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Floydada farmer, James Hinton, and Sharon Hinton, Executive Director - Rural Nurse Resource, are shown with the \$2,500 check funded by America's Farmers Grow Communities, sponsored by Monsanto Fund.

Floyd County farmer supports Rural Nurse Resource through America's Farmers Grow Communities

FLOYDADA, Texas (Feb. 13, 2014) - Local farmer James Hinton has directed a \$2,500 donation to Rural Nurse Resource. Funded by America's Farmers Grow Communities, the donation will be used to provide free consultation and safety education for community leaders interested in providing health advocacy and ministry for their local citizens.

Thanks to the support of farmers across the country, more than \$3.2 million is being directed to nonprofits in 1,289 counties in 39 states.

"They operate on a very stringent budget so this donation will help their organization tremendously," said Hinton. The organization assisted over 1000 individuals last year providing them with the education and knowledge to help countless more in their community.

America's Farmers Grow Communities works directly with farmers to support nonprofit organizations like Rural Nurse Resource, who are doing important work in their communities. The program offers farmers the chance to win \$2,500, which is then donated to the farmer's nonprofit of choice. The search for funding to sustain and enhance programs is a year-round job for nonprofit organizations across the country. Through America's Farmers Grow Communities, farmers have been able to support a variety of groups, such as schools, fire departments, community centers and youth organizations like 4-H and FFA.

America's Farmers Grow Communities launched in 2010, and has since donated over \$13 million to more than 5,200 nonprofit organizations across the country. America's Farmers Grow Communities, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, is part of the America's Farmers initiative, which highlights and celebrates the important contributions of

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Producer's Coop Elevator to host Bayer Cotton Seed meeting March 5

By Seth Stephens
General Manager

On Wednesday, March 5th at 12 p.m., Producer's Coop Elevator will be hosting a Bayer Cotton Seed meeting. We will be having a cookout with ribs and drinks and whatever else we can come up with.

The meeting will be held at 301 E. Missouri Street at the Producer's Coop Elevator's headquarters.

Stan Warren with Bayer Cotton Seed will be discussing the newest varieties as well as the previous years' top performers. It will be a great time to learn what Bayer has for us this season. All varieties discussed will be available for booking at PCE. Even if you don't plan to purchase your cottonseed from Producers this year, we would love for you to come and eat and visit with our staff.

Producers Coop Elevator undergoing major changes



Courtesy Photo

Producers Coop Elevator plans to break ground on March 3 as they begin upgrades to their facilities. New pumps and truck bays will be installed at the back of the property, more convenience store items and improved customer service are the goals according to new general manager Seth Stephens. Everyone is invited to stop by PCE where customers will find the best price in town for fuel and tires as well as the best customer service.

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

New Year, New PCE is the motto that new general manager Seth Stephens and the board of directors for Producers Coop Elevator have introduced.

On March 3, PCE will break ground as they prepare to move the eastside pumps to the back and install additional truck bays utilizing above ground tanks.

"Our new pumps will serve the fuel at 40 gallons-per-minute which will allow our trucking customers to get back on the road quicker," Stephens said. "Our old pumps are slow and our trucking partners are burning time while filling up."

The process will begin by preparing the rear bays that will allow two trucks to fuel at one time. Also, all fuel products will be available at the back pumps and the front pumps will handle gasoline and road diesel.

"We will offer the cheapest fuel in town most of the time," Stephens said. "Since we are an independent, we're not tied to a particular brand which gives me the ability to find the best price for fuel and we'll pass that along to our customers. We do offer a 12 cent a gallon discount to cash customers or anyone that has a PCE Coop card so right there we are cheaper."

Stephens said that anyone in Floyd

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2014 Lighthouse Government-In-Action Youth Tour Contest Winners Announced



Courtesy Photo

The 2014 Lighthouse Electric Cooperative Government-in-Action Youth Tour contest for area high school students was held Sunday, Feb. 23rd. This was the 50th year Lighthouse Electric has sponsored the contest. Contestants entering the contest were (l-r) Zack Byrd - Petersburg High School, Jose Manuel Reye - Petersburg High School, Darby Long - Lockney High School, and Cassidy Turner - Motley County High School.

The finals of the 2014 Lighthouse Electric Cooperative Government-in-Action Youth Tour contest for area high school youngsters was held Sunday afternoon, February 23. 2014 marked the 50th consecutive year Lighthouse has sponsored the contest. This year's contest was judged by a three member panel: Andy Stewart, Safety & Loss Control/Training Coordinator for Swisher Electric Cooperative of Tulia; Dwain Tipton, Manager of Finance and Administration for Swisher Electric Cooperative, and Becky Wilson, Youth Tour Coordinator for South Plains Electric Cooperative, who works out of their Gate City Division office in Childress.

Four contestants representing area schools from Lockney, Motley County, and Petersburg vied for the all expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. this June, and a \$500 college scholarship. The two winners chosen by the judges were Darby Long of Lockney High School, and Jose Manuel Reyes of Petersburg High School.

As participants in the Youth Tour, the two winners will join other winners from across Texas to travel by air to Washington where they will spend seven days touring places of historical interest, visiting members of Congress, and getting a first-hand view of their government in action. This year's tour is scheduled for June 12 to June 20.

Upcoming

Events are listed free of charge for nonprofit civic organizations, schools and community events. Please submit listings at least two weeks ahead of the date. Listings will run through the date of the event. Emailed submissions are preferred to fchb.editor@yahoo.com.

EARLY VOTING FLOYD COUNTY

Early voting in Floyd County contested races began on Tuesday, Feb. 18 and runs through Friday, Feb. 28. Early voting locations will be at the Courthouse Annex meeting room in Floydada and First United Methodist Church in Lockney. The regular election is Tuesday, March 4 at the same locations.

CONCEALED HANDGUN LICENSE COURSE

South Plains College will offer the new, shorter Concealed Handgun License course on March 1 (Saturday) in the Law Enforcement Technology building in Room 115 on the Levelland campus.

BAYER COTTON SEED MEETING

On Wednesday, March 5th at 12 p.m., Producer's Coop Elevator will be hosting a Bayer Cotton Seed meeting. There will be a cookout with ribs and drinks. The meeting will be held at 301 E. Missouri Street at the Producer's Coop Elevator's headquarters. See article on farm page in this week's issue of the Hesperian-Beacon for more info.

VALENTINE BRAG PAGE PICS

Just a reminder... if you brought or mailed in a picture(s) for the Valentine Brag pages, you can come to the Hesperian office to pick them up.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Calvert Home Health holds their blood pressure clinic on every first and third Thursday of each month between 9 - 11 a.m. at the Community Room of the First National Bank of Floydada.

Corrections

If you spot an error of fact, contact the FCHB office at 806-983-3737 or email: fchb.editor@yahoo.com

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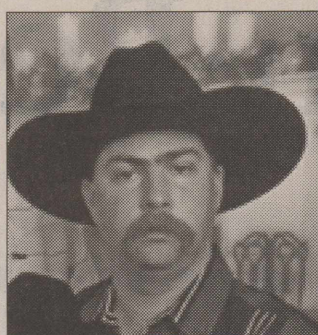
Ward Ray Brooks

Ward Ray Brooks, 45, died Wednesday, February 19, 2014 in Eastland.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, March 1, 2014 at 10 a.m. at the Burkburnett City Cemetery.

Ward was born on May 8, 1968 in Lubbock to Ray and Carol (McGaughey) Brooks. He graduated from high school at Floydada in 1986. He was baptized at the Floydada United Methodist Church.

Ward entered service with the United States Air Force in 1988 serving in Operation "Provide Comfort". He met and married Dionette (Dee) Tidwell on October 10, 1999. Ward was employed at Sheppard Air Force base as a Fireman until retiring in 2007. Ward



WARD RAY BROOKS

was a member of VFW Post 4136. He moved to Eastland in 2008.

Ward was preceded in death by his wife, Dionette (Dee) Tidwell in 2007, father, Ray Brooks, grandparents, Ernest and Louise Brooks and Arthur and Esther McGaughey, uncle, Allen McGaughey, and aunt, Virginia Griffin.

Ward is survived by his

mother, Carol Gore and step-father, Larry Gore of Iowa Park; son, Colton Brooks of Eastland and step-son, Stephen McDaniel of Midwest City, Oklahoma. He is also survived by two brothers, Walker Brooks and wife, Christi of Eastland, and Wade Brooks and his wife, Alison of Double Oak, Texas; two aunts, Edith Beck and husband, Harold of Vera, Texas, and Faye Railsback of Knox City and his uncle, Ernie McGaughey and wife, Marianna of Tulia.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Colton Brooks Education Fund, c/o First Bank, 300 E. 3rd, Burkburnett, TX 76354.

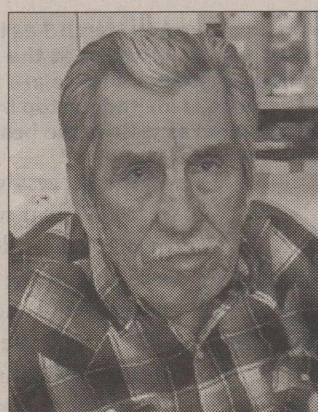
Bonifacio Maldonado

Bonifacio Maldonado, age 75, passed away Wednesday, February 19, 2014.

Funeral services were held Saturday, February 22, 2014 at 2 p.m. at Primera Iglesia Bautista in Floydada.

Burial followed at the Floydada Cemetery. Arrangements were under the care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

Bonifacio was born on May 14, 1938 to Florencio and Simona (Suaseda) Maldonado in Mathis, Texas. He worked at Scott Gin and spent many years farming. He loved barbe-



BONIFACIO MALDONADO

quing, spending time with family and singing when his family was together.

Bonifacio was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Guadalupe Maldonado, and a sister, Janie

Briones.

He is survived by his wife, Concepcion Maldonado; three sons, Bonifacio Maldonado, Jr., Rolando Maldonado, and Guadalupe Maldonado; three daughters, Rosalinda DeOchoa, Leticia Ayala, and Yolanda Flores; five brothers, Robert Maldonado, Ciprano Maldonado, Frank Maldonado, Florencio Maldonado, Jr., and Jessie Maldonado; two sisters, Sandy Garza and Simona Maldonado; 14 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

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

Gene Brotherton

Gene Brotherton, age 81, of Lockney went to be with her Lord and Savior, Sunday, February 16, 2014 in Lockney.

Services were held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at the First Baptist Church in Lockney with Jonathan Sullivan.

Interment followed at the Lockney Cemetery. Visitation was held from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney. Arrangements were under the care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney.

Gene was born April 28, 1932 to Luther and Hattie (Spencer) Sutton in Foreman, Arkansas. Gene enjoyed sewing, playing cards, attending & volunteering at the Lockney Senior citizens, spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Hazel Young, a brother, Milton Sutton, former husbands, N.L. Minick, and Arvie L. Newton.

Gene is survived by her husband, E.L. Brotherton of the home; a son, Charlie Minick and wife, Missy of Lockney; E.L.'s children, Renee Armstrong, and husband, Robert of Lockney, Rhonda Dane and husband, Troy of Lubbock, and Ricky Brotherton and wife, Robin of Sunray; a sister, Geneva Barclay of Lockney, nine grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

Memorials may be made in Gene Brotherton's name to: Lockney Senior Citizens, P.O. Box 82, Lockney, Texas 79241 or Hospice Hands of West Texas, P.O. Box 1118, Lockney, Texas 79241.

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

Donald Henkle

Donald Henkle, 79, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, February 18, 2014.

A gathering for friends and family will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday, March 2, 2014, at the Maize Community Building in Maize, Kansas.

Don was born in Southeast Kansas to Walter Henkle and Maude (Pickering) Henkle.

He was a retired salesman for an electrical wholesale company in Wichita. Don had many hobbies and passions including archaeology, genealogy and gardening.

Don was also a member of an archaeological team from Wichita State University that visited the Floyd County area, and he made many good friends during those visits.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Wayne, and sister, Pearl.

Survivors include his wife, Wanda; daughters, Marlene and Mindy (Jack); grandchildren, Annie, Jacque and Kristen; and great-grandson, Michael, all of Wichita, and brother, Oliver, of Iola, Kansas.

In lieu of flowers a donation may be made to the Woodson County Historical Society, c/o P.O. Box 445, Maize, KS 67101.

Arrangements were under the care of Downing & Lahey Mortuary West. Tributes may be sent to the family via www.downingandlahey.com

Wiley D. (Bud) Nance

Wiley D. (Bud) Nance, 86, of San Angelo, Texas passed away at 12:45 a.m. Monday, February 24, 2014.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, February 27, 2014 at the Lockney Cemetery. Joe Provence will officiate.

Visitation will be held Thursday, February 28, 2013 from 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. at the Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney.

Mr. Nance was born June 3, 1927 to the late Wiley D Nance, Sr. and Lula Mercer Nance in the Lone Star Community in Floyd County. He attended schools in Lone Star and Silverton. He also farmed at Lone Star until his retirement. Bud was a member of the 1st Baptist Church in San Angelo, Texas.

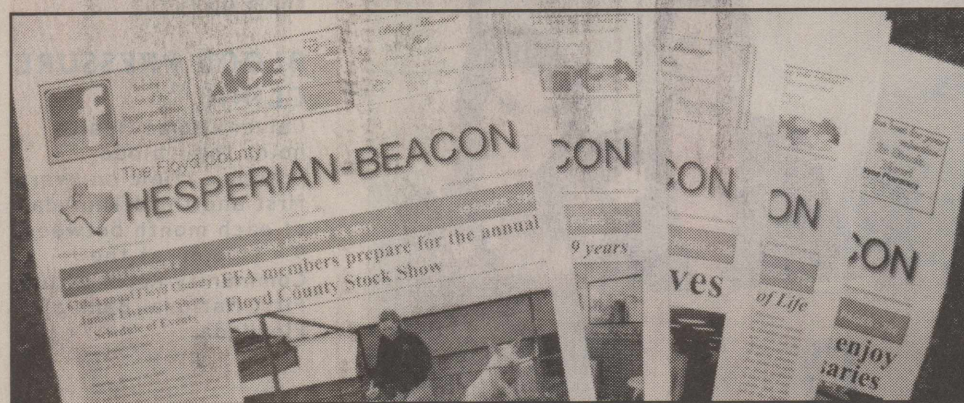
He was preceded in death by his father, Wiley D. Nance, Sr., his mother, Lula Mercer Nance, three

sisters, Marie Henderson, Mayme Harp and Bobbie Nance and one brother, Jim Nance.

Survivors include his wife, Lorraine Nance of San Angelo; three brothers, Tom Nance and wife, Mary of Brownwood, Joe Nance and wife, Peggy of Plainview and Mike Nance and wife, Brenda of Midland and numerous nieces and nephews.

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FLOYD COUNTY
HESPERIAN-BEACON
THE HISTORY
OF THE CAPROCK
COUNTRY
Thursday, July 15, 1965

Bright and early one November morning just after turn of the century, a young man made his way from the Nicolett Hotel to a small frame building on the north west corner of the square in Lubbock, Texas.

He unlocked the door of the small business structure. It was the First National Bank. The young man was Walter Posey. This day, he was a cashier. A half-century later-he would be president of the board of the largest bank (now) on the South Plains.

This Walter Posey was no dude. He had been a cow-boy and freighter, and although just 23 years old and a "button" businessman, he had a head on his shoulders with a sturdy frame to carry it.

He had roughed it and was a better man for the rugged early life he spent;

Posey came to West Texas in a covered wagon in 1891 as a boy of 10. His father was a farmer-stockman J. B. Posey-heading west for a new life.

Even in spacious, exquisitely-furnished offices in a 1965 skyscraper, Walter Posey thinks back;

"On our wagon creaked... To Abilene... Out past the Double Mountains... To Aspermont. *Across the

Salt Fork of the Brazos... On to the Spur country... Up the Caprock... To Floyd County."

"For days, we could see the dim, blue-hazed rim (Caprock), we reached it at a point near the old Doc-kum Store on the head of a creek in Dickens County."

"When we reached the top of the ascent, before us stretched the vast Plains grassland. My father halted the wagon and we pitched camp by a lake."

"My mother (Lucinda Posey) didn't take too kindly to the camp site. But my father and I gathered some fuel (guess what) in 'tow sacks', and she came down off the wagon and fixed supper."

Originally, the Poseys planned to go to the Big Bend Country by heading down the Pecos River from the Plains. But fate stepped in and the elder Posey bought a "bonus" (land) and settled near Floydada. He went into the cattle and sheep business.

Young Walter busied himself helping with the live-stock. In 1895, J. B. Posey sold his livestock and established a general mercantile store. Walter hauled in freight with his own wagons and teams-mostly from the Canyon railhead.

There was good money to be made in an interesting sideline-buffalo bones. They bleached in piles for miles along the Caprock and on the Plains. These

bones could be hauled to Amarillo and sold for \$8 to \$10 a ton-bringing as much, and more, than a cow was then worth.

Meanwhile, J. B. Posey established a private bank in back of his store. Cow-boys in from the ranches asked him to keep their cash and checks-in an old \$40 iron safe.

But the safekeeping bank grew to such proportions, the elder Posey put the cowboys' money in a special account at an Amarillo bank. The funds had grown to \$70,000 or \$100,000.

Posey was asked why he didn't establish a bank of his own. And he did. Walter worked some in it for his father. This private bank later became the First National Bank of Floydada.

In 1901, J. B. Posey and Louis T. Lester of Canyon established a bank in Lockney. Walter Posey became its cashier.

And, in 1904, Posey and Lester purchased controlling interest in the First National Bank at a new town on the South Plains-Lubbock.

Walter Posey was sent there to be cashier.

Our story resumes wit the young man unlocking the bank door at Lubbock the morning of Nov. 4, 1904.

Here was a small western cowtown of 250 to 300 people. The bank did not even have a typewriter. All letters being done in longhand,

Walter Posey tells about

it, best;

"We had never heard of an adding machine. One day in 1905, my father phoned me from Floydada, saying that a traveling man had been there showing him an adding machine made by an outfit named Burroughs. And that he had tried it out

"Since it seemed to work, he (Posey's father) had bought one for himself, and one for me. He told me when it came, to charge it to expense and pay for it."

"Well, in about a month, the mail hack came in one evening from Canyon. It drove up front of the bank, where I sat visiting with some cowpuncher friends."

"The hack driver said he had a boxed crate for me. I got some of the boys to help me get it into the bank."

"They wanted to know what it was. I told them it was a piece of furniture. I was afraid to tell them it was an adding machine. As privately, I did not believe there was a piece of machinery on earth that would add."

"I wanted to try it out before I went too far. So after the cowboys left and I had locked up. We finally got around to putting down some small figures."

"And pulled the trigger!"

"The derved thing worked-the total was all right!"

"I then tried some hard figures. And took the total I verified same with a pen-

cil."

"It still worked!"

"I was amazed, but it took me two or three months before I could figure out some settlement without proving it with a pencil."

Today, the First Na-

tional Bank of Lubbock-Walter Posey, chairman of the board-has a battery of labor-saving machines and electronic devices, which handle all manner of bookkeeping in a matter of seconds.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

MENU
March 3 – March 7

Monday – Beef stroganoff, noodles, whole wheat roll, margarine, mixed vegetables, low-fat milk

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

Wednesday – Beef taco bake, Spanish rice, cauliflowerer, tossed salad w/dressing, country apple crisp, low-fat milk

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

Friday – Swedish meatballs, parsley noodles, mixed vegetables, whole wheat roll, margarine, angel food cake w/strawberries, low-fat milk

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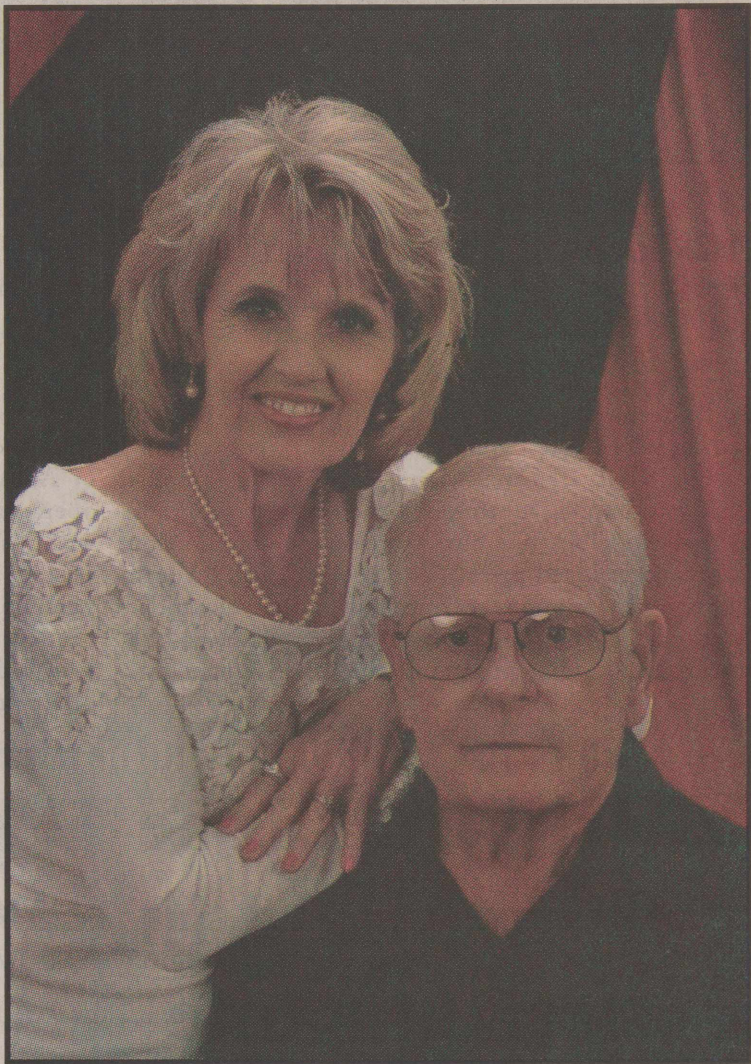
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FLOYDADA SCHOOL

Lowrance and McCann garner All-District Basketball honors

By Coach Riley

The Whirlwinds finished district with a 4 and 6 record in district this year, winning them a playoff spot.

Much of their success is owed to their three junior leaders: Tucker Lowrance, DeAndre McCann, and Zach Martinez. Lowrance and McCann were two of the District 3-2A leaders this year, making them an easy choice of being voted All-District by the district coaches.

Lowrance averaged 18 points a game

with several 20+ point games and one 30 point game.

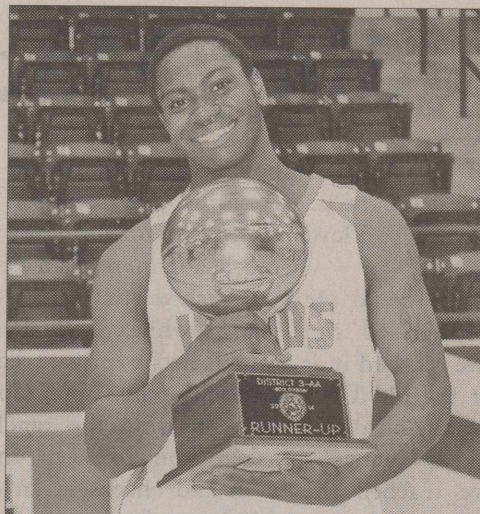
He also averaged five rebounds and 2 steals a game in district.

McCann averaged 11 points a game and 11 rebounds a game.

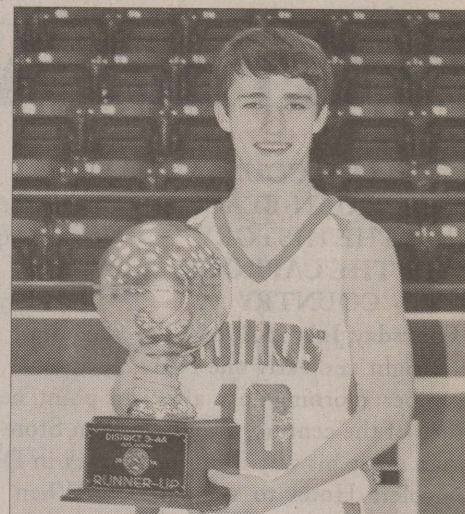
He also had a couple 20+ point games and some 20+ rebound games.

The 'Winds are fortunate to have these quality starters returning next year as well as four freshman and three sophomores.

Photos by Mita Chavarria



DEANDRE MCCANN



TUCKER LOWRANCE

4-H News

Floyd County 4H Shooting Sports Gets Boost



Courtesy Photo

By Amy Kress
CEA-FCS
Floyd County

The Floyd County 4-H Shooting Sports program recently received an ammunition order through ATK Sporting who is the parent company for Federal Ammunition, CCI, Blackhawk and Weaver. This ammunition was purchased through their youth program, which allows clubs like ours to purchase ammunition at a greatly reduced price. The goal of ATK's Youth Program is to promote recruitment and development of young shooters. The ammunition purchase will be used in the shotgun program, which we started this spring.

Floyd County 4-H Shooting Sports now offers archery, rifle, pistol, shotgun, hunting and wildlife and will be adding muzzleloaders soon. These programs are offered to all enrolled 4-H'ers for a nominal fee. Extension Programs serve people of all ages regardless of race, color, religion, disability or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Courts of Texas co-operating. We will seek to accommodate all persons with disabilities for all meetings. We request that you contact the Floyd County Extension Office as soon as possible to advise us of any auxiliary and/or services needed.

In order to keep the costs of the shotgun and our other programs down, Floyd 4-H Shooting Sports is

seeking donations from groups and individuals from our communities. These donations will not only be used to defray the cost of the ammunition that we purchased but will allow us to buy other supplies for all of our shooting sports programs. At this time we are looking to buy such things as archery targets, steel targets for rifle, pistol and muzzleloader and clays for shotgun. Donations of any size are welcomed.

We would like to thank the Floydada Rotary Club, Karen Houchin Law Office, the Lockney Coop Gin and the Sam Moore Family for their recent donations to the shooting sports project. Donations can be made to Floyd 4-H Shooting Sports at the County Extension Office.

Whirlwinds lose to Brownfield in bi-district game

By Coach Riley

The Whirlwinds lost to Brownfield this past Tuesday by a score of 81 to 50.

The Whirlwinds struggled with Brownfield's quickness and press. Brownfield caught fire early and never cooled down. They were led by west Texas standout Shacolby Hill who threw in 42 points.

The Whirlwinds were led by Tucker Lowrance scoring 19 points. DeAndre McCann also had a great night with 16 points and 15 rebounds.

Overall, it turned out to be a good year for Whirlwind basketball. The Winds are looking forward to next year as they will have almost everyone returning, including four freshman. The Wind's will lose a good shooter, senior Cristo Rosa.

Floydada School Menu

March 3 –
March 7

Monday

Breakfast – French toast sticks, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety

Lunch – Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickle, potato tots, western beans, diced pears, milk variety.

Tuesday

Breakfast – Scrambled eggs w/biscuit & gravy, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety

Lunch – Tangerine chicken, brown rice, baby carrots, steamed broccoli, snowball salad, milk variety

Wednesday

Breakfast – Breakfast

club, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety
Lunch – Tex-Mex stack, Spanish rice, refried beans, garden salad, hot cinnamon apples, milk variety

Thursday

Breakfast – Chicken-waffles, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety
Lunch – Stuffed BBQ potato, baby carrots, Texas toast, fresh fruit bowl, milk variety

Friday

Breakfast – Breakfast burrito, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety
Lunch – Chicken Parmesan, Savory green beans, garden salad, fresh apple slices, breadstick, milk variety

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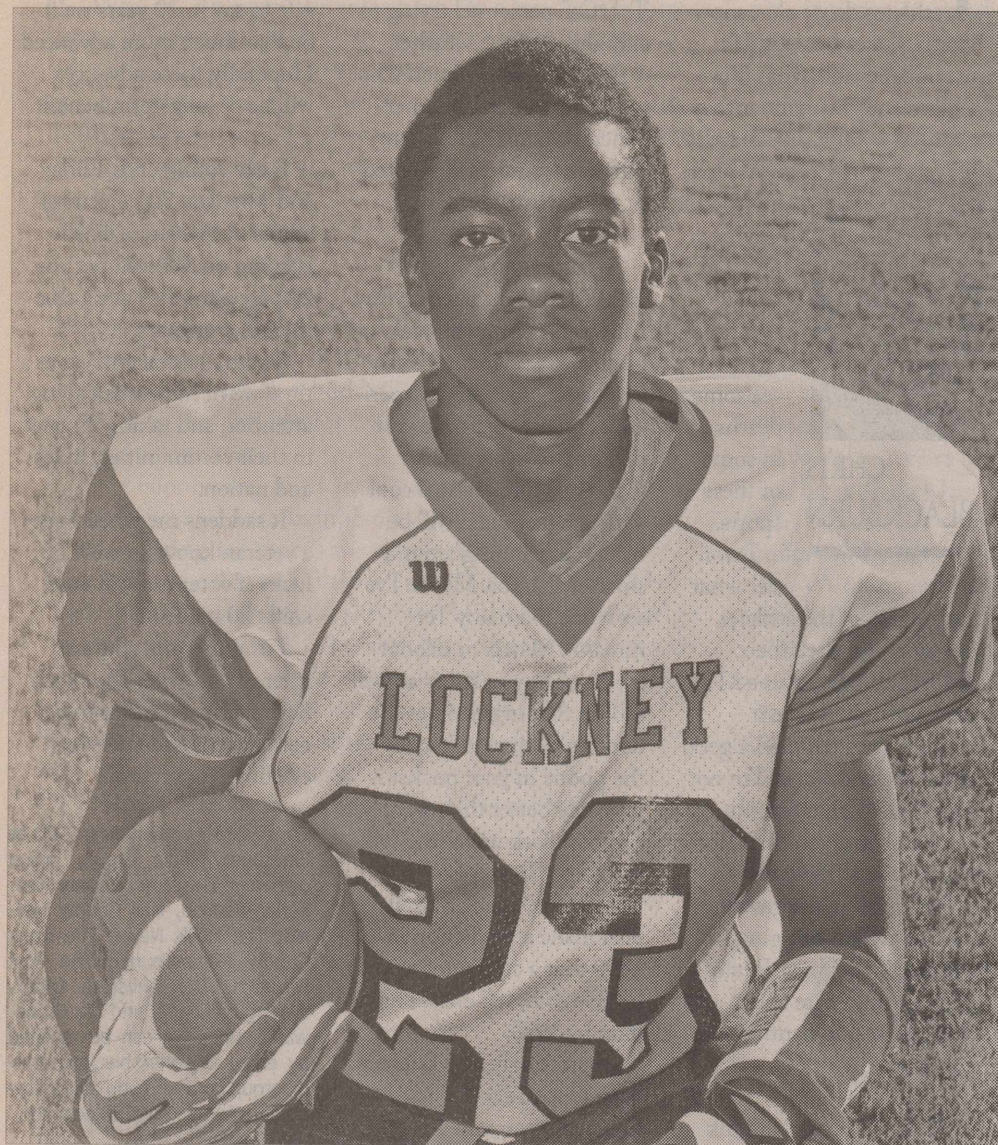


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TEVIN PHILLIPS
Sophomore - LHS
2013 All-South Plains
Class 1-A
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SPC's Continuing Education announces March evening schedule

LEVELLAND – South Plains College's Division of Continuing and Distance Education announces its spring 2014 Evening Schedule. The following classes will be offered from March through May.

Hydrogen Sulfide Safety will be offered from 6 to 9 p.m. on Mondays on March 3 and April 7. The cost is \$15, and the class will be conducted in Law Enforcement Room 108.

The Levelland Studio Light Class will be offered from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on March 8 in Room 122 of the Technical Arts Building on the Levelland campus.

Old World Furniture Faux Finishing Class will be offered from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Mondays from March 3 through April 7 in the Technical Arts Building in Room 122. The cost is \$80 and includes supplies.

Introduction to Group Guitar II will be offered on Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:20 p.m. starting March 24 through April 28 in the Commercial Music Building in Room 146. The cost is \$75, and space is limited.

The Outdoor Advanced Lighting Class will be offered from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. on March 29 at the SPC Reese Center campus in Building 8.

The Spring Fandango trip to a designated location is planned for May 10. The locations will be announced. The price will be determined.

To sign up for the class, contact Kasey Reyes, administrative assistant to the Dean of Continuing Education, at (806) 716-2341 or email kreyes@southplainscollege.edu.

Lady Longhorns Softball Report

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

Lady Horns defeat Frenship JV 8-1

On Feb. 17, the Lockney Lady Horns softball team played the Frenship JV squad and behind the arm of senior pitcher, Katie Jackson defeated the Lady Tigers 8-1.

Jackson struck out 16, allowed two hits and only walked four batters in seven innings. Haley Dunbar and Jackson each had two hits in the victory.

The Horns scored two in the top of the first, one in the second, four in the sixth and one in the seventh while Frenship only managed one run in the bottom of the third.

Lady Horns capture Post Caprock Tournament championship

Participating in the Post Caprock Tournament, the Lady Horns captured their very first tournament title in program history by defeating Seagraves 20-0, Rotan 18-1 and Hamlin 6-1.

The Lady Horns started the tournament last Thursday by defeating Seagraves 20-0 as Katie Jackson, Shelby Coats and Brittany DeLeon combined for a no-hitter over three innings. Jackson, pitching the first inning struck out all three batters and with a 15-0 lead after one, Coats came into pitch the second inning and also struck out the side. With the lead stretched to 17-0, DeLeon pitched the third inning, striking out one batter and finishing out the no-hitter. Between the three pitchers, only two Lady

Eagles reached base on walks.

Coats also led the way offensively as she recorded four hits and five runs batted in. Overall, the Lady Horns pounded out 11 hits, 17 RBIs and 20 runs.

The Lady Horns next took on Rotan last Thursday and pounded out an 18-1 victory.

The Horns tallied three runs in the first, four in the second, three in the third and eight in the fourth to continue an offensive show that began in their first game. Darby Long and Haley Dunbar led the offensive surge. Long had three hits and four RBIs while Dunbar had two hits and six RBIs. Overall, the Lady Horns had 17 hits, 16 RBIs and 18 runs.

Senior pitcher Katie Jackson had nine strikeouts, allowed just five hits and one run over four innings of work.

On Saturday, the Lady Horns returned to Post to take on Hamlin for the championship. Katie Jackson led the way as she struck out 12 Hamlin batters, allowed one run, three hits and two walks in seven innings.

The teams were tied 0-0 after three innings but then the Lady Horns' bats came alive as they took a 5-0 lead after 3 1/2 innings.

Kennedy Hallmark and Camryn Diaz led the way with three hits apiece and Dixie Williams had two RBIs as the Lady Horns took home a 6-1 victory and a championship trophy.

The Lady Horns are now 5-0 on the season. They faced Ira in Snyder Monday, Feb. 24. They travel to Sundown on Saturday, March 1 and travel to Seagraves Tuesday, March 4.

NRA to present 'New to CHL, Now What?' on March 1 at SPC

LEVELLAND – South Plains College will present the NRA's "New to CHL, Now What" on March 1 (Saturday) in Room 116 of the Law Enforcement Technology Building. The cost of the course is \$70 with a maximum of 12 students.

The class will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Anthony Wilson will be the instructor.

This course is designed to help law-abiding citizens blend in to the role

of lawfully armed citizens through education, empowerment and exposure to applicable defensive concepts. The class is meant for those who have a concealed carry permit or are planning to get one soon.

Topics include concealment methods, holster selection, firearm/defense legal resources, awareness and avoidance tactics, conflict resolution, mental preparation, pertinent accessories, firearm safes and

storage, defensive lifestyle resources and practice drills. This class does not involve any live-fire range exercises but does involve extensive role playing scenario drills to work on awareness, avoidance and de-escalation skills.

To sign up or for more information, call Kasey Reyes, administrative assistant to the Dean of Continuing and Distance Education, at (806) 716-2341 or email kreyes@southplainscollege.edu.

Lockney School Menu

March 3 - March 7

Monday

Breakfast – French toast sticks, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety

Lunch – Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickle, potato rounds, western beans, diced pears, milk variety.

Tuesday

Breakfast – Scrambled eggs w/biscuit & gravy, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety

Lunch – Two pigs in a blanket, baby carrots, steamed broccoli, pineapple tidbits, milk variety

Wednesday

Breakfast – Breakfast club, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety

Lunch – Tex-Mex stack, corn chips, garden salad, hot cinnamon apples, milk variety

Thursday

Breakfast – Chicken-n-waffles, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety

Lunch – Stuffed BBQ potato, baby carrots, Texas toast, fresh fruit bowl, milk variety

Friday

Breakfast – Breakfast burrito, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety

Lunch – Cheese pizza, garden salad, savory green beans, fresh apple slices, milk variety

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Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong

Remember pot luck on Thursday! Everyone meets at 5 p.m. Bring a dish and enjoy games. Coffee time everyday from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Family Night Fish Fry weekly from 5-8 p.m. Please come and enjoy the food, fun and fellowship. \$10 a plate for adults and \$5 for children (under 10).

Cecil Jones and family wanted to extend an invitation to each of you to Betty's 90th

Birthday Bash here at the Center on Saturday, March 1st. It's from 2-4 p.m. No gifts please. However cards are welcome. Hope you have a great week.

MENU

March 3- 7th

Monday - Stew and Cornbread

Tuesday - Enchilada casserole

Wednesday - Pot Roast

Thursday - Baked potatoes

Friday - Hamburger Steak

1956 Study Club

By Kay Dean Smith

The 1956 Study Club met on February 11, 2014 in the home of hostess, Sherry Hacker. Sherry presented members with pretty hand-made Valentine favors. A Hawaiian stack meal was served followed by a Valentine themed dessert table that featured several Valentine treats. Kay Dean Smith served as co-hostess.

The program was given by Amy Kress, Floyd County Extension Agent, also known by her new title, Family Consumer Science Agent. The program was on Women and Heart Disease. Cardiovascular disease is the number one killer of women. She told us of the warning signs of a heart attack and stroke. Amy shared informative pamphlets with us.

This program was full of life saving information.

Amy is just beginning her career and she is doing a wonderful job. She is eager to help our community in any way she can.

President Dana Crossland presided at the meeting. Roll call was answered by telling if we were ever a member of 4-H, FFA or FHA and revealing a memory of our experience. Most of the women were members of FHA.

Members were asked to consider nomination of officers for next year as well as program ideas for next year.

The next meeting will be in the home of Dana Crossland. The program will be presented by Jeff Johnston, city manager.

Floyd County Friends 19th Annual Gala to be held March 29

By Elaine LaBaume

The Floyd County Friends 19th annual gala will be held March 29th. This year's theme is "Triple Crown at Muncy Downs". Entertainment will be Mark Collins "High Lonesome"

Band. Ladies, if you love George Strait, you will love to hear Mark sing his songs. A dancing area will be available for those that would like to dance. It is country and western music that everyone will certainly enjoy.

Tickets will go on sale

this week and can be purchased at Nick Long's office, D & J Gin in Lockney or Jon and Elaine LaBaume.

Tickets are \$30 each or \$300 for a table of 8. Get your tickets early as we sold out last year.

The Paperboy Some Olympic thoughts:

I cannot imagine doing a tenth of what I saw athletes do on skis, snowboards, skates or sleds. It's just unbelievable what they achieve and the manner they achieve it.



CHRIS
BLACKBURN

Watching the Olympics, I'm really surprised we don't see some deaths in some of these sports. I wonder what the parents of the athletes feel when they see their children in these events? I'm not sure I could take it.

I thought NBC did a good job in their coverage. I'm not a big Matt Lauer fan, but he did a better job than Bob Costas while filling in.

Perhaps I'm just growing tired of Costas bringing his opinion into things. Really Bob, we don't care about your opinion on gun control. Just give us the sports.

I'd like to publicly thank our first responders for the job they do. It's been brutally cold this winter but you've answered the call.

In addition to first responders, the power people need a slap on the shoulder as well.

We live in times where we are absolutely dependent on certain things. If we're in trouble, we expect the police or deputies to be there in a hurry.

If there's a wreck, the fire department and EMS are there ready to save lives.

You've got DPS troopers watching the highways and TxDOT personnel trying to stay ahead of the weather.

The men and women who work any number of emergencies we might find ourselves in we take for granted ... until we need them.

According to Google Director of Engineering Ray Kurzweil, computers will be able to understand our languages, learn from experience and outsmart the vast majority of us by 2029.

I'm not sure I'm real cool with the fact there will be machines running around smarter than us. Maybe I've seen one too many Terminator, Matrix or iRobot movies, but you know as well as I do that many times life does imitate art. After all, the phone in your pocket is probably better than what Captain Kirk was using on early Star Trek episodes.

Anyhow, this Kurzweil fella made a prediction in 1990 that a computer would be able to beat a chess champion by 1998.

Interestingly, IBM's Deep Blue topped chess great Garry Kasparov in 1997.

Look how much we depend on technology today

compared to 20 years ago and the 20 years before that. It's safe to say in 20 years we'll be that much more advanced. Hopefully, these advances will be of long-term benefit.

Early voting ends Friday and I bet you 50 percent of adults don't even realize it is going on. I'd even bet you 20 percent don't have a clue there is a primary.

Apathy has taken over at a time we need people paying attention and taking interest in their communities, states and nation.

It saddens me when I see a veteran knowing we'll be lucky if voter turnout even sniffs 20 percent.

I implore you, take an interest and vote. Too many have sacrificed for us to be complacent and take free elections for granted.

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Home Country

By Slim Randles

One of the great pleasures of hanging around down at the livestock auction barn each Saturday morning is being able to take your dog along.

Why do we go to the sales barn? We love agriculture, and it's part of living here to see who buys what and rejoice in their good fortune, even if our own grass is stressed to the limit by whatever varmint we're currently feeding. Or, it could be that we figure we've already lived too long, and if the right horse or cow comes through there, and we buy it, our wives will see to it that we don't suffer in agony for untold years.

This weekly auction is a treasure house for our dogs. It's a dog's day out, a chance to scrounge under the bleachers for dropped hot dog portions and the occasional sweet bun crust. It's a chance for them to get reacquainted with dog buddies and to check out any new pickups in the parking lot whose tires have not yet been properly baptized.

My coonhound loves it. She had done her munching, scrounging and socializing and was curled up under my truck, waiting for me, as we were getting ready to leave. Dud's blue heeler was flitting around in the bed of his pickup truck, guarding against anything that might deign to trespass. And Doc had a new dog, of non-obvious parentage, on a leash, which meant he was not yet broken in to sales barn etiquette. Once he got used to it, and had been introduced to the other dogs, he'd fit right in and the leash would be history.

"What kind of dog is that, Doc?" we asked.

"Why, he's an Egyptian shepherd."

"I never heard of an Egyptian shepherd. Does he work cattle?"

"Nope."

"What's he do?"

Doc grinned, "He makes pyramids in the back yard."

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Social Security Announces New Expedited Disability Process for Veterans

Carolyn W. Colvin, Acting Commissioner of Social Security, along with Congressman John Sarbanes (D-MD) today unveiled a new initiative to expedite disability claims by veterans with a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) disability compensation rating of 100% Permanent & Total (P&T). Under the new process, Social Security will treat these veterans' applications as high priority and issue expedited decisions, similar to the way the agency currently handles disability claims from Wounded Warriors.

"Our veterans have sacrificed so much for our country and it is only right that we ensure they have timely access to the disability benefits they may be eligible for and deserve," said Acting Commissioner Colvin. "Social Security worked with Veterans Affairs to identify those veterans with disabilities who have a high probability of also meeting our definition of disability. I am proud of our collaboration and happy to announce this new service for America's vets."

In order to receive the expedited service, veterans must tell Social Security they have a VA disability compensation rating of 100% P&T and show proof of their disability rating with their VA Notification Letter.

The VA rating only expedites Social Security disability claims processing and does not guarantee an approval for Social Security disability benefits. These veterans must still meet the strict eligibility requirements for a disability allowance.

Social Security plans to launch the expedited process in mid-March.

For information about this service, please visit www.socialsecurity.gov/pgm/disability-pt.htm.

For more about Social Security's handling of Wounded Warrior's disability claims, please visit: www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors

Wit and Wisdom of Texas

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

Wit and Wisdom of Texas looks to show the readers the common sense and uncommon genius of many Texans from the past to the present. I hope you enjoy and delight in these comments.

"Texas is too big of state to take in one gulp." – The Texas Monthly Guidebook to Texas

"With a population descended from English, French and Germans forming the bone and sinew of our character, Texas will possess all the moral elements of greatness." – Sam Houston

"Winning has always meant much to me, but winning friends has meant more." – Babe Didrikson Zaharias

"Sincerely attempt to heal, on an honest Christian basis, every misunderstanding that you have had or now have. Drain off your grievances." – Lyndon Baines Johnson

"Try, but don't try too hard. Just try hard enough, and things will go better." – Rodney Crowell

"Failures that transform a businessman into a super-cautious individual can cripple, and this attitude has to be guarded against." – Trammell Crow

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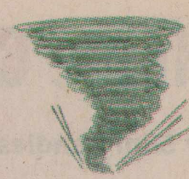
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Whirlwind News



Perfection from the VASE Art Show

By Bethany Morales-
Staff Writer

One stroke of the paintbrush turns into a beautiful painting, which started out only as a sketch. From the sketch 12 students worked diligently in order to make their paintings presentable at the VASE Art Show. At this show students can present their paintings and show off their great artistic skills. It was held Saturday, February 22, 2014 at Frenship High School.

Students have worked all year on their artwork trying to flawlessly build a masterpiece that will advance them into the state show.

"For the VASE Art show some of the students use artwork that they have done in class while other students do works outside of class," said, Art Teacher, Janna Williams.

For some students this is not their first time competing in the show. They hope that they have become better artist than before in order to reach their goals.

"I hope to achieve a higher score than I had in the past, but I know in order to do that I have to think highly of my artwork and limit my mistakes," said freshman, Kailee Jackson.

Ten out of the twelve students who competed in the show earned a perfect score of 4. Congratulations to the Art department for an outstanding accomplishment!



Eight out of 12 students who entered the contest received a 4 rating to medal. A 4 rating is the combined score from the interview and the artwork evaluation. Audrey Almaguer and Delylah Henry medaled on both of their entries. **Back Row (L-R) Delylah Henry, Aimee Chavarria, Cristal Irlas, Audrey Almaguer, Angela Longoria. Seated (L-R) McKenna Johnson and Delaney Lucke.**



The Journey to State BPA

By Rebekah Hall—Staff Writer

As the State Leadership Conference in Houston is quickly approaching, the students are working extremely hard to qualify for the National Competition. Floydada High School has 16 qualifiers who will be competing. They will leave the morning of March 5, and return Sunday, March 9, 2014.

In the time between the regional and the state BPA meets, students have been pushing themselves to surpass their expectations.

"I have been working extra hard in my event and taking on tasks that are more challenging," said junior, Liz Morales. "By getting first at the regional meet, it pushed me to work harder to do even better at state."

Standards are set high before the state competition.

"My expectations are to continue my journey to nationals," said senior, Cristal Irlas. "I have been taking practice tests to prepare for the competition at state."

First time qualifiers are very excited to meet people and learn about business practices.

"I feel like it is a great opportunity for me to excel in my BPA experiences," said freshman, Kaylee Morren. "Also it is an amazing chance for me to encounter real life business situations first hand."



NHS Hosts Annual Induction Ceremony

By McKenna Johnson—
Staff Writer

Thursday, February 20, 2014 eight sophomores and two juniors were inducted into A.E. Baker Chapter of the Floydada National Honor Society. National Honor Society is an organization

in which students who excel in scholarship, leadership, service, and character come together to help the school and community. After the NHS committee evaluated the student candidates, they were pinned, and finally inducted into NHS. New members are

excited to be apart of the organization and honored to be apart of it.

"I feel extremely proud of myself, and it means a lot to me to be a member of NHS," said, sophomore, Roxy Chavarria.

Only a select number of students are inducted into

NHS each year, and the new members understand what it means to be apart of the elite society.

"I am very excited to be apart of NHS because all of my hard work and dedication is being recognized by the school and administration," said, junior, Desiree Guerra.

A Difference in Entertainment

By Mattie Sanders—Staff
Writer

The black and white television comes on. The sound of studio applause echoes in the background as the host comes forward on the set. Many people across the nation are tuned in to see the variety program on NBC that is the first of its kind: a show hosted by an African American man.

Nathaniel Adams Coles, better known as "Nat King Cole", was the first television host ever in African American history. His work as an entertainer led to him

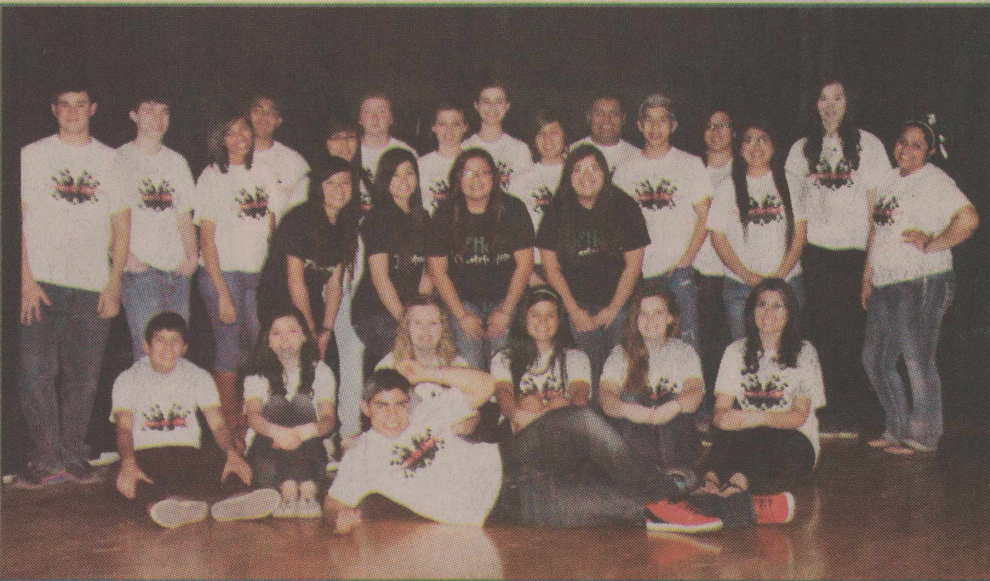
becoming one of the well-known faces to those of the fifties.

Nat King Cole started his life in 1919. He originally served as an American composer and musician in Montgomery, Alabama. Cole worked in nightclubs in the Los Angeles area as a jazz pianist until 1938 when the King Cole Trio formed. Later, as a singer, Cole proved his amazing talent by filling radios across the nation with a smooth, velvety voice singing hits like "Mona Lisa." Cole was one of the first African American artists to be

featured in a radio show from 1948 to 1949. Beginning in 1956 he became the host of the Nat King Cole show.

After living a successful, monumental life, Nathaniel Coles' journey in this world ceased when he died of lung cancer in 1965. Cole was survived by his wife, and five children, one of which being world-renowned music artist, Natalie Cole. His body was laid to rest inside the Freedom Mausoleum in California; his legacy still reigning on as an important figure to African American history to this day.

A Young and Very Talented Theatricality Unit



Whirlwinds Playoff Run Comes to an End

By Tucker Lowrance
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, February 18, 2014 the Floydada Whirlwinds took on the Brownfield Cubs in the Bi-District 3-2A playoff game that was held in Littlefield.

The Whirlwinds came up short in their playoff run, losing to the Cubs 81-50.

"We came prepared to play, but we let them get hot early, and they didn't look back," said junior Zach Martinez.

The Whirlwinds had a tough

time containing the Brownfield offense and also had a hard time trying to beat their defense.

"They had a kid who was shooting our lights out. We knew that if we wanted a shot at winning we needed to contain him, but no matter what we tried, everything he shot went in," said Freshman Abraham Perez. "Their defense wasn't that tough, but we just made too many mistakes that they capitalized on and turned into points."

Being knocked out of the playoffs is certainly a bum-

mer for the whirlwinds, but they are optimistic for what the future holds.

"It's definitely tough knowing that our playoff experience is over but with the new district and most of our players returning, it's looking like we are going to have a pretty tough team next year. We have a really good shot at making a deep run next year," said junior, Tucker Lowrance.

Congratulations to the Whirlwinds on another fantastic season and making the playoffs for the second year in a row.

By Aaron Chavarria
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, February 19, Floydada High School Theatricality performed the play "Flowers For Algernon" in Post's annual theatre festival. The actors received great feedback, and they all look to continue the good work.

As a cast, expectations were exceeded and it was proven that Floydada was far ahead of schedule at the February mark.

"As of right now, we are

three weeks ahead of where we were last year. Our cast and crew are more talented so we are making great paces into making a great show for district," said director, Rita Cox.

This year consists of many new actors, who accomplished great things with this performance.

"This being my first time ever acting was a really great experience for me," said junior, Aaron Chavarria. "At first, I was a little nervous, but once my nerves calmed down, I performed to the best

of my abilities, and I look forward to continue improving my acting skills."

For the veteran actors, they believe that this year could have a very successful ending.

"Although we aren't very far into the year, I think we performed very well especially considering that we have many new faces," said senior, Hunter Schwertner. "My hopes for district this year is that we can finally move onto area and get the recognition that we deserve."

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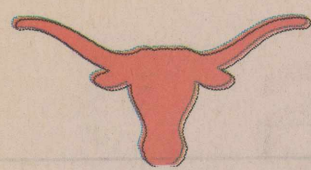
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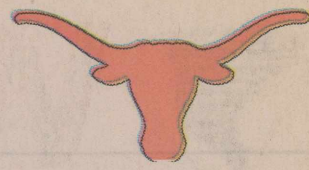
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Longhorn News



Girls Regional Powerlifters

The Lockney Longhorns are sending 4 girls to the Regional Powerlifting meet in Mertzon, Texas on Friday February 28th. The Horns will be represented by Ashly Alvarado, Paula Cuellar, Heather Fierros and Karis Carstensen. "I am very proud of all of the girls that have qualified. They worked really hard this year and have done everything that I have asked them to do. They have a true passion for the sport and love competing every meet." Coach Kyle Browne. The meet will start at 9am on Friday, February 28th in Mertzon, Texas.

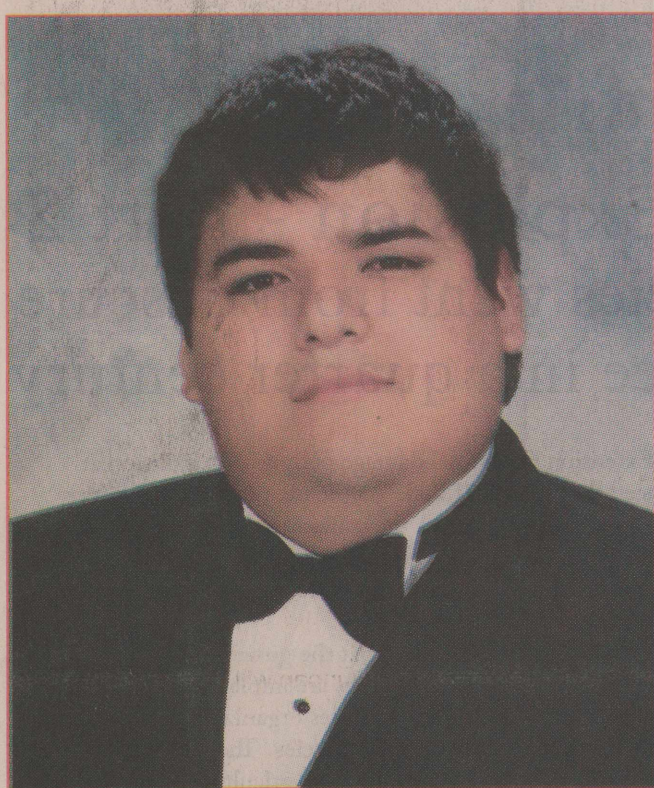


Art Competition

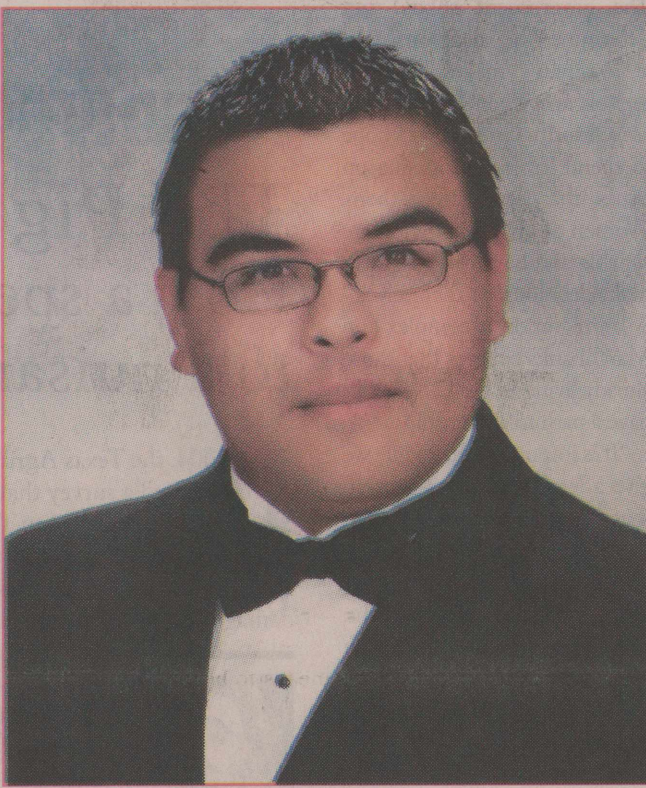
Saturday, February 22nd, Lockney High School had 3 students and 4 pieces of art compete in the Area VASE (Visual Arts Scholastic Event) Competition. Out of 643 pieces entered this area can only send 42 on to the State Competition. All 4 Lockney HS pieces medaled (received the raking of a 4, the highest score possible). These winners were Senior Brittany Thompson, who had 2 pieces entered, Freshmen Calvin Borunda and Sophomore Ozzy Mondragon. Then advancing to State Competition for the second year (pictured) will be Ozzy Mondragon with this year's artwork, a white pencil drawing on black paper. The State VASE competition will be held on April 5th in Bryan, Texas.

Senior Spotlights:

Isaiah Gonzales & Robert Guerrero



Isaiah Gonzales was born in Lockney, Texas to Oscar and Teresa Gonzales. Isaiah has attended school in Lockney since the beginning of Elementary school and is currently a senior at Lockney High School. He has been involved in the art club while here at LHS. When he graduates he plans to attend a college to study cosmetology and hopes to own his own business someday.



Robert Guerrero Jr. is the son of Robert Guerrero and Louisa Flores. He was born in Lockney, Texas and has gone to school in Lockney since the start of elementary school. Robert is involved in Ag at Lockney High School. His plans after graduation are to attend South Plains College majoring in Auto Body collision and repair.

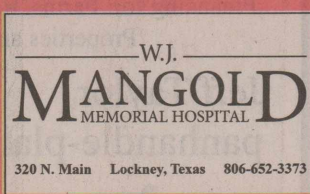
Lady Horns Softball



The Lockney Lady Horns softball season has started off well as the team has reeled off four consecutive victories. The Lady Horns started off the season with a 5-1 victory over Denver City and followed that up with an 8-1 victory over the Frenship JV. Thursday the team traveled to Post to partici-

pate in the Caprock Bash tournament and steamrolled its way to two wins over Seagraves and Rotan by a combined score of 38-1 to qualify for the finals against Hamlin on Saturday. A victory in that game would give the team the first tournament championship in school history.

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Neal Marchbanks running unopposed in Democratic Primary for 19th Congressional Seat

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

Neal Marchbanks, is seeking the Democratic nomination for the 19th Congressional District. He is unopposed in the primary election but will face the winner from the Republican primary for the seat currently held by Randy Nuegebauer.

Nuegebauer is being contested by Donald May and Chris Winn in the Republican primary.

Marchbanks is retired from the National Weather Service after more than 30 years as a meteorologist. He also served in the U.S. Air Force including a year in Vietnam.

He grew up outside of Spur. He received his undergraduate degree from Texas Tech University and a Master's of Science in Science Management from the University of Alaska in Anchorage. He lives in Lubbock with his wife Christy and they have one daughter who lives in Round Rock.

"I got into politics with the Hillary Clinton campaign a few years ago," Marchbanks said, "then two years ago I tried to help the party find someone to run against Nuegebauer but couldn't."

Marchbanks has always lived by the motto that he wouldn't ask anyone to do a job unless he was willing to do the job. This is when he realized he needed to look at the larger picture.

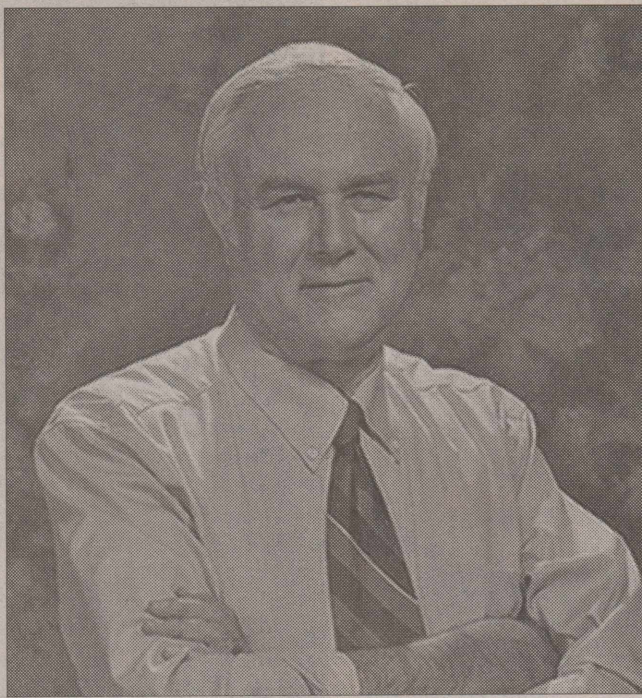
Marchbanks said, "I went to the Democratic chair and asked to be considered as a candidate to go against Nuegebauer. After talking to the family, I decided now was the time for me to make a run at the 19th Congressional Seat. It's time to 'term' him [Nuegebauer] out."

Marchbanks wants to build and strengthen the rural and agricultural communities.

"I support expanding infrastructure in rural communities. I believe if we invest in job creation, education, and build infrastructure in agricultural communities we can boost economic growth for small rural businesses," Marchbanks said.

Ensuring a world class education to all the children in District 19 is important to Marchbanks.

Marchbanks said, "I will work in Congress to ensure laws are



Courtesy Photo

Neal Marchbanks is seeking the Democratic nomination in the March primary for the 19th Congressional District seat. Marchbanks is unopposed and will face the Republican nominee in November.

passed to make that a reality. Additionally, we have to make certain that if students want to attend college, then that dream is made a reality. But we have to ensure there are educated and knowledgeable workers in every sector of our economy."

Marchbanks believes that fiscal responsibility must be restored in Washington.

"I am committed to defeating any attempt to return us to the failed economic policies of the recent past in which the struggling middle class is forced to shoulder the burden of an ever expanding deficit," Marchbanks said. "We must close tax loopholes, reduce incentives for corporations that shift jobs overseas and demand that the wealthiest of Americans pay their fair share."

As a Vietnam veteran, Marchbanks understands the struggles facing the veterans of today.

"We, as a country, have asked so much of these brave men and women we must continue to support them when they return. Unfortunately, they are not receiving the support they need or deserve. I will work to ensure they have services to meet their every need," Marchbanks said.

Marchbanks does not believe that women should be used to further political agendas.

Marchbanks said, "As your representative, I will no longer slash funding for women's health care. I refuse to continually

place women on the frontlines of our political ideologies. The government should not determine the decisions that a woman makes. Unlike republicans, when I say women are a priority I mean that I hope to spend less time focusing on issues that only affect them. Women of this great nation are capable and have every right to make decisions for themselves."

Immigration is complex and Marchbanks believes that those already living in the U.S. should have a path to citizenship.

"It is important that while we give a legal path to citizenship that we also ensure less people travel here illegally in hopes of being hired by employers hiring undocumented citizens. Overall, the system under which undocumented citizens are given legal status is frightfully complicated," Marchbanks said.

The voter ID laws that were recently passed in Texas are an important agenda for Marchbanks.

"Personally, I believe a role of the government is to provide equal opportunities among all people groups to voice their opinion as to should represent them regardless of their race, gender, or social status," Marchbanks said. "I want to fight against voter suppression because I believe voting is a fundamental right and a key component to a functioning democracy."

Lancaster author of "Rainwater Harvesting for Drylands and Beyond" to present program

By Daniel Cunningham

Brad Lancaster, author of "Rainwater Harvesting for Drylands and Beyond", will present a program in the Hall of Nations at the International Cultural Center (ICC) at Texas Tech University (Next to the Texas Tech Museum) on Tuesday March 4th at 7:00 p.m. The event is being put on by the Plant and Soil Science Graduate Council and is free of charge!

The International Cultural Center is located at 601 Indiana Ave.

Directions: From 4th Street and Texas Tech Parkway: Head east on 4th street, past UMC, and make a right onto Indiana Ave. At the stoplight, make a left onto 7th Street and then a right into the ICC parking lot. There is a metal statue of the globe at the front of the building.

Brad Lancaster is an expert in the field of rainwater harvesting and water management. He is also a permaculture teacher, designer, consultant and co-founder of Desert Harvesters non-profit organization.

Lancaster lives on an eighth of an acre in downtown Tucson, Arizona, where the

average rainfall is less than 12 inches per year. (Even less than Lubbock!) In such arid conditions, Brad consistently models that catching over 100,000 Gallons (379,000 Liters) of rainwater to feed food-bearing shade trees, abundant gardens, and a thriving landscape is a much more viable option than the municipal system of directing it into storm drains and sewer systems.

A recent project in 2009 involved acting as a representative for the U.S. State Department on an educational tour in the Middle East.

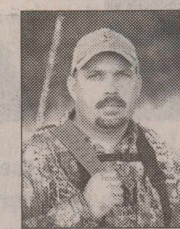
The basis for this talk will include the following:

Water Harvesting for Food Production
Food is virtual water—originating from the source of irrigation. Local, sustainable food is all the rage, but we can take it further by growing that food with local, sustainable water. This talk covers the growing of food using rainwater, stormwater, and greywater for irrigation. Case studies include rain-fed greenhouses, dryfarming, backyard market gardens, granada greywater groves, and climate-appropriate traditional and appropriate plantings. (Duration: 1 hour plus Q&A)

Assignment: Texas

The Pig Explosion - Part 2 How a species went from obscure to a nuisance in a quarter century

In 2004, the Texas Agrilife Extension conducted a survey that placed the annual pig damage to Texas countryside at \$52 million with an additional \$7 million spent to control the animals or correct the damage. Some estimates place the total



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damage caused by pigs at \$200 per pig per year. The damage is defined primarily as agricultural damages. Perhaps the most danger that pigs pose to humans is when the two meet on Texas roadways.

While numbers are sketchy, potentially the most devastating damages come from when cars collide with hogs. East of Austin, State Highway 130, or the "Pickle Parkway" is a newly opened road that's touted as the fastest highway in the United States. With speed limits in sections of 85mph, the tollway is designed so that motorists can make a quick trip between the San Antonio and Austin areas.

According to Bloomberg.com, pig versus vehicle collisions begin to occur even before the highway opened. Pig collisions aren't uncommon but when they occur at the posted 85mph speed limits, the encounters will be undoubtedly devastating.

Insurance industry estimates place the

total damage per pig/auto collision at \$1,200. As the pig population expands across the state, anecdotally, the number of collisions are bound to be on the rise thus resulting in more money out of the pockets of consumers.

To combat the growing pig problem, state agencies are implementing programs to help counties organize and battle the invasive species. The United States Department of Agriculture along with Texas Parks & Wildlife is working on a poisoning program that will only target wild pigs.

In 2010, the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) launched the Hog Out County Grants program. The program is designed to encourage counties to "make a concentrated and coordinated effort to reduce the feral hog population and damage caused by these animals..." According to the TDA, counties compete for funding to further their hog eradication efforts and are scored on various metrics including the number of hogs killed and the number of county residents participating.

The Hog Out occurs each year from October through December and in 2012, 15 counties participated and 7,157 pigs were eliminated. Over the course of the program, the challenge has removed 27,934 pigs at an estimated savings of more than \$4 million to Texas landowners.

SPC to offer new concealed handgun license course

LEVELLAND – South Plains College will offer the new, shorter Concealed Handgun License course on March 1 (Saturday) in the Law Enforcement Technology building in Room 115 on the Levelland campus.

Class will begin at 8 a.m., and will include breaks every hour and a one-hour break for lunch. The classroom portion will be completed by 3 p.m. and the length of the range portion will depend on the number of students. The cost is \$70 for students seeking their first license, and \$25 for students wanting a refresher course before renewing their license. Although renewals are now handled strictly online, the 15 or more changes in Texas firearms law last summer make a refresher course a good investment.

The course covers the laws pertaining to concealed carry and to the use of force or deadly

force. Safe gun handling and storage, including storage with children in the home, are covered, as is non-violent dispute resolution.

Students will need a handgun and 50 rounds of ammunition. They must pass a 25 question written test, and demonstrate safe and proficient gun handling, scoring at least 70 percent on a shooting test at distances ranging from three to 15 yards. Inexperienced shooters might want to take the N.R.A. Basic Pistol course before taking the C.H.L. course.

Students need to call Kasey Reyes, administrative assistant to the Dean of Continuing and Distance Education, at (806) 716-2341 or email kreyes@southplainscollege.edu to enroll. Because of the range requirements, space is limited.

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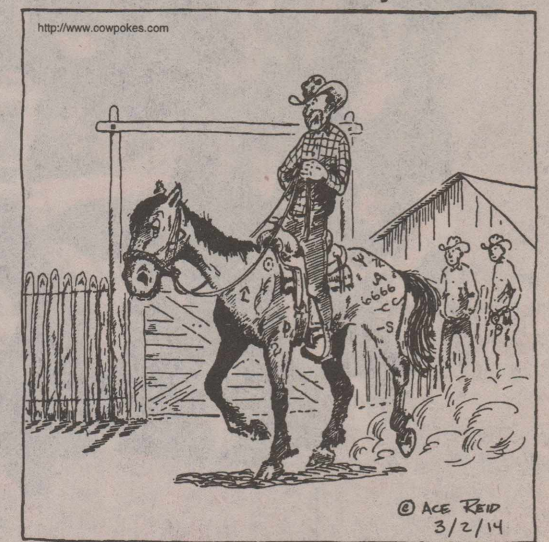
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County can get a Coop card, just stop by the main office and fill out a credit application.

"PCE is locally owned and operated," Stephens said, "what the customer spends here goes back into the local economy because our employees live here and shop here in Floyd County."

Besides fuel, PCE offers oil changes, car washes and any type of tire the customer needs. They offer full service on tires including balancing, rotating and flats. PCE is currently going through the process to get certified to provide state inspections. They also employ two mobile techs that can change flats, boast batteries or bring someone a few gallons of gas. Service calls in the city of Floydada are free but if they have to go into the county there will be a service charge.

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farmers like James Hinton. For a complete list of Grow Communities winners and more program information, please visit growcommunities.com.

About America's Farmers
The America's Farmers campaign is an advocacy program celebrating U.S. farmers through communications, awards and special programs that highlight the importance of modern American agriculture.

America's Farmers initiatives include:
* America's Farmers Grow

PCE also offers pickup and delivery if you need an oil change or a car wash and cannot make it to the station.

Stephens said, "Customer service is a priority. We want our customers to have a good experience whether they are getting just a few gallons of fuel or several hundred gallons of fuel. It is important that we provide the same, consistent service to everyone. We are trying to make this a one-stop shop with good products and good service."

The fuel operation is currently open 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays and 7 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

The fuel station is expanding its convenience store offerings including a fountain drink dispenser and will continue to offer the farm and ranch items they currently have.

As the construction begins around the station, PCE will still be open and serving customers. Stephens said that it will take about a month to get the back bays completed

including installation of above ground tanks and then another few weeks as they dig up the old underground tanks.

"We have a new outlook and want to build our integrity back," Stephens said. "We hope anyone that has not been by the store for a while will come give us another chance. Everyone has been through customer service training because the customer is our first priority."

Stephens said they are looking at everything from customer relations to vendor relations in order to provide the best service for the fairest price for everyone.

"We know we are not in the most convenient location," Stephens said, "but we hope that our pricing and service will encourage people to come downtown to see us. We even pump fuel for our elderly customers especially when the weather isn't good and when we're not busy in the store."

Communities, which supports rural communities by offering farmers the chance to win \$2,500 for their favorite local nonprofit organization.

* America's Farmers Grow Rural Education, which supports rural education by offering farmers the chance to nominate local school districts, which can compete for a \$10,000 or \$25,000 merit-based grant to enhance math and science education.

* America's Farmers Mom of the Year, which celebrates women in agriculture by offering the chance to win up to \$10,000 and the title of "National Farm Mom of the Year".

* America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders, which launches this year in Alabama, Georgia, Indiana, Nebraska, North Carolina and South Carolina, and aims to encourage the next generation to remain involved in agriculture by offering students the chance to apply for a \$1,500 scholarship.

To learn more, visit America's Farmers at www.america-farmers.com.
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The ultimate taste test

Do you know your bell peppers? Can you differentiate between red, green, yellow and orange? Of course you can. The brightly-colored peppers are easily recognized. They're the ones that cost more than their humble counterparts in standard issue green.

Colors and prices aside, can you tell the difference blindfolded?

It's the kind of taste test that gets grandchildren to eat their crudites.

(No, I didn't spring that word "crudite" on mine. Didn't want to push my luck.)

The exercise also answers the question of whether there's a dime's worth of difference between the colors. There isn't.

For the experiment, grandson Cutter, 7, turned all four dinner napkins into blindfolds, laying them out on the floor. He explained you start

with a bandana and then change it into a blindfold. Who knew?

Neither Cutter nor I nor his mother, Rachel, or his sister, Rylee, identified all the peppers. I got three out of four. Cutter, Rylee and Rachel each got two right. We shifted our answers as we sampled all four colors, comparing each to the other.

The main course for dinner was stuffed baked peppers in all colors.

The kids were willing for their mother to get the choice red one as a post-Valentine's tribute. That left yellow for Rylee, 11, because she's cheerful and orange for Cutter because it's the next-best thing to red. They accepted that logic. And I accepted the

green one.
Is there a lesson here?
Use real napkins. They make the best blindfolds.

Pay for color if you can. If you can't, comfort yourself with the thought that the difference in taste isn't worth it.

Learn to share red.

During our meal we discussed the curious rule of good manners that you pass both salt and pepper to anyone who asks for either, effectively making my grandchildren superior to any of their contemporaries who don't know that rule. I hope it's still a rule.

Like all grandchildren, they are inherently superior.

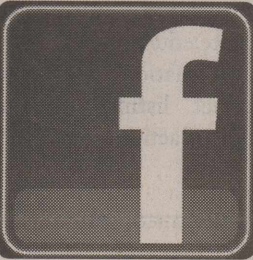
After the meal, Cutter and I played games while Rylee texted friends. Cutter, freshly literate, read all the cards he drew in the game "Sorry!"

Each time he came to the word "either," he pronounced it "ether." In realms of toMAYto versus toMAHto, who knows what he might say?

Did I mention we ended our meal with crepes flipped in the new crepe pan they gave me for my birthday? Ending a meal with the flipping and eating of crepes is like giving an inmate a new suit of clothes and some spending money when you let him out of prison. The good stuff helps erase memories of what wasn't so good before like unremarkable stuffed peppers that needed salt.

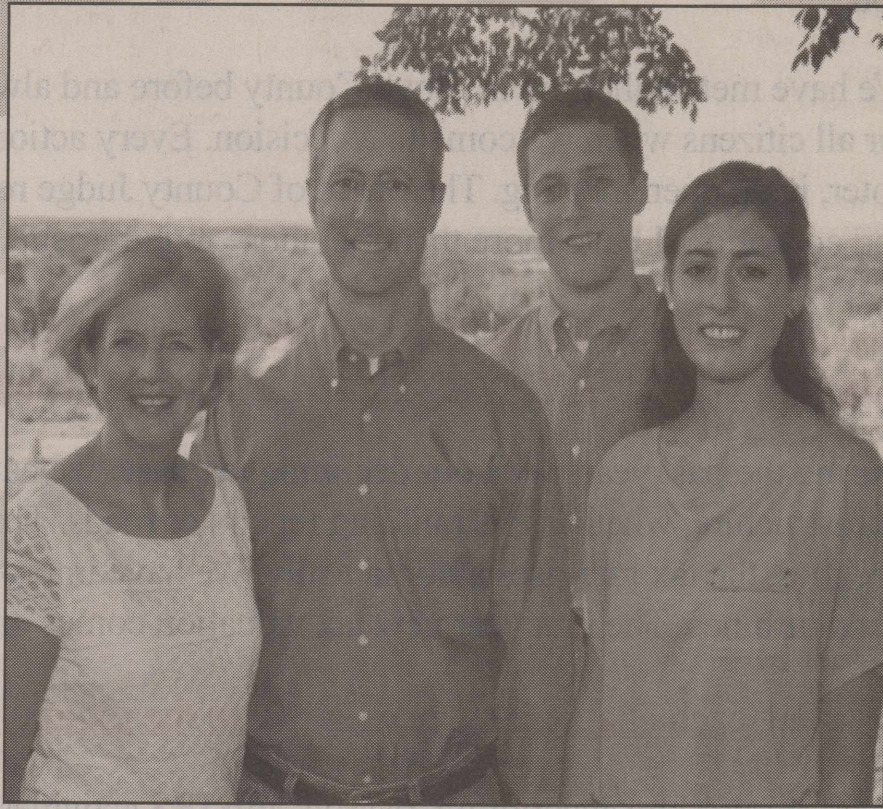
As the evening ended, we recalled our bell pepper identification scores. Cutter remarked I couldn't have gotten three right without getting four right.

Wow! Think about it. He's right!
Once again, I didn't push my luck. I didn't ask him for details. If he's not really smarter than I am, I don't want to know.



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SPC to offer NRA Home Firearm Safety class

LEVELLAND – South Plains College will offer an NRA Home Firearm Safety class on March 9 (Sunday) in the Law Enforcement Technology Building in Room 115. The cost of the course is \$45, and students need to register and pay in advance. Space is limited.

The class will begin at 1 p.m. with breaks every hour.

This is a four-hour course for safe gun handling that is conducted in the classroom only. Students are taught NRA's three rules for safe gun handling; primary causes of firearms accidents; firearm parts; how to unload certain action types; ammunition components; cleaning; care; safe storage

of firearms in the home; and the benefits of becoming an active participant in the shooting sports. Students will receive the NRA Home Firearm Safety handbook, NRA Gun Safety Rules brochure, and Basic Firearm Training Program brochure.

This is an excellent course for anyone new to firearms and wants to be able to handle a pistol, rifle or shotgun safely. The course would be helpful for anyone who is considering buying a firearm or anyone who has both children and firearms in the home.

To sign up, call Kasey Reyes at (806) 716-2341 or email kreyes@southplainscollege.edu.

Go back to yellows for resistant weed control in cotton

By Ron Smith

Weed control issues account for two of the top five concerns cotton farmers cited in a recent Cotton Incorporated survey, and herbicide resistance is number two on the list.

But even with resistance, cotton producers still have effective and affordable options to control weeds, if they follow a systems approach and do a little homework, says Shane Osborne, Oklahoma State University associate Extension specialist.

Osborne, addressing the inaugural Red River Crops Conference recently in Altus, Okla., said pigweed and horseweed take the top two spots as most difficult weed in Oklahoma cotton. But, unlike other cotton producing states, especially in the Mid-south and Southeast, horseweed takes the top spot, cited by 46 percent of respondents as the worst weed problem. Pigweed was listed by 31 percent.

Moringlory came in third at 15 percent and common groundsel was fourth with 8 percent.

Osborne says 82 percent of those recently surveyed said they have resistant pigweed and 78 percent said they had resistant horseweed.

"Cotton farmers currently spend about \$32 per acre on herbicides, on average," Osborne said. "That's not bad. At current prices that amounts to about 40 pounds of cotton. We are in a lot better shape than other areas of the Cotton Belt."

He said identification is important. Farmers should determine if they have pigweed or horseweed. "It's important to know so we can focus programs and know what to target. We have glyphosate resistant horseweed all over and we began to pick up resistant pigweed a few years ago."

He said farmers have "a lot of choices to control horseweed," including pre-

plant and burn-down options. But controlling horseweed in season is not an option. "We have no effective herbicides to use in season. Focus on pre-plant; that's when we can control horseweed."

Timing is critical. He recommends treating horseweed at the rosette stage. "It makes a big difference in the level of control we get from the rosette stage to early bolt."

He also cautions producers to look at the 30-day plant-back restriction after using 2,4-D and 21 days (after a 1-inch rain) on dicamba. "And do not use if rainfall for the area averages less than 25 inches per year. Observe the label."

Cotton farmers may find more information on herbicide options on the Internet at <http://cotton.okstate.edu/>.

Information includes product listings, including mode of action.

Texas livestock and pasture management school accepting students

By Robert Burns

OVERTON – The longest continuously running livestock and pasture management school for novices is now accepting students, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Research scientist.

Set March 25-27 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Overton, the three-day Pasture and Livestock Management Workshop registration is \$350, a price that most students consider well spent, said Dr. Gerald Smith, Texas A&M AgriLife Research plant breeder and one of the program instructors.

"Many times, we've heard students say that what they've learned in the first morning more than paid for the cost of the course," Smith said.

Participants may also reserve an opening by phone or email by contacting Jennifer Lloyd, senior secretary, at 903-834-6191 or jlloyd@ag.tamu.edu. Lloyd will have information on class openings, local accommodations and driving directions to the center.

One measure of the workshop's value can be found in repeat attendance, said Dr. Monte Rouquette, AgriLife Research scientist who specializes in forage quality and pasture utilization, and another course instructor.

Though the grazing school was originally designed for local novices in 2001, attendance soon expanded beyond Texas, attracting students with varying levels of expertise nationwide and out-of-country, Rouquette said. Some graduates have found the intensive course so valuable, they have returned a second year to take it again. Some have returned a third year.

Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service faculty at Overton conducted the first course in 2001 in response to a growing ranching and farming demographic. Urban residents, many of whom couldn't wait to get off the farm when they were young, were inheriting family farms and moving back to live on them, Rouquette said.

What happened next seems almost

inevitable in retrospect, Rouquette said.

"Though they may know little if anything about farming, they decide they want to raise cattle as they have the land," he said.

It was to help such people that Rouquette and his associates developed the school. In the 13 previous years, more than 860 students have attended the school. They have hailed from New Mexico, Maryland, Oklahoma, Louisiana, California, Washington, Kansas, Mississippi, Arizona, Connecticut, Puerto Rico and internationally.

Most of the instructors hold doctorates in their fields and are either with AgriLife Extension or AgriLife Research, Rouquette said. They have expertise in forage breeding and production, soil fertility, wildlife management, beef cattle nutrition and marketing.

The school is divided between the classroom and instruction in the field. Outdoor demonstrations cover all aspects of running a beef operation, from establishing and maintaining high-quality forages, calibrating sprayers, taking soil samples, castrating and vaccinating cattle, and de-horning calves, said Dr. Vanessa Corriher-Olson, AgriLife Extension forage specialist and workshop instructor, Overton.

Also included will be training on writing a business plan for a ranch, keeping proper records, choosing the appropriate forage species for different soils, understanding soil fertility, establishing forage systems that minimize winter feeding costs, setting correct stocking rates, choosing the right cattle breeds, promoting good animal health, marketing cattle, stocking strategies, animal health and controlling feral hogs, Rouquette said.

A full program agenda can be found at <http://bit.ly/1aOorj>. There is a registration form at the same URL that can be printed out and mailed with a check to the center. There is also a secure link to a printable form to pay by credit card, Lloyd said.

Driving directions may be found at <http://overton.tamu.edu/info-maps-history/>.

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We have met challenges in Floyd County before and always consider what is best for all citizens when we come to a decision. Every action we take is before you, the voter, in an open meeting. The office of County Judge requires considerable training and education. I have more than met those requirements every year.

I not only work for you in Floyd County, but also serve in regional positions, in order to bring services to our home county. I joined other County Judges to go to Austin to fight for rural counties' issues.

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AS for the fund balance that has accrued since I have been Judge, the voters should view this as good news since it indicates a FINANCIAL STABILITY to fall back on in times of economic difficulty.

I appreciate your support and I will continue to work hard for all of FLOYD COUNTY.

I have tried to see everyone, if I have missed you, I apologize.

Thank you all for letting me work for you and I ask for your support to continue this work for Floyd County.

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Morning Worship ..10:50 a.m.
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Ivan Gomez, Minister
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Sunday Bible Study. 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
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Wed. Bible Study7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Tim Franks, Pastor
Terry Simmons,
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Josh Burgett - Min. Students
Sunday School9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study6:30 p.m.

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Chad Cook, Youth Min.
Phil Cotham, Music Min.
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
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Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Worship Service10:30 a.m.
Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Jr. High5:30 p.m.
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Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
Evening Service.....7:30 p.m.
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Wed. Service7:30 p.m.

MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Evening Worship ...6:00 p.m.
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Weather Whys

Q: You sometimes hear of people having the "winter blues." Is there such a thing?

A: The answer is a definite yes, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. The technical name is seasonal affective disorder, or SAD, and it is a mild form of depression caused by long winter months and not much sunlight. "The disorder almost always occurs in northern parts of the world, those that receive a lot of snow and when the daylight hours are shorter," McRoberts explains. "There are from 2 to 5 million cases reported each year in North America, and people who think they have SAD usually complain of 'the blahs' at the start of fall and it continues until spring. Usually, there are very few cases reported from spring through summer."

Q: What are the symptoms?

A: SAD usually expresses itself in several ways, from people wanting to sleep more or some even wanting less sleep," McRoberts adds. "Also, many people either gain weight or find themselves losing weight, they complain of being tired a lot and some want very little contact with other people. Researchers have learned that one way to combat SAD is to change the lighting in your house. Fluorescent light bulbs can be installed instead of regular bulbs because they put out more light and can help reset a person's internal body clock. We do know that there are twice as many SAD cases reported in Canada as there are in the United States, so any way of getting more light can lessen the symptoms."

Weather Whys is a service of the Department of Atmospheric Sciences at Texas A&M University. More news about Texas A&M University

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- I have been a volunteer in service to this community since 1978.
- I am a member of First United Methodist Church. I have been involved with several civic organizations as board member and as president. I am a 32nd Degree Mason.
- I am a board member of the Floydada Chamber of Commerce.
- I am a board member and past president of the Floyd County Pioneer Assn.
- I have been involved in Scouting since 1984 and have been Scoutmaster since 1986. Over 300 boys have been in the program with 22 scouts earning the rank of Eagle.
- I have been mayor of Floydada for 14 years. We have established an economic development corporation, built new sidewalks downtown, built new sewer lift stations, new animal shelter, renovated our electric substation, removed over 75 structures, improved baseball and softball facilities, have had 20 houses rehabilitated and 15 new construction houses have been built.
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- To have better communications and cooperation between all elected officials.
- To establish a better working relationship between member cities and county.
- To establish and promote tax abatement areas to attract new business.
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