ally well, placing 1st in Girls Doubles. In J.V. Boys Johnny Rose and Wil Prayor took 1st place. Mary Sammann performed outstandingly taking 2nd place in Varsity Girl's Singles while playing with

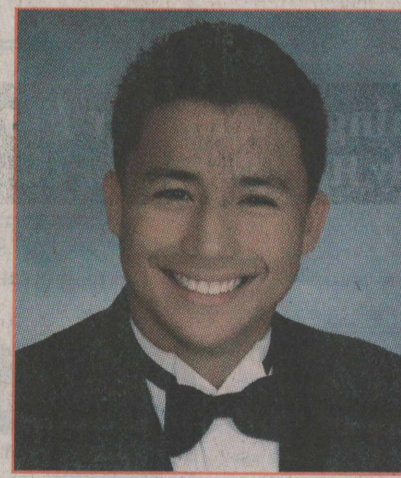
a bum ankle. Luke Sherman and Taylor Rose both earned a second place medal in Varsity Mixed Doubles. Lastly, Sarah Belt and Haley Dunbar won Consolation Bracket in J.V. Girls Doubles. If you

have an interest in the LHS tennis team or would like to support its hard working members the next tournament will be taking place in Levelland on March 8th.

Lockney High School calendar

- March 9th Lockney Longhorn track meet at New Deal.
- March 10th Lockney Longhorn baseball game against West Texas.
- March 16th Lockney Lady horn Softball game at Hale Center.

Student Spotlight



Alejandro Salazar

By Racquel Mejia

Alejandro Salazar grew up in Lockney and has been here his whole life. Alejandro has one brother and two sisters; two of them graduated from LHS and his little sister attends here now. His hobbies and interests are playing sports and games. One of Alejandro's most memorable moments at LHS are "The day I climbed the school to get a football I kicked and after I got it my friends said they would catch me if I jumped... none of them did." What he enjoys doing outside of school is relaxing at home with his family. How would his friends describe him? "I don't know that's a good question hopefully as a fun guy." Alejandro's favorite thing about Lockney is "that it's small and you don't have to waste much gas to get to a place." Something about him people may not know is "I LIKE UNICORNS!"



Courtesy Photos

Recently, Lockney Elementary Music Teacher, Alecha Sheppard and Elementary Physical Education Julie Doorman instituted new programs to better Lockney student's physical health and musical ability. Pictured above on the right, Lockney fourth and fifth graders practice rhythm on "boom whackers" which are inflated musical instruments that make a percussive sound when whacked on the ground. In the near future, the group will be performing a number of songs for the public including selections from pop star Adele. On left, Julie Doorman has created an extracurricular program that gets kids moving by utilizing dancing, hula hooping, basketball, parachute routines and much more.

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West Texas Wind Farm is in the Heart of New Multi-Billion Dollar Transmission Expansion

LUBBOCK, Texas, March 5, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- Tri Global Energy, LLC announced today that it had entered into a Joint Development with Floyd County Wind Farm, LLC and Westerly Wind, LLC and closed on the initial funding to form South Plains Wind Energy, LLC. The newly formed South Plains Wind Energy, LLC will receive initial development funding from Westerly Wind, LLC to accelerate the development of a wind farm project located in Floyd County, Texas. The wind farm project is a landowner/community investor model owned jointly by Floyd County Wind Farm LLC, and Westerly Wind, and managed jointly by Tri Global Energy and Westerly Wind.

The project is strategically located adjacent to the new Competitive Renewable Energy Zone (CREZ) transmission lines that are now under construction and scheduled to be complete in 2013. The multi-billion dollar transmission project will significantly increase the capacity of the ERCOT grid to support additional wind power generated in West Texas. The CREZ lines are projected to support an increase from 10,000 MW to more than 18,000 MW of installed capacity as more wind farms are added to the grid. The South

Plains Wind Energy farm will be capable of generating up to 500 MW when fully developed.

Keith Billington of Floyd County Wind Farm LLC, a West Texas landowner and local realtor says, "Our landowners and community investors who provided seed money to initiate the wind farm with Tri Global Energy are pleased with the involvement of Westerly Wind. Their financial support and industry know-how are sure to accelerate the development of the project. Our wind farm and others like it will benefit West Texas with much needed new jobs and a wider tax base."

According to Westerly Wind CEO Joe Cofelice, "The South Plains Wind project is well positioned to take full advantage of the construction of CREZ transmission lines and we look forward to advancing development of this project with Floyd County Wind LLC and Tri Global Energy LLC. The continued support of the State of Texas for the development of new wind energy projects was a major driver in our decision to join forces with our partners to advance the South Plains project."

Because of the excellent and sustainable wind resources available in this region of Texas Tom Carbone, President

of Tri Global Energy foresees more landowner/community investor wind farms in the future for rural West Texas. Carbone believes advancements in turbine technology coupled with increased competition in supply chain management may result in lower capital costs and increased return on investment which will continue to make wind farms attractive to investors.

About Tri Global Energy

Tri Global Energy is currently developing utility-scale community wind power projects throughout West Texas and Eastern New Mexico. The company has 13 projects in its wind energy portfolio, representing approximately 600,000 acres of wind resource sites that are under development. Several are in the late stages of development that include the completion of wind resource studies and permitting. Experts have identified Tri Global Energy wind power projects as having some of the best wind resources in the U.S. Tri Global projects are also near the geographic intersection of three major transmission interconnections that serve customers across the country. More information about Tri Global is available at <http://www.triglobalenergy.com>.

Palo Duro Basin Oil and Gas Update

By Tom Musser

Floyd County 2011 Oil Production:

During the year of 2011, a total of 1,718 barrels of oil and 36 mcf of casinghead gas was produced in Floyd County from four oil wells.

ARICK FIELD:

Southwest Petroleum: E. M. Carmickle "A" Lease (00339) Well #1: In 2011 produced 884 barrels of oil and zero mcf of casinghead gas. 1948 thru 2011 total production of 126,232 barrels of oil and 6,679 mcf of casinghead gas.

BIRNIE (CONGL.) FIELD:

Tyner Texas Operating Company: Kenneth Broseh Lease (68969) Well #1: In 2011 produced 130 barrels of oil and zero mcf of casinghead gas. 2010 thru 2011 total production of 222 barrels of oil and zero mcf of casinghead

gas.

MCINTOSH (PENN) FIELD:

Tyner Texas Operating Company: McIntosh Lease (69665) Well #1077: In 2011 produced 131 barrels of oil and 36 mcf of casinghead of gas. 2010 thru 2011 total production of 503 barrels of oil and 1,471 mcf of casinghead gas.

STANLEY GRAY (CANYON) FIELD:

Continental Exploration, LLC: Adams Lease (65282) Well #1: In 2011 produced 573 barrels of oil and zero mcf of casinghead gas. 1985 thru 2011 total production of 37,081 barrels of oil and 112 mcf of casinghead gas.

Since 1948 a total of 235,898 barrels of oil and 12,104 mcf of casinghead gas has been produced in Floyd County.

Rabies Report

By James L. Alexander, DVM, MPVM, DACVPM
Regional Zoonosis
Control Veterinarian

While I was away from the office on Monday, this report was received. This is case #2 for HSR 1 In 2012 and also case # 2 for Parmer Co. in 2012.

Last year, Parmer reported only 1 rabid skunk and it was collected on 2/23 and reported on 2/24. That is an unusual coincidence. This case was about 14 miles to the SSW of the first case in 2012. By 2/24/11 we had accumulated 5 cases and by 2/28 we had 6 cases, so this year is off to a slower start for the region, if not for Parmer County.

Please continue to remind pet owners of the need to keep their pets current on rabies vaccinations.

Since this is the livestock show season, I recommend that show animals also be vaccinated due to the amount of human contact they have.

2012

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Total	2 skunks	
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Exposure History : CONTACT
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Help Wanted

WANTED: THE CITY OF FLOYDADA is looking for someone who is interested in being in charge of the adult softball program at Annie Taylor Park for the summer 2012 season. A written, sealed proposal is required. The proposal should detail how you plan to run the program concerning league play, tournaments, and other activities you might promote. Mail or bring written, sealed proposal to Floydada City Hall, 114 W. Virginia St., Floydada, TX 79235; 806-983-2834. Proposals will be accepted until 5 p.m. Thursday, March 15, 2012.

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WANTED: OPERATOR FOR THE CITY OF FLOYDADA swimming pool for the 2012 summer season in Floydada. A written, sealed proposal is required. Please provide information such as admission cost, hours of operation, cost of "after hours" parties and whether or not swimming lessons will be offered. Mail or bring written, sealed proposal to Floydada City Hall, 114 W. Virginia St., Floydada, TX 79235; 806-983-2834. Proposals will be accepted until 5 p.m. Thursday, March 15, 2012. The proposals will be reviewed at the regular City Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. 3-8c

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Texas Landowners Own Groundwater

By Katheleen Harnett
White

On February 24, Texas landowners won a historic victory for their ownership of the groundwater "in place" below the surface of the land. In this landmark decision, *Edwards Aquifer Authority v. Day*, the Texas Supreme Court ruled that landowners have a real property right in groundwater protected from regulatory "takings" without just compensation under Article 1, section 17(a) of the Texas Constitution.

In this case, landowners Burrell Day and Joe McDaniel claimed that regulation by the Edwards Aquifer Authority (EAA) had so denied them of the use of the groundwater

below their land that the Authority's restriction amounted to a compensable taking of private property protected by the Texas Constitution.

Rejecting the claims of the EAA – and, in part, of the State – the Court agreed with the landowners: "Groundwater rights are property rights subject to constitutional protection whatever difficulties may lie in determining adequate compensation for a taking." The Court remanded the case to District Court to factually determine whether Day and McDaniel were constitutionally entitled to financial compensation.

This decision resolves a question about ownership of groundwater that has re-

mained unsettled throughout more than a century of Texas Supreme Court rulings on groundwater rights. Simply stated, that question asks who owns the water "in place" below the land – the groundwater residing under the surface before it is pumped to the surface and captured. In *Day*, a unanimous Court replied that under Texas common law, the landowners own the groundwater just as they own the oil and gas below their property.

The Court noted that, under Texas law, "the landowner is regarded as having absolute title in severalty to the oil and gas in place below his land. The only qualification is that it must be considered in connection with the law of capture and is subject to police regulation."

The Court held that this rule also "correctly states the common law regarding the ownership of groundwater in place."

The Court rejected a commonly held view that the rule of capture, long recognized in Texas law, precludes ownership of groundwater in place. The Court in *Day* found that the rule of capture defines the method of exercising the landowner's property right and is a protection against liability for drainage, but does

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District 68 hopefuls debate

By Greg Russell, Register Staff Writer
Gainesville Daily Register

Gainesville — Saturday's debate among Texas House of Representatives District 68 candidates was short on bickering and long on ideas.

Rather than argue, Republican contenders Drew Springer, Paul Braswell, Trent McKnight and David Isbell offered similar individual answers to questions regarding school and state finance and conservation of energy.

Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace Jason Brinkley moderated the forum, which unfurled at State Theater before an audience. All questions had been submitted in writing earlier during the week.

1. How do you propose to alleviate pressure on the electrical grid to avoid rolling blackouts such as we have had locally during the past year?

Springer's response was that Texas will face an even more dire situation during the coming summer if state officials allow federal agencies to intercede through environmental regulation. He suggested getting more natural gas power generation plants online sooner in Texas, which would help alleviate energy problems and would create more local jobs.

McKnight said he agreed with the need to implement more natural gas plants and to curb federal regulations.

"We need to make sure as Texans, we continue to defend our state's rights," he said, and added that he feels another approach to the state's energy shortfall is to address its water issue. McKnight

said that in recently talking to representatives of utility companies, he was told Texas can expect rolling blackouts as a common occurrence as soon as 2013 — due, in part, to a lack of water available among cooling stations.

Isbell also endorsed more natural gas plants in Texas, but admitted that the state alone can't solve its blackout problem, since it belongs to a national system. "Texas sends energy out, brings it in," he said. "For that reason, there's not a lot that the state of Texas can do by itself."

But state representatives, Isbell added, can push for builds of more energy plants and more water reservoirs. He also endorsed natural gas over wind turbines and coal plants, since they aren't as productive.

And both Isbell and Braswell made the same point similarly: problems such as rolling blackouts in Texas are due, to a degree, to the state's lack of preparation in regards to population growth. "Anybody who's moved to Texas or been born in Texas expects to walk in, flip on the light switch and have light," Braswell said. "But that requires a little bit more planning, and we didn't do a very good job of anticipating the rapid growth we've had during the past two decades."

2. With school districts facing continued cuts in state funding in 2012-13, and with at least three lawsuits filed against the state for failing to adequately fund school districts, how would you propose to help solve this crisis?

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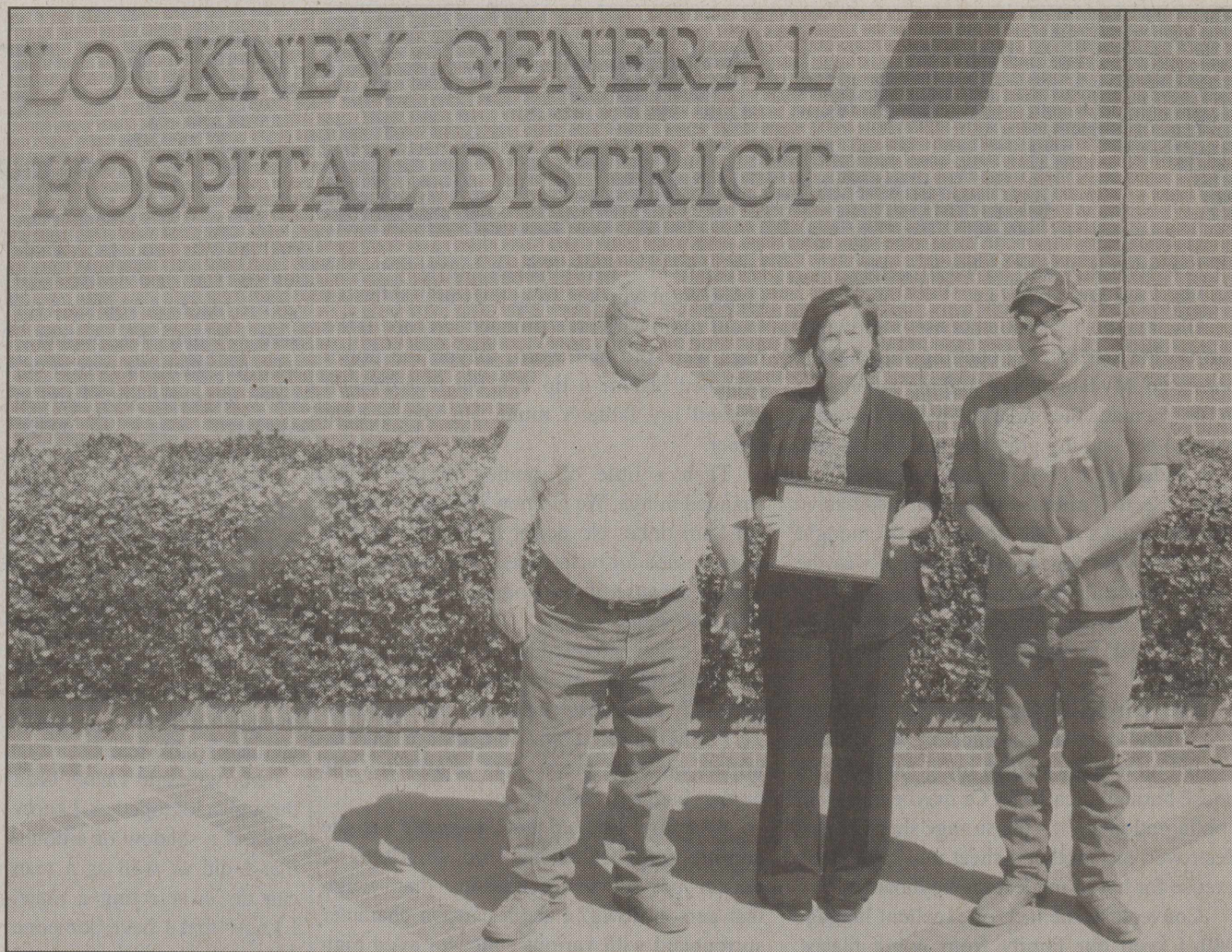


Photo by Homer Marquez

Lockney's Chamber of Commerce Business of the Month Award for the month of February goes to W. J. Mangold Memorial Hospital. The hospital is one of the largest employers in Lockney and is one of the most premier rural hospitals in the area. Pictured above are Commerce representatives, Archie Jones and Junior Rendon with Mangold Administrator Sharon Hunt.

Lockney City council discusses audit and pound

By Homer Marquez

In Lockney's last city council meeting, members of the council opened up the meeting by giving the floor to George Meriwether who presented the City with their 2010-2011 financial audit. In his report, Meriwether told the council that he was pleased with the audit and that the city had an unqualified report which is the best type of report from an audit. Meriwether then gave a brief overview of the audit and thanked the city for their cooperation and thanked City Manager Charlotte Hooten for keeping good records of financial matters. The council unanimously voted to approve the financial report.

After the report, the council members heard a presentation from Dr. Alexander with the Texas State Health Department. Dr. Alexander told the

council that the city's pound needs to be updated to meet standards; this would include modifications like creating a special separate area for quarantined dogs. The Council was also told that Dr. Glasson would no longer house the pound. Dr. Alexander gave the City 90 days to come up with a plan for the pound and present it to him. The Mayor appointed Councilmember Schlueter to do a proper study on quarantine matters and to do research on impound facilities; Schlueter will then make a recommendation to the council.

Next the Council passed a resolution of the City of Lockney suspending the March 13, 2012 effective date of Atmos Energy Corp. of West Texas division requested rate change to permit the city time to study the request and to establish reasonable rates; approving coop-

eration with the steering committee of cities served by Atmos of West Texas; (Cities') to hire legal and consulting serves and to negotiate with the company, and direct any necessary litigation and appeals; requiring reimbursement of cities' rate case expenses; finding that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of this resolution to the company and cities legal counsel.

Next on the agenda, the council heard a presentation from Utility Service Company about a contract for a yearly inspection program for the city to inspect and maintain any updates on the water tower; no action was taken by the council.

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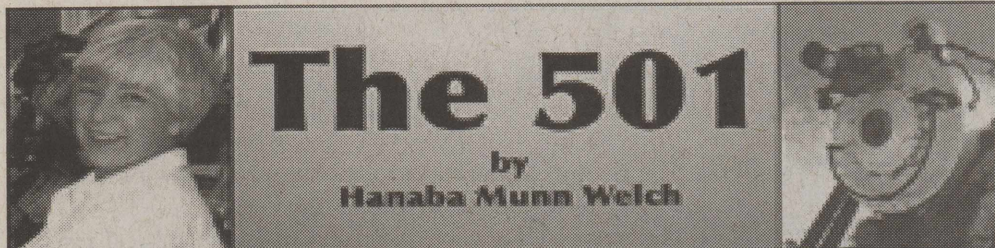


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A woman is judged by her luggage. Me, I use grocery sacks.

OK, maybe my poetic license is showing, sort of. For starters, my opening statement is borrowed. My late mother told me a merchant in Electra made the remark as part of her sales pitch to her and my grandmother. Seems like they ended up buying a purple alligator set, train case to Pullman, from that persuasive woman, thanks to that one powerful thought — you are your luggage. After all, it was the 1920s. Materialism defined the age.

As for the grocery sacks, I try to make sure mine all match. So it's not as bad as it sounds.

The purple vintage luggage ensemble exists now only in my mind's eye. Perhaps it went up in flames when my grandmother's house burned circa 1954. Or maybe an earlier conflagration got it — the storage shed fire that destroyed my mother's sheet music, a handy excuse for her to neglect the keyboard.

Conversely, the lack of excellent luggage didn't keep our family from going places. After all, the era when you had to stand on a train platform next to your luggage — the pieces you didn't check — for all the world to see had faded by the time my parents had enough money to go anywhere. The automobile had edged out trains. When our

family went to Farm Bureau conventions, the luggage got whisked from the trunk of the car to our room with little time for scrutiny. If the bags were old and worn, maybe the porter expected less of a tip. I'll bet that thought crossed my father's mind. He was a tight tipper.

Then a little oil money in the 1950s changed things. We got new luggage — saddle tan Samsonite. No doubt it was my mother who pressed for us to have the nice new stuff, and all because of the woman in Electra who said it so well:

A woman is judged by her luggage.

No doubt, my mother used that argument on Daddy and extended it to cover all genders.

Furthermore, it was the era of putting initials on each piece, thus reinforcing the human-baggage connection.

Is it any wonder that "baggage" is the current word of choice for describing a person per all the conditions that weigh that person down? I see a cartoon character surrounded with various suitcases piled high — all shabby, all vintage.

Maybe that's why grocery sacks are my choice. Connotation-wise, they come with no baggage. They are what they are. Every

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR AN AIR QUALITY PERMIT

PROPOSED PERMIT NUMBER: 96123

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. Texas Crusher Systems, Inc., 2402 FM 1958, Floydada, Texas 79235-7900, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for issuance of Proposed Air Quality Permit Number 96123, which would authorize construction of a rock crushing facility at approximately 5.5 miles north on State Highway 207 from the intersection of US Highway 62/70 and State Highway 207, Floydada, Floyd County, Texas 79235. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on June 1, 2011. The proposed facility will emit the following contaminants: carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less, organic compounds and sulfur dioxide.

The executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit which, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The executive director has made a preliminary decision to issue the permit because it meets all rules and regulations. The permit application, executive director's preliminary decision, and draft permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Lubbock regional office, and at the Floyd County Library, 111 South Wall, Floydada, Floyd County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review at the TCEQ Lubbock Regional Office, 5012 50th St Ste 100, Lubbock, Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comment or to ask questions about the application. The TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing. **You may submit additional written public comments within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice in the manner set forth in the AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION paragraph below.**

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material or significant public comments. Because no timely hearing requests have been received, after preparing the response to comments, the executive director may then issue final approval of the application. **The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application, and will be posted electronically to the Commissioners' Integrated Database (CID).**

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. When they become available, the executive director's response to comments and the final decision on this application will be accessible through the Commission's Web site at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Once you have access to the CID using the above link, enter the permit number for this application which is provided at the top of this notice. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=34.0608&lng=-101.3261&zoom=13&type=r>

MAILING LIST. You may ask to be placed on a mailing list to obtain additional information on this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. If you communicate with the TCEQ electronically, please be aware that your email address, like your physical mailing address, will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Texas Crusher Systems Inc at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Chester T. Carthel, PE, Engineer at (806) 687-8322.

Notice Issuance Date: February 24, 2012



The Paperboy

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

When you've been married awhile, you face challenges and you learn what you're made of. You learn for sure whether this partner — who for whatever reason decided to accept your hand in marriage — is in it "for better, or for worse."

When I see couples who've been married for 40, 50 or 60 years, I marvel at what they've faced together. For decades they've survived. Up the hills, down the valleys, through the good times and the bad, they've managed to grow together as an unstoppable team.

My wife and I have been through a lot together. I know without a shadow of a doubt that I did as well as a man can do in selecting a mate. I know that I have someone who tries to understand me and is forgiving of my shortcomings.

Of course it's a two-way street. I'm not going to sit here and tell you my wife is perfect. She has her faults. But honestly, right off the top of my head, I really can't think of any that really irritate me. Okay, I just thought of something, but now is not the time or place to discuss

it...

My wife keeps our home running. She is a wonderful mother and I'm very blessed in that regard. She is also an incredible daughter, sister and friend. She is fair, decent and smart. I can confirm that I married out of my league.

If the mainstream media is going to blast the GOP on jobs and the economy, why don't they blast the president?

I watched President Obama talk about algae power during a recent speech on energy and nearly fired coffee all over my computer.

We're staring at \$5 a gallon gas in this country! Stop talking about pipe dream energy solutions and talk about pipelines!

Who cares if it takes "5 years." Which is bull by the way. The oil and gas coupled with the labor to develop the infrastructure would mean an immediate boost to jobs and lots of money into the economy and government.

We could well be one our way to financial security as a country and Obama could be soaring into a second term if his administration had a more

robust energy policy. "All of the above" looks more like none of the above concerning his current policy.

People are hurting and the economy is not "roaring back" despite the bully pulpit speeches and the media in his pocket.

I think we all believe in green energy and a green planet. But it is a technology and an opportunity which needs to be developed by those who will profit from it. They are good at it. The government does not need to be using tax money to pay for research and development. It's that simple.

Obama has the power to save this country from financial ruin and he is refusing to do so. Can someone tell me why?

I'll leave you with this: We have so much oil and gas, President Obama could have us exporting ours to China. Think about that for a second. Not only could we pay off our debt and increase the dollar, we could roar back and become the dominant economic force we should be. It's now up to Democrats to lean on the president and not a one in power is to be heard from.

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AVISO SOBRE SOLICITUD PARA UN PERMISO ESTÁNDAR DE CALIDAD DE AIRE PARA TRITURADORAS PERMANENTES DE PIEDRA Y CONCRETO

PROPUESTA INSCRIPCIÓN DE CALIDAD DE AIRE NÚMERO 96123

SOLICITUD. Texas Crusher Systems, Inc., 2402 FM 1958, Floydada, Texas 79235-7900, ha presentado una solicitud a la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental de Texas (TCEQ) para un Permiso Estándar de Calidad de Aire, inscripción número 96123, que autorizaría la construcción de una trituradora permanente de piedra y hormigón. Se propone ubicar estas instalaciones en 5.5 miles del norte en SH 207 desde el intersección de US 62/70 y SH 207, Floydada, Texas, Condado de Floyd, Texas. Este enlace a un mapa electrónico de la ubicación general del sitio o de la instalación es proporcionado como una cortesía y no es parte de la solicitud o del aviso. Para la ubicación exacta, consulte la solicitud. www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Esta solicitud fue presentada a la TCEQ el 1 de Junio de 2011. El director ejecutivo de la TCEQ determinó que la solicitud estaba técnicamente completa el 24 de Febrero de 2012.

COMENTARIOS PÚBLICOS. Se pueden presentar comentarios públicos escritos sobre esta solicitud en cualquier momento durante el período de comentarios públicos. Puede presentar comentarios públicos a la Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, o en forma electrónica en www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html. La fecha límite para presentar comentarios públicos es 30 días después de que se publique en periódico el aviso.

RESPUESTAS A COMENTARIOS. Después de que cierre el período de comentarios, el director ejecutivo de la TCEQ preparará una respuesta escrita a todos los comentarios relevantes. La respuesta, junto con la decisión del director ejecutivo sobre la solicitud, se le mandará a quienes hayan presentado comentarios públicos y que hayan pedido que se les añada a la lista de correos. La respuesta a los comentarios se colocará en el expediente del permiso para que pueda ser leída.

El director ejecutivo de la TCEQ dará su aprobación o denegará la solicitud a más tardar 30 días después del final del período de comentarios públicos, tomando en cuenta todos los comentarios recibidos durante el período de comentarios, y basará esta decisión en si la solicitud reúne todos los requisitos del permiso estándar.

OFICINA CENTRAL/REGIONAL. La solicitud estará disponible para ser leída y copiada en la Oficina Central de la TCEQ, ubicada en 12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas, y en la Oficina Regional de Lubbock, Texas] de la TCEQ, ubicada en 5012 50th St. Suite 100, Lubbock, Texas durante las horas de 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m., de lunes a viernes, empezando el primer día de la publicación de este aviso.

INFORMACIÓN. Los comentarios públicos o peticiones para una reunión pública o audiencia de caso impugnado se debe presentar a la Oficina del Funcionario Jefe, MC-105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, o por el Internet al www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html. Para mayor información acerca de esta solicitud para permiso o el proceso para permisos, por favor llame a la TCEQ, gratis, El Programa de Educación Pública de la TCEQ, al 1-800-687-4040.

También puede obtener más información de Texas Crusher Systems, Inc. 2402 FM 1958, Floydada, Texas 79235-7900, o llamando a Chester T. Carthel, P.E. Ingeniero al 806-687-8322.

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not define the scope of the ownership right itself.

Day also neatly resolves what many construe as a vexing question about how to apportion multiple landowners' interests in shared groundwater resources.

Unusually, Day aligns Texas common law with statute and carefully extends the meaning of legislation enacted through the recent 82nd Texas Legislature which similarly re-affirmed Texas landowners' legal interest in groundwater as real private property rights.

Questions about groundwater rights have become increasingly contentious over the last 10 years. The rapid growth of regulation through local groundwater districts and new laws to establish long-term aquifer management through regulatory rubrics such as "desired future conditions" and "managed available groundwater" are not readily consonant with a landowner's rights.

The unprecedented intensity of the droughts of 2009 and 2011, however, heighten the urgency of reconciling the conflicting needs for more conservation and more development of groundwater - both somehow necessary to meet the inexorable demands of the growing Texas population.

Legal uncertainty surrounding groundwater has stalled key legal and financial decisions about the

state's water supply. While the Supreme Court's decision does not necessarily provide easy answers to these complex but unavoidable questions, Day clearly answers the fundamental question about groundwater ownership at the center of current policy disputes.

By making groundwater ownership legally equivalent to ownership of oil and gas, the Court's ruling attaches a highly developed body of common law, statute, and regulation to inform landowners and regulators. The Court's comprehensive ruling breaks a major legal logjam in Texas water law.

Most importantly, the Texas Supreme Court in Day reminds the state and local regulators that the financial burden of upholding a landowner's constitutionally protected ownership of groundwater is no excuse for denial of those rights recognized through more than a century of Texas law. We are lucky to live in a state where our Supreme Court is willing to resist the rising tide of the times toward more government control and less individual liberty.

Thank you to the Texas Supreme Court for re-affirming that our state constitution - just as our national constitution - was written to protect individual rights from the government's encroachment of those rights.

Kathleen Harnett White is director of the Armstrong Center for Energy and Environment at the Texas Public Policy Foundation. She was commissioner and chairman of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality from 2001 to 2007.

McKnight said he felt school finance will be the "paramount" issue of the Texas Legislature's next session. He cited a "structural deficit" in the state's school system where, as students enter the public school system at a rapid clip, extra burden is created through unnecessary unfunded governmental mandates.

Isbell concurred. He said the state's school finance problem could be alleviated by cutting extraneous programs. His examples included the current Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) exams, and the preparation process that begins in kindergarten and overuses available school resources. Isbell added that other standard-issue school mandates, such as sex education, Gifted and Talented programs and bus emissions testing, may have their merits, but continue to be costly.

"We've got to go through and take some of those and fix the ones that need to be cut, and make the ones that are good stronger," he said.

Braswell said the Texas school finance problem has

continued for several years - and can be partially attributed to overspending on ideas that have overstayed their welcome. As with McKnight and Isbell, he cited unfunded mandates as examples, and said the Texas school system has become subject to a burden, from the federal government, of too many rules and regulations. He said this has resulted in a general curriculum that has removed vocational training from many Texas independent school districts.

"What we're getting is young men and women who are coming out of our schools and are ill-prepared to go to work," Braswell said.

Springer said as a businessman, he is familiar with how "regulations kill small business." He said that if elected, he would help "strip away regulations and go back to local control" of Texas school districts, which would include retaining vocational education. A steady stream of governmental regulations, Springer said, has required Texas school employees to be re-trained and re-educated to accommodate them, which costs time and money.

"We've got to stop chang-

ing the rules of the game," he said Saturday.

3. An additional \$2 billion in cuts are set to take effect in public school funding. An estimated \$1.6 billion surplus exists in the state budget, and the state's "rainy day fund" has a reported \$7.3 billion. Would you use either of these to help lessen cuts to school funding?

All four candidates said if elected, they would first look at making cuts to excess school spending and unnecessary mandates. Having done that, using surplus money to assist school funding, within reason, would be acceptable. But Braswell and Springer insisted the state's "rainy day fund" isn't available as it has been reported, since a large part of it will be required to pay upcoming Medicare bills. McKnight added later that according to the state comptroller's office, recent oil-and-gas revenue may soon replace some of that dedicated money.

But the candidates agreed that one method of preventing the impact of school budget cuts is to determine and possibly alter where the available money currently goes. Isbell said the Texas school system is

evidently the fifth largest employer in the world, behind Walmart and the U.S. Postal Service.

"We have a real responsibility to our teachers and our students to do what is right," he said.

Braswell said right now, an average of \$190,000 is spent on a Texas classroom each year, and its teacher earns an average \$60,000 per year, after benefits are included.

"I'm not worried about the teacher," he said. "We need more teachers. I'm wondering where the other \$190,000 is going, because it's not going into a classroom. I think if we find that out, I think we'll find a lot more space than we'll find in that 'rainy day fund.'"

Springer said Texas schools have 20 percent more students than evidenced in the last decade. "And education costs 95 percent more," he said, citing a \$3 million soccer field in San Antonio and a football coaching staff in the Saginaw Independent School District that reportedly includes 12 employees. "We've gone too far. I don't think we have a revenue problem. We have an expense problem."

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Then the Council considered granting a variance for a beauty shop to Pricilla Barella at 218 SE 2nd St. Councilmember Graves recommend-

ed a reviewing of the zoning ordinance to see if the area was already in a zone for a beauty shop; so the matter was tabled until further necessity.

Following this decision, the council accepted a motion to call an election on May 12, to elect Mayor and council members for districts four and

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time the sacker asks "Paper or plastic?" I ask myself whether I have any immediate travel plans. If not, I generally choose plastic, not that plastic bags can't also work as luggage. But plastic has no class and doesn't measure up to the

look of a matching fresh set of sturdy brown paper bags with the name of a reputable supermarket and, according to the season, an extra design emblazoned thereon.

After all, a woman is judged by her luggage.

Cotton Market Weekly

Cotton futures prices on the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) worked to the downside again Thursday after sharp losses in the previous session. The decline, pushing the lead May contract to close at its lowest level in a week, came despite another solid U.S. export sales and shipment report that brought total U.S. export commitments to 103 percent of the current USDA forecast.

For the week ended Feb. 23, USDA reported net sales of 76,200 bales. The figure was down 57 percent from the previous week but up noticeably from the four-week average. Primary buyers were China, India, and Morocco. Net sales of 2,300 bales for delivery in the 2012-13 marketing year were reported for China. Export shipments of 313,200 bales were virtually unchanged from the previous week but down one percent from the four-week average. Featured destinations were China, Turkey, and Mexico.

Sales on the spot cotton market were slightly higher as Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, and New Mexico producers sold 16,775 bales online in

the week ended Mar. 1 compared to 12,903 bales the previous week. Average prices received ranged from 77 to 85 cents per pound.

"Lately, cotton prices seem to be on roller skates, in that it goes and goes quickly wherever pushed," a trader quipped. "Right now, cotton is once again being pushed lower and while some expect good demand to continue to work underneath, predicting it is another thing altogether," he said.

Thursday's report by the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) fed the bears as the committee expects 2012-13 world cotton output to outpace consumption and anticipates another increase in global ending stocks. In fact, the ICAC pegs ending stocks at historical levels, exceeding the previous record in 2006, and projects the highest stocks-to-use ratio since 1998. The report was met with very little market excitement as similar projections recently have been made.

Despite the fact that a crop is not yet in the ground, COTTON MARKET continued on page 12

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S.N. 127617 1—J.D. 55 Gas Combine, Cab, 14' Hdr. Shredded & Good 1—J.D. 643 6 Row-38" Cornhead W/Savers 1—A&L 656 600 Bu. Grain Cart 1—30' 4 Wheel Header Trailer, Cobey Chassis GRAIN TRUCKS, PICKUPS — 1—1981 GMC 7000 T.A. Grain Truck, 366-V-8, 5Sp.-2Sp., 24' Bed, T/C Hoist 1—1973 GMC 6000 S.A. Grain Truck, 350-V-8, 4Sp.-2Sp., 20' Bed, T/C Hoist 1—1949 Chevrolet S.A. Grain Truck, 6 Cyl. Running When Parked 1—1941 Chevrolet S.A. Grain Truck, 6 Cyl. Running When Parked 1—1979 Ford 1/2 Ton 2WD Pickup, V-6, A/T, Long Bed 1—1977 GMC 1/2 Ton 2WD Pickup, V-8, A/T, Long Bed 1—1973 Chev. 1/2 Ton 4x4 Pickup, V-8, A/T, Long Bed EQUIPMENT — 1—Case-IH 900 3pt. 8 Row-38" Planter, Big Bar, Monitor 1—Tye 3pt. 28'-8" Space Grain Drill, D.D., G.W.D. 2—Hamby 3pt. 8 Row-38" Disc Bedders, B.B., D.S.B., L.T.M., G.W. 1—Tye 3pt. 8 Row-38" Disc Bedder, D.S.B., L.T.M., G.W. 1—J.D. 71 Flex 3pt. 8 Row-38" Planted Mounted on Hamby S.S.B. Tool Carrier W/ 2 1/4" Bar Behind, G.W. 1—International 295 3pt. 8 Row-38" Planter Mounted on Tye S.S.B. Tool Carrier W/ 2 1/4" Bar Behind, G.W., V's 1—Case 3pt. 8 Row-38" Ind. Unit Planter, S.S.B. W/ 2 1/4" Bar Behind, G.W. 1—Hamby 3pt. 8 Row-38" Stiff Shank Cultivator, D.S.B., L.T.M., G.W. 1—S/M 3pt. 8 Row-38" Stiff Shank Cultivator, D.S.B., L.T.M., G.W. 1—S/M 3pt. 8 Row-38" P.T.O. Rod Weeder, D.S.B., L.T.M., G.W. 1—Lilliston 3pt. 8 Row-38" Rolling Cultivator, S.B., L.T.M., G.W. 2—Hamby 3pt. 8 Row-38" A.A. Fertilizer Rigs, D.S.B., L.T.M., Nitrolator, Pull Hitch, G.W. 1—Hamby 3pt. 8 Row-38" Liquid Fertilizer Applicator, D.S.B., G.W. 2—J.D. 400 3pt. 28' Rotary Hoes 1—S&S 3pt. 8 Row-38" Lister W/RAC Row Markers, T.S.B., L.T.M., G.W. 1—Hamby 3pt. 3 Shank 3-76" Big Sweep Plow, D.S.B., L.T.M., G.W. 1—Hamby 3pt. 21' Chisel/Sweep Plow, T.S.B., L.T.M., D.G.W. 1—Roll A Cone 3pt. 13 Shank Ripper, T.S.B., L.T.M., D.G.W., W/Lift Harrow 1—Tye 3pt. 18' - 17 Shank Chisel/Sweep Plow, T.S.B., L.T.M., G.W. 1—Hamby 3pt. 9 Shank Ripper, T.S.B., L.T.M., D.G.W., W/Lift Harrow 1—Roll A Cone 3pt. 13 Shank Chisel/Sweep Plow T.S.B., L.T.M., G.W. 1—Hamby 3pt. 9 Shank Ripper, T.S.B., L.T.M., D.G.W., W/Lift Harrow 3—International 480 D.T. 21' Tandem Disks 1—Noble D.T. 39' Rear Fold Field Cultivator 1—Sam Steven 3pt. 8 Row-38" Double Gang Stalkcutter (Old Style) 1—J.D. 1418 D.T. 14' Shredder 1—Sidewinder D.T. 14' Shredder 1—Caldwell D.T. 14' Shredder 1—Sam Stevens 3pt. 8 Row-38" Stalkcutter, Cleanouts 1—3pt. 6' Shredder 1—Big Ox 800 3pt. 8' Blade 1—J.D. 71 Flex 3pt. 1 Row Planter 1—3pt. Lift Boom 1—3pt. 3 Shank Stubble Mulch Plow, D.S.B. 1—3pt. 8 Shank Sweep Plow 2—IHC D.T. 16-10" Grain Drills, S.D. (1-W/Wheels Behind) 8—Planet Jr. Planter Units 1—Krause 14' Tandem Disk 1—12' D.T. Hoeme 2—12' D.T. Hoeme 1—14' D.T. Hoeme 1—Dixie 4 Row Cotton Chopper 1—Beet & Bean 4 Row Veg. Planter 1—J.D. 4 Btm. Spinner Mouldboard W/Packer 1—J.D. 71 Flex 8 Row Planter on RAC Tool Carrier W/Roller PUMPKIN CONVEYORS — 3—51" Portable Pumpkin Belt Conveyors, Hyd. Motors SPRAY EQUIPMENT, TANKS — 1—Hamby 16 Row 38" S.S.B. 3pt. Hyd. Fold Sprayer W/300 Gal. Tank 1—Big Boy 3 Seat Spot Sprayer, 18 H.P. Gas Eng. W/Trailer 2—200 Gal. Front Mount Spray Rig (1-W/Ace Hyd. Pump) 2—Twin Sets 200 Gal. Side Mount Spray Rigs (For Magnum) 1—300 Gal. 4 Wheel Fuel Trailer 1—1000 Gal. 4 Wheel Fertilizer Trailer PUMPS — 1—Layne 270"x8" Pump W/2-Cooling Jt., Pump Base No Bowls 1—310"x8" Pump, Layne Base, No Bowls 1—Peerless 360"x8" Pumps, W/Base & Bowls 1—Layne 400"x6" Pump, W/Amarillo Gearhead 1—Green 360"x6" Pump, Base & 11 Stage Bowl, Water Lube IRRIGATION — 3—Chev. 292 Irr. Well Motor (Runnable) 1—7 1/2 H.P. Floating Tailwater Pump 230—Jts. 7"x20" Alum. Gated Pipe, 38" Rows 65—Jts. 6"x20" Alum. Gated Pipe, 38" Rows 2—90 H.P. Gearheads (6:5 Ratio) 1—Lot T's, L's, End Caps 1—Lot 1 1/2" Alum. Tubes 1—20' S.A. Pipe Trailer TRAILERS — 16—Big 12 24' Pumpkin Trailer, 18" Side Boards 7—Big 12 24' Flatbed Trailers 4—Big 12 24' Cotton Trailer, Expanded Metal Boards 1—Shopmade/Wylie 1000 Gal. Water Nurse Trailer, 5 1/2 H.P. Elec. Start Gas Eng., Pump 1—20' 4 Wheel Seed Trailer, 4' Metal Sides 1—20' 4 Wheel Flatbed Trailer 1—1000 Gal. 4 Wheel Water Trailer, Gas Eng. & Pump 1—1000 Gal. 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By Gary Brown
Floydada City Manager

With the approach of the spring severe weather season, citizens are encouraged to check and see that their families are prepared. Among several items that need to be checked is to be sure that phone numbers are registered with the City of Floydada's phone notification system, City-Connect.

City-Connect is a phone messaging system that will be used by the Floydada Fire Department to notify citizens of approaching storms. Citizen's phone numbers can be registered on line at floydadaedc.com by clicking on the City-Connect icon in the upper left corner and then filling in the blanks. If a family does not have access to the internet they may come by Floydada City Hall and fill out a form and their

information will be submitted for them. The City of Floydada no longer uses their siren system to warn citizens of approaching severe weather. The phone system allows for better communication. City-Connect is also used to send out information to citizens concerning activities and possible needed actions that citizens may need to take.

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what he did for a living.

Born in Greenville, Texas in 1915, Ike and his family moved to this part of the state in 1917 after doctors suggested that a hotter drier climate could help with his brother's asthma.

Having a brother that lived in Plainview, Ike's dad moved the family to West Texas where they farmed in Lonestar.

Soon, Ike would meet his future wife Lucile Jarboe, and the two were married in Fort Sumner at the age of 16. This year the couple would have been married for 80 years.

At the age of 19, Ike got his first mechanic job apprenticing at Pennington Garage where the current post office is located.

"I just liked it...He was a very basic guy on what it took to make things operate, and I got interested in that," commented Ike as he explained the mechanical teaching he received from Mr. Pennington.

While working at Pennington, Johnson was invited to attend a mechanical school that was being held at the Winn Brother's Ford Dealership in Plainview. After scoring a pretty high grade on the aptitude test, Ike was immediately asked if he was interested in working at the shop.

Johnson worked at the Ford Dealership until the start of World War II. At this time, Ike's sister's husband landed Johnson with a job in Ft. Worth, working at Consolidated Loyalty building B-24 bomber airplanes. With his mechanical experience, Ike was assigned as foreman.

"I enjoyed it," commented Johnson, "My job was to sell that airplane as it came out the door to the Air Force."

After the Air Force expected the plane, it was Ike's responsibility to see that fabrication crews made proper corrections or modifications.

After the war was over, Ike wanted to get back into automotive mechanics, so he worked at a Pontiac dealership for about a year before deciding to move back to Floyd County.

Once back home, him and his brother Lavon, who was also a mechanic, decided to open up their own garage in Lockney.

In 1946, the brothers bought the shop

from mechanic Hugh Counts and opened Johnson and Johnson Automotive.

The business would reap huge success as the brothers provided quality service to the county; "People were good to us," commented Ike on the success of the shop.

The shop would also be the training grounds for many future mechanics including Dick Ellison.

The brothers' partnership would stay in tact until 1956 when Ike and his son Tom decided to go back to farming. Ike's brother, Lavon would stay and run the garage with his son Jerry until 1978 when Jerry took sole ownership of the shop. Johnson and Johnson would stay open until it was sold to Steve Wright in 2010.

After retiring in 1979, Ike and Lucile spent a lot of their golden years traveling across the United States in their R.V. The Johnson's visited some of our nation's treasures like Yellowstone and national parks in Colorado and Arizona.

Often, the Johnson's would travel with longtime friends C.L and Lucy Dean Record. The two couples were dear friends; even singing together for 30 years in a quartet at Lockney's First Methodist Church with Clark Harris and Oliver Homes. The group was even featured for a couple of years in the 50's on their own musical show on Floydada's Radio Station.

Ike and Lucile would raise three children, Betty, Rita and Tom. Ike explained that all of his embroidered pieces will eventually end up with his children, who have already had most of his worked framed and displayed.

Tom, Ike's son, explained that he and his other siblings have always been proud of their father's work. Tom explained that once his sister, Betty, had entered one of Johnson's dollies into the South Plains Fair's craft show without Ike even knowing it; the piece won first place.

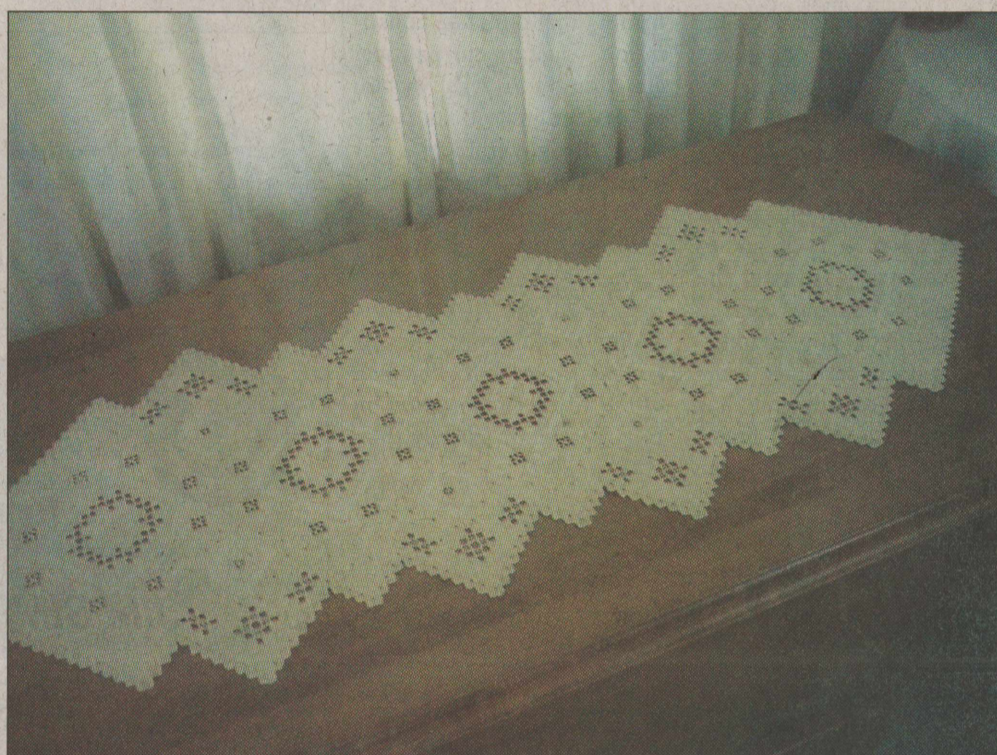
As Ike showed me his current projects and his tackle box that holds over 300 different colors of thread; he explained that he will continue to cross stitch as long as he can.

"I got several projects that I'll work on, when one gets hard then I'll change (to the other one)," Ike added.



Photo by Homer Marquez

Incredibly, at the age of 96, former mechanic, Ike Johnson, has spent the latter part of his retirement creating intricate works of art through cross-stitch embroidery.



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between Wheeler and Fisher Counties.

At this time, Floyd County Hesperian Beacon readers were introduced to Trent McKnight and Drew Springer who where two republican candidates running for the vacant seat.

However, civil rights groups contested the new maps, saying that they were drawn unfairly and didn't represent the minority population. Federal judges would agree and new maps were drawn.

The new maps would move Floyd County out of District 68 and into District 83 which was represented by newly elected Republican Charles Perry.

This decision was then contested by Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott and his supporters. With district lines now in limbo, candidates looking to run for seats this year were not allowed to file for the election because they didn't know what District they would represent.

This would also delay the primary election twice.

Finally, legislators announced this past week that they may have reached a compromise on interim maps in order to hold the primary election on May 29 and to make sure that the state could hold their general election this coming November. "I am very glad, as we all are, that the re-districting situation is settled and a primary date set," commented District 68 Republican candidate David Isbell.

The new maps will now move Floyd County back into District 68.

"With Floyd County back in House District 68, we have managed to preserve one of the last remaining rural, agricultural districts in Texas," commented District 68 Republican candidate Trent McKnight, "This is positive for Floyd County, positive for the district and positive for the state of Texas."

So far, there hasn't been any democrats file to run for the upcoming election in

District 68; so the winner of the May 29 primary could be the new representative. Currently the candidates filed to run in the Republican primary are Trent McKnight, David Isbell, Paul Braswell and Drew Springer.

Prior to the announcement that Floyd County would move back to District 68, the candidates opting for the republican ticket held a debate in Gainesville.

So our readers can get to know the candidates a little better, the good people at the

Gainesville Register newspaper allowed us to rerun their article on the debate. The article which was written by Greg Russell can be found on-page 9.

In order to vote in the Republican Primary, voters must be registered in the Republican Party. The voter registration deadline for the primary election will be April 30. Early voting for the primary will be May 14-25; and the runoff election has been scheduled for July 31.

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analysts are keeping a keen eye on weather developments in all cotton growing areas of the United States as planting activities for the new season will begin soon.

Attention remains on Texas where a historical drought continues. For most of the week, a wind advisory was in effect for the Texas Panhandle, High Plains, and Rolling Plains. Windy conditions, with gusts higher than 45 miles per hour, were the norm for several days as temperatures reached levels well above average. Traces of moisture fell in isolated areas, but the wind quickly dried the thirsty soil.

Based on the latest drought monitor, West Tex-

as drought levels range from severe to exceptional in the primary cotton growing regions. As planting season approaches, many growers are considering converting previously irrigated fields to dryland production due to a lack of underground water. The majority of southwestern Texas remains under exceptional drought and is in dire need of precipitation before planting.

Rain fell this week in northern Alabama and central South Carolina. Heavy amounts of rain fell in central Georgia where extreme drought has plagued the state. Unfortunately, severe weather accompanied the much-needed rain.

'Wildlife for Lunch' webinar addressing pond and lake management airing March 15, 2012

Texas Wildlife Association has teamed with Texas AgriLife Extension to host a series of webinars covering a wide array of wildlife and land management topics. These FREE online webinars are held during the lunch hour (noon - 1 p.m., CST) so that anyone interested may tune in during the workday. The webinar series provides sound, science-based wildlife management information delivered by experts to you in the comfort of your own home or office.

The next webinar, "Pond and Lake Management for Success", will be held on Thursday, March 15th, 2012.

The webinar will be presented by Dr. Michael P. Masser, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Professor and Extension Fisheries Specialist. This webinar will include topics such as the ecology of ponds and lakes, what species and how many fish to stock, and enhancing fish production. The webinar will also cover pond problems like aquatic plants, pests, predators, and fish kills.

How to sign on: On the day of the webinar, simply point your browser to <https://texas-wildlife.webex.com> and click to join the Wildlife for Lunch webinar. Each web based seminar

is fully interactive and allows you to engage the experts, make comments, and ask questions during the course of the presentation.

If you cannot make the live webinar: Each webinar is archived and available for viewing following the initial air date at the Texas Wildlife Association website: www.texas-wildlife.org (Please note, you must attend the live webinar for attendance or CEU credit.)

For more information: Contact Texas Wildlife Association's Courtney Brittain at cbrittain@texas-wildlife.org or 1-800-839-9453



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Floydada Fire Report

- Jan 1, 2:44am-Fire Department responded to a motor vehicle accident with no injuries
- Jan 1, 11:55am-Fire Department responded to a cooking fire confined to a container
- Jan 1, 5:31pm- Fire Department responded to outside trash fire
- Jan 8, 4:45pm- Fire Department responded to a grass fire
- Jan 14, 5:04pm- Fire Department responded to a grass fire
- Jan 15, 3:30pm- Fire Department responded to outside rubbish fire
- Jan 16, 1:59pm- Fire Department responded to outside rubbish fire
- Jan 22, 12:05pm- Fire Department responded to CO detector activation due to malfunction
- Jan 16, 2:10am- Fire Department responded to passenger vehicle fire
- Jan 27, 2:50pm- Fire Department responded to building fire
- Jan 28, 7:30am- Fire Department responded for medical assistance