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American State Bank set to merge

By Homer Marquez

Later this year, American State Bank will be going by a different name as the bank puts the final touches on a merger with the Texas based Prosperity Bank.

"If we were going to merge with a bank this is an extremely good bank to merge with, one of the strongest banks in the nation," commented Floydada ABS branch president Zach Cummings.

The merger, which has been approved by both bank boards, will take place around September.

"All the local branch personnel will still be in place and we'll all be here to serve them as we always have been," explained Plainview ASB's branch president Danny Glenn as he spoke with the Plainview Herald, "the biggest thing that they'll see is a change in the name of course,

to Prosperity Bank and maybe some small changes in some of the products. Everything in place will still be the same."

One of the biggest advantages that customers will see from the Prosperity Bank merger will be the customer's access to 215 bank locations across central and east Texas, including locations in Dallas/Ft. Worth, Austin, Houston, San Antonio and Corpus Christi. This will be a vast increase compared to the 37 locations currently under ASB.

"That's going to be a huge change for our customers; that they will be able to do business. If they leave here, they can stop at a branch down in those areas and do business as well," added Cummings.

The merger of the two banks will create the second

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Former Lockney student heads high school culinary program



Cody Hayes

By Homer Marquez

It's always great news to hear whenever one of Floyd County's own has made an influential impact on a community outside its borders. And for the past several years, former Lockney graduate, Cody Hayes has done just that; as he has helped introduce a groundbreaking culinary program in Rockwall, Texas.

For the past three years, Hayes has been the Culinary Arts Program teacher for the 5A Rockwall High School, which is located just east of Dallas.

Recently, Cody Hayes and the culinary program were featured in a special edition of The Dallas Morning News which highlighted the program's beneficial effects on students.

The following is the article written by Dallas Morning News reporter Nanette Light who visited the program's kitchen and interviewed Cody Hayes, who

had just recently been honored as Rockwall's High School Teacher of the Year

Serving up education
 By Nanette Light
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Chef Cody Hayes jokes that when he came to Rockwall High School three years ago to cook up the school's first culinary arts program, he couldn't even find a spoon.

But now, he has filled the second floor with drawers full of them, as well as shelves of other kitchen gadgets stored in plastic containers.

The million-dollar kitchen space, which includes a fully stocked pantry, freezer and locker room and student-run restaurant, known as Lounge 901, is the result of a 2007 bond issue that had the school buzzing about the program before a teacher was hired, Hayes said.

Here, he and his 60 "little chefs" (as he calls them) are stirring up gourmet food typically served at swanky, white tablecloth restaurants.

"I figured [cooking] would be a good thing to know. This way, I won't be eating Ramen Noodles next year in college," said senior Jennifer Jones, who plans to pursue her doctorate in history to become a history professor. "I wouldn't mind cooking in a restaurant for nine years while I'm slaving away in college."

Last year, about 145 students applied for the class,

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Gilroy inducted into Hall of Fame

By Doug McDonough
 Herald Managing Editor

CANYON — Two women who spent decades working in the newspaper industry within the region were inducted Friday into the Panhandle Press Association Hall of Fame.

The induction ceremony was a highlight of the group's 102nd annual convention, held on the campus of West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

Honored this year by their peers were Alice Gilroy, who spent 23 years editing and publishing the *Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon*, and Debbie Aylesworth, who was associated with the Canyon News for 12 years.

After eight years in law enforcement in Houston, Gilroy moved to Floydada in 1985 to take over operation of the newspaper, which was owned by her father, Pulitzer Prize-winning publisher Ken Towery. She left the paper in 2008 to move to Austin to be closer to her parents, who were in declining health, and has since re-entered the law enforcement profession.

In introducing Gilroy, PPA board member Jeff Blackmon said, "I've known Alice for several years, and I can't think of anyone more deserving than her to be inducted into the Panhandle Press Hall of Fame. Like so many others, she lived and breathed covering the news for small communities in Texas for a number of years.

"When it came to what was going on in Floydada and Lockney, she had it covered and was the source her readers relied on for their local news and information," Blackmon said. "She epitomizes what



Courtesy Photo

This past Friday, former *Floyd County Hesperian Beacon* Publisher, Alice Gilroy (right) was inducted in the Panhandle Press Association's Hall of Fame during the group's 102nd annual convention in Canyon. Presenting the award was former *Hesperian-Beacon* editor, now Castro County News owner Jeff Blackmon (left). Gilroy joins her father Ken Towery in the Hall of Fame.

serving as a small town editor is all about."

Saying that she was both surprised and humbled by the award, Gilroy admitted contacting many of her former newspaper coworkers in recent days, "and we have been having a great walk down memory lane recalling some of the experiences we shared for the 23 years we worked together in Floydada."

Noting that she "never got the big head" as a newspaper publisher since the job meant that one could go from "the most loved to the most hated and despised person in town in a matter of minutes over what is printed in the paper,"

Gilroy said the real heroes "are the people that we were writing about — the police officers, firefighters, EMS and other first responders who put their lives on the line on a daily basis to help others" and the so many others who go the extra mile to make the community a better place to live.

Aylesworth moved to Canyon in 1978 and worked at the Canyon News for more than a dozen years, starting out writing announcements, then progressing to ad sales. She was named publisher in 2006, and worked under former Plainview Herald Publisher Sandra Aven. Aylesworth left

the Canyon News in January to pursue another job opportunity in South Texas.

"Debbie has been a long-time cheerleader for Canyon and the Panhandle, as well as a journalist respected by her peers throughout the area and the communities she has served," said outgoing PPA President Phil Hamilton of the Olton Enterprise.

Keynote speaker for the Hall of Fame banquet was Don Newbury, whose weekly column appears in about 150 Texas newspapers, including the *Plainview Herald*.

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Floyd County Friends hold 17th annual Gala

By Homer Marquez

It was another momentous night in Muncy this past Saturday night as the Floyd County Friends held their 17th annual benefit gala for the Unity Center.

Guests to the "biggest social event of the year" enjoyed another fun filled night, as they reveled in the Gala's "Deep in the Heart of Texas" theme.

Gala goes dug into a mouth watering three-course steak dinner which was sponsored by Cargill Cattle Feeders, Delta and Pine Land Company, and Lowe's Supermarket. Dinner music and music for the entire night was provided by Hall of Famer pianist Lucy Dean Record, who also provided the sound track for the evening's play.

After being served by Floyd County's youth and

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Photo by Homer Marquez

During the 17th annual Floyd County Friends Benefit Gala, the crowd enjoyed a little change of pace as they welcomed the Lubbock Community Theatre and their rendition of the one-act play, "Porch". Directed by Jay Brown, the play focused on the comedic porch conversation of "Lucille" (left) played by Ashley Rhodes and her mother "Dot" (right) played by Pam Brown.

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LIFESTYLES

Ford and Martin exchange vows



MRS. GARRETT RAY MARTIN
(nee Heather Michelle Ford)

Heather Michelle Ford and Garrett Ray Martin were united in marriage on March 10, 2012 at seven o'clock in the evening at Christ Chapel Bible Church in Fort Worth. Dr. Doug Cecil officiated, with music provided by Karen Hopkins, organist, and Kara DuBose, soloist. A reception followed at Ridglea Country Club, where friends and family enjoyed dinner and danced to music by the Ice House Band of Dallas. On the eve of the wedding, the groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner at Lonesome Dove Western Bistro.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Clay Ford of Fort Worth, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Ford of Lockney, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Marr of Plainview, Texas.

The bride graduated from Texas A&M University, where she received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Marketing. She was a

member of Chi Omega sorority and is currently employed as a first grade teacher in Spring Branch Independent School District in Houston, Texas.

The groom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Scot Meek Martin of Spearman, Texas. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ray J. Martin of Spearman, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. John Japp of Casper, Wyoming.

The groom graduated from Texas A&M University in College Station, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree, Cum Laude, in Petroleum Engineering. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. Garrett is employed as an Operations Engineer by Concho Resources in Midland, Texas.

Escorted to the altar by her father, the bride wore an ivory, solid lace wedding gown with a chapel length train. The dress had a plunging V-neck bodice with scalloped lace along the neckline. A champagne satin ribbon embellished with ivory

tulle flowers and pearls was tied at the waist. To complement her gown, she wore a veil of tulle with scattered lace along the edges.

Matron of honor was Jenny Lee Mayo and maid of honor was Ann Marie Francese. Bridesmaids were Whitney Brooke Landers, Malory Jane Martin, Caroline Anne Mitchell, Maurie Leeann Myers, Mary Elizabeth Nichols, Nicole Leigh Thompson, Laura Elizabeth Transom, Laura Elizabeth Vaughn, and Rachel Lee Walter. Honor attendants included Megan Jerke Crownover, Annelise Lane Ford, Eileen Marie Ford, and Adair Bartek Percifull.

Stuart John Martin and Mark Andrew Hohenberger served as the best men. Groomsmen were Collin Parker Coale, Christopher Lee Cudd, Travis Glenn Denny, Matthew Clay Ford, Wesley Wade Ford, John Colby Kramer, Holden Bay Mayo, Austin Johnson Price, and John Matthew Tuggle. Ushers included Jordan Blake Rea, Joshua James Groner, Phillip Michael Lozano, and Andrew Arthur Winston. The ring bearers were Doak and Hayes Neill.

After a honeymoon to Antigua, the couple will reside in Midland, Texas.

Texas Historical Commission News

RESERVATION MONTH WORKSHOPS COMING TO A LOCATION NEAR YOU
AUSTIN, Texas—The Texas Historical Commission (THC) is taking its show on the road. During Preservation Month in May, you can join the THC for one of five regional workshops taking place across the state. The workshops are for individuals and organizations that share the THC's mission of enriching lives through history, and will explore current approaches to educating and influencing others about historic preservation in Texas. THC staff will be available to answer questions, and each workshop will feature guest speakers. They are designed to reflect the interests and inquiries pertinent to a particular area.

The workshops include: Telling the Story of Your Place on May 1 in Kingsville at the Henrietta King Memorial Museum; Rediscovering Our Unique History on May 8 in Jefferson at the Jefferson Visitor Center; Saving the Real Places of Texas on May 15 at the Lubbock Women's Club in Lubbock; Articulating Your Mission and Message on May 16 at the Connelley Hotel in Eastland; and Partnering to Strengthen Communities on May 22 at the Jeff Davis County Courthouse in Fort Davis.

Online registration is available; the cost is \$30, which includes lunch. For more information visit www.thc.state.tx.us main page or call 512.463.6012.

ONLINE VIDEO DEMONSTRATES HOW TO PRESERVE

HISTORIC CEMETERIES
HOUSTON, Texas—A beautifully shot and informative new video that encourages volunteerism and action in helping save the more than 50,000 historic cemeteries in Texas is available online. "With Respect: Preserving Historic Cemeteries" was produced by Houston Arts and Media in partnership with the Texas Society Daughters of the American Revolution and the Texas Historical Commission (THC), and can be viewed at www.houstonartsandmedia.org or on YouTube. The film runs just under 20 minutes and features demonstrations on how to clean markers and gravestones, highlights three historic burial grounds in the Houston area, and offers a broad range of images of historic cemeteries across Texas, both urban and rural.

The THC's RIP (Record, Investigate, and Protect) Guardian groups are featured in much of the hands-on demonstrations. The RIP Guardian network provides technical assistance and education to cemetery preservation volunteers across the state. These volunteer groups provide site maintenance, conduct research and survey efforts, and work to increase community awareness and support for historic cemeteries.

For more information about the RIP Guardian network contact the THC's History Programs Division at 512.463.5853 or visit www.thc.state.tx.us.

SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR AN UNDERTOLD MARKER

AUSTIN, Texas—Beginning May 1, the Texas Historical Commission (THC) will accept applications for untold Texas historical markers. In an effort to address historical gaps and promote diversity of topics, the THC utilizes general marker application funds to sponsor these markers that represent an untold or under told aspect of Texas history. Through this program, the THC can assist local sponsors and county historical commissions with selected topics, by paying for the foundry cost of a historical marker, or assisting with the research necessary to submit and complete a qualified application. The deadline for submission is June 15.

Previous untold markers honor real places and significant individuals like the Pleasant Hill Rosenwald School near Linden, a historic schoolhouse for African American students, or Emma Tenayuca of San Antonio, who fought for Mexican-American workers' rights.

One of the most visible programs of the THC, historical markers commemorate diverse topics from the history and architecture of houses, commercial and public buildings, religious congregations, and events that changed the course of local and state history, to individuals who have made lasting contributions to Texas. This year is the 50th anniversary of the popular program that has placed more than 15,000 markers throughout the state.

To learn more about the THC's historical marker program, visit www.thc.state.tx.us or contact the agency's History Programs Division at 512.463.5853.

FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZENS

By Margaret Jones
Roaring in like a ravaging, hungry Lion seeking its pray and devouring everything in sight...the month of March did dome and my how the winds did blow. Some days branches were blown from the trees and then "Oh, MY! I DO BELIEVE THAT IS SNOW... Then...tiptoeing out on Little Kitten feet, the gentle Lamb, quietly and ever-so peacefully, put the month to sleep.

April has now arrived in all her glory, bringing the promise of NEW LIFE, budding forth in all its splendor as the EASTER SEASO gives us the beginning of Eternal Spring and Blessings of a New Hope, even as the Rainbow in the rain-washed sky.

Euna Bradford was Sunday dinner guest of Wayland and Margaret Jones. We had a great time visiting. On Monday, Euna and Margaret went to Lubbock to do a bit of shopping and a doctor

appointment for Euna.

Several in the community are having various tests run to determine how to cope with life situations. It seems as we mature, life becomes more interesting every day. Please be in prayer for Gene and Nancy Lawson and William and Faye Bertrand.

Margaret Jones had a delightful time visiting with Diane Glover on Friday afternoon. After admiring the beautiful Lilac bush in her yard, and smelling the wonderful fragrance, I came home with a beautiful centerpiece. Thank you, Diane for your gracious hospitality.

Guest of Margaret Word this past week were her son, Greg and wife, Mona of Granbury along with granddaughter, Bethany of Lubbock. Lane Kirk of Amarillo visited on Saturday.

Thank you for remembering the Center with your memorials. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235.

In memory of C.O. and Rilla Sue Woody - Johnnie Ward

RECIPE OF THE WEEK AMBROSIA

One 16 ounce can chunky pineapple, one 8 ounce can crushed pineapple, 1 small package instant Pistachio pudding, 1 cup shredded coconut, 1 cup chopped walnuts, 12-16 ounces whipped topping (thawed), 1 cup miniature marshmallows. In a large bowl mix the contents of the pineapple cans. (NEXT) Sprinkle pudding on top, don't stir or mix for 3-4 minutes. (LAST) Carefully stir in whipped topping and marshmallows. (DON'T OVER MIX). Refrigerate for 2 hours or longer before ready to dive into...ENJOY!!!!!!

A Heloise recipe from long ago.

Thought for the Week - All who would have Joy must share it.

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Whirlwind News

A Day in the Life of...

By: Shani Ross- Staff Writer

Have you ever wondered what all goes into a day in the life of a school secretary at FJSD? Mary Emert offered her daily routine to help us appreciate the hard work they do. School secretaries keep the school running smoothly and make sure everyone is where they are supposed to be.

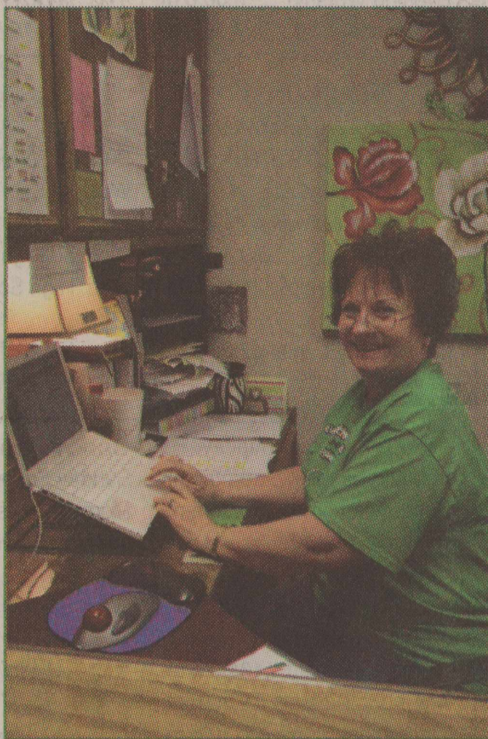
"When I get to school I clock in and then turn both of my computers on and log in. Then I wait for the D.A.E.P. fax of their attendance and then I do the school's attendance throughout the day. I also send out disciplinary letters to parents if necessary, and I put anything into the computer that is needed," offered Emert.

Although many may think this job isn't glorious, it does have its own highlights.

"The highlight of my day is always seeing everyone," said Emert.

After years of work, the secretaries have a set schedule and routine they follow everyday unless an unexpected kink interferes.

"Usually when I have to do something that is not a normal part of my day, it just makes me stay later at work to get my usual work done," noted Emert.



Pre-Prom Panic

By: Taylor Orr- Staff Writer

Glitter and gold, heels and hair, makeup and manicures, all these things mean it's time for Prom! While most girls dream of prom dress shopping and picking out all of their accessories, a few girls at FHS have had anything but an ideal pre-prom experience.

"My prom dress shopping experience has been very hassled and the experience wasn't what I expected at all. I hoped to have a stress free experience, but it hasn't exactly been that," said Merritt Johnson, a junior at FHS.

Many of the girls ordered their dresses several weeks ago and were guaranteed they would be in many weeks before prom, but with prom fast approaching and the dresses still not being here, girls at FHS are beginning to panic.

"I'm really worried that my dress won't be here by the week of prom, and if it isn't, I don't know what I'm going to do," commented Johnson.

The way the company, store, or website reacts to your situation can make it better or worse. While some of the companies have been helpful at trying to get the dresses to the girls on time and the way they ordered them, others have

made the process that much more difficult.

"The representatives at the store I ordered my dress from haven't really been cooperative," junior, Taylor Orr, said. "During the process of choosing and ordering the dress, the reps were very helpful, but after that they seemed to disappear. We've called the store over 8 times in the past 3 weeks and they haven't been assisting us in trying to locate my dress at all. We finally found out that they had to ship my dress from overseas to the warehouse and then from the warehouse it would be shipped to the store, but initially, we weren't told that," continued Orr.

Not all companies make the buying process too difficult. In fact, some FHS girls dealt with companies whose main goal was to get their dress to them the right way and on time.

"The company that I bought my dress from has been really helpful in trying to get my dress to me. We called and were transferred to the warehouse manager. We spoke to her and she tracked exactly where my dress was, how many days it would take to get to me, and we were given a number we could call if we had any more questions or problems," explained

senior, Hannah Griffin.

While some students who are experiencing difficulty finding a prom dress are juniors, other girls facing the same situation are seniors and have experienced dress shopping from last year.

"Last year, I didn't have as much difficulty getting my prom dress in as I have this year. I ordered it off the Internet and my dress was in sooner than I'd expected," commented Hannah.

While it's not pleasant to think about, the girls must have an alternative in case their situation isn't resolved and their dress doesn't arrive in time for prom.

"Since I have two older sisters who are both around my size, I could wear one of their dresses to prom if mine didn't come in time," explained Hannah.

Unlike Hannah, who has a back up plan, other girls will be out of luck if their dress doesn't arrive in time for prom.

"I really don't have an alternative if my dress doesn't come in. If it isn't in at least a week before, we'll request the store give us our money back and hopefully I can find one somewhere that fits perfectly, with no alterations required," concluded Johnson.

FJH and FHS Students/ Teachers Attack Their First STAAR

By: Taylor Orr- Staff Writer

This year began the transition from the state mandated TAKS test to the new STAAR test. Many teachers at FJH and FHS are concerned about the change from the TAKS test to the STAAR test. Although concerned, many teachers were surprised at how easy the transition has been from one test to the other.

"Preparing for the STARR test is very similar to preparing for the TAKS test, however the standards that guide our instruction are more focused. As a teacher, it's easier to prepare for the STAAR test than the TAKS," observed eighth grade English teacher, Eason Campbell.

One of the most evident changes is the level of knowledge and higher level thinking skills that the students are required to know by the date of the test.

"The level of rigor is higher for the STAAR test than the TAKS. The process in reading and reading comprehension is very similar, but now we have more guiding principles to help our students prepare for the test," stated Mr. Campbell.

"The STARR test was a lot more rigorous and a lot of things that were on the sophomore level TAKS test are now on the freshman level test. We had to review

a lot of things that normally we wouldn't have had to review, and I also had to teach them skills to help them complete the test in the timed process," remarked, freshman English teacher, Brandi Cook.

With all of the things the teachers have to teach their students, it's no surprise that some are stressing about how their students performed on their STAAR test.

"I always feel like I never have enough time to review my students for tests. All of my students said they felt confident, which makes me feel better about their performance, but I am confident in the review we've done all year," announced Mrs. Cook.

While many administrators were worried about the higher level of knowledge that students were required to know, many students were confident in their performance on the STAAR test.

"I thought the STAAR test was a lot easier than the TAKS test," claimed freshman, DeAndre McCann.

Not only did freshman students think the STAAR test was easier than the TAKS, junior high students had some of the same thoughts as well.

"The STAAR test was much easier than the TAKS test," com-

mented Brayden Campbell, a 7th grader at FJH.

"I didn't think the STAAR test was harder or easier than the TAKS, I thought the level of difficulty was about the same on both tests," offered Calvin Seago.

A possible explanation for the student's confidence in their test scores could be because of the hard work and many hours of preparations done by their teachers as well as the skills they've been taught to do well on their STARR test.

"We have been working and studying hard on all of our new curriculums trying to prepare for the STAAR test," said Brayden Campbell.

Many teachers believe the resources they use to teach students throughout the school year is easier for students to understand as it is taught in a chronological process.

"From a teaching standpoint, all of the information that our students are required to know by the state are laid out in such an order that whenever we began the year, we were able to build upon the skills and concepts they learned last year. As we prepared for the test, it was sort of similar to having a tool box that we keep adding more tools to," explained Mr. Campbell.

Radical Restaurant Review

By: Merritt Johnson Staff Writer

A favorite Floydada dine out is Nielson's Restaurant and Catering. Although Nielson's has been in the town for years, it continues to produce great food and service to its community. The restaurant offers a wide diversity of delicious foods ranging from American to Tex-Mex. Varieties of burgers, fajitas, sandwiches, salads, and basically anything imaginable is available at

Nielson's. It is difficult to recommend any particular food item because all dishes are mouthwatering! Nielson's also offers tasty buffets, which include fish, fajita, and different Mexican cuisine. One cannot forget to mention the yummy chocolate pie and other desserts served at this establishment. The food although spectacular, is only made better by the great service. A friendly smile from the staff is always part of the exceptional customer service. This

goes along with the atmosphere in the café. It has a warm, vintage feel that relaxes anyone. Furthermore, Nielson's is a catering business. This restaurant serves its delectable food to large crowds anywhere near the area. With that being said, if it's catering you're in need of or just looking for a good meal in a welcoming atmosphere, drive on down to Nielson's on the main highway (Second Street) in Floydada; your stomach will thank you!

One Do-Over in Life Could Procure Financial Scholarship

By: Homero Ramirez Staff Writer

The Do-Over Scholarship of 2012 is being offered to students needing financial assistance for college. The scholarship recipient will receive a \$1,500 scholarship. Applicants must be thirteen years of age or older at the time of entry

and be a legal resident of the United States. They must be currently enrolled (or enroll no later than the fall of 2018) in an accredited post secondary institution of higher education. Applicants must submit an online short written response (250 words or less) answering the question: "If you could get one

'do-over,' in life what would it be and why?" For more information concerning this and other scholarships visit the websites below.

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Upcoming Events for Floydada ISD

By: Emily Hall- Staff Writer

- April 5: JH District Track at Abernathy, HS District Tennis at Plainview, HS Track at Roosevelt
- April 6: Varsity/JV Softball VS Idalou There, V 4:30 pm, Varsity/JV Baseball VS Abernathy There, 12:00/2:30 pm
- April 9: United Blood Services Blood Drive at Whirlwind Gym
- April 10: Varsity/JV Softball VS Abernathy Here, 4:30/6:00 pm, Varsity/JV Baseball VS Muleshoe Here, 5:00/7:00 pm
- April 12: HS District Track
- April 14: Prom at Plainview Country Club, Varsity/JV Softball VS Dimmit There, 12:00/2:00 pm, Varsity/JV Baseball VS Idalou There, 12:00/2:30 pm, ACT at FHS Cafeteria
- April 17: Varsity/JV Softball VS Littlefield Here, 4:30/6:30 pm, Varsity Baseball VS Fritch There, 4:30 pm
- April 18-19: Regional Tennis at Odessa
- April 19-21: Regional UIL at Odessa
- April 20-21: JH Band Festival
- April 21: Varsity/JV Baseball VS Friona Here, 12:00/2:30 pm
- April 23: Varsity Baseball VS Littlefield There, 5:00 pm

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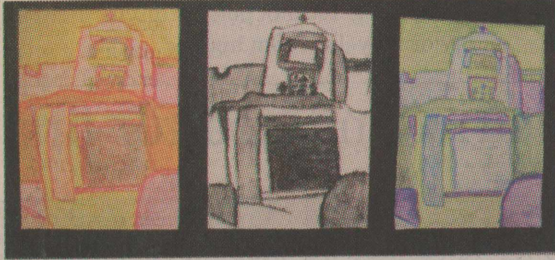
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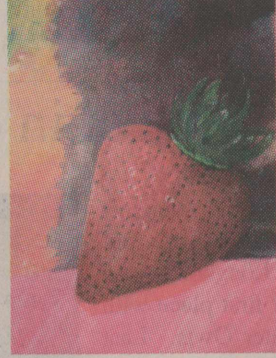
Longhorn News

Lockney Art Students show off...

For the past several weeks art students have had their work on display at the Elementary, including pieces from...



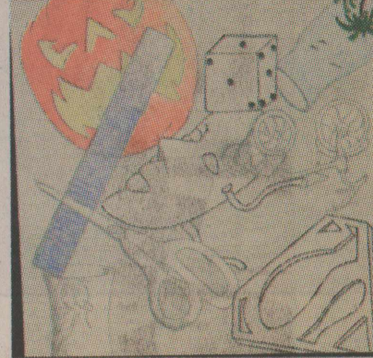
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Media: Pastel
Grade: 8th



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Title: A little bit Fruity
Class: Art II



Artist: Brittany Thompson
Media: Mixed Media
Title: So Pale
Grade: 10th



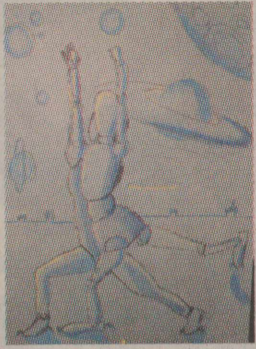
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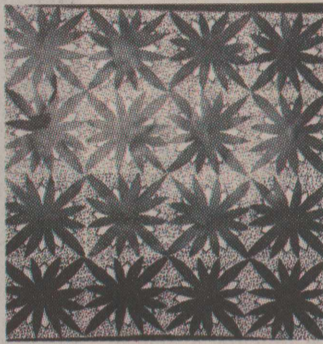
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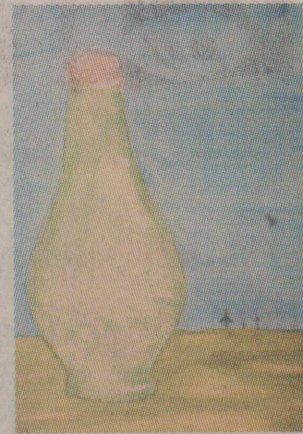
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Grade: 9th



Artist: Kathryn Ellison
Media: Design
Grade: 8th



Artist: Kelsie Stennett
Media: Sculpture
Grade: 11th



Artist: Rayann Race
Media: Water Color
Grade: 11th



Artist: Nicole Thompson
Title: Lost
Grade: 12

Lockney hosts UIL Meet

Lockney High School hosted the District 5-1A Academic Meet on Thursday, March 22, 2012 in the beautiful new building. Over 285 students from 10 area schools competed in the 22 contests. Clarendon High won the meet with Lockney placing 2nd. Crosbyton, Claude, Hale Center, Memphis, New Deal, Ralls, Wellington and Quanah also competed.

The Accounting team won 1st with Logan Edwards placing 4th, Ivette Davila placing 5th, Tanya Hernandez 7th, and Cassandra Ascencio 8th. Dolores Luna is an alternate. These ladies are coached by Monty Teeter and will advance to the Regional meet in Levelland on April 20.

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

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

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

In Current Issues and Events, Kelsie Stennett placed 2nd and Brenna Tidwell placed 6th as a team, Kelsie, Brenna, Rico Trejo, and Taylor Rose finished second and will be a regional alternate. Kelsie will advance to the regional meet. D'Lyn Morris coaches this event.

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

Melanie Ragland is the coach for this event.

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

In Calculator Apps, Mary Sammann earned a 6th place finish. Jonathan Sustaita, John-



Artist: Taylor Rose
Media Acrylic Paint
Title: Really?
Grade: 11

ny Rose, and Nikki Jimenez also competed. They are coached by Jeff Dunn.

The Literary Criticism team earned 2nd place with Jasmine Pena placing 4th, Lindsay Stewart 5th, Darby Long 6th, and McKenzie Kemp 7th. Ashley Roberts is the alternate. They are alternates to the regional meet. Leshia Woodard and Jessica Jordan coach this event.

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

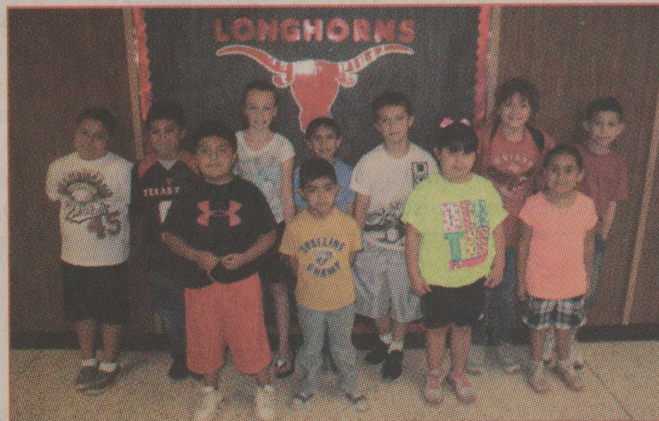
In Spelling and Vocabulary, Sarah Belt, Candy Rea, Tyler Covington, and Shayla Vasquez placed 5th as a team. Racheal Kasner is their coach.

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

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

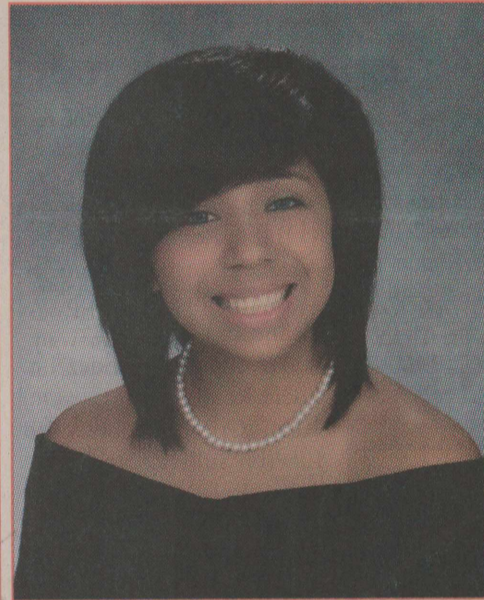
Congratulations to all that competed and thanks to all that assisted with the meet.

Little Longhorns:



Joshua Jimenez, Morris Salas, Drake Gonzales, Ainslee Dunn, Tuff, Araujo, Fernando Valdez, Jose Martinez, Hailey Afill, Sara St. Dennis, Kaleb Prichard and Eryn Fuente.

Student Spotlight



Tanya Shade Hernandez

By Johnny Rose

Tanya Hernandez grew up in Lockney, Texas and has lived here her entire life. She has no brothers or sisters which makes her an only child! Her hobbies are watching Texas Rangers Baseball and she also likes Italian painting. She is involved in many extracurricular activities such as U.I.L, cheerleading, and softball, which is her favorite. What she enjoys about LHS is that all the students here are friendly! Some of her most memorable moments are when she was in the old high school and her trip to Austin for state track. Outside of school she likes to relax and hang out with her friends. Her friends describe her as happy, funny, and a great person to hang out with. Her favorite thing about Lockney is that everyone knows each other and that it is a really friendly place and a great small town. Something that people might not know about Tanya is that she loves Pandas and shoes! She describes herself as loud, energetic, and outgoing. Ten years from now she sees herself as having a family and also being a criminal investigator.

Staff Spotlight



Sammie Setliff

By Johnny Rose

Sammie Setliff grew up in Plainview and graduated with the class of 1989 at Plainview High School. After graduation she married Craig Setliff, who is the current Jr. High principal in Lockney, which is what led her to the field of education. She and Craig lived in Lockney from 1991-1995 then moved to several other towns in the Panhandle and eventually moved back to Lockney in 2007. She has been in education for 9 years working as an aide and a secretary and is currently the

principal's secretary at Lockney High School. Some of the things she enjoys the most are the wonderful people that she works with at LHS and the people of Lockney. She has two children; Stephen, an 8th grader, and Lyndee, a 5th grader. Some of her most memorable moments are watching her children grow up and being a part of their activities here in Lockney. Outside of school she likes supporting all of the Lockney ISD events, scrapbooking, and shopping.

LOCKNEY HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR

- April 3rd and 4th--- Lockney High School District Track Meet
- April 5th--- Lockney High School District Tennis Meet.
- April 5th--- Lockney Longhorn Baseball game against Hale Center.
- April 6th--- Lockney Lady Horn Softball game against Tahoka.

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Chianina heifer FBFXeptional shown by SyAnn Foster was the 2012 Breed Champion at the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo.



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Simmental heifer FBFS Xclamation shown by SyAnn Foster was the 2012 Breed Champion at the 2012 San Angelo Stock Show. SyAnn was also awarded the Simmental Showmanship award.

Seventh grade boys win Crosbyton track meet

Results	2nd	Pole Vault- Johnathan Rodriguez 3rd
Shot Put- Jaden Bulter 3rd,	Triple Jump- Luke Kasner	2400 m- Ethan Fernandez 1st
Josh Guerrero 4th	2nd, Johnathan Rodriguez	4x100 m Relay- Trevor Ascencio, Josh Guerrero, Tavian Walwarth, Jacob Ochoa 2nd
Discus- Jaden Bulter 2nd,	4th, Tavian Walwarth 5th	800m- Ethan Fernandez 1st, Lucas Rendon 3rd
Lawson Sullivan	High Jump- Luke Kasner	100m- Grip Fortenberry 3rd, Lawson Sullivan 5th
Long Jump- Trevor Ascencio	3rd, Grip Fortenberry 4th	4x200 Relay- Trevor Ascencio, Josh Guerrero, Tavian Walwarth, Jacob Ochoa 1st
		400m- Able Salazar 3rd, Grip Fortenberry 4th
		300 h - Luke Kasner 3rd
		200m- Johnathan Rodriguez 4th, Lawson Sullivan 5th
		1600m- JJ Rodriguez 2nd, Lee Jimenez 4th

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Final results from Olton Track Meet

Varsity Girls
Tanae Ramos-1st triple jump, 2nd long jump, 1st 400m relay, 2nd 100m, 2 800m relay
Isa Rodriguez-5th long jump, 1st 400m relay, 2nd 800m relay, 4th 1600m relay
Brittany Thompson-1st 400m relay, 2nd 800m relay, 3rd 200m
Alexis Rodriguez-1st pole vault, 4th long jump, 1st 400m relay, 2nd 800m relay, 4th 1600m relay

Ashley Roberts-1st high jump, 4th 400m
Marisol Hernandez-6th 800m
Mary Sammann-2nd shot put, 5th 1600m
Kennedy Hallmark-1 100m hurdles, 2nd 300m hurdles, 4th 1600m relay
Alyssa Cruz-4th 1600m relay
McKenzie Kemp-1st discus
Meagan Dunn-5th discus
JV Girls
Darby Long-1st shot put, 1st discus
Taylor Esty-1st 100m hurdles

Horns perfect in district and tied for first

Back to back wins against Valley and Olton have put the Lockney Longhorns in a district tie for first place with the Hale Center Owls. Last Monday, the Horns improved to 4-0 in district after a three run walk off homerun by Ian Dunbar put the final touches on a 16-4 victory over Valley. The win kept the Horns in a perfect standing in district after beating Olton 12-2 late last week.

The district championship race will finally have a sole leader on Friday, as Lockney faces the Owls in Hale Center. With a little under 10 games left in the season the Horns are putting the pedal to the metal as the race towards a playoff run. Overall, the Horns are 9-6 in the 2012 season.

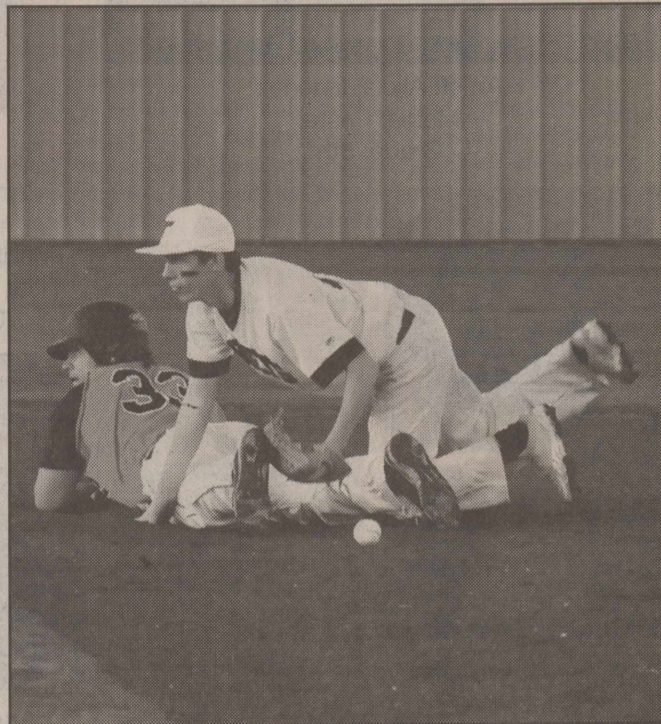


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Ladies get revenge on diamond



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By Randy Jackson

After suffering a 5-1 loss to Ralls on Friday, the Lady Horn's softball team got their revenge with a 17-1 victory against Ralls that following Monday.

During Friday's game, Lockney's only score came in the 5th inning as Meagan Dunn singled and was able to capitalize on a sacrifice hit by McKenzie Kemp to cross the plate. The loss dropped the Lady Longhorns to a district record of 5-2 and tied in district with Ralls for second place and leaving Sundown alone at first.

On Monday, despite a slow start during the first inning, the Lady Horns were able to rebound beginning in the 2nd to capture a victory over Crosbyton. Defensively the Lady Horns gave up only one run and one hit to Crosbyton. In the second inning the Lady Horns got busy with their bats following Sunny and Dixie Williams being walked at the bottom of the 2nd inning. Gabby Peralez, McKenzie Kemp, Kennedy Hallmark, Tanya Hernandez and Jennifer Ybarra all hit to rally 7 points to end the 2nd inning. The top of the 3rd inning, Crosbyton was able to capitalize on a fielding error to score their only run of

the game. Gabby Peralez and Kennedy Hallmark were able to connect with the ball in the bottom of the 3rd inning, allowing Peralez and Meagan Dunn to score. Lady Horn Pitcher Katie Jackson was able to shut down Crosbyton during the 4th and 5th innings, by recording consecutive three up and three down outings.

In the bottom of the 4th inning, Jennifer Ybarra and Katie Jackson singled followed by a hard hit triple to left field by Sunny Williams allowing Ybarra and Jackson to score. Gabby Peralez and Meagan Dunn both singled and Rayann Race was walked on balls. A hit by Hallmark allowed Peralez and Dunn to score. Jennifer Ybarra connected with a pitch that brought in Rayann Race. Katie Jackson returned to the plate and hit an out of the park homerun over Left center field fence scoring Jackson, Hallmark and Ybarra.

The game improved the Lady Horn's district record to 6-2. Ralls defeated district leader Sundown, creating a 3 way tie for first in District 5-1A between the Lady Horns, Ralls, and Sundown.

The Lady Horns will travel to Tahoka on Friday April 6th to face off with the lady Bulldogs at 11:00AM

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KAYLIE NUTT, daughter of Danny and Laura Nutt of Floydada, was inducted into Kappa Delta Phi, an international organization that emphasizes excellence in education and promotes the development and dissemination of worthy educational ideas and practices. Kaylie is a junior secondary education math major at Lubbock Christian University in Lubbock. She was selected based on her excellent grades and leadership qualities. To become a member of this prestigious organization, one must have a 3.5 GPA, exemplify worthy educational ideals, and be active in extra curricular activities. An induction ceremony was held at Baker Conference Center at LCU on March 7, 2012.

By Emily Hall-Staff Writer

On March 24, Homero Ramirez participated in the UIL State Powerlifting Meet in Abilene, Texas. In order to qualify for the state meet, the athlete had to place in the top two at the regional meet of his weight class. Ramirez placed second at the regional level. Along with other students from our area, Ramirez placed sixth overall at state.

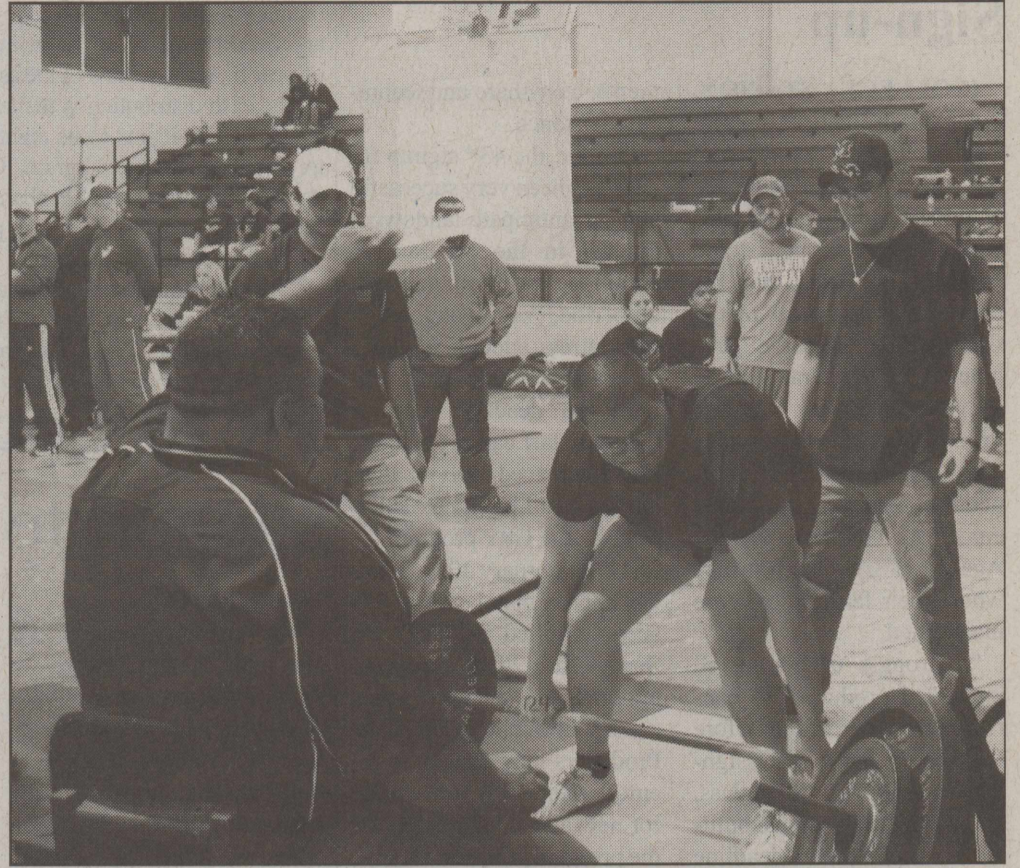
"The competition at state is pretty tough," said Ramirez. "It's state, so the best of the state goes."

Coach Levi Bandy has prepared his powerlifting athletes all year in hope of all of them competing at the state level.

"We start off in pre-season with real light weight with heavy reps, then we go to moderate weight to moderate reps, and then a heavy weight to a light rep," said Bandy.

Throughout the season, Ramirez worked really hard in order to qualify.

"I saw much improvement from Homero all throughout



Courtesy Photo

the season," said Bandy. "He's hard headed at times but also fun to work with. He finished sixth out of fourteen." Congratulations to Homero on a job well done!

Floydada rebounds from last week

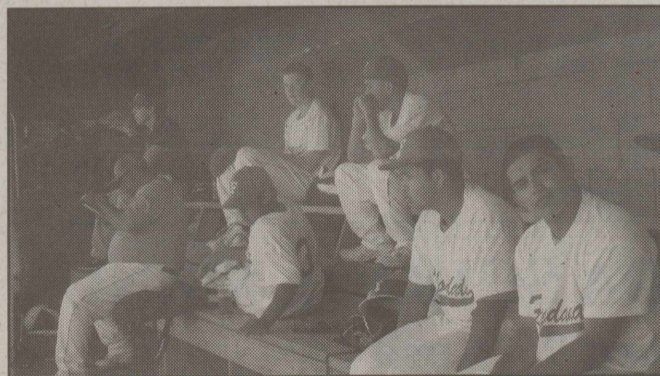


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By Coach Seago

With last week being a learning experience that we must get better, Floydada tried to rebound from their two previous loses by going on a northwest trip when they traveled to Friona for their fifth district game of the year. Maybe losing a couple opened some eyes because the Whirlwinds started the week on Tuesday 3/27 with a 13-0 victory over the Chieftains of the high plains.

Hunter Galvan was the starting pitcher and finished the game as he went 5 complete innings; facing 18 batters in which he walked two and did not give up a hit to Friona till the 5th inning when one was bleed into right field. Galvan struck out 6 batters and pounded the zone all day. The defense did a great job as they recorded 9 putouts without an error. "Hunter and Jon Chavarria did a great job all day long. Jon kept the game moving behind the dish and Galvan worked at a fast pace, which in turn kept the defense live and ready to make plays for him."

As for the offense, Floydada had 9 hits and produced 9 RBI's on the day. Bense-lado Perez, Jose Martinez, and Seth Nielson lead all hitters with two hits apiece and Perez had a double as one of his hits and produced three RBI's. "Our hitting was better today, but we still need to grow into that team that attacks more on quality fast-balls and makes teams pay for allowing us on base." The Winds struck-out four times, walked a team high 8 times and stole 7 bases with Mike Cisneros and Jose Martinez

having two each.

On Saturday, 3/31; the Whirlwinds came back home to face the Wildcats of Littlefield. With Littlefield sitting in the district race at 3-2 and the hometown Winds at 4-1, today's game was a big one for each team as it was the last game before the turn to begin the second half of District 2-2A. Will it was a big game that saw Littlefield jump out to a 4 run lead in the first inning, but the Whirlwinds fought back and won the game 5-4 in the seventh inning when Seth Nielson hit a shot to center field over the head of Zach Johnson to bring home Jose Martinez for the Floydada victory.

Seth Nielson was the starting pitcher and went the distance; 7 innings, 4 hits, 4 runs, no earn runs, stuck out 7 batters while walking one and hitting one batter. Nielson faced 26 batters and threw 90 pitches with 22 first pitch strikes. The defense did there job behind him after the first inning. 4 errors in the first inning lead to 4 Wildcat runs, but the defense settled down and recorded 11 putouts to help him.

The offense came though by getting 9 hits off of starting pitcher Matt Johnson and pushed across 5 runs with 3 RBI's. Hunter Galvan, Jose Martinez, and Bense-lado Perez lead the offensive production with 2 hits apiece. Perez had a double that drove two runs across while Galvan had one RBI.

"What a great game today and a awesome effort by our kiddo's. We have put our-

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Lady Winds comeback on Dimmitt, but drop to Littlefield

A loss looked likely for the Floydada Lady Winds when they trailed by seven runs in the fifth inning, but the Lady Winds were able to capture the lead with a RBI single by Stephanie Lerma in the seventh inning, spurring a 19-18 win over Dimmitt last Wednesday.

With the score tied at 18 in the seventh inning, Lerma came to the plate and singled, bringing home Kelsey Nutt.

Both squads had things going at the plate, tallying 37 runs and 40 hits, including four extra base hits.

Nutt racked up six RBIs on three hits for Floydada. Nutt doubled in the first inning and singled in the sixth and seventh innings.

M Quiroz racked up four RBIs on three hits for Dimmitt. Quiroz singled in the first and fifth innings and homered in the seventh inning.

Even though Nutt allowed 18 runs over seven innings she still recorded the victory. The Floydada Lady Winds pitcher struck out 11, walked 10 and surrendered 16 hits.

The Winds hammered Dimmitt's pitching, as eight hitters had a field day, combining for 22 hits, 16 RBIs and 18 runs scored.

On Saturday, the Lady Winds lost 10-0 to the Littlefield Wildcats despite Ana Mora's two-hit day at the dish.

The Littlefield Wildcats' Macha kept Floydada Lady Winds off the scoreboard for all five innings she toed the rubber. She pitched a shutout, allowing no opposing players to cross the plate on four hits while ringing up five.

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Floyd County 4-H'ers in Statewide Livestock Shows

By Melissa Long

CEA-FCS

Floyd County

Floyd County 4-H'ers participated in the San Antonio Stock Show. In the Junior Gilt Show Braden Graves showed a 10th place Berkshire, a 2nd place Landrace and the Reserve Breed Champion Landrace.

Kirby Nixon had a 4th place Duroc and a 7th place Landrace. Keenan Nixon showed an 8th place Duroc, and a 4th place Landrace. McCrae McCormick showed

a 4th place Poland China and a 4th place Yorkshire.

In the Open Gilt Show, Braden Graves showed a 4th place Spot a 1st place Spot and the Breed Champion Spot. Heston Graves showed a 10th place Berkshire and a 1st place Landrace.

Also participating was Madolyn McCormick.

SyAnn Foster showed a 1st place Chianina Heifer, a 2nd place Simmental Heifer and the Reserve Division Champion.

Tristan and Tasha Schluter participated in the San Antonio Junior Breeding Sheep Show.

At the San Angelo Stock Show in the Junior Barrow Show, McCrae McCormick

showed 2nd place OPB. In the Junior Chianina Heifer Show, SyAnn Foster showed

a 1st place Chianina Heifer, the Breed Champion Chi Heifer, the 1st place Simmental Heifer, the Breed Champion Simmental Heifer and was named the Simmental Showmanship Champion.

Also participating at San Angelo were Kirby Nixon, Keenan Nixon, Cutter Smith and Madolyn McCormick.

At the Houston Livestock Show, in the Junior Gilt Show, Braden Graves showed a 4th place Spot, a 1st place Spot and the Breed Champion Spot. Heston Graves, showed a 1st place Landrace. McCrae McCormick showed a 4th place Lan-

drace, a 1st place Yorkshire and a 1st place Duroc.

SyAnn Foster showed a 1st place Simmental Heifer, the Reserve Division Champion and the Reserve Breed Champion at Houston.

Also participating were Madolyn McCormick and Kelsey and Corbin Nutt.

Kolby Williams participated in the Star of Texas Livestock Show in Austin, Texas.

Congratulations to all Floyd County 4-H'ers for a great Stock Show season!

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Texas FSA Reminds Producers of Approaching Deadline for CRP General Sign-up

(COLLEGE STATION, TX), March 30, 2012 — Farm Service Agency Texas Acting Executive Director James B. Douglass today reminded landowners, farmers and ranchers in Texas that the opportunity to enroll in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) general sign-up 43 ends on Friday, April 6. Producers who want to offer eligible land for CRP's competitive general sign-up may enroll at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) county office where their farm records are maintained.

"I strongly encourage all interested producers to contact the county office before the April 6 end of CRP sign-up deadline," said Douglass. "Any offer that is not submitted by this April 6 deadline will not be considered for acceptance during the 43rd sign-up for CRP."

CRP is a voluntary program that assists farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers to protect their environmentally sensitive land. Producers enrolling eligible land in CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving covers in exchange for rental pay-

ments, cost-share and technical assistance.

"So far, the 43rd sign-up for CRP has been very successful and we anticipate landowner interest in the program to continue throughout the sign-up period," said Douglass. "I can't stress enough the need to act now rather than wait until the deadline date so that our staff can provide the much-deserved individual attention to all producers interested in the CRP program."

As of February 2012, Texas has approximately 3,360,870 acres enrolled in CRP. On Sept. 30, 2012, approximately 826,863 CRP contract acres will expire in the state. Producers may choose to re-enroll their land or sign up for new acres that qualify for the program. Contracts range from 10-15 years. The competitive selection is based on factors such as land that erodes easily or where habitat for rare or game wildlife can be assured.

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

Panhandle-Plains Land Bank Announces Record Patronage

AMARILLO, Texas— Directors for Panhandle-Plains Land Bank announced a record cash patronage for 2012. This year, the association will return \$3.8 million in cash payments to its stockholders. Based on interest paid during 2011; the amount is approved by the board following an end-of-year financial review of the association.

The cash distribution is the largest paid by Panhandle-Plains in its eight year history of the patronage program. Owned by its member-borrowers, Panhandle-Plains Land Bank annually returns a portion of the interest paid by borrowers.

"We are proud the association is in a position to make this level of distribution to our customers," said Chairman Steve

Rader. "With this \$3.8 million, Panhandle-Plains Land Bank has put more than \$20.5 million back in our customer's hands since 2005. At a time when our area is struggling with drought and much economic uncertainty, our association is proud to be able to benefit our customers in such a significant way," explained Rader. Annual payments have been made under the patronage program since 2005. Including 2012, the association has returned an average of 18 cents of every 1 dollar paid in interest.

Association CEO Gregg Lloyd described this year's payment another way, "A strong patronage reflects the association's financial strength. We cannot make this level of cash payment

without the support of area producers and their excellent repayment history." He further explained the payment's cash aspect, "no reserves are necessary for the association, no retained earnings to be paid later, it's 100% cash in hand."

Payments will be made at the association's annual stockholder's meetings in April. More information will be provided to stockholders in the near future. Panhandle-Plains Land Bank provides long-term credit to farmers, ranchers, and agribusiness in 17 counties of the Panhandle and South Plains. Offices are located in Amarillo, Pampa, Perryton, and Plainview.

Floyd County Farm Bureau shows support to our WWII veterans

By David True

The primary reason we are able to function as Americans today is because of the sacrifice of our World War II Veterans. They left their homes, families, and jobs to fight for the freedoms we take for granted every day. These honored veterans are dying at a rate of 1,000 per day.

America Supports You Texas is both privileged and honored to be able to organize Honor Flights to recognize those who gave so much. A flight is scheduled to depart Lubbock the first week of October 2012. The priority is to take as many WWII Veterans as can go from our South Plains area. They will be flown to Baltimore, Maryland then bused to Washington, D.C. to tour the various memorials. They will spend two nights in Washington and return to Lubbock on day three. All expenses for the

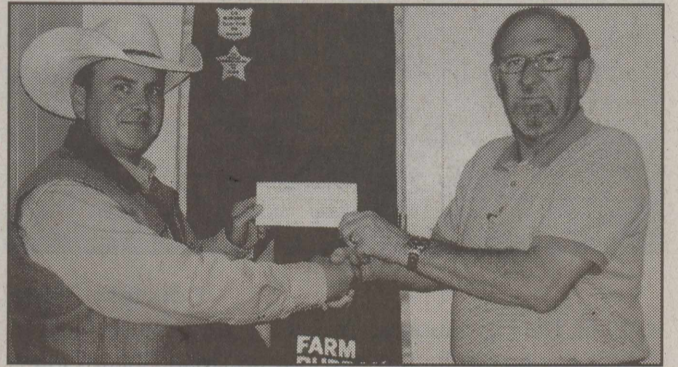
veterans are covered 100%. *This is not only a moving way to show our appreciation for their sacrifices but is also long overdue.*

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NOW, THEREFORE, WE THE City Council of Floydada, do proclaim April as Fair Housing Month in the City of Floydada and do hereby urge all the citizens of this locality to become aware of and support the Fair Housing Law.

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American State Bank has been around for around 64 years and has 37 locations in 18 counties across West Texas. As of Dec. 31, 2011, ASB, on a consolidated basis, reported total assets of \$3.08 billion, total loans of \$1.21 billion and total deposits of \$2.46 billion.

"I like American State Bank; it's a very strong bank, very financially sound," added Cummings, who just became the new branch president at Floydada, filling in after Pat Bradley retired earlier this year.

Zach C. Cummings, II is a Lockney native and is married to Sandra Dorman Cummings, who is a fifth grade teacher in Lockney. Zach's banking background

includes agriculture and commercial lending in the Plainview area for almost nine years. He graduated from Lockney High School and has a Bachelors of Science degree from West Texas State University and completed banking school at Texas Tech.

The Cummings have three children, the oldest Adam Cummings, who is a coach and Social Studies teacher at Canyon High School; their second child is Courtney Cummings, who works as a freshman counselor at Plainview ISD; and their third child, Cagan Cummings, works as a Data Base Administrator at the Central Plains Center in Plainview.

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their parents, the crowd sat back and enjoyed the Lubbock Community Theatre's rendition of the "Porch" a one-act play that was co-sponsored by Happy State Bank.

The play focused on a comedic porch conversation between characters Dot, played by Pam Brown and her daughter Lucille, who was played by Ashley

Rhodes. "I thought it was a good change," commented gala-goer Chad Cook, "very entertaining and a good change from what we've done in the past."

The play was directed by Jay Brown

Throughout the night, people had the opportunity to win big as they participated in giveaways and auc-

tions. In-between entertainment, MC's Tim Assiter and David Foster announced the night's big winners as the event was the stage for a \$1,000 giveaway, sponsored by American State Bank and both live and silent auction featuring great stuff from our local businesses.

Winning the \$1,000 giveaway was Bryan Bybee.

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4x400 Relay- Trevor Ascencio, Tavian Walwarth, Jacob Ochoa, Ethan Fernandez 1st
8th Boys: They got 4th place in the 8th grade boys division
Shop Put- Stephen Setliff
8th
Discus- Jace Klien
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2nd, Justin Saurez 4th,
Daylen Gatica 5th
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4th, Justin Saurez 6th,
Sergio Ascencio
Pole Vault- Daylen Gatica
5th
2400m- Jake Moore 5th
4x100 Relay- Daylen Gatica,
Sergio Ascencio, Justin
Saurez, Levi Kasner 2nd

800m- Stephen Setliff 2nd
4X200 Relay- Daylen Gatica, Sergio Ascencio, Justin Saurez, Levi Kasner 1st
400m- Stephen Setliff 3rd,
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4x400 Relay- Daylen Gatica, Levi Kasner, Justin Saurez, Sergio Ascencio 1st

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selves in a position to go and fight for a play-off spot. Seth Nielson was clutch today on the mound and at the plate when it counted. Can't say enough about the kids today and the fight they had in them for seven innings. We have to go back to work and get better, but days like today remind you why baseball is such a great

sport and remind you to respect the GODS. The Winds will play in Abernathy on Friday 4/6 at noon before coming back for home stand with two rare home games versus Muleshoe on Tuesday 4/10 at 5:00 and Idalou on Saturday at 1:30. Everybody come out and support our Whirlwinds.

FROM THE ARCHIVES
OF THE FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM

From the Floyd County Hesperian
January 8, 1970
I REMEMBER, I REMEMBER
THAT REMINDS ME
By Homer Steen

As usual, anything that happens reminds an old-timer of something that happened way back when, that is quite interesting to him. He begins right off to tell about it. This vexes many regular people, who make it handy to hurry off to see a man about something.

I suppose that is why you see so many oldsters talking to oldsters. The one who is listening is doing so with what patience he can. He also has something interesting he has just recalled that needs being told.

What happened that made me recall something was the report in the newspapers to the effect that the use of DDT is being banned by the federal authorities in every way possible. We have arrived at that time in our lives when the synthetic is beginning to be a definite menace to people. DDT, they say, has now penetrated into almost every form of plant life, as well as into many bodies of water and into the systems of animals intended for human consumption.

DDT LOSES FAVOR

When DDT was first discovered it was hailed as the great panacea. Humanity had at last won its battle with insects. Flies in particular. I recall the first summer it was available here I used it with complete success on concentrations of flies. Before hand I had been almost helpless, now I was in control.

But I had another think coming. The story was not told so easily. The very next year the flocks of flies were almost completely immune to DDT. Nature strives for survival in whatsoever form it exists. That was about 25 years ago. We still have the flies with us.

And that reminds me of something else. I remember a period just about 50 years ago (about a quarter of a century before DDT). Farmers and ranchers began using arsenic for grasshoppers. It looked like we had they whipped there for a time. But about the third year after the use of arsenic began a grasshopper dropped into a drug store to buy a soda. "Spike it with arsenic," he said. "These farmers have made a fiend out of me."

HE OWNED A JAIL

At great risk to his reputation as a truthful person Jack Armstrong declares he once owned a jail. It was at Wall, South Dakota, a few years after he retired after a career as a police officer in a West Coast city. He returned to the midwest and was attracted to South Dakota because he could not find grass there.

After he acquired title to the lot on which the jail stood authorities wanted to continue to use it. Jack refused, except for once when the Jaycees or somebody was allowed to use it to enforce a rule about wearing beards in anticipation of a whing ding of some sort—rodeo, reunion of some sort—rodeo, reunion or something. Later he got rid of the property.

From the Floyd County Hesperian
January 22, 1960
I REMEMBER, I REMEMBER
By Homer Steen
HE WAS A TEXIAN

I wrote recently about J. C. Gaither who came out from central Texas about 1909 to make his home in Floyd County. For lack of space (to keep the squib within readable length) I did not mention some interesting things. I want to try a re-do.

The earth scars and litter of the battle of San Jacinto were still in evidence when he was born to a Falls County planter. This was in 1849, three years after the flag of the Republic was furled and the state flag took its place, in 1846.

His father was a man of considerable stature in that part of the state, and the Gaither home was a stopping place for people, great

and small. Thus, as a boy, J. C. Gaither had personal knowledge of many of the men who survived the Republic, who made and would make the state's history for the remainder of the century.

HOUSTON AND ROBERTS

He knew Sam Houston as a visitor in the Gaither home. Also Oran M. Roberts, "The Old Alcalde", a man of entirely different pattern to Old Sam. He had much to do with shaping the direction of Jim Gaither's young adult life. (Roberts was the first governor chosen by the people after the carpet bagger's regime.) (Mr. Gaither may have been his secretary.)

Judge Gaither's wife Mary was a Hatch. The Hatch family came down from Maine. They sailed before the mast. I do not have any documentary or other evidence of the date, but Mr. Gaither's talks led me to believe the Hatch family were colonists of one of the impresarios. The old records would be evidence but I do not dig that hard for my yarns.

THE SAN JACINTO PAINTING

I suspect there are more lists than one of the men who served under Sam Houston at San Jacinto—conflicting lists, I mean. The list I have from the Texas State Library is W. L. Kemp's "The Honor Role of the Battle." This "role" does not include the name of any Gaithers to my disappointment. Time and again I have been told that the youngish fellow on the horse behind Sgt. Sylveste3r in the painting "The surrender of Santa Anna," was Wee Willie Gaither. He was one of the personalities of the scene along with Deef (not Deaf) Smith. It seems to me Mr. Gaither himself said as much. Maybe he didn't.

The painting is the one that graces (or did) the wall of the House of Representatives to the left of the speaker's rostrum. It is supposed to catch the moment when Santa Anna was brought before the prone General Houston under the big live oak.

Wee Willie, in my story, is one of the squad which Sgt. Sylvester led on the search for Mexican soldiers after this battle. They found Santa Anna in an abandoned shack in the marshes. The general had just donned dry clothes he found after wandering through the night.

BRAZOS RIVER FALLS

Falls County, named for Brazos River Falls, was organized a year after Mr. Gaither was born. He knew the Brazos when the falls were 12 feet high. The river changed its course in the 1860's and by passed the falls, says Sue Flanagan's "Sam Houston's Texas." Vital statistics give Mr. Gaither's birthplace as South Carolina, but definitely he told me more than once of incidents in Falls County in his youth. One of these—his father taking a stand in the glen to slay a deer when the family meat supply ran low.)

In none of his conversations did Mr. Gaither mention more than in passing the years of the Civil War or the long, weary years of the Reconstruction. Nor did it seem any of the men stood tall to him on the Austin scene in the 80's and 90's when he was there. But he did delight in little yarns about the Texians—not only the Houstons, the Burlesons, the Johnsons, but also of many men who played lesser but just as interesting roles.

Word images and tales came easy about the people—great and small—who strode the stage in the days of his youth—the Texians. One spring, he said when heavy rains made grass and weeds in the cotton a serious menace, the men faced a serious dilemma. They were going to have to tackle that crabgrass.

As good fortune would have it there was a serious Indian scare and they had to mount and leave overnight in a campaign against the Comanches. Under the circumstances, with their husbands and fathers off fighting to protect their homes from the savages, it was only right the women and children should take to the fields and save the cotton crops.

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at the seafood chain to pay his way through college at Texas Tech University, where he earned his degree in restaurant, hotel and institutional management.

The menu- which includes the spinach salad garnished with cinnamon and sugar roasted pecans and crumbled feta; cilantro and lime marinated Atlantic salmon; and chocolate mousse cake glazed in a dark chocolate ganache- is a compilation of student inspirations, Hayes said.

"I try to make it as real world as possible," said Hayes, stopping to remind senior Jake Fowler to continually stir the melting chocolate and cream mixture on the stove so it doesn't burn.

Once melted, Hayes then demonstrated to junior Patrick Garcia how to ladle the ganache over the individual cakes resting on wired racks.

Garcia, who often cooks at home and has earned a name in the class for his pastry work, said he formulated the cake recipe from online food sites and his own ideas. He's tweaked it by glazing it with dark

chocolate ganache, topping it with mint leaves and raspberries and serving it with a raspberry coulis and sweet vanilla cream sauce.

The students served a rendition of the cakes a couple of weeks earlier when the class catered a Valentine's Day dinner to more than 100 guests in two nights.

"I think this one is even better than the Valentine's Day cake," Hayes said, after Garcia and Fowler finished topping the cakes with the mint and raspberries.

"Yes, it's good," Garcia said, licking his fingers. "We just downed an extra one about 10 seconds ago."

Besides the advantages of relishing the leftovers of the work, Fowler credited the class for launching his interest in cooking.

After graduation, he plans to attend Johnson and Wales College of Culinary Arts in Denver, Colo., with dreams of later owning a restaurant.

"It's the appreciation factor, Fowler said of his culinary affinity. "I just like making food and seeing people happy eating the food."



Courtesy Photo

Last Thursday, local Floyd County cotton producers were inducted into the Fibermax One Ton Club at the seed company's annual banquet in Lubbock. The program is an honor given by the Bayer Corporation to any farmer that produced 2,000 pounds of cotton per acre in a year. The program has been around for seven years and in 2011 inducted 103 growers nationwide into the club. Pictured above are the new One Ton Club inductees, Jeff and Gay Terrell, Aaron and Karen Wilson, Jeff and Amanda Sutterfield, and Will Foster.



Photos by Nanette Light

Chef Cody Hayes (back left) demonstrates to Rockwall junior Patrick Garcia how to ladle the dark chocolate ganache over the individual chocolate mousse cakes.

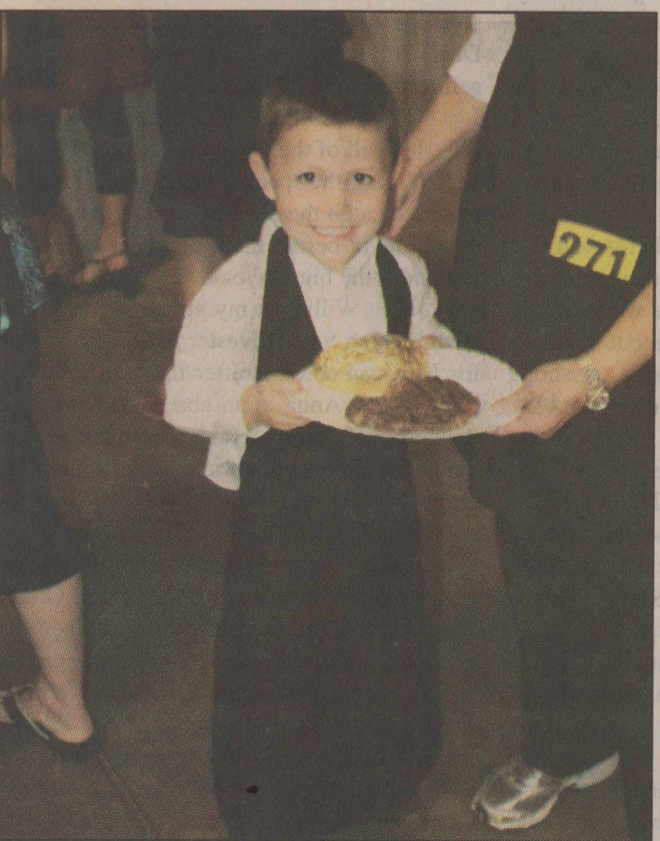


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During the 17th annual Floyd County Gala, the crowd enjoyed a three course Rideye Steak meal which was provided by Cargill Cattle Feeders, Lowe's Supermarket, and Delta and Pine Land. Serving the meals were members of Floyd County's youth and their parents.

Alpha-Tex seeks legal action for missing dogs

By Homer Marquez

Last week the legal counsel for Mark and Sandra Smith, owners of the Alpha-Tex Kennels, filed a motion with District Judge John Board asking him to hold Floyd County Sheriff Paul Raissez in contempt of court for not returning all the dogs to the Smiths by the appropriate time. If Judge Board feels that the Sheriff did show disobedience of an injunction; the Smith counsel is asking that the Judge sentence Sheriff Raissez to 180 days in jail, a \$500 fine, and reimbursement for legal concerning the matter.

The Smiths were the subject of a highly publicized dog seizure after authorities were led to believe that the conditions of Alpha-Tex Kennels were unsanitary and inhumane; this resulted in the seizure of about 230 dogs.

After a long legal battle, a jury in Canyon ruled that the Alpha-Tex Kennels were not cruelly treating the animals and ordered the dogs to be returned to the Smiths.

Sheriff Raissez was ordered to retrieve the 230 dogs from foster care and return all the dogs by Feb 10. The dogs were placed into a number of different foster homes by the West Texas Humane Society in Lubbock. Dogs were also sent to rescue centers across the state.

In the motion filed last week, the Smiths are claiming that the state did not return

the 231 dogs by Feb 10; and in fact by March 27, only 116 dogs had been returned. The Smiths are asking that the Sheriff appear in court and show why the dogs have not been returned. The Smiths

are also asking that Raissez be jailed for 180 days and asked to court fees and legal fees.

Out of the group of missing dogs, it has been said that about 30 of them had either

died or went missing during the legal battle; and about 17 of them have yet to be unaccounted for.

So far, no date has been set by Judge Board to hear the motion.

Floyd County Friends Gala



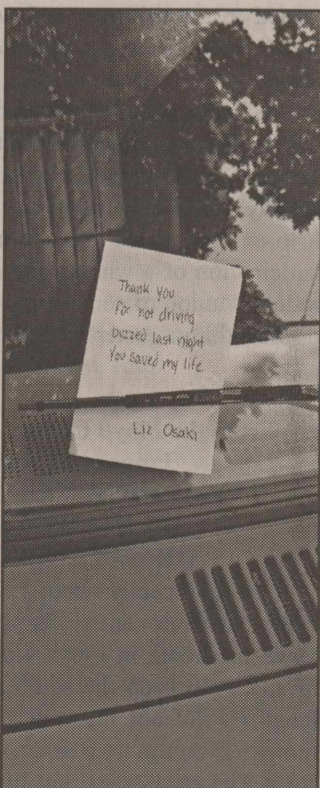
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With a little help from funny characters "Giles", "Javier", "Leroy", "Ahabee, and "Hopping" (below) who helped with the raffling process; it was finally announced that the big winner of the \$1,000 giveaway sponsored by American Bank was Bryan Bybee. Above, ASB president Zack Cummings presents the check to Bybee.



Photo by Homer Marquez

Providing all the music for this past Saturday's Gala was Hall of Fame pianist, Lucy Dean Record who also provided the music for the one-act play "Porch".





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