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Stapp films again as Overhaulin' team's lead painter

By Jennifer Harbin

Professional Airbrush Artist, and Lockney native, Andy Stapp has joined the ranks of the A-Team on television's automotive reality show *Overhaulin'* for their newly renovated season.

Overhaulin' aired on The Learning Channel (TLC) between 2004 and 2009, starring Chip Foose, the "father of the modern hot rod". According to Velocity, an upscale male lifestyle network, his car builds "represent the ultimate combination of art, technology and ingenuity, resulting in some of the most unique and breathtaking ve-

hicles anywhere."

The "overhauled" show is back and now appearing on the Discovery and Velocity channel and will delve deeper into the "emotional relationship between man and machine" and surprise deserving individuals from all different walks of life. Now they do three-week builds instead of seven day builds as before. It is still a secretive affair and they pick up the car by some creative ruse and restore and return it to the owner for a surprising reveal.

According to Stapp, he was approached by the Dis-

covery and Velocity channel and asked to join *Overhaulin's* A-Team, which is a small group of select people that build cars for unsuspecting "marks", as the lead painter and in charge of all of the body work.

Currently they are filming on location four miles from the Huntington Beach Pier as part of a team that is doing a special build on a Lotus for one of Jay Leno's friends.

"Basically the owner of this vehicle thinks his vehicle is in storage down the street, but actually we have it and are rebuilding it," said Stapp.

He films five days a week, Monday through Friday, from 8-6 p.m.

"We're actually seven weeks into the build, so were way behind schedule on this one, so actually what Discovery is doing is running some reruns until we are done with this one. We're hoping to wrap this one up in the next few weeks," said Stapp.

"I don't even know what builds we have in front of us," said Stapp. "As a team, we only see as far as the next vehicle. We don't really know what they have in store for us."

He is looking forward to using a totally different paint product due to the hard environmental laws California has.

"We'll be using what they call water-based automotive paint and that's kind of new to the market. Not many painters know how to use it and that's one of the reasons that they hired me on is because I have experience," explained Stapp. "I am one of the first in Texas who started using that product to get ahead of the game. It's an environmentally safe product and California is required to use it now."

The show will continue to air until it is pulled, according to Stapp, which could be anywhere from next month to a few years. He has heard through the grapevine, though, that they have probably a year and a half worth of work.

Stapp has also been filming in Nashville on a show called *Search and Restore* and made four episodes with them. One of the episodes is coming out in February and will air on Spike TV.

The all-new season of *Overhaulin'* began Tuesday, October 2, and airs 8 p.m. on the Discovery.

Floydada EDC Gives Year End Report for 2011-2012

By Justin Jaworski
Executive Director
Floydada EDC

The Floydada Economic Development Corporation ended its fiscal year this past September and had a great deal of items we worked to accomplish. I wanted to share a few of them with the community to let each of you know just how much this group is considering on a monthly basis to improve Floydada.

One of the main goals we had for this year was to begin providing cash incentives to businesses for job creation. I'm proud to say that we have accomplished this goal by assisting three new businesses this past fiscal year. These businesses include Pure Legacy, Floyd County Farm Supply and Advanced Coatings Unlimited. Each of these businesses brings something very unique and important to our area; we are very glad to have been part of their placement here in Floydada.

The single largest contributing factor to the Floydada economy this past year has been the construction of the transmission line. We've been discussing, planning,

meeting over this line for many years and now it is a reality for our county. The line is just one segment of CREZ (Competitive Renewable Energy Zone) project. This is a State wide, \$5 billion dollar project that harnesses wind energy in West Texas and moves it to the load zones such as Houston and San Antonio.

The construction of this segment in Floyd County began about a year ago and has since been underway. If you have driven down highway 207 in Floydada you have surely noticed the 20-30 cars in the Irby construction yard where employees park each day while they complete the line. Though temporary, these workers add a great deal of payroll to our city during their stay and consume local goods and services.

If you've been watching the local news, you have noticed the City of Floydada has collected record sales tax as a result of this development. Typically, annual sales tax collections for the City total slightly more than \$225,000 and this year has already collected more than \$655,000 in sales tax dollars. Pending approval of Federal tax credits, the future of Floydada could look

much better as wind farm development begins to take shape.

Other items of note for this past fiscal year included our participation in several marketing events. The single most important included the 2012 Wind Expo hosted by the American Wind Energy Association. Given the industry potential for our area, the Board of Directors for the EDC sought to increase our presence by having a booth at this event where tens of thousands of participants in the wind industry gather. Our next fiscal year is full of plans for additional initiatives that I look forward to sharing with the community in the near future.

I would like to take this time to thank those that have served on the Board during this last fiscal year. These volunteers include Kyle Smith (Board President), Tony Ricketts (Vice-President), Wes Anderson (Secretary/Treasurer), Robby Green, Sam Green, Louis Bearden and Jon Nielson. The input and leadership of each of these individuals has been invaluable and helped position the organization in such a way that will allow us to be even more effective in the future.



Photo by Jennifer Harbin
City of Floydada employee Terry Turner hangs festive holiday flags downtown Floydada on November 29, sprucing up the square for Santa's upcoming visit.

Lockney celebrating Hometown Christmas, Santa visiting

By Jennifer Harbin

Step out on the town Thursday, December 6, for a Hometown Christmas—visit with local merchants, shop for those special people in your life and share the Christmas Spirit.

Between the hours of 1-7 p.m. most businesses will have their doors open, displaying their best wares and giving away door prizes, serving refreshments, offering discounts

and fruit bags.

Santa Claus will be arriving at the Barker building on the southwest corner of Main and Locust Streets at 6 p.m. to hear wish lists from children. Pictures with Santa will be available for \$5.

A Salvation Army bucket will be on site for donations.

Please come out to support your town and kick off the Christmas season right.

Santa Claus to visit Floyd County Courthouse

By Jennifer Harbin

Santa Claus is coming to town! He will be at the Floyd County Courthouse lawn on Thursday, December 6, at 5:30 p.m.

Bring your good little boys and girls to visit with Santa and enjoy all of the delightful treats being offered.

The Floydada Chamber of

Commerce will not be taking pictures this year, but parents are welcome to take pictures with their own cameras.

The fire department train will be running, offering children rides for \$2, and Ruben Ramon will be selling his grilled delicacies to the public.



Photo by Jennifer Harbin
Candy canes and Christmas trees line Main Street in Lockney after City employees hung the festive decorations recently. It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

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BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

810 S. 3rd, Floydada
Darwin Robinson, Pastor
983-5278
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wednesday7:00 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 Evening 7:00 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 Worship6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study7:00 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 Worship6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study6:30 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,

Lockney
Jonathan Sullivan, Pastor
Chad Cook, Youth Min.
Phil Cotham, Music Min.
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wednesday6:30 p.m.
Wednesday (Youth) ..7:15 p.m.



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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Floydada
Rev. Les Hall, Pastor
Morning Worship9:30 a.m.
Sunday School10:50 a.m.
Youth (Sunday)5:00 p.m.
Youth (Wednesday) ..6:30 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Lockney
Rev. Ricky Carstensen
Pastor
Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Worship Service10:30 a.m.
Evening Service6:00 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 Service7:30 p.m.
Tuesday8:00 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.
Wednesday7:30 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Floydada
Rev. Timothy Askew
401 N 12th St (983-5805)
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 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

Floydada
Rev. David Ramos, Pastor
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader
Sunday Bible...10:00 a.m.
Morning Praise..11:00 a.m.
Evening Praise5:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship.... 7:00 p.m.

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Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor
704 N. Main, Lockney
Sunday Services.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening5:00 p.m.
Wednesday7:30 p.m.

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA

Lockney
Jesus Caballero, Pastor
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Worship Service11:00 a.m.
Discipleship5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:00 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. Evening7:00 p.m.

SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Lockney
Jim McCartney, Pastor
Wed. Communion...8:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass11:30 a.m.

SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH

Joe Weldon, Pastor
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting7:00 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.
Wednesday7:00 p.m.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Floydada
Rev. Angelo Consemio
Phone: 983-5878
Sunday Mass11:30 a.m.
Mon. Wed. Mass6:30 p.m.
Confession Sat10-11 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 Worship5:00 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 Worship10:40 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 Service11:00 a.m.

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Sunday Worship ...10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening5:00 p.m.

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OBITUARIES



TOMASA PARRA DELEON

Tomasa Parra DeLeon, age 96, beloved mother and grandmother passed away Sunday, December 2, 2012 at the Prairie House Living Center in Plainview.
A Mass of Christian

Burial was held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, December 4, 2012 at the San Jose Catholic Church. Interment followed at the Lockney Cemetery.

Rosary was held at 7 p.m., Monday, December 3, 2012 at the Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney.

Services were under the care of the Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Lockney.

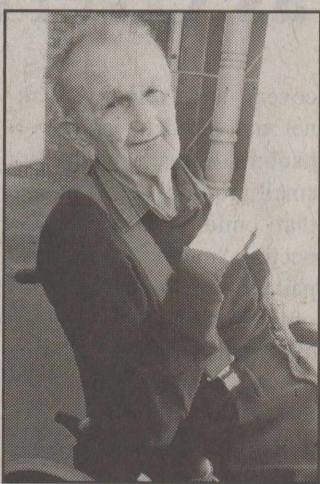
She was born on August 11, 1916 in Pearsall, Texas to Panfilo and Lorenza (Matansilla) Parra. She married Perfecto DeLeon Sr. on March 2, 1940 in Laredo Texas. They moved to Lockney in 1957.

She was a lifelong member of San Jose De Calasanz Catholic Church in Lockney. Tomasa was a devoted and faithful Catholic. She was a cursillista and a guadalupa.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Perfecto DeLeon Sr., Maria Felipita (infant child), a son Enrique Segovia, three brothers, Julian, Andres, Bernardo Parra, and a sister, Julia Ansuelda.

She is survived by her children, Perfecto DeLeon Jr. and wife, Joann of Pasadena, Texas; Juan DeLeon and wife, Francis of Lubbock; Maria Segovia (widow) of Lockney; Manuel DeLeon of Lockney; Irma Ibarra and husband, Jesse of Floydada and Martin DeLeon and Letty Santos of Plainview; her 23 grandchildren, 47 great-grandchildren and 28 great-great grandchildren.

Online condolences may be made at www.moore-rose.com.



WILLIE A. VIRDEN

Graveside services for Willie A. Virden, 83, of Seymour, Texas were held at 2 p.m. Monday, December 3, 2012 at the Lockney Cemetery in Lockney, Texas. Brian Thomas Seely officiated.

Virden passed away on Friday, November 30, 2012 in Seymour.

Willie A. Virden, son of Alzie and Willie Virden was born October 17, 1929 in Lockney, where he was raised. He retired from the Navy Seabees in September of 1979, after serving in Korea and two tours in Vietnam. While in Vietnam, there were eight other family members there at the same time. He was part of the Mobile Construction Battalion with the Seabees and helped build the airstrip and Naval Hospital in Danang, during his first tour.

He and Betty Kisselburg were together for 26 years. She preceded him in death in April of 2005.

Billy, as he was called by family and friends, was known for his love of animals and his generosity to children and servicemen.

Billy came to know Jesus in his last days and shared multiple times that he was ready "to go home".

Survivors are five nieces, Glenda Jones of Wichita, Kansas, Margaret Fry of Kilgore, Delores Stambaugh, Dortha Stair and Darla Buckner, all of Plainview; two nephews, Jerry Don Virden of Espanola, New Mexico and Delbert Virden of Greenville; one step-daughter, Sandra Shook of Amarillo; one step-son, Mike Seely of Big Spring; six grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren; and numerous great nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to The Wounded Warrior Project, www.woundedwarriorproject.org or your favorite animal shelter.

THIS WEEK'S

FLOYDADA SANTA AT THE COURTHOUSE

Santa Claus will appear on the Floyd County Courthouse lawn on Thursday, Dec. 6 at 5:30 p.m.
Bring your cameras and take pictures of your child with Santa.
The Floydada Chamber will not be taking pictures this year.

LOCKNEY HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS

Santa Claus will arrive at the Barker Building at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 6. Pictures will be available for \$5.

LOCKNEY CANNED FOOD DRIVE

The Boys Scouts of Lockney will have their annual canned food drive on Saturday, Dec. 9 from 10 - 11:30 a.m.
Just set a plastic bag filled with nonperishable food on your porch or by your front door and they will pick it up.

CALVERT HOME HEALTH BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC
Calvert Home Health holds their blood pressure clinics on every first and third Thursday of each month between 9 - 11 a.m. at the Community Room of the First National Bank of Floydada.

Floydada Mobile Pantry

South Plains Food Bank

We will be accepting applications for food boxes on Thursday, December 13, 2012 for the 2013 year from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION:

2 HOURS-ONE DAY ONLY

First Baptist Church, Floydada

401 S. Main (north entrance)

Doors open at 10:00 a.m.

You must bring your

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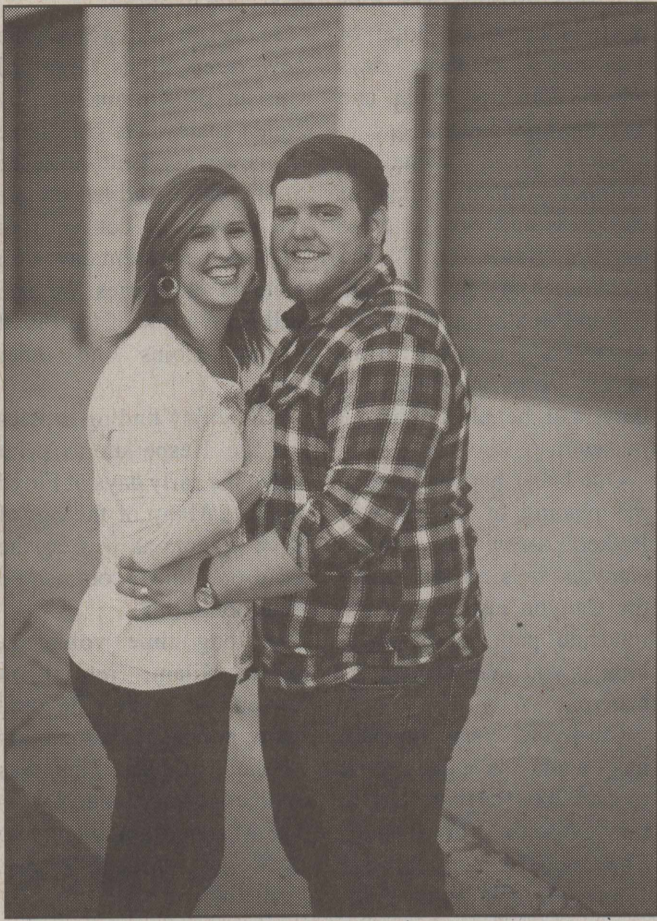
(any bill with your name and address)

*****Only one food box per household (address).

You must qualify to receive a food box*****

LIFESTYLES

FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS



SARAH CLARICE KIDD
AND CALEB LEE GRIFFIN

Kidd and Griffin

Dale and Monica Kidd of Wheeler, Texas proudly announces the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Clarice Kidd to Caleb Lee Griffin, son of Thomas and Kristie Griffin of Lubbock, Texas.

The future bride graduated from West Texas A & M University in 2012 with a Bachelors of Art in History. She is employed at The Christian Learning Center in Canyon, Texas.

Sarah is granddaughter of Kathleen Cross of Wheeler and Roy and Linda Kidd

of Lockney Texas.

The prospective groom is pursuing a Bachelors degree in History Education at West Texas A & M University. He is employed by the University as the Area Coordinator of Jones Hall and plans to graduate in the spring.

Caleb is the grandson of Delman and Joyce Hilton of Lubbock and Jean Griffin of Lubbock and the late Don Griffin.

The couple plans a February wedding at St. Hyacinth and plan to reside in Canyon Texas.

By Margaret Jones

What is that up in the sky that looks so strange to me? Tell me it's not Santa Clause riding on the back of a Turkey!! The days are flying by so quickly that I can't remember if I just baked my Thanksgiving turkey or if I need to get the one for Christmas out of the freezer.

On Sunday at noon I attended our Church Wide Holiday Luncheon and Sunday night I participated in the Community Holiday Service where the Hanging of the Green has already taken place, and Christmas carols were sung. Is it just me in all my confusion, or is the Orb on which I live literally whirling me in space as time hastens its pace more each day? Pumpkins still lay in the yard as Christmas lights shine down from rooftops and the last bits of dressing and cranberry sauce remain in the containers in refrigerator. In a hurry to get nowhere I need a clear sense

of direction before the end of another year reminds me stop and take stock. Evidently I need a definition of HOLIDAY. My way of thinking is, it's either THANKSGIVING or CHRISTMAS. Oh, well... Please let me know...am I in this dilemma by myself or is this just a sign of the times? For now...I shall just say...Be Blessed and celebrate the JOY of the SEASON!!

The Christmas Party at the Center is going to be held Thursday, December 13th from 5 - 8 p.m. If you plan to attend please bring snacks. NO GIFTS please!

RECIPE FOR BRITTLE LOVERS

Wayland's "Special" Peanut Brittle

- 2 cups raw peanuts
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 cup white Karo syrup
- Dash of salt

Mix all ingredients except soda in medium sauce pan. Cook over medium to high heat, stirring continuously until peanuts start popping and syrup is golden brown. "The smell of roasted peanuts." Remove from heat and add soda, mix well and pour onto greased cookie sheet. Break into pieces when cooled.

*Add 1 cup coconut just before soda (if desired). Wayland makes 15-20 batches every Christmas for gifts. (Margaret's Favorite)

Thought for the Week - Deal with faults of others as gently as with your own.

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

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In Memory of Don Chesshir - Gary and Linda Matsler

In Memory of Carmel Eastham - R. O. Turner

MENU

Dec. 10 - Dec. 14

Monday - Rigatoni w/meat sauce, garlic bread, seasoned lima beans, tossed salad w/dressing, mandarin oranges w/whipped topping, low fat milk

Tuesday - Hot dog on bun, mustard, baked potato w/ sour cream, seasoned broccoli, pineapple gelatin, low fat milk

Wednesday - Oven fried chicken, bow tie pasta, broccoli raisin salad, fruit cocktail, low fat milk

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

Friday - Turkey sandwich, tomato, lettuce & pickle, broccoli raisin salad, macaroni salad, pineapple delight, low fat milk

FROM THE ARCHIVES

OF THE FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM

TWICE TOLD TALES

Floyd County Hesperian
November 12, 1970
By Homer Steen

When the R. D. Walls family moved from Floydada the Ross Cope family lived for awhile in the house they vacated. This house was at about 110 West Missouri Street, once owned by Budley Thomton, sold by him to Barker Bros. No telling its whereabouts now.

Mr. Walls went out of the telephone business at about the time it was found that towns hereabout had alleys and that was where the telephone lines belonged. While Mr. Walls was manager the lines were strung in front of the buildings so it would take less wire to connect up a customer. Old pictures furnish proof of this common sense arrangement

Very soon poles were carrying a heavy load of wire, one for each customer, so the telephone company, always a long way ahead of its customers in technology, encased many lines in a treated sort of rubber cable. A clutter of wire and insulators were eliminated along with wind-whipped

wires that made "cross talk" problems.

In my boyhood the telephone was a wonder. About the time we reached Floydada every town began having an "exchange" and began extending lines out for miles in many cases, even giving service between towns that were not too far apart, if there was enough revenue to justify.

Dickens to Emma

I think it was Jeff Harkney who built the first line out on to the plains to Emma from Dickens. His brother, Hugh, had just moved back to Dickens after selling his wagon yard in Floydada to J.S. W. Owen, a newcomer from Jack County. This was shortly before the beginning of the new century, if I am not mistaken.

Mrs. Spikes' "History of Crosby County" tells about the new line and gives the name of the woman who was "operator" at the Emma end of the line. This woman was in a double heaven when a line to Emma from the north landed in her house. She got to talk to people from "everywhere."

I also learned from Mrs. Spikes' history that

the first "long distance" lines here were strung on poles or stakes-just about the right height to catch a horse-home traveler under the chin. Tempers flared when this occurred. The history speaks of the telephone lines being "vexing" to cowboys.

The current on which the speaking voice traveled was created by a battery at the point of origin. (All the telephones that once hanged on walls had batteries for power. You could talk as far as your batteries would cany your voice and no farther.)

(And for two or more decades we had men who made a living "repairing" telephone boxes.)

Solve Distance Problem

Ten years before I got here, Floydada Board of Trade had planned a telephone line to Childress, but the minutes of a meeting relate that they gave it up on account of the long distance (more than a hundred miles) and the "high winds", which added to communication problems.

Once in a while Col. Massie, Judge Duncan, or some other citizens with a telephone would talk a long distance when condi-

tions were right.

Everybody wanted long distance service, and when Ma Bell's laboratories came up with the vacuum tube, there was a scramble for telephone wire and telephone poles. Before we realized it, almost, we were talking coast to coast - not everybody but most everybody.

Then came the transistor, found by accident, I am told, and not too many years ago. Doubtless the scientific minds know the ways of the transistor, but the ordinary mind, not charged with the responsibility, doesn't grasp its ways. How a little old piece of odd-shaped metal can do such a tremendous job!

Now the damdest thing! While my mind still is reeling from the knowledge that the telephone people get all those messages through a coaxial cable they were bragging about shortly years ago, and deliver them unscrambled to the far ends of the earth, "my cork is jerked under again" by an advertisement which alleges they are sending thousands of messages simulataneously through an empty two-inch pipe!

Healthy Recipe of the Week Provided by Pure Balance Nutrition

Apple - Cinnamon Oat Squares

- 2 cups of unsweetened almond milk
- 1 1/2 cups steel cut oats
- 1/2 chopped pecans
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup ground flax seeds
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 2 (about 1 pound) Pink Lady apples, cored and grated

Directions:

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix all ingredients together in a large bowl. Transfer to foil or parchment paper-lined 9 inch square baking pan, press down and smooth out the top and bake until firm and golden brown, about 1 hour. Let cool in pan; cut into squares and serve warm or at room temperature.

As most of you know, we lost our precious son, Clayton. We would like to thank everyone for every act of kindness bestowed up on our family.

A special thank you for the love and support of my family in the Floydada area. A special prayer and thank you for the condolences from parents that have also lost a dear child. We know you are hurting as we are.

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“Christmas For Our Soldiers” huge success

By Linda Matsler

The community of Floydada and friends and members of First United Methodist Church once again mailed packages to soldiers stationed in Afghanistan in celebration of Christmas. This is the fifth year First United Methodist Church has sponsored this project. One hundred eighteen packages were mailed on Tuesday, November 13, 2012.

Snack foods, tee shirts, toilet articles, soup and cocoa mixes, packs of cards, puzzle books, etc., as well as many personal cards, were included in the packages in appreciation for the service of men and women soldiers. Wacky Wednesday participants and children's Sunday school classes made many of the cards. Twenty-two members of the United Methodist Youth

group and the Floydada High School National Honor Society assisted in packing the boxes, as well as twenty-three adults.

Thanks to all who donated time, money, items to fill the boxes, and to those who prayed for this project. Contributions in the amount of \$3,503.52 were received to aid in mailing costs and filling the boxes.

Christmas party with Santa, gifts Dec. 22

Dove Room, next door to Hospice Hands in Lockney, will host a Christmas party for children on December 22, complete with Santa Claus and gifts. Santa will be handing out gifts to elementary aged school children and younger.

Call Alicia Luna at 283-6452 to let her know how many children in the family will attend. More information on the party will follow.

Controversial Treatment for Autism May Do More Harm Than Good, Baylor University Researchers Find

WACO, Texas (Nov. 29, 2012) —A controversial treatment for autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is not only ineffective but may be harmful, according to a study conducted by Baylor University researchers.

The treatment, known as chelation, attempts to eliminate metals such as mercury from the body.

“The chemical substances used in chelation treatment have a myriad of potentially serious side effects such as fever, vomiting, hypertension, hypotension, cardiac arrhythmias and hypocalcemia, which can cause cardiac arrest,” said Tonya N. Davis, Ph.D., assistant professor of educational psychology in Baylor's School of Education and co-author of the study. To view the study, published in Research in Autism Spectrum Disorders, visit <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1750946712000724>.

In one example mentioned in the research, “a 5-year-old with ASD died from cardiac arrest caused by hypocalcemia while receiving intravenous

chelation.” And, a 2008 clinical study of chelation treatment for autism was suspended due to potential safety risks associated with chelation.

“Chelation therapy represents the ‘cart before the horse’ scenario where the hypothesis supporting the use of chelation was not validated prior to using it as a form of treatment. Evidence does not support the hypothesis that ASD symptoms are associated with specific levels of metals in the body,” said Davis, supervisor of the Applied Behavior Analysis Program at the Baylor Autism Resource Center.

In the study, Davis and colleagues reviewed the research findings of five published studies on chelation. In the studies, 82 participants ages 3 to 14 received chelation treatment ranging from one to seven months.

Of the five studies, four showed mixed results—some positive and negative outcomes for each of the study participants—and one study showed all positive results. But after closer review, Davis and her

research team found “methodological weaknesses” in the studies.

“Several studies used numerous treatments at once in addition to chelation that made it impossible to determine if the positive results could be attributed to chelation alone,” Davis said.

Ultimately, Davis found that the research studies did not support the use of chelation as some have claimed and were “insufficient, which is the lowest level of certainty.”

“The use of chelation to remove metals from the body in order to ameliorate ASD could be seen as unfounded and illogical,” said Davis.

Despite the risks and lack of evidence supporting chelation, in an Internet survey, more than 7 percent of parents said they have tried chelation treatment for their children.

“Other researchers have found that validation of a treatment, or lack thereof, does not appear to have an influ-

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MUSEUM NEWS

By Dorothy Turner

As 2012 comes to a close, we Thank You for helping make the year such a memorable one. This is your Museum. Enjoy it!

We had several special events. The most and probably not the best of all was the visit by the bats in July. With lots of patience and moth balls, they finally moved out. Probably were looking for an air conditioned building but they came to the wrong place. Hopefully with the repair to the brick they will not return.

The awning on the Barrow Building was replaced. It looks much better and we were able to duplicate the old one fairly well.

Our big days are Old Settlers in May and Punkin Days in October. On Saturday of Old Settlers we had 464 visitors and on Punkin Days in October we

had 505 visitors. The kids made a combined total of 179 ropes on those days which delighted them and also the rope makers

Sam Watts came in October with his crew of explorers and worked more on the Battle of Blanco Canyon. They had a week of good weather and did find some good artifacts. After all of his works are cataloged they will be placed in the museum.

Our latest happening was the placing of the Quanah Parker Arrow in Blanco Canyon. It is on the top of the Canyon just east of the roadside park. Be sure to look as you pass through the Canyon.

Carolyn Cunningham has again brought some of her 700 Nativity sets to the Museum for display. They will be here through December and January for

everyone to enjoy.

In our gift shop we have the new Keep Texas Beautiful Christmas Ornaments by Nelda Laney. We also have the new book, Cotton On the South Plains, which covers the growth of cotton from 1922 to the present day, with pictures and stories. We also still have a few of the Floyd County Coins and other books.

We do enjoy finding articles for the Hesperian to print about the early days of Floyd County. Many of the out of town readers as well as the local ones have commented to us about this.

Our long time volunteer, Janet Milam, retired in September. She devoted many hours for many years to the Museum. This was appreciated very much.

The Museum hours are 1 to 5, Monday through Friday. Come by and visit.

Lock cars, houses to protect valuables this year

The gift giving time of year is upon us and the City of Floydada would like to remind everyone to keep valuables stored

away safely. The number of thefts and car break-ins will increase because of the hard economic atmosphere we are currently in.

It is best to keep bicycles, electronic devices, etc. stowed away out of view and out of the reach of prying hands.

Auto Thieves and Burglars Hard At Work During Holidays

(Dallas, TX) Black Friday is only a memory, and Cyber Monday has passed. But the bargain hunting season has only just begun for one type of shopper vehicle criminals!

The Texas Auto Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA), a division of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles, reminds drivers that a vehicle is burglarized every two minutes and stolen every eight minutes in the state. These crimes can escalate during the holiday season when drivers are frequently out shopping for gifts and traveling to visit friends and family. During these times, drivers are more likely to leave belongings within view inside vehicles as well as become negligent in locking doors and taking keys. To make matters worse, a thief won't necessarily stop with taking your vehicle and the things inside. They may also look for personal documents that can help them steal your identity or that indicate where you live so they can burglarize additional property from your home. In other words, the theft or burglary of your vehicle may simply be a gateway to the commission of additional crimes.

“We know auto burglars

scout malls, shopping centers, entertainment venues, hotels, and other business parking lots this time of year looking for opportunities to break into vehicles,” said Michelle Lanham, program manager for ABTPA's Reduce Auto Theft in Texas (RATT) public awareness task force at the University of North Texas Dallas Caruth Police Institute. “Drivers need to understand that almost anything they leave inside their vehicles can be valuable to a thief. And when vehicles are left unlocked and unattended, drivers are inviting thieves to walk away with everything they see inside, which often includes gifts, purses, wallets, packages, electronics, suitcases, garage door openers, keys, and personal information.”

According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, thieves committed 221,065 acts of vehicle burglary and stole 63,379 vehicles in Texas during 2011. In some jurisdictions, more than half of vehicle thefts occurred because doors were unlocked and keys left inside. But drivers can avoid becoming part of these statistics. The ABTPA and its 29 vehicle crime task forces in Texas offer three basic safety

tips to motorists to help prevent vehicle crimes during the holidays and throughout the year: remove belongings from view, secure vehicles, and never leave keys inside. In addition to practicing these prevention methodologies, drivers should park in areas that are well-lit, near surveillance cameras (if available), and near heavy foot and vehicle traffic. The more thieves feel threatened by detection, the less likely they are to focus on targets in such vulnerable areas.

The Texas Auto Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA) was created by the Texas Legislature in 1991 to fund programs to reduce vehicle thefts. The passing of House Bill 1887 in 2007 expanded the scope of the agency to include automobile burglary and added that term to the Authority's title. For more information on the ABTPA, auto burglary, vehicle theft, prevention, statistics, contacts for any of ABTPA's 29 Texas vehicle crime task forces, public service announcements, or to schedule an interview with task force personnel, call 800-CAR-WATCH or visit the ABTPA website at www.txwatchyourcar.com.

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What to know about Medicare in 2013

By Bob Moos

Southwest public affairs Officer for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

The New Year will bring improvements and other changes to Medicare. Here's a brief rundown of what to expect in 2013.

You'll get bigger price breaks on brand-name and generic drugs in the "doughnut hole."

If you have a Medicare drug plan and reach the coverage gap, you'll receive bigger discounts on your prescriptions – about 53 percent for brand-name drugs in 2013 (compared with 50 percent this past year) and 21 percent for generics (compared with 14 percent in 2012).

The price breaks are adding up. Almost 158,800 Texans with Medicare have saved \$103.4 million on their prescriptions in the coverage gap this past year – an average of \$651 per person. The discounts will continue to grow each year until the doughnut hole disappears in 2020.

Medicare premiums will increase only slightly.

The monthly premium for the part of Medicare that covers doctor visits and outpatient hospital care will increase for most people by only \$5, to \$104.90, in 2013. The Part B premium has gone up slowly over the past five years – an average of less than 2 percent annually.

The standard premium amount is calculated each year according to a mathematical formula. It takes into account Medicare's costs the previous year and the fact

that the government pays 75 percent of Part B's costs while beneficiaries pay the other 25 percent.

A small number of people with Medicare – about 4 percent – pay surcharges on their Part B premiums because their annual incomes are higher than \$85,000. They, too, will see only a slight increase in their premiums for physician visits and outpatient services.

Medicare deductibles will increase modestly.

Besides new premiums, there are new deductibles for 2013. These are the amounts you pay out of pocket each year before Medicare kicks in and covers its share of the bills.

The Part B deductible for doctor appointments and other outpatient care will be \$147, compared with \$140 this past year. The Part A deductible for up to 60 days of inpatient hospital services will increase about 2 percent, from \$1,156 in 2012 to \$1,184 in 2013.

If you're dissatisfied with your Medicare Advantage plan, you can quit it beginning Jan. 1.

If you're unhappy with your private Medicare Advantage health plan, an annual "disenrollment" period allows you to return to the traditional fee-for-service Medicare program between Jan. 1 and Feb. 14. You can also pick a drug plan to go with your new coverage.

A word of caution here: There are a few things you can't do during the six-week disenrollment period. You can't switch from one Medicare Advantage plan to another. Nor can you switch from the traditional

Medicare program to an Advantage plan. Most people will need to wait until the annual enrollment period in the fall to make either of those changes.

You'll pay less for walkers, wheelchairs and other medical equipment.

You're likely to reap hundreds of dollars in savings each year from the new way that Medicare will pay for medical equipment like home hospital beds, walkers and wheelchairs. The reform takes effect in dozens of additional metropolitan areas starting July 1.

The government is replacing an outdated fee schedule with a new system that requires equipment suppliers to bid for Medicare's business. Beneficiaries have enjoyed substantial price reductions in the first nine areas where Medicare has tried competitive bidding.

Among the next areas to see lower costs on medical equipment and supplies beginning this summer will be Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos, Beaumont-Port Arthur, El Paso, Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, McAllen-Edinburg-Mission and San Antonio-New Braunfels.

All areas of the country will benefit from competitive pricing within a few years.

As I said, this is just a quick look at Medicare's more noteworthy changes. The "Medicare and You 2013" handbook you recently received in the mail has a complete summary. If you need a copy, ask for one at 1-800-MEDICARE, or visit medicare.gov and download it.

SPC Brass Ensemble, Choir Concert set for Dec. 9

LEVELLAND – The South Plains College Brass Ensemble and Choir Christmas Concert is slated for 2:30 p.m. on Dec. 9 at Christ United Methodist Church, 1704 College Avenue. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.

The Brass Ensemble is conducted by Dr. Bruce Keeling, chairperson of the Fine Arts Department and professor of Music. The Concert Choir is conducted by Jon Johnson, professor of Music.

The SPC Brass will perform Camp Kirkland's arrangements of "Angels We Have Heard on High," "Good Christian Men Rejoice" and "We

Three Kings" with members of Al Gardner's, percussion studio. Gardner is professor of percussion.

Other selections are "God Rest You Merry Gentlemen," arranged by Jerry Fielding; "The Twelve Days of Christmas," arranged by Fielding; and "Sonata Piano Forte" by Giovanni Gabrieli.

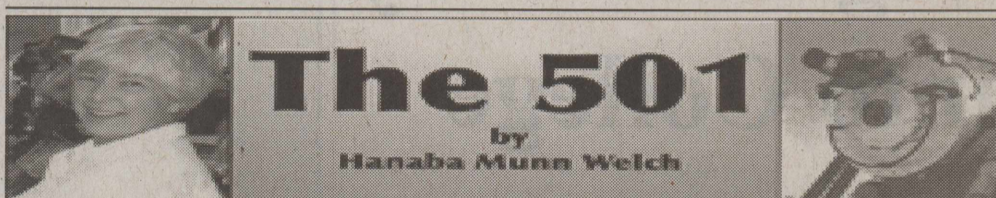
The SPC Choir will perform "Once in Royal David's City," arranged by J. S. Johnson; "Who Is He In Yonder Stall?," with text by Benjamin Hanby and music by Robert Young; "The Blessed Song of God" by R. Vaughn Williams; "Christmas Day" by Gustav Holst; "My Dancing Day," ar-

ranged by Alice Parker and Robert Shaw; "Bright, Bright The Holy Berries" by Alfred Burt; and "Adoration of the Wise Men," arranged by Crawford R. Thornburn.

The grand finale will include the SPC Choir, Brass Ensemble, organist Ian Aipperspach, timpanist Gardner and the audience on a joyful setting of G. F. Handel's "Joy to the World."

A reception will follow the concert in the fellowship hall.

For more information, please contact Keeling, chairperson of Fine Arts Department, at (806) 716-2264.



Rare is the day that includes both a water haul and a wild goose chase.

Until today I'd never chased wild geese. I have hauled water.

Before we get deep into our topic, let me explain something. I've been reading a book by Stephen King. If things get a little weird, that's my excuse. No, it's not one of his horror-science fiction tales or whatever it is he writes. It's a book about writing. King would have me string together all these words without adverbs. Have I already let one creep in?

PAUSE TO BACK-TRACK.

So far, so good, unless I overlooked one. King believes adverbs are like dandelions. One looks nice. Turn your back and the next thing you know you have a full-fledged adverb invasion and you might as well surrender.

Moving right along. (I think there's an adverb there somewhere.) Back to the wild geese. (Stephen King says sentence fragments are OK.)

Geese in V-shapes have been flying overhead and

honking at me for days. They are Canada Geese enamored of Texas peanuts. They sound more like a traffic jam than a real one. They don't wait around for amateur photographers to shoot them. I'm an amateur photographer.

This morning three formations flew over against a clear blue sky. Honk. Honk. Honk. Honk.

When I arrived later at one of their peanut fields, they'd left. Alas. I saw fragmented peanut shells and little downy feathers. Their footprints covered the ground. I'd love to use an adverb to modify the word "covered" to say I mean covered. But covered is covered. Not a spot existed where they had not stepped. But they were gone.

So ends every wild good chase. If you ever caught one of the big birds, it wouldn't be a wild goose chase. Right?

As for water hauls, they're a bit like wild goose chases.

Chasing wild geese is a hopeless pursuit. Someone sends you on the chase or you send yourself. When it's over, you realize you never had a chance.

A water haul is a trip to

haul water that accomplishes nothing more. When you have to haul water anyway, it's a wasted trip if you don't get something else done at the same time. My grandmother used the expression. Mother told me what it meant.

INTERNET PAUSE.

A Google search reveals "water-haul" – who knew it had a hyphen? – is the act of casting a fishnet and getting only water. That definition doesn't hold water for me. Maybe it works in fishy New England where nobody hauls water.

Hyphen or no hyphen, here's a real conversation I heard between a waitress and my postal supervisor, who was always spouting expressions:

"Want a refill on that coffee?"

"Yes, but don't make a water haul."

Google doesn't know everything. Quote me.

I'm now feeling smug enough to use a blatant adverb, but I'm going to the peanut field instead to wait for the geese. It won't be a water haul. I've got a book to read.

SPC seeks nominations for Distinguished Alumni Awards

LEVELLAND – Nominations for the South Plains College Distinguished Alumni Awards are now being accepted. Recipients of this award will be recognized at the annual Employee Recognition Banquet on May 9 and at the 55th Commencement Ceremony on May 10, 2013.

The recognition program for outstanding former students was established in 1987. Since then, the college has presented the awards to 25 outstanding former students.

The deadline for nominations is March 1, 2013.

Two criteria must be met in order to be considered for the award. The nominee must be a former student for which SPC was a legitimate part of their educational career and the nominee must have worked in his chosen career field for at least 10 years or has

made a significant contribution or achievement in his career if less than 10 years.

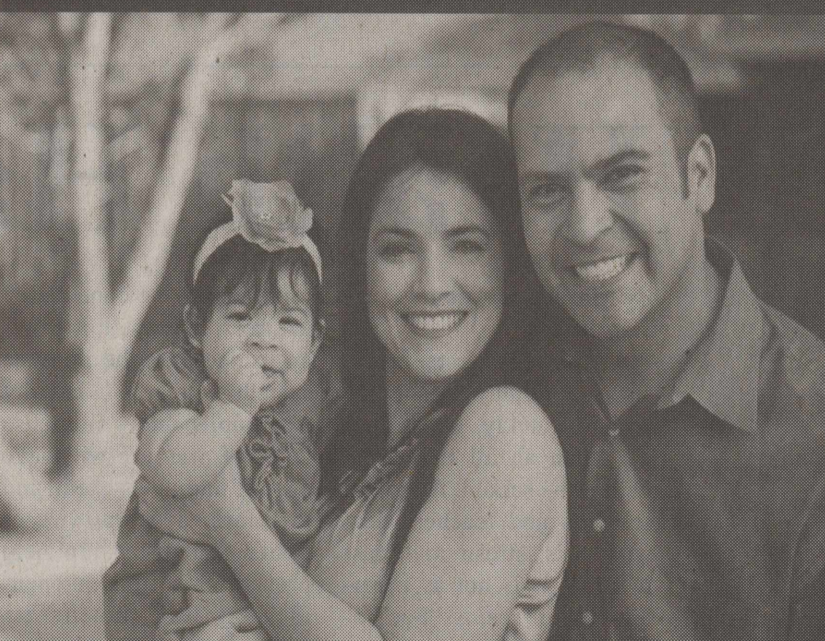
Nomination forms are available online under the Information for Alumni and Friends tab at www.southplainscollege.edu. Questions may be directed to any of the committee members. The winners of the award will be selected from nominations received by the Distinguished Alumni Awards Selection Committee comprised of SPC faculty members Billy Alonzo, Cary Banks, Rob Blair, Dane Dewbre, David Etheredge, Julie Gerstenberger, Beth Glass, Ann Gregory, Jim Jenkins, Sue Ann Lopez, Mollie Melton, Peggy Skinner, Pete Stracener, Joe Tubb and Charlotte Young.

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Whirlwind News



One Penny Makes a Difference

By **Mattie Sanders** - Staff Writer

A single penny is given back to a customer as change. That penny is placed lazily in someone's pocket. After rounds of being machined washed, swapped around, and lost, a student at Floydada High School finds the penny. Now the penny finds its way into a jar in Mrs. Hughes's room where it will help make a difference to many disabled Olympians.

"The fundraiser is about the cause, and maximizing our efforts in collecting as many funds as possible for Special Olympics," said, Texas Association of Business Profession-

als of America (BPA), State President, Tyler Scott.

All seventeen regions of Texas have agreed to take part in the fundraiser suggested by Tyler Scott. Participating regions will collect change that will be donated at the regional competition in February. Any and all students at Floydada High School can donate to the fund in Mrs. Hughes's room.

"The Penny Bomb is a competitive fundraiser between our regional chapters. Over the next few months leading up to the Regional Leadership Conference, chapters will be collecting as many pennies as possible," explained, the Area

IV, Region I Regional President, Hunter Schwertner.

Pennies will only be accepted. Any silver coins could cause points deducted from the friendly competition at regionals. The jars will be weighed in February to determine who wins and all money will be taken to state to be donated as a whole. Winners will receive prizes for their help.

"This project is a good idea because it will encourage participation from all areas of the region," concluded Tyler Scott. "Its competitive nature will influence people to get involved, and if an incentive is given to the winner, I feel that more people will be interested."

Dig Your Way into College

By **Homero Ramirez**-Staff Writer

The Big Dig Scholarship wants to help high school seniors pay for college. Students are required to write an essay and plan to enter into their first year of college or university in 2012. Applicants must submit an essay concerning a possession that is to be buried and have an extreme value in the future. The essay must answer the following questions: 'What is the item you are going to bury?,' 'Where could you purchase this item?,' 'How much does this item cost?,' 'What made you choose this item?,' 'Why do you believe that the item will have immense value 200 years from now?.' The essay needs to be between 500-1000 words. All submissions must be received prior the December 31, 2012 deadline. For more details concerning this scholarship and other refer to the links below. Some scholarships may require the creation of a profile to access them; it should take no more than five minutes.

<http://www.antiquetrader.tv/studentscholarship.php>
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The AB Duncan Elementary proudly announces the recipients of the second six weeks perfect attendance contest sponsored by the Rotary Club. (L-R) Third grader, Malik Hardaway, presenting the bikes is Assistant Principal, Robin Nixon, and second grader, Angel Jasso.

Meet the New Teacher at FISD

By **Carly Carthel**- Staff Writer

A big welcome from FISD! Juliann Runnels, from Floydada, is the new junior high and high school I.S.S. teacher. She is currently pursuing her teaching degree. She has one son named Jordan. Her hobbies include reading, watching movies, and spending time with her son. Miss Runnels also enjoys, watching football, basketball, and baseball.



"Lincoln" Gets Ranting Raves

By **Hunter Schwertner** - Staff Writer

As the gruesome war rages on throughout the battlefields during the Civil War, the aging of President Abraham Lincoln's body is blatantly noticeable as he stares solemnly at the proposed Thirteenth Amendment to abolish slavery. He stands there with a grave expression and strongly believes that amending the Constitution will be the key to ending the war. This historical event has been brought to life through the creative mind of Steven Spielberg.

The new movie, "Lincoln", is captivating audiences nationwide. The film covers the beginning of President Lincoln's second term as president, just four years after the tragic war between the Union and

Confederacy erupted.

While the president is often portrayed as a bold, robust man in the modern day era, he is made out to be soft spoken and frail. Dealing with so many trials from his first term, Lincoln remains reserved when he discovers he only has one month to sway twenty representatives of the opposing Democratic Party who support slavery.

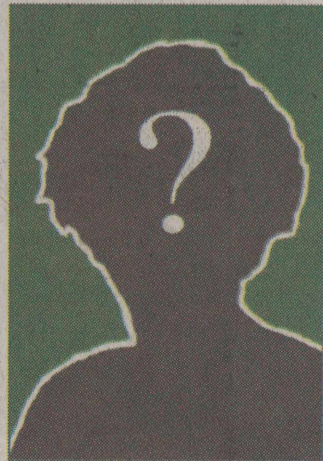
Aside from the war, Lincoln has to cope with several personal issues including his family's mourning of the death of their young son. This is only one of many emotional roller coasters that add to the stress of leading a divided country.

History buff or not, the interpretation of this iconic president's life is highly recommended.

Guess Who?

By **Malorie Alaniz**- Staff Writer

My favorite subject in school is math. In my free time I enjoy running and playing basketball. My favorite color is purple, and I have seven brothers. After I graduate high school, I want to earn a degree to be a nurse. Mrs. Renfro has made the biggest impact on my life because she made me like math. I am also involved in athletics. Can you GUESS WHO I am?



Health Hazards

By **Merritt Johnson** - Staff Writer

As six weeks tests, finals, and the holiday season approach quickly, stress levels reach an all time high within the school. Although students and teachers deal with this stress and cast it aside, it is not as harmless as it seems. For instance, people may notice they contract more illness throughout the winter. This

can partially be contributed to stress, because it is proven to decrease the immune system greatly. Faculty and pupils under immense deals of pressure will have a weak immune system, and therefore develop viruses easier than usual. To help prevent this from happening, eat lean protein, try and consume the required daily amount of fruits and vegetables, exercise, in-

gest plenty of vitamin D, and try to reduce the factors creating unnecessary stress. Minimizing anxiety for students may mean not procrastinating during the hectic month before the semester ends. Furthermore, recent studies conducted on baboons are beginning to show heart problems are connected with a stressful environment. Thus, it is extremely important to moni-

tor the stress in one's overall lifetime. Stress should not be part of someone's every day life or else they may reap the unhealthy repercussions. Find ways to reduce stress by activities like yoga, music, drawing, or anything else personal that may aid in lowering unwanted tension. Stay tuned for more health hazards from the Floydada High School Journalism Team.

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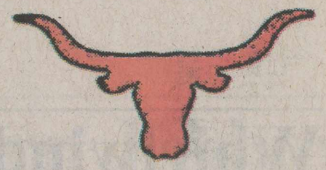
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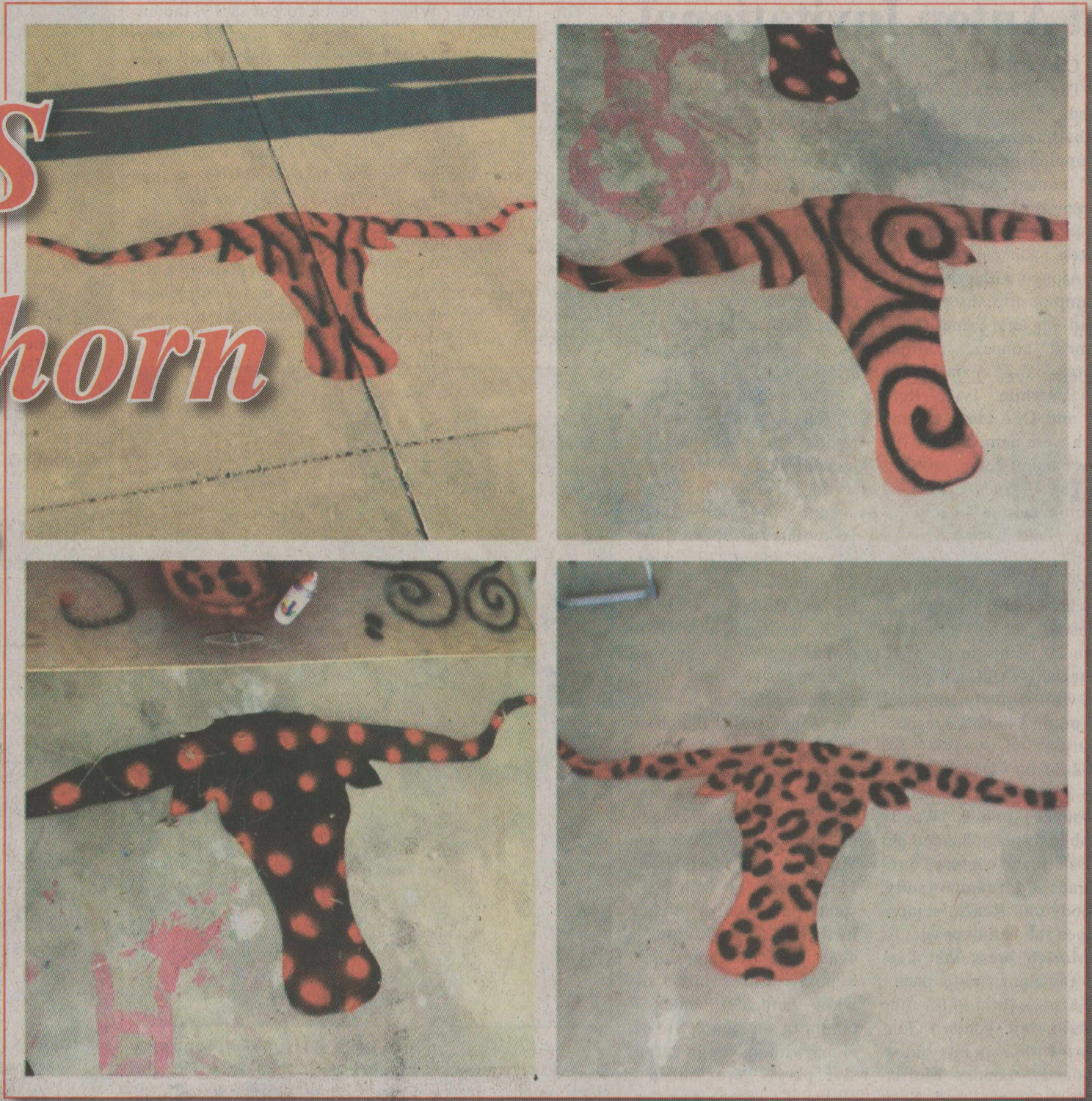


Longhorn News



LNHS Longhorn Drive

Lockney National Honor Society members will be selling and painting Longhorns on driveways. All benefits will go toward student scholarships. Please contact Mrs. Ellison or Mary Sammann at the high school if interested!



LHS Student Council participates in local charity

On November 28TH, the Lockney High School Student Council made their way to Plainview to buy coats for children in need. They stopped at Wal-Mart to shop for the coats. After they picked out the coat, they went to Leal's. They ate, wrapped the gifts, and shared lots of laughs. The Stu-

dent Council has been participating in this local charity for quite some time now. They try to do all they can to help those in need in the small but sharing community.




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FLOYDADA SCHOOL

Whirlwinds capture championship trophy at Anton Invitational

By Coach Renfro

The Floydada Whirlwind varsity boy's basketball team captured the championship trophy at the 50th annual Anton Invitational Basketball Tournament this past weekend in Anton.

Along with the team championship, three Whirlwind players earned tournament honors. Jordan Woody was named the MVP, while Tyler Renfro and DeAndre McCann each were named to the All Tournament Team.

The Winds defeated Morton in the championship game by a score of 77-57. Michael Cisneros, who played well enough to possible earn honors himself, scored a season high 20 points in the final match up. McCann put in 19, while Woody and Renfro put in 14 and 12 respectively.

Renfro also dished out 7 assists to go with 7 rebounds, while Woody nabbed 8 steals, handed out 5 assists, and captured 6 rebounds. More importantly, Woody and Renfro seldom turned the ball over against a Morton press that kept the game at a frantic pace.

Also scoring for the Winds, were Ventura Gonzalez with 5 points and 6 rebounds, Landry Morren with 5 points, and Sean Morales with 2 points.

The Winds opened the

tournament with an impressive 61-28 win over the Olton Mustangs. Woody and Renfro put in 15 each in the game with Renfro passing out 5 assists and Woody gathering 5 steals. McCann put in 10 points to go with 17 rebounds in the contest. Morales scored 6, B.J. Perez and Cisneros added 4 each, and Tucker Lowrance put in 3. Gonzalez also had 7 rebounds.

The second round match up for the Winds was their tightest game of the tournament against the Tahoka Bulldogs. The Winds managed a 53-46 win behind 16 points from McCann. Woody added 12, while Lowrance, Cisneros, Renfro and Gonzalez each put in 5. Renfro also added 4 assists and Woody grabbed 6 more steals.

The semi-final game for the Winds was a match up with the Sundown Roughnecks. The Winds wrestled a 52-29 victory against the Roughnecks to create the final match up with Morton. Woody led the scoring with 15 points to go with his 5 steals, and Renfro pitched in 8 points to go with his 4 assists. McCann added 8 points and 7 rebounds, while Gonzalez added 7 points in the contest to go along with his tough defensive play. Perez added 6 points, Lowrance and Cisneros 3 each, and Morren 2.

Whirlwinds win over county rivalry Lockney Longhorns

By Coach Renfro

The Floydada Whirlwinds earned their first victory of the 2012-2013 season against the Lockney Longhorns this past week in Lockney.

The Whirlwinds got off to a slow start against the Horns, scoring only 12 points in the opening period before racing out to a 59-39 victory.

The Winds were paced in scoring by Jordan Woody, who had 15 points.

B.J. Perez came off the bench to put in 13, including 6 in the first quarter when the Winds were struggling from the floor, and Tyler Renfro had 11. DeAndre McCann pitched in 9, Michael Cisneros 5, Ventura Gonzalez 4, and Tucker Lowrance had 2.

Woody added 8 assists, 5 steals, and 7 rebounds to his stat columns, while Gonzalez and Renfro each had 4 rebounds and 3 assists.

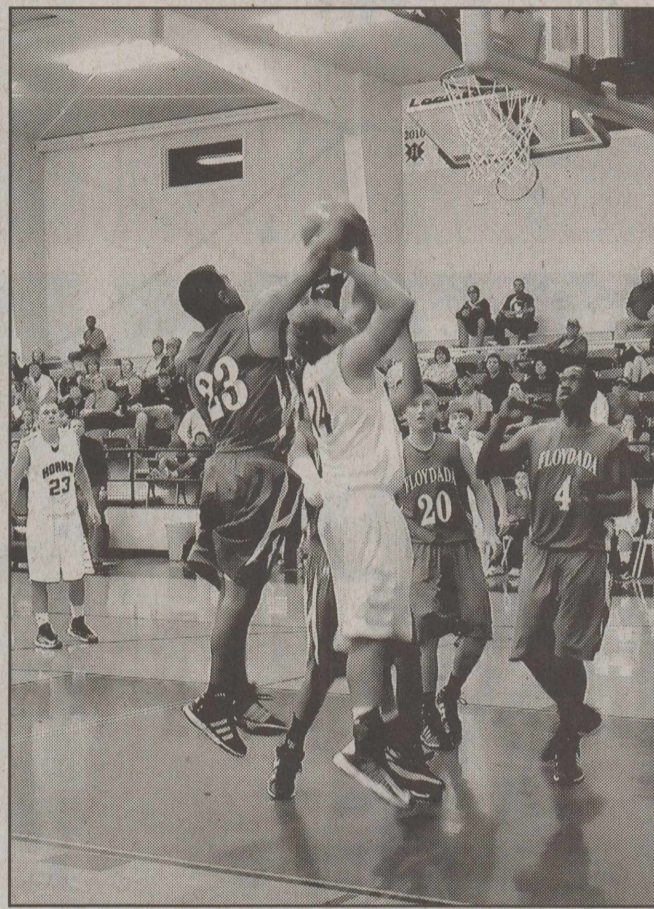


Photo by R. K. Hunt Photography
Floydada Whirlwinds capture their first victory of the season with a win over the Lockney Longhorns, 59-39.

Student of the Month

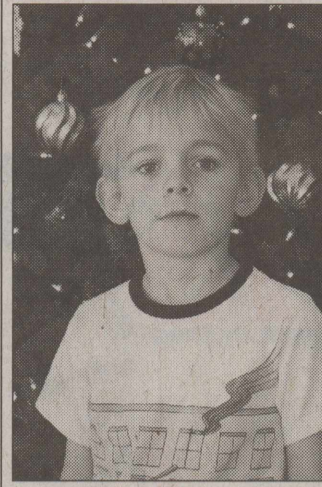


Photo by Jennifer Harbin
Marcos Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Shane Lloyd, was named A.B. Duncan's Student of the Month of the month of November.

Teacher of the Month

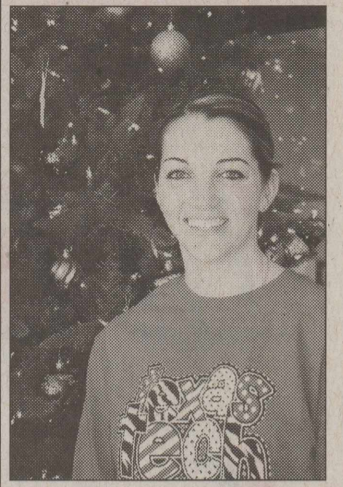


Photo by Jennifer Harbin
Amanda Stapp, kindergarten math teacher at A.B. Duncan, was named November's Teacher of the Month.

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU December 10 - December 14

Monday

Breakfast - French toast or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch - Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, tater tots, baby carrot dippers, crispy cereal treat, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast - Sausage, toast/jelly, cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch - Stromboli, garden salad, orange smiles, multigrain chips, frozen yogurt bar, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast - Waffles/syrup or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch - Bean and beef burrito, Spanish rice, seasoned corn, sparkly apples, milk

Thursday

Breakfast - Breakfast sausage roll or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch - Chicken alfredo, savory green beans, sliced peaches, hot roll, royal brownie, milk

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Breakfast - Scrambled eggs, toast or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

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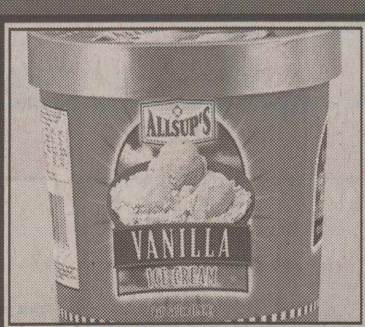


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LOCKNEY SCHOOL

Lady Horns fall to Floydada Lady Winds

The Lady Horns varsity girls battled it out last Tuesday night in Lockney with the Lady Winds and came up short at the buzzer.

Scoring results are as follows: Tanae Ramos – 26 points; Mary Sammann – 7 points; Alexis Rodriguez – 6 points; Kennedy Hallmark – 4 points; Alanie Rendon – 3 points.

Coach Schumacher's

comments:

The Lady Horns fought a good battle against our Floyd County friends but came up short when the final buzzer went off. It was anybody's game and we had some opportunities to score at the end of the game but just couldn't get the ball to fall. Our kids are young and getting better every game.

Longhorns lose games to Spur and Floydada

By Coach Strickland

On Nov 20th the Lockney Longhorns played on the road against the Spur Bulldogs. The game ended up with Horns falling short in a 35-52 loss.

Landry Kidd led the way for the Horns scoring 11 points while Ky Teeter added 10. The loss brings Lockney's overall record to 1-2.

The next game on the schedule is at home vs Floydada on Nov. 27th.

Tuesday night, the Lockney Longhorns and the Floydada Whirlwinds renewed their basketball rivalry in Lockney. Early on in the first half, the game went back and forth with the Horns finding themselves behind at halftime 20-27. By the end of the game the Longhorns lose 39-57.

Ky Teeter had a game high 16 points. Erik Cortez scored 7 and Kameron Hunt had 6. Lockney's record is 1-3.

Longhorn JV boys captures win over Floydada JV

By Coach Dunn

The Lockney JV boys took on the Whirlwind JV team last Tuesday night in Lockney and came out with a win, 47-36.

Scoring results are as follows: Mauricio Davila – 3 points; Eli Guerra – 10 points, Ryan Poole, - 2 points; Derick Patel – 2 points; Ignacio Ascencio – 10 points; Colton Verdine – 2 points, and Ruben Ascencio – 18 points.

SPC announces spring 2013 photography class schedule

LEVELLAND

South Plains College recently released the spring 2013 photography schedule. The classes are designed to improve the skill set of digital photo enthusiasts.

Classes of different levels that build on each previous class will be offered starting Jan. 5 through May 2013. Each class is an 8-hour intensive workshop held on a Saturday through the spring semester at the various SPC campuses in our service area.

Spring Classes will include:

Digital JumpStart class will cost \$40. This class is designed for the new photographer to learn the "in-and-outs" of your camera and to teach the participant how to get the most out of their camera. In Levelland, the class will be offered from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 5, Jan. 19 and March 2. In Plainview, the class will be offered from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 26.

Basketball Sports Photography Workshop will cost \$50. Students will learn the proper techniques needed to cover fast-action sporting events. In Levelland, the class will be offered from noon to 5 p.m. on Jan. 12 at the Texan Dome.

Fund raiser Photoshop Workshop will be offered from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 26 in Levelland in the Technical Arts Building. The room number will be announced. This class will be designed for beginner to advanced Photoshop users. It will focus on instruction in editing, sizing, enhancement of images, layers, color corrections and printing.

Students will need to bring images on a pen drive or some type of media that they can save their images back on. The cost will be \$50 per person, and all the proceeds will go to the SPC Decomm Group to help defray the cost of national trade conference in late March 2013. Contact Paul Davidson at (806) 716-



2348 or email p davidson@southplainscollege.edu.

Intermediate Digital class will cost \$50. The class will build on the JumpStart Class to cover more advanced techniques and using camera strobe and fill flash. The class will be offered from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Feb. 2 at the Reese Center campus in Building 8.

In February, a Studio Portrait Class will be offered from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Feb. 9 in Levelland in Room 113 of the Technical Arts Building. On Feb. 16 an Advanced Indoor Lighting Workshop will be taught from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Levelland in Room 113 of the Technical Arts Building. An Indoors and Outdoors Workshop is set from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Feb. 23 in Plainview in Room 101 at the SPC Plainview Center.

A Golden Lighting Outdoor Workshop will be offered from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. on May 4 at SPC Reese Center in Building 8. A Golden Lighting Morning Workshop will be offered from 6 a.m. to noon on May 11 at SPC Reese Center in Building 8.

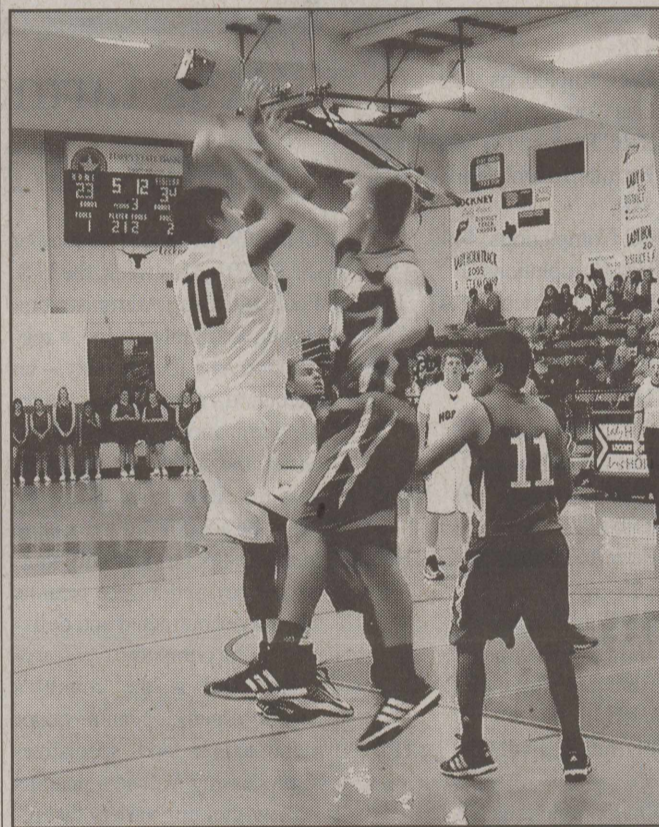
The Nighttime Digital Photography will be taught during late evening into the night from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. on April 13 in Room 101 at SPC Plainview Center and April 20 at SPC Reese Center in Building 8. Students must have taken the Jump Start Class prior to taking this class. The cost is \$50.

For more information, contact Kasey Reyes at (806) 716-2341 or Underwood at (806) 716-2215 or via email at wunderwood@southplainscollege.edu.

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The Lady Horns play the Lady Winds last Tuesday night at Lockney and lost a hard fought game.



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Lockney Longhorns hosted the Floydada Whirlwinds on Tuesday, Nov. 27 and came up short at the final buzzer, 59-39.

Go Longhorns Go!

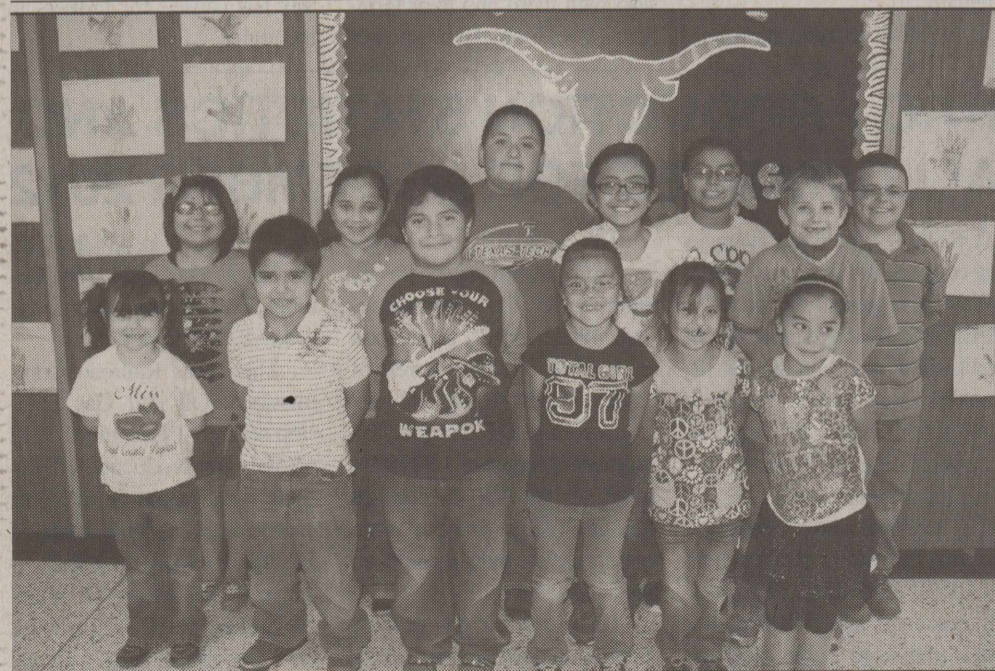


Photo by Jennifer Harbin
Little Longhorns: (back row) Haley Auffer, Aracely Cuellar, Isaiah Ruelas, Keanu Villarreal, Hunter Lefevre; (middle row) Cassandra Ramirez, Tucker Schlueter; (front row) Autumn Drake, Eric Martinez, Drake Gonzales, Jessal Naranjo, Jay Nunez, Madison Jimenez.

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AGRICULTURE

USDA Authorizes Emergency Grazing of CRP Acres for 34 Counties in Texas

(Floydada, Texas) - November 30, 2012 - Floyd County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director, Stephanie Bradley Fryer today announced that Floyd County was authorized for emergency grazing use of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres for fiscal year (FY) 2013.

The following Texas counties are approved for emergency grazing: Armstrong, Bailey, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Crosby, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Donley, Floyd, Gray, Hale, Hardeman, Hemphill, Hockley, Kent, Lamb, Lipscomb, Lubbock, Nolan, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Scurry, Sherman, Swisher, Terry, Wheeler and Yoakum.

CRP emergency grazing

authorizations for the above counties will begin no earlier than December 1, 2012 for a 90 day period, not to exceed February 28, 2013.

Based on a decision made by the Texas FSA State Committee, CRP emergency grazing approval will only be available for those CRP lands that were not utilized for haying or grazing during fiscal year 2011 or 2012. FSA's fiscal year runs from October 1 to September 30.

"Eligible producers who are interested in emergency grazing of CRP must request approval before grazing eligible acreage and obtain a modified conservation plan from the Natural Resources Conservation Service that includes grazing provisions," said Bradley

Fryer. "Current provisions allow grazing on 100 percent of a field, up to the 75 percent stocking rate," she said.

Additionally, there will be a 25 percent CRP payment reduction for CRP acres used for grazing under these emergency provisions.

To take advantage of the emergency grazing provisions, authorized producers can use the CRP acreage for their own livestock or may grant another livestock producer use of the CRP acreage. The eligible CRP acreage is limited to acres located within the approved county.

For more information and to request approval for emergency grazing use of CRP acres contact the Floyd County FSA office at 806.983.5747 ext 2.

TEXAS MONTHLY OIL AND GAS STATISTICS

OCTOBER PERMITS

The Commission issued a total of 1,873 original drilling permits in October 2012 compared to 1,771 in October 2011. The October total included 1,686 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 44 to re-enter existing well bores, and 143 for recompletions. Permits issued in October 2012 included 555 oil, 135 gas, 1,096 oil and gas, 79 injection, one service and seven other permits.

SEPTEMBER CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION

Texas preliminary September 2012 crude oil production averaged 1,343,569 barrels daily, up from the 1,011,001 barrels daily average of September 2011.

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for September 2012 is 40,307,058 barrels, up from 30,330,018 barrels reported during September 2011.

OCTOBER OIL AND GAS COMPLETIONS

In October 2012, operators reported 1,059 oil, 257 gas, 32 injection and four other completions compared to 704 oil, 229 gas, 22 injection and one other completion in October 2011.

Total well completions for 2012 year to date are 12,188 up from 6,900 recorded during the same period in 2011.

Operators reported 605 holes plugged and two dry holes in October 2012 compared to 863 holes plugged and zero dry holes in October 2011.

SEPTEMBER NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION

Texas oil and gas wells produced 529,633,737 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for September 2012 up from the September 2011 preliminary gas

production total of 527,116,072 Mcf. Texas preliminary September total gas production averaged 17,654,458 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) a day.

Texas production in September 2012 came from 142,859 oil wells and 90,604 gas wells.

OCTOBER TEXAS OIL AND GAS DRILLING PERMITS AND COMPLETIONS

RRC District: (1) SAN ANTONIO AREA

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 281

Oil Completions: 166

Gas Completions: 14

RRC District: (2) REFUGIO AREA

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 175

Oil Completions: 58

Gas Completions: 36

RRC District: (3) SOUTH-EAST TEXAS

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 90

Oil Completions: 55

Gas Completions: 30

RRC District: (4) DEEP SOUTH TEXAS

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 44

Oil Completions: 2

Gas Completions: 9

RRC District: (5) EAST CENTRAL TEXAS

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 14

Oil Completions: 6

Gas Completions: 13

RRC District: (6) EAST TEXAS

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 55

Oil Completions: 13

Gas Completions: 32

RRC District: (7B) WEST CENTRAL TEXAS

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes:

88

Oil Completions: 11

Gas Completions: 7

RRC District: (7C) SAN ANGELO AREA

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 178

Oil Completions: 149

Gas Completions: 7

RRC District: (8) MIDLAND

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 588

Oil Completions: 444

Gas Completions: 1

RRC District: (8A) LUBBOCK AREA

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 110

Oil Completions: 58

Gas Completions: 1

RRC District: (9) NORTH TEXAS

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 185

Oil Completions: 65

Gas Completions: 72

RRC District: (10) PANHANDLE

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 65

Oil Completions: 33

Gas Completions: 35

SEPTEMBER TEXAS TOP TEN OIL PRODUCING COUNTIES

COUNTY - CRUDE OIL

1. KARNES - 2,946,392

2. ANDREWS - 2,486,766

3. GAINES - 1,993,334

4. GONZALES - 1,958,020

5. ECTOR - 1,926,952

6. YOAKUM - 1,698,381

7. MIDLAND - 1,682,433

8. UPTON - 1,671,091

9. LA SALLE - 1,558,283

10. MARTIN - 1,536,643

SEPTEMBER TEXAS TOP TEN GAS PRODUCING COUNTIES

COUNTY - TOTAL GAS

1. TARRANT - 66,768,026

2. JOHNSON - 34,142,768

3. WEBB - 22,867,946

4. PECOS - 19,216,133

5. PANOLA - 18,587,733

6. WISE - 18,291,462

7. DENTON - 17,635,098

8. FREESTONE - 15,038,594

9. NACOGDOCHES - 12,595,994

10. ZAPATA - 10,945,047

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION

Private Applicator & WPS Handler Training Crosby/Floyd Counties

Friday, December 14, 2012

8:30 am

at the First Methodist Church in Ralls, TX

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Private Applicator Training will begin at 8:30 am. Please RSVP by December 13th so study materials will be available

A Worker Protection Standard (WPS) Handler Training will also be conducted December 14th. Training will start at 10:00 am at the First Methodist Church. English and Spanish versions will be available.

Please RSVP to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office - Crosby County (675-2347) or Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office-Floyd County (983-4912) by December 13th

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Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid or service in order to participate in this event are encouraged to contact Texas AgriLife Extension Office - Crosby County at 806-675-2347 to determine how reasonable accommodations can be made.

Texas farmers are unintentional victims of FDA closure of Sunland

LUBBOCK, Texas (November 29, 2012) - This week, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration suspended Sunland, Inc.'s registration as a food facility - an execution of the Food Safety Modernization Act of 2011 to ensure the safety of food products for Americans. However, yet to be acknowledged are the many Texas farmers still waiting for payment on the peanuts they have contracted and delivered to the company.

Sunland is the country's largest organic peanut butter manufacturer and specializes in processing Valencia peanuts - a low-yielding variety that requires extra attention to ensure the crop's success.

"Farmers are the unintentional victims of FDA's closure of the plant," TPPB Executive Director Shelly Nutt said. "The men and women who worked hard nurturing their peanut crop this past year are left wondering when or even if they will be paid."

"I know farming is uncer-

tain," Haldon Messamore, a farmer in Sudan, Texas, said. "I plan for drought, wind, hail, early freeze and fluctuating markets. But I didn't plan on getting caught in the middle of a battle between a big food company and big government agency."

The situation needs to be resolved in a timely fashion, according to Brent Nelson, another farmer from Sudan.

"There seems to be a major disconnect between FDA and Sunland in resolving this issue," Nelson said.

Though Sunland may have insurance or reserves to sustain itself through the coming months until the situation is resolved, farmers cannot continue waiting to be paid for their peanuts.

"What other business or household could continue if one-third of their revenue is in limbo?" Messamore said.

The financial burden this is placing on farmers doesn't just stop with them and their families; it goes on to the businesses

and communities supported by them.

"There's a ripple effect of who is impacted by this," Brent Nelson, a farmer from Sudan, explained. "It may start with the farmers, but it goes on to the people we do business with and the causes we donate to. From equipment dealers and bankers to restaurants and churches, there's no part of the community that remains untouched by this situation."

"I'm getting calls from nervous landlords and lenders who want answers, and I have none," Messamore said.

While we need to have measures in place to ensure a safe food supply for consumers, the process needs to move at a pace that will relieve the farmers' financial burden soon.

"I know FDA was aiming at Sunland but their shot hit the farmers too," Nutt said. "Something needs to be done soon to address the economic hardships this has caused for farmers in the region."

RRC PRODUCTION STATISTICS AND ALLOWABLES FOR DECEMBER 2012

AUSTIN - The Texas average rig count as of November 2012 was 853, representing about 49 percent of all active land rigs in the United States. In the last 12 months, total Texas reported production was 498 million barrels of oil and 7.2 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

The Commission's estimated final production for September 2012 is 47,876,723 barrels of crude oil and 509,106,484 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas well gas.

The Commission derives final production numbers by multiplying the preliminary September 2012 production totals of 40,307,058 barrels of crude oil and 436,626,487 Mcf of gas well gas by a production adjustment factor of 1.1878 for crude oil and 1.1660 for gas well gas. (These production totals do not include casinghead gas or condensate.)

Texas natural gas storage reported to the Commission for October 2012 was 454,254,178

Mcf compared to 434,964,586 Mcf in October 2011. The October 2012 gas storage estimate is 457,839,976 Mcf.

The Texas Railroad Commission's Oil and Gas Division set initial December 2012 natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 10,261,563 Mcf (thousand cubic feet). In setting the initial December 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 December 2012 is reported.

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Xcel Energy seeks rate increase for Texas retail customers

AMARILLO, Texas — Xcel Energy is seeking a base rate increase for Texas retail customers to support the cost of generating and delivering energy critical to the growth of area communities and the economies that sustain them.

A proposal presented today to the 79 Texas towns and cities served by the company, and to the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT), seeks to boost revenue by \$90.2 million per year. Impacts on each customer class vary, but for residential customers using 1,000 kilowatt-hours per month, the increase would average \$6.61 per month, or 7.3 percent, with fuel costs factored in. For all customer classes combined, the total increase is 12 percent accounting for base rates and fuel costs.

"The economy of the Texas Panhandle and South Plains continues to outpace national economic growth," said Riley Hill, president and CEO of Southwestern Public Service Company, an Xcel Energy company. "Our customers expect us to invest wisely to modernize and upgrade our system to meet this growing demand and provide the reliable service necessary to sustain economic growth. This case is largely driven by these investments, which provide great value to our customers over the long term."

"In addition to the value our customers will see, the investments also provide value to the communities we serve in the form of job growth and increased property and sales

tax revenues paid by the company," Hill added.

Current rates are based on what it cost to run the system in 2009, Hill said. Since that time, the company has invested \$702 million to build new sources of power generation, new substations and new transmission and distribution lines. Between the summer of 2010 and the summer of 2012, peak electricity demand increased by almost 10 percent.

Even with higher base rates, overall bills should remain below 2008 levels, and Xcel Energy continues to rank as one of the lowest-cost electricity providers in the state, Hill said.

Natural gas is used to generate more than half the power consumed across the region, and prices for this commodity have fallen sharply over the past four years, leading to significant savings on monthly bills. So far this year, Xcel Energy has lowered fuel costs twice, saving typical residential customers close to \$10 a month, Hill said.

"Nonetheless, we understand the impact of this proposed increase on our customers, and we offer an extensive suite of programs to help manage and decrease energy needs," Hill said. "While all customers contribute to the costs of keeping our system safe and reliable, customers can reduce their individual costs by participating in these energy efficiency programs. Combined, these efforts help us strike a reasonable balance between

the need to invest in our system and the need to ensure competitive rates and bills."

Customers may find more information on these money-saving programs at www.xcelenergy.com on the "save energy and money" tab, or by calling a customer representative at 1-800-895-4999.

Xcel Energy (NYSE: XEL) is a major U.S. electricity and natural gas company with regulated operations in eight Western and Midwestern states. Xcel Energy provides a comprehensive portfolio of energy-related products and services to 3.3 million electricity customers and 1.8 million natural gas customers through its regulated operating companies. Company headquarters are located in Minneapolis. More information is available at www.xcelenergy.com.

This news release includes forward-looking statements that are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Such forward-looking statements are intended to be identified in this document by the words "anticipate," "estimate," "expect," "projected," "objective," "outlook," "possible," "potential" and similar expressions. Actual results may vary materially. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include, but are not limited to: general economic conditions, including their impact on capital expenditures; business conditions in the energy industry; competitive conditions in the marketplace, etc.

COTTON MARKET WEEKLY

Cotton prices had a bumpy ride this past week before posting moderately higher gains on Thursday. Ahead of its first notices and delivery period, the December futures contract at the Intercontinental Exchange fell sharply on Friday, Nov. 23, closing down 255 points at 69.83 cents per pound. The March and other forward months settled more than 100 points below their previous close of trading.

The following Monday was a completely different story with December cotton regaining more than half of what it lost on Friday and other months reclaiming almost everything they lost as active trading returned to the market. However, featureless trade and thin volume returned the next two days with little news for traders to grasp.

Buyers returned to the market on Thursday, and ICE futures closed with moderate gains. The nearby March contract posted the highest gain on strong volume of a reported 20,000 contracts and closed up 72 points at 73.35 cents per pound. Although some contracts fell from highs set earlier in the day, cotton futures traded higher throughout the session. Analysts offered few reasons for the rally, although one pointed to the continuing political postur-

ing regarding the U.S. "fiscal cliff."

The market's change of direction on Thursday also seemed to revive selling interest among cotton producers in the spot market. Producers in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, and New Mexico sold 52,820 bales online that day at an average price of 69 cents per pound. It was the highest single-day volume this season. Total online sales for the week were 116,047 bales compared to 83,900 bales the previous week. Average prices received by producers ranged from 65 to 69 cents per pound compared to 67 cents the previous week.

The latest export report from USDA was described by various analysts as "solid" or "robust" with net sales of 300,300 bales for the week ended Nov. 22. It was the third consecutive week with sales above the 300,000-bale level. The latest sales figure was down 25 percent from the previous week but up six percent from the four-week average, and China, Mexico and Turkey were the featured buyers. Export shipments for the week totaled 126,900 bales, down four percent from the previous week but up nine percent from the four-week average. China, Turkey and Mexico were the primary destinations.

While the export sales

figure met or exceeded some analysts' and traders' expectations, others were disappointed because it failed to confirm recent rumors of large purchases by China for its state reserve.

Cotton harvest on the Texas High Plains is virtually complete, and any remaining fields will benefit from clear, open weather for the next several days. Some gins already have shut down for the season, and talk among producers in the region now has turned to moisture needed to replenish soils this winter. Central Texas reported scattered showers this week, but no significant precipitation was noted. Forecasts for a 30 percent chance of rain in South Texas could bring beneficial precipitation to that region over the weekend.

The cotton harvest in Kansas and Oklahoma was reported at 84 and 86 percent, respectively, and favorable weather was expected for several more days. Harvest in Georgia and the Carolinas should conclude in the next couple of weeks if weather permits. Final ginning in the Delta is underway and will be completed soon.

In the Southern Hemisphere, cotton planting is underway in Brazil, but progress has been slow. Producers in Argentina continued planting this week under generally good conditions.

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ence over what treatment parents elect to use. Most parents believe in "leaving no stone unturned" when trying to treat their children with ASD and are willing to try anything they believe might help their child," Davis said.

Davis and her colleagues hope their findings can help parents make decisions about the course of treatment to undertake for their children.

"My hope is that this research will help parents make informed choices when selecting treatments for their child with ASD. While I understand a parent's desire to try anything and everything that may help their child, as a researcher, it is difficult to watch a family spend time, money, and resources on interventions that research has found to be ineffective, or worse, potentially dangerous," Davis said.

Other contributing authors to the study include: Daelynn Copeland and Shanna Attai of Baylor; Mark O'Reilly and Soyeon Kang of The University of Texas at Austin; Russell Lang of Texas State University-San Marcos; Mandy Rispoli of Texas A&M University; Jeff Sigafoos of Victoria University

of Wellington, New Zealand; Giulio Lancioni of the University of Bari, Italy, and Austin Mulloy of Virginia Commonwealth University.

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PUBISHED NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **WILLIAM MICHAEL MATHES**, Deceased, were issued on November 27, 2012 in Docket Number 5932, pending in the **COUNTY COURT, FLOYD COUNTY, TEXAS** to **STEPHEN MATHES BRANDT**, Independent Executor.

The address of record for **STEPHEN MATHES BRANDT** is 2745 CARLARIS ROAD, SAN MARINO, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA 91108.

All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims within the time and in the manner prescribed by law to Karen Houchin, Attorney for the Estate at P.O. Box 421, Floydada, Texas 79235.

DATED on this 24th day of November, 2012.

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FLOYDADA BOYS SCOUT TROOP AND PACK #357 held their "Scouting for Food" drive last Saturday, Dec. 1. So far they have collected 1350 pounds of non-perishable food with more coming in each day. The food drive is held each year to replenish the food pantry at the Spirit of Sharing in Floydada. They would like to thank all the people of this community in supporting them each year. Pictured are (front row, l-r) Hannah Hernandez, Jarren Garcia, David Moreno, Tyson Snell; (back row, l-r) Amanda DeChant, Evan Ibarra, Blake Arebalo, Kyan Murillo, John Gonzales, Jacob Chavarria and Darolyn Snell.



Photo by Renee Armstrong

The Valley Patriots and the Petersburg Buffaloes went head to head for the Six-Man Quarter-Final round in Lockney on Friday, November 30, at Mitchell Zimmerman Field. The game ended in the beginning of the third quarter after Valley scored a 45-point lead. According to six-man football's mercy-rule, once a 45 point lead is met, the game is over. The final score was 46-0.



Photo by Jennifer Harbin Motorcyclist

Fritz Schoch, who is originally from the Panhandle, made a stop at the Floyd County Courthouse to take his own portrait on Nov. 29. He says that riding his motorcycle is really relaxing and he loves it because you get to meet a lot of people. "It's nice to see places you've seen 20 years ago," said Schoch. His next stop is Turkey to see the home of Bob Wills and then on to Memphis.

FISD Board Recognizes Students, Educators of the Month

By Sara Sisemore Correspondent

The Floydada Independent School District Board met Thursday, Nov. 15, to recognize students, educators, and support staff for the month of November, as well to purchase a new suburban and bus.

The board recognized the following as the students, educators, and support staff of the month: Amanda Stapp (elementary educator of the month), Marcus Roberts (1st grade student of the month), Jacob Chavarria (7th grade student of the month), Troyce Renfro (high school educator of the month), R.J. Gomez (12th grade student of the month), and Rina Martinez (support staff of the month).

The board unanimously accepted a bid of \$33,615 from Oden Chevrolet for a 2013 Suburban and a bid from Thomas Built of \$89,261 for a new bus.

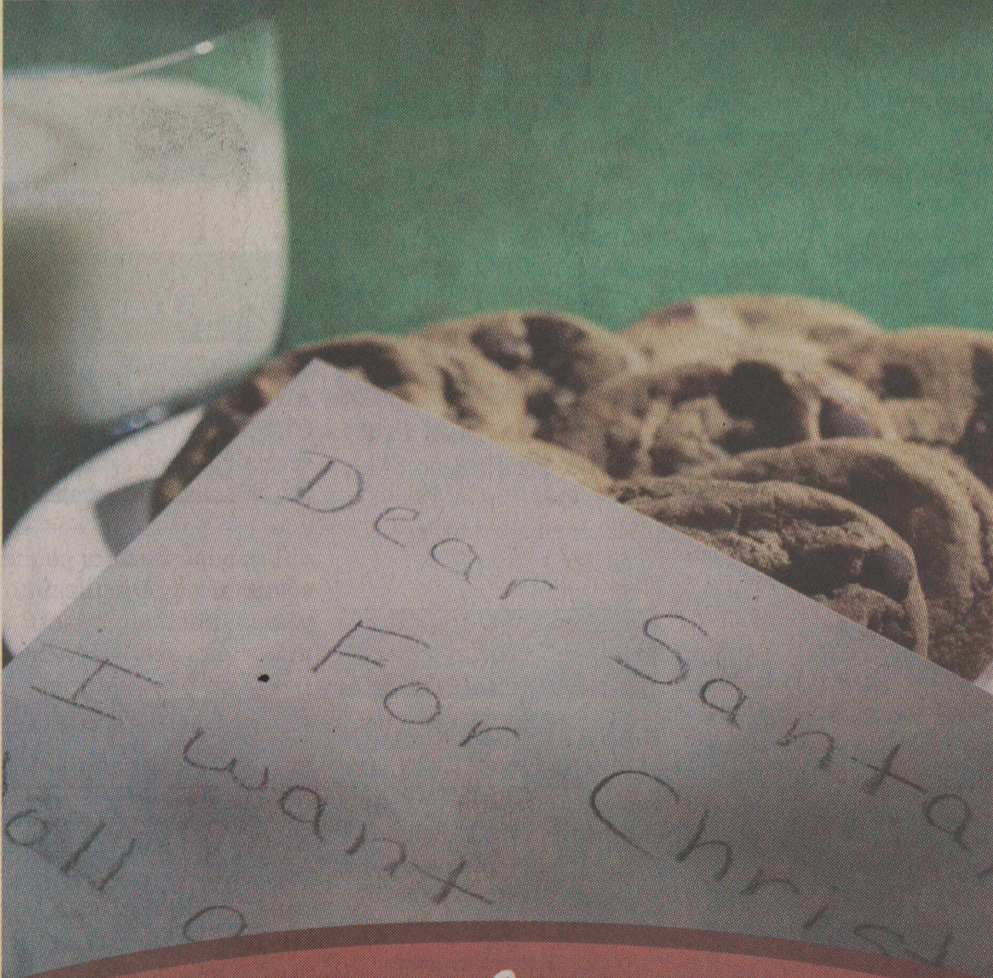
The board unanimously approved board member Charles Tyer's motion to accept the quote from the Guardian for campus se-

curity systems as recommended by Superintendent Gilbert Trevino.

The board unanimously decided to stay with TASB for the district's auto, liability, and property insurance in the amount of \$52,778, and also agreed to renew the SPCAA agreement for Head Start for Pre-K services.

Business Manager Sharon Rainwater presented the tax report and cash flow statement. M&O Current Tax Roll was at \$2,428,389.87, with net collections of \$1,013,191.44, and I&S Tax Roll at \$286,155.72, with net collections of \$119,392.09. The composes 41.72 percent of current tax roll collected, compared to 63.7 percent this time last year.

The minutes from the October 9, 2012 Regular Meeting and the October 30, 2012 Training and Special Meetings were approved, as well as setting the December Board Meeting for December 6, 2012 at 7 p.m. The board also approved payment of the October 2012 bills.



Letters to Santa

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Santa letters due December 6.

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