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Armstrong Wins with Avocado Recipe



Charles Keaton/Hesperian-Beacon
Lockney Senior Citizens' Center manager Renee Armstrong won the Ben E Keith Avocado recipe contest with her Avocado Bleu Cheese Mayo. Armstrong's win was worth \$250 in produce from Ben E Keith.

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - Lockney Senior Citizens' manager and cook, Renee Armstrong recently won the Ben E Keith's Avocado recipe contest.

"The rules were you had to

have avocado in your recipe," Armstrong said. "I submitted an avocado bleu cheese mayo on a buffalo chicken sandwich."

The winner was selected by "Likes" and "Shares" on Ben E Keith's Facebook page. Armstrong ended up with 77 "Likes"

See **RECIPE**, Page 6

Eddie Smith Re-elected to National Cotton Council

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - Eddie Smith of Floydada was one of 28 Texas cotton industry members elected to leadership positions in the National Cotton Council (NCC) for 2015, including Sid Brough, an Odem ginner who was re-elected as a NCC vice president.

Smith, who was chair of the NCC in 2010, said as an advisor, they only meet twice a year formally but maybe called upon by the council for advice or to provide information to any of the seven segments of the NCC. The seven segments of the NCC include producers, ginners, warehouse, cooperatives, merchants, cottonseed and manufacturer.

"It's important to have the Texas voices on the council especially since Texas has an impact on all seven segments of the NCC," Smith said. "The council is a lobbying orga-

nization an because Texas is the largest producer of cotton in the country, we need our ideas and thoughts carried to the next level at Austin and Washington."

Major issues facing the cotton industry include the new farm bill and a world-wide surplus of cotton.

"The farm bill is just a different way to support the farmer," Smith said, "it's now insurance based instead of a direct payment. It's going to be a challenge to get adjusted but over time, I think it'll be stronger."

According to Dr. Mark Welch, Texas A&M AgriLife, Texas farmers are facing a decision about how much cotton to plant or switch to grains in order to see a positive return since there is a world-wide surplus of cotton. In a recent NCC survey, cotton acreage in Texas is expected to be reduced by nearly 14 percent with a shift to more wheat, corn and grain sorghum.



EDDIE SMITH

"We definitely will be looking at other options," Smith said, "there are crops that offer a comparative advantage to cotton but only time will tell as to what happens. Cotton, sitting in surplus, is perishable. We're not sure what the change will be over time but less of it will be spinnable. North of Lubbock we have a few more planting options due to the makeup of our soil in this area"

The cotton industry leaders were named to their posts See **SMITH**, Page 6

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.

FLOYDADA BASEBALL & SOFTBALL GAMES

The Floydada Whirlwinds baseball team will host a game against Roosevelt on Monday, Feb. 23 at 5 p.m. The Lady Winds softball teams will travel to Seagraves on Saturday, Feb. 21. Games are scheduled for 1 and 3 p.m.

LOCKNEY SOFTBALL & BASEBALL GAMES

The Lockney Lady Horns will travel to Idalou on Saturday, Feb. 21. Game time is 12 noon. The Lockney Longhorns baseball team games will begin Feb. 24 against Memphis in Lockney at 4 p.m.

HOME AND GARDEN FESTIVAL

The Arts Alive 2015 Home and Garden Festival on Feb. 21-22 will be hosted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office in Wichita County and the Wichita County Master Gardeners Association.

BUFFALO CHAPTER OF NATIONAL SOCIETY DAR

The Buffalo Grass Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution will have their next meeting Tuesday evening, February 24th at 6:30 p.m. at the Lighthouse Electric Building in Floydada. The Historical Program will be titled "Vietnam 50th Anniversary". We encourage all of our members to attend and also any ladies that might be interested in genealogy or would like to come hear the program. Refreshments will be served.

Correction

If you spot an error of fact, contact the FCHB office email: fchb.editor@yahoo.com

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Scam Phone Calls Continue; IRS Identifies Five Easy Ways to Spot Suspicious Calls

Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

As tax season and preparation kicks into high gear, consumers need to be aware of phone scams not related to the IRS.

According to Darla Chappell, CPA, Floydada, "The IRS is not going to call you over the phone if they have a concern, they conduct most of their business by mail," she said. "Maybe once you've already worked out something with them, you might have a call related to what you've already worked out. But they're too busy just to call you."

The Internal Revenue Service is providing taxpayers with tips to protect themselves from telephone scam artists calling and pretending to be with the IRS.

These callers may demand money or may say you have

a refund due and try to trick you into sharing private information. These con artists can sound convincing when they call. They may know a lot about you, and they usually alter the caller ID to make it look like the IRS is calling. They use fake names and bogus IRS identification badge numbers. If you don't answer, they often leave an "urgent" callback request.

"These telephone scams are being seen in every part of the country, and we urge people not to be deceived by these threatening phone calls," IRS Commissioner John Koskinen said. "We have formal processes in place for people with tax issues. The IRS respects taxpayer rights, and these angry, shake-down calls are not how we do business."

The IRS reminds people See **SCAM**, Page 6

Lions Club takes to the air waves for annual Radio Day fundraiser



DJs for a day (or half day). Left, Tony Whitfill, past president of the Lions Club, and right, Bill Harbin, Lions member and general manager of Lighthouse Electric Co-op, at the annual KFLP/Floydada Lions Club Radio Day held on Saturday.

Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

It's the biggest fundraiser of the year for the Floydada Lions Club. KFLP owner Tony Rickets generously donates a Saturday morning each year to the local civic group for fundraising.

After calling about a hundred local businesses and individuals, then members become deejays for half a day reading ads and announcements.

Radio Day has been a Floydada tradition since the seventies. "Back in the day," said Tommy Ogden, the club's secretary/treasurer, "back when they had

45s, we'd actually find and play records. It could get a little wild. Now it's all digital, so we don't do that anymore. They just set us with the ads and announcements."

Radio Day funds many of the local initiatives of the Lions See **RADIO DAY**, Page 6



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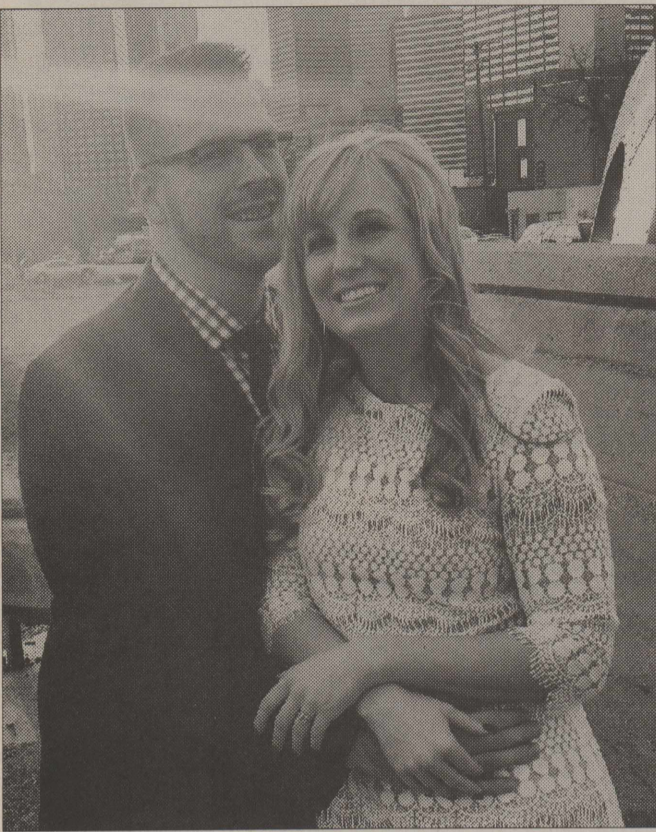
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SOCIETY

Dunlap and Sengbush exchange wedding vows



DR. MELISSA DUNLAP AND MR. SCOTT SENGBUSH

Dr. Melissa Dunlap and Mr. Scott Sengbush announce their wedding that was held on January 16, 2015, in Dallas, Texas.

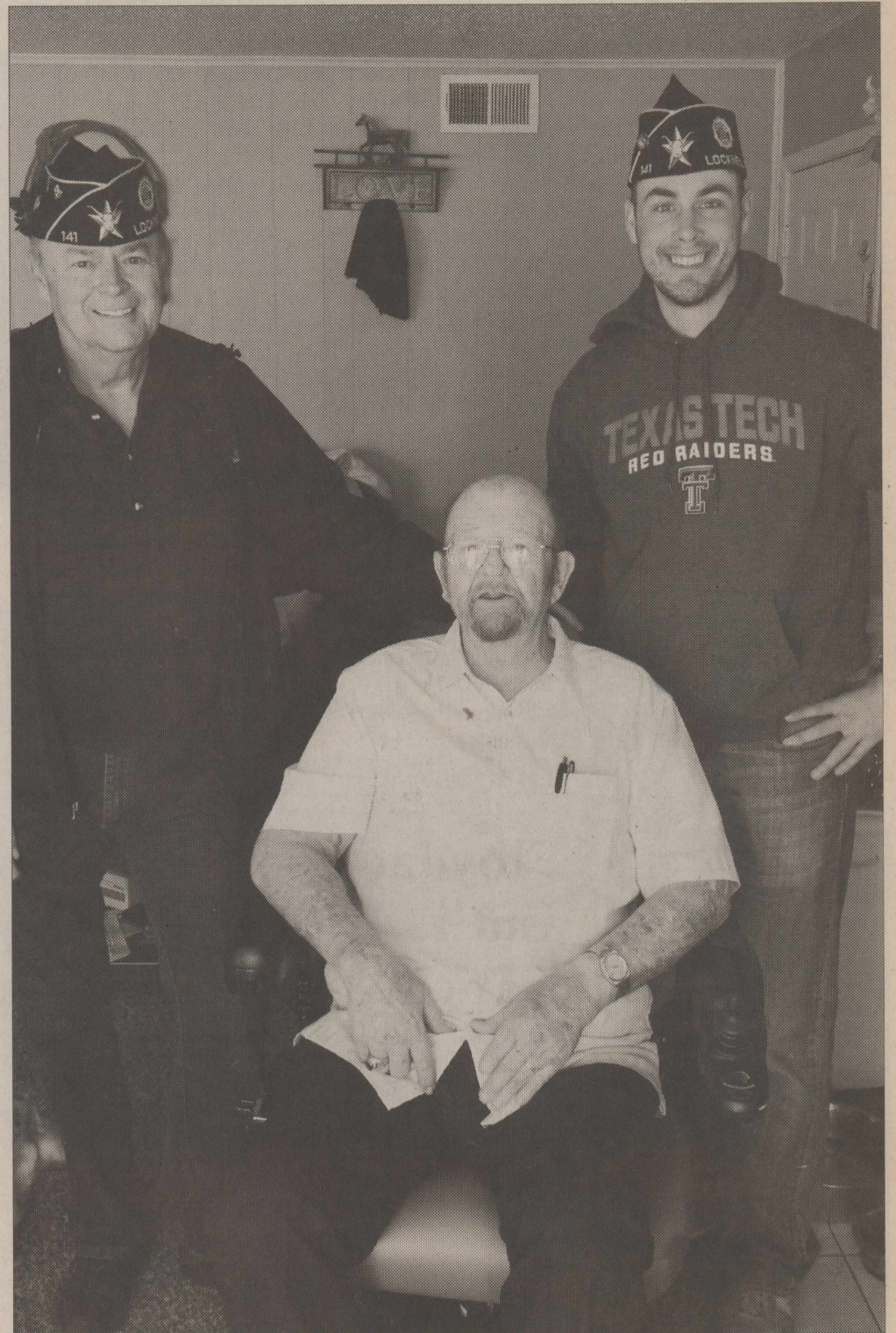
Dr. Dunlap is the owner of Aspire Health Clinic and Mr. Sengbush is a fitness manager/trainer for 24 Hour Fitness.

Dunlap is the daughter of John and Judy Dunlap of Floydada. She is the granddaughter of Norma Marrs and the late Bruce Marrs of Matador, and of the late R.G. and Helen Dunlap of Floydada.

Sengbush is the son of Kevin Sengbush of Mansfield and of Dana Sengbush of Phoenix. He is the grandson of Robert Sengbush of Mansfield.

The couple is making their home in Dallas.

American Legion Post 141, Lockney delivers electric wheelchair



Courtesy Photo

On Saturday, February 14, 2015, Mike O'Connell, Vice Commander and Jim Doucette of American Legion Post 141, Lockney, Texas delivered an electric wheelchair to Edwin Ferrel living in Amarillo, a retired disabled veteran. The Lockney Legion Post has two electric wheelchairs available for veterans. The chairs were purchased with funds raised by the Post. Ed Marks, Post Commander, stated, "It is part of our Post's mission to reach out to our Vets. Public support is critical to our success." We never want a Veteran to think they've been forgotten.

Museum Archives

Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

THE ALBERT KING FAMILY

Albert King moved with his parents, David and Laura, and two brothers to Floyd County, June 1, 1891.

Albert attended school at Lakeview and Floydada for a short time; then the family moved to Lockney in 1894. The Lockney Christian College was young and offered many opportunities to students of all ages. The family then filed on land at Lone Star where they moved in 1900, after which Albert boarded with the Marshall family in east Lockney and attended college.

On March 10, 1909 Albert was married to Hallie Thomas, a student of the Roseland Community, northeast of Lockney. As Hallie remembered to a friend, "Albert and I just got in a buggy and drove to Floydada to the Calahan Hotel where Judge Henry married us." They came to make their home in one room, fourteen-foot square, on a one-hundred-sixty acre farm two miles west of Lone Star School. Fanning on the new land was done with teams of mules driven by Albert and Hallie, "who could drive a team to a cultivator or go-devil as good as any man and later

drove their first tractor until their son Herman, born May 12, 1910, was old enough to take over, "another friend recalled.

Along the years gardening, chickens, turkeys, hogs, dairy cattle, sheep, goats, and rabbits were a part of the farm operation. At times some of these animals were exhibited in dairy and poultry shows, in 1916 an adjoining three hundred twenty acres was added to the original farm.

Herman grew up and was trained in the chores and all activities of the farm. He rode a pony to Lone Star School until he was a freshman. In 1924 he entered Lockney High School and graduated with the class of 1928. From these experiences he became "a Jack of all trades and good at none" he says. When the family changed to any new type of lighting and power, and this was several times, Herman would install the wiring and redesign the system. This included wiring, for thirty-two volt Delco, the three bedroom brick home which was a dream fulfilled in the late twenties, and later rewiring it for one-hundred-twenty-volt power

when rural electric service became available. In spite of the depression, drouth and back blizzards of the thirties, which left the livestock without feed, irrigation came along in time to keep the farm. Herman and his wife, Lorene (Workman), whom he married April 13, 1933, still reside. This is the only home Herman has ever known.

During the thirties Herman worked "measuring land" on the first farm program, and later served on the "Corn Hog Committee." When Rural Electrification became a reality, Herman served as secretary to the board of directors when the first loan was granted to "light up" Floyd and surrounding counties. At a later date he served twenty-six years as director of Light-house Electric Cooperative. Herman and Lorene are the parents of two children, Ben Richard, born December 14, 1949, and Joan Frances, born October 15, 1955. Both are graduates of Lockney High School. Ben is presently a college professor of vocal music and Joan is employed in Lubbock in data processing.

Lockney Senior Citizen News

By Renee Armstrong
Special for The Hesperian-Beacon

I am so sorry that I haven't got an article in the paper the last couple of weeks.

Just to let all of you know that the roof project is complete. Stacy Miller with Miller Enterprises completed the project that was a year in the making.

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, March 8th. The center will be open for lunch from 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. No need to call in advance. Please come and enjoy lunch with your family and friends. We will be serving chicken and beef fajitas and all the trim-

mings, with tea, water and dessert. Donations are appreciated. Dine in or Carry out.

Our sympathy to the Ruby Kiser Family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Ruby passed away this past week.

Remember exercise with Dorothy is Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:45- 9:15 a.m. Coffee time is Monday - Saturday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Thursday Pot luck is at 5 p.m. Bring a dish and enjoy games afterwards.

Family Night Fish Fry is Friday nights from 5-8 p.m. It's all you can eat. Come let us do the dishes!

MENU Feb 23 - Feb. 28

- Monday - Pot roast
 - Tuesday - Enchiladas
 - Wednesday - Meatloaf
 - Thursday - Salmon
 - Friday - BBQ chicken
- (Menus subject to change with notice)

1956 Study Club News

By Virginia Stringer

The 1956 Study Club met February 10, 2015 in the home of Judy Schacht.

Judy Schacht was hostess and Linda Harbin was co-hostess.

The program was a presentation by Jim Covington on his trip to India. Jim's son, daughter-in-law and baby are living and working in India.

Jim shared videos of his visit and adventure in India. He told the members about the Indian culture, religion, living conditions and family life. His presentation was very informative and very interesting.

All of the members expressed their thankfulness to

God for the blessing we having living in this country.

After Jim's presentation, the members were treated to a delicious meal in keeping with the program on India.

Judy and Linda prepared Indian dishes of spicy chicken, delicious seasoned vegetables and a delicious coconut rice dessert.

After the meal, president Anne Carthel called to order the club meeting. Club business was discussed and the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be held March 10, 2015 at the EMS building. Sheryl Back will be hostess. She will be giving an EMS tour and the services by EMS.

Please plan to attend this program.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By LuAnn Collins

Special for The Hesperian-Beacon

Memorials for Floydada Senior Citizens include:

In Memory of Dolly Emert- Betty Baker, Gary and Emma Pate, Gary and Sue Fuller, Donna Pernell, Larry, Rhonda, Cody, and Kayla Stovall, Mike and Penny Giesecke, Rick and Kelli Reddy

In Memory of David Battey- Faye Bertrand, Kenneth and Barbara Willis, Margaret Soudelier

In Memory of Joy Smitherman- Betty Baker, Gary and Sue Fuller, Gary and Emma Pate, Shorty Turner

In Memory of Frances Weathersbee- Sue Milton, Gary and Emma Pate, Sue Fuller, Betty Baker, Kenneth and Barbara Willis

In Memory of Dona Reid- Donna Pernell

In Memory of Judy Lain - Gary and Emma Pate, Nancy Lawson, Jane Pruitt, Donna Pernell

In Memory of Peggy Jo Pearsey- Betty Baker

In Memory of Dave Willis- Shorty Turner

In Memory of Larry Anderson- Wilma Colston, Dan, Lisa, and Victoria Colston, Mark and Teresa Whittle

Cobb Gilley had a visitor join him eating at the Center last week, his daughter Barbara Christian from Albuquerque,

que, New Mexico.

For those who wish to give memorials and donations, our mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235.

Serving time is 12 :00 p.m. Please call Sylvia or Anna by 9:30 if you plan to eat at the Center. 806-983-2032. We are located at 925 W. Crockett St.

MENU Feb. 23 - Feb. 27

Monday - Beef stroganoff, noodles, whole wheat roll, margarine, mixed vegetables, winter fruit cup, low-fat milk

Tuesday - BBQ chicken filet, baked potato w/sour cream, whole wheat roll, margarine, mixed vegetables, mandarin oranges, low-fat milk

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

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

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

FLOYDADA SCHOOL

Ft. Worth Stock Show Success

By Vance Lemons
Ag Science Teacher
Floydada High School

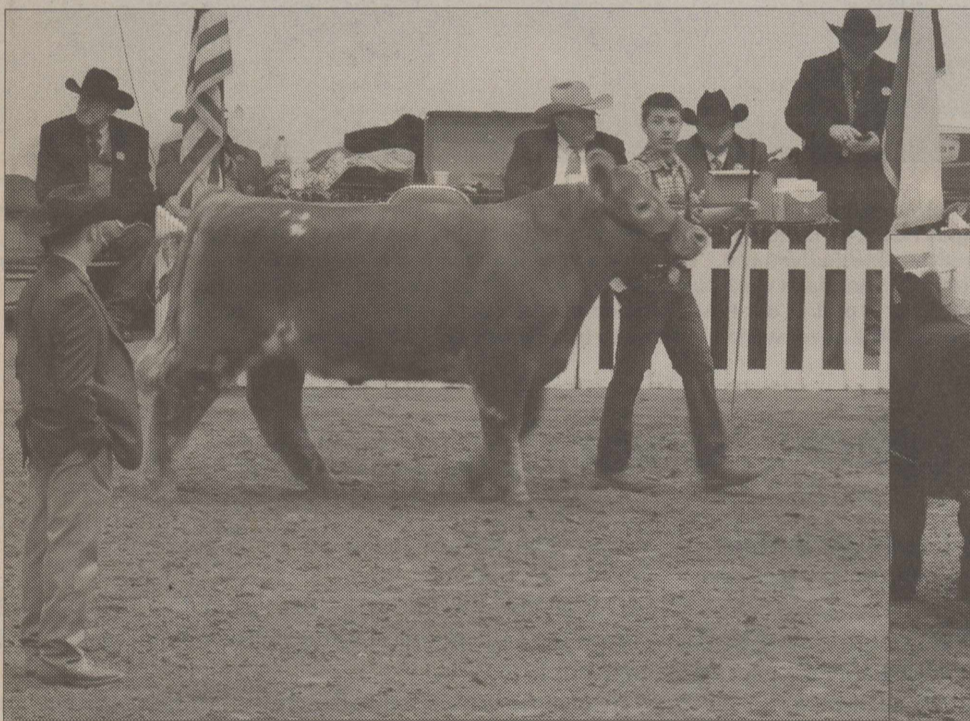
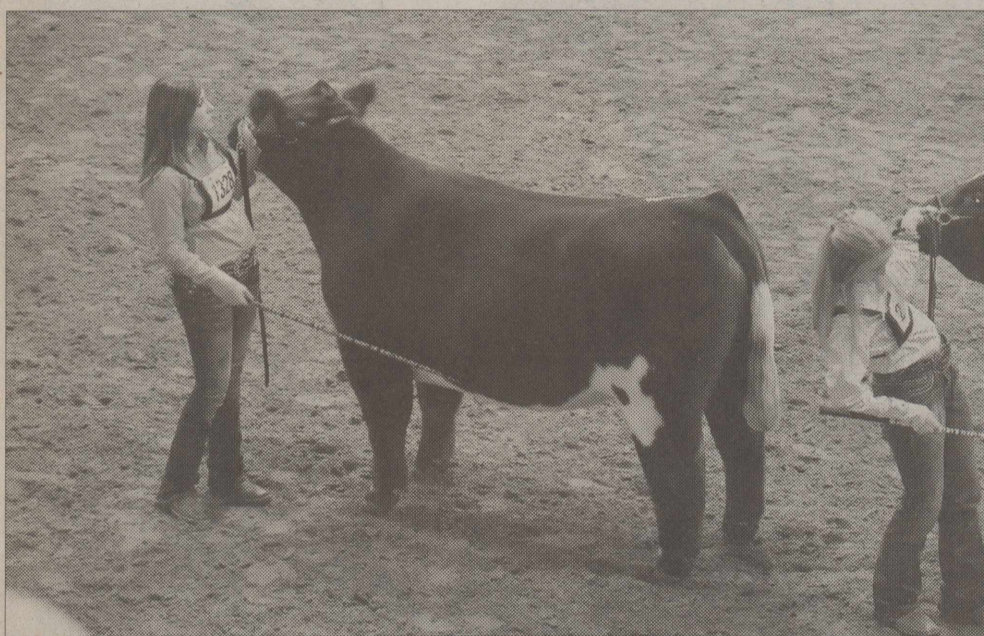
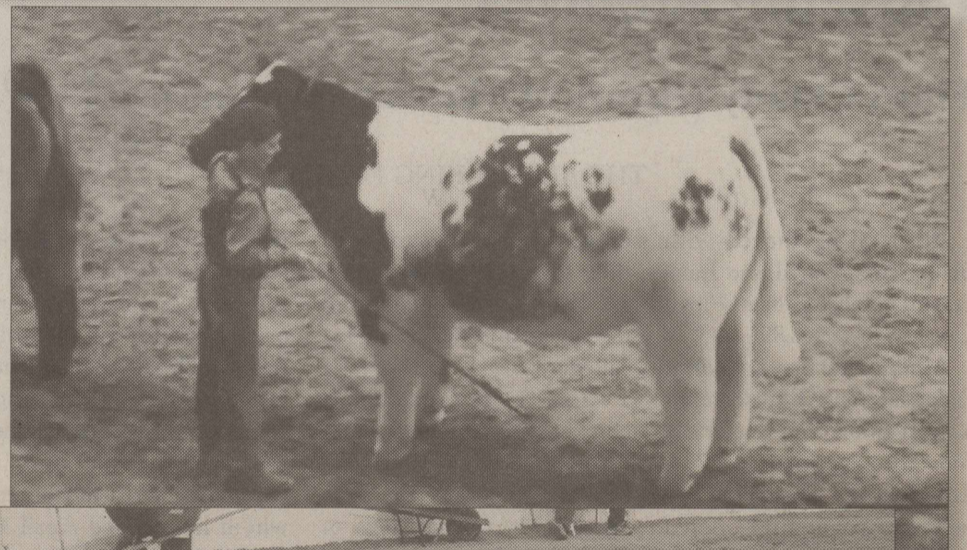
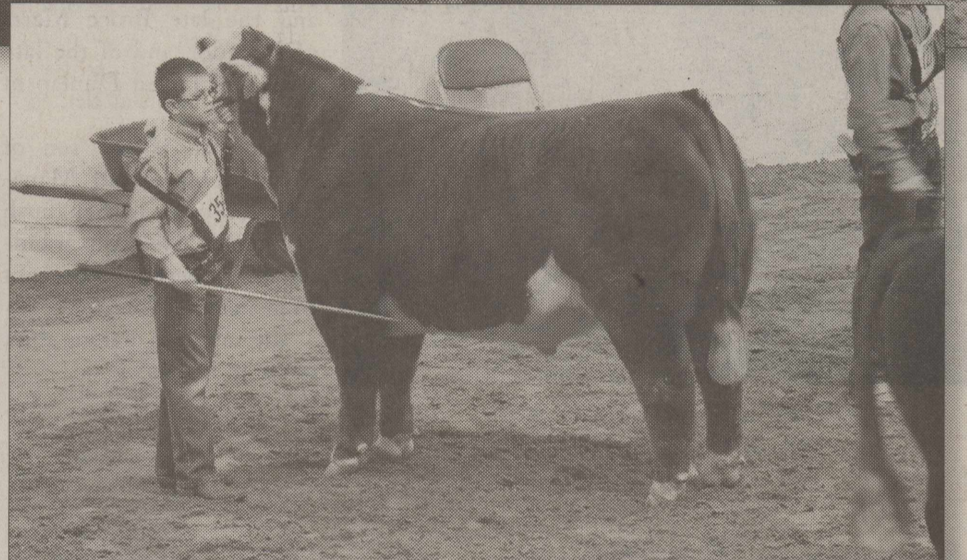
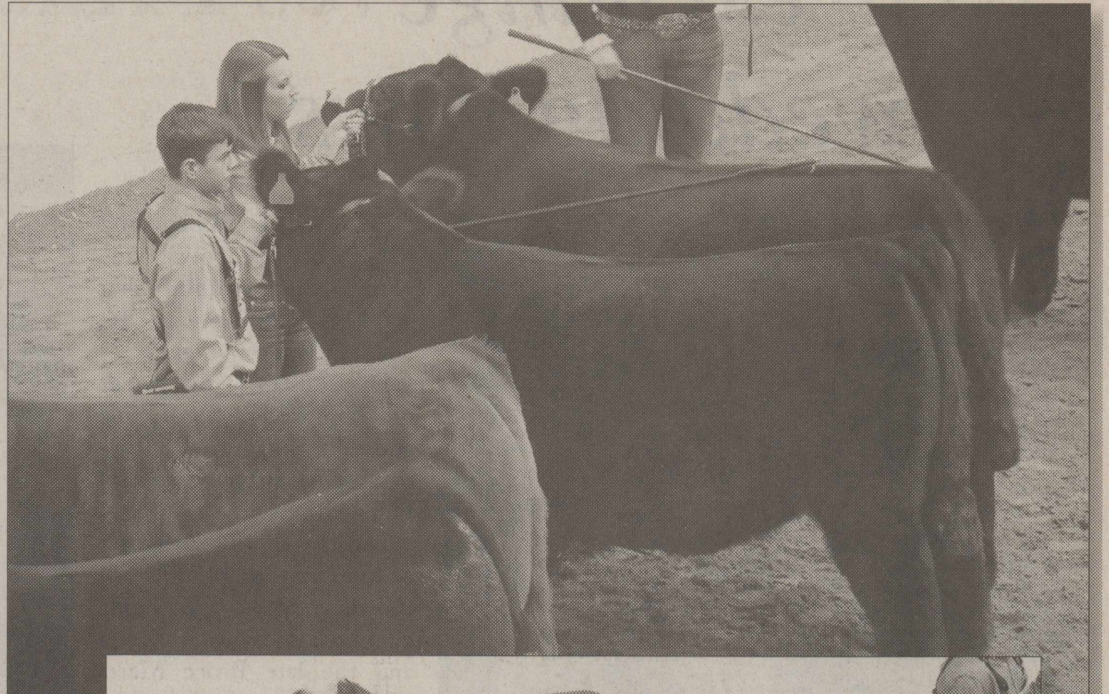
Floydada FFA Kids proven their selves in the show ring at the 2015 Fort Worth stock show and rodeo. We began the show with Kirby and Kennan Nixon paving the way to success for Floydada kids. Keenan Nixon received a 1st in class ribbon in both Jr. and Open shows with his Chianina heifer. Kirby Nixon received a 2nd place ribbon with Red Angus Heifer along with a 3rd place with his Simmental Heifer.

Jaxson Smith, Cutter Smith, Steffinni Chavarria, Jacob Chavarria, Jose Lira, Braylen Lemons, Brock Powell, Christopher Emert and Reagan Hughes all traveled the last week of the Fort Worth Stock Show to exhibit the barrow and steer projects.

Braylen Lemons received 7th place in Class 1 European Crosses. Reagan Hughes placed 9th in the Heavy weight Shorthorns. Both of these steers placed in the top ten of their class and made the sale at the Fort Worth stock show, which was held on Saturday Feb. 7th 2015. Brock Powell placed 12th with his heavy weight Hereford.

Jaxson Smith was pulled with his Lightweight Duroc to show in the placing ring, however the judge left 6 in the ring. Jose Lira was also pulled to place with his lightweight cross, but once again he didn't make the top ten. Judge left three in the ring in this class.

It is a huge accomplishment for these kids to get picked to show in the placing ring especially with quality of animals present at a major stock show.



Courtesy Photos

Hinsley and Brooks compete in Ft. Worth Livestock Show

By Cristen Brooks
CEA/AG-NR
Floyd County

Hagen Hinsley and Jack Brooks competed in the Junior Market Steer Show in Fort Worth on February 7th. Steers arrived on Tuesday morning, February 3rd and the week was full of

hard work and dedication getting their animals ready for the show on Thursday. Hagen placed 11th in his heavy weight Shorthorn class and Jack received a participation ribbon in his medium weight Horned Hereford class. Competition was tough, as it always is at Fort Worth, but both

boys did very well. This was the first year to show steers for both boys and they had a ton of fun and are already ready for next year.

Hagen will continue on and show at the Houston Livestock Show in March as well. Congratulations on a job well done!

FISD recognizes stand-out students, staff for February

The Floydada ISD board met Thursday, Feb. 12 and recognized the following students and staff for their efforts to make education the best it can be. Each month the staff selects students and staff that exemplify education at its best, and those individuals are recognized at the monthly school board meeting.

The elementary students recognized were Brody Hughes and Isabel Johnston, first grade students at A.B. Duncan Elementary. The junior high student of the month was Arianna Diaz, an 8th grade student at Floydada Junior High. The FHS student of the month was Liz Morales, a Senior student at Floydada High School.

The elementary educator selected this month was Jeana Carlson 2nd grade teacher at A.B. Duncan Elementary. The secondary educator of the month was Kim Perez. Congratulations to each of these students and educators and thank you for your support of our schools.



LEGAL

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF OLIVE NAN HINTON, DECEASED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Olive Nan Hinton, Deceased, were issued on February 11, 2015, in Docket No. 5998, pending in the County Court of Floyd County, Texas, to James Fred Hinton, who now holds such letters.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are hereby required to present them to my attorney, Stephen J. Stone, at the address given below, before suit on same are barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time otherwise prescribed by law. The address to which claims may be presented is 2112 Indiana Avenue, Lubbock, Texas 79410.

DATED February 13, 2015.

BY: James Fred Hinton

LOCKNEY SCHOOL

Lockney School Board Calls for May Election, Approves Principal, AD Contracts

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – Members of the Lockney School Board, meeting in regular session, called for an election to be held on May 9 to fill three places on the Board. Board places up for election include Place 1, currently held by Rene Guerrero and Place 2, currently held by Mike Lass. Also, the election for Place 3, currently held by Heath Rexrode, will be held to fill the unexpired term.

Deadline for filing for a seat on the School Board is Friday, Feb. 27 at 5:00 P.M. in the Superintendent's office. The election, if there are contested races, will be held Saturday, May 9 from 7:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. in the Board Room at the Superintendent's office at 416 W. Willow. Early voting, if necessary, will begin Monday, April 27 through Tuesday, May 5 at the Superintendent's office between 8:30 A.M. and 4:30

P.M., Monday through Friday.

In other action, all three principals and the athletic director had their contracts extended for one additional year. The principals are Tood Hallmark at High School, Craig Setliff at Junior High and Jean Anne Williams at Elementary and the athletic director is Malcolm Moerbe.

The Board also approved a budget amendment for additional funds for the migrant program. Approval to pay bills for \$100,809.67 were approved along with the current financial report. Currently LISD has \$3,082,519.68 in available funds.

Sarah Clements, High School English 1 teacher, introduced herself to the Board and discussed her activities in the English 1 and Yearbook classes. Clements also coaches the UIL Journalism contestants.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Cory Speed addressed the Board regarding the Sheriff's De-

partment plans to purchase a drug dog. Speed explained they would be willing to supplement the current drug dog program as a training exercise for the dog and handler as well as provide additional resources to deter having drugs brought on the campuses at no cost to the District. Speed also wants to have a training session to show faculty and staff how drugs are being distributed to look like common candy as soon as a case involving these sources is completed.

In campus reports, Hallmark said there were 139 students at the high school, Setliff said there were 93 at the junior high and Williams said there were 258 students at elementary. Hallmark said students are involved in stock shows, preparing for one act play and UIL academics as well as preparing for upcoming testing. Setliff said his students and faculty were working hard to improve and get ready for the

tests. Williams said her students were being prepared for the test and they were trying to address the needs of all the students. She also invited the Board to the Movement Program on March 9 which will feature all the kids in musical and exercise activities.

Moerbe told the Board the boys basketball team has qualified for the playoffs and they will either be second or third in the district. He also said the spring sports, baseball, softball, track and tennis, are already working hard to prepare for their seasons. He reported that power lifting is halfway through their season and they are continuing to work hard.

Superintendent Phil Cotham reported that he will be addressing the City of Lockney at the next Council meeting to come to an agreement regarding watering the baseball field. He also reported that Atmos Energy is now charging them, as a business, a \$100 fee for each

meter and he is working to see if they can eliminate three of the meters that sit on the high school/junior high block. He updated the Board on the E-Rate program which discounts schools on the phone service, Internet access and numerous other programs. He said the E-Rate will gradually phase out discounts to phone service over the next few years but are discontinuing discounts to cell phones this year. He is looking into a new district-wide phone system in anticipation of the loss of the phone discount. He also said the District currently has nine cell phones for administrative and maintenance personnel so he has asked all of those people to move their numbers back to their personal plans but he is looking into paying a stipend for each of the nine people affected.

Cotham also discussed the Workers' Comp insurance that is currently costing the District \$15,546 in fixed cost per year as

well as up to \$12,000 per year for claims made by any district in the insurance pool. He has discussed with insurance department of the Texas Association of School Boards about their Workers' Comp, TASB provides Worker's Comp insurance based on the number of employees and payroll cost. TASB estimated that for LISD to have Workers' Comp through them it would cost the District \$6,459 plus a deductible of approximately \$14,519. He explained that the most of the District would be out-of-pocket through TASB would be \$20,978 if there was a large claim. Since this is not a budget item, Cotham said they would be changing over to TASB's insurance but could possibly still owe the pool some money for a few more years based on prior years' claims.

The Board then entered into executive session to discuss the contracts of the principals and athletic director.

Lockney Varsity Basketball Round-up

BOYS

Date	Opponent (*=District)	Results	Score	Record (Overall/Dist)
11-18	Paducah	L	49-48	0-1
11-21	@ Claude	L	57-41	0-2
11-24	Hart	W	71-32	1-2
11-25	Bovina	W	78-54	2-2
12-2	Roosevelt	W	72-44	3-2
12-4	Haskell	W	50-30	4-2
12-5	Knox City	W	50-46	5-2
12-6	Anson	W	59-49	6-2
12-9	Spur	W	78-35	7-2
12-12	Plainview Christian	W	74-25	8-2
12-16	Morton	W	68-50	9-2
12-19	@ Sanford Fritch	W	61-42	10-2
1-2	Abernathy *	L	52-51	10-3 / 0-1
1-6	@ New Deal *	W	66-60	11-3 / 1-1
1-9	Floydada *	W	63-53	12-3 / 2-1
1-13	@ Ralls *	W	67-41	13-3 / 3-1
1-16	Hale Center *	W	53-45	14-3 / 4-1
1-20	Olton *	W	50-49	15-3 / 5-1
1-23	Smyer	L	76-59	15-4 / 5-1
1-27	@ Abernathy *	L	58-48	15-6 / 5-2
1-30	New Deal *	L	75-67	15-7 / 5-3
2-3	@ Floydada *	W	59-41	16-7 / 6-3
2-6	Ralls *	W	69-48	17-7 / 7-3
2-10	@ Hale Center *	W	55-43	18-7 / 8-3
2-13	@ Olton *	W	53-45	19-7 / 9-3
2-17	@ Smyer			

Lockney Varsity Basketball Round-up

GIRLS

Date	Opponent	Results	Score	Record (Overall/Dist)
11-11	Childress	L	50-25	0-1
11-15	@ Roscoe Highland	L	69-20	0-2
11-21	@ Claude	L	57-41	0-3
12-2	Roosevelt	L	72-36	0-4
12-4	Haskell	L	46-21	0-5
12-5	Knox City	W	33-27	1-5
12-6	Anson	L	51-24	1-6
12-16	@ Olton *	L	51-30	1-7 / 0-1
12-19	@ Smyer	L	75-24	1-8 / 0-1
1-2	Abernathy *	L	89-31	1-9 / 0-2
1-6	@ New Deal *	L	59-35	1-10 / 0-3
1-9	Floydada *	L	47-43	1-11 / 0-4
1-13	@ Ralls *	W	33-26	2-11 / 1-4
1-16	Hale Center *	L	51-28	2-12 / 1-5
1-20	Olton *	L	84-32	2-13 / 1-6
1-23	Smyer	L	70-20	2-14 / 1-6
1-27	@ Abernathy *	L	84-32	2-15 / 1-7
1-30	New Deal *	L	51-27	2-17 / 1-8
2-3	@ Floydada *	L	45-34	2-17 / 1-9
2-6	Ralls *	L	39-25	2-18 / 1-10
2-10	@ Hale Center *	L	67-35	2-19 / 1-11

Coaches: Please email any missing scores or new scores to: fchblockney@yahoo.com

District 4-2A Boys Basketball Standings

Team	Wins	Losses	Games Behind	Left to Play	C=Champ P=Playoff X=Eliminated
Abernathy	10	1		1	C
Lockney	9	3	1.5	0	P
New Deal	7	4	3	1	P
Olton	5	6	5	1	X
Hale Center	4	7	6	1	X
Floydada	4	7	6	1	X
Ralls	0	11	9	1	X



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SMITH

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during the recent 2015 NCC Annual Meeting in Memphis, Tennessee.

Elected as an advisor to the NCC's Board was Wallace L. Darnelle, a marketing cooperative executive from Lubbock. Re-elected as advisors to the NCC's Board were former NCC chairmen: James F. Dodson, a cotton producer from Robstown; Woody Anderson, a cotton producer from Colorado City; Tommy R. Funk, Sr., a cotton producer from Sebastian; William T. Lovelady, a cotton producer from Tornillo; Herman Propst, a cotton producer from Anson; and Smith, a cotton producer from Floydada. Also re-elected as NCC Board advisors were Frank B. Jones, Jr., a Lubbock cotton producer; Gail Kring, a cottonseed crusher from Lubbock; and Mark D. Williams, a cotton producer from Farwell.

Elected as NCC directors were David Fields, a Corpus Christi warehouse, and Ron Harkey, a Lubbock warehouse. Re-elected as NCC directors were Shawn Holladay, a Lubbock cotton producer; Ron Craft, a Plains ginner; Thomas Clodfelter, a Seminole warehouse; Robert Lacy, Jr., Lubbock cottonseed crusher; and Sam Hill, a Lubbock marketing cooperative official.

Dahlen Hancock, a Ropesville producer, was elected president of the NCC's export promotion arm, Cotton Council International (CCI). Elected as a CCI director was Craig Heinrich, a Lubbock producer. Re-elected as CCI directors were: Brough; Mike Alexander, a Colorado City producer; Eduardo L. Esteve and Phil Bogel, II, both Dallas merchants; Lonnie Winters, a Lubbock cooperative official; and James Massey, a cottonseed crusher from Harlingen.

Doyle Schniers, San Angelo, was elected as a vice chairman of the NCC's American Cotton Producers (ACP) and Holladay was re-elected the ACP's Southwest region director. ACP Texas co-chairmen are: Heinrich, Keith Corzine, Stamford; and Jon R. Whatley, Odem.

Elected as NCC Texas unit officers were: Schniers, chairman; Jim Bradford, a Dimmitt ginner, vice chairman; and

Whatley, secretary.

As the unifying force of the U.S. cotton industry, the Memphis-based National Cotton Council brings together industry representatives from the 17 cotton-producing states to establish policies reflecting the common interests and promoting mutual benefits for its broad membership and ancillary industries. The NCC's mission is ensuring the ability of all industry segments to compete effectively and profitably in the raw cotton, oilseed and U.S.-manufactured product markets at home and abroad.

The U.S. cotton industry provides employment for some 200,000 Americans and generates more than \$100 billion in annual economic activity.

RECIPE

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and 32 "Shares" to dominate the competition.

"Our prize is \$250.00 in produce from Ben E Keith, which will be used at the Center," Armstrong said. "It will definitely come in handy since we exist strictly on donations, membership dues and money from meals."

Renee's recipe is:

Avocado Bleu Cheese Mayo on a Buffalo Chicken Sandwich

Bake or grill 2 large chicken breast until done; shred or cube and set aside.

Make the buffalo sauce:

½ cup hot sauce
4 tbsp butter
½ tsp Worcestershire sauce
¼ tsp celery salt
Heat and set aside.

Make the avocado bleu cheese mayo:

½ cup mayo
¼ cup whole milk
Dash of Worcestershire sauce
1/3 cup bleu cheese crumbles
1 chopped avocado
Salt and pepper to taste
Mix well and cool

Mix chicken and buffalo sauce and heat throughly. Char your favorite hamburger bun or slider roll. Smooth 2 tablespoons of mayo on bun, add heated chicken and sauce to bun. Garnish with your favorite veggies and serve. Makes 2-3 sandwiches.

RADIO DAY

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Club including eyeglasses for needy children, local scouts, eyeglass drop box for recycling the glasses and supporting the local senior citizens' group.

"Most of our dollars go for local efforts because that's where they're raised," Ogden said, "However we do give some money to the Texas Lions Camp in Ker-ville and have, through the years, been able to send some children from here to that camp." About 1,500 children a year with physical disabilities from across the state attend the Texas Lions Camp.

The Floydada Lions Club meets every Thursday at noon at the Massie Activity Center with a meal served.

SCAM

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easily when a supposed IRS caller is a fake. Here are five things the scammers often do but the IRS will not do. Any one of these five things is a tell-tale sign of a scam. The IRS will never:

Call to demand immediate payment, nor will we call about taxes owed without first having mailed you a bill.

Demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.

Require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card.

Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.

Threaten to bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.

If you get a phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS and asking for money, here's what you should do:

If you know you owe taxes or think you might owe, call the IRS at 1.800.829.1040. The IRS workers can help you with a payment issue.

If you know you don't owe taxes or have no reason to believe that you do, report the incident to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 1.800.366.4484 or atwww.tigta.gov.

You can file a complaint using the FTC Complaint Assistant; choose "Other" and then "Imposter Scams." If the complaint involves someone impersonating the IRS, include the words "IRS Telephone Scam" in the notes.

Remember, too, the IRS does not use unsolicited email, text messages or any social media to discuss your personal tax issue. For more information on reporting tax scams, go to www.irs.gov and type "scam" in the search box.

Thanks for Reading

Galvan graduates from basic military training

Provided by Joint Hometown News Service
Special for The Hesperian-Beacon

Air Force Airman Austin T. Galvan graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Galvan is the son of Kayla Galvan of Amarillo, Texas, and nephew of Lisa Galvan of Floydada, Texas.

He is a 2013 graduate of Ascension Academy, Amarillo, Texas.

Home Country

By Slim Randles

It might have been the winter doldrums that did it. You can never be sure of these things. It's just that ... well, Doc is one of those guys who can't stand to see anyone bored. He claims it's bad for their inner chemistry, and since he has more initials after his name than anyone else in town, we tend to listen to him.

When it happened, we in the inner circle of the World Dilemma Think Tank down at the Mule Barn truck stop thought back on what Doc had said a year ago when the temperature dropped, along with everyone's spirits.

"In weather like this," Doc pronounced, stirring sugar into his cup, "a real American would come up with a great hoax."

Those of us sitting at the philosophy counter that morning just nodded, even though we didn't have a clue. No one wanted to admit it, you see.

When the Valley Weekly Miracle hit the street yesterday, we bought one to see how much the editor dared to print, as always, but there in the classifieds was this:

"LOST - One gray squirrel, fluffy tail, two years old. Answers to 'Chipper.' \$5.25 reward. Call Doc."

The paper was passed down the counter and we all looked at Doc after we read it. He was smirking as only Doc can smirk.

"Doc," Steve said, tentatively, "would this be the same imaginary squirrel that was kidnapped and held for ransom last year?"

"The very same," Doc said. "I named him Chipper."

"But he's imaginary, right?"

"The very best kind."

"Why?"


"Imaginary squirrels don't bite, don't have to be fed, and you never have to clean up after them," he said. "And a real squirrel will eat the leg off a coffee table."

He grinned. "Besides, I've always wanted an imaginary squirrel."

After we laughed, Dud said, "And what if someone finds a squirrel and brings him to you?"

"Dudley," he said, "I figure it's worth \$5.25 to get a squirrel, which would be hibernating this time of year, of course, and then to turn it loose. Besides, I'll make more money than that just stitching up the squirrel catcher's hand."

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Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

After 14 months of bringing you the Wit and Wisdom of Texas, I now will start bringing you a more general Wit and Wisdom from the famous and infamous, covering various aspects of life and business. Thanks for reading.

In the depth of winter, I finally learned that within me there lay an invincible summer. — Albert Camus, French existentialist author & philosopher (1913 - 1960)

Television is a new medium. It's called a medium because nothing is well-done. — Fred Allen, on the radio program The Big Show, Dec. 17, 1950, US radio comedian (1894 - 1956)

Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be. — Abraham Lincoln, 16th president of US (1809 - 1865)

Joy is not a commodity to be hoarded and protected. It is like a muscle. It must be used daily to keep strong and vigorous. For all my hardships, I have been able to remain quite joyful, for my muscles are strong. — Laura Moncur, The Secret Heart of Charlotte Lucas, 2014, American writer (1969 -)

This nation was founded by many men of many nations and backgrounds. It was founded on the principle that all men are created equal, and that the rights of every man are diminished when the rights of one man are threatened. — John F. Kennedy, Radio and television report to the American people in civil rights, June 11, 1963, 35th president of US 1961-1963 (1917 - 1963)

An Englishman is a person who does things because they have been done before. An American is a person who does things because they haven't been done before. — Mark Twain, US humorist, novelist, short story author, & wit (1835 - 1910)

Nowadays most people die of a sort of creeping common sense, and discover when it is too late that the only things one never regrets are one's mistakes. — Oscar Wilde, The Picture of Dorian Gray, 1891, Irish dramatist, novelist, & poet (1854 - 1900)

It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it. — Aristotle, Greek critic, philosopher, physicist, & zoologist (384 BC - 322 BC)

I know no safe depository of the ultimate powers of the society but the people themselves; and if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their control with a wholesome discretion, the remedy is not to take it from them, but to inform their discretion by education. — Thomas Jefferson, 3rd president of US (1743 - 1826)

If we value the pursuit of knowledge, we must be free to follow wherever that search may lead us. The free mind is no barking dog to be tethered on a ten-foot chain. — Adlai E. Stevenson Jr., US diplomat & Democratic politician (1900 - 1965)

Pet Talk

International Hoof Care Month is celebrated throughout the month of February. During this time, it is important that we recognize the significant contributions farriers make to the equine community.

"Farriers perform duties such as trimming horse's feet and often applying shoes for protection," said Jason Wilson-Maki, farrier for the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital. "How complex the shoe(s) will need to be depend on the horse's individual needs, what activities he undertakes, and what may be needed to address any hoof issues."

Due to the fact that no minimum education is required to become a farrier, a large diversity exists within the farrier community in regards to skill sets and knowledge. However, organizations such as The American Farriers Association offer a series of voluntary examinations by which individuals can earn credentials.

"Within the United States, there is no minimum education or skill set requirement to trim or shoe horses' feet; any person at any point may technically do farrier work," said Wilson-Maki. "With that being said, many horseshoeing schools, both public and private, exist and attempt to impart to their students a good basic skill set."

Though they differ in job titles, both the veterinarian and the farrier have important roles in the long and short term care of the horse's foot. "A farrier works on the hoof capsule and corrects distortions that are evident by observation," said Wilson-Maki. "However, a farrier cannot diagnose nor treat lameness, and are

not required within the United States to have any formal education."

In contrast, veterinarians have different tools, such as regional anesthesia, radiographs, ultra sound, and MRIs to diagnose lameness, as well as a specified education and specific practice laws under which they work. "They may also treat the diagnosed lameness by means of medical treatment. Often, shoeing and trimming protocols are an integral portion of the overall approach," said Wilson-Maki.

As far as farrier service pricing goes, it is known to vary greatly within the region and county. "What would be considered usury in rural Texas may well be below average in New Jersey," said Wilson-Maki. "An owner could ask about the pricing ahead of time and get a feel for what is normal within a given region."

Each horse owner and horse will have different needs and expectations of a farrier. "A salient point that must be highlighted is that the owner must be able to communicate clearly and well with the farrier," said Wilson-Maki. "An owner should seek out a farrier that can meet the needs of their animal and with whom they can communicate."

Whether your horse is a champion barrel racer or merely a leisure-riding companion, farriers are vital to your horse's health and well-being, and finding one that meets their specific needs takes clear communication between horse owner and farrier.

Pet Talk is a service of the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University. Stories can be viewed online at vetmed.tamu.edu/pet-talk. Suggestions for future topics may be directed to editor@cvm.tamu.edu.

BID NOTICE

The City of Floydada, TX is accepting sealed bids for real property located at 800 East Price Street. The property is approximately 6.5 acres located on the northeast side of town. Fourteen (14) HIGHLY dilapidated immigration houses sit on the property each measuring 32'x125'. The buildings are solid cinder block with wood framed roofs. Each building has been gutted of the majority of the wiring and plumbing, and all doors and windows have either been removed or destroyed. The parking lots are all grown over with grass. All bidders are required to submit a detailed plan of intended use for the property along with a timeline for lot clean-up and building removal or renovation. Substantial improvements are required within the first six months of ownership and such improvements are subject to council and code enforcement approval. Heavy enforcement fines will be issued if council and the code enforcement officer feel that the property has not been substantially improved. Any and all work done on the premises will be at owner's expense. It is required by the city, that each bidder inspects the property and inform city hall of the inspections, prior to submitting a sealed bid. Submit seal bids to City Hall, 114 W Virginia Street, Floydada, TX 79235 by 5:00 p.m. Thursday, February 26, 2015. Contact the City Manager, Jeff Johnston, at City Hall (806) 983-2834 regarding any questions.

You're old enough to qualify for Medicare. Now what?

By Bob Moos

Southwest public affairs officer for the U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

The day you thought would never come is almost here. Your 65th birthday approaches. Wasn't it just yesterday you were listening to your transistor radio and wondering what to do with your life?

But this is no time for reminiscing. For the moment, you need to focus on your future. In particular, you need to think about your health care and how you'll pay for it.

You're probably aware that you qualify for Medicare at 65. But, to be honest, you have lots of questions about how it works, right? Let's start by going over 10 essential facts about Medicare.

If you don't already get Social Security, you'll have to apply for Medicare benefits. You can sign up from about three months before you turn 65 until about three months afterward. Social Security will help you enroll — including online, if you'd like. Visit socialsecurity.gov or call 1-800-772-1213.

Meet your enrollment deadline or pay a penalty. Sign up at 65 if you don't have insurance from your or your spouse's current employer. After 65, you should enroll within eight months of quitting work. Otherwise, you could be penalized in the form of permanently higher premiums when you do sign up.

Medicare isn't free; it comes with costs. Like other insurance, you pay premiums each month and then a deductible, plus co-payments or co-insurance, when you receive care. You may be able to avoid some of those costs if you qualify for a low-income program or purchase supplemental insurance.

Medicare doesn't cover everything. There are some services Medicare won't help pay for, such as routine dental or eye care, dentures and hearing aids. Also, some people mistakenly believe that Medicare covers long-term custodial care in a nursing home or assisted-living center. It doesn't.

Poor health won't affect your Medicare coverage. You can't be denied health care coverage

or charged higher premiums because of a current or previous health condition. If you're eligible for Medicare, you receive full benefits regardless of any medical problems — and at the same cost as everyone else.

You may qualify for help with your drug expenses. If you're on a tight budget, you may get help paying for the premiums, deductible and co-payments in your Medicare drug plan. Visit socialsecurity.gov or call 1-800-772-1213. Also, ask whether you qualify for help with other Medicare costs.

You can buy private insurance to bolster your Medicare coverage. Because Medicare usually pays for most, but not all, of your health care costs, you may want to shop for additional coverage sold by private insurers. You can join a Medicare Advantage plan or buy supplemental "Medigap" coverage.

Higher-income Americans pay higher Medicare premiums. Most people with Medicare pay \$104.90 per month for their Part B medical insurance, but individuals

with annual incomes higher than \$85,000 (and married couples with yearly incomes above \$170,000) will pay a surcharge on top of that amount.

Medicare is emphasizing preventive care. Medicare now covers a number of screenings and preventive services, like mammograms and colonoscopies, at no cost to you. You're also entitled to a "Welcome to Medicare" preventive visit your first year and an annual wellness visit after that — again, at no cost.

You have a right to appeal. If you disagree with a coverage or payment decision made by Medicare or a Medicare health plan, you can file an appeal. If you think your health may be hurt by waiting for a ruling, you can ask for a fast decision. To learn more about the process, visit medicare.gov/appeals.

All 10 of these essential facts about Medicare are described in more detail in the "Medicare and You 2105" handbook. You can download a free copy at medicare.gov or request one by calling 1-800-633-4227.

And, by the way, happy 65th!

WEATHER WHYS

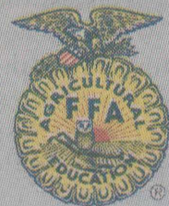
Q: When did weather experts start calculating wind chill?

A: It's believed wind chill factors (a combination of air temperature and wind speed and how they affect the human body) were first compiled by two Antarctic explorers, Paul Siple and Charles Passel, in 1945, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "The original wind chill index used by them was around for many years, but it really wasn't used much," he notes. "Most agree the event that made the term 'wind chill' famous was the Dallas-Green Bay football game in 1967 when the game-time temperature was minus-13 degrees, putting the wind-chill factor at minus-36 degrees. But even that was bested in 1981 when San Diego and Cincinnati played during wind chill conditions of minus-59 degrees. The term has become very familiar in recent decades. One survey shows that 82 percent of all Canadians use the wind chill index and not the air temperature to decide what clothes to wear each day."

Q: What is the coldest wind chill ever recorded in the United States?

A: It's believed it occurred last year in Alaska, McRoberts says. "The wind chill was recorded at Howard Pass with a temperature of minus -42 degrees and sustained winds of 71 mph, making the wind chill minus-97 degrees," he notes. "That occurred on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, in 2014. The previous record was set on Jan. 28, 1989, at Prudhoe Bay in Alaska when the wind chill hit minus-96 degrees. In such conditions, severe frostbite and hypothermia can occur in less than five minutes. Amazingly, this Alaskan cold pales in comparison to that measured at a Soviet weather station in Antarctica on July 21, 1983, which recorded an air temperature of minus-128 and had a wind chill estimated to be colder than

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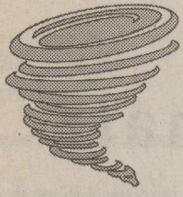
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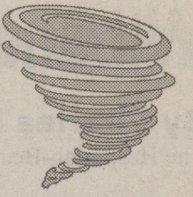
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Whirlwind News



A Senior Night to Remember



By Aaron Chavarria and Tucker Lowrance
Senior Editor/Staff Writer

Leadership is a valuable characteristic that is always needed in order to be successful, not only in sports, but in life. That certain characteristic is what this year's group of seniors has provided for every underclassman in the school, teaching them much more than just skill. Although the season did not go as planned, there was much more than just winning that was brought to each individual.

On Tuesday, February 11,

2015, senior night was held for the winter sports at the Floydada High School gym before the games. This night was a night to remember regardless of the results, it was an opportunity to make one last run as a whole unit.

The boys did not play their last game of the season, but now with the opportunity to play for pride, the seniors look to continue fighting and finishing the season on a high note with great leadership.

"We got off to such a good start, but then in district we started to slump a little bit and haven't been

able to get going again," said boy's head coach, Travis Pittman. "Some new coaches do not like inheriting seniors from previous years because they have bad habits and don't want to break them, but so far this has been the best and hardest working group of seniors that I've had."

On the other hand, the girls did play their last game of the season, and the fought to the end while the senior girls did all they could to make their coaches and fans proud.

"This year with senior night was a very bittersweet time mainly because

this group of girls was the last group of girls that I had when I first started coaching here," girl's head coach, Brandi Cook said. "Despite the way the season ended, losing the leadership, the attitude and the way they were always positive will definitely be a big blow to the team. They are just a great group of girls and I will never forget them."

From the perspectives of the senior athletes, finishing a sport and never being able to play it is not easy after playing as a Whirlwind for six years.

"In my opinion, this senior year went pretty well

regardless of how it ended," senior, Zach Martinez said. "Although some of it didn't go how I wanted it to, with one last games coming, I am going to continue to give it my all and enjoy playing with my teammates."

Bittersweet was the mentality that every senior tasted in his or her mouth as the night ended, and it was a struggle to walk away.

"It was definitely a bittersweet moment because I have had so many memories on that court with the same people that I have grown up with," said senior, Aimee Chavarria. "It was very sad and emotional

for all of us as a team."

The goals of the seniors were to perform as one complete unit, and that they would give it their all.

"I made it a goal for all of us to play as a team and give all of our efforts that so we would have the privilege to say that we gave everything that we could and didn't have any regrets." Senior, McKenna Johnson said.

Knowing how time goes by fast and playing the sport you love, just to know that it will not be there forever is difficult to consume.

2015 WHIRLWIND TRACK SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	HS/JH	PLACE
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MAR. 6	WHIRLWIND RELAYS	HS	FLOYDADA
MAR. 12	MEAN GREEN RELAYS	JH	NEW DEAL
MAR. 13	MEAN GREEN RELAYS	HS	NEW DEAL
MAR. 20	SPRING BREAK	NO MEET	
MAR. 26	ANTELOPE RELAYS	JH	ABERNATHY
MAR. 27	ANTELOPE RELAYS	HS	ABERNATHY
APR. 2	LONGHORN RELAYS	JH	LOCKNEY
APR. 3	LONGHORN RELAYS	HS	LOCKNEY
APR. 6	DISTRICT 4AA MEET	JH	ABERNATHY
APR. 10	TBA	HS	TBA
APR. 17	DISTRICT 4AA MEET	HS	NEW DEAL
APR. 23	AREA MEET-4AA & 3AA	HS	PANHANDLE
MAY 1-2	REGIONAL TRACK	HS	ODESSA
MAY 15-16	STATE TRACK	HS	AUSTIN

Poll: A New Me

By: Bethany Morales
Staff Writer

We all wish at one time or another that we can just be someone else just for a day in order to view life from their eyes. A transformation to see how things are and what we would change. To do things differently and to experience life through someone else's eyes. Floydada staff and students were asked a question to see who in the school they would trade places for a day. The majority chose someone with a higher title so they can be the one in charge.

"I would change places with Mr. Morren because he has all the power," said sophomore Casey Cage.

With all of the power come the responsibilities of the school. Some people might overlook that and say they want all the power, but for one student those responsibilities he does not mind having.

"I would change places

with Mr. Morren so I can be the one making the important decisions in the school," said Dominique Barrientos.

Although people want to trade places with a person with power others would rather change to benefit themselves even if it just for a day.

"I would switch places with Coach Cook so I can be fit and athletic instead of fluffy," said English teacher Rita Cox.

Trading places with someone is a hard decision to make. Choosing someone whose life you would want to live in even for a day is a difficult decision. For some people it took them a moment or two before they were able to decide whom they wanted to trade places with. Some chose to take a different approach to the question rather than the others.

"I would not change places with anybody else because I am happy with being just me," said math teacher Brady Webb.

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Don Marble was a great interview and a good friend

By Ron Smith
in Farm Press Blog

Don Marble called me out of the blue one day last summer to talk about a commentary I had written concerning having spent most of my life working for Farm Press. The conversation evolved into discussions of crop conditions—they were not promising at the time—agriculture in general and some amusing observations on West Texas, or agriculture, or the state of the world.

I always enjoyed talking and listening to him.

He ended that conversation by expressing his appreciation for what I do for agriculture. I thought then and still do that I don't do nearly enough but appreciated encouragement from someone I admired and respected as much as I do Don Marble.

That was the last conversation I had with Don. I was looking forward to stopping by his farm this spring, just to catch up, chat a bit and perhaps weave his observations into another article.

He passed away earlier this week. He was 82. I will miss him.

I'll miss that twinkle in his eye that brought a smile to my face every time I saw him at a cotton meeting, on his farm or, on a particularly memorable occasion, at the 50-Yard Line restaurant in Lubbock. He and his lovely, pleasant, wonderful wife Nancy and I enjoyed a nice dinner after which Don and I talked about the drought.

We had coffee. The waiter asked if he cared for cream.

"Is the coffee good?" he asked.

Yes sir," the waiter replied. "Then I don't need cream." I've stolen that remark occasionally and once a waiter said: "I'll bring the cream."

Don would have appreciated that honesty.

I'll miss Don Marble's encyclopedic knowledge of West Texas weather. He farmed through some of the worst droughts of the last century and the significant droughts of this one. Don had rainfall records for the area around his South Plains farm going back to the 1930s, showing how the current drought stacked up against the historical ones.

I recall him telling me that the drought of 2011 was the worst one-year drought he had farmed through. At the time, the 50's drought was still the longest. He made his first crop more than 60 years ago and noted in a 2004 Southwest Farm Press article that a bumper cotton yield in 1947 finally brought his family out of the Depression that lingered in the rural south long after other parts of the country had begun to enjoy a post-war recovery.

"We made enough that year to dig an irrigation well," Marble said. "1948 was dry but we made a crop on irrigation." In 1951 he started a partnership with his brothers Fred and Keith, Marble Bros. Farms. They were all just teenagers. I'll miss Don Marble's perspective on farm legislation. He worked on more than a few

farm bills and knew the intricacies—and the intrigues—necessary to get the best program possible for farmers.

A comment he made in that 2004 article has proven prophetic. "It's a miracle that we have the program in effect today," he said, "and it is a tribute to Texas congressmen. They cooperated with PCG and lobbyists and worked with the U.S. Senate to get what we needed in the farm bill. I didn't think we'd ever get a direct payment. It's a good program."

"Holding onto it may prove equally difficult," he said.

Mostly I'll miss Don's wit, his integrity, and his ability to make me feel like what we do as farm reporters matters. I think he knew how much I respected him. I hope he knew how much I liked him.

One of the first thoughts I had on hearing of Don's passing was that I would have liked to have interviewed him one more time. I would have enjoyed an update on this prolonged drought, this farm bill and the price of cotton. But one more interview would not have been enough. I could have done a dozen more interviews and still failed to learn as much as I wanted to know about Don Marble.

He was a good man.

PCG EDITOR'S NOTE: Don Marble, past president of Plains Cotton Growers, passed away on Tuesday, February 10. The full obituary is available at <http://moore-rose.tributes.com/obituary/show/Don-H.-Marble-102172172>

Alternative Crop Options/ Updated Crop Budgets

By Calvin Trostle
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2015 Cropping Option Alternatives to Cotton

With low prices on cotton for 2015 numerous producers are evaluating shifting some acres out of cotton to grain or specialty crops for 2015. This is not an easy decision, especially if you have been almost exclusively cotton, don't have harvest equipment for grain, you factor in your historical base acres, and also try meet landowner expectations if you are renting.

If you are considering some other crop options, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension agronomist Dr. Calvin Trostle has published annually in June "Alternative Crop Options after Failed Cotton/Late-Season Crop Planting for the Texas South Plains," <http://lubbock.tamu.edu/files/2014/06/Hailout-Replant-LatePlant-Guide-TX-S-Plains-Trostle-Kelley-AgriLife-2014.pdf> Although this document is oriented toward replanting (and last recommended

planting dates, for example), there is a large amount of "First Things" information for about a dozen grain and specialty crops that are produced in the region. If you are needing additional information possible alternative cropping decisions, especially in a primary crop situation, contact us in the county Extension office or Dr. Trostle.

2015 Extension Budgets for Cotton and Alternative Crops

Hand-in-hand with the above agronomic information is the all-important budget information for South Plains crops. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension agriculture economics colleagues based at Lubbock have for several years compiled a series of budgets for irrigated and dryland crops. Their host website for this information is <http://agrilife.org/southplainsprofit>. I recommend you download the file

to your computer (right click on the link then choose "Save Link As..."). When you open the file you will find a row of "Tabs" across the bottom of the screen, and starting on the left will be

**Instructions, Menu, Universal Input Prices, Irr Alfalfa, Irr Blackeyes, etc.

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Texas Tech Researchers Receive Grant to Improve Wind Forecasting

Researchers at Texas Tech University's National Wind Institute will take part in a \$2.5 million government research project to improve short-term wind forecasting capabilities in mountainous terrain to help enhance wind-energy creation.

Brian Ancell, an assistant professor of atmospheric sciences, said the project is led by Vaisala, a company known for manufacturing environmental measuring devices. It is part of the Wind Forecast Improvement Project funded by the U.S. Department of Energy.

"Quite a few wind farms are in areas of mountainous terrain, and forecasts are really bad there for a variety of reasons," Ancell said. "Our study area is the Columbia River Gorge, which cuts through the Cascade Mountains between Washington State and Oregon. It's one of the hardest places to forecast because of all the variables. At night, you have these things called drainage flows, where cold air sinks down the mountainsides. At other times, the Pacific Ocean cools the western side, and there's hotter air on the eastern side of the Cascades leading to a temperature gradient that ultimately creates strong winds through the gap. It's very tricky."

When forecasting wind, Ancell said modern weather models have a "resolution" of about a few kilometers and are forced to generalize data about topography and land surface characteristics like soil mois-

ture. While this works fairly well for about 75 percent of the U.S. landmass, mountainous regions have terrains with an added degree of complexity, making the prediction of winds there very difficult.

The funding will allow researchers to use advanced meteorological equipment to analyze specific atmospheric characteristics that affect wind flow patterns in the gorge. Data will be shared with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Department of Energy's national laboratories and will be used to develop improved atmospheric simulations for the Weather Research and Forecasting model, a widely used weather prediction system.

This is the second Wind Forecast Improvement Project Ancell and his colleagues have worked on with the Department of Energy. From 2011 to 2014, he and others, led by AWS True Power, explored wind energy resources in the northern Great Plains and western Texas.

For the first time ever, NOAA assimilated wind data from tall turbines and nacelle anemometers into meteorological models for use by the wind industry and other sectors. Integrating these new data into existing models produced forecasts up to 15 percent more accurate at predicting future wind conditions in nearly flat terrain.

"This project could not only enhance wind forecasts but could lead to improved weather prediction models more generally," Ancell said. "This is because the atmospheric layer near the ground influences a number of important phenomena, such as severe thunderstorms and winter storm precipitation type such as snow or freezing rain."

Other partners include the University of Notre Dame, the University of Colorado, the National Center for Atmospheric Research, Sharply Focused, Lockheed Martin, Iberdrola Renewables, Southern California Edison, Cowlitz County Public Utility District, Eurus Energy, Bonneville Power Administration and Portland General Electric.

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TxDOT, Texas High Schools focus on saving teen lives

AUSTIN - Vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among teenagers. In an effort to curb this deadly trend, the Texas Department of Transportation is partnering with more than 900 Texas high schools to remind teens to "Click It or Ticket."

"All traffic fatalities are tragic, but it's especially difficult to hear about teenagers having their lives cut short," said TxDOT Executive Director Lt-Gen Joe Weber, USMC (Ret). "We're asking families, teachers and peers to remind teens to buckle up every time they get in a vehicle. It's the law and it can save their lives. Don't let

your child be the next fatality."

In 2014, 293 teen drivers and passengers (ages 15-20) died as a result of traffic crashes in Texas. Of those fatalities, 134 (46 percent) were not wearing their seat belts at the time of the crash.

To help raise awareness and save lives, TxDOT is sending free "Teen Click It or Ticket" educational toolkits to high schools across the state. Each kit contains banners, posters, brochures and parking lot signs reminding students to wear their seat belts or face costly tickets, injuries or even death.

Throughout the spring,

TxDOT also will promote "Teen Click It or Ticket" at University Interscholastic League (UIL) competitions. A real-life, mangled truck display and an audio recreation of what happened to the teens who survived it, will be set up at boys' and girls' state high school sports tournaments in San Antonio, Georgetown and Austin.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), properly worn lap-shoulder belts reduce the risk of fatal injury to front-seat occupants by 45 percent. Texas law requires all vehicle drivers and

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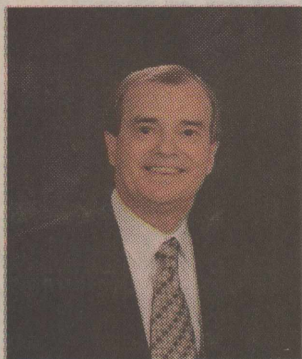


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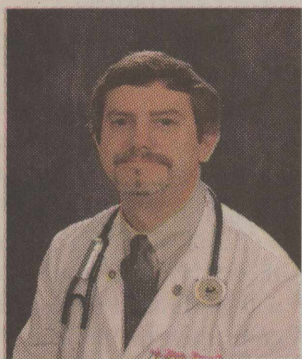
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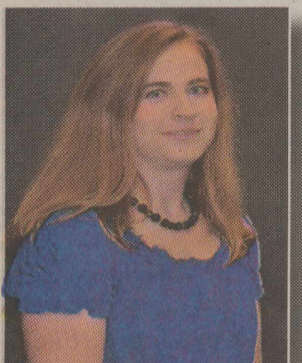
Dr. Gary Mangold has been serving at the Hospital and Clinic since July 1, 1979. During that time he has performed many surgeries, delivered many babies and done thousands of clinic visits for the patients in our area. The Hospital was named after his father Dr. Bill Mangold who established the Hospital in the early 1950's. Dr. Mangold is a 1970 graduate of Lockney High School. Dr. Mangold received his Bachelor of Science from Texas Tech University in 1973 and graduated from Texas Tech University School of Medicine in 1976. Dr. Mangold completed three successful years of residency at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas in 1979 then returned to Lockney to continue his practice. Dr. Mangold is a Diplomat of the American Board of Family Practice and a Fellow in the American Academy of Family Physicians. Dr. Mangold and his wife Brenda are the parents of Allison, Lauren and Erin and reside in Lockney, Texas. Over the years he has helped to maintain the health and wellbeing of many patients and now sees their children and also their grandchildren. He has devoted his whole life to medicine.



Dr. Kevin T. Stennett started practicing medicine here at Lockney in the clinic and Hospital in 1990. Dr. Stennett is a graduate of Lockney High School. Dr. Stennett received his Bachelor of Science from Texas Tech University in 1983 and graduated from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine in 1987. Dr. Stennett completed his three year residency at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth in 1990. Dr. Stennett is a Diplomat of the American Board of Family Practice. Dr. Stennett and his wife Michelle reside in Lockney with their two children Keenan and Kelsie. Dr. Stennett has seen his share of the ups and downs of healthcare. His focus is more internal medicine and has developed his practice along those guidelines. Dr. Stennett has also seen his share of the OB in our area and is currently delivering children of whom the mother was also born here in our hospital. Dr. Stennett continues to keep up to date with the latest medical technology to benefit the health and wellbeing of his patients.



Dr. Sharie A. Moore has been serving the Hospital and Clinic since November 1, 2000. Over the last fourteen years Dr. Moore has seen many changes in the clinic and hospital and the way we take care of patients. She has delivered close to 500 babies and is still current in her OB practice along with her regular clinic patients and hospital duties. Dr. Moore is a graduate of Littlefield High School. She received her Associate of Science degree from South Plains College in 1990. Dr. Moore then received her Bachelor of Science of Biology from Texas Tech University in 1993 and graduated from Texas Tech University School of Medicine in 1997. Dr. Moore completed her three year residency at Texas Tech University Health Science Center in 2000 then relocated to Lockney with her husband Sam. They have three sons Jake, Brett and Clay. She continues to deliver babies, which is a passion and great joy of her life. She continues to strive to keep her patients and expectant mothers informed of all the necessary medical information that is available.



Dr. Cynthia Schlueter is also another Lockney High School Graduate and resident of Lockney who returned to practice medicine here at the Clinic and Hospital in 2009. Dr. Schlueter then obtained a Bachelors degree of Science in Biochemistry at Texas A&M University in College Station in 2000. In 2002 she finished her Master's Degree in Medical Sciences at the University of North Texas Health Center in Fort Worth, Texas. She also has her Degree in Doctor of Osteopathy which she received at the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine in Fort Worth, Texas. She and her husband Shad live in Lockney with their four children Tristen, Tasha, Trinity and Tucker. Since beginning her practice her in Lockney, Dr. Schlueter developed a love for children and expectant moms. She has delivered over 100 babies and also helps with our off site clinic in Silverton. She continues to build up her practice and over 200 patients a month in the Lockney Clinic. Her degree in Osteopathic she has a table for performing back and various other adjustments.



Dr. Keeli Stumbo has just recently joined our staff in October of 2014. Dr. Stumbo attended Texas Tech University and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry in 1995. She continued on to Medical School at Texas Tech University and graduated in 1999. Dr. Stumbo completed her Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency in 2003. She went to practice medicine in New Braunfels for the next seven years. Dr. Stumbo returned to Quitaque, her home town, and now has joined our staff. Growing up in Quitaque, Dr. Stumbo states that returning to this part of Texas reminds her of the family values and Christian beliefs and why they are so important. With this attitude she has enhanced our clinic and hospital with her many skills in the gynecology field. This has made it a lot more convenient to many of our patients; now they no longer have to drive so far for these services. She will begin to add more of the procedures in which she has training. These will be a plus for our many patients.

Along with our physicians listed above we also have from left to right, **Misty Holt, RN, FNP – BC, Krysta Eugenis, PA-C, Amber Kemper, PA-C and Beverly White, PA-C.** Misty is a graduate of Silverton High School and went on to receive her Master of Science degree in nursing. She also completed her Family Nurse Practitioner program at Texas Tech University Health Sciences in Lubbock. Krysta is a graduate from Plainview Christian High School. Krysta then received her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Wayland Baptist University in 2003 and then graduated from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston in 2006. Amber also graduated from Plainview Christian High School. She received a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Wayland Baptist University in 2006. Amber then attended Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center where she received her Master of Physician Assistant Studies in 2009. Beverly White is from Olton, Texas. Beverly had a degree in cytotechnologist from 1974. She later received her Physician Assistant Degree in 1981 and then went on to receive her Master's Degree in Physician Assistant Studies from the University of Nebraska in 2001. All of our PA's and FNP are dedicated to your health and making sure you get the treatment you deserve.



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Lockney Senior Citizens' Center Receives New Roof

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – Lockney Senior Citizens' Center finally was able to replace their roof after working to raise the funds for a year.

"We've waited a year to be able to do this and now it's happening," Renee Armstrong, Center manager said. "It's costing us \$16,000 which we are able to pay through insurance, grants and donations."

Miller Enterprises of Lubbock is installing a spray foam that has a 10-year warranty on materials and labor with a guarantee of not leaking. Stacy Miller is owner of the company.

According to Armstrong, they began by removing all the gravel, then sealed the aluminum flashings and



Workers began the process of spraying on the new foam roof for the Lockney Senior Citizens' Center. The Center used insurance funds, grants and donations to raise the need \$16,000 to get a new roof.



Lockney Senior Citizens' Center received a new roof last week. Workers first had to remove all the gravel and clean the roof prior to applying the spray foam roof. According to Center manager, Renee Armstrong, the planning for the new roof including raising the funds, took a year.

around all of the vents and finally began spraying the roof. The process began Thursday, Feb. 12 and was completed on

Friday, Feb. 13.

"I'm excited and can't wait to see if we are leak free," Armstrong said.

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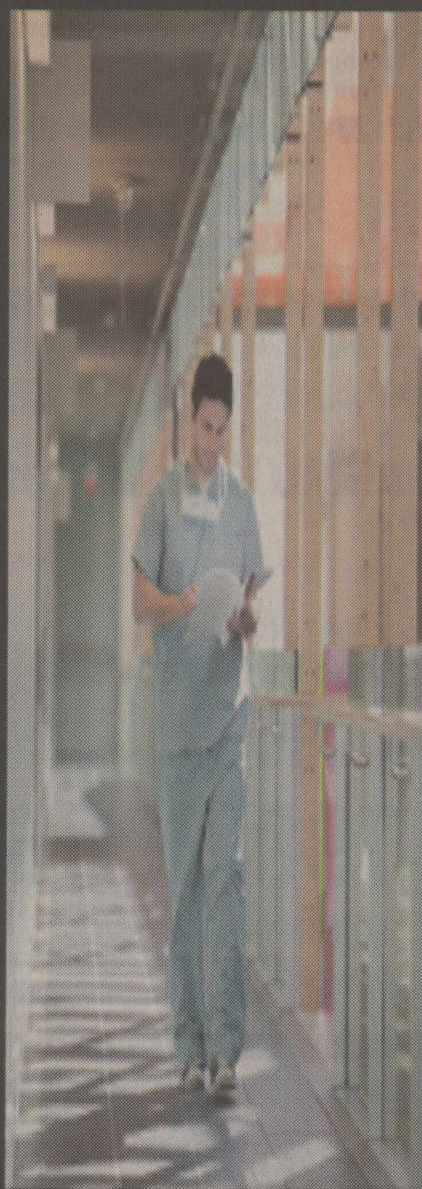
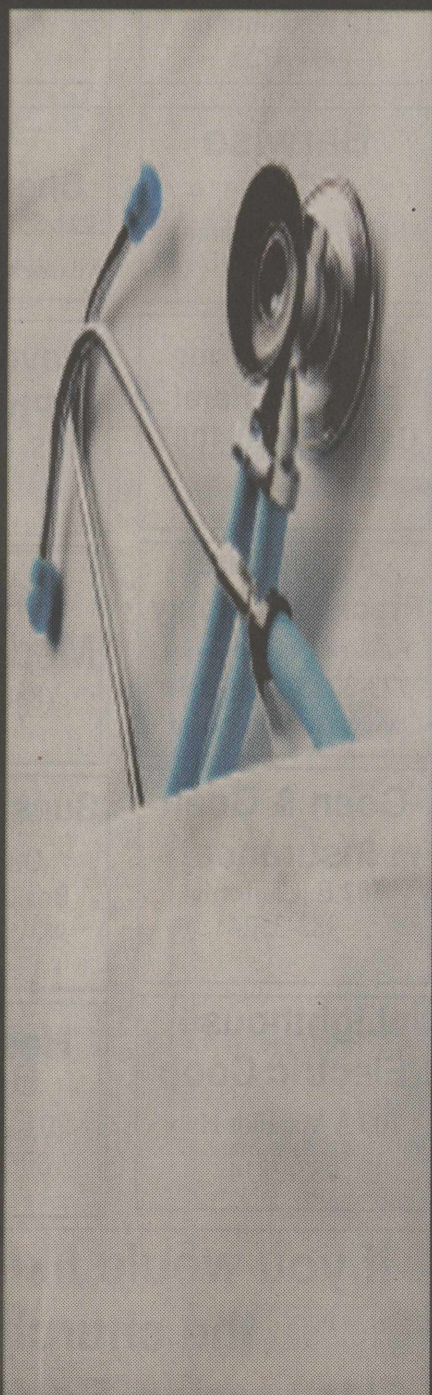
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