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Judge Denies Contempt Motion Against Sheriff

By Homer Marquez
 On Monday, Texas District Judge John Board denied a motion made by Alpha-Tex Kennel Attorneys asking that the court hold Floyd County Sheriff Paul Raissez in contempt of court because he had not yet returned all the dogs seized from the kennel by the Feb. 10 deadline.

Late last year about 200 dogs were seized from the kennels after there was an assumption that the animals were being cruelly mistreated.

After several hearings, a jury in Canyon finally came to a decision that the dogs were not cruelly treated, and Judge Board ordered

the Sheriff to return the dogs by Feb. 10.

Earlier this month, Alpha Tex attorney's filed a motion with Judge Board asking that the court find Sheriff Raissez in contempt of court because he did not comply with the order to return the dogs. In the motion, Alpha Tex attorney Paul Holloway said that only 116 of the 231 dogs had been returned as of March 27.

Because all the dogs had not yet been returned, Holloway's motion asked that Raissez be held in contempt, which had the Sheriff facing jail time, fines, and the possibility of having to pay for Alpha Tex attorney fees which had accumulated during the case.

On Friday the two councils meet in a Potter County courtroom to present their case to Judge Board.

In the beginning of the trial, Attorney Holloway accused Sheriff Raissez of perjury stating that during the previous trial in Canyon, Raissez testified to the court that he could return all the dogs at anytime. While on the witness stand on Friday, Sheriff Raissez explained that he couldn't return all the dogs because some of the dogs had died or had gone missing while they were in foster or rescue homes.

Holloway then stated that it could still be considered perjury because in his testimony

in the Canyon trial, Raissez never used any qualifiers in his testimony like 'he would return all the dogs that were alive'. Holloway stated it was perjury because he simply said he would return all the dogs.

At about this point, Judge Board explained to the court that the purpose of this particular hearing was not to determine perjury but was to determine if Sheriff Raissez purposely chose to disobey the order to return all the dogs. The Judge explained that this case would not be used to discover evidence for a pending federal trial.

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Johnston is Floydada Fire Fighter of the Year



Photo by Ruben Ramon
 During the annual Floydada Firefighters Award Banquet, 11 year firefighter, Corey Johnston, was honored as the 2011 Fire Fighter of the Year. Pictured above presenting the award was Assistance Fire Chief Randell Sims (left) and Corey Johnston (right)

because everyone deserves it."

This is Johnston's first time to receive the award since joining the volunteer fire department back 2011; "I thought it as important to give back to the community," he added.

Obviously a key member of the fire team, Johnston has also been a vital component in the fund raising efforts that keeps the department going.

Recently Johnston has orchestrated the unprecedented 20 Guns in 20 Days Fundraiser, which will raise \$20,000 for a fire house expansion project. Johnston has also helped to update the fire department's website.

"I think the community is very fortunate to have the department that we have...there are people on that department that have done a tremendous amount of work," Johnston went on to explain.

By Homer Marquez
 At the annual Floydada Fire Department Awards Banquet this past Saturday, Firefighter Corey Johnston was honored as the 2011 Fire Fighter of the Year. "It's humbling," commented Johnston as he talked about the award, "We have 25 guys that are dedicated; and to recognize just one maybe unfair



Courtesy Photo
 The Floydada Economic Development Corp recently provided a \$5,000 cash incentive to Floyd County Supply for creating jobs in Floydada. Pictured (l-r) Floydada EDC Executive Director, Justin Jaworski, Tire Service, Edward Hernandez, Manager, Danny Huggins and Floydada EDC Board President, Kyle Smith. Floyd County Supply Owner, Lindan Morris (not pictured) wishes to express his gratitude to the EDC and gratefulness for the patience for their customers during the transition of ownership from Eric Cornelius.

The MBR prepares for Tuff and Gunnyr Invitational

By Homer Marquez
 Floyd County's own Miniature Bull Riding Association will be bringing the excitement a little closer to home as the championship circuit presents the Tuff and Gunnyr Araujo Invitational live from Lubbock's South Plains Livestock Pavilion May 11-12.

The two day event will feature around 50 young riders from over ten states including Texas, Florida, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Arizona.

Either competing in the Pee Wee, Junior, or Senior divisions; there is no doubt that these riders will be leaving it all in the ring as they compete for points and prizes while riding MBR's signature bucking miniature bulls.

Helping to sponsor the event with circuit founders, Cirildo and Lille Leal will be Romeo Araujo whose family has rode along with the championship circuit since its creation almost two years ago.

"I really thank him for doing it, especially being a local guy from Lockney. I really thank him for the support of the MBR; he has supported us big time," commented MBR founder Cirildo Leal.

The partnership will feature Araujo's extremely talented 10 year old twin boys, Tuff and Gunnyr, who have been involved in rodeo events for the past three years and have ridden with the MBR's bucking bulls since its beginning.

"Their excited," commented Romeo on his boys' anticipation for the event.

As usually, the billing for the circuit event will feature the names of local hometown riders, hence the "Tuff and Gunnyr Araujo Invitational." Past events have included the Bryan Shivers Invitational which was named after the son of PBR World Champion Chris Shivers who is also a partner with the MBR.

Tuff and Gunnyr have participated in over eight



Courtesy Photo
 Local MBR riders to host Tuff and Gunnyr Araujo Invitational at the Lubbock Livestock Pavilion May 11-12

MBR events; traveling all over the country from Utah to Louisiana and all the way to Arizona. Along with their participation in the MBR, the boys have also been competing in Lubbock's C Bar T weekly rodeo where they ride steers.

"My boys enjoy doing this," commented Romeo, "They've been doing steer riding, calf riding, and miniature bull riding since they were seven, going on three years now."

It was their participation in the C Bar T Rodeo that sparked third generation senior rider Kenneth McKey to train the twins.

Kenneth McKey kind of took the boys under his wings," commented Romeo as he explained how McKey has taught the young kids the 'do's and don'ts' of riding.

"I'm enjoying it as long as their enjoying it," added Romeo as he explained that his boys have been obsessed with the sport, "I didn't push this sport on them; they came up with this sport on their own...All I can do is support them. When the boys say they've had enough, then we'll go do something else.

And everybody knows that; the Leal's know that, the boys know that."

The love for the sport has had similar effects on kids and parents across the country as young riders rush at the opportunity to ride on the MBR circuit. Even for the Tuff and Gunnyr Araujo Invitational show, Romeo explained that the event's 50 open riding spots were filled in less than an hour.

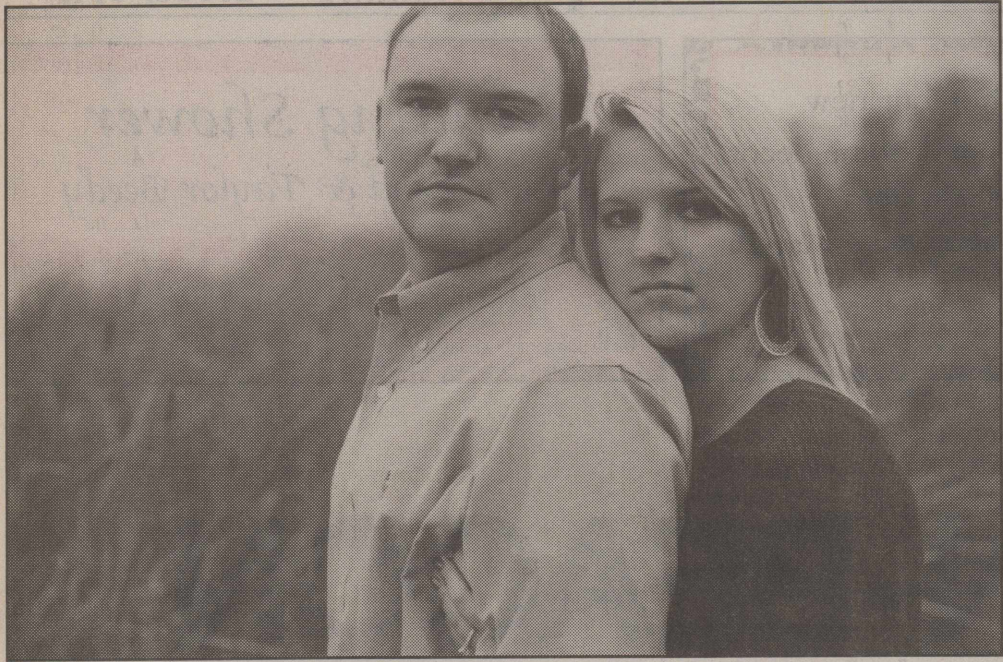
In the past year, the Miniature Bull Riding Championship Circuit has gained momentum and popularity as the circuit has become the premier circuit for future PBR riders.

This coming Saturday, the MBR was invited to host one of their shows right alongside the Professional Bull Riding Pro Tour. The MBR, along with Tuff and Gunnyr and 48 other riders were invited to Prescott, Arizona where they will host a show on Friday the day before the PBR's Pro Tour show. On Saturday, the finalists of the MBR show will compete in the PBR big ring during the intermission.

"It's unbelievable, it's not MBR continued on page 11

LIFESTYLES

Beedy and Read to wed



TAYLOR BEEDY AND JORDAN READ

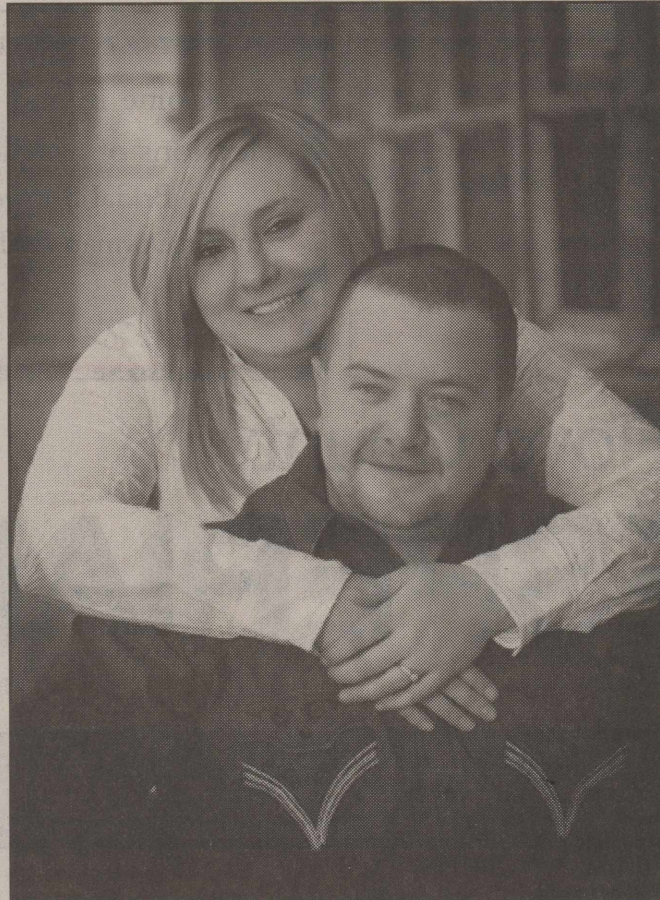
Mark and Melanie Beedy of Floydada are proud to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their son, Taylor Beedy to Jordan Read, daughter of Jim Bob and Cindy Read of Wolfforth.

The bride-elect is a 2011 graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in Education. She is currently employed by the Frenship ISD.

The prospective bride-groom is a 2011 graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in Ag Economics and is currently engaged in farming in Floyd County.

The couple will marry on June 16, 2012 at Lake Ridge Methodist Chapel in Lubbock.

Seago and Morgan to marry



KODEE MELISSA SEAGO AND DUSTIN BILL MORGAN

Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Seago of Plainview are proud to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Kodee Melissa Seago to Dustin Bill Morgan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Morgan of Lockney, Texas.

The bride-elect is a 2009 graduate of Plainview High School. She is currently employed as a Vet-Tech at the Small Animal Clinic of Plainview.

Kodee is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Neeley and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Bailey.

The prospective bride-groom is a 2007 graduate of Lockney High School and is currently employed as an Operational Supervisor of White Energy of Plainview.

Dusty is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Morgan and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Talley.

The couple will marry July 21, 2012 at the Spirit Ranch in Lubbock, Texas.



Courtesy Photo

National Volunteer Week was April 15-21 and the Hospice Hands of West Texas and Staff recognized their outstanding volunteers by honoring them with a luncheon on April 18. Along with this luncheon the volunteers were presented with a Pin and Mug for their dedicated service to the patients of Hospice Hands of West Texas and ultimately to their community. Hospice Hands of West Texas Volunteers pictured left to right; Anne Messer, Arthur Schur, Nell Schur, Dale McWaters, Lupe Roberson, and Junior Rendon.



Courtesy Photo

Rosie Rendon and the staff of Hospice Hands of West Texas presented a certificate to Dale McWaters to recognize him as the 2011-2012 Volunteer of the Year. Dale is from Silverton, Texas and is a strong supporter of his and surrounding communities.

Plains art association to award art scholarship

PLAINVIEW – The Plains Art Association will award an art scholarship to a college student who is currently enrolled as an art major, or a high school senior who has been accepted into an art major program.

The John and Effie May Kerr Scholarship is

a financial grant awarded to art students. Applications must be received by the selection committee on or before May 12, 2012. Applications are available at the Abraham Art Gallery in the basement of the Learning Resources Center on the Wayland Baptist University campus.

Quilt Show to be held during Old Settler's Day

By Cheryl Dawdy

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

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

This year we are having a judged quilt show. There will be four judged classes: Pieced Quilts, Mixed Tech-

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

For those of you who do not want to enter your quilt in the competition, bring your quilt or quilted item to

hang in the Just for Show area. These items will not be judged.

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

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

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margarette Word

This past weekend I'm writing the news due to Margaret Jones being out-of-town.

Haven't you enjoyed the articles that Margaret has written for the Center? She does such a great job and I do appreciate her willingness to write the news while I was in the hospital and care center and since I've been home but unable to do anything except be in therapy and recovery. I always looked forward to her writings. They are very interesting and informative. I also enjoy reading the recipes, so keep them coming.

I am still volunteering for the Center by working with the memorials. I want to thank Faye Bertrand for taking care of the memorials while I've been ill.

We have had so many of our friends who were regulars to the Center, who now have gone to care centers, nursing homes, and being closer to their families. We also miss those who have passed away. So our membership is much lower than it was even a year ago. We also have members who are too ill to come to the Center. We pray that their health will improve and once again be able to come and enjoy meals with us. I know I was out for several months and I really missed the fellowship.

We wish that more of the 60 years or old friends would start coming to the Center at noon so we can have a strong Center in Floydada. To me the fellowship is more important

than the food. I truly enjoy the friends I've made at the Center.

Jon and Elaine LaBaume attended the funeral of her cousin, Dale Smith, in Quitaque on Friday, April 20th. Their mother's were sisters. Also attending was David McGowen, another cousin and Elaine's sister from Clarendon, Nena Hunt. Dale and Elaine's grandmother and David's grandfather were siblings.

Todd Beedy also attended and perhaps others from Floyd County but there was such a large crowd attending the memorial service, it was hard to see everyone. Dale raised horses and it was thought every person that ever bought a horse from him and all the 4-H kids he ever helped was at the funeral. It was a beautiful memorial service.

Since I'm not out and about like I use to be, I really do not have any news about what our seniors are doing.

We do appreciate you remembering the Center when you need to make a memorial donation.

In memory of Ona Ruth Neff – K. D. and Janis Julian, Ruth Hammonds, Winona Allen

In memory of Laureta Bertrand – Ruth Hammonds

In memory of Don Rainer – Rick and Kelli Reddy

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OBITUARIES



JUDY TURNER STANLEY

Judy Stanley, age 62, passed away Monday, April 16, 2012.

Services were held on Thursday, April 19, 2012 at 2 p.m., at the Floyd County Memorial Park in Floydada with Pastor Tim Franks officiating.

Visitation was held from 6-8 p.m., Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at Moore Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

Arrangements were under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

Judy Stanley was born on June 23, 1949 in Plainview to Carl and Peggy (Carthel) Turner. She graduated from Floydada High School. Judy had worked in Medical Records at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock, Texas.

She is preceded in death by her father, Carl Turner.

Judy is survived by her mother, Peggy Turner of Floydada, a daughter, Brandy Marley of Lubbock; two brothers, Tracy and wife, Laura Turner of Floydada and Terry and wife, Zahn Turner of Floydada; and a granddaughter; Amber Marley of Lubbock.

Memorial donations may be made to the St. Jude's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

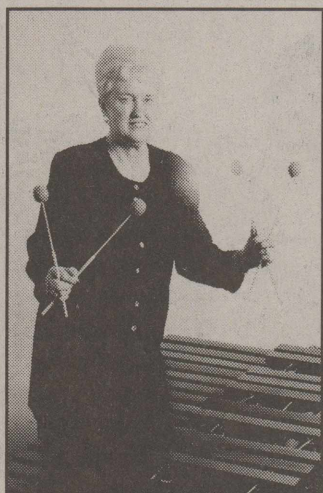
Online condolences may be made at www.moore-rose.com.

FRANCES ROSE

Frances Rose, 79, of Athens, formerly of Floydada, passed away at her home Monday, April 23, 2012.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Carroll-Lehr Funeral Home in Athens.

Funeral arrangements, when completed, will be posted at www.carrolllehr.com.



CAROLYN BARRETT GRIMES

Memorial services for Mrs. Carolyn Barrett Grimes were held at Woodward Park Baptist Church in Fresno, California on Saturday, April 14, 2012.

Carolyn was born in Abernathy, Texas in 1933. She was a graduate of Floydada High School, West Texas State University in Canyon, Texas and Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, California.

She earned two Master's degrees in Music, one in piano and one in choral directing. She taught elementary school choirs and classroom music in Fresno and Clovis school districts and in churches where she and her husband, Duane Barrett, served. The memorial service was held in the church she and her husband planted.

Her passion was playing the marimba and she was a master at it. She shared her teaching skills with many other teachers and taught classes at Ridgecrest, North Carolina and Glorieta, New Mexico.

Carolyn is preceded in death by her husband of 40 years, Duane Barrett; her mother and father, Luther and Nannie Kiker, and one niece, Suzy Patterson.

She is survived by her husband, Harold Grimes; one daughter, Lisa Barrett Jones of La Habra California; one son of Fresno, California; three grandchildren, Shelby Jones, Julian Jones of Fresno and Ashley Jones of Fresno; one sister, Naomi Wyckoff and one brother, Kent Kiker, both of Amarillo; three nieces, Mindy Mitchell of Amarillo, Lori Rankin of Plainview and one nephew, Mark Patterson of Auburn, Nebraska.



BRENDA KAY WILKINSON

Brenda Kay Wilkinson, 64, of McGehee Arkansas passed away Saturday April 8, 2012 at Drew Memorial Hospital in Monticello, Arkansas.

She was a Board Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor, Rape and Domestic Violence Counselor, a member of First Baptist Church of McGehee, and an avid dog lover.

Mrs. Wilkinson was born to Mildred Parnell and the late Jimmy S. Harper on April 5, 1948 in Floydada, Texas.

She is also preceded in death by a sister, Shirley Brock and infant triplets.

Other survivors along with her mother include her husband, Dave Wilkinson of McGehee Arkansas; one son, Jayson Parks of Amarillo Texas; two daughters, Anissa Bybee of Amarillo Texas, and Autumn Stokes and husband, Danny of Rosharon Texas; two step-sons, James Wilkinson and Chad Wilkinson; a step-daughter, Heather Fields; five grandchildren, Brandon Bullard, Ashley Bullard, Kylar Parks, Whitney Parks and Madison Parks.

Funeral Services were held 10 a.m. Tuesday April 10, 2012 at First Baptist Church of McGehee.

Visitation was held Monday, April 9, 2012 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Griffin-Culpepper Funeral Service in McGehee. Grave-side service were held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday April 11, 2012 at Cleburne Memorial Park in Cleburne Texas.

The family asks in lieu of flowers donations be made to First Baptist Church, 312 Seams Dr, McGehee AR 71654 or Arkansas Hospice Monticello, 224 Hwy 425 S., Monticello, AR 71655.

Arrangements were by Griffin-Culpepper Funeral Service of McGehee, Arkansas.

Online guestbook: www.griffinculpepper.com

Floyd County Church Directory

AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Dennis Butler, Pastor
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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

CALVARY'S CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP

Floydada
Armando Morales, Pastor
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
Bible Study6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening7:00 p.m.

CARR'S CHAPEL

Service Every Sunday:
Morning Worship ...9:00 a.m.
Sunday School10:30 a.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST

Levi Sisemore, Minister
Ivan Gomez, Minister
Floydada
Sunday Bible Study..9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship ...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Tim Franks, Pastor
Terry Simmons,
Minister of Ed./Music
Josh Burgett - Min. Students
Sunday School9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship ...10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Lockney

Jonathan Sullivan, Pastor
Chad Cook, Youth Min.
Phil Cotham, Music Min.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....6:30 p.m.
Wednesday (Youth). .7:15 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Floydada
Rev. Les Hall, Pastor
Early Worship8:30 a.m.
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:50 a.m.
Youth (Sunday).....5:00 p.m.
Youth (Wednesday)..7:30 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Lockney
Rev. Ricky Carstensen
Pastor
Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Worship Service10:30 a.m.
Evening Service..... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Jr. High5:30 p.m.
Wed. High School... 6:30 p.m.

GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH

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

MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

Lockney
Jay Don Poindexter, Minister
Bible Study9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ...10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:30 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

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

POWER OF PRAISE FULL GOSPEL CHURCH

Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor
704 N. Main, Lockney
Sunday Services.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:30 p.m.

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA

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

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA

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

SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Lockney
Jim McCartney, Pastor
Wed. Communion....8:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m.

SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH

Joe Weldon, Pastor
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO GETSEMANI ASSEMBLY OF GOD

701 W. Missouri
Joe M.Hernandez
983-5286 (church)
..... Sunday School
English..... 9:45 a.m.
Spanish..... 11:00 a.m.
Spanish Worship9:30 a.m.
English Worship.....11:00 a.m.
EveningService.....5:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Floydada
Rev. Angelo Consentino
Phone: 983-5878
Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m.
Mon.Wed. Mass.....6:30 p.m.
Confession Sat.....10-11 a.m.

TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM

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

TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Washington and 1st St.
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA

Rev. Herman Martinez
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship5:00 p.m.
Tuesday.....7:30 p.m.
Thursday Service.....7:30 p.m.

TRINITY ASSEMBLY

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

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Providence Community
on FM 2301 293-3009
Rev. Peter W. Harrington Minister
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Worship Service11:00 a.m.

WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Floydada 983-3548
Sunday Worship ...10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening5:00 p.m.

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983-8177

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292-9582

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THIS WEEK'S

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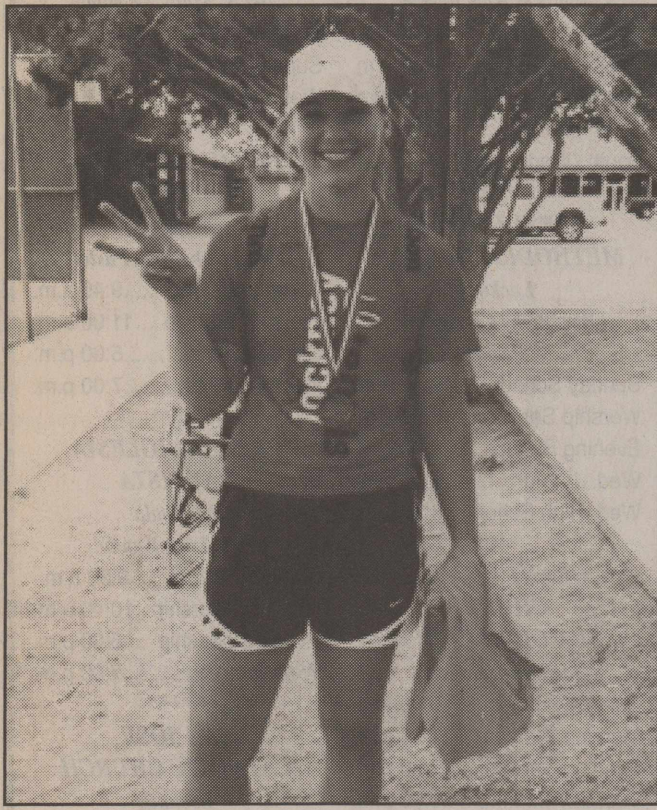
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Lockney Sports

Sammann becomes State Alternate



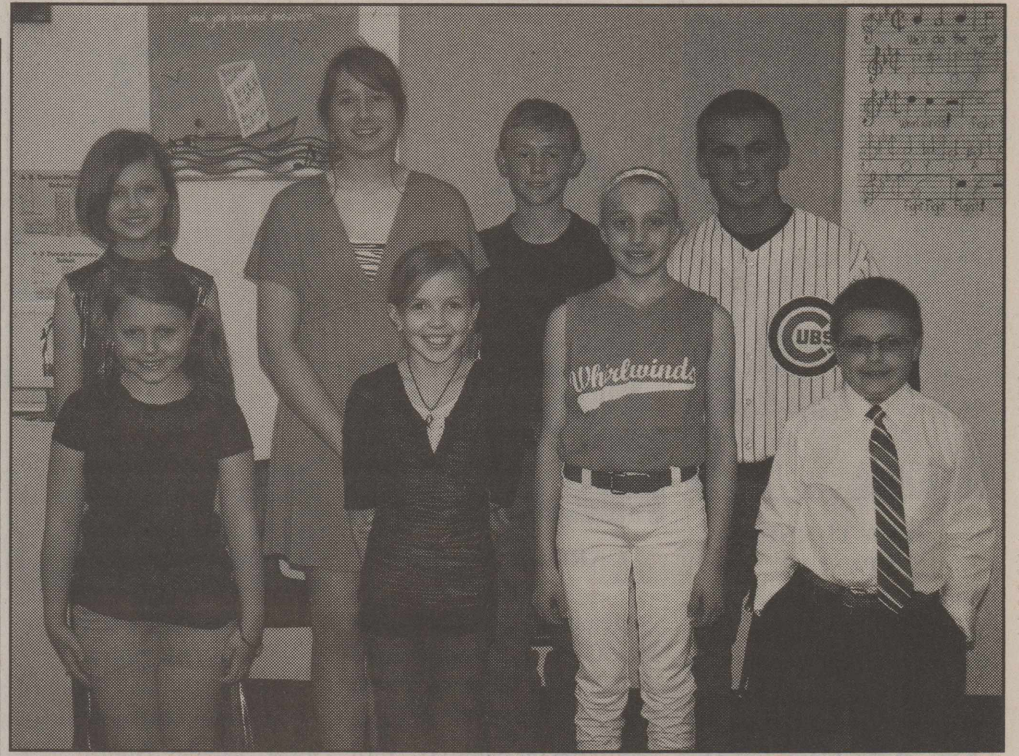
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During the Regional Championship Tennis Tournament last week, Lockney's own Mary Sammann earned an impressive third place finish and spot as a Region I State Alternate. Also advancing to the Regional tournament was Landry Kidd.

On Wednesday, Sammann swept her competition with a 6-2 and a 6-1 victory over No.3 Josalyne Ray from Wink; and a 7-5, 6-1 victory over Mikala Whitaker from Olton.

The pair of wins would advance Sammann to Thursday play where she defeated Tabitha Garza of Memphis by a score of 6-3, 6-4. Unfortunately, Sammann would be defeated by No.2 Katie Dorsey of Big Lake by a score of 6-0, 6-0.

Kidd came out fighting in his match on Wednesday, however he would fall to Fernando Rey of Big Lake by a score of 6-2, 6-0



Courtesy Photo

Floyd County 4-H'ers participated in County Roundup on Tuesday, April 17 at Duncan Elementary School. Taking part were (front row, l-r) Kaimee Webb, Payton Teeple, Kylie Ricketts and Hunter Lefevre; (back row, l-r) Korleigh Webb, Jianna Davenport, Kirby Nixon and Jake Bramlet. Winning the Most Prepared Awards for each age division were Junior - Payton Teeple; Intermediate - Kirby Nixon and Senior - Jake Bramlet. Jake Bramlet, County 4-H Council President, served as Master of Ceremonies for the event. All participants will compete at the District Competition on May 5 at Levelland Middle School.



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SyAnn Foster and FBFS Xclamation ended their 2012 show season with a Reserve Breed Champion Simmental at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

The Lady Horns Head to Play-offs after Strong Finish

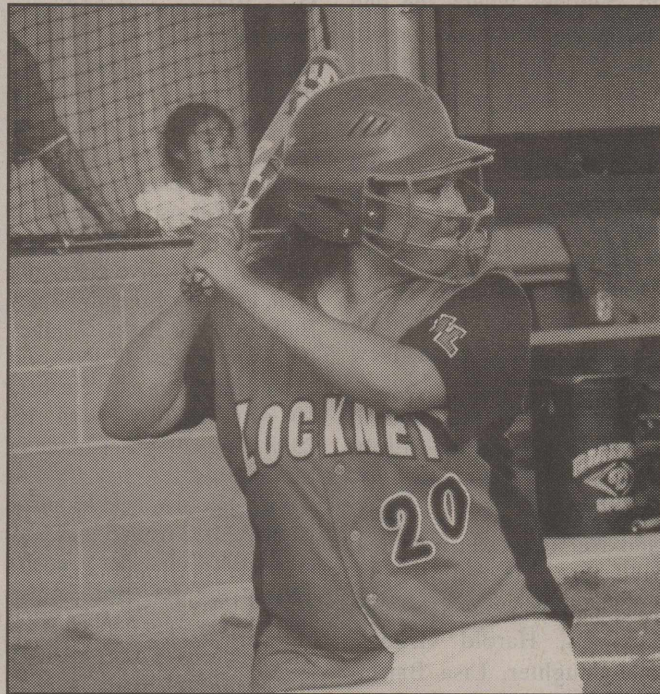


Photo by Homer Marquez

New Deal had a tough outing on Tuesday April 14th, as the Lady Horns dominated in a 9-2 win in seven innings at Lockney. The Lady Horns scored four runs in the fourth on an RBI double by Gabby Peralez, a two-run double by Kennedy Hallmark, and an RBI single by Rayann Race.

Sunny Williams reached base three times in the game for Lady Horns. She scored one run and had one RBI. She doubled in the sixth inning. Lockney pitcher Katie Jackson racked up 10 strikeouts in the Lady Horns win.

The victory tied the Lady Horns for second place in district play with Sundown which forced a seeding play-off game between the two district foes. The two teams faced off on Saturday April 21st in Lubbock, where they traded the lead throughout the game, before the Lady Horns ended up on top with an 8-4 win in seven innings. After the lead changed back and forth, the Lady Horns finally managed to grab the lead after a strong sixth inning. Lady Horns scored on a two-run triple by Tanya Hernandez off R Randolph, scoring McKenzie Kemp and Rayann Race.

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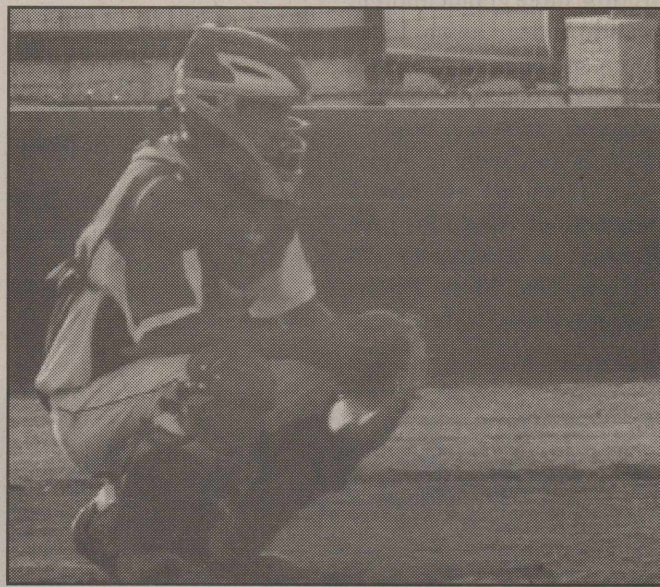


Photo by Homer Marquez

Lockney secured a second place finish and a playoff spot after a pair of wins this past week. On Tuesday, the Horn's bats couldn't get out of the sweet spot as they crushed the Olton Mustangs 11-0. On Friday, Lockney's winning ways were put on hold after a 7-3 loss against the district leaders, the Hale Center Owls. Monday, the Longhorns would finish the season strong with a 10-8 win against Valley. The second place finish will put them up against West Texas for the first round of the playoffs, but a date has not yet been set.

Notice of Public Hearing on FLOYD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT Budget

The FLOYD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on MAY 3, 9:15 AM at FLOYD CAD OFFICE, located at 104 E CALIFORNIA. A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget.	<u>\$ 288,400.00</u>
The total amount of increase over the current year's budget.	<u>\$ 7,500.00</u>
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget.	<u>4</u>
The number of employees compensated under the current budget.	<u>4</u>

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office located at 104 E CALIFORNIA.

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Lockney School Lunch Menu

April 30-May 4
Monday

Breakfast-Waffles and Syrup or Cereal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch-Hot Dog/Chili or Ham and Cheese, corn, baby carrots, orange smiles, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast-Scrambled Eggs or Cereal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch-Popcorn Chicken or Steak Fingers, potatoes and gravy, broccoli, peach cobbler, roll, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast-Rice or Cereal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch-Corndog or Baked Potato, baby carrots, green beans, apple sauce, milk

Thursday

Breakfast-Breakfast Pizza or Cereal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch- Spaghetti or Tuna Sandwich, salad, pears, Italian bread, milk

Friday

Breakfast- Cinnamon Roll or Cereal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch-Hamburger or Burrito, tater tots, salad, orange smiles, milk

Menu subject to change without notice; Peanut butter and Jelly Sandwich- 3rd choice daily

Floydada Sports

Whirlwinds wait for opponent on diamond



Photo by Homer Marquez

By Coach Seago

On Saturday the 21st, the Winds took on the Friona Chieftains and beat them 9-0 behind the arm of Seth Nielson who went six innings allowing only 3 hits with 5 strikeouts to improve to 2-0-1 on the year in district. Offensively the Whirlwinds collected 9 hits while producing 4 RBIs and took advantage of some Friona mistakes. Benselado Perez led all hitters with two singles with 2 RBI's on the day. With the victory, Floydada secured a spot in the play-offs as the number 2 seed in district 2-2A.

On Monday, the 23rd, Floydada traveled to Littlefield in a game that was a big one for the Wildcats. With a victory, Littlefield would secure the 3rd seed in district 2-2A. After the first two innings, it was a close 1-1 ballgame and with emotions running high for Littlefield and the Winds being a little flat, the 4th and 5th innings saw Littlefield score 3 runs and 2 runs respectively and went on to win the game 6-2.

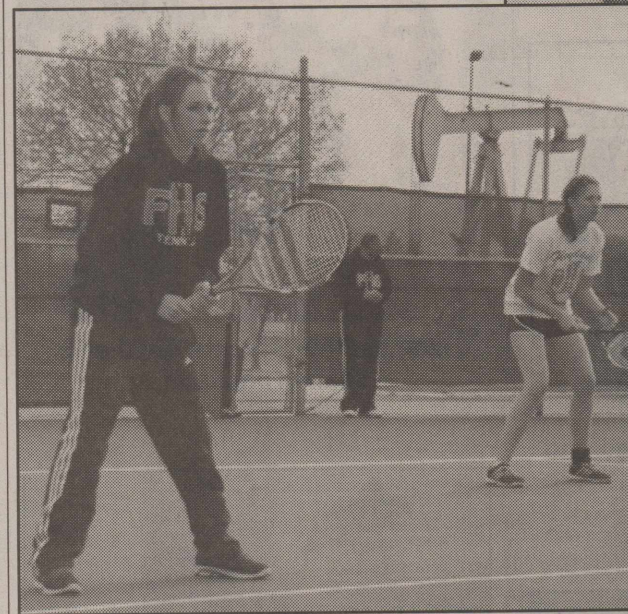
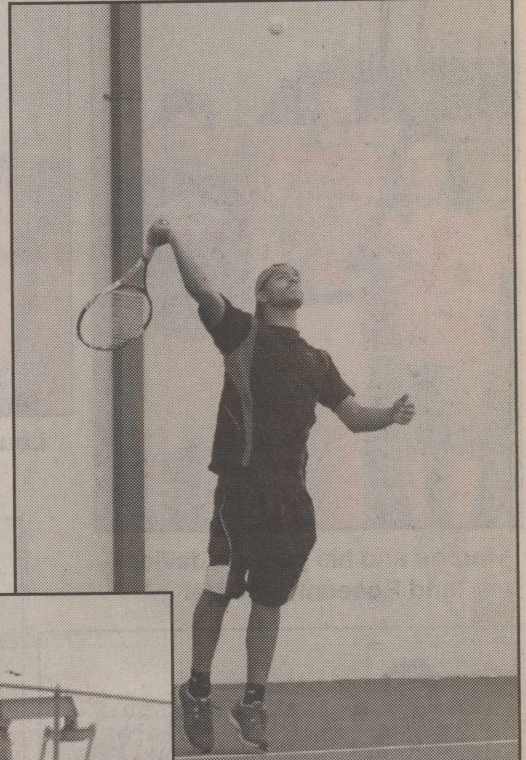
Jose Martinez was the starting pitcher and went the distance throwing a great game. On the day he threw 95 pitches allowing 8 hits, on 2 walks with 7 strikeouts and 2 earn runs. With the loss, it makes Martinez's record 6-2 overall and 4-2 in district. The Floydada defense did not have a great day as they had 6 errors on the day that allowed

4 unearned runs. The Floydada bats had a decent day as they recorded 10 hits off of starting pitcher Ryan Rogers but never could put enough together to chase Rogers from the bump. Danny Martinez led all hitters with 2 singles on the day while every body else had least one hit.

"It has been a great season so far and the kids have fought their tails off every game in this tough district. To go into the last game knowing you have secured a spot and playing against a good team that needs to win, it is hard to maintain that motivation you need to win. We did some good things tonight but at the same time, we hurt ourselves with some dumb mistakes that we have not made and Littlefield played a great game and did what they had to do for the play-off lives. We will have a week to correct some mistakes and getting everything going in the right direction for the 3 part of the season."

The Whirlwinds will next play back in Littlefield in a practice game against Tahoka at 7:00 Saturday night the 28th. They are waiting on their first round opponent who will be either Amarillo River Road or Tulia. That district will be decided by next Monday. As of now, the Whirlwinds are looking to play the first round at Wayland University starting May 4th. The Whirlwinds are currently 15-6 overall and 9-3 in district.

Tennis Regional Qualifiers Serve Up the Competition



Courtesy Photos

By Merritt Johnson

Whirlwind News Staff Writer

Floydada High School's Varsity Tennis regional qualifiers competed for a chance at state on April 18-19. Despite the end of another great year of Whirlwind tennis; just gaining the opportunity to participate in Regionals at Odessa is a huge accomplishment. District tennis had determined opponents even though it was difficult to advance. There were several Floydada students who prevailed. These included Imelda Reséndiz in girls' singles, and Hannah Griffin and Haden Lipham in mixed doubles. There were also some alternates for Regionals such as Cole Covington and Jordan Woody in boys' doubles, Hunter Schwertner in boys' singles and Esmeralda Garza and Rebekah Hall in girls' doubles.

These athletes have dedicated many long hours of practice that has led to success in district as well as in hopes of proceeding to state.

"I prepared for Regionals by practicing everyday," said Haden.

Even though the people who advanced to Regionals may have different priorities, everyone's goal is similar.

"Of course everyone wants to win, I just really want to do my best and maybe get past the second round where I've stopped before," said Imelda.

"My hopes for all of them are to get to state, ultimately," said Coach Smith.

Overall, the Floydada Tennis program has amazed the community with all of their talent and success.

Loss to Lady Cats ends season for Lady Winds softball



Photo by Homer Marquez

Floydada Lady Winds lost 11-0 to the Littlefield Wildcats on Wednesday at Floydada, despite a total of six hits. The loss would end the season for the ladies as they finish 1-9 in district.

During the game, Ana Mora paced Floydada Lady Winds at the plate. Mora went 1-2. She singled in the first inning.

Stephanie Caballero had it working on the rubber for the Floydada Lady Winds. She allowed 10 earned runs

over five innings. Caballero gave up 15 hits while walking two and striking out two.

Kristin Macha got the win for the Littlefield Wildcats. She tossed five innings of shutout ball. The Littlefield Wildcats pitcher struck out six, walked one and surrendered six hits.

The Littlefield Wildcats' Alyssa Snider, Elena Jovet, Megan Demel and Macha combined for nine hits and eight RBIs.

The Littlefield Wildcats stayed on top until the final out after taking the lead in the first, scoring two runs on a two-run single by Macha.

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Floydada School Menu

April 30 – May 4

Monday
Breakfast-Breakfast pizza or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch- Toasted ham and cheese sandwich, veggie dippers, orange smiles, baked chips, chocolate chip cookie, milk
Tuesday
Breakfast- Sausage/biscuit or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch-Crispy tacos, lettuce & tomatoes, Spanish rice, pinto beans, fancy gelatin, milk
Wednesday
Breakfast-Pancakes, syrup or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch-Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, strawberries & bananas, hot roll,

milk
Thursday
Breakfast- Oatmeal and cinnamon toast or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch-Spaghetti w/meat sauce, garden salad, savory green beans, French bread stick, apple crisp, milk

Friday
Breakfast-Breakfast burrito or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch-Submarine sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, tater tots, sliced peaches, brownie, milk

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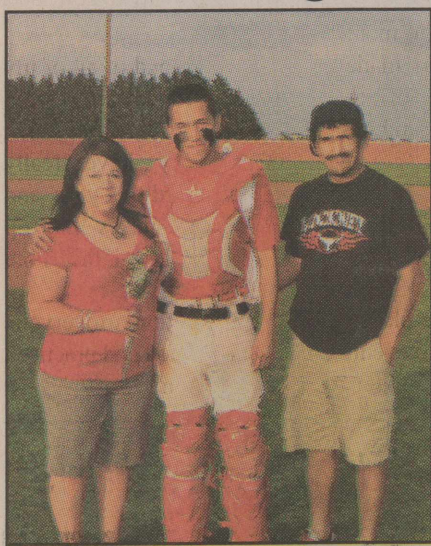
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Longhorn News

Senior Night on the Diamond...

Lockney Honor Roll



Marcos and his parents Javier and Roseanne Bernal



Laura and her parents Jeff and Meagan Dunn



Tanya and her parents Domingo and Tammie Hernandez



Quinn and her parents Boyd and Shanna Jackson



Jennifer Ybarra and her mother Rachel Luna and Jordan Mercado



Logan Edwards and her grandmother Sherry Thompson



Sunny and her parents Matt and Jean Anne Williams



Riley and his parents Monty and Kim Teeter



Landon and his parents Phillip and Lana Kidd



Little Longhorns: (back row) Mireya Ascencio, Elias Ascencio, Clay Moore, Regan Nuncio, Addison Sullivan, Haven Walker; (front row) Nick Perez, Anya Leigh Tambunga, Mariah Salas, Aubrey Urrutia, Tilson Smith

- Lockney Elementary**
A Honor Roll
First Grade
 Malaki Alvis, Cristian Ascencio, Hailey Aufill, Andrew Bustillos, Deacon Franklin, Madison Johnson, Jonathan Lara, Lexi Morgan, Yasmin Naranjo. Noah Puente, Jessica Solis, Delaney Sustaita
Second Grade
 Mireya Ascencio, Gabriella Cervantes, Emma Dunn, Justin Gonzales, Malicia Huerta, Ezekiel Ramos, Clare Smith, Lillian Vanlandingham
Third Grade
 RyAnn Castillo, Kaleb Cook, Jessica Hernandez, Hunter Lefevre, Yareli Pecina, Tasha Schlueter
Fourth Grade
 Anahi Ascencio, Felipe Azua, Nehemiah Montoya, Kayla Rodriguez Archer, Abigail Rogers
Fifth Grade
 Lyndee Setliff
Lockney Junior High
A Honor Roll
Sixth Grade
 Ryiann Araujo, Aleah Jimenez, Austen Rexrode, Tristan Schlueter, Lani Vanlandingham
Seventh Grade
 Elizabeth Belt, Tabetha Bigham, Blanca Bueno, Emilie Encizo, Luke Kasner, Jose Rodriguez, Abel Salazar, Alec Tambunga, Tavien Walrath
Eighth Grade
 Levi Kasner, Jake Moore
A-B Honor Roll
Sixth Grade
 Angelica Alvarado, Jose Bueno, Ricardo Cuellar, Alyssa Gutierrez, Julio Lara, Alma Mendez, Mackenzy Ragland, Bethany Salazar, Nohelia Salazar, Karina Torres
Seventh Grade
 Trevor Ascencio, Jeremiah Bernal, Shelby Dunbar, Donnie Fortenberry, Keith Fortenberry, Andres Garcia, Valerie Hernandez, Hannah Kidd, Stetson Lane, Jonathan Rodriguez, Lawson Sulivan, Haley Walker
Eighth Grade
 Brittany DeLeon, Daylen Gatica, Anissa Guerrero, Elizabeth Hernandez, Brittany Jimenez, Sheridan Keyser, Jace Klein, Michael Lass, Osiel Mondragon, Alejandro Rea, Elizabeth Salas, Stephen Setliff, Nathaniel Sustaita
Lockney High School
A Honor Roll
 Darby Long, Ashley Roberts, Nicholas Sherman, Dixie Williams
Tenth Grade
 Nathan Caballero, Heather Fierros, Anna Hernandez, Robert Hunt, Kaitlyn Jackson, Hunter Thompson
Eleventh Grade
 McKenzie Kemp, Rayann Race, Mary Sammann, Luke Sherman, Lindsay Stewart
Twelfth Grade
 SyAnn Foster, Landon Kidd, Quinn Jackson, Riley Teeter
A-B Honor Roll
Ninth Grade
 Ignacio Ascencio, Sarah Carstensen, Leslye Flores, Olivia Hernandez, Elisa Naranjo, William Prayor, Isabella Rodriguez, Alex Rogers, John Salas
Tenth Grade
 Ashly Alvarado, Clay Bigham, Jake Bramlet, Alyssa Cruz, Paula Cuellar, Michael DeLeon, Lance Fulton, Nikki Jimenez, Jasmine Pena, Tanae Ramos, Alexis Rodriguez, John Rose, Matthew Teeter, Brittany Thompson, Janette Ybarra
Eleventh Grade
 Belia Astorga, Jose Guerrero, Gabriella Peralez, Candelaria Rea, Shayla Vasquez, Landry Kidd, Maison Ragland, Taylor Rose
Twelfth Grade
 Cassandra Ascencio, Steven Fernandez, Jessica Pena, Anissa Reyna, Amber Segovia, Sunny Williams, Logan Edwards, Tanya Hernandez, Meagan Sorley

Lockney Academic students head to state

On Friday, Lockney UIL academic students advanced to the state competition after competing in regionals this past week in Levelland.

Winning the regional meet would be the Literary Criticism Team, who place first as a team. Members included Darby Long, Jasmine Pena, Ashley Roberts, Lindsay Stewart, and McKenzie Kemp. Stewart individually finished first in the competition.

"I'm so very proud of all the hard work that the girls have put in this year," commented assistant literary coach Jessica Jordan, "They're very dedicated and deserving of this honor. I was impressed with their ability to come from behind to win Region and I have nothing but the utmost faith that their intelligence and perseverance will assure them of a win at State."

The "Lit Critters" as their also known are coached by Lesha Woodard and Jessica Jordan. "I am super proud of my lit crit girls! We have a young team, but I don't know of any group who works harder or deserves to go to state more than they do. This is the fourth year in a row the team has gone to state, and their excellence is because of their incredible intelligence and dedication," added Woodard

Also advancing to the state competition was Dylan Aufill who placed an extremely impressive second in Number Sense. The number sense team was coached by Pam Fulton.

"I am so proud of Dylan," commented Coach Fulton. He has spent many hours learning all of the number sense tricks. These tricks are not easy. For those of you who have never seen a number sense test, or knows how the test works here is how you do it—it is a 10 minute test and there are 80 questions. All of the questions must be worked in your head and you cannot use a calculator. You also can only write down the answer—there is no scratch paper allowed. The types of questions on the test are basic arithmetic to Calculus and there are shortcuts to all of these questions. The trick to

taking this test is learning and remembering all of those shortcuts and getting it done in 10 minutes. Dylan has done a superb job on mastering those skills. He has also spent countless hours outside of school working on these shortcuts. Most of his time outside of school he spends working on number sense at his grandmother's house. LaDora Aufill has been wonderful to both Dylan and to me for the past few years. Neither Dylan nor I would be getting to state without her expertise. I want to say a big thank you to her and to Dylan for working so hard."

The state competition will be held in Austin on May 21-23.



Courtesy Photo
 Heading to UIL state will be the Literary Criticism team and Dylan Aufill; pictured above is the Literary team; Darby Long, Lindsay Stewart, Jasmine Pena, Ashley Roberts, and McKenzie Kemp

FFA Activities

By Brenda Salazar and Hunter Thompson

Last Saturday, on April 14, the Lockney FFA Chapter competed in the District/Area Career Development Event contest. Our District is comprised of 354 schools and our Area comprised of 16 schools. The Milk Product Quality team comprised of Tanille Bigham, McKenzie Kemp, Jake Bramlet,

and Jonathan Sustaita placed 3rd in district and 14th in area. The Horse Judging team including Marcos Marcado, Karmichael Ramos, Taylor Esty, and Ian Dunbar placed 5th in district and 27th in area. In Livestock Judging Meagan Dunn, SyAnn Foster, Ky Teeter, and Sunny Williams achieved 6th in district and 33rd in area. Their coach, Brady Rasco, would like

to say that these students have worked very hard for several months, and asked that you please let them know how proud you are of them. If you wish to see the FFA chapters of Lockney compete in another contest, or you would like to support them in their endeavors, the Cotton and Plant ID teams will be competing on the 21st of April.

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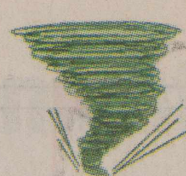
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Whirlwind News



A Day in the Life of...



By: Shani Ross-staff writer

Floydada ISD is a technology driven school, but most students are not born with the knowledge of how to use it. Since students use computers as their everyday textbook, schools rely on the technology teachers to instruct students on how to correctly use computers. JoAnn Chavarria is the technology application and web design instructor for the Junior High students. The students receive valuable information regarding computers and how they work that will benefit them both in high school and their futures.

"Everyday I begin by praying and then plan and prepare for the day. Once at school

I will greet my students with a smile. I then instruct, guide, set parameters, facilitate, observe, monitor, discipline, direct, suggest, advise each of them. These tasks are easy to do because I love all of my students," commented Mrs. Chavarria.

While everyday is kept positive in the classroom, there is always a highlight to every teacher's day.

"Most days are full of smiles and eagerness to learn but there are a few days that bring challenges; however, despite what the day may bring, the highlight of my day would be the sweet 'hellos' that come from Mark Grothe. This young man always has a smile and always greets his teachers with such a positive attitude. Another highlight to add to this would definitely be the daily hugs that I receive. This profession is certainly demanding at times, but I know that every time I question my calling, God validates it by sending many hugs through my students," added Mrs. Chavarria.

Despite the many highlights in a teacher's day there will always be room for a few kinks. Each teacher has a unique way of handling them.

"Every teacher knows that we all must be very flexible. There is really no one set routine. We must be prepared for many unexpected events. Just as a parent would do, teachers continue to teach, mentor, model, love, respect, motivate, counsel, and guide our students no matter what obstacles may come," concluded Mrs. Chavarria.

Writers Sweep Regionals

By: Emily Hall

Staff Writer

This year ten FHS students attended the regional Academic UIL Meet in Odessa, Texas. Every competitor gave 100 percent effort in each competition. Between those competing, Sarah Jo Miller and Emily Hall, qualified for the State Meet in Austin, Texas.

"I am so elated to have made

it to state again, but I'm more excited that Emily has made it to state her first year of doing journalism," said Sarah Jo Miller.

Sarah Jo Miller placed 2nd overall in News Writing and will be competing at the State Meet in late May. However, Emily Hall placed 6th overall in the same event, and will be going as an alter-

nate.

"I am so proud of all of my journalism students!" said Journalism coach Cynthia Smith. "They have really worked so hard this year, and knowing that makes this trip back to Austin all the more special."

Congratulations to everyone who participated and practiced hard in UIL this year!

Students Wowed by "Midnight in Paris"



By: Taylor Orr-

Staff writer

After many weeks of preparation for the FHS Junior/Senior Prom, students finally got to see all of their hard work pay off. Saturday evening at 7:00, many FHS students gathered for an evening full of elegance and recreation during "Midnight in Paris".

The prom committee has a large part in the decision making process for prom, from decorations, invitations, programs, door prizes, and the meal. It can be a bit overwhelming for a committee to make so many decisions, especially if some members have differing opinions.

"Planning went very well for the prom committee this year. All of our junior class members got along very well and each decision made was thoroughly discussed and thought about beforehand," commented member, Amelia Gonzalez.

Although juniors are invited to participate in the fun festivities at prom, the juniors' main purpose is to give seniors a memorable prom experience before graduation.

"Prom was more memorable this year partly because we are seniors and it's our last prom, but also because the juniors planned it for us, and

we got to sit back and relax," stated senior, Andrew Perez.

While the main purpose of holding the prom is for student's enjoyment, teachers are also invited to let loose and enjoy the evening. For teachers who aren't junior sponsors, the theme and décor are a pleasant surprise to them, as well as the students.

"I thought the prom committee did an excellent job planning. The decorations matched the theme perfectly and the night seemed to fly by very smoothly," noted FHS staff member, Linda Nichols.

While the invitations say "Junior/Senior Prom" selected sophomores are allowed to attend and have a very unique role.

Sophomore students serve the meal to the juniors and seniors attending that evening. Many sophomores were a little apprehensive about serving their elders, but as the evening progressed, their worries faded, and they began to have a great time.

"I really enjoyed serving all the juniors and seniors at prom. It was a really fun evening. Prom wasn't what I expected it would be, it exceeded my expectations," remarked sophomore server, Braxton Turner. "My favorite part of being a server was getting to see all of the up-

perclassmen dressed up and having a good time. Being a server at prom this year gave me an advantage and insight as to what to expect next year when I'm a junior actually attending prom," commented Mattie Sanders.

FHS seniors are each given an award that has been voted on by their class members. Awards such as "worst case of senioritis" and "best combination of beauty and brains" are presented to seniors. At the end of the awards ceremony the biggest award of the night is given; Prom King and Prom Queen. This year recipients were Andrew Perez and Sarah Jo Miller.

"I was really shocked and honored that my classmates voted for me to receive Prom King. I was really surprised when they called my name," said Prom King, Andrew Perez.

After the meal and awards ceremony is complete, students are encouraged to stay and participate in the dance. This year Harvey Garza and Gilbert Trevino served as DJs of the dance.

"I really enjoyed the dance at prom this year. There were many students who danced and everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves on the dance floor," noted Andrew.

High School Student of the Month



By: Shani Ross Staff writer

The FHS student of the month is Seth Nielson. Seth is a seventeen year-old junior. He is the son of Jon and Tami Nielson, and he has one sister. He also has one niece and nephew. His hobbies include playing baseball, going to church, firefighting, helping people that need it, riding four-wheelers, and watching television. Seth's favorite subject is math and his favorite teacher is Mrs. Cox. He aspires to either be a professional baseball player or a firefighter/EMT. "I enjoyed Seth as a student because he was one of the hardest working students I had. He will do anything you ask, and it is very evident that academics and success is important to him. He is also very active in school and has a fun personality. He is very deserving of this honor," commented his former biology teacher, Mrs. Teeple.

FHS Teacher of the Month



By: Shani Ross Staff writer

The FHS high school teacher of the month is Aimee Teeple. This is her fourteenth year teaching at Floydada. She currently teaches Biology, Anatomy and Physiology, and Dual Credit Biology. Mrs. Teeple is the wife of Brian Teeple, and they have two children, Payton and Calin. She enjoys doing anything crafty. When asked what her most memorable moment at FHS is, Mrs. Teeple replied with, "That is a hard one! I have way too many. Being a part of the state qualifying science team and watching their faces when they found out they won state was so exciting. Anytime I see a student get excited about their success is always a great moment."

FJHS Student of the Month



By: Shani Ross Staff writer

The FJHS student of the month is Lydia Castillo. Lydia is an eighth grader and is fourteen years old. Her family consists of her mom and dad, along with five brothers and sisters. Lydia enjoys playing all sports, but her favorites are basketball and softball. When she grows up she wants to be a surgeon. Her favorite class is math with Mrs. Glass. "Lydia is a very hard worker and is always willing to participate in class. She always has a great attitude and is great about asking questions. She is very easy to teach and is a joy to have in class," commented Mrs. Glass.

Adverse Conditions Can Help You Gain Financial Aid

By: Homero Ramirez-Staff Writer

The Abbot and Fenner Scholarship is offering financial assistance to students wanting to continue their education into colleges or universities. This scholarship is available to all high school juniors and seniors. Applicants must submit an essay (between 500-1000 words) on the following topic: "What was the most difficult time in your life, and why? How did your perspective on life change as a result of this difficulty?" June 15, 2012 will be the deadline to submit this essay, and the winner will receive \$1,000. For more information pertaining to this scholarship and others refer to the websites below.

<http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm>
<http://www.bruceleefoundation.com/index.cfm/page/JFKD-Scholarship/pid/10253>

Top 5 Tips for a Clutter Free Life

By: Taylor Orr -Staff Writer

For some time now, students have been facing problems keeping their thoughts, assignments, and grades organized. With these little changes you can make your life (at school and home) more organized and stress free.

No. 1- Get a planner

Purchase a planner and start writing assignment due dates, test dates, sports practices or games, and other appointments in it. Writing down everything helps you remember to study and work on assignments, which in turn will result in better grades and will keep your life clutter free.

No. 2- Avoid activity overload

While extra activities are fun and you want to participate in things you are good at, too many activities can cause extra stress and crowd your schedule. Choose one to two activities you are good at and enjoy the activity you like most to ensure that you still have time to study and put in time to practice for your activity too.

No 3. Make to-do lists

Make lists of what you have to accomplish before the day is over. Planning will allow you

to schedule time for homework and activities in an efficient manner.

No 4. Create an effective study area

Find a quiet and well-lit area to study. If you can't find a quiet place at home where you aren't tempted to watch TV or log onto Facebook, go to the library, or stay extra after school. It's proven that if you study in a quiet area for 30 or more minutes each night, your test scores will drastically improve.

No 5. Don't Rush

Wake up early, and go to bed early. It's also been proven that students feel much better and are much more refreshed if they get eight or more hours of sleep. Make sure you have enough time to get ready and wake up in the morning before beginning your school day. Lay clothes out at night before you go to sleep to avoid stress and rushing around the next school morning.

Hopefully these 5 tips will help you make small changes in your daily routine that will allow you to be more effective in planning and organizing your day which will result in big payoffs at the end of the year.

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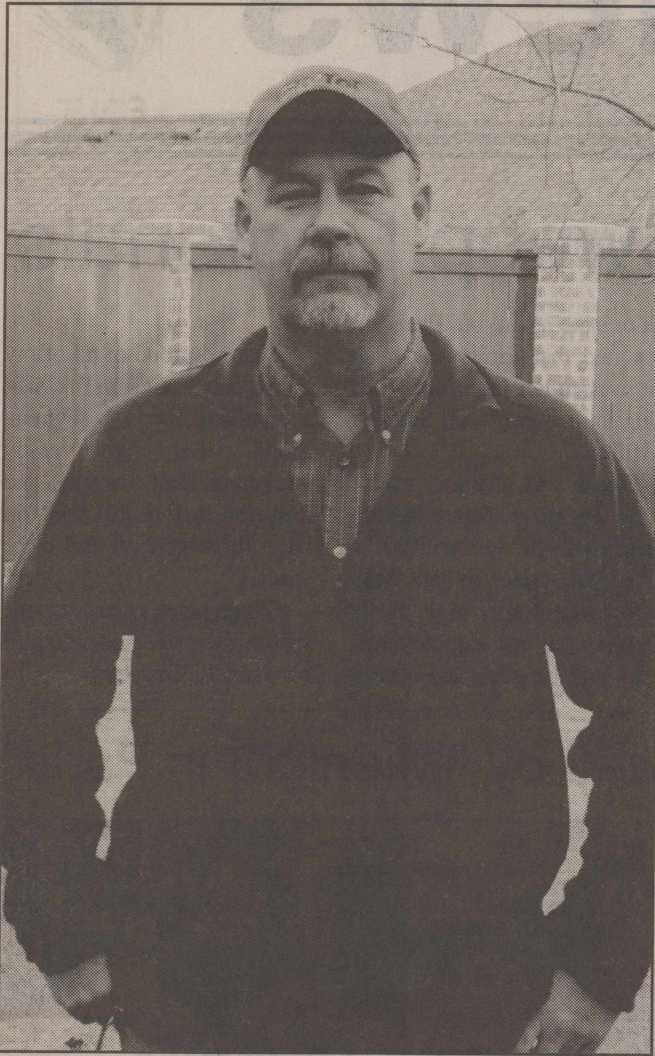
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Local Historian remembers battle



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Jay Lackey has been selected as the Floyd County outstanding conservation farmer. He will be honored for outstanding contributions to the Texas soil and water conservation program at the Conservation Honors Banquet for Area 1 on May 8, 2012. The banquet will be held at the Pete and Nelda Laney Center of Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, Texas.



Courtesy Photo

By Clarence Pope

Co. I, 8th Texas Cavalry, on the second day of battle was called to Boots and Saddles at 6:00 a.m. The Yankee camp had been located, we were to move in and surround the camp. We rode 3 miles to the tree line just outside their camp. We dismounted and worked our way to a good position overlooking a creek crossing. The Infantry then moved from the South and West sides of the camp to attack. We were located on the North side of the camp.

The Tennessee River was on the East side. As the Battle started, we caught their army sleeping, panic ensued.

They broke and ran, our position was perfect. We took over 1/3rd of their army either as prisoner or killed. All of this was exactly executed as it was 150 years ago. This was our first engagement of the day.

We then re-mounted and rode 2 miles to the wheat field opposite the "Peach Orchard". We were then engaged by about 150 Yankee cavalry. We dismounted and formed a skirmish line and fired around ten volleys into their lines with shotguns and carbines. We then re-mounted and using our revolvers broke their lines, as they retreated, we attacked and

put them on the run. This day was going well; we then advanced to the "Bloody Pond" where our cavalry re-enforced out Infantry and Artillery. We sustained heavy losses but won the day.

In all of this I gained a great respect and heartfelt honor to have rode and fought on this hallowed ground that so many of our ancestors had fought and died on while defending their land from the tyranny of the Yankee Invader. More people should experience the things they suffered through. Maybe it would help them to understand what it was all about. The tyranny the Yankees brought with them still

exists today.

Next week will include my account of the third day at the Wheatfield and "Hornets' Nest". May Schedule: Living History Celebration at the Kwahadi Museum of the American Indian on May 4 and 5, 2012, Amarillo, Texas. Cleburne's Celebration May 11 and 12, 2012, Cleburne, Texas, Co I, 8th Texas Cavalry will be attending Grave Dedication for J.H.C. Pope and Old Settler's Reunion, May 26, 2012, Floydada, Texas; For any information please e-mail me at SCV_LT_clarence.pope@yahoo.com.

Texas Farm Bureau Youth Leadership Conference

Each year Texas Farm Bureau sponsors the Texas Farm Bureau Youth Leadership Conference for students who will be juniors and seniors in high school the following school year.

The conference focuses on teaching students about the Free Enterprise System along with many other activities. This year's conference will be held June 18-22, 2012 on the campus of Tarleton State University in Stephen-

ville, Texas.

Floyd-Briscoe County Farm Bureau is currently looking for students to sponsor to attend the conference. There is no charge at all to the students and there is a chartered bus to take students to and from the conference. You do not have to be a member of Farm Bureau to be eligible to attend.

If you are interested or know someone who is interested in attending

please contact Floyd County Farm Bureau at (806)983-3777 or Briscoe County Farm Bureau at (806)823-2234. You can also email cmcham@txfb-ins.com or lhubbard@txfb-ins.com. Conference attendees are eligible to apply for several scholarships through Texas Farm Bureau ranging from \$1,000 - \$4,000 each.

The deadline for registration is fast approaching so contact us today!

Xcel Energy to lower Texas bills again as fuel surcharge expires early

AMARILLO, Texas — Xcel Energy has given notice to its Texas cities and the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) that it is canceling a fuel-cost surcharge six months ahead of time, a move that will shave \$5.09 per month, or 5.5 percent, from a typical residential bill of 1,000 kilowatt-hours starting May 1.

The one-year surcharge was implemented in November 2011 to offset under-collections of fuel costs from early 2011. The under-collected amount was recovered faster than anticipated because of the continued fall in the price of natural gas.

Texas customers already are enjoying lower prices that went into effect on April 1 when the company lowered its fuel-cost factor — the charge on monthly bills that collects for fuel used to generate electricity. A typical residential bill of 1,000 kilowatt-hours was lowered at that time by an average of \$4.17.

Natural gas-fueled generation accounts for about 40 percent of the electricity used in this region, and the price of natural gas has fallen to 10-year lows as new

drilling techniques flood the market with additional supplies.

"This is great news for area customers because it helps offset some of the higher prices they're paying for food and gasoline," said Riley Hill, president and CEO of Southwestern Public Service Company, an Xcel Energy company. "But we know that natural gas prices are volatile, so we remain committed to investing in a mixed-resource portfolio to help offset possible price increases in the future."

Those investments include new power generating units that burn natural gas more efficiently, new transmission lines that can tap cheaper sources of power, and the addition of more wind energy that uses no fuel or water, Hill said. "Improving our infrastructure will not only help us hold down costs, but also boost the reliability of the system and the economic competitiveness of our area communities," Hill said.

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 3.4 million electricity customers and 1.9 million natural gas customers through its regulated operating companies. Company headquarters are located in Minneapolis. More information is available at www.xcelenergy.com.

Floydada ISD Board Candidates Running Unopposed

By Sara Sisemore Correspondent

During their April 10, 2012, board meeting, the Floydada Independent School District Board of Trustees discussed the March bills and financial reports, as well as the upcoming election.

Board President Lyle Miller inquired about expenditures to the City of Floydada in the amount of \$14,673.22 and to the Schlindler Elevator Corp. in the amount of \$1,037.78. Business Manager Sharon Rainwater explained the City of Floydada expenditure was for monthly utility charges and the Schlindler Elevator Corp. expenditure was for an inspection contract for

the gym elevator. The board unanimously approved paying the March bills.

Rainwater then presented the Tax Report and Cash Flow Statement to the board. M&O Current Tax Roll stands at \$2,754,539.38, with net collections of \$2,659,170.55. I&S Tax Roll stands at \$290,371.70, with net collections of \$280,318.32. That brings the current collected tax roll to 96.54 percent compared to 97.51 percent this time last year.

Board Secretary Marty Lucke certified that Single Member District 1 Candidate Roger Hughes and Single Member District 2 Candidate William Dean

were running unopposed in the upcoming election. Therefore, Board Trustee Charles Tyer made the motion for the cancellation of the general election and declared unopposed candidates, Roger Hughes and William Dean, elected; the vote was unanimously approved. The board appreciation dinner will be held on May 15 at 6 p.m. at The Covey followed by the regular May meeting at 7 p.m. at Central Office.

The board passed Tyer's motion to add, revise, or delete (LOCAL) policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service and according to the instruction sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 93 with the following changes: FFH (LOCAL) and FFI (LOCAL) are adopted effective 8/20/2012.

In other business, the board unanimously agreed to go out for bids for new trucks for the Ag Department and

the Building Trades Department, amended the resolution to add Dara Ware to the bank signature card for the high school activity account, and discussed the budget and tax rate adoption timeline as well as future board meeting dates.

The board entered into closed session at 7:31 p.m. to discuss performance of paraprofessional personnel and support staff members, then resumed the open meeting at 7:43 p.m. at which time Board Trustee Freddie Morren made the motion to re-employ the FISD support staff for the 2012-2013 school year as recommended by the administrators. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Additionally, the board unanimously accepted the resignation of Debbie Montandon. There were no new employees to approve.

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**From the Lockney Beacon
June 4, 1978**

LESLIE FERGUSON REMAINS INVOLVED IN CIVIC AND CHURCH WORK

By Felicia Applewhite

Leslie Ferguson can tell you how it is to be a "kid in school", or he can tell you how it is to be a member of a school board of trustees. He can tell you how it is to function as any one of the officers in the local Rotary Club. He can tell you how it is to hold any position in church from teacher to church treasurer. He can tell you how it is to farm as a renter on another man's land or how he farms his own land. He can tell you how it is to be a member of just about any committee in the county. At least, he can tell you how he did these things because he has done them all and much more and has prospered.

As a "first grader" he was in school in Lockney where he made two grades in one school term. He remembers that his teacher that year was Mildred Collier.

This was not only his first school, it was also his initiation to Texas ways because as a six-year-old, he had just come to Texas from Arkansas.

That was in 1921 that the Fergusons had left "the peach Capitol" of the country near Nashville, Arkansas to live in Texas.

They had come to the "old Bellar place" which Grandpa Ferguson had bought just three miles south of Lockney. They had come in two wagons, a hack and a buggy. They brought "mostly mules to begin farming here."

"Dad rented the T. M. Johnson place a mile southwest of Grandad.

"The first year I was in school here, I had pneumonia. Our neighbor, Dr. Shaw, came over and pulled me through. I don't remember much of the medication he used in the treatment, but I do remember turpentine, coal oil and the Sally-Ann rag," he says.

During his first school year, a part of the playground equipment was a slide or "scoot-to-scoot" as it was often called. Many schools had the slide placed on the school playground through the efforts of the local P.T.A.'s.

This playground equipment was a marvel to children in the lower grades. They stood in line for a ride down its shiny surface.

This slide was firmly anchored to the ground in a cement base. It had steps up the back to the top.

A climb to the top on these steps led to a long roller-coaster type ride down to the ground—a breath-taking payment for the climb to the top. Up the steps and down the slide was repeated time after time.

Once on an extremely cold day when Leslie was at the top of the slide ready to take a slide to the bottom, a boy called to him "Stick your tongue to the iron pipe there." He did and his tongue froze to the pipe. The same boy then called, "Now pull it loose." He did, leaving an outer layer of his tongue frozen to the pipe.

Another of Leslie's school experiences was on April Fool's Day.

"It was in 1925 when I was in school in Pleasant Valley just south of Lockney. I had an experience I didn't forget. R. C. & Chester Mitchell were two of the others. We decided to "disappear" on April Fool's Day.

"When the teacher was out, we pulled the steps from the stage, crawled under and then pulled the steps back in place. When the teacher came back, he pretended not to notice that we were missing. He worked as usual around the desk. He even stayed after school and graded papers.

"It was almost dark before we decided we couldn't stand it any longer and came out," he remembers.

This experience helps Leslie to remember the types of punishment administered by his parents. His father's favorite way did not follow the trend of the time in using the razor strap.

"My dad used the plow line. That hurt a lot worse than a razor strap. My mother had another method. She used a willow switch from the trees that grew around our mud tank. That didn't hurt so much," he says.

Pleasant Valley students had an exciting experience one day when a man landed in the pasture nearby in an airplane and came in to take group pictures. That was 1923 when children were not seeing many airplanes.

His school years lasted three terms in Pleasant Valley when the family moved northwest of Lockney five miles.

"I had a collie dog that moved with us from Pleasant Valley to our new home that couldn't forget where we had lived. He went back from our house to my grandfather's often. We could tell when he was getting nervous to go back. He would stay just one night at Grandfather's then come back home. "We sent notes back and forth tied to his neck. In those days, that was real telegraph fur us," he recalls.

However, there was a sad ending to the collie story.

"One day, I shot him. He was pretty close to a rabbit—much closer than I thought. I shot at the rabbit, but hit the collie instead. He turned and came almost back to me and died. I cried and cried. I must have been about twelve years old," he says.

After the move to northwest of town, Leslie went to school in the Prairie Chapel Community.

"The first year, I rode in a Model-T Ford with the teacher. Miss Maudie Midith (sic) taught at Prairie Chapel and Miss Vera, her sister, taught at Aiken."

After that Leslie went to school in a buggy. At school, the horse was tied to the back of the buggy where he could eat feed that had been put there before the buggy left home. The horse had no water until after school at home.

One day in 1928, the Prairie Chapel School was dismissed for an "awesome sight for a kid who had not seen anything." It was the laying of the Ft. Worth and Denver railroad track. The engineer of the big locomotive allowed school children to climb on the huge engine that was doing its part in putting down cross ties and rails.

If you think that school life filled Leslie's days just remember, he lived on a farm.

"I did just about everything that any kid did on the farm then. I remember that my mother raised turkeys. She had her own method of feeding them, but I did the feeding. Since we milked cows, she allowed the milk to sour, then she would head it up and make cottage cheese of it for the turkeys. I ate my part of it."

Just before market time for the turkeys, people began stealing them.

"Dad sat up to guard the turkeys. One night, he thought he saw some lights where the turkeys were. He took the gun, and said as he left the house, "Don't be surprised if you hear shooting," but nothing came of the incident.

Also, farm life was moving along in other respects. The Fergusons bought one of the first general-purpose John Deere Tractors. It had steel wheels with lugs. Those lugs added their share to the tractor load, so when tractor tires were available, the wheels were cut down for tires. Those "tires made all the difference in the world".

Leslie was about eighteen when they put down the first irrigation well.

"I ran it at night and Dad ran it in the day time. I would go to the end of the rows and sleep until the water got there. It never did reach me because the bubbling as it came near always woke me up.

"It was about this time that I remember the first dust storm that impressed me. That black stuff came from the north. We had to light a lamp in the day time it, was so dark. After it was over, we could track the chickens around the house in the fine deposit left by the storm. Believe me those were rough days," he remembers.

He remembers vaguely the route taken by Prairie Chapel students for a picnic at Linguish Falls.

"We went east to Curlew Store and post office and from there to the old Long Ranch. That is all I remember.

"Once Tom Golden came too close to the edge above the falls and fell off. The fall broke both of his arms above the wrists. We carried him out, but it was a long way. We were given out.

"One other time, we came out of Linguish through the narrows! I wonder why some of us were not bitten by a snake coming up through that narrow stretch."

He maintains that his family was "as poor as Job's turkey." A statement easily made by all families during this time. Regardless of financial status, families still had the weather to combat. The weather just didn't cooperate.

"I remember a hail storm the fourth of July in 1936. It just hailed stuff into the ground—everything we had. Dad re-planted in hegari. In the fall, we bundled it, de-headed it and threshed it. We had to haul the butts out of the field.

"During this time and before, Mother churned an awful lot of butter. She had regular customers. Dr. Greer was one. We paid our doctor bills with butter. We also sold butter to the Huff Grocery Store. Mother had a Daisy churn. She had to get up early to get the butter to town before the sun got so hot."

During these times, he also learned how to butcher, home style. He says there is an art of scaling hogs to be scrapped. "If the water is too hot," you almost have to cut the hair off with a butcher knife." It is better to have two chains under the hog to roll him back and forth to insure no over-scaling.

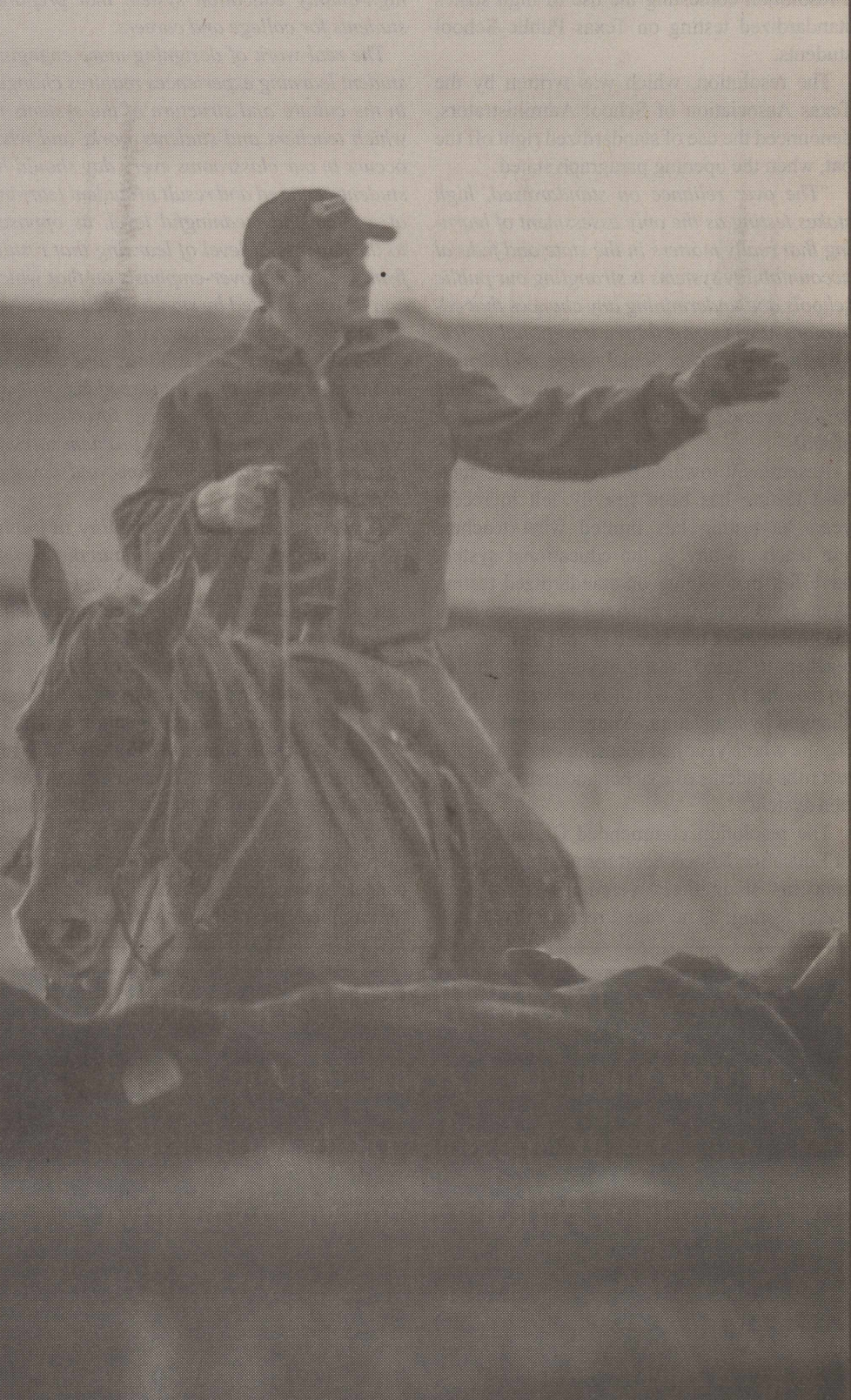
Beef as well as hogs were slaughtered. The tail of the windmill was used for hanging beef. A long rope tied to the beef and over the windmill tail made it possible to raise and lower for cutting. "My, that was the finest beef."

A lot of things used then "wouldn't work now."

"The year that Faye and I married, 1938, a norther came that lasted three days and nights.

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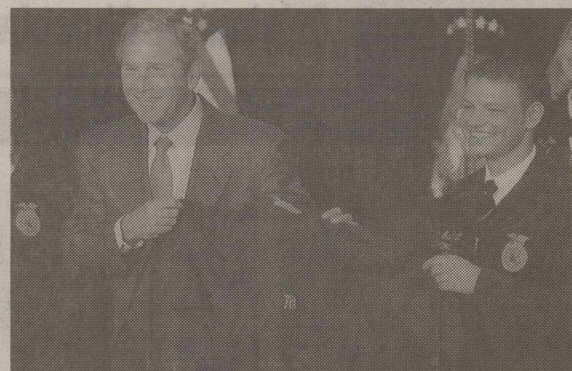
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Lockney ISD trustees voice an opinion on standardized testing

By Homer Marquez

During their April board meeting, trustees for the Lockney ISD school district approved a resolution contesting the use of high stakes standardized testing on Texas Public School students.

The resolution, which was written by the Texas Association of School Administrators, denounced the use of standardized right off the bat, when the opening paragraph stated:

"The over reliance on standardized, high stakes testing as the only assessment of learning that really matters in the state and federal accountability systems is strangling our public schools and undermining any chances that educators have to transform a traditional system of schooling into a broad range of learning experiences that better prepares our students to live successfully and be competitive on a global."

Resentment towards the recent use of standard testing has been heavily felt in recent years as testing has limited what teachers can teach. Many in the educational system have felt that relying on standardized testing as away to structure financial assistance from the government has forced school districts and teachers to spend the entire year just focusing on passing the test, which is constantly being changed by legislators. Many feel that spending the whole year just focusing on passing the test robs students of a richer and lasting education system.

The resolution commended Commissioner of Education Robert Scott for voicing his deep concerns about the "overemphasis" of high stakes testing; as he called recent tests "a per-

version of its original intent."

The resolution went on to say that; "we believe or state's future prosperity relies on a high-quality education system that prepares students for college and careers."

The real work of designing more engaging student learning experiences requires changes in the culture and structure of the systems in which teachers and students work; and what occurs in our classrooms every day should be student-centered and result in student learning at a deep and meaningful level, as opposed to the superficial level of learning that results from the current over-emphasis on that which can be easily tested by standardized tests.

Only by developing new capacities and conditions in districts and schools, and the communities in which they are embedded, will we ensure that all learning spaces foster and celebrate innovation, creativity, problem solving, collaboration, communication and critical thinking.

We do not oppose accountability in public schools and we point with pride to the performance of our students, but (we) believe that the system of the past will not prepare our students to lead in the future and neither will the standardized tests that so dominate their instructional time and block our ability to make progress toward a world-class education system."

The resolution signed by Lockney's Board of Trustees will call on Texas Legislatures to reexamine the public school accountability system in Texas.

In other board news, members approved to cancel the upcoming school board election after member up for election were unopposed.

Leading Wind Turbine Manufacturer Joins Texas Tech, Sandia Wind Farm Project

The wind farm partnership between Sandia National Laboratories and Texas Tech University now includes Vestas, a leading wind turbine manufacturer.

The Scaled Wind Farm Technology facility (SWIFT) will be constructed at Reese Technology Center. Sandia will deploy two V27 research turbines at the site. Vestas will add its own 300-kilowatt, V27 turbine.

"This facility will offer an outstanding opportunity to work with our world-class partners to provide innovation in the wind energy community," said John Schroeder, director of Texas Tech's Wind Science and Engineering Research Center (WISE).

While the three-turbine array will allow for collaborative research, each turbine can be used separately for specific projects. The SWIFT facility should be operational by October. Sandia announced in July it would move its wind energy test facility to Lubbock.

"Working with world-renowned partners allows Texas Tech to participate in innovative research opportunities in wind energy," said Taylor Eighmy, Texas Tech's senior vice president for research. "The addition of Vestas to the partnership with Sandia opens up new avenues of investigation and allows Texas Tech to move closer to its goal of becoming an international leader in renewable energy."

"This will create a technology accelerator that allows Vestas to bring innovations to market rapidly and cost-effectively," said Anurag Gupta, director of rotor systems at Vestas Technology R&D in Houston.

The site will use V27 turbines, which are smaller than full, industrial-sized turbines.

"The V27 turbines are the smallest turbines that retain

significant characteristics to the study of larger-scale machines," said Jon White, project manager and researcher in Sandia's Wind Energy Technologies group. "Having smaller turbines makes them easier to reconfigure, repair and maintain. The cost differences mean researchers can do earlier-stage, higher-risk research at SWIFT and turn tests around much more quickly, allowing them to pursue a more robust annual research agenda."

Studies at the site will investigate turbine-to-turbine interactions and innovative rotor technologies. Other areas for investigation include aerodynamics and structural health monitoring of turbines using embedded sensor systems.

The site eventually could expand to include nine or more wind turbines, which would allow researchers to examine further how individual turbines and entire wind farms can become better "citizens of the grid" and how to be more productive and collaborative.

A flexible Memorandum

of Understanding, signed by all four partners — Sandia, Vestas, Texas Tech and Group NIRE, a renewable energy development company — allows use of the site for collaborative and proprietary research, depending on research needs.

The Department of Energy's Wind and Water Power Program is funding Sandia's work.

Vestas has research and development offices in Texas, Massachusetts and Colorado that work with the company's technology centers in Asia and Europe to improve existing wind turbines and develop the wind power systems of the future. Since 1979, Vestas has supplied more than 46,000 wind turbines in 69 countries and employs more than 3,000 people in the United States in technology research, manufacturing, sales and service.

CONTACT: John Schroeder, director, Wind Science and Engineering Research Center, Texas Tech University, (806) 742-3476 ext. 342 or john.schroeder@ttu.edu.

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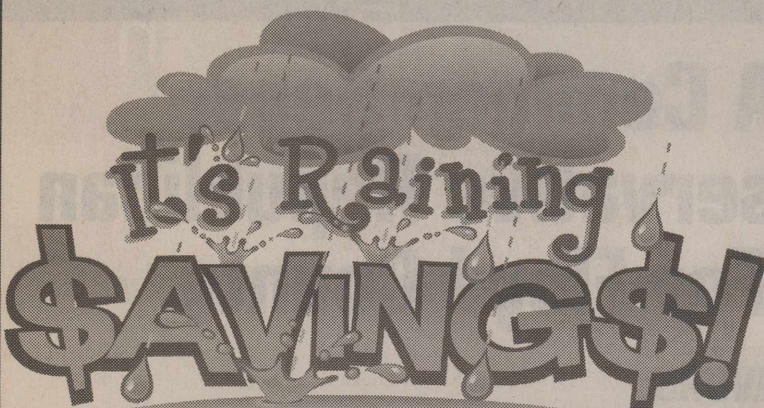
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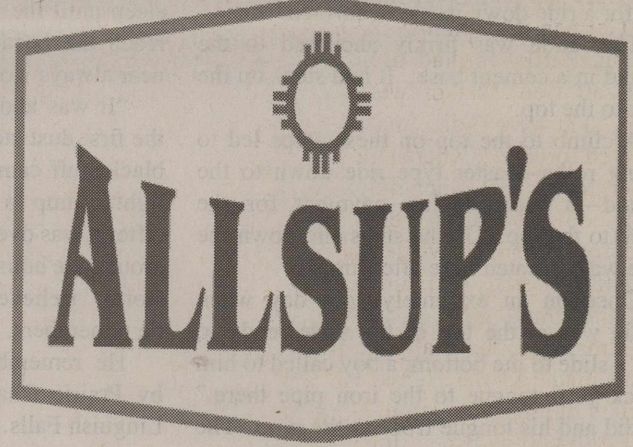
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Use caution when restocking after drought

COLLEGE STATION – Experts with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service are advising beef cattle producers to use caution and strategic planning when thinking about restocking herds after drought.

Though rainfall has been received throughout the eastern portion of the state and promoted growth of forages on pastures, cattle producers need to be careful when evaluating their operations.

“I think so far people are being really cautious,”

said Dr. David Anderson, AgriLife Extension livestock economist. “I think producers are waiting to see if this rain is going to last. They should be asking themselves questions like ‘How long is it going to take for your pasture to recover?’ and ‘What is going to happen once we get into the summer?’”

Though rainfall has been received throughout the eastern portion of Texas and promoted growth on pastures, Texas AgriLife Extension Service experts

say cattle producers need to be careful when thinking about restocking operations. (Texas AgriLife Extension Service photo by Blair Fannin)

Anderson said there are also financial constraints to consider, such as how much was spent feeding hay and other feedstuffs through the 2011 drought.

“There’s also sticker shock on how much it is going to cost to replace cattle,” he said.

Dr. Larry Redmon, AgriLife Extension state

forage specialist, said producers should always consider the threat of drought. “My take is people should be stocked for drought at all times,” Redmon said.

“People can reduce the risk of potential drought and not have to worry about doing any buying and selling. If you have a good year, there are lots of ways to use that extra grass. You can’t feed your way out of a drought. You can easily spend more money (trying) than the operation can generate over several years.”

Redmon said in a good year ranchers who have extra grass can either bale it, graze it or lease it out for grazing.

“If you are completely destocked, stay out a year and let that pasture recover for a year before coming back in,” he said. “Overall, I just think it’s a little too soon to start restocking. I think producers need to be very cautious; remember, more is not always better.”

Anderson said from an economic standpoint, ranchers who decide to rebuild need a plan.

“They need to think seriously about stocking rates and have some sort of plan,” he said. “Another thing they need to be looking at carefully is how much you fed last year and what feedstuffs you already have.”

“I would just be real cautious about loading up on cattle and restocking,” Redmon said.

AgriLife Extension is offering educational programs on cattle herd rebuilding. Visit <http://agriliferegister.tamu.edu> and enter the keyword Beef.

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a beginner’s sport, to put it to you that way,” explained Romeo as he explained the MBR’s growth. “The Leal’s have raised it up a notch.”

Locals will be able to see the thrills of the MBR up close and personal during May’s Tuff and Gunnyr Araujo’s Invitational.

“Lubbock is the boy’s backyard to be honest,” added Romeo, “that’s where we practice week in and week out.”

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When asked what his excuse was for not returning all the dogs, Sheriff Riassez explained that he had made an every effort to retrieve every dog he knew the whereabouts of and that he returned all the dogs he could.

The Sheriff also explained that some of the dogs were sold by the Smiths before he could retrieve them, that some of the dogs were sold while he was transporting them back, and some had died or where just missing.

According to the Sheriff, 107 dogs had been returned; 17 German Shepherds; 22 Golden Retrievers had been sold; 30 were lost or were dead, 17 were still unaccounted for; and 3 were still under foster care, including Napoleon who was being held for a soldier overseas. Sheriff Riassez explained that the grand total of 196 dogs matched the total head count made by the Humane Society during the seizure.

Holloway and the Alpha Tex council disagreed with that number, claiming that more dogs were still missing. Holloway also stated that only 26 affidavits of missing or dead dogs had been turned in to the Smiths, not 30.

From that point on, the majority of the trial was spent arguing on the exact number of dogs seized during kennel’s raid. According to the motion filed for the contempt of court issue, 231 dogs were seized; however according to the Sheriff, only 196 were seized. While at the stand, Mark Smith testified that 190 dogs were seized.

“There’s not two people that agree on the exact number of dogs seized,” commented Attorney Don Feare.

After the confusion and the arguments resided, Holloway asked Judge Board that if the court did rule that Sheriff Riassez was in contempt; that the Sheriff be ordered to pay Alpha Tex legal fees accumulated during this trial. In breaking down the charges, Holloway told the court that the total fees were well over \$120,000. Holloway then presented Judge Board with past cases where similar punishments were executed.

Board took the copies of the cases and told the court he would read them and present a letter verdict on Monday. On Monday a letter verdict showed that the Judge had denied the motion to hold Riassez in contempt of court.

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In memory of Wayne Rainwater – Keith and Lodema Thomas

In memory of Louis Lloyd – Keith and Lodema Thomas

I want to say “Thank You” for the beautiful get-well and birthday cards while I was in the hospital and care center. I’ve also enjoyed the food, visits and phone calls in my recovery at home.

“Thought for the Week” – We need rain. Let’s all spend time in prayer that God will send rain to our community.

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perfect 3-3 at the dish for the Lady Horns. She tripled in the sixth inning and singled in the first and seventh innings.

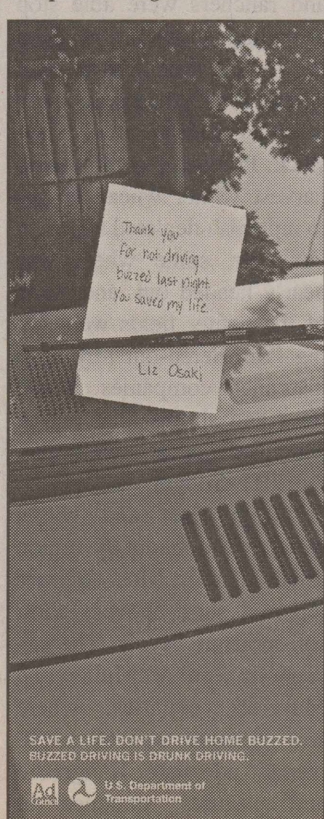
Katie Jackson got it done in the circle on the way to a win. She allowed four runs over seven innings. The Lady Horns pitcher struck out 13, walked four and surrendered eight hits.

The top of the first saw the Lady Horns take an early lead, 1-0. Sunny Williams started the rally for Lady Horns with a double. A stolen base then moved Williams from second to third. Then a steal of home scored Williams. The Lady Horns went up for the duration of the game after the sixth inning.

Additional runs came from an RBI double by Kemp, an RBI single by Gabby Peralez, and an RBI triple by Williams. The ladies added two more runs in the top of the seventh. Dixie Williams singled, plating Sunny Williams to start the inning. That was followed up by Peralez’s double, scoring Dixie.

The victory put the lady Horns in the driver seat to enter the state play-offs as the second seed. They will face the third place team from district 8 which is still to be determined.

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Wheat was jointing out and was frozen. We could smell that wheat that froze just like you can smell cotton in the fall when the frost hits it. Grandmother and Granddaddy were there for Dad’s birthday which is April 6. We had been watering wheat and alfalfa, but had to shut down the wells. The next morning there was drifted snow and ice everywhere.

“I was farming a mile south of Daddy’s place, but I decided to quit farming and go to work for the railroad.

“I had an appointment with the railroad official in Amarillo. He sent me to have my eyes tested. The report of the test was ‘you can’t see’.”

“At the time it didn’t look good. I was turned down and sent back home to farm. Dad bought the Talley place to farm and we put down irrigation wells in 1943.

“Faye and I bought two government granaries and built a shed room on the side. Finally, I bought this quarter section that had a well on it. I drove back and forth and worked it for five years, then build this house in 1949.

“We started the house in August and had it finished before Christmas but waited until after the holidays to move in. Our girls grew up here. Later when we did some refinishing, we left some of the tricycle marks where they drove through the house.”

Leslie says, “I suppose I have served on just about every committee in the country. I served Jake Griffith’s unexpired term as school trustee then was elected for two additional terms. Everyone ought to have to do a little of that. There would be more respect for trustees, administrators and teachers.

He had this to say of his church. “I reckon, I have done about everything in the Baptist Church. I was on the building committee in 1949 when the roof fell in. It was sad that snow was the cause, but it was about 8 or 9 inches of sleet on top that did it. The roof fell in on Wednesday night when no one was there.

“Then I have been church treasurer for 22 years. That, too, has its ups and downs. To say the least, it is time-consuming to pay bills and make monthly reports on finances.”

He has been a member of the Rotary Club for 35 years and has taken his turn as office holder for every office in the club. For more than 10 years he was a member of the A.S.C. committee in Floydada. That really had its ‘ups and downs’. You just get a “Mad farmer and have him come in to the committee to register complaint! Sometimes they forgot that rules and regulations were made in Washington, and not made locally.”

He says, “I have been able to retire early in life. The Lord has been so great to Faye and me. Without the Lord, I don’t know what I’d do.”

TWC Offers Tips for Teens and Employers as Summer Hiring Begins

AUSTIN – As summer approaches, the number of teenagers looking for work increases dramatically. According to a 2011 U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) study, the number of 16- to 19-year-olds employed or searching for work last year skyrocketed between April and July, increasing by more than 1.6 million workers to a total of almost 7 million in July 1.

“The Texas Workforce Commission is committed to helping prepare Texas’ future workforce for competition in the global marketplace, and summer jobs are an important part of that equation,” said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Tom Pauken. “These jobs can help Texas high school students learn the value of hard work and dependability while earning their own income.”

TWC reminds employers, workers and parents to familiarize themselves with state and federal laws, as well as safety regulations that address child labor issues. Any person under the age of 18 is considered a child when employed. Federal and state child labor laws

are designed to protect youth against potentially detrimental occupational settings or working conditions that could interfere with their safety, health or well-being. Employers also must comply with wage and hour laws and regulations enforced by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), available online at www.youthrules.dol.gov “Safety should always be the most important factor concerning youths in the workforce,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. “Teenagers, parents and employers should educate themselves on the child labor laws designed to protect our children.”

In Texas, certain child labor laws apply to different age groups and different job types. For example, children aged 11 or older may deliver newspapers to customers on established routes. Children aged 14 or 15 may perform office and clerical work, some kitchen work, cashiering, bagging and carrying out customer orders, among other tasks, as long as it takes place during certain

hours. Children aged 16 or 17 can perform work for any number of hours, as long as it is not deemed hazardous by DOL. Visit www.texasworkforce.org/ui/lablaw/lcl70.pdf to view TWC’s child labor law poster.

“I encourage young people to take advantage of the resources available at Workforce Solutions centers in order to separate themselves from other applicants,” TWC Commissioner Representing the Public Andres Alcantar said. “It’s never too early for a young person to explore their interests and learn valuable skills they will retain throughout their careers.”

Teens interested in job-search assistance and career resources should contact their local Workforce Solutions offices by visiting WorkInTexas.com. Older teens also may visit TexasInternship.jobs, the latest enhancement to TWC’s arsenal of free online job resources. Visit TWC online at www.texasworkforce.org/ui/lablaw/lablaw.html, or call TWC’s Labor Law Section at 800-832-9243 or 512-475-2670 to learn more about child labor laws.

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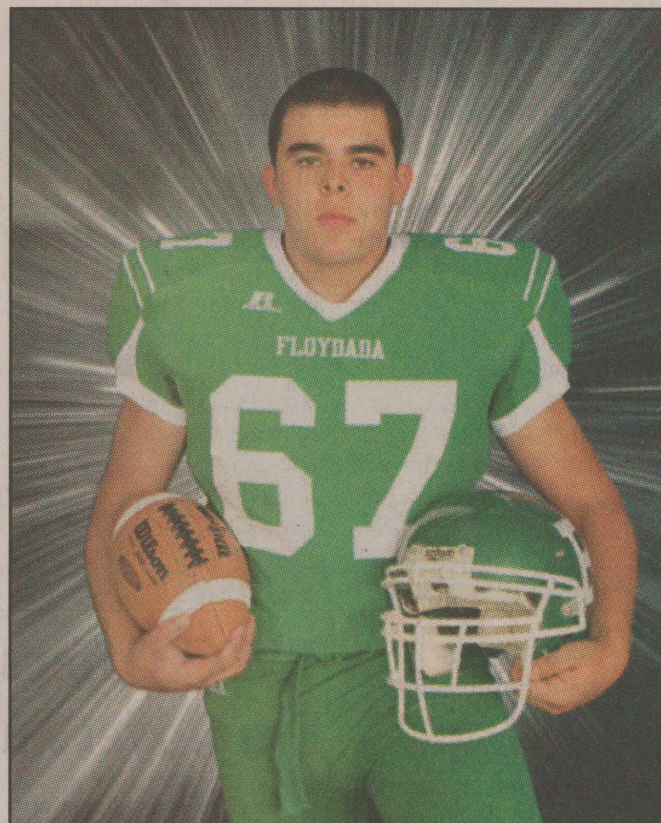
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Local players chosen to play in all-star football game



Riley Teeter



Joseph DeOchoa

By Homer Marquez

Floydada Whirlwind Joseph DeOchoa and Lockney Longhorn Riley Teeter have been selected to participate in this summer's annual ASCO All-Star Football Classic which will be played in Lubbock on June 6. Created around eight years ago, the ASCO Football Classic stretches across all districts and puts the best high school players in the South Plains and in the Permian Basin on gridiron for an action packed all-star game.

Both Floyd County players were selected to play on the Red Team; with Teeter playing defensive safety and Joseph DeOchoa picked to play offensive guard.

"Riley is well deserving of this honor," commented Lockney Athletic Director Malcom Moerbe, "He was our leader all year long and played very well for us. He will represent Lockney High School very well in this game"

Riley played well on both sides of the ball last year, easily earning him All-District honors in 2011. Riley has also been a leader in other sports throughout his high school year including making All-District in baseball, track and basketball.

"Joseph has been an asset to our athletic program for four years, playing on the varsity level in football for 3 years," commented Floydada Athletic Director Todd Bandy, "Joseph will represent Floydada well in this football game, a game his older brother Juan played in last year."

DeOchoa received first team All-District honors this year as an offensive and defensive lineman. Joseph also has participated in track and power lifting. As a senior, DeOchoa placed third in his weight class at the regional power lifting meet.

Good forage grows 'bittersweet' situation for ranchers

COLLEGE STATION – Many livestock producers continue to make hay while the sun shines, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service reports.

With rains and warmer-than-average weather, cool-season grasses and small grains continued to show rapid growth, according to the reports. Producers throughout the state were taking advantage of the situation to bale as much as they could and rebuild hay supplies depleted in the 2011 drought.

Two-minute MP3 Texas, crop and weather report for April 17, 2012

Moreover, with the warm weather pushing maturity of

warm-season grasses, producers in his area may be able to start haying Bermuda grass and coastal as much as a couple of weeks early, said Rick Maxwell, AgriLife Extension agent for Collin County, northeast of Dallas.

But it's sort of a "bittersweet" situation, Maxwell said, for as welcome as the hay is, most producers wish they had enough cattle to take advantage of the greatly improved grazing. As did many in other parts of the state, Collin County producers were forced to drastically reduce cattle herd or sell out completely in some cases.

"It's going to be really difficult to buy back in (the cattle

market) because of the short supply," he said. "The demand is there, which means prices are high. It probably will be this way for quite some time."

AgriLife Extension agents from other parts of the state had similar reports.

"The (dryland) winter wheat crop is growing as if it is being irrigated," said Rick Auckerman, AgriLife Extension agent for Deaf Smith County, west of Amarillo. "A large majority of the wheat crop this year is going for silage or hay, with little going to grain, with the exception of the seed-wheat going to the various seed men in the area."

In other areas, where warm-season grasses were be-

ginning to come on and were in need of fertilizer, the outlook was not so rosy.

"Nitrogen fertilizer prices are going through the roof," said Clint Perkins, AgriLife Extension agent for Wood County, about 100 miles east of Dallas. "Urea is pushing \$800 per ton and ammonium nitrate is in very short supply — if you can get it. Hay producers are very worried."

More information on the current Texas drought and wildfire alerts can be found on the AgriLife Extension Agricultural Drought Task Force website at <http://agrilife.tamu.edu/drought/>.

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries for April 9-16:

Central: Wheat and oats began to head out and mature with the warmer weather. Winter grasses continued to provide good grazing. Producers were baling oat and wheat hay. Pasture weeds flourished, and farmers were spraying herbicides. Strong winds, tornadoes and related weather caused a large percentage of wheat to lay over, but some fields soon recovered. Corn was growing well, although heavy rains have washed out some fields. Most crops were two to three weeks ahead of schedule in terms of maturity. Some cotton had already emerged. Warm-season grasses were growing well. Pecans were in good condition.

East: The weather remained favorable for grass growth, but little rain was received. Some producers continued to harvest cool-season grasses for hay. Also, by cutting cool-season species, they hoped to make room for warm-season grasses to get a head start on hay season. There was planting of grasses such as Jiggs and Tifton 85 Bermuda grass. Fertilizer was extremely expensive and in short supply.

Far West: The highs were in the upper 80s, with lows in the lower 50s. Many counties, including Glasscock and Brewster, had scattered thunderstorms that brought some moisture. However, much more moisture was needed. In Andrews County, pecan producers were fertilizing and spraying zinc. Producers with irrigation were cutting and bal-



Photo by Texas AgriLife Extension Service photo by Wayne Becker

In Cooke County, as in many parts of Texas, farmers took advantage of warm weather and plentiful cool-season grass growth to replenish depleted hay supplies.

ing small grains for hay and alfalfa. Mesquite and pecan trees began to green up. Most livestock producers were in the middle of spring branding.

Panhandle: Most of the region received rain and high winds, with hail falling in some areas. Rain amounts ranged from a trace to 4 inches. Soil moisture continued to be very short to short in most areas. Wheat was in very poor to excellent condition, with most counties reporting poor to fair. Farmers continued preparing fields for spring planting. Rangeland and pasture conditions improved, as did the condition of cattle in response.

Rolling Plains: Very scattered light showers fell in the eastern parts of the region, but it remained very dry in the western counties. Fields were listed in preparation for cotton planting. Cotton farmers were pre-watering and hoping for rain as soil moisture remained marginal for planting. As farmers continued to prepare fields, they found that although there was some soil moisture, it was not enough to plant. Pastures were in good shape as grasses began to come out and wild rye continued to flourish. Livestock were in good shape, and ranchers were able to stop providing supplemental feed for the first time in more than a year. Flies and insects were a major nuisance for livestock. Producers continued to harvest winter wheat as hay to replenish depleted supplies. However, some wheat was nearly headed out, and some of the poorer fields were being "disastered-out" by crop insurance companies. Many trees and shrubs died out or were damaged severely during the 2011 drought.

South: Hot and windy weather throughout the region dried out soils. Most counties reported short to very short soil-moisture levels. The exceptions were McMullen and Maverick counties, where soil moisture was 60 to 70 percent adequate. Rangeland and pastures remained in

good to fair condition, which provided good grazing for livestock and improved cattle body-condition scores. Producers were able to reduce supplemental feeding of livestock to a minimum. In La Salle County, ranchers were rebuilding herds. In Atascosa and Frio counties, corn, sorghum and potatoes were progressing well, and farmers were baling oats for hay. In Zavala County, producers were actively irrigating corn, cotton and sorghum. Also in that area, the cabbage harvest continued, cotton planting was completed, sorghum and corn crops showed good progress, and watermelon transplants were established and responding well to irrigation. Hay baling continued in Starr County.

South Plains: A cold front brought storms and pea- to grapefruit-sized hail. Rainfall varied from 0.1 inch to 1.5 inches. More moisture was needed for planting crops. Producers were pre-watering where irrigation was available. Winter wheat was mostly a loss due to drought conditions. Pasture and rangeland improved somewhat with recent showers. Livestock were in fair to good condition with continued supplemental feeding.

Southeast: Field crops were off to a good start, but more moisture was needed. Pasture conditions improved dramatically with moisture and sunshine. Farmers began taking the first hay cutting and reported excellent yields. Wheat looked great for this time of year. In Liberty County, more rain helped crops already planted. Cattle were in better condition with the improved pasture conditions. There was very little supplemental feeding of livestock needed.

Southwest: Warmer weather dried up soil moisture brought by recent rains. Pasture grasses were in good quality, with livestock greatly benefiting from improved grazing. Warm-weather crops emerged.



Courtesy Photo

The Floyd County 4-H Livestock Judging Team competed on Saturday, April 21st at the District 2 Livestock Judging Contest. McCrae McCormick advanced to the State Contest by placing 3rd Overall; SyAnn Foster placed 8th Overall and the team placed 4th overall.

April 23, 2012

To Floydada EDC,

At Pure Legacy Upper Cervical Chiropractic and Pure Balance Nutrition we have no words to express how amazing these first six weeks have been. We have been blessed with an office full of patients and a community that has welcomed us with open arms. We would like to thank the Floydada EDC for the cash incentive for the office. With this money we were able to purchase an elevating table for our upper cervical patients. We are so thankful & blessed to be in Floydada and look forward to many years to come.

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