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Lockney students advance to UIL regionals



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Lockney UIL team: standing in the back row is the Number Sense team; Dylan Aufill, Quinn Jackson, Luke Sherman, Landry Kidd, Nic Sherman, Kameron Hunt and Alex Rogers. In the middle stands the Literary Criticism team made up of Lindsay Stewart, McKenzie Kemp, Darby Long, Ashley Roberts and Jasmine Pena. On the bottom row are Maison Ragland, Taylor Rose, Kelsie Stennett, and Nathan Caballero.

By D'Lynn Morris

After hosting the District 5-1A Academic Meet on March 22, Lockney's Number Sense team, the Accounting Team and Literary Criticism team have qualified as wildcards and are now advancing to the Regional UIL meet in Levelland on April 20.

During the meet, over 285 students from 10 area schools competed in the 22 contests. Clarendon High won the meet with Lockney placing 2nd. Crosbyton, Claude, Hale Center, Memphis, New Deal, Ralls, Wellington and Quannah also competed.

The Accounting team won 1st with Logan Edwards placing 4th, Ivette Davila placing 5th, Tanya Hernandez 7th, and Cassandra Ascencio 8th. Dolores Luna is an alternate. These ladies are coached by Monty Teeter and will advance to the Regional meet in Levelland on

April 20.

Maison Ragland placed 1st in Ready Writing and will advance to the Regional meet as well. He also placed 4th in Headline Writing. He is coached by Melanie Ragland and Jessica Jordan.

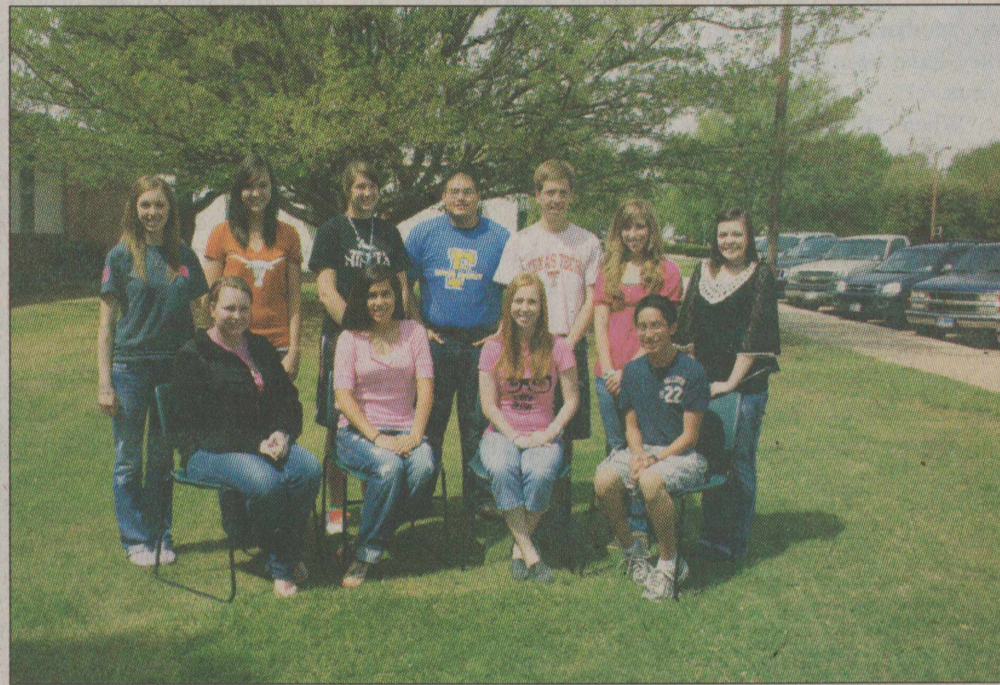
In Social Studies, Taylor Rose placed 3rd and will advance to the Regional meet. As a team, Taylor, Jake Bramlet, and Marcos Mercado finished 3rd. Jay Ragland coaches this team.

Dylan Aufill placed 1st in Number Sense earning a regional qualifier spot and Quinn Jackson placed 5th. The team of Dylan, Quinn, Landry Kidd, Luke Sherman, Alex Rogers, Kameron Hunt, and Nic Sherman finished second and will be a regional alternate. Num-

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FHS Students Whiz Their Way to Regionals



Courtesy Photo

UIL Regional Qualifiers: Back Row (L-R) Emily Hall- 2nd News Writing, McKenna Johnson- 3rd Persuasive Speaking, Jianna Davenport - 4th History (Alternate) Homero Ramirez - 2nd Editorial Writing, Hunter Schwertner- 4th Computer Applications (Alternate), Sarah Jo Miller- 1st News Writing, 1st Headline Writing, and 3rd Feature Writing, and Taylor Orr- 2nd Persuasive Speaking **Seated** (L-R) Science Team 1st Place Team: Kelsea Miller- 1st place overall score, Top Biology, Imelda Reséndiz- 2nd place overall score, Top Chemistry and 2nd in place Math, Mallory Graham- 3rd place overall score and John Cortinas 6th place overall score.

By Merritt Johnson and Sarah Jo Miller

On Wednesday, March 4, students of Floydada High School participated in the annual district UIL meet in Abernathy. The journey to district was lengthy as practices started in the early fall and continued through March. However, some individuals' and teams' trips are not over. Several students from Floydada qualified for Regional UIL. Before the spring semester even began,

expectations for the Whirlwind competitors were high.

"I have three girls, and one competed in BPA and the other two have been in this contest for three years, so I expected them all to move on to regionals or at least to do very well in their event," said Persuasive Speaking coach, Brandi Cook.

However, to perform so spectacularly, coaches and participants committed lots of hours.

"We've been studying

since the first of the year, every Monday after school. I have some students who go study chemistry on Tuesday if they can. I even have students who will go meet with another biology teacher to get some extra practice. They've put many, many hours in for this, on top of their own study time and classwork that helps," said Science Team coach, Aimee Teeple.

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Courtesy Photo

Lockney's Accounting Team who also made it to the Regional UIL meet are: Ivette Davila, Dolores Luna, Logan Edwards and Cassandra Ascencio. Not pictured is Tanya Hernandez

Wind industry eagerly awaits tax credit

By Homer Marquez

The wind industry has seemed to hit a speed bump, as wind energy developers and manufacturers are waiting on pins and needles to see if the vital Production Tax Credit or (PTC) will be renewed by Congress before its expiration date at the end of the year.

"If it doesn't pass the wind industry as a whole is going to decrease in activity," explained Dennis Anderson, a representative of Blanco Canyon Wind Energy Development, "It's very rare to be able to put a farm together without those tax credits."

The Production Tax Credit, which

was strengthened in the 2009 stimulus, has been the jet pack for the rapid growth of renewable-energy projects in the last several years. Companies, whose projects are eligible for the credit, receive 2.2 cents per kilowatt-hour of energy produced in a wind farm or solar project in their first 10 years of operation.

Across the nation, the credit has accelerated interest and development in the wind industry, as big companies now have a substantial incentive to invest in renewable energy projects; renewable energy project like the wind farms that are planning to connect the multi-billion dollar CREZ transmission

line that will run through Floyd County. Benefits of the wind industry will have a massive impact on local counties, as the new industry will undoubtedly change the economical landscape of the region for the better.

"When those tax credits were crafted, they had carefully analyzed the market and designed those tax credits where they would shift the economic scale from making wind farms uneconomical to making them attractive to do," added Anderson.

According to Time Magazine, since

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City of Lockney talks new Municipal Court and Water Tanks

By Homer Marquez

During their monthly city council meeting this past Thursday, Lockney's council members unanimously voted to move the city's municipal court to city hall. Officially, the vote was to approve the purchase of a municipal court training program from United Systems Technology Inc. for \$2,060. The online course will be used to train a new municipal court judge and court clerk that will be stationed at city hall. Currently, City Secretary Charlotte Hooten is training to take over as the municipal judge and Laurie Garcia is using the program to become the new clerk. If the two complete the program, Hooten and Garcia will be appointed to the new posi-

tions.

The council moved towards the decision after they agreed it would be more "efficient" to move the municipal court to the same location as city hall. They felt it would be more convenient for people just to pay their tickets at the city, maybe while they're paying their water bill, instead of heading down to the municipal court on Main Street to pay the bill. The move will also make it easier for the city to "corral all that revenue," explained Mayor Roger Stapp, as the city will no longer have to pay for a separate municipal court department.

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Commissioners review exceptions to burn ban

By Homer Marquez

Floyd County Commissioners would not change their minds on the burn ban; but an interesting question did come up whenever Commissioner Nathan Johnson brought the subject up during last Monday's commissioner's meeting.

Johnson informed the court that he had been approached by several farmers saying that they needed to do some burning; either burning CRP or trash. He asked fellow commissioners what they thought the court should do about the matter; but County Judge Penny Golightly added

that some controlled burning was allowed in the stipulations of the burn ban.

In the order of the burn ban, it states:

This order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for: (1) firefighting training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; (3) planting or harvesting of agriculture crops; or (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural

Resource Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resource Code.

In other words, under these exceptions, controlled burning for the purpose of planting or harvesting agriculture crops is allowed while the county is under a burn. However, Judge Penny Golightly did stress that before anyone burns, they needed to call and get permission from the Sheriff's department and the fire department.

In other court news, the commissioners unanimously approved the consent agenda

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LIFESTYLES

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OF THE FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM

From the
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June 19, 1978

'A CERTAIN THRILL ABOUT COMING BACK TO TEXAS'— PEGGY WALTERS

By Felicia Applewhite

"One of the highlights of my youth was what we did on Sunday mornings," says Peggy Savage Walters, a native of Texas and the Plains.

She and her husband, Dan, are back in Lockney where they come "about twice a year."

When they are not in Lockney, they may be north of Lockney on their farm, or they may be in another state or another country where they have been the last few years.

"When I was young, on Sunday mornings, we checked fences," she continues, "and checked cattle over three section of grass land. What we did was peaceful and enjoyable because Daddy taught me how to identify birds and how to find their nests. He taught me not to bother them, but to observe."

"Even now," the 95 pound, 4 ft-9 3/4 in. tall Peggy brightens up to add, "we have curlews now over by our lake. They whistle "curlew", "curlew", and stretch their wings straight up in lighting on the ground then carefully fold them."

Peggy Walters had a good teacher in her youth. He was her father Oliver Savage who had grown up on the plains on the land the Walters own now 14 miles north of Lockney. His grandfather had lo-

cated the savage family here when he came here in 1889.

Peggy's own grandfather, Dick Savage, filed on four sections of the land—one section each in Briscoe, Floyd, Hale and Swisher Counties Joining at a point in the center.

"I was born at home in Briscoe. We had no telephone, so my father went for Dr. Henry in Lockney. There was no paved highway to Lockney then, but I'm sure we must have had a car. I was a good baby. I waited for the doctor to arrive."

By the time Mrs. Walters was three years old, she had her first Shetland pony.

"That pony managed me quite nicely by throwing me off or by walking under low places to make me dismount. I wasn't allowed a saddle until I was 10 because I was out along on a horse so much Daddy was afraid something would happen to get me entangled in the saddle trap-pings.

"Anyway, I rode with him on a Shetland that couldn't keep up with anything. This led to my becoming an expert in riding behind him on his horse," she explains.

It wasn't long until Peggy "graduated" to one of Dave Loughbrough's Spanish ponies. Dave, of legendary fame, also had Shetland ponies.

One word would describe Peggy's horse from Dave Loughbrough, "onery."

Her last promotion in horse ownership was with a horse "Omar Poole brought from Colorado. I had him for the next 34 years. He was an ideal pony for me—nothing in particular, but a pretty good cow pony."

"I was allowed, to help with the cattle until finally, I could diagnose their ailments whether one had pink eye, black leg or had maggots in some exposed area."

During this time, small rural school dotted the country. Peggy was enrolled in one of these schools, her second, by the name of Price, located three miles west of the Savage home.

"Nearly everybody came to school horseback or in a buggy. Mother always took my sister and me and came for us in the afternoon. Even though the school was named Price, the community store was called Whitfield.

"I recall at Price it was customary to 'play hookey' the afternoon on the first of April.

"When I was in school there, we walked a half mile to the store and got something to drink, then went back to school. On the way, we decided to go bare foot. An ant stung me on my bare foot. It swelled so that my cousin had to carry me half of the way. I was out of school three days because of the red-ant sting."

After attending school in Price, she enrolled in Francis, another small rural school where she remembers. "One time the leather-winged bats got into the school house. They flew around over the building and were able to attach themselves to the ceiling."

Another country school, Lone Star, seven miles from the Savage home, taught higher grades. She enrolled there after Francis.

"I do remember that at that time each student had so much personal attention. When I was in the fifth grade, the teacher kept me in after school trying to teach me to write legible."

Since all roads led from rural schools to Lockney for high school, Peggy had two years in high school there. After this, she transferred to Canyon where she graduated and entered college. The depression cut college short.

She went to work as a secretary for Soil Conservation Service in Amarillo. The man she was working for very quietly without a word brought the first letter she typed and laid it on her desk. A typographical error, that would have been humorous to anyone except her, stood out boldly in the first word of the letter. Afterward she proofread everything she typed.

"I always had a desire to go back to college to finish. It took me 10 universities later to get my degree," she states explaining that the reason for so many changes from one school to the other was because of her marriage to her husband in the air force.

One military assignment when ended a three-year stay there, sent her husband to Tokyo. She followed on a boat carrying military wives.

On the way to Tokyo, Peg-

gy asked the steward about sending a telegram from the ship back to her parents. He answered her that it couldn't be done. Not being one to take "no" for an answer, she went straight to the captain. He sent the telegram.

"On the way, we had a storm that flooded the ship's deck. I enjoyed that storm with its waves 40 to 50 feet high. Everybody had to get off the top deck when the storm hit."

In Tokyo, she enrolled in the University of Maryland. Here she studied Japanese language with other Americans and added some credits toward a college degree. This University of Maryland extension also had Japanese students.

In Tokyo, the Walters family lived in a fragile Japanese house. One day Peggy was home alone making cookies when suddenly it felt as though a dozen men had picked up the house and had begun running with it. An earthquake had struck.

"All the doors came open. Everything not of a sliding motion came open. I remained very calm—checked out water and gas and found no structural damage. It was a matter of minutes, but it seemed hours. Then came the after-shock when I sat down and started shaking and couldn't stop for hours.

"A Japanese man who had lives in the U. S. and spoke English, came by to see how I wan. He had left the U. S. to put his son in school in Tokyo and had not been allowed to return to the States."

She remembers a "cute" custom of the Japanese.

"When greeted on the street by someone you know, you bow and they bow. You are supposed to raise your heads at the same time. If you fail, you go down in another bow.

"Really, nothing prepares you for the cultural shock experienced in going to Japan. I had read trying to prepare myself. However, the smells and crowded conditions that greeted me can't be described. The open sewers that run along the streets probably empty into the bay."

Maid service for just any type of work could be had. Peggy "never had a good one."

One American family had a maid so good that the children spoke English with a Japanese accent.

The war experience finally ended and "we had a dream of raising cattle on the islands of Southern Alaska.

"We had read somewhere that land could be easily acquired there. We thought it would be a delightful place to live.

"We bought a 35-foot trailer house and a GMC pickup in Columbus, Ohio. We were going first to look around, but planned our trip toward Anchorage. We spent 17 days going, not hurrying.

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THIS WEEK'S

OLD SETTLERS MEETING

The Old Settler's committee will be holding a meeting on Monday, April 16th at 7 p.m. at The Covey. Please make plans to attend.

LOCKNEY HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING MEETING

The Lockney High School homecoming committee will be holding a meeting on Tuesday, April 17th at 7 p.m. at the Main Street Church of Christ. Please make every effort to attend!! Any class address updates need to be turned in to Kay Martin at J & K Insurance.

BOWLING OVER CANCER— (DATE CORRECTION)

The 4th Annual "Bowling Over

Cancer" will be held Saturday, April 21st at the Plainview Bowling Center. All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society. Open to all persons age 12 and over. Entry fee \$10 per person—3-person team. This event is sponsored by the Plainview Daily Herald Relay for Life team. Entry forms and info available at Plainview Bowling Center (2022 Quincey) or at the Plainview Daily Herald (820 Broadway).

CALVERT HOME HEALTH BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Calvert Home Health holds their blood pressure clinics on every first and third Thursday of each month between 9—11 a.m. at the Community Room of the First National Bank of Floydada.

Floydada Chamber holds meetings, welcomes new directors

By Roland Camacho
Secretary - Floydada
Chamber of Commerce

On March 22, 2012, the Floydada Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture Board of Directors met at the Covey Smokehouse & Eatery to view a presentation from a representative of Signtronix.

The Chamber is currently in the process of taking bids for a new LED Sign which will replace the current sign located on the corner of West Missouri Street and South 2nd Street. Members of the community were invited and

attended this presentation.

The board of directors voted to deny the request from Signtronix to purchase a sign now in favor of further research and fundraising for the cost of the sign.

In other business, the board welcomed new directors, Zach Cummings of American State Bank, Estella Thomas of Floydada ISD, and Gilbert Trevino of Floydada ISD.

The board adjourned and is set to meet again at the chamber offices on Thursday, April 19th at 6:00 p.m.

1950 Study Club

By Sue Daniels

The 1950 Study Club met at 4 p.m. April 3, 2012 in the home of Margaret Jones. Lovene Moore called the meeting to order and presided over it in the absence of Sandy Forehand, president. The theme for the meeting was "Concentrating on Travel".

Shirley Morton called the roll and read the minutes of the last meeting in the absence of Geniele Evans, secretary, who has recently moved to Llano, Texas. Fern Hartsell gave the financial report.

The resignation of Geniele Evans was accepted and Fern Hartsell was elected to replace her as secretary of the study club. She will serve for the two year term of office.

Shirley Morton introduced the program speaker, Margaret

Jones. Mrs. Jones is a retired FUSD teacher and wife of Wayland Jones, who has farmed many years in Floyd County. Mrs. Jones shared many tips that may be used in planning and financing trips and gave helpful hints in making packing for travel more efficient. She showed many treasured souvenirs acquired on her tours and cruises.

Hostesses Carolyn Cheek and Fern Hartsell served strawberry cake, fresh strawberries and fruit dip, nuts and beverage of coffee or lemonade to the ten members who were in attendance. Easter decorations were used.

The next meeting will be on May 1, 2012 in the home of Margaret Jones. It will be a salad supper and the installation of officers will be held.

Quilt Show to be held during Old Settler's Day

By Cheryl Dawdy

Old Settler's Day is Saturday, May 26th. There will be a quilt competition and show in the building west of Floyd County Museum.

The Quilt Show is for all those who like and appreciate quilts. You may enter a quilt that you purchased and did not make; you may also enter quilts whether they are hand or machine quilted. All quilts and quilted items are welcome.

This year we are having a judged quilt show. There will be four judged classes:

Pieced Quilts, Mixed Technique (Appliqued, Embellished, Art or Embroidered), Youth Quilts for High School age and younger, and Miscellaneous (Wearable, Runners, etc.). The winners will receive ribbons and cash prizes. We will also have a Viewer's Choice and Antique Viewer's Choice category. The winner of these two categories will be receiving the most votes. There will be a prize ribbon and money for the winners of these also.

For those of you who do not want to enter your quilt in the competition, bring your quilt or quilted item to hang in the Just for Show area. These items will not be judged.

We will be accepting you quilt Friday, May 25, until 12 noon. Please bring your quilt to the building on the west side of the Museum where the quilts will be hung for our viewing pleasure.

It should be a fun time for all. Don't be bashful; let's enjoy those beautiful quilts! Bring your prized quilts or quilted items and share with the community. If you have questions you can contact Ethelyn Garnett at 652-225 or Cheryl Dawdy at 983-3627

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OBITUARY



**ADA SUZANNE
CANTRELL
QUISENBERRY**

Ada Suzanne "Suzy Q" Cantrell Quisenberry, 61, passed from this life on April 6, 2012, at her home in Plainview.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at First Assembly of God in Plainview, Texas with Rev. Nelson Gonzalez officiating and Mr. Oscar Chavez as-

sisting.

Burial followed at the Plainview Cemetery under the direction of Kormerstone Funeral Directors in Plainview.

A visitation was held on Monday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Suzy Q was born on March 7, 1951 in Midland to James and Ruth Cantrell. She grew up in Midland then her family moved to Plainview when she was a freshman in high school. She graduated from Plainview High School in 1969. She attended West Texas State University for a couple of years. She married Ricky Quisenberry on November 25, 1972 in Clovis, New Mexico. Suzy started a career in the banking industry in 1975 with Plainview Savings and Loan. Through acquisitions and names changes,

she stayed with the same bank her entire career. She retired from American State Bank in December of 2011.

Suzy Q was preceded in death by her parents, James and Ruth Cantrell; step-father, Stanley Morrison; and a brother, Joe Cantrell.

Survivors include her husband, Ricky Quisenberry of Plainview; two daughters and sons-in-law, Tamara Ebeling and husband, Monte of Lubbock, Theresa Burns and husband, Josh of Plainview; one step-son, Ricky Kyle Quisenberry of Sanger; and seven grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society or Area Community Hospice.

Online condolences may be made at www.kormerstonefunerals.com

FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

By Margaret Jones

Watching young children hunt for Easter Eggs is a Joy beyond compare. Seeing little eyes light up each time a beautifully colored or decorated egg is found, squeals of laughter and jaunts of running to-and-fro....oblivious of everything but the excited moment of discovery. Some traditions remain the same year after families gather to celebrate by attending church services, sharing life stories, and reminiscing times past. Living in a small community is a blessing unmatched only by the reason for Easter celebration....as is the title of the song, "HE IS ALIVE! HE IS ALIVE!"

As I was enjoying lunch with friends at the Center today, the main topic of conversation was, "HOW MUCH LONGER WILL THE SENIOR CITIZENS BE ABLE TO STAY OPEN?"

We have been told by S.P.A.G. (the government organization that supports the center) that a specific number of people eating there on a daily basis determines whether or not the door will remain open. I believe that number is 24. Many senior adults in Floydada who no longer prepare their own meals look forward to enjoying a well balanced meal, five days a week, with the EXTRA BONUS of sharing that meal with friends and neighbors. I enjoy cooking, but the fellowship and looking forward to seeing friends to visit with is the reason I eat at the Center. How else am I going to KEEP-UP with what is going on in Floydada?

Our community has lost a large number of senior citizens the last several months due to death, moving closer to loved ones or illness. When friends or family visits just make a phone call by 10 a.m. and take them to THE CENTER with you for a hot lunch in a relaxed atmosphere where everyone is always welcome. We hope to see your smiling face soon. The low price of \$5.00 is not very much for good food, and fellowship where everyone is always glad to see you. If you are unable to attend, your Donations or Memorials are always greatly appreciated.

Harold Bertrand has joined us this week for a hot meal and a time of fellowship. Harold, our prayers are with you as you make adjustments in your life. We look forward to visiting with you each day.

Let us remember William Bertrand who is still in the U.M.C. Hospital in Lubbock. Faye and William both need our prayers at this difficult time. We wish better health for both of them, soon.

Betty Baker recently returned from a trip to Altus, Oklahoma for her 65th High School Class Reunion. She said she had a great time of reminiscing and renewing friendships.

With her quick wit and contagious laughter I am sure everyone was glad she was there. So glad you had a safe trip, Betty.

Wayland and Margaret Jones had a great time hosting Easter Dinner in their home on Easter Sunday. Those in attendance were Doyle and June Davis of Hart, Dorothy Hancock and Sharon Shipley of Plainview, Hunter and Payton Coey of Amarillo, Greg, Channa, Skylar and Pake Jones of Post, Coby, Rhanda, Drake and Cole Emery of Wink, Leslieanne, Slade and Brackston Emery of Lubbock, Mandy Hancock of Lubbock, and Julie and Randy Hancock of Lockney. Everyone had a great time of visiting, watching little children hunt eggs and eating way too much rich food.

Milton and Geneile Evans recently moved to Llano, Texas to be closer to family. We will miss you. Remember to think of us and return for a visit soon.

Elaine LaBaume left Sunday afternoon after the Floyd County Friends Gala was held on Saturday night. You would think she would have been tired but she was excited to be going to the Hill Country to see the blue bonnets and other wildflowers. She went to Abilene to Don and Janice LaBaume's home. Elaine and Janice left on Monday to go to Fredericksburg and after spending two nights there, they went to Marble Falls. She reported the flowers are spectacular!

They returned to Abilene on Thursday and on Friday Charles, Kelli, Harrison and Kate Childre came through on their way to Dallas to the Leadership Training for Christ so she loaded up and went with them. LTC is held each year for children of all ages and from all over the state of Texas. On Easter Sunday they had Easter Dinner with other family members, Ann Haynes from Mesquite, Glen and Jane Bell of Plano and Kelly, Valarie & Ethan Truelove of Dallas.

We appreciate your memorial donations. Please mail them to P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235.

In memory of Ona Ruth Neff - Kendis and Janis Julian

RECIPE OF THE WEEK TOMMY'S HOT SAUCE

2 cans tomatoes (diced), 1 medium onion (diced), 1 can jalapenos (diced), 1/2 lemon. Mix tomatoes, jalapenos, and onion together. Add garlic salt and salt to taste. Squeeze lemon into the sauce. Eat the remainder of the lemon.

My brother-in-law's, recipe - Tommy Chapman.

Thought for the Week - The bond that links your true family is not one of blood, but of respect and joy in each other's life.

Floyd County Church Directory

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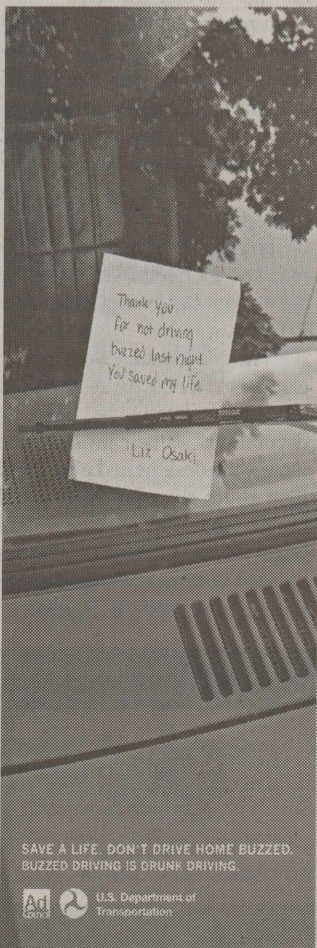
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Whirlwind News



A Day in the Life of...



By: Shani Ross-Staff writer

Education is the top worry on all educators minds, but what happens for students who don't have a way to get to school? Transportation to and from school is important and there are many people responsible for it. One of the staff members that is responsible for overseeing school transportation is Danny Espinoza. Whether you need

to ride the bus to school, go on a school class trip, or go to a school sporting event, the FISH Bus Barn is there to make sure you get to your destination.

"In the mornings we will start all the buses for the routes and then we wait for the bus drivers and if there are any vehicles that need to be washed we will wash them. Also if any of the bus-

ses need maintenance then we will do that. We also get the transportation referrals for track meets and other things and make sure those are ready for them," commented Espinoza.

His daily schedule is never the same, and there are a few things that can affect their workday.

"If a kink throws everything off, it just puts us farther behind. For instance, if a bus breaks down on a route, we have to take a replacement bus to them and pick up the broke down bus to fix anything that we can on it," explained Espinoza.

To make up for those "kinks," there are some highlights to Espinoza's day on the job.

"Usually the highlight of my day is when all drivers show up and we're caught up and everything is running smoothly," added Espinoza.

Life and Its Twists and Turns

By: Cynthia Smith-Editor

"Just when you think it can't get any worse, it can. And just when you think it can't get any better, it can."

- Nicholas Sparks

Life can be a funny thing sometimes. And just like the quote says, "Just when you think it can't get any worse, it can." Last Wednesday I received some much anticipated, yet unexpected news. I was diagnosed with the earliest stage of breast cancer. Yes, I know; it's every woman's worst nightmare. I sat there crying hysterically saying, "It's not fair. I'm only 30, and I still have a life to live. Devastated, yet very strong, I made up in my mind that this is not the end of the world. I won't go into any more details on how that week ended, but I would like to share how this week began. As an educator, every year it's my goal to impact the lives of my students. However, I can honestly say that I have never fully had the privilege of having my life impacted by a group of students, until Monday that is. My yearbook kids requested that we have a meeting at 7:15 that morning. I had a feeling that they were up to something, but I didn't make a big fuss about it; I just agreed to meet them. As I walked into the building I was greeted by nine sneaky, little faces which were lit up with the most beautiful smiles



I'd ever seen. And just like the quote says, "And just when you think it can't get any better, it can." When I walked into my classroom, I was given a "one-of-a-kind" card (which was signed by each of my kiddos) and an exquisite bouquet of flowers. In addition to that, I was presented with a "Frankie Luna Original," hand-drawn portrait of me. On each side of the portrait were pink ribbons with each of my yearbook students' names next to them. To top it off, my students made me breakfast. But that still wasn't it. We all joined hands, and one of my former students led us in a prayer. This young man prayed for my healing. It was at that moment that my heart was filled with joy. As I think about that day, chills still run down my spine. I often wonder to myself how I got so lucky to be surrounded by so many selfless young men and women. Then I remembered something my mom use to always say, "HE always puts people at the right

place at the right time." These are my little angels sent from paradise to guide me on this journey. When we finished our delicious breakfast, my students had one more surprise for me. Turns out, they had arranged that other students wear pink in support of my fighting breast cancer. Nothing speaks louder to me than loving people who bear the pains of others. That's exactly what this community does. I am so blessed to have received so many positive emails, text messages, phone calls, letters written by my students, thoughts, prayers and warm smiles and hugs from my colleagues. All of these things make this battle one worth fighting. If I haven't said it before, I'd like to thank each of you for your random acts of kindness during this unfortunate time in my life. And to my students, I love each of you as if you were my own child. Thank you for making my first day back, a great success! Until next time...

How To Be a Savvy Sensation for This Years Prom

By: Taylor Orr-Staff Writer

Prom season is always a fun time of year and gives teenage girls a reason to shop 'till they drop. Even if you're on a budget, you can still enjoy all the fun activities prom has to offer. Sticking to your budget may take a little creativity and a little extra planning, but following these easy steps will ensure you have a great night at prom without spending all your money.

•Shop for Sales Many department stores or prom and bridal shops have markdowns on last years' items. All have never been worn and many are designer brands, just some that have never been sold. If you aren't so lucky at finding a diamond in the rough you could also ask to borrow a dress from a friend of family member.

•Get ready together Getting your makeup done professionally at a salon or counter can easily add up to \$100 or more. Instead of spending all that

money, invite a couple of friends over and either get ready together or do each other's makeup. It's a simple and fun way to save a few extra bucks!

•Borrow the shoes Many times, the shoes you wear for prom are only worn once. Instead of buying a very expensive pair of shoes, ask to borrow shoes from a friend or family member. If you're wearing a long dress, no one will even see your shoes underneath, so you can get away with wearing comfortable flats or older heels with no one ever noticing.

•Hair at home Practice creating some cute hairstyles that you like a few weeks before prom, so you don't have to spend hours and fork over tons of cash at the salon! Look for videos on YouTube that walk you through the process of creating many prom perfect hairstyles!

These four tips are sure to keep you looking fabulous as always on the night of prom, without breaking the bank!

Don't Forget to Make Your Nominations

As time goes by we grow older and life happens so fast that we often forget the people who helped us get through our senior year of high school. There are so many FHS alumni who have made countless contributions to their communities and not enough people know of their great accomplishments. Wouldn't it be nice to be able to recognize them for their outstanding citizenships? Thanks to the Floydada High School Ex Student Association (FHSESA), you have the chance to honor those individuals at its annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. Based on your nominations, this year the FHSESA will induct a number of individuals into its Hall of Fame. The selected individuals will be honored at the luncheon that will be held in the Whirlwind Gymnasium on Saturday, September 8, 2012 at 12:00 pm. You may contact Bob Dempsey via email at rdemp601@gmail.com or by phone at, (806)-683-2052 and/or you can call Lee Battey at (806)-983-3021 or (806)-778-2153 in request of a nomination form. These forms are also available at the Floyd County Museum, on the Floydada Ex Students (Group) facebook page, or at http://floydadawhirlwinds.org/contact_us.html, which is the Hall of Fame section of the Floydada Ex Student Association webpage. The FHSESA will only be accepting nomination forms until August 01, 2012. No late applications will be accepted. For further information regarding the Hall of Fame Inductions, please contact Bob Dempsey or Lee Battey. Recognize your classmate(s) by making your nominations today!

Declare Your Financial Needs with Independence Day

By: Homero Ramirez-Staff Writer

The Cappel Independence Day Scholarship presents all high school students with an opportunity to compete for financial assistance through an essay contest. To qualify for this scholarship, applicants must be U.S. citizens and are currently attending school in the United States. Contestants for this scholarship must write an essay of at least 1,500 words in the theme: "I declare! What it took to declare our

independence." July 2 is the deadline for the scholarship. There will be three awards ranging from \$250-\$5,000. For more information concerning this scholarship and others, refer to the websites listed below.

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Prom Preparations Go Easily for FHS Faculty

By: Taylor Orr-Staff Writer

Ask any teacher, student, or parent and they'll tell you that spring is the busiest time of the year. It's no surprise with baseball, softball, powerlifting, track, and tennis, end of the year testing, UIL events, along with all the daily tasks that must be done. Accompanying all these events is one that cannot be forgotten: prom!

Juniors and their class sponsors have been working hard to create a memorable event for seniors, as well as their fellow juniors. The prom committee consists of thirteen juniors with several smaller and more specific committees (invitations committee, decorations committee, program committee, etc.).

"Planning for prom this year has gone really smoothly. The prom committee has worked well together and all sponsors have worked well together," commented Mrs. Johnston, a junior class sponsor.

It's understandable that junior class sponsors have worries about being in charge of a committee with so many students with very different personalities, but junior class sponsors at FHS have been pleasantly surprised this year.

"I couldn't have asked for any better this year as far as planning the prom goes," stated Mrs. Lyles, another junior class sponsor. "It's been very easy because the sponsors and all the committees have worked exceptionally well together."

With covering the cost of the meal, decorations, and venue, the price per student adds up very quickly. FHS juniors are allowed to work various fundraisers to earn points to cover the cost of their junior and even senior prom.

"We had the concession stand, which was our major fundraiser. Students are also allowed the opportunity to work on different projects for the prom such as invitations, or decorations, and they can also earn points by donating door prizes for prom night," offered Mrs. Lyles.

All the work for prom wasn't only covered in working at the concession stand.

"All of the students worked very hard in the concession stand and making the various things we needed for the prom to make sure they earned their points by the deadline," stated Mr. Rambo.

Not only is prom an enjoyable night for the juniors and seniors, but the junior sponsors, school board members, and other FHS faculty members anticipate the night as well.

"It's always the most fun to see the girls in their dresses and the boys in their tuxes having a great night at the prom," said Mrs. Lyles.

Junior class sponsors eager to see the students all dressed up, as well as excited to see the rewards of everyone's hard work throughout the year.

"I was very surprised with the creativity of the members

that make up prom committee. When they started putting the decorations, invitations, and programs together, it was almost all handmade, which really shocked me. I'm eager to see how it all comes together," explained Mrs. Johnston.

The cost of purchasing decorations from various stores or companies can add up very quickly. At FHS, we're very lucky to have Mr. Rambo, and his construction classes, which have built many of the items that will be used as decoration at prom.

"Making the decorations ourselves as opposed to just purchasing them saves the prom committee a significant amount of money that can be spent on other things, such as the meal or the favors. Several items from previous proms have been saved, so some of those can be used. Everything we didn't have that prom committee members wanted, we tried to make," commented Mr. Rambo.

Not only did students who made decorations receive a grade or points for prom, they also received the feeling of pride for the elegant things they were able to make.

"The students were very excited to be able to create things that will actually be used as decorations at their prom. Once we got the designs and plans, and they got to see what they would be creating, they were eager to begin working. They've all been pleased with everything they've made," remarked Mr. Rambo.

FHS Tennis and Track Reach New Heights

By: Emily Hall-Staff Writer

As the spring semester comes to an end, it's the time for district tennis and track meets. The athletes are more than ready to compete to the best of their abilities.

"Practice, practice, practice every day is how we have been preparing for district tennis the past months," said tennis coach Regina Smith.

There are twenty athletes participating in tennis this year. One of them in particular explained how he mentally prepares himself for a tennis match.

"The key is the jam session which includes Taylor Swift," said Haden Lipham. "Then I make sure I stretch all my muscles. Finally, I make sure my shoe laces are nice and tight."

In addition to tennis, the track team is also training and working hard for district competition.

"What we try to do every meet is get ourselves better from week to week," said boys' track coach Desmond Ayala. "Whether it's distance in throwing or times on our relays, we do the best we can each meet."

One Whirlwind runner shows us different things needed to prepare mentally and physically for a big race at a track meet.

"I stretch, and then I go off by myself and stretch some more while thinking about the race," said Landry Morren. "I also think about everything I will have to do for handoffs."

It is very evident that the Floydada High School athletic program is ready to be a big contender at the district meets. Good luck and good job to all the tennis and track participants this year!

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Longhorn News

One Act shines at District



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Competing in this year's district competition where one-act players; Jasmine Pena and McKenzie Kemp pictured right; Lindsey Stewart, Ignacio Ascencio, and Ellie Naranjo pictured middle right; Lindsey Stewart, Nathan Caballero, and Kelsie Stennett pictured middle left; and Jasmine Pena, Kelsie Stennett, Paula Cuellar, and Lindsey Stewart pictured on right.

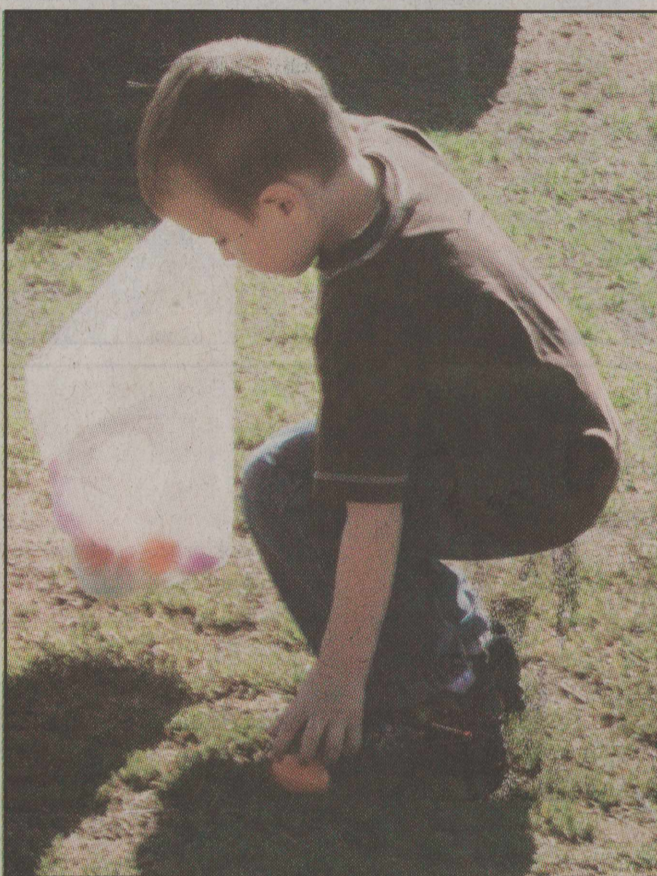
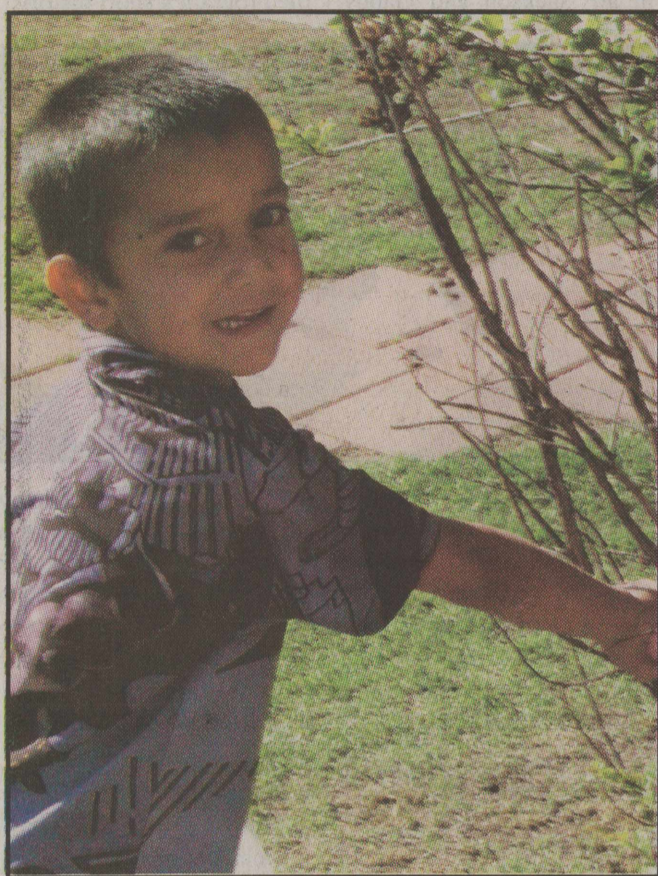
By Kayla Jimenez

This past week the members of Lockney's One Act Play competed in the UIL district-level competition and came home

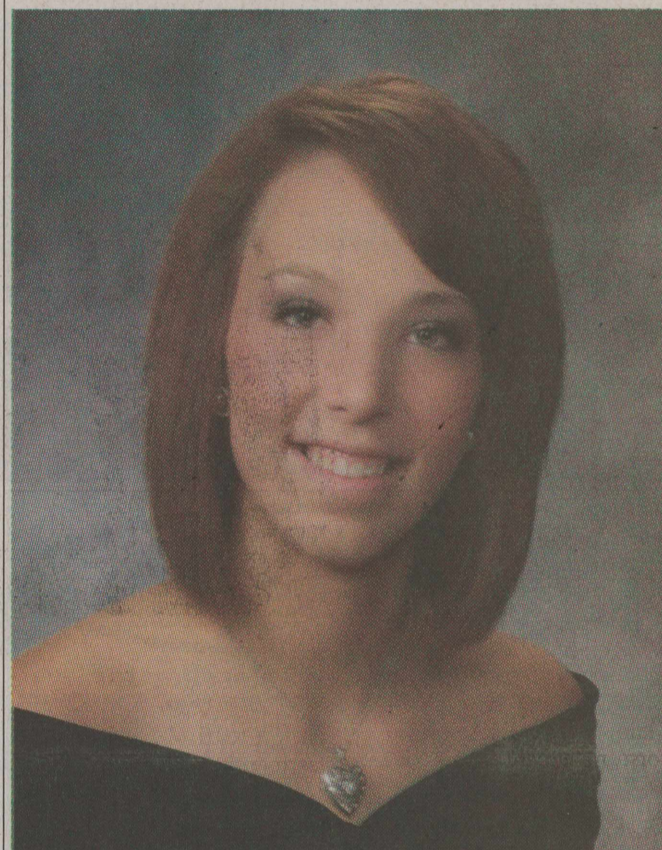
with the following awards; McKenzie Kemp was awarded Best actress; Lindsay Stewart made the All-star cast; Jasmine Pena made the All-Star cast; Kelsie Stennett received an Honorable Mention to the

All-Star cast; Nathan Caballero received an Honorable Mention to the All-Star cast.

The cast would like to thank everyone who helped them create an awesome show and everyone who came out and supported them.



Student Spotlight: Logan Edwards



By Esperanza Guerra

Logan Edwards grew up in Lubbock and Canyon and has been in Lockney for the past 7 years. She has one sister, Kara who is 14 years old, and a 21 year old half-sister, Morgan. Her hobbies and interests are in music, art and comic books. She participates in track, softball, and UIL events where her favorite event is accounting. Her most memorable moment was qualifying for

state her freshman year in track. In her free time she enjoys riding her bike and skateboarding. Her friends describe her as different and maybe even a little odd. Her favorite thing about Lockney is being able to ride her bike without having to fight any traffic. She likes to fake a British accent and sing Lily Allen songs. Ten years from now she sees herself being happy somewhere, hopefully in Austin.



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Just before heading out for Easter break, Lockney Elementary students visited the Lockney Health and Rehab Center to hunt eggs with residents.

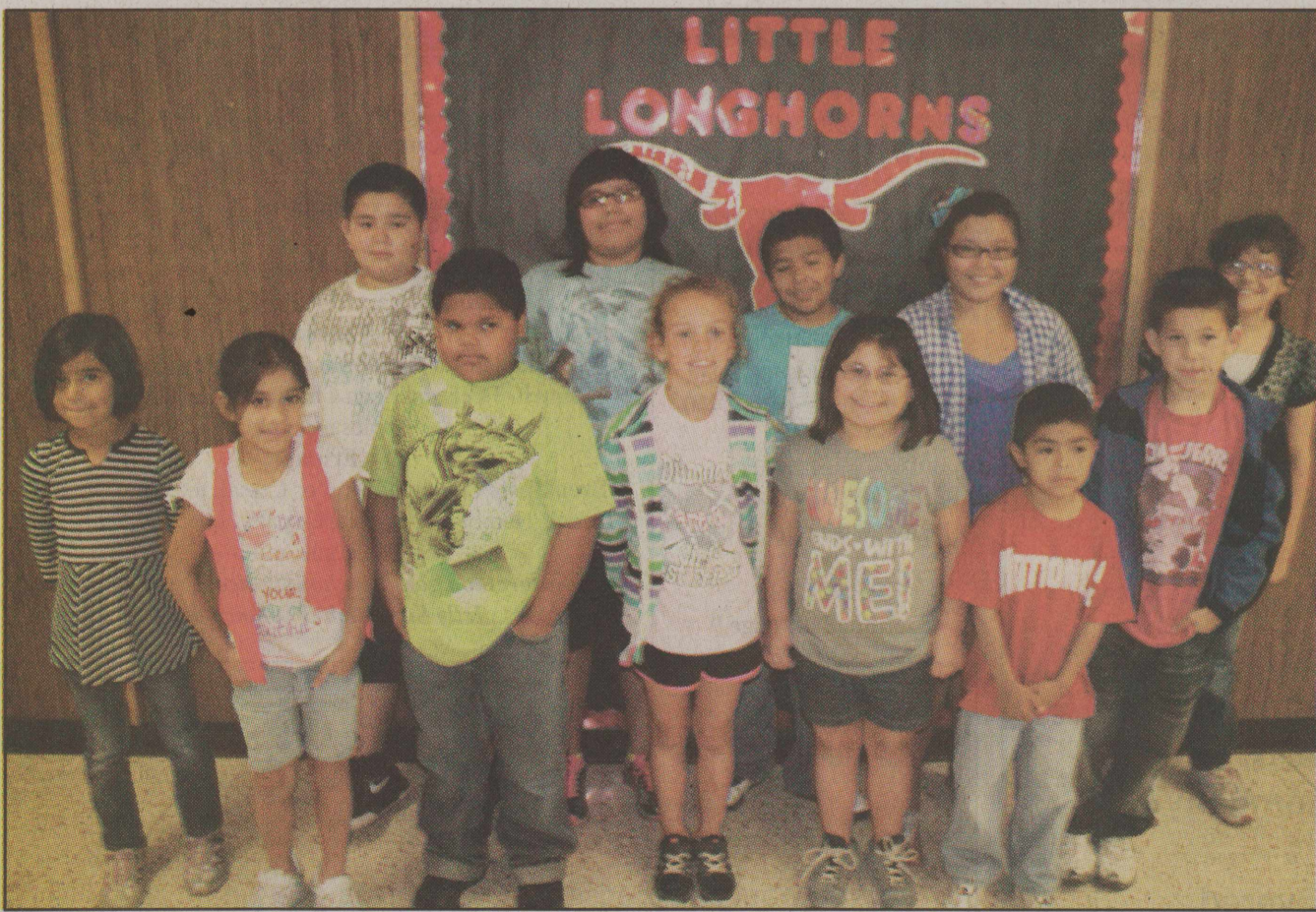
Teacher Spotlight: Tamarah Smith

By Hunter Thompson

Tamarah Smith, a teacher at Lockney High School, grew up and graduated in Lockney. She has been teaching Family and Consumer Sciences for eleven years. Mrs. Smith takes delight teaching everyday life lessons to her students and seeing them grow and mature through high school until they go out into the world. Outside of school Mrs.



Smith spends her free time with her husband and three children. No surprise to anyone who knows Mrs. Smith is that what she loves the most about Lockney is the sense of family and companionship within our small community. Mrs. Smith enjoys teaching at LHS and is happy to have a part in every student's education.



Little Longhorns: Jaylin Reyes, Mia Salas, Pedro Pacheco, Eli Alvarez, Kayla Archer, Emma Dunn, Hailey Auffer, Deaja Calderon, Jose Martinez, Kaleb Pritchard, and Sara St. Dennis

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Lockney Sports

Horns head to regional track meet

At the varsity district track meet which was held over two days in Wellington; 12 Longhorns would advance to the regional meet in Abernathy. Advancing on the Varsity boy's team was Marcos Mercado who placed third in Shot Put and the 800-relay team who placed fourth; the relay team is made up of Luke Sherman, Ale Salazar, Tyler Covington, and Ryan Poole.

Advancing from the Lady Horn squad was McKenzie Kemp who placed third in discus; the 400-relay team who placed fourth and is made up

of Alexis Rodriguez, Brittany Thompson, Isabella Rodriguez, and Tanae Ramos. The 800-relay team also qualified, finishing third; this team is made up of Alexis Rodriguez, Brittany Thompson, Isabella Rodriguez, and Tanae Ramos. Tanae Ramos would also finish second in the 100 meter dash and third in the triple jump. Also qualifying for the regional meet was Kennedy Hallmark who finished fourth in hurdles, and the 1600-Relay team who finish third. The 1600 relay team is made up of Alexis Rodriguez, Isabella Rodriguez,

Kennedy Hallmark, and Logan Edwards.

The rest of the results are as followed:

Varsity Boys
 Sprint Relay-Luke Sherman, Jake Bramlet, Tyler Covington, Ale Salazar 5th
 Mile Relay - Luke Sherman, Ky Teeter, Andrew Hooten, Ryan Poole 6th
 300 Hurdles-Erik Cortez 6th
 High Jump-Ale Salazar 6th
Varsity Girls
 Shot put-Mary Sammann 5th
JV Boys
 High Jump-Marcos Bueno

6th, Nic Sherman 6th
 Shot Put Michael Guerrero 4th
 Sprint Relay Eli Guerra, Nic Sherman, Marcos Bueno, Michael Guerrero 5th
 Eli Guerra, Nic Sherman, Marcos Bueno, Michael Guerrero 4th
 Mauricio Davila 5th
 Nic Sherman, Eli Guerra, Michael Guerrero, Marcos Bueno 2nd
 Junior Varsity Girls
 Darby Long...1st Discus, 2nd Shot
 Taylor Esty...6th 100m Hurdles

Lady Horns still tied for first

By Randy Jackson

Saturday was a great day for the Lady Longhorns as 11 strike outs by pitcher Katie Jackson along with bruising bats helped carry the ladies to an 8-1 victory over Tahoka in seven innings.

Jackson pitched seven innings and allowed no earned runs on four hits. The Lady Horns blew out Tahoka thanks to nine hits, including one extra base hit. Lady Horns scored three runs in the seventh on a passed ball, an RBI triple by Kennedy Hallmark. Hallmark racked up three RBIs on two hits for the Lady Horns.

Lady Horns piled up the steals, swiping nine bags in all. Jackson and Gabby

Peralez each had one stolen base, Meagan Dunn had two stolen bases, and Sunny Williams had five stolen bases.

Lady Horns stayed on top until the final out after taking the lead in the second, scoring three runs on a passed ball, an RBI single by Dunn, and a steal of home by Williams. The lone run of the game for Tahoka crossed the plate in the second inning on an error.

The victory improved the Lady Horn's district record to 7-2, where they remain tied for first with Ralls. The ladies will face Sundown on Saturday April 14th at 5 p.m. in Sundown as they continue to aim for the district title, which would be the first in the program's short history.

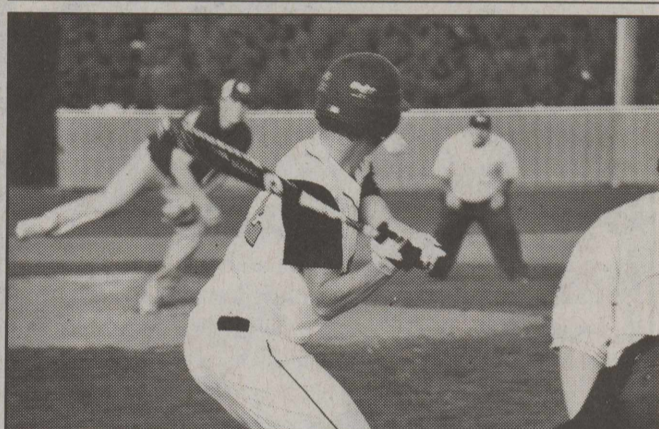
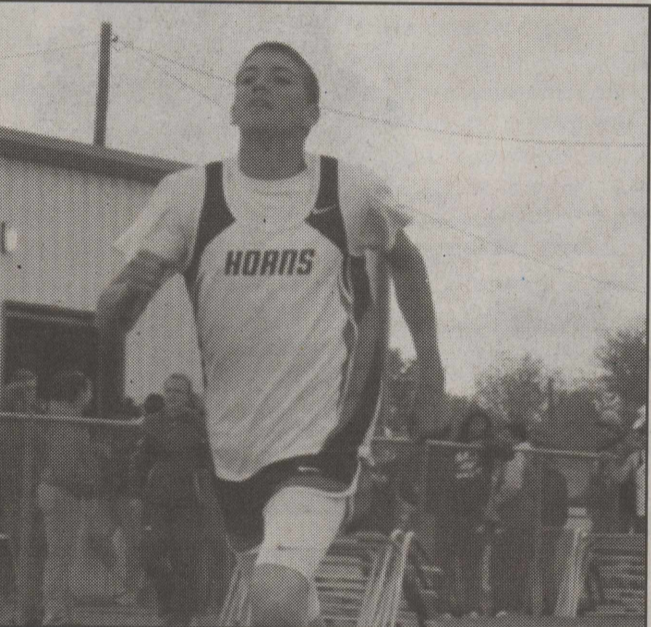
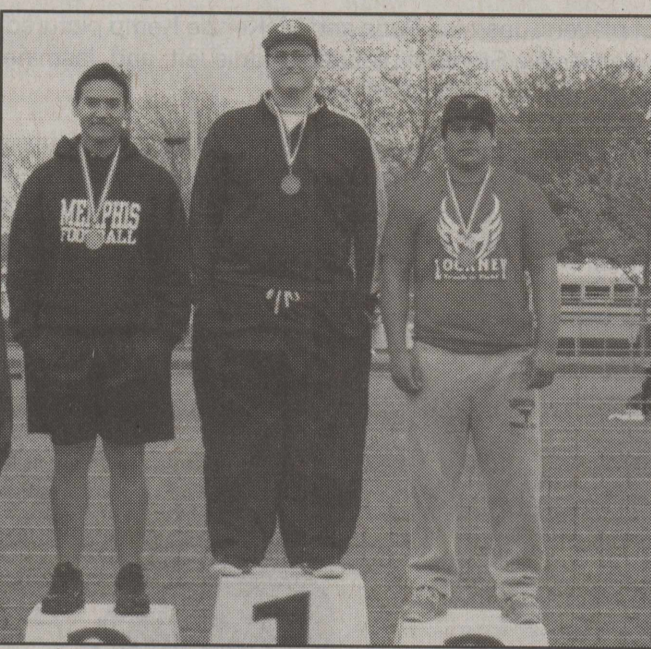


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On Friday, in a battle for first in the district, the Longhorns faced the Hale Center Owls who are tied with Horns for first. However, the night wouldn't go as planned for the Horns as the dropped the game 14-4. The loss put the Horns at 4-1 in district and in the second place seat with only a few more games to go in the season.

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Sammann finishes first in Levelland tennis tournament

Photos by Bonnie Clark

Last Thursday the tennis team participated in a tournament in Levelland. Mary Sammann won 1st place in varsity girls singles and John Salas won 3rd place in JV boys singles. Congratulations to these fine players!

Junior High Lady Horns New Deal District results

Tè a Lopez- 1st High Jump	4th 4/200 relay
1st 200 meter dash	4th 4/400 relay
2nd 100 meter dash	Elizabeth Cleto- 4th 4/100 relay
Haley Walker- 1st Shot Put	4th 4/200 relay
2nd Disc	4th 4/400 relay
DeAndrea Jimenez- 3rd Disc	4th 4/100 relay
Tabetha Bigham 6th Triple Jump	4th 4/200 relay
	4th 4/400 relay
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	4th 4/400 relay
	3rd 2400
	2nd 1600
	Brittany Peralez-4th 4/100

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Important Test Dates

April 2012	8 social studies; TAKS 10, and 11 social studies
April 24: STAAR (grades 3, 4, 6, and 7 math); TAKS grade 10 math	
April 24-27: Exit-Level retest	May 2012 (Note: EOC testing schedules vary. The following EOC schedule is for Lockney ISD only)
April 25: STAAR grades, 3, 4, 6, 7 Reading; TAKS grade 11 math	May 8: EOC Algebra I & Geometry
April 26: STAAR grades 5 and 8 science; TAKS grades 10 and 11 Science	May 9: EOC World Geography
April 27: STAAR grade	May 10: EOC Biology

Lockney School Lunch Menu April 16-20

Monday
Breakfast -Pancakes and Syrup or Cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch -Chicken Nuggets or Steak Patty, potatoes, mixed vegetables, peaches, roll, milk
Tuesday
Breakfast -Eggs or Cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch -Meaty Macaroni or Ham, corn, baby carrots, pears, cornbread, milk
Wednesday
Breakfast -Rice or Cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch -Hoagie Sandwich or Grilled Cheese, baked tots, pickle spears, orange slices, milk
Thursday
Breakfast -Mini corndogs or Cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch - Beef and Bean Chalupa or Corndog, salad, applesauce, milk
Friday
Breakfast - Cinnamon Roll or Cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch -Hamburger or chicken patty, salad, baked beans, pineapple, milk

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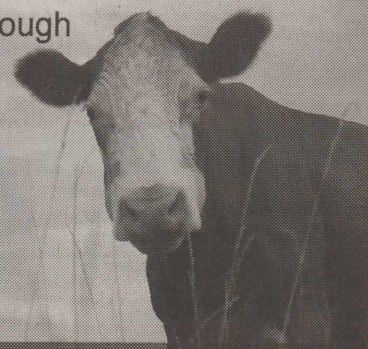
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Floydada Sports

FHS Tennis and Track Reach New Heights



Courtesy Photo

By Emily Hall-Staff Writer

As the spring semester comes to an end, it's the time for district tennis and track meets. The athletes are more than ready to compete to the best of their abilities.

"Practice, practice, practice every day is how we have been preparing for dis-

trict tennis the past months," said tennis coach Regina Smith.

There are twenty athletes participating in tennis this year. One of them in particular explained how he mentally prepares himself for a tennis match.

"The key is the jam session which includes Taylor

Swift," said Haden Lipham. "Then I make sure I stretch all my muscles. Finally, I make sure my shoe laces are nice and tight."

In addition to tennis, the track team is also training and working hard for district competition.

"What we try to do every meet is get ourselves better from week to week," said boys' track coach Desmond Ayala. "Whether it's distance in throwing or times on our relays, we do the best we can each meet."

One Whirlwind runner shows us different things needed to prepare mentally and physically for a big race at a track meet.

"I stretch, and then I go off by myself and stretch some more while thinking about the race," said Landry Morren. "I also think about everything I will have to do for handoffs."

It is very evident that the Floydada High School athletic program is ready to be a big contender at the district meets. Good luck and good job to all the tennis and track participants this year!



Courtesy Photo

Congratulations to the 5th and 6th grade All Star Boys for 1st place at the Lockney tournament March 29th thru the 31st. Pictured (back row, l-r) Coach Michael Thomas, Alejandro Pinon, Jeremiah Johnston, Remington Ricketts, Jordan Mendoza, Ruben Marmolejo; (bottom row, l-r) Jaiden Blakey, Stephen Cuba, Chris Emert, Jacob Thomas and Keenan Nixon.

Lady Winds fall to Muleshoe and Idalou



Photo by Homer Marquez

Delafuente fueled the Lady Winds' comeback.

One run in the bottom of the sixth helped Floydada close its deficit to 7-3. The Floydada Lady Winds threat came to an end when Vasquez finally got Braxton Turner to ground out.

Muleshoe tacked on another five runs in the seventh. Linda Sanchez singled, scoring Lopez to start the inning. That was followed up by that scored Alondra Villacel.

On Saturday, the Lady Winds traveled to Idalou where they fell 18-4. Stephanie Caballero baffled Idalou, striking out four batters.

Floydada Lady Winds' pitcher allowed one earned run, 13 hits and two walks over four innings. Boman got the win for Idalou as she allowed four runs over five innings. The Idalou HS pitcher struck out three, walked four and surrendered six hits.

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Two runs in the bottom of the fifth helped the Lady Winds close its deficit to 7-2 and an RBI double by Anna

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Whirlwind baseball eyes the top of the district



Photo by Homer Marquez

By Coach Seago

Floydada baseball started the week off right on Tuesday 4/3, when Dimmitt came to town and the Whirlwinds sent them back northwest after beating the Bobcats 14-2 to open the second half of district play and improved to an 6-1 record in district play. On a beautiful day for tossing the pearl around the field, Floydada did not take advantage of a couple of routine ground balls in the first inning and allowed Dimmitt to push a run across but stopped the scoring there when Jose Martinez stopped a comebacker at him to get a guy out at third and with the bases loaded, struck out the next batter to end the inning, Dimmitt would score its only other run in the 3rd.

Jose Martinez was the starting pitcher and went a complete 5 innings allowing 5 hits with three walks but struck out 7 Bobcats hitters while allowing only one earn run. Jose faced a total of 29 batters and completed the day by throwing 14 first pitch strikes in 89 pitches. The defense settled

down after two first inning errors and record 8 putouts afterward with no errors. "Once again, we had a shaky start to the game defensively but were able to control the damage. Martinez did a great job on the mound all day and controlled the Dimmitt hitters very well and allowed the defense to do their job."

The offensive had an outstanding day at the dish against the Dimmitt pitching staff as they recorded 14 hits throughout the contest. Jose Martinez and Xavier Cervera lead all hitters with 3 hits apiece with Jose having a double and 3 RBI's while Xavier had two doubles and recorded 2 more of the 11 RBI's Floydada gained during the game. Danny Martinez, Anthony Garza, and Hunter Galvan had two hits apiece as well. "The offense did a great job all day, they adjusted to Dimmitt's pitchers all day and took advantage of runners being in scoring position when we needed it. We still need to improve in a lot of areas and hopefully that will come over the next few weeks.

On Friday, 4/6; the Winds traveled 45 minutes West to take on the Antelopes of Abernathy and hopefully take control of the district race with a win against the other 6-1 team in the district. Well, the day didn't turn out to well as the Antelopes scored three runs in the first and never looked back a got the home win 7-2.

Hunter Galvan was the starting pitcher but ran into control problems early, so Seth Nielson relieved him at the end of the first inning. Seth went the rest of the game by striking out 8 Abernathy hitters while allowing just 4 hits on 4 walks and giving up 4 runs. Offensively, the Whirlwinds could only muster 5 hits off of pitcher Issac Pierson. "It was just one of those games where they came out hot and we never could get anything going to counter act it. We are still in a great position and just have to keep motoring along while getting some quality wins to finish out district and hopefully advance to the play-offs"

The Winds will be in action Sat 4/14 when The Idalou Wildcats come to town for a 1:30 game. They will then travel to Fritch on Tuesday 4/17 for a non-district game before coming home for a game against the Friona Chieftains on Sat. 4/21.

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Agriculture

Sign-up and Re-Enrollment Deadline Extended for CRP General Sign-up 43

WASHINGTON, April 4, 2012 — U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Bruce Nelson today announced that the sign-up deadline for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) has been extended to April 13, 2012.

"Due to strong interest in CRP, the decision was made to extend CRP sign-up 43 for an additional week. I encourage all eligible farmers and ranchers to take advantage of this opportunity to participate in CRP," said Nelson. "Whether new enrollees or re-enrolling existing CRP contracts, producers who sign up for CRP help to conserve land and improve our soil, water, air and wildlife habitat resources."

After the CRP general sign-up ends on April 13, FSA will evaluate offers based on cost and the Environmental Benefits Index (EBI). The EBI takes into consideration variables such as wildlife habitat, water quality protection, soil erosion reduction, air quality protection and other enduring benefits. Accepted offers will become effective Oct. 1, 2012.

CRP is a voluntary program available to agricultural producers to help them use envi-

ronmentally sensitive land for conservation benefits. Producers enrolled in CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving covers to improve the quality of water, control soil erosion and develop wildlife habitat. In return, USDA provides participants with rental payments and cost-share assistance. Contract duration is between 10 and 15 years. Producers with expiring contracts and producers with environmentally sensitive land are encouraged to evaluate their options under CRP.

CRP has a 25-year legacy of successfully protecting the nation's natural resources through voluntary participation, while providing significant economic and environmental benefits to rural communities across the United States. Currently, about 30 million acres are enrolled in CRP.

CRP continues to make major contributions to national efforts to improve water and air quality, prevent soil erosion by protecting the most sensitive areas including those prone to flash flooding and runoff. At the same time, CRP has helped increase populations of pheasants, quail, ducks, and other rare species, like

the sage grouse, the lesser prairie chicken, and others. Highlights of CRP include:

□ CRP has restored more than two million acres of wetlands and two million acres of riparian buffers;

□ Each year, CRP keeps more than 600 million pounds of nitrogen and more than 100 million pounds of phosphorous from flowing into our nation's streams, rivers, and lakes.

□ CRP provides \$1.8 billion annually to landowners—dollars that make their way into local economies, supporting small businesses and creating jobs; and

□ CRP is the largest private lands carbon sequestration program in the country. By placing vulnerable cropland into conservation, CRP sequesters carbon in plants and soil, and reduces both fuel and fertilizer usage. In 2010, CRP resulted in carbon sequestration equal to taking almost 10 million cars off the road.

In 2011, USDA enrolled a record number of acres of private working lands in conservation programs, working with more than 500,000 farmers and ranchers to implement conservation practices that clean the air we breathe, filter

the water we drink, and prevent soil erosion. Moreover, the Obama Administration, with Agriculture Secretary Vilsack's leadership, has worked tirelessly to strengthen rural America, implement the Farm Bill, maintain a strong farm safety net, and create opportunities for America's farmers and ranchers. U.S. agriculture is currently experiencing one of its most productive periods in American history thanks to the productivity, resiliency, and resourcefulness of our producers.

Producers are encouraged to contact their local FSA service center or visit FSA's website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/crp> for additional information regarding CRP.

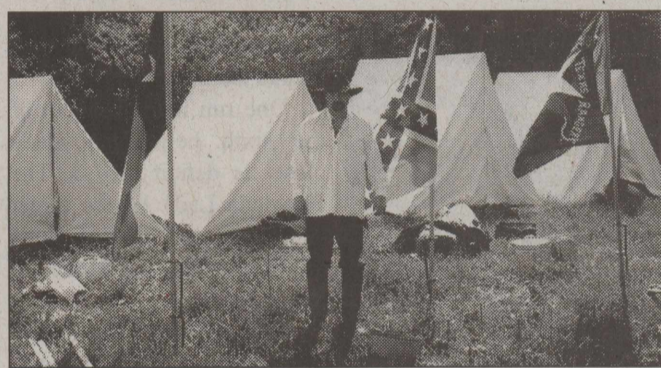
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Local historical group heads to Tennessee

By Clarence Pope

Co. I, 8th Texas Cavalry also known as "Terry's Texas Rangers" were at the 150th anniversary re-enactment of the Battle of Shiloh, Tennessee. The first night we slept on the original battlefield preparing for the fight the next day. It was here that I realized how our ancestors must have felt. Not knowing what lay in store for them, whether they would ever see home again. If they would be remembered or just lay in an unmarked grave and be forgotten. It was an eerie feeling!

During the battle the next day it was raining straight down, much like it was 150 years ago. The cannons began to fire; infantry began to take the field. I had a combination of feelings of excitement, fear and strangely enough, anger. When we went into battle we forget this is not real. It seemed as if we were really there with those great men 150 years ago defending



Courtesy Photo

Recently, local resident Clarence Pope headed down to Tennessee for the 150th anniversary re-enactment of the Civil War battle in Shiloh. Pictured above is Pope in the Texas Cavalry camp.

their homes and rights against the intruding Yankee Army.

As smoke filled the air from all the cannons, rifles and pistols I had goose bumps and butterflies, it was so REAL, except, we all got to live to fight the next battle. I hope this insight into the first day from my point of view in the battle of Fallen Timbers will help everyone understand more of what our Confederate Heroes saw and

felt on that day 150 years ago. (Next week my account of the second day of the Battle "The Peach Orchard. For information e-mail me at scv1t.clarence.pope@yahoo.com.

This spring is very busy for the Sons of Confederate Veterans. In April we have a grave dedication ceremony in Memphis, Texas on April 14, 2012. May schedule will be in the next article.

SPC garners awards at state press conference, competition Jennifer Harbin garners awards

LEVELLAND — Students from the mass communications program at South Plains College garnered 16 awards during the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association (TIPA) spring competition and convention, held recently at the Holiday Inn Emerald Beach Hotel in Corpus Christi.

There were 481 participants representing 46 colleges and universities at this year's convention. TIPA is the largest student press association in the nation.

Members of the Plainsman Press have won 121 awards in the past eight years including 95 in Texas Intercollegiate Press Association contests and 26 in Texas Community College Journalism Association contests since 2004.

Two students won awards after competing in live on-site contests. The Plainsman Press Associate Editor Tausha Rosen, sophomore public relations major from Lubbock, received Honorable Mention recognition in Editorial Cartoon contest. Febe Sabinas, sophomore broadcast journalism major from Lubbock, received Honorable Mention recognition in the Spanish News Writing contest.

In the competition for previously-published material, the staff of the Plainsman Press placed third in the category of Overall Excellence, and placed second in Headline Writing.

Also, Ellysa Gonzalez,

former editor-in-chief, and Jennifer Harbin, former feature editor, placed first in the category of Single Subject Presentation for an article on the Lubbock area wine industry. Gonzalez placed second in General Column for a story she wrote on pursuing Sara Palin in Lubbock, and second place in Newspaper Ad Design. Harbin received Honorable Mention recognition for Sports News Story.

Samantha Rodriguez, sophomore photojournalism major from Haskell and current editor-in-chief, placed third in Sports Feature Story, Sports Action Photo and Picture Story.

Andrew Garvin, a sophomore photojournalism major from Snyder, placed third in News Story for a story he wrote on a suspected terrorist.

Jayne Wheeler, sophomore photojournalism major from Levelland serving as entertainment editor, received Honorable Mention in the category of Feature Photo. Rosen received Honorable Mention recognition in Op/Ed Page Design. Gabby Perez, sophomore photojournalism major from Muleshoe serving as photo editor, received Honorable Mention for Sports Feature Photo. And, Joshua Harris, freshman advertising major from Idalou, received Honorable Mention for Photo Illustration.

Also attending the convention and participating in live contests were: Ash-

ley Richardson, freshman broadcast journalism major from Lubbock, participated in TV News Writing; Devin Hargrove, freshman English major from Lubbock, participated in Copy Editing; Nicholas Parkin, sophomore print journalism major from Lake Highlands, participated in Print Sports Writing; Michelle Bernal, sophomore broadcast major from Brownfield, participated in TV Announcing; Joseph Waggoner, sophomore broadcast journalism major from Lubbock, participated in Radio Announcing; Miranda Gonzales, sophomore photojournalism major from city, Pagosa Springs, Colo., participated in Feature Photography; Joanna Hernandez, freshman advertising major from Lubbock, participated in Print Advertising; and Lynda Bryant Work, photojournalism major from Morton, participated in News Writing and Newspaper Design.

Rodriguez competed in News Photography and Two-Person Photo Essay with Perez, while Rosen competed in Critical Review. Wheeler competed in Feature Writing while Harris competed in Headline Writing and Editorial Writing. Perez also competed in Sports Action Photography. MiReyna Reyes, sophomore from Earth, attended the convention but did not compete.

All students participating in the trip also attended workshops on various topics that were held in conjunction with the convention.

Billy Alonzo, assistant professor of Radio, Television and Film, and Charles Ehrenfeld, assistant professor of Journalism, served as monitors and judges during the live on-site contests. Ehrenfeld also presided during the final meeting of his two-year term as president of the Texas Community College Journalism Association.

Floyd County Appraisal District Reminds Businesses to Render Their Taxable Property by April 16

If you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income, then a rendition must be filed with the Floyd County Appraisal District by April 16, 2012. A rendition is a report that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on Jan. 1 of this year.

Property includes inventory and equipment used by a business. Owners do not have to render exempt property, such as church property or an agriculture producer's equipment used for farming.

The appraisal district may use the information submitted in the rendition to set property values. A report of decreased value may be filed also. For example, if the property is damaged or no longer is located in Floyd County.

The last day to file a rendition or report of decreased value is April 16, 2012. If a rendition is filed late or incomplete or not at all, a 10 to 50 percent penalty may be imposed.

Property owners who need more time to file their renditions may file a written request with the chief appraiser on or before April 16 to receive an automatic extension to May 15 or the next business day. The chief appraiser may also grant an additional 15 days after the postponed deadline, if necessary.

For more information about rendering property, deadline extensions, penalties and rendition forms, taxpayers may contact the Floyd County Appraisal District at PO Box 249, Floydada, Texas, 79235 or 806-983-5256.

More information is also available from the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at 1-800-252-9121 and press "2" to access the menu and then press "1" to contact the Information Services Team or visit the Comptroller's website at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/.

NOTICE OF ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF LAURITA BERTRAND

Administration of the Estate of LAURITA BERTRAND, Deceased, has been commenced by the issuance of original Letters Testamentary to Harold Bertrand, on the 5th day of April, 2012, in the County Court of Floyd County, Texas, acting in Cause No. 5911 styled the Estate of LAURITA BERTRAND, Deceased in which court the case is pending.


All persons having claims having the Estate are hereby notified to present them within the time prescribed by law. The address to which claims may be presented is:

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ber Sense is coached by Pam Fulton. In Current Issues and Events, Kelsie Stennett placed 2nd and Brenna Tidwell placed 6th as a team, Kelsie, Brenna, Rico Trejo, and Taylor Rose finished second and will be a regional alternate.

say Stewart 5th, Darby Long 6th, and McKenzie Kemp 7th. Ashley Roberts is the alternate. They are alternates to the regional meet. Lesha Woodard and Jessica Jordan coach this event.

Darby Long placed 4th and Alexis Rodriguez place 6th in Poetry. Tanae Ramos also competed. Dixie Williams, McKenzie Kemp, and Rayann Race performed in Prose Interpretation. Melanie Ragland is the coach of these events.

In Spelling and Vocabulary, Sarah Belt, Candy Rea, Tyler Covington, and Shayla Vasquez placed 5th as a team. Racheal Kasper is their coach.

Mary Sammann placed 5th in Science with Taylor Rose, Landon Kidd, Hunter Thompson, Jake Bramlet, and Steve Karlin placing 3rd as a team. They are coached by D'Lyn Morris.

In Math, Dillon DeLeon, Erik Cortez, Amber Segovia, John Salas and Rico Trejo placed 5th as a team and Rico earned 5th with his individual score. Monty Teeter coaches this team.

Congratulations to all that competed and thanks to all that assisted with the meet.

Nathan Caballero will advance to the Regional meet with his 2nd place finish in Informative Speaking. Heather Fierros placed 4th in this event and is a regional alternate.

Melanie Ragland is the coach for this event.

The Computer Science team of Rico Trejo, Johnny Rose, Nikki Jimenez, and Hunter Thompson placed 2nd with Rico earning 4th, Hunter 5th, Nikki 6th and Johnny 8th. They are regional alternates and are coached by D'Lyn Morris.

In Calculator Apps, Mary Sammann earned a 6th place finish. Jonathan Sustaita, Johnny Rose, and Nikki Jimenez also competed. They are coached by Jeff Dunn.

The Literary Criticism team earned 2nd place with Jasmine Pena placing 4th, Lind-

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which included the financial report and farm contracts. This month, farm contracts were approved for QD Williams for the removal of dirt from a stock tank; Johnny Cubecek for digging a pit just a half a mile south of Lakeview; Kary Helms for rebuilding a terrace for soil and water conservation; Steve Johnson was approved to bury a barn foundation so he could return the land to cultivation; and R and J Farms was approved to bury the foundation of a demolished house so the land could be used for cultivation.

Commissioners approved a motion for a joint primary election with the Democrats and the Republicans. They also accepted a motion to allow a County Wide Election Precincts Program. This program will allow Floyd County citizens to vote at any polling station in the county, no matter what precinct they live in. Commissioners would also officially accept the resignation of AgriLife extension agent Melissa Long, and also amended a Floyd County Safety Program with a seat belt policy. Along with deeming old radio equipment and typewriters from the Sheriff's Department as salvage and approving bounty agreements; the commissioners also accepted donated RAP material which was hauled by Dean Watson. Commissioners Mike Anderson and Nathan Johnson would vote against accepting the haul.

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If the two complete the program, Hooten and Garcia will be still keep their same responsibilities but will add on municipal court ticket collections. The position of municipal court judge can be elect or appointed depending on a municipalities preferences.

Also discussed during April's meeting, City officials meet with the Mackenzie Water Authority and city engineers to discuss concerns with Mackenzie's municipal water tank repairs. Last year, the city entered into an agreement with the Mackenzie Water Authority for repairs on water storage tanks in Lockney, Rock Creek, and Tulia. Completion for the repairs, which included roof repairs, was scheduled for Jan. 1; however set backs in the repairs have kept the project from being completed. Representatives from the authority told the council that the project was first delayed because they were having a hard time getting sub-contractors to coordinate their work. The project was then delayed 60 days because the roof of the water tank in Lockney was removed and the tank had some bowed so the new roof did not fit properly. Once that problem was fixed with a set of stiffeners; subcontractors headed to Tulia to fix that tank instead of completing Lockney's.

Once the crew returned to finish the Lockney tank; a telephone company accidentally punctured a water line out in the country; so the water authority had to take care of that problem before putting Lockney's water tank back online. The delays worried the City because it was pushing back the date that construction could begin on a new water storage for the city. Several months back, the City of Lockney was awarded a \$275,000 grant from the state for a new water storage tank. Construction for the new tank could not start until the Mackenzie Water Authority finished their repairs because the City could not have two water tanks down at the same time. Like most grants, this water tank grant has a time limit for completion and the grant could be taken away if the project is not finished in the appropriate time. Concerned that current repair delays may affect the grant process, City officials and their en-

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. Contestants that triumphed in district are extremely eager to go to regionals, especially if it is their first time. "It was my first year competing so I wasn't expecting to advance, but I worked hard, and that work paid off. I'm going to regionals!" exclaimed freshman persuasive speaker, McKenna Johnson.

Unlike Johnson, some of these students have already gone to regionals once, twice, or even three times before, like senior journalism participant Sarah Jo Miller. "I am so happy that I'm able to go to the Regional Qualifier Meet for the fourth year in a row," commented the experienced writer. "I was so nervous about not making it, but usually when I feel the worst about my work

is when I do my best." Even though the students may have worried about their performances, their sponsors always believed their students would do well.

"This year started off kind of difficult because I was bringing in new students who had never performed in Journalism. However, as the year progressed, writing for the newspaper made their skills flourish, and I knew that they would go in and knock out the competition. I'm so very proud of their accomplishments," stated Journalism coach, Cynthia Smith. The students as well as their sponsors look forward to great things at regionals and hopefully even a trip to state!

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Table with columns for relay events (4th 4/200, 5th 300 hurdles, 5th 100 hurdles) and participants (Liz Salas, Brittany Jimenez, Agustina Rodriguez, Camryn Diaz, Karis Carstensen).

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the 2009 credit was strengthened, the U.S. renewable industry has thrived, with wind power alone growing 37% annually over the past four years. The growth of the wind industry has created much needed jobs in the country, as well as lessened our dependence on foreign oil and has left a good imprint on the environment.

According to a report by Navigant Consulting, which has been commissioned by the American Wind Energy Association, with the PTC in place, the wind industry is on track to create 54,000 jobs in the country, including 46,000 in manufacturing jobs. Currently there are more than 400 facilities in 43 states making wind turbines parts.

Unfortunately, despite heavy bi-partisan support, Congress and the U.S. Senate have yet to pass a motion that would extend the credit before it expires at the end of the year. The result has created an uneasy fear that the credit may not be extended, which has slowed investors interest and put some projects on hold. Not renewing the PTC could be a big blow for industry as the loss of the credit could force investors to pull out of some projects.

The same Navigant report predicts that if the credit is not extended, investments in the renewable energy could drop from \$15.6 billion in 2012 to \$5.5 billion in 2013. Jobs in the industry will also see a fall from 78,000 to 41,000.

"Creating jobs and securing our energy future must be a priority at both the state and federal levels," wrote the National Governors Association in a letter to congressional leaders that was released on nawindpower.com, "We strongly urge you to partner with states to support these industries as they continue to develop by passing legislation on a bipartisan basis to extend expiring renewable production and investment tax credits."

On a number of occasions, Congress has not been able to extend the PTC, as the credit has been supported in the House, but has failed in the Senate. Some of the reasons why the extension has not yet been passed are because the PTC has been attached to other bills that were not favored by both parties; another reason is that conservative Republicans are hesitant to support a credit that cost \$9.6 billion in 2011 according to Time Magazine, nearly three times what Congress had expected. Some conservatives also feel that the renewable industry should not depend on subsidies but should survive in the free market; something that Anderson doesn't quite agree with. "We've always subsidized the energy in our country and subsidizing wind farms is not an unusual step for us as a nation; to promote an energy that we think is important to our energy independence," Anderson explained.

Anderson also explained that wind industry was becoming more and more competitive with other forms of energy because wind

turbine components were becoming more efficient in output and every year the wind industry gets closer to functioning without the assistance of tax credits.

Locally, not extending the PTC will more than likely not be a death blow to the wind farm projects planning to connect on the CREZ transmission lines. Many companies like Blanco Canyon Wind Farm will not be affected by the credit because they anticipated the possibility of Congress not extending the credit and made adjustments. Dennis Anderson, who manages leased land acquired by Blanco, said his company adopted a different economical model than the one that would bring into play the tax credit. However, he said future projects from his company could be held until they find out if the extension will be made.

"I can tell you with certainty that I know of renewable energy wind farm developers that have put a hold on developments until they understand whether those tax credits go through or not," Anderson explained.

Currently, Blanco Canyon Wind Development, which is managed by BID Texas Online, INC. and Wind Power of Texas, has leased around 33,000 acres of land just northeast of Floydada. After putting up three meteorological towers a little over a year ago, the developers are now working with engineers to design their actual wind farm and are working on finalizing their interconnection studies.

Anderson, who is based out of Abilene, says through the managing partner's network of business contacts in the wind industry, Blanco was able to get track on with the project with or without the tax credit.

However, despite their recent capability to put in a wind farm in what will soon be the largest wind farm in the nation; Anderson is still warning that the death of the PTC will be a huge road block for future wind farm development.

"I honestly believe that 80 percent of all the wind development that would have been done will not get done," he added.

Although, the majority of people think that credit will eventually be extended; like many others involved in the industry, Anderson is asking everybody to ask their local state and federal representatives to push the issue forward because while the credit is uncertain many companies are holding off on wind energy expansion, which is leading to the loss of many jobs.

"American manufacturing jobs are coming back, with tens of thousands of new jobs from wind power," commented CEO of the American Wind Energy Association, Denis Bode in a recent interview in another publication, "But these jobs could vanish if Congress allows the production tax credit to expire, in effect enacting a targeted tax increase, and sending our jobs to foreign countries. Congress must act now to keep this American manufacturing success story going."



Photo by Homer Marquez

On Friday, a bake sale was held at W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital to benefit Elnetia Hill who is set to undergo surgery. Tons of people came out to the hospital to buy over 75 baked goods that were made by the hospital staff. Pictured above are Christina Rodriguez, Velma Rubio and Elnetia Hill.



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Lockney's Chamber of Commerce April Business of the month is Allsup's Convenience Store. Pictured above is Chamber representative Archie Jones and Store Manager Beatrice Reynolds. The store has five employees; Natalie Vasquez, Joe Smith, Veronica Villareal, Dora Bueno and Beatrice Luna.

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Prerequisite test and registration will be from 7 to 10 p.m. on April 19. The cost of the course is \$130, and includes all materials and certification cards.

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surface dive to a depth of 7 to 10 feet, retrieve a 10 pound rick, return swimming with both hands on the brick and face out of the water in 1 minute and 40 seconds. Swimmers must tread water for two minutes with the use of a kick only. No hands or support may be used.

The class schedule is 5:30 to 9:30 on April 20 (Friday); 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 21 (Saturday); 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. on April 21 (Friday); and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 28 (Saturday).

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We enjoyed every minute of the trip.

"We found trailer hook-ups in the states, but through Canada and on the Alkan, we stopped by a secluded stream and spent the night. The man who said, 'The farther you get from civilization, the more civilized people are knew what it is like.'"

Everybody stopped to help with a flat or any such trouble.

"The first day on the Alkan, we heard about a certain bridge in Canada that ran across a river where the crossing is made by driving over on a railroad track. I told Dan that that was one thing that I would not do," she remembers.

The police were just around the corner from the bridge directing traffic. When they told them to go ahead, Peggy was in the lead car and was in the driver's seat.

"Before I knew it, I found myself on the bridge. I knew I could not drive across, but there was no turning back. I did drive across! It seemed like a mile, but I guess it was about a 1/2 mile. It was a high bridge with no possible way of crossing but to drive with car wheels on each side of the rails.

"If you can make it up the first mountain, you can make it all the way to Anchorage," men at the gas station said.

The 35-foot trailer weighed so much and with the steepness of the mountain, the front end of the pickup lifted off the ground at intervals. They made it to Anchorage.

"The first time I ever saw the northern lights, I was by myself. It's just such an awesome sight to see them. It just leaves you with a feeling of lack of comprehension of the greatness of it.

"It's not like a sunset. It has more of the color of the rainbow and is more vivid. You just have to see it to believe it. It begins gradually and you think, "Is that a flash of lightning?"

"Once in September, we were riding with friends. That night we saw such a terrific display of the lights

moving in constant motion."

They returned from Alaska without having found a place to begin their cattle-raising project.

"When coming back from Alaska, I had a great desire to have a special experience in the 'great frozen silence of the north'—so we bravely stopped the pickup 50 miles from the nearest station and took a walk in the snow. There was absolute silence. When there is no wind, you don't realize how cold you are. Miraculously, the pickup started and we safely drove on toward the next gas station.

"I am grateful that nothing ever really happens to me. God always sends help. Sometimes, I feel that I am really in trouble, providently God appears to help."

Following Alaska of one year, the Walters have lived two years in California, have lived three different times in Ohio and have lived in New Mexico and Oklahoma. They don't count the times they have come an have moved back to Texas. Now when not in Lockney, they claim Missouri where for four years Mr. Walters has been instructor in science in a Missouri educational system.

During all this time, Peggy has completed her college education for her degree and has become interested in poetry. One of her late accomplishments is in having a poem published in the RURAL ELECTRIC MISSOURIAN. The poem is published under the pseudonym Suzy Savage. She titled her verse, "Friends". She would naturally write about an animal

FRIENDS

There is a blessing in a pup
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There is a magic in his powers,
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