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Small town boy in a big music world

By Rosemary Gonzales
Plainview Herald/
Our People News

Most parents would rather their five-year-old child be playing with quiet toys at that age, but when Ernest Torrez Sr. and Amanda Loudermilk provided their son, Alex with a set of drums, the youngster decided to make music his life.

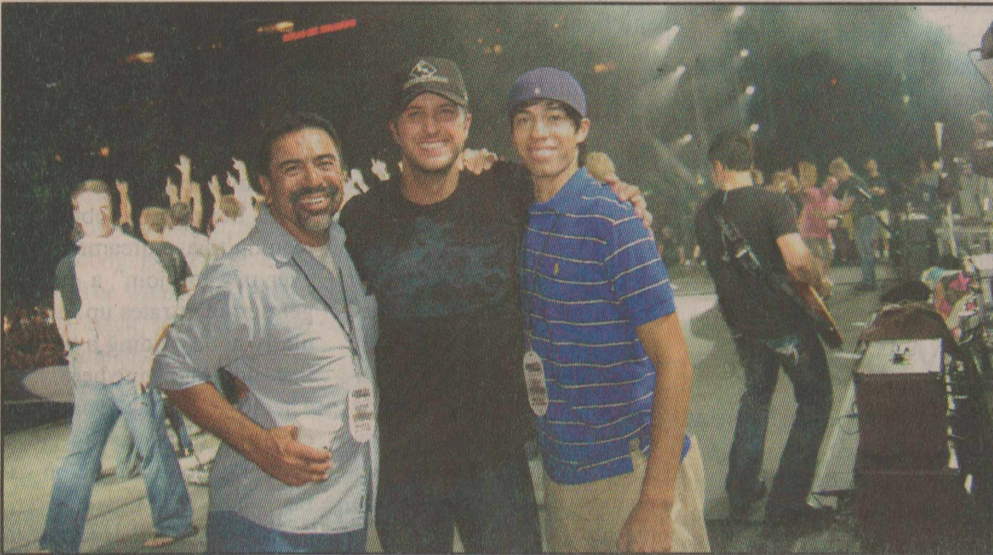
"I started playing drums at some point when I was about five years old. I basically never thought about doing anything else since," says Alex Torrez, "I just allowed my talent as a drummer to carry me where my dreams allowed."

Torrez, who was born and raised in Floydada, followed his musical dream both on

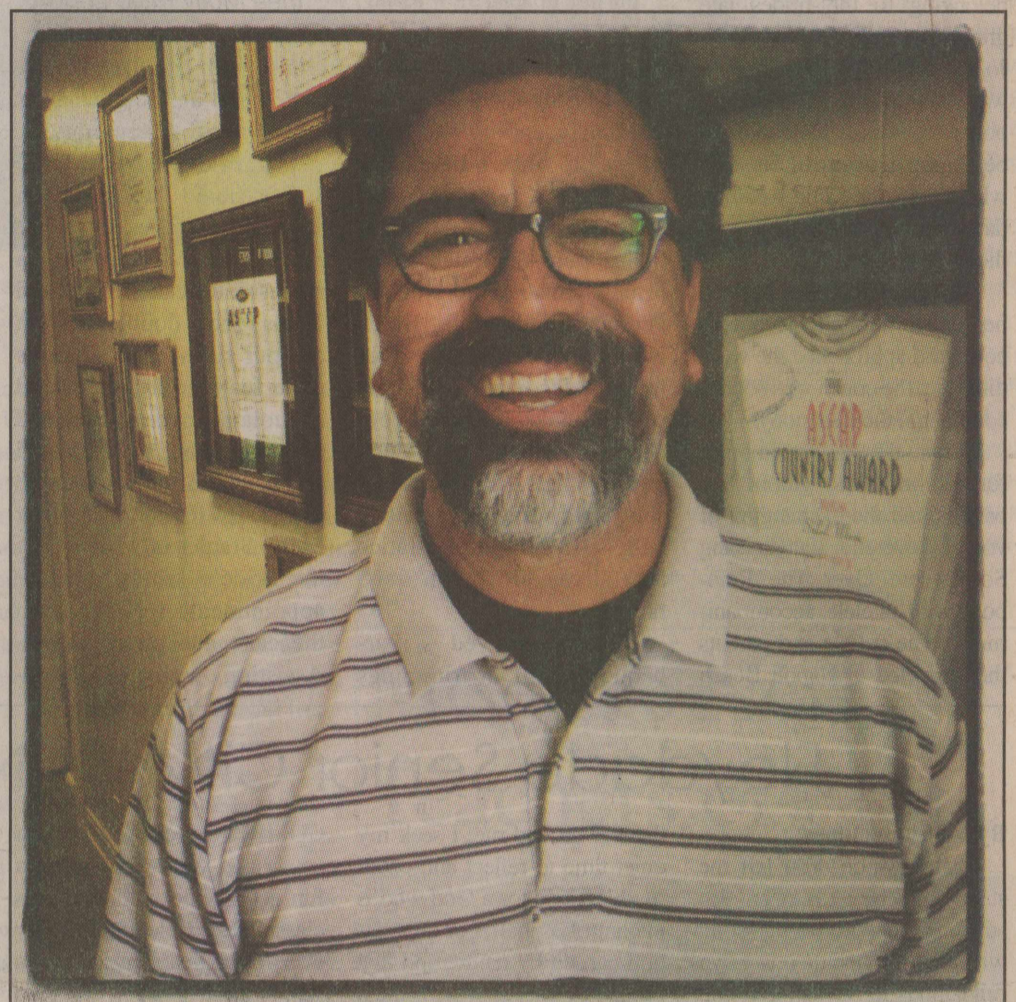
stage and now behind the scenes.

He is now Vice President of Business Relations for Lawrence Music Group in Nashville, Tennessee, overseeing the progress of all departments. LMG is owned

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Courtesy Photo
Alex Torrez (left) with Luke Bryan (center) and his son, Cooper Torrez (right), backstage in Indianapolis on the Kenny Chesney Stadium Tour a couple years ago.



ALEX TORREZ

Make plans now to attend Floyd County Fair, Sept. 14-15

By Carol Huggins

The Floyd County Fair Association is hoping you are making plans for a jam-packed, fun-filled weekend on September 14 and 15 at the fairgrounds in Lockney. Many people have worked very hard to plan activities for all ages during the Fair. Some things are traditional; but there are also several brand new activities in the works. Admission to the Fair is FREE, and most of the events are also free. There is

a small charge for a few of the events.

Thursday, September 13 will be the day for entries in several different areas. From 3 - 6 p.m. you can enter your items in the Adult Department - sewing, crafting, canning, and baking, with the help of Charlene Brown, Linda Edwards, and Ethelyn Garnett. The Youth Department will be staffed by Neta Marble, Sue Daniels, and Carrie Rendon during the same hours. Artists and

photographers can enter their works in the Art and Photography Department also from 3 - 6 p.m. with Donna Webb. Any examples of your crops, gardens, or flowers can be entered in the Flower Department with Carol Huggins or the Agriculture Department with Charlie Carthel. Everything will be judged and ribbons given.

Anyone wishing to have a small educational exhibit can bring their brochures, etc. from 4-6 p.m. on Thursday.

Cindy Cotham will help you get your space set up. Please bring your own card table, etc.

The Fair will actually open at noon on Friday. Friday morning has been reserved for the county school kids to come out to a clown program with Dennis and Mary Carter and to take a tour of the fairgrounds.

The first event of the Fair
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FHS Whirlwind "Hall of Fame" honorees to be inducted

FLOYDADA (September 6, 2012)--The Class of 1972 will score two inductees when new inductees are announced for the 2012 Whirlwind Hall of Fame at the FHS Homecoming Ex-students business meeting.

Induction will be from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday in the high school auditorium. The other four honorees will be from the classes of 1958, 1962, 1964 and 1970.

Honorees Former and new Hall of Fame members and families will be honored with an informal breakfast at 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Saturday in the library at Duncan Elementary School.

Revelation and introduction of the newest members of the FHS Hall of Fame will be during the 10:30 a.m. business meeting in the high school auditorium.

Lee Battey, chairman of the

2012 Hall of Fame Committee, will make the presentations. Other committee members were Bob Dempsey, Price Pritchett, Charles Tyer and Beth Pratt.

This year's honorees present an amazing variety and types of success, all of them worthy role models for today's school children and representative of the quality of Floydada High School graduates through the years.

The six Hall of Fame honorees were selected from about 20 candidates nominated. As word spreads about the FHS Whirlwind Hall of Fame and the number of nominations increases, the task of selection becomes more and more difficult, a great problem to have because it illustrates the high quality and achievement

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"Join in the Journey" Women's Conference Saturday, October 6, 2012

Featured Speaker
Mindy Ferguson

Mindy Ferguson is a national retreat and conference speaker who passionately encourages women to live for Christ. She is the President and founder of Fruitful Word Ministries and the author of three books, including Hugs Bible Reflections for Women, published by Simon and Schuster-Christian.

Mindy is a frequent guest



MINDY FERGUSON

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Crosby/Floyd Counties Crop Tour

The 2012 Crosby/Floyd Counties Crop Tour will be held on Thursday, September 13th. This year's crop tour will begin with registration and breakfast at 8:30 AM until 9 AM at Triumph Seed Company (Hwy 62 by pass) located in Ralls.

The first stop in this tour will be a grain sorghum field located near Ralls. Triumph Seed will discuss new sorghum varieties and the future grain outlook. Next we will travel to a large cotton plot variety trial near Blanco (east plains) on the farm of Mark Appling. The

trial includes fourteen varieties from seven different seed companies. Dr. Mark Kelley will speak about the current crop conditions and harvest aids. Lunch will served at the variety trial in Blanco.

Tour participants will receive 3 CEU's (2 general and 1 IPM). Please call the Crosby County AgriLife Extension office at (806) 675-2347 or the Floyd County AgriLife Extension office at (806) 983-4912 by September 7th to RSVP for this tour to help us get a count for lunch.

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LIFESTYLES

Long and Jensen exchange vows in Hawaii

Molly Kaye Long and Wesley Everett Jensen exchanged vows on Sunday, June 24, 2012 on the ocean front Naupaka Lawn at the Ka'anapali Beach Hotel in Maui, Hawaii. Accompanying the couple were Nick and Melissa Long and David and Janell Jensen. The Hawaiian lei and wedding ceremonies were performed by the Reverend Charles Lahele.

The bride wore an ivory, organza, v-neck gown with sequins and beading on the ruched bodice, A line skirt and chapel train. The train was also adorned with a sequin double "T". The coordinating veil also featured sequins and beading. The bride carried a cascade bouquet of brightly colored tropical flowers.

In keeping with tradition, something old was a sapphire ring and sapphire tie tac belonging to the brides late grandparents, B. O. And Billy-Jo Roberson. The bridal gown was something new, something borrowed was a handkerchief belonging to Martha Lotspeich who shares the same wedding date and something blue was the bride's garter.

As the bride, escorted by her father through the hotel's courtyard approached the wedding site, the conch was sounded to begin the ceremony.

After the lei ceremonies for the bride and groom and parents and the exchanging of vows, Reverend Lahele sang Somewhere Over The Rainbow with ukelele accompaniment. The couple and parents then traveled to Napoli Beach



MR. AND MRS. WESLEY EVERETT JENSEN
(nee Molly Kaye Long)

for photos at sunset.

On Saturday, July 21, 2012 a reception was hosted by the bride's parents at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center. The reception tables were decorated in the bride's chosen colors of silver, black and purple. Black cloths with black and silver toppers decorated with mirror tiles, purple rocks, boot confetti and miniature black cowboy hats. Black horse-shoes and stars held vases of baby's breath, purple statice and silver swirls on each table.

Guests enjoyed a barbeque with all the trimmings

along with wedding cake, punch and an ice cream bar and a variety of toppings.

The bride's table featured a five tiered Italian cream cake designed with sugar roses, decorative rope, a rhinestone J cake topper and Texas Tech double T's on all four sides. The groom's table featured a three tiered chocolate cake decorated with the groom's cattle brand and hand crafted spurs made especially for the groom by Max Stapleton, friend of the bride's family. Silver appointments were used on the cake and punch tables. Assisting with the recep-

tion were Kate Groesbeck, Melissa Dunlap, Maggie Arnold, Jessica Igo, Becky Warren, Ann Claire Gustin, Cassie Ferguson, Allison Sessom and Emily Sessom.

The couple was presented at the reception and a special blessing by Rance Young was given. Entertainment was provided by Jimmy Burson and Texas In The Swing.

Pre nuptial courtesies included a bridal shower in the home of Dana Crossland in Floydada and a bridal shower at Reagan County Elementary School in Big Lake.

The couple will make their home in Sealy, Texas.



It's a whole new world. I've joined the Y, as in the YMCA, as in Young Men's Christian Association. Well, at least I'm a Christian.

At the Y, I ride a fake bicycle and also swim, exercises that may shorten my post-knee surgery time in purgatory. Is purgatory capitalized? Perhaps not. But isn't Hell?

Even so, if I capitalize purgatory, you'd think I was talking about a ski resort in New Mexico. I'm not. I'm talking about physical therapy.

Disclaimer:

Not being Catholic, all I know about purgatory is from Dante's "Divine Comedy," required reading in college and probably not the official church line. I remember levels of punishment, like maybe 14. The River Styx was somehow involved.

Anyway, now that I'm enrolled at a "sports" clinic for a regimen to recondition my knee, some of the things Dante wrote are coming back to me, at least vaguely. The physical therapists and technicians are the Devil's apprentices, administering the various forms of torture and thinking up new ones in their spare time. Forgive me if I'm mixing things up with the theology of C. S. Lewis as presented in "The Screwtape Letters," another book I first and last read in college.

Either way, I exaggerate. The exercises are rather mild, but I'm still reminded of those purgatorial punishment levels, except the longer you do physical therapy, the worse things get - not the better. If you start with a two-pound weight on your ankle, the next thing you know it's a three-pound weight - your

reward for doing so well with the two-pounder. Oh well.

Anyway, whether I'm going through prescribed therapeutic paces at the aforementioned clinic or exercising at the Y, it occurs to me that masochism is alive and well today. Something there is that loves to suffer.

Shades of the guy who pulled his hair because it felt so good when he quit. At age 7, I laughed at the joke. Now I'm thinking it describes human nature. Otherwise, fitness gyms would flounder, the Y would lose members and physical therapists would find it harder to make people do prescribed exercises. Instead we submit as we silently repeat the mantra - no pain, no gain.

Back when I was a child growing up on the farm, nobody said that. People avoided pain. Exercise? It just happened. My friend Lupy traces her golf swing to handling a hoe in the cotton patch. Weight lifting happened with hay bale stacking. Mostly there was weight pulling - dragging long sacks that could hold 70 pounds of cotton.

Going to the gym meant going to the school to watch basketball.

Sure, those of us who played the game ran laps and did calisthenics. But we'd never heard of aerobics and wouldn't have dreamed we'd ever pay to "join" a gym to get our heart rates up, particularly not by riding a bicycle that didn't go anywhere. Therapy? It was what psychiatrists dispensed to crazy people, who got to lie on sofas.

Sounds like Heaven to me.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margaret Jones

"Blue Moon, You left me standing alone..." "Can you still sing the words of that song with me?" "When there are two full moons in the same month the second moon is known as the BLUE MOON. In my growing up years that song was one of my favorites. Can you remember when we learned all the words to the most current songs on THE HIT PARADE and would attempt to out-guess our family members what would be NUMBER 1?"

The sweet, gentle times of my growing-up years are, I am afraid, quite foreign to today's younger generation. How I long for the peace and tranquility we took so much for granted. Perhaps COMMUNICATION is too-much-with-us today. Do we really need to know everything about everybody all the time? When keeping up with the NEWS brings instant knowledge to all

there is around me, I seek my quiet time to reflect and count my blessings for a God who is in control of it all. For devastation caused by nature and that caused by the very selfishness of men's hearts, let us pause in our daily live to pray for a bright future and security in this great land of America, and in our world.

A belated 97th HAPPY BIRTHDAY to one of my favorite role-models, Guy Ginn. Guy told me there were 19 family members at his house last Sunday to celebrate his very special day. With a soft chuckle in his voice, a twinkle in his eye, and happiness radiating from within, Guy blesses my day each and every time I see or think about him. My wish for you, Guy, is many more HAPPY BIRTHDAYS, as you continue to celebrate each day with your quick wit and positive attitude....

FLOYDADA'S HOME-

COMING weekend is upon us. I hope you are planning a fun get-together with your ex-classmates. Celebrating only every four years make this a very special time to catch up on the lives of those you knew-back-when.

RECIPE OF THE PAST POOR MAN'S PEPPER STEAK

1 pound cube steak, salt and pepper to taste, flour for dredging, 2 Tbs. oil, 1 medium onion, sliced, 1 clove garlic, minced, 1 green bell pepper, sliced, 2 cups water. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Season the steak with salt and pepper to taste. Dredge in the flour and shake off the excess. Heat the oil in a frying pan over medium heat. Brown the steaks in the oil, then transfer to a large, shallow casserole dish. Sprinkle with garlic, onion, and green pepper over top, pour in water and wrap in aluminum foil. Bake in oven until steak is tender and vegetables are soft, about 1-1/2 hours.

"Thought for the Week" - No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.

Aesop (The Lion and the Mouse)

MEMORIALS

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MENU

Sept. 10 - Sept. 14

- Monday** - Beef stroganoff noodles, whole wheat roll, margarine, mixed vegetables, winter fruit cup, low-fat milk
- Tuesday** - Homestyle lasagna, garlic bread, brussel sprouts, pears, low-fat milk
- Wednesday** - Breaded chicken tenders, baked potatoes w/ sour cream, peas & carrots, strawberries w/whipped topping, low-fat milk
- Thursday** - Ham & beans, cornbread, margarine, spinach, seasoned corn, orange pineapple cup, country apple crisp, low-fat milk
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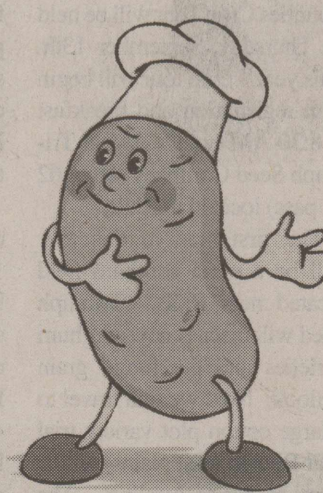
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at the Massie Activity Center (MAC).
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at the Main Street Church of Christ.
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EXERCISE WITH DOROTHY
Exercise with Dorothy is Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9-9:30. Coffee time is Monday through Saturday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Pot luck is on Thursday at 6 p.m. Bring a dish, enjoy supper and play games afterwards.

LOCKNEY HOMECOMING COMMITTEE
The final meeting to prepare for Lockney Homecoming 2012 will be September 11 at 6:30 p.m.

PUNKIN' DAY VENDORS AND VOLUNTEERS
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ATTENTION GIRLS

Just in case you have not heard there is going to be a queen contest at the County Fair on September 15, 2012. You are invited to participate. It is so.....

in a lifetime experience. You learn so much from being in the public eye, plus it is a growing experience.

Pick up your applications from local businesses and schools. Follow direction on the application. You will not regret it! You will have so very much fun!





Whirlwind News



FHS Announces its 2012 Homecoming Court



FHS 2012 Homecoming Court (Top row L-R): Kyarah Pesina, Jessica Cervera, Amelia Gonzalez, Malorie Alaniz (Bottom row L-R): Rebekah Hall, Elizabeth Morales, Dakota Whalen, and Roxann Chavarria.

By Mattie Sanders
Staff Writer

Every four years, when homecoming arrives, the FHS students vote for a queen to represent the school at the football game. The freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors each elect two girls to represent them in the Homecoming Court. Out of the eight girls nominated, one will be crowned Homecoming Queen on the September 07, 2012. The winner will remain a secret until that night, so make sure to come to the game and find out!

Representing the freshmen class is Roxann Chavarria. She is active in Yearbook, BPA, UIL, cross-country, and track. She is the daughter of Victor and Joann Chavarria.

Dakota Whalen is also a freshmen nominee who participates in Yearbook, BPA and UIL. She plays basketball and tennis for FHS. She is the daughter of Todd and Trina Whalen.

One of the sophomore candidates for Homecoming Queen is Rebekah Hall. She is a Whirlwind athlete participating in basketball, tennis, and cheerleading. Rebekah has been a member of the student council

and served as vice president of her freshman class. Her parents are Les and Sue Hall.

The second sophomore candidate is Elizabeth Morales. Elizabeth also plays basketball, tennis, and is a cheerleader at FHS. She was also selected as class favorite last year. Elizabeth served as freshman class president and has been involved in student council. She is the daughter of Amado Morales and Sandra Chavez.

The next FHS nominee for Homecoming Queen 2012 is junior, Jessica Cervera. Jessica participates in Spanish Club, and she is actively involved with her church where teaches class every Wednesday night. She is the daughter of Victoria and Espiridion Cervera Jr.

Junior nominee, Kyarah Pesina, the daughter of Israel and Maria Teresa Pesina, is part of the UIL Calculator team as well as the girls' softball team. During her freshman year at FHS, she was a member of the Spanish Club and Yearbook Staff. Kyarah was also voted freshman and sophomore class favorite.

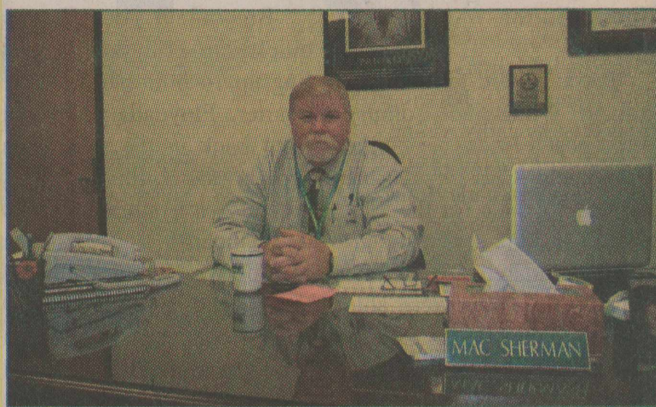
Representing the senior class as a queen nominee is Malorie Alaniz. Malo-

rie is a member of National Honor Society and UIL. She also is a Varsity cheerleader and runs cross-country for FHS. Malorie is on the journalism staff and is editor of the FHS yearbook. She has served as class president her freshman year, and as vice president her sophomore and junior years. Malorie has been an active student council member where she represented her junior class as the secretary. Her parents are Jack and Irene Alaniz.

The final Homecoming Queen nominee is Amelia Gonzalez. Amelia is also a member of National Honor Society. She has held the office of FFA president, as well as secretary of her freshman class. Amelia was also the class president during her sophomore and junior years at FHS. She actively participates in cross-country, basketball, softball, cheerleading and track. She is the daughter of Arnoldo Gonzalez and Elda Morales.

Remember, the winner will remain a secret until game night, so make sure to come to the half-time coronation ceremony and find out who will represent Floydada High School as the 2012 Homecoming Queen!

Class is in Session



By Emily Hall
Staff Writer

As summer drew to an end, Floydada ISD prepared to have a great first day back to school. On August 27, 2012, all campuses were back in session.

"The students were excited, especially the young ones," said Elementary Principal, Mac Sherman. "They came with bright eyes and smiles and were very excited to be here."

Along with the elementary, several high school students were also excited for the new school year.

"My first day back was interesting," said senior Kelsey Nutt. "It doesn't feel like I'm supposed to be a senior, but it was the bomb diggity."

This year didn't present as many changes as previous

years. However, it's always a change for students transitioning from elementary to junior high.

"It was different eating lunch with the 8th graders," said seventh grader, Caitlynn Sanchez. "Everything else might be basically the same, but the classes are harder and getting tough. We don't have as much homework, which makes me happy."

Not only did the students have a great first day back, but also the teaching staff district wide did the same.

"The teaching staff is outstanding; they have a great attitude about everything," said Mr. Sherman. "When you walk into Duncan, you're going to see smiles on faces, and you're going to get good attitudes back."

Meet the New Teachers of Fisd



By Carly Carthel
Staff Writer

A new year brings new teachers to Fisd. Seventh grade welcomes English Language Arts teacher, Cara James. Mrs. James, originally from Quitaque, graduated from Angelo State University with a

Bachelor of Science degree. She is happily married to Jonathan James and has one son, Yager, and two sons on the way. In her spare time, James enjoys doing crafts and watching football. Welcome to Floydada ISD. Wishing an amazing first year!

of this journey. When I recall the love of my family and friends from my hometown, my heart still rejoices. And as I think back on all of the support that I received from the Floyd county community, I beam with excitement knowing how blessed and truly fortunate I am to be a part of this place I now call home. Everything happened so fast, but the fight didn't last long at all. From the beginning of May until the end of August, I had undergone surgery, received twenty-eight radiation treatments, and had been declared cancer free just before we began the new school year. Now,

if that's not a sign of a miracle, I don't know what is. Each day, I wake up knowing that there isn't anything that I can't do because I know "from whence my help cometh, and my help cometh from the Lord." As we embark on the 2012-2013 school year, I hope we all take that into consideration. For every one step that we take, He promises that He will take two, if we let Him. My family and I would like to express our sincerest gratitude to all of you for your love and support for me. Wishing you all a very happy, healthy and successful school year. Until next time...

Staff's Corner



By Cynthia Smith
Editor

Can you believe that a new school year is already back in effect? It seems like only yesterday many people were saying their friendly salutations such as "see you

next year" and "have a great summer!" For me, it was, "Thank you for your kind words, prayers, thoughts, and random acts of kindness during this tragic time in my life." For those of you who may not know my story,

here is a little synopsis of what's happened in my life over the past few months. At the end of the last school year, I was diagnosed breast cancer. When I first found out, I immediately thought my life was over, until I

was reminded that "He will not put anymore on us than we can bear." I can remember how loving my students were when I informed them of the news. I will never forget how my colleagues stood by my side every step

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Floydada School

Whirlwinds drop opener in hard fought game against Brownfield

By Homer Marquez
Plainview Herald/
Sports Editor

It was a hard fought contest in Whirlwind Country this past Friday as the Brownfield Cubs made the trip to Floydada for the kick off to the 2012 season-opener. Unfortunately, by the final whistle, the Cubs were able to subdue the 'Winds by a final of 41-21.

But despite the loss, Floydada head coach Todd Bandy was optimistic as he was able to uncover some true potential in his Whirlwinds Friday.

"Our running backs did well," Bandy said. "Our quarterback Jordan Woody did well in his second start as quarterback. He is a very good runner and we just have

to work a little on the passing."

Brownfield got off to a quick start Friday night putting up 14 points in the first quarter. Floydada answered right back in the second as Woody snuck in a 5-yard touchdown to put the Winds on the board.

The Whirlwinds followed that up with a 30-yard touchdown connection between Woody and receiver Michael Cisneros. A two-point conversion run by Woody sent the 'Winds into the locker room just down by six as the board was lit 20-16.

However it was Brownfield's second half as the Cubs put two more touchdowns in the third and another in the fourth.

The 'Winds made a valiant effort for a comeback

after Woody snuck another 5-yard touchdown run into the end zone, but it was a little too late as the Cubs escaped with the season-opener 42-21.

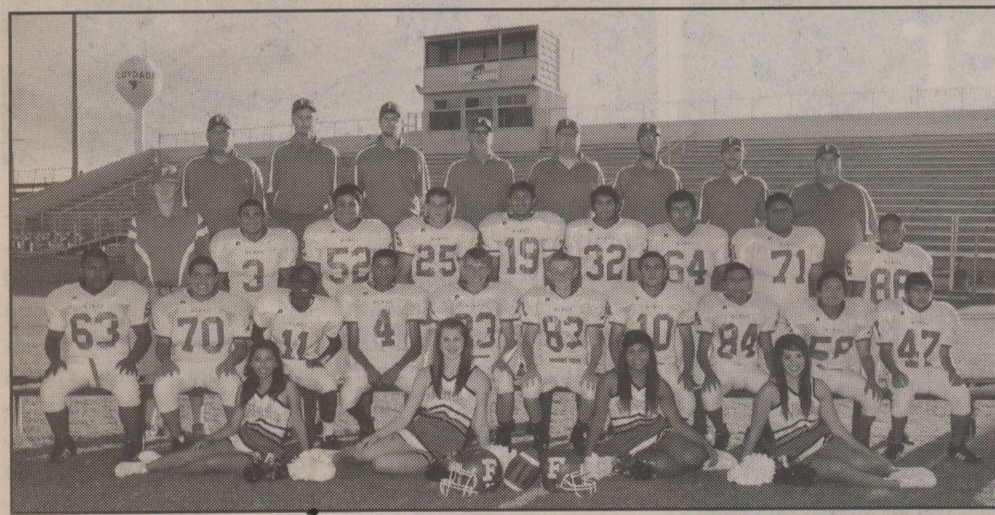
"We were having a hard time stopping their quarterback and running backs so we are going to have to work on that," Bandy said. "We have a lot to work on offensively, but we had a lot of guys who are new to varsity really step it up in their Friday night debut."

This week the Whirlwinds will have a much bigger crowd to cheer them on as Floydada will host their homecoming celebration this Friday as the 'Winds get ready to take on San Jacinto at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Photos by Jennifer Harbin



FLOYDADA WHIRLWIND JUNIOR VARSITY



Courtesy Photo

(second row, l-r) Angel Lorenzo; Michael Meza, Kyi Baker, JP Segura, Logan Everett, Kirby Nixon, Juan Mendoza, Miguel Corona, Jorge Torres, Rikardo Cervera; (third row, l-r) Manager Seth Nielson, Aaron De la Fuente, Josh Gonzales, Corbin Nutt, Josh Castaneda, Toribio Rodriguez, Lorenzo De La Cerda, Joseph Rosa, J Guzman. Not pictured were Zach Lopez and Jacob Riojas.

2012 FLOYDADA 7TH and 8TH FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
SEP. 13	LOCKNEY	LOCKNEY	5:00/6:15
SEP. 20	CHILDRESS	CHILDRESS	5:00/6:15
SEP. 27	CROSBYTON	FLOYDADA	5:00/6:15
OCT. 4	SAN JACINTO CHRISTIAN (One Team Only)	AMARILLO	5:30
OCT. 11	*OLTON	OLTON	5:00/6:15
OCT. 18	*ABERNATHY	FLOYDADA	5:00/6:15
OCT. 25	*POST	POST	5:00/6:15
NOV. 1	*TULIA	FLOYDADA	5:00/6:15
NOV. 8	*LUB. ROOSEVELT	ROOSEVELT	5:00/6:15

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HS Principal: Wayne Morren Wk.# 806-983-4970 Cell# 806-407-6242
Athletic Director: Todd Bandy Wk.# 806-983-2080 Cell# 806-407-6250

Football Contest Standings Week 1

Johnny Dorman	24/30
Lanny Barnett	24/30
Coy LaBaume	23/30
Chris Fulton	23/30
Bryan Bybee	23/30
Max Yeary	22/30
Brent Sanders	22/30
Franklin Harris	22/30
Roel Cisneros	22/30
Paul Lopez	22/30
Keith Marricle	21/30
Ricky Ascencio	21/30
Boyd Lee	21/30
Martin Ramirez	21/30
Sammy Bradley	21/30
Jack Covington	21/30
W. L. Carthel	21/30
Diane Ramon	20/30
Dale Minner	20/30
Lance McHam	20/30
Pam Fulton	20/30
Moses Blanco	20/30
Jared Lambert	20/30
Rachel Ramirez	19/30
Stephen Setliff	17/30
Steve Stringer	17/30
Donzall Minner	17/30
Stanley Collier	17/30
Jace Klein	14/30

We had 29 entries this last week. Remember in order to be eligible for any prizes, you MUST play each week (10 weeks total). We would like to thank our sponsors for making this contest possible: KFLP Radio, Stapp Paint & Body Shop, Providence Farm Supply, Muncy Elevator Lighthouse Electric Coop, Clark Pharmacy, First National Bank of Floydada; Shepherd's Meadow Assisted Living Center, Bobby's Photographic Memories, Script Printing, Nick Long/State Farm, Quality Body Shop, Heart's Desire, Davis Lumber, Lowe's Pay-n-Save Floydada, D&J Gin, Lockney Coop Gin, Payne Pharmacy, Cogdell Clinic/Mangold Memorial Hospital, Lowe's Pay-n-Save, Lockney, Tastee Burger, Hammond Sheet Metal, Gavilon Ag Services, Floydada Power and Light, R. K. Hunt Photography, Assiter Insurance Agency/ Assiter Punkin' Ranch, Crop Production Services, Ray Lee Equipment, Hospice Hands of West Texas, Raceway Fuel, Ace Hardware.

Floydada 2012 Homecoming Schedule

Friday September 7th

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Floyd County Museum will be open for all ex-students. www.floydcountymuseum.com
12:00 noon	Class of '67 reunion at the Covey Smokehouse and Eatery, corner of 5 th & Missouri.
2:30 PM	Football Pep Rally at the football field.
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Open House at A.B. Duncan Elementary School
5:00 - 7:00 PM	The 1956 Study Club will provide dinner at the junior high cafeteria (north of football field). Tickets are \$7 for adult and \$5 for children and must be purchased by Sept. 1 st at (806) 983-5064
6:00 - 12:00 PM	Party for all ex-students at the old Redman's Restaurant in the canyon 6 miles south of Floydada on Highway 62.
7:30 PM	Floydada plays San Jacinto Christian Academy.
10:00 PM	Class of 1987 get-together after the game at the Boston Terrier Museum, 206 W Houston Street.

Saturday, September 8th

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Hall of Fame Breakfast for new and current members at A. B. Duncan Elementary School Library.
9:00 AM	Registration for all ex-students at the high school gym.
10:00 AM	Ex-student's business meeting in auditorium. All ex's may attend this meeting and/or mingle with others in the halls of the high school.
11:30 AM-1:00 PM	Lunch at the high school gym. Purchase tickets at registration Saturday morning or at the football game.
1:00 - 4:00 PM	Ex-students meet in high school classrooms. Rooms will be marked by year of graduation.
3:00 PM	Ex-students from the '70's are hosting a get-together at the Massie Activity Center. They invite all '70's grads and anyone else who wants to come.
3:00 PM	Class of 1948 is hosting a get-together at home of Travis Jones, 902 West Mississippi Street.
4:00 - 6:00 PM	Class of 2007 is hosting a get-together at 909 W Grover.
6:00 - 12:00 PM	The Covey Smokehouse and Eatery is hosting a get-together and dance for all ex-students, corner of 5 th & Missouri.
6:00 - 12:00 PM	Classes of 1958 & 1960 are hosting a get-together at Ronnie Smith's house, (located 4 miles east of Floydada on Highway 70, then 1.5 miles south on Highway 651.) All 50's & 60's ex-students are invited.
7:00 - 12:00 PM	Class of 1975 get-together at home of Vicki Smith Deryberry, 7008 Miami Ave., Lubbock. Class of 1987 25 th reunion. Date and place TBD. Class of 1996 class party, date and place TBD Class of 2002 10-year reunion, date and place TBD

For the latest information on scheduled events, visit the Ex-student website.

<http://www.floydadawhirlwinds.org>

2012 HESPERIAN-BEACON FOOTBALL CONTEST



Winners will be announced in next week's issue of the Hesperian-Beacon.

Contest grid with 60 football-shaped entries, each containing a business name and a list of teams to be selected.

KFLP Radio 106.1 FM 1. Lockney 2. Highland Park	Stapp Paint & Body Shop 3. Floydada 4. San Jacinto Christian	Providence Farm Supply & Grain 5. Seminole 6. Idalou	Muncy Elevator 7. Hereford 8. Canyon Randall	Lighthouse Electric Co-op 9. Dalhart 10. Dumas
Clark Pharmacy 11. Panhandle 12. Wellington	First National Bank of Floydada MEMBER FDIC 13. Frenship 14. Odessa Permian	Shepherd's Meadow Assisted Living 15. Colorado City 16. Crane	Bobby's Photographic Memories 17. Petersburg 18. Nazareth	Nick Long/State Farm 19. Silverton 20. Southland
Quality Body Shop 21. Texas Tech 22. Texas State	Heart's Desire 23. Fresno State 24. Oregon	Davis Lumber 25. Florida 26. Texas A&M	Lowe's Pay-n-Save Floydada 27. Rice 28. Kansas	D&J Gin 29. TCU 30. Grambling State
Lockney Cooperatives 31. Memphis 32. Arkansas State	Payne Pharmacy 33. Nebraska 34. UCLA	Cogdell Clinics/ W. J. Mangold Memorial Hospital 35. Maryland 36. Temple	Lowe's Pay-n-Save Lockney 37. Tulane 38. Tulsa	Tastee Burger M 39. Ohio State 40. UCF
Hammond Sheet Metal 41. Eagles 42. Browns	Gavilon Ag Services 43. Saints 44. Redskins	Floydada Power and Light 45. Packers 46. 49'ers	Hospice Hands of West Texas 47. Broncos 48. Steelers	Assiter Insurance Agency/ Assiter Punkin' Ranch 49. Bills 50. Jets
Crop Production Services 51. Texans 52. Dolphins	Ray Lee Equipment 53. Cardinals 54. Seahawks	R.K. Hunt Photography 55. Lions 56. Rams	Raceway Fuel 57. Vikings 58. Jaguars	Ace Hardware 59. Chiefs 60. Falcons

CUT ALONG THE DOTTED LINE

Official Entry Form Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon Football Contest

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42
43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56
57	58	59	60										

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____

Contest Rules

- Any subscriber or purchaser age 7 or older is eligible to enter this contest. Only one entry per week per person, entrants must play every week to be eligible for overall prize.
- To play, circle the number of the teams you believe will win on the official entry form.
- Only entries on official entry forms brought to a Hesperian-Beacon office in Floydada or Lockney no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday will be accepted. Photocopies and mail entries will not be accepted. Three cash prizes are awarded at the end of the contest. In the event of ties, prizes will be combined and shared equally by those tied.
- Print your name and address plainly on the official entry form and double check your choices before clipping out the entry form and depositing it at a Hesperian-Beacon office before 4:00 p.m. on Friday. Entries are limited to one per person per week.
- At the end of the 10-week contest period, the person with the best overall record will win a first prize of \$100. Second place will be awarded \$75 and third will be \$50.

AGRICULTURE

WEST NILE VIRUS REPORT

County	Deaths	WNND	WN Fever	Total Cases
Carson		1	0	1
Deaf Smith		0	1	1
Dickens		0	1	1
Hale		0	1	1
Lubbock		1	1	2
Moore		0	1	1
Randall		3	2	5
Totals		5	7	12

Report as of August 29, 2012

Late yesterday and update was received. Since last Friday, 111 new cases of human WNV infections have been reported bring the totals for the state to 894. The fever cases tot 444 and the Neurologic form total 450. The number of deaths have increased to 34.

The total number of asymptomatic blood donors reported is now 85.

At this time in 2011 (8/29), the total number of reported human cases of West Nile illness was nine, six WNND (1 fatal) and three WN fevers. Total number of horses report-

ed to date is 21 in 18 counties. Brazoria, Burleson, Cass, Collin (2), Cooke, Dallas (2), Donley, Freestone, Grayson, Hill, Hunt, McLennan, Midland, Parker, Randall, Red River (2), Somervell, and Williamson.

The statistics for Region 1 are:

A new case of the Fever form was reported from Moore County that should be reflected in the new report on Friday and two new Fever cases were recorded in Randall Co. More cases are being investigated in the Region.

An additional 2 horse cases are being investigated in Randall County but they are not

yet in the totals reported here. I also have been told of three horses that were symptomatic and most likely WNV cases, but the owners were not interested in paying for the tests necessary for a diagnosis. I suspect there are more cases of this nature.

Our reported equine cases at this time are Randall (1), Donley (9).

Report as of August 30, 2012

A WNV positive horse diagnosed in early August from Randall County finally made it through the reporting maze and was confirmed this week

Surviving the Winter

By Ethan Fortenberry
CEA-AG

the herd through the winter.

as a case. Another horse was reported today after being diagnosed yesterday. Obviously, the reporting system is improving.

We now have 3 affected horses in the Region:

1 - Donley Co. (died)
2 - Randall Co. (1 died, 1 still alive)

We also have the following human cases:

Carson County: 1 WNND
Crosby County: 1 fever
Deaf Smith County: 1 fever
Dickens County: 1 fever
Hale County: 1 fever
Lubbock County: 1 fever, 1 WNND
Randall county: 2 fever, 3 WNND

Please keep in mind that cases are still being investigated so the numbers will be changing frequently.

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Regional Zoonosis Control Veterinarian
Texas Department of State Health Services
james.alexander@dshs.state.tx.us

Going into the fall livestock producers are worrying about how much hay and standing forage they have to over winter their herd. For most producers the outlook is pretty grim, pastures have withered away and most hay crops did not produce. This prompts a question that most ranchers are probably already wondering, "how am I going to make it through the winter?" There are different answers to this question, most of which are not pleasant. Should feed be bought, should animals be sold to reduce numbers? These are the decisions the producer has to make, but which is better?

It's time we set down and put pencil to paper. The cost of hay is high and now the cost of protein is getting higher. Fuel hikes are going to increase the cost of having feed shipped in and make the act of feeding more expensive. A producer needs to decide what the cost of these things will be, then figure out if it is cost effective to keep

If the value of the animal is less than or slightly higher than the cost of the inputs, the producer may want to consider a thorough culling and closely managing what feed they have left. This can hold several benefits for the producer. It removes the pressure from the pastures, giving them a chance to recover and it also takes some of the work load off the producer. The herd becomes better because the animals that survived the culling are usually the most productive and carry the best genetics of the herd. Also when the producer feels that it is time to replenish the stock, the replacement animals should be superior to the culls and add fresh genetics to the herd.

Once the pastures have recovered and the hay fields are producing, then operators should consider restocking to their usual rates. The costs can be high, but often times they are much less than the cost of staying in.

Changes to Form 1099-G and 1099-MISC for FSA Producers and Vendors

(Floydada, Texas), August 28, 2012 -Floyd County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Stephanie Fryer, announced that calendar year 2012 brings several changes to the way FSA reports a producer's farm program payments to the producer and to IRS.

In past years, IRS Form

1099-G would be issued to show all program payments received from the Farm Service Agency, regardless of the amount.

"Starting with calendar year 2012, producers whose total reportable payments from FSA are less than \$600 will not receive IRS Form 1099-G (Report of Payments to Producers)," said

Fryer. Additionally, producers who receive payments from more than one county will only receive one Form 1099-G if the total of all payments from all counties is \$600 or more, Fryer said.

"Producers who receive less than \$600 in combined payments should consult a tax advisor to determine if these payments must be reported on their tax return," she said.

If the payments were subject to voluntary withholdings or subject to backup (involuntary) withholdings a Form 1099-G will be issued regardless of the total amount of the payments, Fryer said.

The same changes will apply to producers and vendors who normally receive IRS

Form 1099-MISC from FSA.

For more information re-

garding IRS reporting changes,

please contact the Floyd County FSA office at 806.983.5747 ext 2.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

In accordance with the provisions of the Texas Agriculture Code, Chapter 74, Subchapter D, and 4 Tex. Admin. Code, Chapter 3, Subchapter A, the Texas Department of Agriculture (the Department) will conduct a board election in the Northern High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, in order to select a representative of the above-referenced zone to serve on the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board of Directors. The board is charged with administering the boll weevil eradication program in Texas.

The Northern High Plains Eradication Zone consists all of Swisher and Hale counties; that part of Randall County that lies south and east of a line running along Highway 60 from the Deaf Smith County line east to Interstate 27, then running north along interstate 27 to the Potter County line; the part of Armstrong County that lies west and south of a line running along FM 294 from the Carson County line to Hwy 287; then running due south to Mulberry Creek; then running east along Mulberry creek to the Donley County line; the part of Briscoe County that lies west of a line running along Hackberry Creek from its intersection with the Armstrong County line to its intersection with the Prairie Dog Town Fork of the Red River; continuing south along Cherokee Creek from its intersection with the Prairie Dog Town Fork of the Red River to County Road 27; continuing south along County Road 27 to Hwy 256; continuing west along Hwy 256 to the Caprock escarpment; and continuing south along the Caprock escarpment to the Floyd County line; and the part of Floyd County that lies south and west of a line running along FM 97 beginning at the Motley County line; continuing west to the Caprock escarpment; and continuing north along the Caprock escarpment to the Briscoe County line.

Any cotton grower having planted cotton in the year 2012 within the zone defined above is eligible to vote, and, if he or she resides in the Northern High Plains Zone and has at least seven years experience as a cotton grower, can have his or her name placed on the ballot as a candidate in the board member election. A cotton grower is defined as a person who grows cotton intended to be commercial cotton. The term includes an individual who, as owner, landlord, tenant or sharecropper, is entitled to share in the cotton grown and available for marketing from the farm, or share in the proceeds from the sale of the cotton from the farm or from an indemnity or other payment received from or related to the planting, growing, or failure of the cotton. Any person eligible to vote in the board member election that resides in the Northern High Plains Zone and meets the seven-year experience requirement may place their name in nomination for election to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board by written application to the Department at the address provided below. Nomination forms are provided by the Department and must be signed by the nominee and at least ten other eligible voters. The nomination form must be received by the Department at its office located in Austin by September 17, 2012, and must provide the legal residence of the applicant. A nomination form may be obtained by contacting the Department office or any county agent located in the voting area.

The board election will be held by mail balloting. Ballots will be mailed to cotton growers by October 2, 2012. All ballots cast by mail must be postmarked no later than October 17, 2012, in order to be valid.

For more information regarding the referendum and election, or if you are a cotton grower in the above-referenced area and do not receive a ballot, please contact the Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas, 78711, telephone 512-463-3285.

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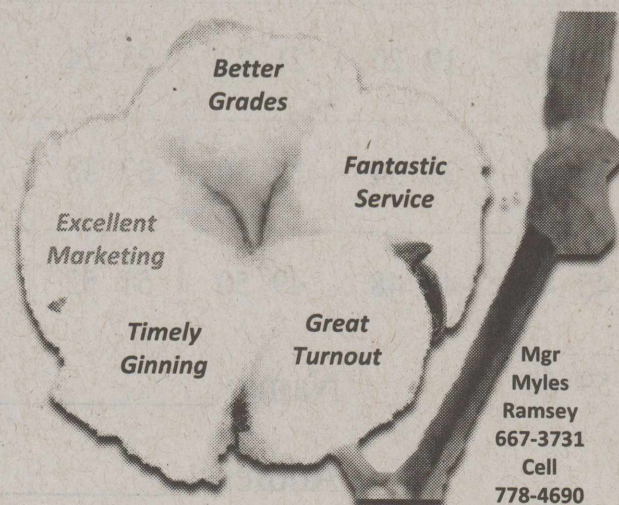
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KIT MARTIN REYNOLDS-GILLARD

10/5/1951 - 8/26/2012

Kit Martin Reynolds Gillard, beloved mother of Lane and Libby, wife of David, colleague and friend to many, passed away after a tragic and short illness on Sunday, August 26, 2012 at the Sandton Medi-Clinic in Gauteng, South Africa.

Mum will be remembered for her strength of character, will and her vivacious personality which brightened and enlightened so many of our lives. She never gave up and will remain in our hearts as a pillar of strength, love, comfort and support and above all else, a beautiful woman with the most infectious smile and laugh. You were deeply loved my precious Mum and thank you for being

so gracious. We grieve deeply and our thoughts and prayers are with Kit's family and prayers. A private service was held at Fourways Memorial Park at 12 p.m. on Thursday, August 30, 2012. It is Kit's personal request that all donations in lieu of flowers go to the Kerry Capstick-Dale Memorial Scholarship in Cape Town, South Africa.

Floydada First United Methodist Church announces time change

By Ann Carr
The First United Methodist Church of Floydada announces a change in its Sunday morning worship service. On September 9, 2012, the worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will end at 10:30 a.m. with fellowship following immediately after the church service.

begin at 10:50 a.m. and will end at 11:30 a.m. Les Hall, pastor, will lead the service at the new time and Kori Covington, the new worship director, will direct the music for the service. To celebrate this special day, we will enjoy a covered dish luncheon following Sunday school.

The church extends an invitation to the community

to attend the worship service of the First United Methodist Church of Floydada at its new time on Sunday, September 9th and stay for fellowship and attend Sunday school.

The community is invited also to join the congregation for a covered dish luncheon immediately after Sunday school to help celebrate the new worship schedule.

FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM

A HISTORY OF THE LAZY FRANCH as REMEMBERED BY FRANK BROWN The Lockney Beacon Thursday, July 7, 1988

The first headquarters of the Lazy F were dugouts but in later years a more permanent headquarters was built eight miles south of Quitaque at the intersection of the Quitaque and Los Lingos Creeks. Mr. and Mrs. Blair were living in the headquarters house when I visited them in 1987. The house had been built in 1886 and it was still in good condition even though it was 101 years old. Mrs. Jane Blair was born in 1905, only a few miles from the Lazy F headquarters. Her father started working on the ranch in 1883. She knows the history of the ranch better than anyone. Mrs. Blair was wearing Levi's and a western shirt the first time I saw her. She recalled some of the history of the house which was built with the lumber and shingles brought from Arkansas. Mrs. Blair said that four wagons were sent after supplies. Two wagons were tied together with 16 mules, two abreast, hitched to two wagons. A man rode the left-hand mule nearest the wagon and controlled his team of 16

mules with a jerk line. This was a long leather line that ran to the left-hand mule's bit. With a steady pull of the jerk line the driver could turn the team to the left. To swing them to the right, he gave a few short jerks, hence the term: jerk line. The right leader was coupled to his mate by a jockey stick. This was a small round pole, usually wrapped with a thin strip of leather, with a short chain at each end. The stick was fastened by this chain to a ham ring on one mule and a bit ring on the other. The jerk line was the only means the man had to control the 16 mule team.

The heavily loaded wagons were not easy to pull over the rivers and roads in 1886. The team only traveled 7 or 8 miles a day so the mules' feet would not get tender. It took about two months to go to Arkansas and two months to return home with the building supplies.

The Lazy F headquarters were, at various times, a stagecoach stop, a post office, a refuge from the Indians, and a social center for the cowboys and early settlers of the area. Sometimes a traveling preacher would ride up to the ranch and preach a

few sermons. The Lazy F Ranch was important to the area and it was surrounded by other large ranches. In the late 1880s it was bordered by the Matador on the south, the JA and Shoe Bar on the north and the Mill Irons on the east Judging from the old maps, the boundary line was approximately 5 miles west of Silverton and then to south of South Plains. The ranch came to within four miles of the present town of Lockney. Its northern border extended from about 10 miles north of Silverton to 5 miles north of Quitaque. It then ran northeast to about 20 miles north of Turkey. The border on the east is not easy to determine. It probably ran north and south through Turkey and then west through Flomot.

The following are names of cowboys who rode after Lazy F cattle sometimes between 1878 and 1906:

James Baker, George Baker, L.R. Dyer, O J. Wiren, Levi Reid, Shedrick Rose, Kellog, McCoy, John Farris, Charles Goodnight, J. E. Farrinton, Al Barton, Joe Horn, Walter Dyer, J. Henry Hughes, J. W. Kent, Jack

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Floyd County Church Directory

- AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH**
Dennis Butler, Pastor
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.

- BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH**
810 S. 3rd, Floydada
Darwin Robinson, Pastor
983-5278
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

- CALVARY'S CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP**
Floydada
Armando Morales, Pastor
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
Bible Study6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening7:00 p.m.

- CARR'S CHAPEL**
Service Every Sunday:
Morning Worship9:00 a.m.
Sunday School10:30 a.m.

- CHURCH OF CHRIST**
West College & Third,
Lockney
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Afternoon Worship ..1:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

- CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST**
Levi Sisemore, Minister
Ivan Gomez, Minister
Floydada
Sunday Bible Study..9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**
Tim Franks, Pastor
Terry Simmons,
Minister of Ed./Music
Josh Burgett - Min. Students
Sunday School9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship ...10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.

- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,**
Lockney
Jonathan Sullivan, Pastor
Chad Cook, Youth Min.
Phil Cotham, Music Min.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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 Worship8:30 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 School9:30 a.m.
Worship Service10:30 a.m.
Evening Service..... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Jr. High5:30 p.m.
Wed. High School... 6:30 p.m.

- GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**
Joe Bennett, Pastor
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.
Evening Service.....7:30 p.m.
Tuesday.....8:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:30 p.m.

- MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST**
Lockney
Beau A. Hart, Minister
Bible Study9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:30 p.m.

- MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**
Floydada
Rev. Ralph Jackson
401 N 12th St (983-5805)
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Study ..7:00 p.m.

- NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**
Floydada
Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges
(806) 637-0430
Sunday Singing10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.

- OUT REACH HARVEST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**
310 E. Mississippi
Floydada
Rev. David Ramos, Pastor
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader
Sunday Bible...10:00 a.m.
Morning Praise..11:00 a.m.
Evening Praise ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship.... 7:00 p.m.

- POWER OF PRAISE FULL GOSPEL CHURCH**
Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor
704 N. Main, Lockney
Sunday Services.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:30 p.m.

- PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA**
Lockney
Jesus Caballero, Pastor
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:00 p.m.

- PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA**
Floydada
Rev. Lupe Rando
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:40 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Evening7:00 p.m.

- SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Lockney
Jim McCartney, Pastor
Wed. Communion.....8:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass..... 11:30 a.m.

- SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH**
Joe Weldon, Pastor
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting..... 7:00 p.m.

- TEMPLO GETSEMANI ASSEMBLY OF GOD**
701 W. Missouri
Joe M. Hernandez
983-5286 (church)
..... Sunday School
English..... 9:45 a.m.
Spanish..... 11:00 a.m.
Spanish Worship9:30 a.m.
English Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Evening Service.....5:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

- ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Floydada
Rev. Angelo Consemينو
Phone: 983-5878
Sunday Mass..... 11:30 a.m.
Mon.Wed. Mass 6:30 p.m.
Confession Sat.....10-11 a.m.

- TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM**
Lockney
Rev. Joe Hernandez
Sun. Prayer Service 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School9:45 p.m.
Worship Service11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Meeting7:00 p.m.

- TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD**
Washington and 1st St.
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:00 p.m.

- TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA**
Rev. Herman Martinez
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship5:00 p.m.
Tuesday7:30 p.m.
Thursday Service.....7:30 p.m.

- TRINITY ASSEMBLY**
500 W. Houston
Henry Russell, Co-Pastor
Vance Mitchell, Co-Pastor
983-5499 or 983-2887
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ...10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening6:00 p.m.

- TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**
Providence Community
on FM 2301 293-3009
Rev. Peter W. Harrington Minister
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

- WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST**
Floydada 983-3548
Sunday Worship ...10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening5:00 p.m.



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4-H Achievement Banquet held at Floyd County Unity Center



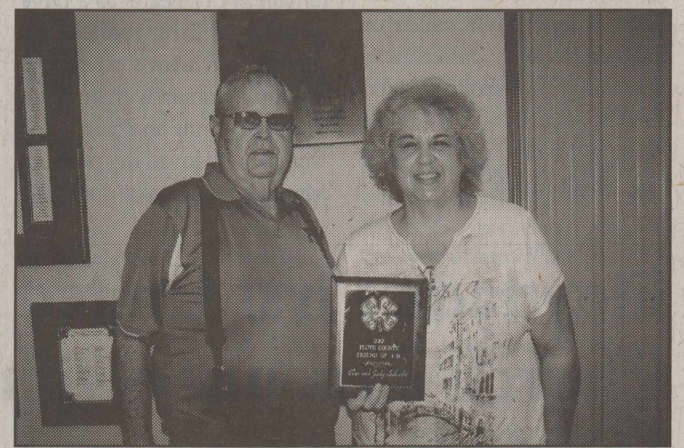
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4-H'ers recognized at the 2012 4-H County Achievement Banquet included Hunter Lefevre- Best First Year Record Book, Jianna Davenport- Best Senior Record Book, Tasha Schlueter- Best Junior Record Book and Tristan Schlueter - Best Intermediate Record Book.



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Presented with the Bronze Star awards at the 2012 4-H Achievement Banquet included Hunter Lefevre and Tasha Schlueter.



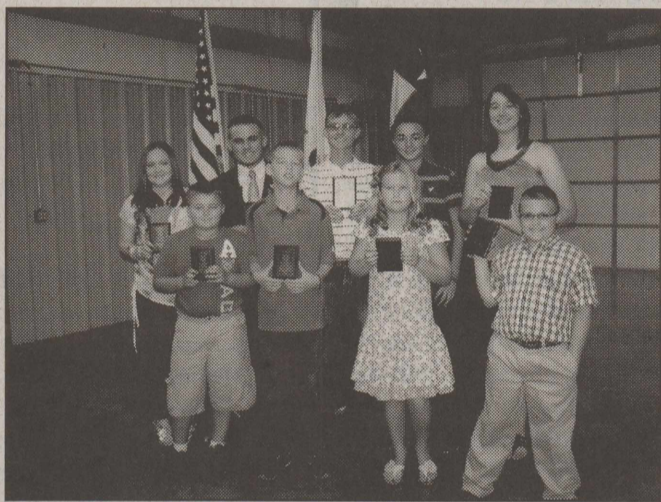
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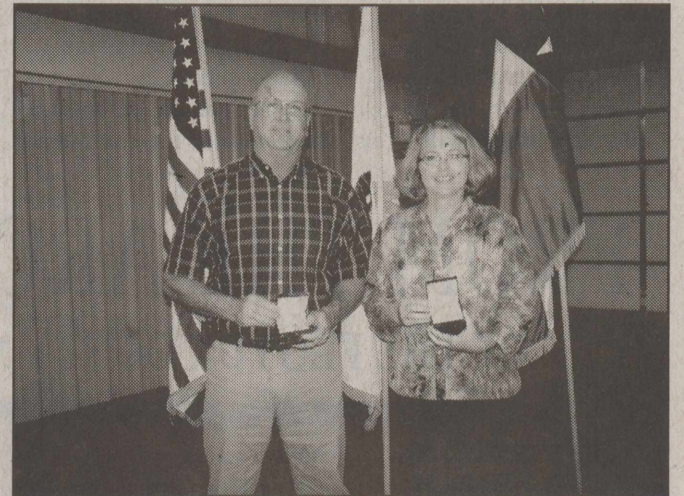
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Presented with the LeAnn Bishop Memorial Shooting Sports Award at the Floyd County 4-H Achievement Banquet was Breck Thomas.



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The Silver Spur Clip awards were presented to Marty Lucke and Becky Fortenberry at the Floyd County Achievement Banquet on Sunday, August 26 at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center. The Silver Spur Clip awards are sponsored by Lighthouse Electric Cooperative and were presented by Larry Ogden.



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Presented with the Silver Star award at the 2012 4-H Achievement Banquet was Tristan Schlueter.

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FREE DANCE
 9 p.m. SATURDAY

By Ethan Fortenberry
 CEA-HRC/4-H

With 4-H, Go for the Gold was the theme for the 2012 Floyd county 4-H achievement Banquet held Sunday August 26th at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center. Jake Bramlet, president of the 4-H Council served as Master of Ceremonies. Kirby Nixon gave the welcome and Jacob Graham gave the invocation. Tasha Schlueter led the American Pledge, Hannah Franks led the Texas Pledge and Hunter Lefevre led the 4-H Club Motto and Pledge. Alex Glass introduced the special guest.

Year pins were awarded to the clover kids through ten-year members. The officers from both clubs as well as the Floyd County Council were recognized.

All county, district and state participants were recognized.

4-H members recognized with jackets, blankets, t-shirts and patches for the Jacket Achievement Program include: Clover Kids (receiving t-shirts only)- Brinley Lefevre, Haygen Lefevre, Lindee Miller, Trinity Schlueter, Tucker Schlueter, Kylan Webb and Kaden Weekes. Juniors and Intermediates (receiving jackets or blankets, patches and t-shirts) include Hannah Franks, Hunter Lefevre, Ryder Glass, Carson Miller, Tasha Schlueter, Breck Thomas, Cody Trejo, and Kaimee Webb. Juniors and Intermediates receiving patches and

t-shirts included Sydney Bishop, Alex Glass, Rachel Graham, Caleb Miller, Bret Moore, Clay Moore, Jake Moore, Keenan Nixon, Kirby Nixon, Tristan Schlueter, Lyndee Setliff, Payton Teeple, Kylie Ricketts, and Korleigh Webb. Seniors receiving a blanket, patch and t-shirt was Stephen Setliff. Seniors receiving t-shirts and patches include Jake Bramlet, Jianna Davenport, Jacob Graham, Mallory Graham, SyAnn Foster. Mallory Graham was recognized with a senior scholarship.

The Outstanding Record Book Awards were presented to: Senior Jianna Davenport, Intermediate Tristan Schlueter, Junior Tasha Schlueter and Best First Year Hunter Lefevre. The Silver Star recipient was Trishtan Shlueter, the Bronze Star was received by Hunter Lefevre and Tasha Schlueter. The Silver Star and Bronze Star Awards were presented by

County Judge Penny Go-Bishop, Senior Scholarship was awarded to Mallory Graham and the LeAnn Bishop Memorial Shooting Sports Award went to Brek Thomas. High Point Jacket Achievement winners include: Juniors Sydney Bishop, Tasha Schlueter, Ryder Glass and Hunter Lefevre. Intermediates Alex Glass, Rachel Graham, Tristan Schlueter and Lyndee Setliff. Seniors Jake Bramlet, Jianna Davenport, SyAnn Foster and Jacob Graham.

Special awards were given to adults who have been recognized by the Adult Leaders Association. The Distinguished Leader Award was received by Winfield Davenport. The Friends of 4-H Award went to Clar and Judy Schacht and Clay Golden. The Silver Spur Awards provided by Light House Electric and presented by Larry Ogden were given to Marty Lucke and Becky Fortenberry.

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SPC to offer digital photography classes for fall

LEVELLAND — South Plains College announces the fall photography schedule. The classes are designed to improve the skill set of digital photo enthusiasts.

The new Live Sports Workshop will be offered from 5 to 9 p.m. on Sept. 13, Sept. 20, Oct. 18 and Nov. 8 at the Lobo Football Stadium. Enrollment will be limited to four students per date, and acceptance will be based on first-paid basis. Selected students must be photographed for press passes. This class will offer hands-on chance to learn to shoot live action under fading sunlight and stadium lighting. The cost is \$40.

The Levelland Digital Jump Start will be offered from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sept. 29 in Room 102 of the Fine Arts Building. This class is the first in a series of

classes on digital photography. It is designed to expose enthusiasts to camera options and capabilities. This class should be taken before enrolling in any advance level classes. The cost is \$40.

The Plainview Digital Jump Start class will be offered from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 6 at the SPC Plainview Center campus. This class is the first in a series of classes on digital photography. The cost is \$40. It is designed to expose enthusiasts to camera options and capabilities. This class should be taken before any enrolling in any advance level classes.

The Nighttime Digital Photography at Reese Center will be taught during late evening into the night from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Oct. 27 in Building 5 at the SPC Reese Center campus. Students will learn advanced digital pho-

tography, how to paint with light and evening street photography. Students must have taken the Jump Start Class prior to taking this class. The cost is \$50.

The Sunrise and Outdoor Lighting Workshop will be offered from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Nov. 3. The location will be announced. Students must have taken the Jump Start Class prior to taking this class. The cost is \$50.

The instructor will be Wes Underwood, Photography Specialist for South Plains College. To contact Underwood, call (806) 716-2215 or email: wunderwood@southplainscollege.edu

Contact Kasey Reyes, administrative assistant for the Division of Continuing and Distance Education, at (806) 716-2341 regarding registration for these classes.

AgriLife Extension expert: Drought lingers, out-of-state hay required again

COLLEGE STATION — Some areas are making hay while the sun shines and the rains fall, but others just never had a chance, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension service specialist.

"We've had a better year than last year, but that isn't saying a lot," said Dr. Larry Redmon, AgriLife Extension state forage specialist in College Station. "We had great winter rains and some in spring, but then the rains shut off for the most part."

"There are some areas that have had 8 to 10 inches this summer, but it is not widespread."

Dr. Travis Miller, associate department head and AgriLife Extension program leader in the Texas A&M University soil and crop sciences department, said the state overall continues to face drought, with notable exceptions along the Gulf Coast and parts of East North Texas.

"While showers along the coast and in North Texas eased drought conditions and greened up hay meadows, conditions are worsening over most of the southern and western parts of the state, where livestock producers are continuing to supplement cattle with hay and feed and are struggling to maintain water supplies," Miller said.

Redmon said some producers have already made one hay cutting and are ready to make another. These producers have taken care of their grass, applied fertilizer and had timely rains, so they won't be buying hay, he said.

"But just down the road, there may be producers who didn't get the timely rains and the grass simply hasn't had a chance to recover from last year," he said. "So it really de-

pends on the management level of the property and whether it has received rain as to whether an individual made hay or has to buy it."

Looking around the state, Redmon said, North Texas seems to get a rain "almost whenever it wantsone." In Southeast Texas and the Houston and coast areas, good rains have fallen and producers are growing some hay. East Texas has had good rain in some spots and is in good shape.

But, up in the High Plains, it's been a tough year, he said. Same goes for Central Texas, West Texas and South Texas, where it has been spotty.

"Some of these areas look much like it was last year, so no matter how good of a manager you might have been, you just didn't get the rain to make the hay," Redmon said.

"I'm afraid as we get closer to autumn, we will see more and more of those big 18-wheelers rolling into the state, but not nearly to the extent we saw last year," he said. "There are people cutting hay, good hay and plenty of it, but they might not be nearly as interested in selling as they have in years past."

Redmon said there will be producers with hay to sell in the state, but it won't be anything near a 'normal' year, and it won't be enough to supply hay needs across the state. "But it is much better than last year."

In addition to some areas not seeing the recovery of their grass, other areas have suffered through tremendous grasshopper infestations this year that have been just like a heavy grazing by cattle, he said.

"It has been a really tough year for areas of the state," Redmon categorized hay

into three categories: high quality alfalfa hay, grass hays that can range in quality and then the lower-quality stalk or straw hay.

Alfalfa hay is used primarily by the dairy and horse industry, he said. However, a lot of the lower quality alfalfa hay, the early cuts, does not go to either of those markets.

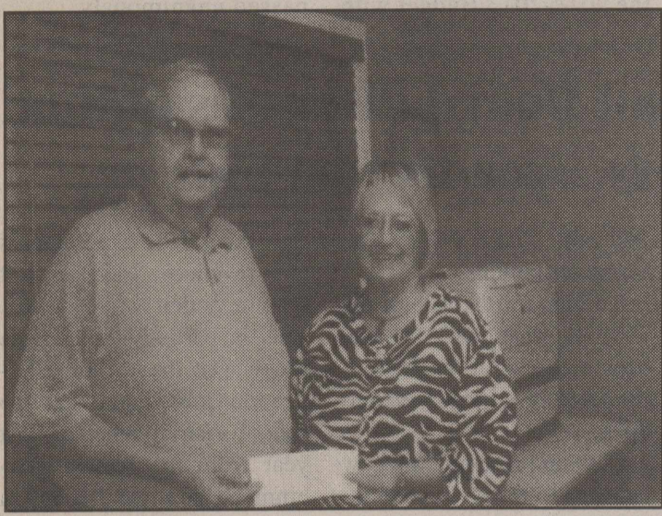
"This could be a good buy for the beef market, using it instead of the 20 percent crude protein cubes," Redmon said. "It is much less costly than buying the cubes. These square bales will come from Colorado, Oklahoma and New Mexico, primarily."

At the opposite end of the spectrum is straw or stalk hays from wheat, rice, sorghum or corn. This hay is lower in cost, but also lower in nutritive value, he said.

"This can be bought and used, but you need to know what you have so you can make up for the missing nutrients with the appropriate supplement," Redmon said. "This is sort of the hay of the last resort."

In the middle are the typical grass hays: prairie hay from South Dakota or Nebraska or the Bermuda or Bahia hays. The quality will depend on the stage of maturity when it was cut, and it can be just as low in value as the wheat straw or as good as alfalfa, he said.

"Forage testing is absolutely necessary for a producer purchasing hay," Redmon said. "If you don't test, you may think it is better than it is, and that can cause your cattle to crash in the middle of the winter. Or, you may think it is a lower value than it really is and cause you to buy extra supplement when you don't need to be spending that money."



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Windmark Insurance agent, Clar Schacht, presented Connie Johnson with a generous donation of \$100 for the "Join in the Journey" Women's conference scheduled for Saturday, October 6, 2012. The proceeds of the conference go towards the Christian Women's Job Corps New Options for Women.

SPC to offer Hydrogen Sulfide Safety course

LEVELLAND — South Plains College will offer a hydrogen sulfide safety training class from 6 to 9 p.m. on Sept. 10 (Monday) in Room 108 of the Law Enforcement building on the SPC Levelland campus. The cost is \$15.

Terry Pitts will be the instructor.

The course will focus on all aspects of the deadly gas hydrogen sulfide including detection, safety procedures and demonstration in the use of safety masks. The course

meets safety-training requirements for work in the oil field.

For additional details, contact Kasey Reyes, administrative assistant in the SPC Division of Continuing and Distance Education at (806) 716-2341.

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Garage Sale Yard Sale

YARD SALE — 701 W. Grover Street, Floydada. Clothes - \$1.00, Restaurant Storage Contents, lots of miscellaneous. Friday, September 7th and Saturday, September 8th — 9 a.m. — 2 p.m. Any questions, call Darla, 806-548-4081. 9-6p

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Property Tax Form 50-304

The Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2013 on September 18, 2012 at the Authority's Administrative Offices, 141 South Mackenzie Road, Silverton, Texas. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: Jeffery Johnson, Phillip Smitherman, Edward Marks, Jimmy Kemp, Rick Minyard, Cory Hoelting, and Steve Gee

AGAINST the proposal: NONE

PRESENT and not voting: NONE

ABSENT: Gordon Lowery

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	227.292 /\$100 Adopted	151.526 /\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$ -0.75766 /\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)		-33.33%
Average appraised value	\$ 33,093	\$ 34,315
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Average taxable value	\$ 33,093	\$ 34,315
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 75.22	\$ 52.00
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		\$ -23.22
and percentage of increase (+/-)		-30.869 %

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION
If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

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Longhorns win opener over Highland Park, 28-20

By Homer Marquez
Plainview Herald/
Sports Editor

A strong offensive line and a powerful running game were some of the major factors that helped this year's Lockney Longhorns achieve their first season-opener win in several years as the Horns defeated Lubbock Christian 28-20 last Friday night.

"Our offensive line played very well," said Lockney head coach Malcolm Morebe. "We did well in our running game and we stuck to that good enough to get the win."

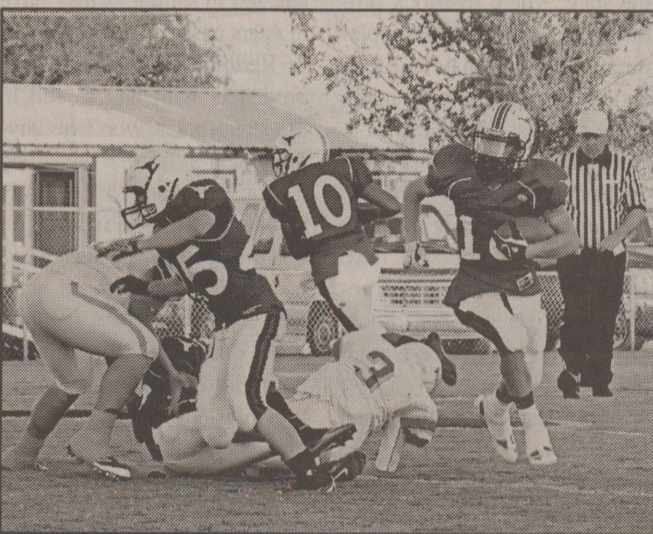
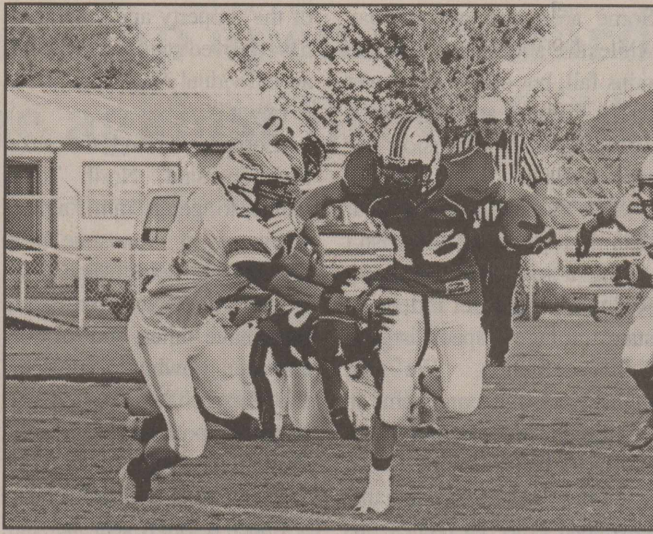
Leading the Longhorns ground and pound was running back Luke Sherman, who gained two touchdowns and 271 yards in 43 carries. Utility player Ky Teeter added support scoring a TD while gaining 69 yards in six carries and picking up 34 yards in three catches.

Opening up the game, Ky Teeter got the Horns on the board first with a slick 45-yard touchdown. In the second Luke Sherman regained the lead from Lubbock Christian with a six-yard touchdown and a two-point conversion.

It was a stale mate in the third quarter, but a 4-yard touchdown from Ryan Diaz started the fourth as Sherman finished the game off with a 6-yard touchdown to cap-off the night 28-20. Throughout the night, Diaz was able to pick 30 yards in six carries.

Also putting up some yardage for the Longhorns was quarterback Erik Cortez, who carried the ball four yards on one carry and Tyler Covington who carried the ball six times for 25 yards.

This week the Horns will be looking for their second win of the season as they travel to Highland Park for Friday's 7:30 p.m. game.



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County Commissioners approve new tax rate, accept resignation of J.P.

By Jennifer Harbin

Floyd County Commissioners' Court met to adopt the 2012/2013 Effective Tax Rate on August 23 at 9:00 a.m., and later accepted the automatic resignation of Justice of the Peace Kelly Dunbar when the meeting reconvened at 2:15 p.m.

"I move that we adopt the effective tax rate of \$0.63963," said Lindan Morris. The motion was seconded by Nathan Johnson and passed unanimously.

The Court reassembled in the afternoon at 2:15 p.m. and met in executive session until 2:42 p.m. Johnson moved to accept the resignation of Dunbar and remain in that capacity until after the November election of which she will be participating. Morris seconded the motion. When the vote was taken,

Mike Anderson, Johnson and Morris were in favor and Amado Morales was opposed.

The hearing on 2012-2013 budget was opened but there were no public comments.

Two farm contracts were presented. One was for the demolition of a house owned by Warren Mathis at FM 207, east on FM 689 to return the land back to grass. The second contract was for the repair of Virginia Taylor's ranch road six miles east of 207 on FM 689 for soil conservation. Morales made the motion to accept the farm contracts with a second from Morris. It passed unanimously.

The motion by Morris to pay the bills was seconded by Johnson and passed unanimously.

The Court voted to adopt the 2012-2013 Budget with

a motion from Morris and second by Johnson. County Clerk Ginger Morgan was not present to sign the document, but was presented to her for signature and notarization on Monday, August 27.

There was a revenue increase noted of \$22,883 to the 2012-2013 budget. Morris made a motion to accept the increase with a second from Anderson. It passed unanimously.

An Order adopting the revised election precinct/consolidation of polling places was approved. The public hearing opened at 9:31 a.m. and closed at 9:35 a.m. No public was present to comment. Johnson made the motion to accept the redistricting. Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Lockney School Board discusses annual yearly progress, accepts fuel bids

By Jennifer Harbin

A special Lockney School Board Meeting was called on August 21 at 8 p.m. to hold a hearing on the proposed tax rates and budget.

No one from the public came to the meeting to discuss the proposed tax rates and budget.

Mike Lass made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Jimmy Kemp. The motion passed unanimously.

The regular meeting commenced at 8:05 p.m. The minutes from the previous meeting were read by Secretary Lonny Hooten and approved as read.

The Board of Trustees reviewed the bills to be paid and Cotham explained some of the bigger items to be paid, such as \$1,500 for the replacement of a boiler and \$13,500 for roof repairs. The August financial report showed the total balance at \$3,271,880.92. Mike Lass made a motion to pay the bills and Robbie Long seconded it. It passed unanimously.

Bids were read for consideration by the board for LISD's 2012-2013 fuel providers. Gas will be provided by Raceway Fuel and diesel by Lockney Co-op at the proposed bid prices. Robbie Long made the motion to accept the bids and Hooten seconded. The motion car-

ried with Aaron Wilson and Kemp abstaining.

No bids for the sale of the 1990 International Bus had been received at the time of the meeting, so bids were left open.

Cotham presented the new changes to the dress code involving sweat pants or suits and hats, toboggans, nets and hoodies. Lass made the motion to accept the amendment of the dress code with Wilson seconding. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Report on Annual Yearly Progress (AYP), which is the federal standard for test scores, was given. According to Cotham, even though the test has been changed this year, 87% were required to pass the reading test and 83% the math. The district did not meet AYP in reading. Cotham said that he felt this was an unrealistic standard to uphold.

"Our target is to meet that required improvement," said Cotham.

Long made a motion to accept the report, which was seconded by Hooten. The motion carried.

The budget for 2011-2012 was amended with a motion from Kemp and second by Long. It passed unanimously.

After an examination of

the projected expenditures and revenues, LISD is left with a deficit of \$371,862. This is partially due to the absence of the one-time Education Jobs Fund that the school district received last year from the federal government and the reduction in state funding. The goal, according to Cotham, is to save as much as possible and curb unnecessary spending. The 2012-2013 budget was taken into consideration by all board members. A motion was made by Long to accept the 2012-2013 budget which passed unanimously.

The 2012-2013 proposed tax rate of \$1.14 was approved with a motion from Lass and second by Kemp. The motion carried unanimously.

The trustees considered and approved a bid from Vibra-Whirl to resurface track. Lass made the motion to approve the bids, Long seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Cotham delivered the Superintendent Report, going over the TASB School Board Convention information, as well as how the maintenance is going on the roofs and leakage issues.

The meeting was adjourned.

All trustees were present except Rene Guerrero.

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RRC PRODUCTION STATISTICS AND ALLOWABLES FOR SEPTEMBER 2012

AUSTIN — The Texas average rig count as of Aug. 17 was 900, representing about 49 percent of all active land rigs in the United States. In the last 12 months, total Texas reported production was 461 million barrels of oil and 7.3 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

The Commission's estimat-

ed final production for June 2012 is 46,172,198 barrels of crude oil and 520,218,696 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas well gas.

The Commission derives final production numbers by multiplying the preliminary June 2012 production totals of 38,566,821 barrels of crude oil and 438,300,359

Mcf of gas well gas by a production adjustment factor of 1.1972 for crude oil and 1.1869 for gas well gas. (These production totals do not include casinghead gas or condensate.)

Texas natural gas storage reported to the Commission for July 2012 was 389,787,924 Mcf compared to 382,867,842 Mcf in July 2011. The August 2012 gas storage estimate is 385,510,467 Mcf.

The Texas Railroad Commission's Oil and Gas Division set initial September 2012 natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 9,784,268 Mcf (thousand cubic feet). In setting the initial September 2012 allowables, the Commission used historical production figures from previous months, producers' demand forecasts for the coming month, and adjusted the figures based on well capability. These initial allowables will be adjusted after actual production for September 2012 is reported.

REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT SERVICES

Floyd County has received Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistant Program (HRA) funding under the HOME Investment Partnerships Program from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA). Accordingly, Floyd County is seeking to contract with a qualified consultant to implement and administer the HOME contract activities.

Beginning September 3, 2012, the County is seeking proposals of services offered and statement of qualifications of eligible consultants, as identified in the RFP. The RFP can be obtained from the Floyd County Courthouse, 105 S. Main Street, Room 105, Floydada, Texas 79235. Proposals will be considered beginning on September 3, 2012 and must be received no later than 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 19, 2012 to be considered. All proposals should be submitted to the Floyd County Judge, Penny Golightly. Floyd County reserves the right to reject any and all bids and negotiate with any and all firms that submit proposals.

Floyd County is an Affirmative Marketing/Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages Historically Underutilized Businesses to submit proposals.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS FLOYDADA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT State Financial Accounting Rating

Floydada Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m., September 11, 2012 in the Board Conference Room 226 W. California, Floydada, Texas

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the Floydada Independent School District's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

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FISD Board Approves 2012-2013 Budget and Tax Rate

By Sara Sisemore
Correspondent

The Board of Trustees of the Floydada Independent School District met Tuesday, August 28, 2012, for a public hearing and then their regular monthly meeting.

During the public hearing beginning at 6:30p.m., the board discussed the 2012-2013 Proposed Budget and the 2012-2013 Proposed Tax Rate. The proposed budget for this school year was set with a total general fund revenue of \$7,887,978, compared to last year's \$7,837,388. The board did not want to raise the local tax rate from last year, so the proposed tax rate for 2012-2013 remained at \$1.17. This will generate an estimated \$2,365,970 in local tax revenue for the district based on a 98 percent collection rate. The total amount estimated to be received from the state is \$4,994,680.

After a few questions from the board, the public hearing was closed at 6:43p.m. as there was no one from the community present at that time with comments or concerns.

During the regular board meeting beginning at 7p.m., Business Manager Sharon Rainwater presented the tax report. M&O current tax roll is \$2,754,539.38, with net collections of \$2,711,387.58. I&S current tax roll is \$298,547.59, with net collections of \$288,624.85. That brings the percentage of current tax roll

collected to 98.43 compared to last year's 98.38.

The board considered Rainwater's request to amend the 2011-2012 budget to balance the budget. She noted the budget totals remain the same, but the functions the funds were used for has changed. Changes included moving \$170,000 to Title I under Instruction, an increase of \$15,000 in payroll, a decrease of \$20,000 in utilities, \$40,000 payoff to Special Ed Director, and \$30,000 moved to the TTIPS grant. Special fund amendments included an increase of \$40,000 in the cafeteria fund and a \$7,000 increase in the summer feeding program. The board approved the amended budget.

After consideration, the board unanimously approved adopting the proposed budget for 2012-2013. This is a balanced budget of \$7,887,978 on both revenue and expenditures. The board also unanimously approved an M&O tax rate of \$1.17 and an I&S tax rate of \$0.13787 – these rates are the same as last year's rates.

Transportation Supply Bids for the 2012-2013 school year were unanimously approved by the board. The district accepted the bid from Floyd County Supply for fuel, and accepted Graham's OK Tire's bid for all of their tire needs.

Concerning the assignment of the fund balance, Superintendent Gilbert Trevino informed the board, "There are

three things we have to start thinking about for the future." The first item he noted was security for the district's campuses, the second was funding future technology for the lower grade levels, and the third item was replacing the north and south parking lots at the high school. Trevino said, "Just because we assign fund balance for these, doesn't mean we have to spend it this next school year."

High school principal Wayne Morren informed the board of the water line issues the high school campus dealt with this summer. He asked the board to consider replacing the high school's plumbing system sometime in the near future.

The board made no fund balance assignments during this meeting.

The board renewed the district's Unemployment Compensation Insurance for 2012-2013, remaining with TASB. Last year's fees were \$15,163, but according to Trevino, this year the fees have been reduced to \$12,130.

Curriculum Director Anne Carthel made a presentation concerning the 2011-2012 Annual Yearly Progress results for the district. The AYP is based on standards set by the Federal Government. Carthel explained, "You can meet the standard by hitting the number or by showing a two percent growth." The AYP results cover two different kinds of

testing – TAKS last year and STAAR this year. According to Carthel, the STAAR test is much more difficult than the TAKS.

According to the report, Duncan met the AYP standards, and Floydada Junior High met the standard in Reading, but did not meet the standards in Math. Carthel noted the Junior High missed the AYP last year in Reading, but this year missed in Math. Floydada High School met the standards in both areas, Reading and Math.

Carthel continued her report, saying as a district in Reading the standard is 87, but the district grew from 82 to 86. However, in Math the standard is 83, and the district remained at 82, so the AYP in Math was missed as a district.

She explained that AYP is imposed on those schools which accept Federal Title I funds distributed by the No Child Left Behind law. The standard for 2012-2013 will be increased to 93 percent in reading and 92 percent in math. The standard for 2013-2014 will increase again to 100 percent in reading and 100 percent in math.

Furthermore, Carthel presented the following numbers to the board: The percentage of school districts across the state who met AYP standards was 78 in 2010, 50 in 2011, and 28 in 2012. The percentage of school districts who missed AYP standards was 20 in 2010, 49 in 2011, and 71 in 2012. (The numbers do not total 100 because there are 12 districts which are not evaluated.) Currently across

the state, there are 56 percent of the districts that are in Stage 1 of the School Improvement Program, 18 percent in Stage 2, and 27 percent in Stage 3.

According to Carthel, Stage I means a district missed the same measure two years in a row, and students must be offered the option of attending a different school. There are five stages and in the progression the penalties grow more severe, including replacement of all school staff, takeover of the school by a private company, or turning the school over to TEA. Currently there are 59 campuses in the state at Stage 5.

The statewide results for individual campuses is as follows: The percentage of campuses which meet AYP standards was 86 in 2010, 66 in 2011, and 44 in 2012. The percentage of campuses which missed AYP standards was 4 in 2010, 26 in 2011, and 48 in 2012.

Carthel assured the board of FISD's success, saying, "The TTIPS grant money is helping by providing the very best trainers and learning opportunities for the district's teachers and administrators, in monitoring the instruction much more closely in the classrooms, in evaluating every objective taught to provide immediate, effective, and consistent tutorials and interventions to help struggling students, and in using a viable and guaranteed curriculum with fidelity every day in every class."

The board made an adjustment to the 2012-2013 school calendar, moving

the bad weather day originally set for April 1, 2013, to March 29th, so it would not interfere with a STAAR testing date. They also approved entering an Educator Effectiveness Metric Agreement for use with the Floydada Junior High School teachers. Principal Morren noted that since the district must eventually tie student performance to the teacher, this program will benefit the district's teachers by giving them a two-year head start.

Additionally, the board accepted the resignations of Brandi Ferrell (FHS) and Margie Martinez (FHS), and approved the employment of Krystal Campbell (teacher at Duncan Elementary), Pake Freeman (teacher at FHS), and the following teaching assistants: Julie Coronado (Duncan), Samantha Machado (FHS), Rina Martinez (FHS), Juliann Runnels (FHS), and Beth Logsdon (FHS).

The board reviewed the unofficial minutes from their July 26th meeting. The unofficial minutes stated the public hearing was set for August 21st, but they needed to be corrected to read August 28th. The corrected minutes were unanimously approved. The July 2012 bills were paid, and the board approved a meeting date in September for Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. for a public hearing concerning the report on the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas, followed by a regular board meeting at 7p.m.

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will be Ladies' Day, which will be from 3:30 - 5:30 in the Entertainment Building. Four different programs will be presented: Ethelyn Garnett – Quilting; Tasha Smith – Nutrition for you; Connie Barnett – What your Camera Can Do; and Becky Meyers – The Crockpot Lady. Please come out for one or all of these informative and fun programs.

A new event this year will be Miniature Bull Riding demonstrations with Junior Leal and his "kids". Plans are to have demos on Friday and Saturday afternoons/evenings. Times will be posted around the fairgrounds. This is an up and coming sport, so come out and see what it's all about. There may be even be some local participants.

Saturday is a very busy day. Starting out the day will be the parade down Lockney's Main Street. The time has been changed to an earlier time – 9 a.m. in order to accommodate all the activities of the day. It will start around the hospital and continue south to Davis Lumber. Anyone wanting to

participate – bands, floats, horse riders, bicycle riders, tractors, or anything else, please contact Renee Armstrong, 685-7796.

Following the parade – around 10 a.m. there will be a Kid's Tractor Pull at the fairgrounds. This event was supposed to be at Old Fashion Saturday, but had to be cancelled due to illness; so if your children were disappointed then, come out to the Fair and try again.

Two favorite adult events will be Saturday afternoon. The Trap Shoot with Ed Marks will start at 12 noon east of the Fair Building (same location as last year). It will be \$1.00 per shot. Prize money will be split between the winner and the American Legion. Iced down watermelons will be served.

Washer Pitching with Junior Rendon will start at 1 p.m., also east of the Fair Building. Entry fee is \$30.00 per team and \$15.00 per person. Prizes will be presented to the top placing teams. Proceeds will be donated to the Hospice Hands of West Texas Charitable Fund.

The tradition continues with the Miss Floyd County Queen Contest starting at 1:30 p.m. in the Entertainment Building. It will start with the Tiny Miss – age 3-5 years; Little Miss – age 6-9 years; Junior Miss – age 10-12 years; and Teen Miss – age 13-14 years. Miss Floyd County Fair Queen – age 15-19 will close out the afternoon. The Queens from last year will make one last walk before they hand over their titles to the next group. This is always a well-attended event, so plan to get there early for a good seat. This is one of the few events that had an admission fee of \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students. This helps to pay for the crowns, banners and gifts – a small price to pay to see a bunch of beautiful girls.

The Dance this year will be Saturday from 9 p.m. - midnight and will be FREE. Suthern Stone will be playing with Danny Huggins as the DJ during the breaks. If you like good music, this will be a great way to end the 2012 Floyd County Fair.

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contributed to national magazines such as Christianity Today's Kyria.com and P31 Woman magazine. Her writings have appeared in popular books such as Chicken Soup for the Mother of Preschooler's Soul and the One Year Life Verse Devotional. Mindy is currently writing the Eyewitness Bible Study series. The first study in the series, Eyewitness to Majesty, is scheduled to be released by AMG Publishers

in early 2013. Mindy enjoys serving on the Women's Ministry leadership for her home church, working along side her husband of twenty-five years as treasurer for their family businesses, and she find great joy doing just about anything with her husband and two adult children.

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tions are made every four years in conjunction with the FHS Homecoming event. Nomination forms are available online at <http://www.floydadawhirlwinds.org>. Those nominated but not selected for the 2012 Hall of Fame automatically will be reconsidered for the 2016 Hall of Fame, so be sure to update those submissions and/or submit new nominations.

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Courtesy Photo

The "Kountry Kids" was one of Torrez's first bands as a drummer. The Floydada members included (l-r) Derek Cheek, Kary Helms, Torrez, Kelly Turner, Jet Cheek and Donnie Kincer.



Courtesy Photo

Torrez and Ronnie Dunn receiving the award along with Writer Phillip Coleman for the hit single "Cost of Living" at the 2011 Sesac Nashville Music Awards.

by country artist Tracy Lawrence.

"We have an in-house record label, music publishing department, production facilities and artist management divisions. I help direct most aspects of Tracy Lawrence, LMG, our songwriters, artist development, social media, mainstream media, marketing, radio promotion, press, film and TV opportunities, branding and photography of all artists and the company," says Torrez.

In an effort to help the company move forward, Torrez added, "we all pitch in every way we can, I even carry out the trash and wash dishes."

Growing up, he played drums for several local bands including "The Kountry Kids", that consisted of classmates, Derek Cheek, Kary Helms, Kelly Turner, Jett Cheek, Donnie Kincer and himself, in Floydada.

While at South Plains College, the Country Caravan was one of the bands associated with the school that would bring Torrez back to Floydada to perform at several community celebrations.

"I always wanted to be on the road playing music or in the music business," says Torrez. "I would read all the music magazines, album covers and see all the pictures. I just wanted to be all of that."

"I just did it, I took off and tried not to look back or be scared of the unknown." Torrez said that he never felt like he was the best at anything.

"I never believed that I could not do it," he says, but he was tenacious in his journey. Adding that his feelings were that if he just showed up and created good work that he would find his way.

"I had ideas on how to accomplish my goals, all the time knowing that when you get to the majors (leagues), you better come with something that will keep you in the game."

And stay in the game he did.

"When I came to Nashville in 1986 we called it hanging out. Now they call it Networking! So that's basically what I did. I networked all the local hot spots and just told my story, asking for a chance to prove myself," he recalls.

Torrez shares a story of his arrival in Nashville. Needing finances in order to "survive", he accepted a job unloading trucks at a local store. Upon receiving a call for an audition for a tour one afternoon, he was so optimistic about the outcome that he told his co-workers that if he got that gig, they would never see him again.

Needless to say, that audition did not work out and he

had to return to unloading trucks once again the very next day. He was welcomed with "plenty of laughs" from his co-workers, who ridiculed him by telling him that he would never make it in the music business and he would always do nothing more than unload trucks.

"A few weeks later I had another shot at an audition, was hired and I never went back," Torrez says proudly.

Since that day, he has toured as a drummer just for Leon Russell, Edgar Winter, Tracy Lawrence, Kelly Willis, Lionel Cartwright, Kevin Welch, Shelly West and several others. Some of these he auditioned for and some were secured from recommendations.

He even performed in a few television appearances with LeeAnn Womack in the early years.

Stating that he has seen every state in America, including Hawaii and playing across Canada, Torrez notes that he has never had the opportunity to play overseas but has always had the desire to do so.

"I loved traveling across the country playing music. I'm addicted to the road for sure," he says.

He adds that even today when he is not touring, if he gets a chance to hop on a bus for the weekend, he will gladly do so, "it always felt like we were going camping and would stop every now and then and play music."

Torrez admits he misses the days of performing on the road.

Just recently, Alex was instrumental in developing an online radio show, My American Music. It is a no borders radio show that highlights just what the name implies, American music. It airs every Sunday from 4-6 p.m. CST from the studios of Renegade Radio Nashville.

Torrez says, "I'm at a point in my career where I don't feel the need to prove anything anymore. I just love what I do. I don't get paid for the radio show, I just love the music business and want to try and do more than just the usual things."

It was on a recent broadcast of this show that he made a reference to today's compact discs, by saying, "I am 50 years old, a CD will always be called a record."

These days, being an all around businessman for LMG is only the career part of Torrez's life. In his personal life, he and his wife of 21 years, Donna Gordon Torrez, formerly of Plainview, are the parents of two children.

Cooper, a senior at Lipscomb University in Nashville, is employed by the Tennessee Titans NFL organization. Their daughter named after Alex's mom, Amanda, is a senior at

Nashville Christian School.

Of his children, Torrez says that they did not follow in their father's footsteps when it comes to musical instruments, but they are "total music lovers."

"We trade music on a constant basis. They (the children) attend most concerts that pass through town, as fans, and they enjoy live music the most," says Torrez.

Torrez says that his family realizes there are some perks allowed through his friendships with musicians, free CDs, backstage passes, options to the best seats, however, because of those friendships, "we are very careful to maintain a professional level and never take advantage of this."

Alex admits that he has never been affected by being around or meeting celebrities, he adds that although he is still a big fan, he tries to be more than just a fan, he tries to be one of them.

"It has helped me get where I want to go," he adds.

Torrez tells of a favorite moment a few years ago, "I found myself at the Grammy rehearsals at the Staple Center in Los Angeles. I was in the artist green room hanging out with some colleagues when Bruce Springsteen and Chris Martin of Coldplay walked in together to grab some coffee. I sat at the same table with them as they chatted but yet never tried to get in on their conversation."

"I've had many of those surreal moments in my life," says Torrez.

While describing artists, who have become a part of his world, he says, "One thing that most people don't realize is that they are just like the rest of us. They like to stop for food, coffee, shop and hang out in certain places. I have run into Keith Urban and his wife, Nicole Kidman so many times at Starbucks that it's not even fun anymore."

"I'm friends with Keith so we always say 'hi', so if you ever want to just run into a big name, hang out in Nashville sometime, you may get lucky at the Starbucks!"

When asked where he sees his career going from here, Torrez said, "At my age and the length of time I have been blessed to do what I do, at this point I'm just trying to stay in the game. Just like an older athlete, I know my days are numbered. There is a new energized generation that is nipping at my heels, the exact same way I did when I first came here. It's all part of the cycle of life."

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