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Quanah Parker Arrow landed in Blanco Canyon

By Holle Humphries

Texas Historical Commission

A Giant Arrow, courtesy of sculptor and artist, Charles Smith of New Home, Texas, landed in Floyd County at the Plain Baptist Assembly's property in Blanco Canyon. The Arrow is located on the south rim just east of the Roadside Park on US Highway 62.

Smith and community volunteers installed the outdoor sculpture to highlight the history and legacy of Comanche presence in Floyd County, Texas, officially placing the County on the Quanah Parker Trail.

Placement of the arrow required a front end loader to move it from a trailer: The arrow stands about 22 feet tall; and ¼ inch steel rods, resembling the fletching of feathers, vibrate in the wind. A metal plate on the tip of the arrow with the number 41 signifies the order of placement in the 52-county Texas Plains Trail Region (TPTR).

The TPTR is one of 10 heritage regions in the state formed by the Texas Historical Commission. Heritage regions strive to develop and promote thematic cultural and heritage sites and trails for their communities. The sites and trails preserve local history and attract the interest of travelers and tourists to

encourage them to come to the area for a visit.

Community leaders from the 52 counties that form the TPTR located in the Texas Panhandle wanted to develop a cultural and historical trail that uniquely characterizes it and sets it apart from all other areas of Texas. They arrived at the idea of developing a Quanah Parker Trail (QPT) in the Texas Panhandle plains region. Our region is remarkable for the fact that it formed "The Last Frontier" in the 48 contiguous states where Native Americans last roamed free before being removed to the reservations.

The trail honors historical landmarks, sites, events, and artifacts in museums that link our region to the Native Americans who last roamed the Texas Panhandle Plains. It is named after Quanah Parker to honor his role as the chief of the Comanches, who were the most powerful Native American presence in the region. The TPTR currently is developing a website that can be found by googling "Quanah Parker Trail." The goal of installing giant arrows along the QPT is to mark with distinction each TPTR county's connection in the past to Quanah Parker and the Comanche people, whose presence preceded the arrival of Anglo pioneers set-

tlers.

The arrow is the creation of Charles Smith, a cotton farmer, gin operator, welder, artist and sculptor. He originally was commissioned by Gid Moore Crop Insurance Company to create an arrow based on Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem "The Arrow and the Song". This first arrow was installed about five years ago as the first piece of an Art and Literacy non-profit sculpture park on a 7-acre site at the intersections of FM211 and FM1730 in New Home. Painted red, white, and black, the arrow rises grandly, singing in the wind. With the blessing of the great-grandchildren of Quanah Parker, the arrow and its song will now mark the Quanah Parker Trail. Each arrow will be painted in the Comanche colors of red, blue, and gold.

Charles Smith, working in conjunction with the TXPTR, donated the arrows to the Quanah Parker Trail to help develop a cultural and historical trail that uniquely characterizes the region, and sets it apart from all other areas of Texas.

The volunteers consisted of:

**QUANAH PARKER
 ARROW**

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Courtesy Photo

The Quanah Parker Trail Arrow installation on Tuesday, November 20, 2012 marked the site of Blanco Canyon in Floyd County, Texas. The canyon is the site of numerous Comanche connections --- campgrounds, battles with the U. S. Cavalry, etc. The location of the arrow is 6 miles south of Floydada on US Highway 62/207. Pictured at the site are (left to right) Donnell Gowens, Karl Rivers, Connie Bertrand, Nancy Marble, Hulon Carthel, Sam Watts, Monte Williams, Hector Zalataw, Roy Villegas, Mike Anderson, Oscar Garza and Sherry Colston.

Methodist, Baptist men hold coat drive for Salvation Army

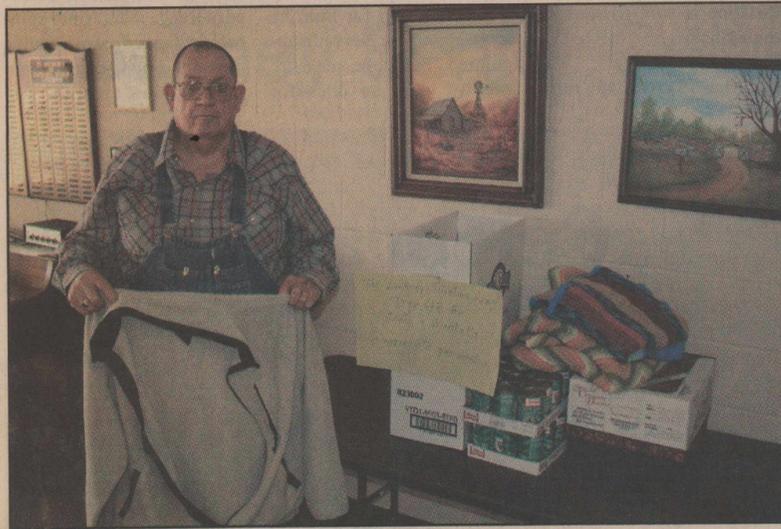


Photo by Jennifer Harbin

Jr. Brotherton stands next to the area at the Lockney Senior Center where blankets, coats and canned goods may be donated.

By Jennifer Harbin

'Tis the season for sharing, and the Lockney Methodist and Baptist men are asking for everyone to give gener-

ously from their hearts at this year's Coat and Blanket Drive.

The drive will be held at the First United Methodist

and First Baptist Churches in Lockney on December 1 be-

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Food Drive to replenish Salvation Army pantries

By Jennifer Harbin

The Lockney Boy Scouts will be holding their annual canned food drive on December 8.

The purpose of the food drive is to help restock the

pantries at Salvation Army, a Christian charity that helps bring aid to those in need.

According to Boy Scout Committee Chairman Billy Hunter, unlike previous

years, plastic bags will not be handed out. The Boy Scouts request that a filled plastic bag with pantry goods be placed on the porch or outside the front door for pick-up between 10-11:30 a.m.

Crews receive traditional Thanksgiving meal from hotel

By Jennifer Harbin

At the end of a long workday at Irby Construction, some of the weary crews like to drive back to their temporary home in Floydada at the Bunkhouse Motel owned by Kay and Ron Wilson.

The Wilsons have grown close to some of the men, and enjoy having them around, either for a chat or a cup of coffee.

"We've gotten to know some of them really well," said Kay Wilson. "They come in and have coffee and visit and carry on."

Because of their unexpected friendship, the Wilsons decided to host a Thanksgiving dinner for the work crews that reside there.

When asked by the Hesperian-Beacon why they

were doing this, Ron Wilson replied, "they've got one day off" and his wife added "they're too far away from home and can't go anywhere."

The Wilsons have held hamburger suppers before at the motel and they all had a great time, so they thought "Why not?"

The Wilsons even took special requests for the pies, and whatever they wanted they got.

They held their dinner on Thanksgiving day in the front dining area of the motel's office, complete with "turkey and dressing and all the goodies," as well as cakes and pies. Eleven people showed up for the feast, including a few crew members from North Houston,

which is a power line company.

"We had a great time, there was a little bit of storytelling and visiting, they even came back and had supper that night," said Kay Wilson.

Since they've arrived it has been very busy. According to Kay Wilson, you make new friends and then they get shipped out.

"The main thing we're waiting on right now is to go watch the helicopters pull the wire through the towers. As soon as they get closer to town, we'll go," said Kay Wilson.

"We hear all these stories that they tell us of the guys connecting the wires...it's

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Quitaque man dies in tractor accident

By Shanna Sissom
 Managing Editor
 Plainview Herald

QUITAQUE — A 35-year-old man was killed in a tractor accident southwest of Quitaque as he was apparently piling dirt around a ravine.

Jimmy Wade Myers told his wife he would be work-

ing late and not to wait up for him Wednesday night, according to Justice of the Peace Connie Smith, who pronounced him dead on the scene Thursday.

"He had a job to finish," Smith said, adding it was not uncommon for him to work late, since he farms on the side and was employed by the Texas Department of

Transportation. "She went to bed and the next morning he wasn't home."

Smith said it appears Myers was operating his front-end loader to move dirt around a 30-foot ravine.

"Probably he had the loader in an area where he

**QUITAQUE MAN DIES
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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 School 10:00 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 School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

CARR'S CHAPEL
Service Every Sunday:
Morning Worship ... 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 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 School 9:15 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
Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:50 a.m.
Youth (Sunday)..... 5:00 p.m.
Youth (Wednesday).. 6:30 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Lockney
Rev. Ricky Carstensen
Pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service..... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Jr. High 5:30 p.m.
Wed. High School... 6:30 p.m.

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

MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST
Lockney
Beau A. Hart, Minister
Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

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Floydada
Rev. Timothy Askew
401 N 12th St (983-5805)
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Study ... 7:00 p.m.

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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 School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Floydada
Rev. Toby Gonzales
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 10:40 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Evening 7:00 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 School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting..... 7:00 p.m.

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983-5286 (church)
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English..... 9:45 a.m.
Spanish..... 11:00 a.m.
Spanish Worship 9:30 a.m.
English Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service..... 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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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 School 9:45 p.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Washington and 1st St.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

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

TRINITY ASSEMBLY
500 W. Houston
Henry Russell, Co-Pastor
Vance Mitchell, Co-Pastor
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ... 10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Providence Community
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service ... 11:00 a.m.

WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST
Floydada 983-3548
Sunday Worship ... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

OF THE FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM

WERE THE DOCTORS WRONG? Floyd County Hesperian May 20, 1971

By Homer Steen

There's a sequel to that yam I wrote about the doctors dropping in to see me when I printed the blurb about the miraculous cure after all else failed.

When I told a friend recently about my long ago fiasco and its consequences, I was much surprised by her reaction. She was all sympathy for the 19-year old boy-editor. She thought those "old men" ought to have been ashamed "to do him that way."

Her comment was a soothing ointment for my vanity, and, I suppose, justified to an extent. The fact remains that I had assumed a responsibility and had to learn to accept the consequences. The doctor's quick hard freeze was effective. A news man has to live with the words he uses.

The latter day friend mentioned above who was in disagreement with the doctors was Mrs. E. Lee Ozbim, once of Oklahoma City, now of Fort Worth.

Her maiden name was Katie Freeman. She was about "knee high to a duck" when I wrote the piece about the miraculous cure. She was a daughter of Dr. W. H. Freeman, and Dr. Freeman was spokesman for the doctor delegation who came to see me.

Later the Freeman family lived in Floydada for a time and Katie was a high school girl here. Picnic on Blanco

Katie was one of the persons I recall who was on a picnic "we all" had on Blanco Canyon one Sunday afternoon.

Usually we did not have to have to have either a reason or an excuse to jump on a picnic. This time we had a good reason. A young lady was in town for Thos. A. Edison Company to do a "concert," demonstrating the great fidelity with which a new phonograph reproduced the human voice. She'd sing and the phonograph would sing and you could not tell by ear which was which. She really could sing. She was to be here over Sunday.

The young woman was from above the Mason Dix-

on Line. To us she "dressed funny" and she "talked funny." She had no more than hit town than she had to see a rattlesnake and "lassoo" a cow. Word got out around that a picnic on Blanco Canyon was in order. A crowd of 12 or 18, I think, did their best to entertain her.

The honoree was a "right peart little filly", and John Reagan loaned her his bench-made boots so a rattlesnake bite would not prove fatal. None of the rest of us had protection from the rattlers but she was a stranger and might not know to jump as high and as far as she could when she heard the menacing rattle. ^M Beautiful Katie"

What did little Katie have do with this? Well, for one thing, she was "among those present." and for another the tin pan alley hit "Beautiful Katie" was being sung that summer in Floydada. I recall she seemed to enjoy being kidded.

You know how the song goes. The swain tells Katie in his stuttering melody that he will be waiting for hr at the kitchen door "when the moon comes over the cowshed."

FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

By Margaret Jones

"It's beginning to look a lot like CHRISTMAS... everywhere I go..."

Lights on the rooftops and reindeer in the yard... Decorations of the season hint that it's right around the corner...

With Thanksgiving past, the last bit of dressing put away and Black Friday rushing in...

But...Where are the shepherds?...the wise-men?...the Star?...The Baby-in-the-manger? Isn't that what it's all about? Commercialism seems to dominate the scene...Lest we forget the REASON for the SEASON. Slow us down in our haste and cause us to remember..."Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains..."

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Ham and Bean One Pot

A vegetable trinity of chopped onion, celery, and peppers is the crunchy, (tasty) start to this hearty Ham and Bean One Pot. If you've got a hungry bunch, this one is sure to stick to their ribs.
Serves: 6
Cooking Time: 45 min-

utes

What you'll need:

- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil, 1 green bell pepper with seeds removed, chopped, 1 small onion, chopped, 1 stalk celery, chopped, 2 cups course chopped cooked Ham, 2 (15 ounce) cans Navy Beans, un-drained, 1 (15 ounce) can black-eyed peas, un-drained, 3 cups chicken broth, 1 cup water, ¼ teaspoon black pepper.

What to do:

1. In a large soup pot, heat oil over medium high heat.
2. Add green pepper, onion, and celery and cook 7 to 9 minutes, or until tender, stirring occasionally. Stir in the remaining ingredients; bring to a boil.
3. Reduce heat to a low and simmer 25 to 30 minutes, or until thickened, stirring occasionally.

"OOH, IT'S SO GOOD!!"
MR. FOOD (recipe)

"Thought for the Week"

If a man measures life by what others do for him, he is going to be very disappointed, but if he measure life by what he does for

others, there is no time for despair.

MEMORIALS

By Margarette Word

The center really appreciates you remembering us when you need to make a memorial donation. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235

MENU

December 3 – December 7

Monday – BBQ beef sandwich, tator tots, carrots & zucchini, ambrosia, low fat milk

Tuesday – Beef soft taco, Spanish rice, broccoli, seasoned corn, mandarin oranges w/whipped topping, low fat milk

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

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

Friday – Ham & beans, cornbread, margarine, spinach, seasoned corn, orange pineapple cup, country apple crisp, low fat milk

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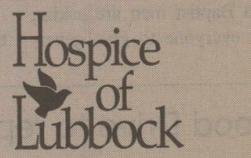
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LIFESTYLES



Courtesy Photo by spotted.lubbockonline.com
Black Friday Night Out (left to right) Renee Armstrong, Ashley Holiday, Becky Meyers, Taylor Hernandez, and Margaret Adams take a rest at the South Plains Mall after vigorous Black Friday shopping in the early morning hours.

“SCOUTING FOR FOOD”

THE FLOYDADA BOY SCOUT TROOP & PACK #357 WILL BE STOPPING AT HOMES IN FLOYDADA TO COLLECT CANNED OR NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1 FROM 9 A.M. - 12 NOON. IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BE HOME, THE FOOD CAN BE PUT IN A SACK AND LEFT BY YOUR FRONT DOOR. ALL COLLECTED FOOD WILL BE DONATED TO FLOYDADA'S SPIRIT OF SHARING (SOS). ALL DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

1956 STUDY CLUB

By Kay Dean Smith

The 1956 Study Club met Tuesday, October 13 in the home of Virginia Stringer. A delicious meal was served on beautifully Thanksgiving themed table settings by Virginia and Linda Matsler.

The program was the annual holiday auction. Members answered roll call by presenting the items they brought to be auctioned. Auctioneer Molly Stringer made the auction fun and entertaining.

President Dana Crossland presided over a short business meeting.

Special guest was Sherry Hacker. Members attending were Rozanne Bishop, Terri Bush, Sheree Cannon, Anne Carthel, Dana Crossland, Judy Dunlap, Linda Harbin, Charine Hendrix, Janis Julian, Nancy Mayo, Linda Matsler, Judy Schacht, Susan Simpson, Trena Simpson, JenniSue Smith, Kay Dean Smith, Molly Stringer, Virginia Stringer, and Jan Willson.

The December meeting will be a Progressive Dinner hosted by Janis Julian, Anne Carthel and Rozanne Bishop.

Tips to Prevent Child Abuse Increase During the Holidays

AUSTIN, Texas — The holidays are upon us, which is good news for excited kids and family members anxious to re-connect. But many Texas parents struggle to find childcare while school is out and worry how they can afford the added expenses of holiday gifts and travel. The frustration and stress that many families experience this time of year often lead to more cases of child abuse or neglect.

More than 65,000 Texas children are abused or neglected each year. Many times, economic and personal stresses are contributors to child abuse. For many parents, the holidays increase these stress levels because of the extra demands on their time, money and energy.

“Many children and adults have unrealistic expectations for a perfect holiday season,” Bryan Sperry, president of the Children’s Hospital Association of Texas (CHAT), said. “Additionally, arguments with family members, exhaustion from over-planning and dependence on food and alcohol—among other factors—can become a catalyst for parents losing their temper.”

To minimize the risk of abuse, it’s best to reduce unnecessary stress by planning ahead. The Children’s Hospital Association of Texas rec-

ommends the following tips that parents can use to avoid having a holiday meltdown.

- Establish a family budget for holiday spending and be realistic about what you can afford.
- Hold a family meeting to discuss holiday plans, and include the children in planning activities.
- Post a calendar of family activities in a place where all family members will see it. Ask each person to remind you of school events, church activities, holiday parties, etc.
- Limit travel. On top of everything else, long trips may be more than your family can handle. Suggest visiting relatives later in the year when things are calmer and you can enjoy the trip more.
- Have your children make a list of elderly or shut-in neighbors in your area. Plan to share a meal, some of your time, or run errands for these neighbors. Explain to children that helping and sharing are important elements of special holidays.
- Set family priorities for the season. One of the biggest causes of holiday stress is having too much to do in a short period of time. This year, sit down as a family and make decisions that are important to all of you.
- Learn to say “no.” Fewer

activities mean more time to relax and enjoy being with family.

If you do find that it is difficult to avoid being verbally or physically harsh with your children, stop and try the following:

- Take a deep breath and count to 20.
- Phone a friend.
- Take a walk outside.
- Ask for help.
- Place your child in time out or a safe area, such as a crib, and leave the room.
- Take a time out and leave your child with a responsible adult.
- Catch up on sleep.

For more information about CHAT and its member hospitals, visit www.childhealthtx.org.

About the Children’s Hospital Association of Texas

The mission of the Children’s Hospital Association of Texas (CHAT) is to support the development of an effective, comprehensive, high-quality and appropriately funded children’s healthcare delivery system in Texas. Since 1989, CHAT has worked to advance its goals and public policy objectives in cooperation with other trade associations, advocacy groups, state agencies and the Texas Legislature. www.childhealthtx.org

Healthy Recipe of the Week

Provided by Pure Balance Nutrition

Zucchini Ziti

Minimum Slow Cooker Size: 5 quarts

(Makes 13 servings)

Serving Size: 3/4 cup Calories: 168 Total Fat: 8 g Saturated Fat: 4 g Trans Fat: 0 Cholesterol: 21 mg Sodium: 476 mg Carbohydrates: 25 g Sugars: 4 g Dietary Fiber: 2 g Protein: 15 g. Nutritional Information estimated at Nutritiondata.self.com. Data may not be accurate.

Ingredients

- 1 (24 oz.) jar marinara (no sugar added)
- 3 cups penne shells (whole grain, dry)
- 2 cups fat free cottage cheese
- 2 cups skim mozzarella cheese, shredded
- 1 large zucchini (1/4” slices)
- 1 tablespoon fresh oregano (finely chopped)
- 1 tablespoon fresh basil (finely chopped)
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper

Directions

- In a large mixing bowl combine cottage cheese, mozzarella, oregano, basil and black pepper. In the slow cooker, spoon 1/4 of marinara onto the bottom, add 1 cup penne shells, 1/3 of zucchini slices and top with 1 cup cheese mixture. Repeat until you have 3 layers. Top off with the remaining marinara and lastly, cheese.
- Keep penne shells and cheese away from the edges by about 1”. Pasta tends to get hard and cheese burns if allowed to touch the sides while cooking.
- Cover and cook on low for approximately 2 hours or until penne noodles are Al Dente (firm but not hard). Not all slow cookers cook the same so be sure that the penne is done before serving. The cook time is recommended based on the slow cooker used when preparing this recipe. Allow to cool for 15 minutes before serving.

Tip: If you prefer your ziti a little more on the thick side, allow to cook an additional 30 minutes to 1 hour.

Tip: If you’re on a tight budget try Ragu Lite (no sugar added) and if you’re not, try Amy’s Organic Marinara Pasta Sauce.

Pair a serving of this with a chicken breast and a helping of veggies for a wonderfully balanced meal!
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Lockney Senior Citizen News

By Renee Armstrong

A reminder for you all... the Salvation Army is having a coat and blanket drive. If you have these items, please drop them off at the Center. This drive will continue through the holidays.

Also, Lockney Jr. High and High School are collecting items needed by the Ronald McDonald House in Lubbock. Items that they need are: paper plates, trash bags,

toothbrushes, toothpaste, all kinds of snacks, and laundry soap. A complete list is at the Center. These items will be picked up on December 12. Please help out if you can.

The Senior Center Holiday meal will be on December 14. You must RSVP to 652-2745 by Tuesday, December 11.

Anyone that has an over abundance of wire hangers please drop them by the

Center or call Renee Armstrong at 806-983-4335 for pick up.

Please keep all those that have been sick in your prayers. I know several of you have been or are currently in the hospital...Get Well Soon!

Memorial Donations have been made to the Center in memory of: Joyce Martin, Barry Barker, Mary Jean Moore, Paul McIntosh,

Joe Taylor, O.B. Barnes, Ottero Scheele, W.L. Thomas, Teresa Stennett, and Gay McPherson. Thank you all so much, we appreciate your kindness.

Menu December 3-7

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Wednesday: Fried Chicken
Thursday: Spaghetti
Friday: Enchiladas

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Sandra has been employed with Hospice Hand of West Texas for 8 years. She lives in Lockney and is married to Randy Rendon. They have one son, Nickolas Rendon, age 12. Sandra is a caring and compassionate nurse. She is always giving undivided attention to her patients and their families.
“GREAT JOB SAUNDRA!”

Texas Tech to Host 54th Annual Carol of Lights

Written by Callie Jones

The lights will be lit every night from dusk until midnight from Dec. 2, 2012 through Jan. 1, 2013.

Texas Tech University hosts the 54th annual Carol of Lights celebration "Illuminate" on Dec. 1 (Saturday). The night kicks off with the traditional carillon concert at 6:30 p.m. performed by Tom Hughes, and the outdoor ceremony will follow at 7 p.m.

The Residence Halls Association (RHA) has sponsored the event since its creation in 1956, growing it into the tradition it is today, drawing crowds of more than 20,000 each year. The Texas Tech choirs, trombone groups,

Masked Rider and Raider Red will be present, and with the flip of a switch to begin the ceremony, more than 25,000 red, orange and white lights will illuminate the night sky.

As Texas Tech and RHA continue their commitment to sustainability, nearly all of this year's lights will be transitioned to LED bulbs, projected to reduce energy consumption by 87 percent.

The event will be held in Memorial Circle, the Science Quad and Engineering Key. Parking will be available in the Commuter North parking lot adjacent to Jones AT&T Stadium. Vehicle traffic on campus streets in the vicinity of Memorial Circle will be

restricted at 5:30 p.m. and will remain closed until the conclusion of the event.

Immediately following the Carol of Lights, the Texas Tech School of Music will host its annual Carols Concert at Hemmle Recital Hall beginning at 8 p.m.

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RHA is one of the largest organizations at Texas Tech. Its main goals are to promote a high quality of leadership in a democratic form of student government and provide the best possible living and learning experience for students living in the residence halls.



Photo by Jennifer Harbin

Hesperian-Beacon's Football Contest Winners were Johnny Dorman (1st), Lanny Barnett (2nd), and not pictured, Martin Ramirez (3rd). The Hesperian-Beacon would once again like to say "Thank You" to all the participants and sponsors that make this contest possible.

'Tis the season for donating money

By Jason Alderman

Like many other economic measures, charitable donations in the U.S. have yet to bounce back to pre-recession levels. According to Giving USA's Annual Report on Philanthropy, charitable contributions totaled \$298.4 billion in 2011 – up 4 percent from 2010, but still 11 percent below 2007 levels.

The vast majority of those contributions (73 percent) came from individuals, demonstrating that even during tough economic times, people still find ways to support organizations that help those less fortunate than themselves.

Because half of all donations typically are made between Thanksgiving and New Year's, this is a good time to highlight precautions you can take to ensure your gift has the biggest possible impact, both on the people you want to help and on your own bottom line; also to remind seniors about a tax policy that has changed since last year:

Contribution eligibility. If you itemize expenses on your 2012 income taxes, any charitable contributions you plan to deduct must be made by year's end. That means either charging your credit or debit card or postmarking a check by midnight on December 31, 2012.

You must have a receipt to claim deductions for cash or property, no matter how small.

A cancelled check or credit card statement is fine for contributions under \$250, but amounts over \$250 require a written statement from the charity. See IRS Publication 526 for details (www.irs.gov).

Confirm tax-exempt status. For your contribution to be deductible, the organization must be recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS. It's important to note that in recent years the IRS has revoked the tax-exempt status of scores of nonprofit organizations because they didn't file annual reports for three consecutive years, as required by law. Use the IRS Exempt Organizations Select Check tool to ensure an organization's eligibility.

Get bang for your buck. Make sure any non-profit to which you donate is well-run. Ideally the organization applies at least 75 percent of contributions to programs that serve its beneficiaries, versus spending on salaries, advertising, fundraising and other administrative expenses.

Study the organization's website, annual report and mission statement, and ask for a copy of its IRS Form 990, which details how contributions are spent. Speak to staff members or volunteers, or volunteer there yourself. Or, if you know someone who has used its services, ask for their impressions of the organization's efficiency

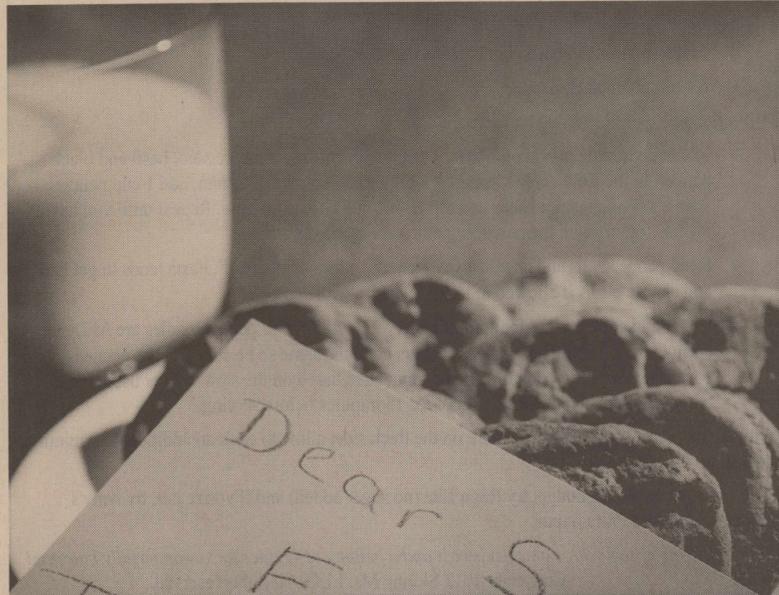
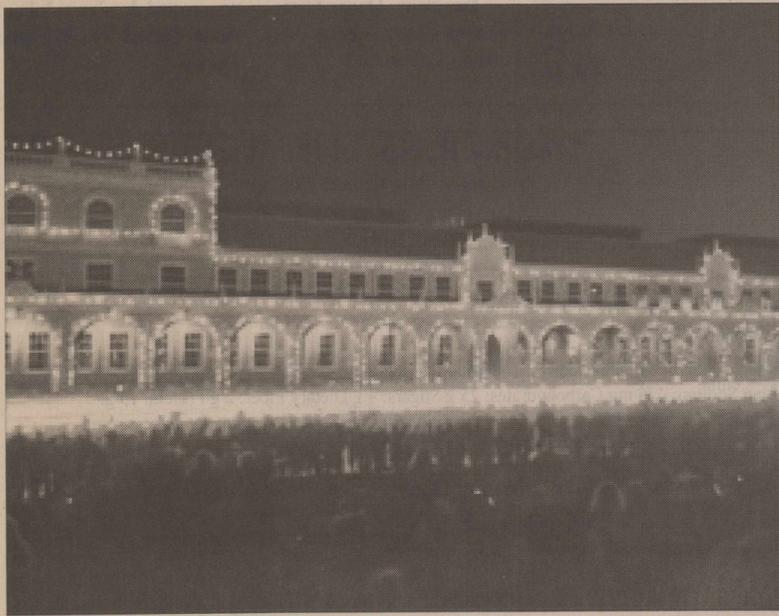
and helpfulness to clients.

Other helpful sites: Charity Navigator's "Top 10" lists and "Tips and Resources" sections provide helpful evaluation tools (www.charitynavigator.org). And GuideStar offers helpful questions to ask potential recipients and tips for choosing a charity (www.guidestar.org).

No more direct IRA distributions. A major tax break for senior citizens regarding charitable contributions expired at the end of 2011. Formerly, people over age 70 ½ could contribute up to \$100,000 from their IRAs directly to charity and have it count toward their annual IRA Required Minimum Distribution. This allowed seniors to avoid having to count the funds as adjusted gross income, thereby reaping a tax advantage even if they didn't itemize deductions.

And finally, if you can't afford a cash donation but still want to help, consider donating your time. Numerous organizations can match you up with local charities that suit your interests, including the government's United We Serve site (www.serve.gov), Network for Good (www.networkforgood.org), and Volunteer Match (www.volunteermatch.org).

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs. To Follow Jason Alderman on Twitter: www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney.



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Letters will be published in the Dec. 20 edition

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Floydada Police Report

October 10 – November 6

Oct. 10 9:45 a.m. Heather Hensley, 29, was arrested for theft.

Oct. 13 3:25 a.m. Robert Luna, 23, was arrested for possession of marijuana in a drug-free zone.

Oct. 16 11:47 p.m. Larry Rosales, 37, reported a criminal mischief.

Oct. 16 8:30 p.m. Jennifer Harbin, 35, reported damage to her vehicle.

Oct. 21 11:53 p.m. Foye Gentry was arrested for DWI.

Oct. 22 6:30 p.m. Edward McGregor, 58, reported a theft of a lawnmower at his residence.

Oct. 26 5:55 p.m. Suzanna Trevino was arrested for an outstanding Floyd County warrant.

Oct. 28 3:00 a.m. Rob Johnson, 34, and Mandy Branch, 31, were arrested for possession

of marijuana in a drug-free zone.

Oct. 29 10:48 p.m. Enoch Wickware, 27, was arrested for evading arrest and detention and driving while license suspended.

Oct. 30 10:40 p.m. Corey Rosa, 24, was arrested for outstanding Floyd County warrant.

Nov. 6 9 a.m. Juan Mariscal, 49, was arrested for DWI.

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF EVELYN L. WORRALL

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Evelyn L. Worrall, Deceased, were issued on November 1, 2012, in Cause No. 5934, pending in the County Court of Floyd County, Texas, to:

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Persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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New publication sheds light on agricultural water use in Texas

COLLEGE STATION—Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service experts recently released a report, Status and Trends of Irrigated Agriculture in Texas, highlighting the current status of irrigation in Texas.

"Irrigation is critical to our food production and food security and is a vital component of Texas' productive agricultural economy," said Dr. Kevin Wagner, associate director of the Texas Water Resources Institute and lead author of the special report.

"Decision-makers need the facts on just how much water agriculture is using as well as how much food and fiber it's producing with that water," he said.

Wagner said because of drought conditions and water supply concerns, Texans are looking to improve water conservation and management strategies across the board.

The content in the report was drawn primarily from data and reports published by Texas A&M University, AgriLife Research, AgriLife Extension, the Texas Water Development Board and the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service.

"The report aims to be a concise survey of the most current body of knowledge on irrigated agriculture in Texas," he said.

"Over the past several decades, significant advances have been made in irrigation efficiency, as many irrigators now use high-efficiency advanced irrigation technologies, such as low-pressure center pivot sprinkler systems or subsurface drip irrigation," said Dr. Dana Porter, AgriLife Extension agricultural engineering specialist in Lubbock, who contributed to the report.

"However, challenges remain and there are opportunities for continued improvements in water use efficiency through application of situation-appropriate efficient irrigation technologies and best management practices, including irri-

gation scheduling, and through use of drought-tolerant crop varieties and integrated crop and pest management practices."

Highlights from the report include:

- While statewide agricultural irrigation application rates have stayed relatively constant since the mid-1970s, agricultural yields have increased significantly as improvements in irrigation technology and management, crop management and crop genetics have been developed and implemented.
- Texas agricultural irrigation averages less than 18 inches per acre annually. In comparison, a College Station study found average households supplemented rainfall by applying 22 inches annually to lawns.
- The statewide economic value directly derived from irrigated agriculture was \$4.7 billion in 2007.
- Regional impacts of irrigated agriculture vary greatly, and in regions such as the High Plains, the economic impact is significant. In the Texas High Plains alone, the total regional economic impact of converting all irrigated acres to non-irrigated dryland farming would be an annual net loss of more than \$1.6 billion of gross output, more than \$616 million of value added and nearly 7,300 jobs.

- Agriculture is a part of the broader food and fiber sector, which accounts for 9 percent of the state's economy.

- Although both surface water and groundwater are used for agricultural irrigation, the source of most agricultural irrigation water is groundwater. In 2000, 86 percent of the irrigated acres in the state used groundwater.
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DELTA FARM PRESS: Don't wait on better cotton prices, use market

By Elton Robinson

If you think cotton prices are headed higher, think about selling physical cotton and buying it back on the board rather than waiting out the market, says Kelli Merritt, Lubbock, Texas cotton farmer, broker and merchant, speaking at the Ag Market Network's Nov. 12 conference call.

Merritt's advice is based on significant uncertainty in the world cotton marketplace coupled with the possibility of some bullish news from India and China.

"We're waiting to see if India is going to be exporting enough cotton to be a constant competition to the U.S. crop," Merritt said. "We've heard rumors that USDA has overestimated their stocks by as much as 3 million to 5 million bales."

In addition, "The Cotton Corporation of India has announced that they are going to buy 27 percent more local cotton than in the past three years. We in the trade keep anticipating that India is going to dump all this cotton and keep prices suppressed, but the evidence seems to be mounting that they're not going to do that. If they actually export substantially less cotton, it will give the market some support."

"The other big elephant in the room is China. So far this year, they've bought roughly 10 million bales and they're still steady buyers. We don't have a grasp of how long this will continue. It's nice now while it's happening, but who knows when it will stop. If it stops suddenly, that could really take the breath out of this market."

More possible bullish news is China's purported plans to start subsidizing food crops instead of cotton, "and that's going to change everything," Merritt said. "Much is being written that this is the year they're going to do that, and once they get all the cotton they want in the reserves, they will totally focus on food crops, and leave cotton."

Merritt noted that many of China's textile mills are closing and moving to other parts of Asia, resulting in increased export sales to those coun-

tries as well as an increase in yarn imports back to China.

"Some of this seems to be cyclical changes in the industry that occur over time," Merritt said. "There is cheaper labor in these developing countries so the industry shifts to where the cheaper labor is, like it did when it shifted from the United States to China."

"Hopefully some of these adjustments will result in more demand for cotton yarns and we will see cotton gradually win back some market share that they lost to man-made fibers during the price volatility of 2011."

Spinner margins are also improving, according to Merritt. "The price run-up in 2010 hurt spinners. They thought there was no end in sight to high yarn prices, so the high cotton prices didn't bother them. But after the selloff, there they were with inventory that they had invested huge input costs in, and they couldn't sell it for (the right price). The market is finally starting to come back to them."

Demand for U.S. cotton has picked up recently, especially for high quality cotton, Merritt says. Importers have been looking to Texas, which has been averaging nearly 36 in staple length along with good color grades this harvest.

Here's where the uncertainty starts to come in, according to Merritt. "Once this immediate demand for cotton is filled, we will likely see this nice basis start to weaken. If cotton producers are waiting for prices to go up, sell physical cotton while you have a strong basis. You can buy it back on the board if you're optimistic that prices are going up. It can get really tricky to hold cotton into the spring waiting on higher prices. If the basis weakens, and you've spent money on storage, you're going to have to see this market move up several cents just to get you back to the price you can get today."

Texas cotton producers will be moving to more grain in 2013, noted Texas A&M Extension professor emeritus Carl Anderson. "The big

question mark is that we've been through a period of dry weather, so wheat farmers are having difficulty in some areas getting their crop up to a stand. The interest is there to plant more wheat in wheat country — the Rolling Plains and up through the Panhandle.

"Producers wanting to plant corn 'have a little time, but we really need some moisture this winter to get next year's crop growing, especially for the dryland crop."

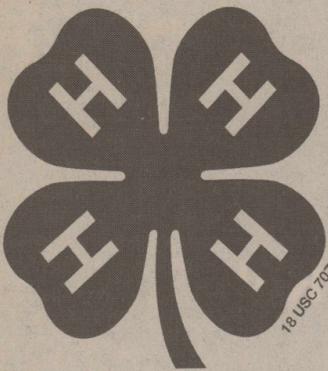
Anderson says a reduction in Texas cotton acreage of around 30 percent in 2013 "would cut acreage substantially in the United States in 2013. But it looks like we're still going to have a good supply of cotton. We have to remember. We have only 10 percent to 15 percent of the world's acreage now. So what we do is not going to make much difference in the world market. It's what India and China are going to do. China has supplies equal to their current spinning demand."

"The best thing farmers can do now is decide what crop to plant, and where they can fix some prices. We're going to have bigger crops of corn, grain sorghum and wheat if we can get some rain, so prices are going to be under great pressure to go down."

Meanwhile cotton prices seem to have found a home at around 70 cents, but could head higher on rallies. Those rallies aren't likely to last long, analysts think.

While prices at that level aren't above breakeven for many farmers, "if that's what the market gives, we have to take it," Merritt said. "We can't sit and wait for some pie-in-the-sky number that we may not reach."

The analysts say the cost of spreads and other marketing strategies are at reasonable levels today. "When December 2012 is at 76-78 cents, you need to be marketing," Merritt said. "We might see December 2012 go to 80 cents. There's going to be a lot of resistance at 78 cents for December 2013. It could go to 80 cents and above, but you should sta



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McKenna Chance
Sydni Chesshir
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Jakob Cuellar
Abram De La Fuente
Xavin Ellis Asberry
Draven Garcia
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Justine Delgado
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Joaquin Guerrero
Cristian Hernandez
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Ilan Lopez
Matthew Luna
Luis Martinez

David Nunez
Marques Porter-Ortiz
John Posada
Derrick Suarez
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Alize Vizcayno

2nd "A"

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Tatum Glasscock
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Luis Lopez
Andres Mendoza
Jailey Ogden
Esmeralda Olvera
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Johnny Rodriguez

3rd "A"

Charles Gwinn

3rd "AB"

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Trace Glasscock

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Camden Johnston
Amanda Maldonado
Brandon Marquez
Christian Mendez
Holley Monroe
Kailee Sanchez
Erin Trevino

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Benjamin Glass
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Maria Sanchez
Audrie Strange
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7th "A"

William Glass
Lauren Hall
Dusty Prisk
Remington Ricketts

7th "AB"

Liliana Baeza
Kortney Campbell
Jacob Chavarria
Steffanni Chavarria
Catharine Kemp

Arnoldo Martinez
Robert Nixon
Brittany Pena
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Alfonzo Mendoza
Kaylee Morren
Whitney Renfro

Karley Weems

8th "AB"

Casey Cage
Brayden Campbell
Albert Dehoyos

Jade Dechoa
Selena Espinoza
Kailee Jackson
Bryce Thomas

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9th "A"

Destiny Cabello
Roxann Chavarria
Angela Longoria
Delaney Lucke
Rita Martinez
Kirby Nixon
Destiny Thomas
Thalia Villa

Allison Cisneros
Miguel Corona
Jacob Degollado
Logan Everett
Kaitlin Gonzalez
Rachel Hernandez
Reagan Hughes
Elisavet Lira
Angel Lorenzo
Jordan Moore
Alyson Perez
Makenzie Ramos
Michael Riojas
Dakota Whalen

10th "A"

Aaron Chavarria
Briana Gonzales
Rebekah Hall
McKenna Johnson
Kimberly Pacheco

10th "AB"

Aimee Chavarria
Joshua Chavarria
Lindsey Deleon
Tucker Lowrance
Bethany Morales
Annette Pena

Alyssia Shepley-Minner

11th "A"

Emily Prisk
Hunter Schwertner

11th "AB"

Samantha Caballero
Casandra Delgado
Kyarah Pesina
Mattie Sanders
12th "A"
Christian Cabello

Jianna Davenport
Amelia Gonzales
Emily Hall
Merritt Johnson
Homero Ramirez
Garcia

12th "AB"

Malorie Alaniz
Martin Ascencio
Carly Carthel
Jon-Paul Chavarria
Keri DeBusk
Chelsey Garza

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2nd grade Thanksgiving celebration

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FLOYDADA SCHOOL

Final Stats for 2012 Whirlwind Football

By Coach Bandy

With the season ending in a disappointing 3-7 overall record and 1-4 District record the Whirlwinds put up some impressive stats. It seemed that the Whirlwinds just did not get the breaks needed at the right time during the season and the record could have been 4-1 in district as easy as it was 1-4, if the ball would of just bounced a certain way or we make a play or two here and there then the records could have been totally different. We do appreciate the way the athletes continued to compete in every aspect of the game through the entire season.

Jordan Woody led the way on offense finishing the season with 1278 yards rushing and 1120 yards passing. Aaron Chavarria, who was fighting injuries at the end of the year, had 367 yards rushing, Pedro Guerrero had 332 yards rushing, and Danny Martinez had 111 yards rushing. On the receiving end Michael Cisneros finished the year with 29 catches for 549 yards, for an average of 18.93 yards per catch, Danny Martinez had 20 catches for 270 yards for an average of 13.5 per catch, Venture Gonzales had 10 catches for 118 yards for an average of 11.8 per catch, and Ryan Chavarria had 9 catches for 68 yards an average of 7.56 per catch. Danny Martinez led the way in kick-of return yards with 233 yards and 1 TD. Jordan Woody had 153 punt return yards, Woody also led the team in scoring with 21 TDs and 7 two point conversions, Michael Cisneros had 6 TDs and 3 two point conversions, and Danny Martinez had 5 TDs and 1 two point conversion. The team averaged a total of 327.7 yards per game and 28.4 points a game.

Woody also led the defense with 150 total tackles followed closely by Matthew "Bubba" McGowen with 145 total tackles, Pedro Guerrero had 135, Librado Chavarria had 115, and Danny Martinez had 75 total tackles. McGowen led the team in assisted tackles with a total of 116 followed by Guerrero with 112, Woody led the team in solo tackles with 58, followed by McGowen with 29, and Danny Martinez with 27, Martinez led the team with 5 INTs, and Woody had 2 INTs. McGowen led the team

SEASON TOTALS							
Brownfield, San Jacinto, Lockney, Childress, Crosbyton, Olton, Abernathy, Post, Tulia, Roosevelt							
RUSHING	Games	Attempts	Yards	TD	2Pt	APY	Average
J. Woody	10	216	1278	21	7	1471	5.92
A. Chavarria	8	50	367	3	1	426	7.34
P. Guerrero	10	75	332	3	0	388	4.43
D. Martinez	10	33	111	0	0	614	3.36
							3.11
C. Nutt	5	4	26	0	0	39	6.50
T. Lowrance	10	3	25	1	0	32	8.33
D. Marmelejo	2	3	14	0	0	14	4.67
R. Chavarria	9	1	4	0	0	72	4.00
TOTAL	10	385	2157	28	8	3024	5.60
Passing	Games	Attempts	Completions	Yards	TD	Interception	Average
Woody	10	181	79	1120	12	13	14.18
Lowrance	10	2	0	0	0	0	0.00
TOTAL	10	183	79	1120	12	13	14.18
Receiving	Games	Catches	Yards	TD	2Pt	APY	Average
M. Cisneros	10	29	549	6	3	580	18.93
D. Martinez	10	20	270	4	1	614	13.50
A.Chavarria	9	5	59	0	0	426	11.80
M. McGowen	10	3	49	1	1	60	16.33
P. Guerrero	10	6	56	0	0	388	9.33
V. Gonzales	7	10	118	1	1	118	11.80
R. Chavarria	9	9	68	1	1	72	7.56
TOTAL	10	79	1120	12	6	2198	14.18
Totals	Games	Rushing	Passing	TDS	Total	Avg YPG	APY
	10	2157	1120	40	3277	327.7	4012
KO/Punt Return	Games	KOR Att	KOR Yds	KORTD	Punt Ret Att	Punt Ret Yds	Punt RetTD
A. Chavarria	10	1	13	0	0	0	0
M. Cisneros	10	3	31	0	0	0	0
M. McGowen	10	3	11	0	0	0	0
T. Lowrance	10	1	7	0	0	0	0
C. Nutt	5	1	13	0	0	0	0
D. Martinez	10	13	233	1	0	0	0
V. Gonzales	7	1	0	0	0	0	0
Marmelejo	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
J. Woody	10	3	40	0	5	153	0
TOTAL	10	46	582	1	5	153	0
Kicking Game	Games	Punt Att	Punt Yd/Avg	Ex Pt Made	Ex Pt Att	FG Made	FGAtt
A. Chavarria	8	6	142/23.7				
J. Woody	10	13	366/28				
R. Chavarria	9			10	15	0	0
TOTAL	10	19	508 / 27	10	15	0	0

in fumbles recovered with 4, Librado Chavarria and Venture Gonzales led the team with 4 sacks a piece followed by Jon Paul Chavarria with 3. Ryan Chavarria and McGowen tied for the lead in tackles for a loss with 6 a piece followed by J. Chavarria and Michael Cisneros with 5 a piece. McGowen and L. Chavarria had 2 blocked extra points a piece and McGowen also had one punt block.

2012 WHIRLWIND TACKLE CHART

- #9 GUERRERO – 112 tackles, 23 solo, 2 CF, 2 sacks, 2 T-L - YEAR TOTAL - 135 – RANK 3
- #10 LOWRANCE – 14 tackles, 8 solo, 1 FR – YEAR TOTAL - 22 – RANK 13
- #19 CISNEROS – 43 tackles, 19 solo, 1 Int., 5 T-L; YEAR TOTAL – 62 – RANK 8
- #20 MARMALEJO – YEAR TOTAL – 6 – RANK 16
- #22 R. CHAVARRIA – 62 tackles, 11 solo, 2 FR, 2 sacks, 6 T-L – YEAR TOTAL 73 – RANK 6
- #26 WOODY – 92 tackles, 58 solo, 2 int., 2 CF, 3 T-L – YEAR TOTAL – 150 – RANK 1
- #27 A. CHAVARRIA – 25 tackles, 1 T-L – YEAR TOTAL – 25 – RANK 12
- #45 MARTINEZ – 48 tackles, 27 solo, 5 int. 2 FR, 1 T-L – YEAR TOTAL – 75 – RANK 5
- #50 ROSA – YEAR TOTAL – 5 – RANK 19
- #51 J. CHAVARRIA – 47 tackles, 2 solo, 3 sacks, 5 T-L – YEAR TOTAL – 49 – RANK 10
- #52 DE LOS SANTOS – 14 tackles, 2 solo, 1 sack, 1 T-L – YEAR TOTAL – 16 – RANK 14
- #55 NICHOLS – 1 FR - YEAR TOTAL – 6 – RANK 16
- #63 GALVAN – 50 tackles, 2 solo, 1 int., 1 FR, 2 sacks, 2 T-L – YEAR TOTAL – 52 – RANK 9
- #64 RODRIGUEZ – YEAR TOTAL – 6 – RANK 16
- #67 L. CHAVARRIA – 102 tackles, 13 solo, 4 sacks, 4 T-L – YEAR TOTAL – 115 – RANK 4
- #84 MCGOWEN – 116 tackles, 29 solo, 1 CF, 4 FR, 1 sack, 6 T-L – YEAR TOTAL – 148 – RANK 2
- #85 GONZALES – 60 tackles, 8 solo, 4 sacks, 4 T-L – YEAR TOTAL – 68 – RANK 7
- #66 CARMONA – YEAR TOTAL – 1 – RANK 20
- #71 J. ROSA – 26 tackles, 5 solo, 1 sack, 2 T-L – YEAR TOTAL – 31 – RANK 11
- #25 NUTT – YEAR TOTAL – 10 – RANK 15

BLOCKED EXTRA POINT - #84 McGowen – 2; #67 L. Chavarria – 2
 BLOCKED PUNT - #84 McGowen - 1

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FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

October 22 – October 26

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<p>Tuesday Breakfast- Mini banana loaf or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk Lunch-Nacho Grande, refried beans,</p>	<p>Thursday Breakfast- Oatmeal and cinnamon toast or cereal and graham crackers,</p>	<p>Friday Breakfast-Breakfast burrito or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk Lunch-Pepperoni or cheese pizza, crunchy broccoli salad, seasoned corn, fresh fruit bowl, milk</p>

LOCKNEY SCHOOL

SPC Reese Center to host Vocational Nurse graduation Dec. 12

REESE CENTER – South Plains College Reese Center will honor the Class 72 of Vocational Nursing graduates during a pinning ceremony at 10 a.m. on Dec. 12 (Wednesday) in the Center for Clinical Excellence.

Outstanding students will be honored during the event. The Nightingale Award, named in honor of Florence Nightingale, will be presented. The winners of the Barbara Bennett Bedside Nursing Award, named

in honor of West Texas nurse and educator Barbara Bennett of Littlefield, also will be awarded. Covenant Health System will present its own Healing Touch Award. Faculty awards also will be given.

Lubbock graduates will be Tymberkay Alexander, Caitlin Arthur, Sheila Caballero, Lindsey Clift, Angelina Flores, Felicia Hill, Crystal Mojica, Vanity Hernandez, Adriana Livingston, Robert Lozoya, Deidra Lundberg, Ashley Mandrell, Laura

Olvera and Sara Williams.

Other graduates will include Randall Bohler of Muleshoe; Amanda Butchee of Seagraves; Kendra Hernandez of Olton; Clint Lemon of Shallowater; Amiee Marquez of Littlefield; Beth Shuey of Tahoka; Amiee Stafford of Levelland; Jana Wiginton of Refugio/Junction; and Quashanda Wilson of Sudan.

For more information, contact Teresa McNabb, instructor in Vocational Nursing, at (806) 716-4655.

Leadership Live! Dec. 10 webcast to provide 'virtual leadership' experience

By Paul Schattenberg

COLLEGE STATION – Members of 4-H clubs and others throughout Texas will be able to enhance their leadership skills and abilities through the Leadership Live! virtual leadership experience from 7-8:30 p.m. Dec. 10, said coordinators. "This will be a free, live Web-streamed experience in which participants can learn how to develop and enhance their abilities to motivate and lead others," said Courtney Dodd, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service 4-H specialist, College Station. "It can be watched from any web-accessible device."

Dodd said some of the devices that can be used to access Leadership Live! include PCs, laptops and tablets, as well as iPhones, smart phones and Android devices. The link from which the session will be streamed is: <http://texas4h.tamu.edu/leadershiplive>, and participants may register through this link.

She said participants may tweet questions and com-

ments to @texas4h using #leadershiplive4h.

"Leadership, especially in the form of leading by example, is one of the essential qualities for those who want to inspire and motivate others in the 4-H program and in other aspects of life," said Dr. Chris Boleman, 4-H and youth program director, College Station.

Boleman said the Leadership Live! experience will be useful not only for 4-H officers and members, but for anyone wanting to develop leadership skills.

"Anybody can participate and can learn from the live cast," Boleman said. "We encourage 4-H members across Texas to tell all their family and friends about this unique opportunity."

Boleman said in addition to using leadership skills to escalate from county to regional to statewide levels of 4-H, all participants will learn how developing these skills may benefit them in their academic, social and career-oriented endeavors as well.

Lockney 8th grade boys defeated Crosbyton, 26-20

By Coach Jay Ragland

The Lockney 8th grade boys' basketball team played Crosbyton on November 19 and defeated the Chiefs by a score of 26-20.

It was a slow start in the first quarter and Crosbyton ahead 4-2, but by halftime, Lockney had evened the score at 11-11. A big third quarter put the Horns ahead by 6 points that

they would never give back up.

The team was lead in scoring by Tavien Walrath with 11 points, Trevor Ascencio with 10 points, Josh Guerrero and Jaden Butler both had 2 points each and Jacob Ochoa added 1.

The team is open next week but will take on Ralls December 3rd at home for their first home game.

Last-minute ways to trim your taxes

By Jason Alderman

From now until New Year's is probably when you have the least amount of time to spare on mundane financial bookkeeping tasks. But if you can dedicate a few minutes to review your benefits and tax paperwork, you might be able to shave hundreds – or even thousands – of dollars off your 2012 taxes.

Here are a few suggestions:

If you haven't already maxed out on contributions, ask your employer if you can make a catch-up contribution to your 401(k), 403(b) or 457 plan before year's end. Most people can contribute up to \$17,000 in 2012 (a \$500 increase over 2011), plus an additional \$5,500 if they're over 50. If you contribute on a pretax basis, your taxable income is reduced, which in turn lowers your taxes. At a minimum, if your employer offers matching contributions (essentially, free money), be sure to contribute at least enough to take full advantage of the match.

If you participate in employer-sponsored flexible spending accounts (FSAs), which let you use pretax dollars to pay for eligible healthcare and dependent care expenses, an important change is coming next year: Beginning January 1, 2013, the maximum annual contribution for healthcare FSAs will shrink to \$2,500 from the \$5,000 limit many employers currently offer; however, if your spouse has FSAs at work, you still may contribute up to \$2,500 to each account. Dependent care account limits remain unchanged.

It's vital to calculate and use any untapped 2012 account balances before your plan-year deadline (sometimes up to 75 days into the following year); otherwise, you'll forfeit the remaining balance. If you have a surplus, con-

sider which 2013 expenses you could pay before December 31, 2012. And, keep the new limit in mind when planning your 2013 healthcare FSA.

You can use your healthcare FSA for copayments, deductibles and medical devices such as glasses, contact lenses and braces, among other expenses; over-the-counter medicines are only eligible with a doctor's prescription (an exception is made for insulin).

Charitable contributions. If you plan to itemize deductions on your 2012 taxes, charitable contributions made to IRS-approved organizations by December 31, 2012, are generally tax-deductible. If you've got extra cash now and want to lower your 2012 taxes even further, consider moving up donations you would have made in 2013.

Gifts. Unless Congress intervenes, the federal income tax exemption for estate distributions and lifetime gifts will drop from the 2012 limit (\$5.12 million) to the pre-2011 level of \$1 million (for married couples, it drops from \$10.24 million to \$2 million); in addition, the tax rate on gifts or estate distributions above those limits will increase from 35 percent in 2012 to 55 percent in 2013.

One way to exceed the lifetime gift limit – and avoid having to file a Gift Tax Return – is by giving separate, annual gifts of up to \$13,000 per year, per person. (Married couples filing jointly can give \$26,000 per recipient.) Rules for gift and estate taxes are complex, so read IRS Publication 950 (at www.irs.gov) and consult your financial advisor.

This isn't an ideal time to take on any additional tasks, but if some or all of these situations apply, you could considerably lower your tax bill – wouldn't that be a great way to start the New Year?

Lockney Longhorn JV boys lose against Spur

By Jeff Dunn

The Lockney JV boys lost their game against Spur with a final score of 36 to 50 on November 20 in Spur.

Scoring totals are as follows: Mauricio Davila with 6 points, Daylen Gatica with 11 points,

Eli Guerra with 1 point, Ignacio Ascencio with 2 points, Ruben Ascencio with 11 points, Levi Kasner with 4 points, and Derick Patel with 1 point.

Their next game will be played against Floydada in Lockney.

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BEEF PRODUCTION MEETING

Floyd and Crosby counties will be hosting a Beef Production Meeting. The meeting will be held at the Floyd County Extension Office December 14th. The meeting begins at noon and will cover several aspects of a beef production system.

CEU's will be offered at this meeting and there will be a \$10 cost recovery fee.

Sausage wraps and chips will be served for lunch. Please RSVP to your county office if you plan to attend.

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West Nile Report

NOTE 1: One of the WN Fever cases reported last week was a man from Dallas County who had been reported some time earlier. I have made the changes in the table and the number used to record the case was reused.

Note 2: I neglected to revise the text in last week's equine update. Today's equine summary includes all reported cases as of this morning...19 Nov 2013.

Human:

Ten cases of West Nile illness have been reported since the last update on Nov 12,

2012 (2 WNND and 8 WN Fever cases). The dates of onset ranged from 9/8 - 11/3/2012. Ages ranged from 12.0 to 71.1 years.

The WNND cases resided in Bowie and Smith County. The WN fever cases resided in Dallas, Denton, Gregg (2), Harrison, Scurry, and Travis (2) County.

Two new fatalities were reported in previously reported Travis County cases. The total number of fatalities is now 81. Mean age of fatalities is 76.2; the median is 79.5. Age range = 25.4 - 100.1 years.

The number of WN illnesses reported for 2012 is now 1,763 (801 WNND and 962 WN fever).

Mean age of WNND cases is 57.2 years; median age is 58.2; age range = 11 days to 100.1 years. Mean age of WN Fever cases is 50.5 years; median age is 51.1; age range is 3 months to 93.0 years.

Two new asymptomatic blood donors (Ellis and Denton County) were reported bringing the total number to 105.

Case Counts by County

County	Deaths	WNND Count	Fever Count	Total Cases
Andrews	1	10	2	12
Angelina		8	9	17
Archer	1	0	2	2
Austin		0	1	1
Bailey		0	2	2
Bastrop		3	3	6
Bell	2	7	3	10
Bexar	1	18	8	26
Blanco		1	0	1
Bowie		8	5	13
Brazoria		4	4	8
Brazos		8	5	13
Brewster		0	1	1
Brown		1	1	2
Burleson		0	1	1
Burnet		1	1	2
Calhoun		1	0	1
Cameron		1	1	2
Camp		1	0	1
Carson		2	0	2
Cass	1	1	1	2
Castro		1	2	3
Cherokee	1	2	6	8
Collin	4	22	36	58
Comal		0	1	1
Concho	1	2	0	2
Cooke	1	3	3	6
Comanche		0	1	1
Coryell		1	0	1
Crosby		0	3	3
Dallas	18	173	210	383
Dawson		2	0	2
DeWitt		1	1	2
Deaf Smith		1	1	2
Denton	2	53	128	181
Dickens		0	1	1
Ector	1	6	5	11
El Paso	5	19	11	30

Randy's Roundup

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer

Over 47 Million Americans Now Participate in the Food Stamp Program

Earlier this month, the U.S. Department of Agriculture reported that over 47 million Americans take part in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as the food stamp program. A recent study found that the number of individuals on food stamps exceeds the populations of 24 states and the District of Columbia. As more people are added to the program every day, this system is becoming increasingly expensive to taxpayers, costing \$72 billion in fiscal year 2011.

SNAP is a valuable program for people who have fallen on hard times and need help feeding their families while they get back on their feet. However, government benefits must be reserved specifically for our most vulnerable citizens. We must ensure that taxpayer dollars are only going to those truly in need of assistance. Congress is expected to pass a new Farm Bill before the end of the year, about 80 percent of which is now focused on food stamp policy. I am working to ensure this

bill will reform this program to close loopholes and stop abuse and inefficiencies.

Supreme Court Will Consider DOMA This Week

On Friday, the U.S. Supreme Court will review five cases that seek to overturn the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), which defines marriage as a legal union between a man and a woman and became law in 1996. These meetings will be held to determine whether or not to put these cases on the court's schedule in 2013. I believe in the traditional definition of marriage, which consists of a union between a man and a woman. The institution of marriage has proven vital to the existence of society and to raising and protecting children. I hope the Supreme Court upholds the Defense of Marriage Act, which I will continue to fervently support if this issue should come to the House Floor.

STEM Jobs Bill

This week, Congress will consider the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Jobs Act. These fields are the driving force behind America's global competitiveness and we must maintain our edge if we want our economy to

grow and prosper in the future. Unfortunately, outdated immigration policies are hindering our ability to attract the most talented workforce. We can't afford to lose our edge by letting our competitors hire away the most educated workers. American companies need to be leaders in technology and science to compete in the economy of the future. Otherwise, our nation will be left behind. The STEM Jobs Act would enable us to be more selective about matching our policies to our workforce needs. The STEM Act not only keeps America competitive, but it helps grow our economy so there are more jobs for everyone.

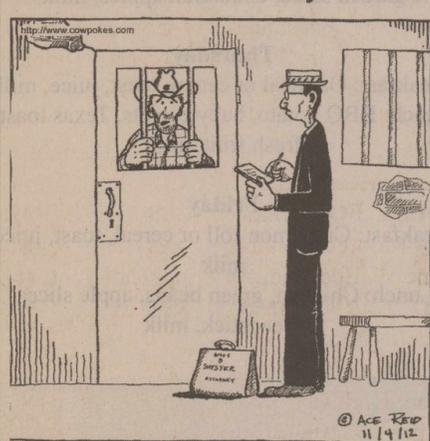
Action Item of the Week

This week, the House will consider H.R. 6328, the Clothe a Homeless Hero Act, which I will support. This bill would give unclaimed clothing recovered at airport security checkpoints to local veteran organizations and other local charitable organizations for needy veterans and their families. This is a small thing that we can do to continue to take care of our veterans, who have bravely served and protected our country.

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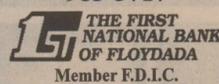
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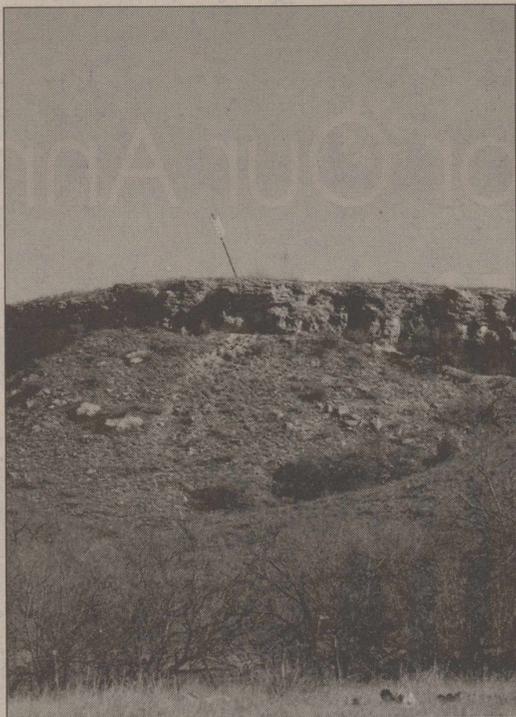


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Plains Baptist Assembly- Oscar Garza, and Hector Zalata
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Floyd County - Mike Anderson (Precinct #1 Commissioner) and Roy Villegas
Floyd County Historical Museum- Connie Bertrand- President, Nancy Marble-Treasurer, Sherry Colston-Secretary, Dorothy Turner- Executive Director, and Museum Directors, Hulon Carthel, J.W. and Dolores Cannon, Donnell and Wilma Gowens, and Monte Williams
Texas Plains Trail- Karl Rivers, and Holle Humphries
West Texas Historical Association- Tai Kreidler (Executive Director)
Sam Watts- Battle of Blanco Canyon Researcher



Courtesy Photo
The Quanah Parker Arrow stands 22 feet tall and located in the Blanco Canyon.



Courtesy Photo
A giant arrow, courtesy of sculptor and artist, Charles Smith of New Home, Texas, was installed by community volunteers in the Blanco Canyon on the south rim of the roadside park on US Highway 62/207.

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gining at 8 a.m.
Coats and blankets of all sizes and densities will be gladly accepted since the Salvation Army needs replenishing after their building fire. If anyone

would like to volunteer, please show up at either location on Saturday.
"We're hoping that everyone opens their hearts up and brings in a coat," said Darrell Rasco.

Community members may call Ricky Carstensen at the Methodist Church at 652-2193 or John Sullivan at the Baptist Church at 652-3361 for more details.

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was blinded because of the dirt," Smith said. "It was top-heavy because of the load of dirt, and it went over in there and crushed him."

Briscoe County Sheriff Garrett Davis said the accident either occurred late Wednesday or the early morning hours of Thursday.

"It's just a very tragic accident," Davis said.

The tragedy shook the entire community on Thanksgiving Day, as Smith described Friday.
"Everybody's devastated, he was loved by everyone and everyone respected him," said Smith, whose daughter went

to school with Myers. "He was well-mannered, polite, very kind and very well-respected," she continued. "It's real sad, devastating, to go pronounce someone you've known all your life."

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just amazing! And when they get everything done and they go to get the final connection, they have to wear special suits," said Kay Wilson.

With the new crew that is coming in after Thanksgiving, the Wilsons will likely be making some new friendships and saying goodbye to some old ones, but they know they are the thankful ones.

"When it comes to crews like the one working for Irby Construction, they are your mainstay," said Kay Wilson.

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