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Urban Missionary Sewing Seeds of Change in South Dallas

By Jennifer Harbin
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

In the South Dallas neighborhood of Bonton, midst the newly-tilled furrows, vegetable seeds aren't the only things

being planted. Bonton Farm-Works, a small urban farm spans one city block and approximately 1.2 acres, sprouted from humble beginnings as a "burden-born business" to restore health, create jobs and ig-

nite hope in South Dallas. The neighborhood, which too often is associated with crime, drugs, prostitution and gang violence, is now sowing seeds of change and hope.

Before urban farmer and missionary Daron Babcock sold his 4,000 square foot house in Frisco and traded it in for a dilapidated, abandoned Habitat for Humanity house in Bonton, he was struggling with his own demons. With the death of his young wife due to cancer, Babcock found himself in an unmanageable position.

"It was the first time in my life that I faced something that I was aware of that I had no control over," recalled Babcock at a presentation he gave at the First Baptist Church in Floydada on August 28.

Raised in Amarillo, Babcock came from a strong Christian home but struggled to make the faith his own. Up until that point, he felt his life was pretty good and within his control. Until it wasn't.

"I was powerless and there was nothing I could do...my life was shattered," recounted Babcock. "It broke me."

His life quickly spiraled out



Courtesy Photo

Bonton Farms is a social project that provides residents with an opportunity to work, healthy food choices and community building. Residents are shown here enjoying the fruits of their labor.

of control, consumed by drug addiction to numb what he was feeling inside.

"I found myself in a really desperate and dark place," he said. "Sometimes it takes going to those places for God to really be able to get his message across to us."

After a stint in rehab and many sleepless nights, Babcock realized he had three choices: to die, stay where he was or that perhaps there was something to this God. The other options not being promising, he cried out a

prayer of submission.

"God, I don't even know if you're real or exist, but if you are and you want me, which I don't know why you would, I quit."

With emotion in his voice, Babcock admits that when he woke the next morning with a smile on his face, despite the problems in his life, he was going to set out to find out what happened. Who was this God that rescued him?

In the Bible it says "ask and it will be given to you; seek and See **MISSIONARY**, Page 12



Courtesy Photo

(From left) Curtis Sanders, Daron Babcock, Brian "Slick" Sanders and (front) Jessie take a break from work to pose for a picture on their recent visit to Bonton Farm-Works in South Dallas.

Greg Maldo returns to Floydada for Punkin Days

By Darolyn Snell
Floydada Chamber - President

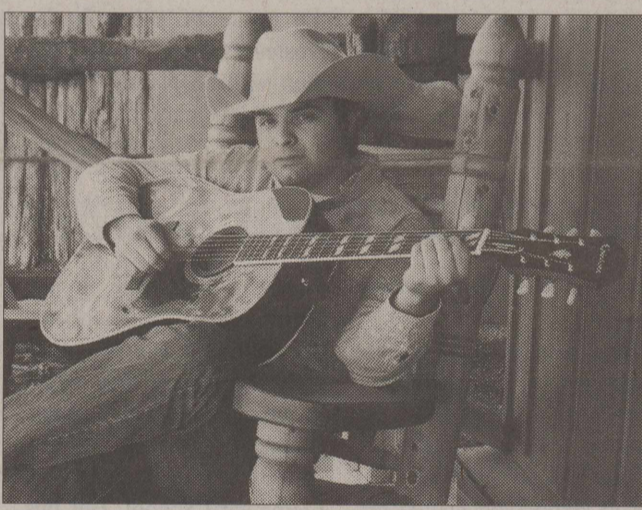
That's right! As part of this year's Punkin Days celebration, Greg Maldo will return to Floydada! You may remember Greg from when he visited us back on July 4th as part of the event held at Lowe's Marketplace. Greg will perform under the pavilion from mid-morning until about 1pm. Now let me tell you a little about him you might not know with these

exerts from his press kit.

When Greg Maldo takes the stage, he captivates his audience with his soulful lyrics and heartfelt emotions that get poured into his music. His old fashioned Honky Tonk sound intertwines with truth and honesty in his writing and results in a performance you won't want to miss. Greg Maldo was born and raised in Lubbock Texas. He formed a college band that mostly played for fun. "We played for beer, we played for food,

we played for free anywhere they would book us." He recalls the experience as being one of the favorite times in his career. After graduating college, he moved back to Lubbock and that is when he really developed his passion for music. With influences such as George Strait, Merle Haggard, George Jones and Waylon Jennings, he started writing music. He also injected his life experiences of heartbreaks, drinking, and

See **MALDO**, Page 2



Courtesy Photo

Longhorns Claim County Championship

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - In a hard fought, defensive battle, the Lockney Longhorns came out on top of county rival the Floydada Whirlwinds, 13-7 to take home the Floyd County Championship trophy.

The Longhorns were led by running back, Tevin Phillips as he rushed for 146 yards and one touchdown on 24 carries. Phillips also picked off a Sammy Segura pass on defense.

Neither team could mount a scoring threat in the first quarter. Floydada put the first points on the board with 5:14



Courtesy Photo/RK Hunt Photography

Members of the Lockney Longhorn football team celebrate their 13-7 victory over the Floydada Whirlwinds. The Longhorns took home the Floyd County Championship Trophy in a hard-fought, defensive battle.

left in the second quarter when Segura ran it in from 14 yards out. Miguel Pena

added the extra point and the Whirlwinds had the lead, 7-0. See **LONGHORNS**, Page 7

Lowes and Frito-Lay teaming up to support Floydada military families

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

Lowes and Frito-Lay are teaming up in a fundraiser to support Floydada military families.

From now until October 3 you can buy beef jerky for \$1.29 each for the fundraiser which will be used to buy care packages for Floydada military families.

For each 20 sticks sold \$2.00 will be donated toward care packages including baseballs,

gloves, and other items.

"When we've done this in the past," said Teddy Summers, manager of the Lowe's, "it really meant a lot to these families to have a taste of home." The packages go to the platoons of the military families at undisclosed locations.

Summers said that if you don't eat jerky, you can donate cash or donate the jerky for the troops.

For more information contact Teddy Summers at Lowes at (806) 983-3669

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.

FLOYD COUNTY ROPING

The Floyd County Roping that was to be held during Old Settler's but was rained out, has been rescheduled to Saturday, Sept. 19th at the Ware Ranch arena at 4 p.m. For more info contact Clay Ware at 983-7522 or Tanner Smith.

FLOYD COUNTY FARM BUREAU MEETING

Floyd County Farm Bureau Annual meeting will be held at the Unity Center on Tuesday, September 29, 2015. Senator Charles Perry will be our special guest. Please RSVP for dinner by Monday, September 21, 2015 by calling 806-983-3777.

3RD ANNUAL FLOYDADA FIRE DEPARTMENT CAR SHOW

The Floydada Fire Dept will be hosting their 3rd Annual Car Show at Floydada's 28th Annual Punkin Day to be held on Saturday, Oct. 10. Setup time is 8 - 11 a.m. Any questions please contact Rusty Hopper at 806-559-0058 or Chad Guthrie at 806-292-8122. All proceeds to benefit the Floydada Volunteer Fire Department.

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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.

Correction

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

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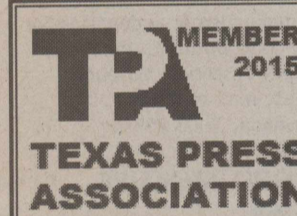
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MALDO

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now the birth of his daughter into his lyrics and started playing them at the local venues. Eventually his bookings stretched from Amarillo to Austin. "There's something about playing in little Honky Tonk bars that inspire me. I can't explain it really, but they almost feel like home to me," Maldo says. With hopes of playing on a national stage in the near future, Maldo continues to spread his music throughout West Texas and will soon be recording his EP Collection, driving his fan base into an International level.

The Floydada Chamber of Commerce is proud to be bringing Greg back to our community to perform for our annual Punkin Days celebration! We are also proud of another addition to our event and

that is the Senior Citizen Park & Ride Service we will be offering this year. Be sure and catch next week's article to learn all about that.

Of course, Cow Patty Bingo is back and tickets are already on sale! You can get yours from any Chamber member or at Script, Ace Hardware, Prosperity Bank and First National Bank just to name a few.

Make your plans now to be in town and be a part of the 28th Annual Punkin Day celebration, Saturday, October 10th in downtown Floydada!

Remember you can contact the Floydada Chamber of Commerce at (806) 983-3434, by email at manager@floydadachamber.com or on the web at www.floydadachamber.com/punkin-days. We have a great day planned and look forward to seeing everyone downtown for a great day in Floydada, Texas- "Pumpkin Capital USA!"

1950 Study Club News

By Margaret Jones
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The 1956 Study Club met in the home of Billie Jordan at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, September 1st for the first meeting of the new club year.

Members present were served refreshments of chocolate cake, crackers with dip, and lemonade, water or coffee by hostesses Sue Daniels and Fern Hartsell.

The dining room table was decorated in early autumn colors or russet, brown, orange, yellow and gold displayed on a table runner centered by a basket overflowing with leaves and a beautiful cross.

President Shirley Morton called the meeting to order. Secretary Sue Daniels called the roll and read minutes from the previous May meeting.

Program chairman Sue

Daniels and Fern Hartsell passed out club information for the year and dues were paid.

A very interesting and informative program on "Service in our Community" was led by Fern Hartsell. Members present shared opportunities as well as various acts of service through church organizations, school and community groups as well as individual contributions.

The study club theme for the year is "Embracing our Senior Years Through Service". As each shared we realized that as we continue to Mature... there are many ways to make a difference and stay involved in the life of our community of Floydada.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 6th in the home of Billie Jordan. Hostesses and program chairmen will be Nancy Lawson and Mary Quattlebaum.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

We are in need of a substitute driver for our lunch deliveries. It takes about 45 minutes. Call the Center for details. Call 806-983-20

Bud Henderson visited his daughter, Holly, in Dalhart Labor Day weekend. The family took Bud out to view several sections of land all planted in pumpkins by Wal-Mart, now being harvested just as the Pyle and Assiter families are doing here in Floydada.

Nancy Lawson and Betty Baker report they attended services at 1st Baptist Church and City Park Church of Christ and rested the remainder of the Labor Day holiday.

Faye Bertrand's granddaughter, Misty Rodgers, and family ate Tuesday lunch at the Center with Faye and son. It was Ronald's birthday, reported by his brother.

Randy said Ronnie is now old enough to vote in the next Presidential election. Ronnie's wife, Betty, also attended the family luncheon. Misty Rodgers, teaches speech therapy at Floydada Duncan Elementary School. Her husband, Coach Rodgers, let his Crosbyton High School team to State. Connie Bertrand was also there to wish brother-in-law, Ronnie, a Happy Birthday. Everyone enjoyed the lunch of beef fajitas, and lots of fried okra, donated by the Bertrand boys.

The Floydada Senior Citizens Center received their commercial fryer. Now the menu is to expand with potatoes, chicken, fish and other local favorites.

Travis Jones attended the Texas Tech football game. He hosted friends from Fort Collins, Colorado, Larry and Kate Brooks, who attended the much publicized art event at Goodnight, Texas. The A

Opinion Post-Obama America

By Rick Manning

America will witness the circus that is Congress throughout September, and likely draw exactly the wrong conclusion.

Congress is supposed to be messy. It is designed to be a test of wills between competing ideologies. It is when Congress asserts its constitutional powers that our nation is strongest and the people's voices are heard.

Unfortunately, over the past six years, Congress has failed to hold onto their constitutionally designed powers against an avaricious executive branch and an obsequious judicial one. President Obama's Iran deal is an opportunity for the Senate to turn this recent history on its head simply by asserting its Article II, Section 2 authority, and voting on the deal as the treaty it is. President Obama won't like it, but should he try to implement the treaty without ratification, the Senate should be ready to sue, and force the issue into the courts.

The idea is simple, force the federal courts to make a decision on whether the treaty power of the U.S. Constitution can be ignored by the executive branch simply because it is inconvenient to them.

On the budget front, Congress will be deciding how much will be spent on every discretionary program in the United States budget in September.

The focus will likely be heavily tilted toward the decision on whether the U.S. taxpayer should be funding Planned Parenthood's abhorrent practice of cutting the organs out of viable babies and selling them to researchers.

This budget will fund 80 percent of the remainder of Obama's term in office. Based upon the President's pen and phone approach to his power, it is reasonable to assume that this President won't decide as President George W. Bush did, to shut down the regulatory process in the last six months of his term out of concern for being accused of

publishing "midnight regulations." Congress' decisions on what they choose to fund, and what specifically to not fund, will have a material impact on whether Obama will be able to continue on his regulatory jihad against the free enterprise system.

A simple example is the choice Congress made to defund Obama's proposed transfer of control of certain Internet functions from the United States to a multi-national stakeholder body. Wisely, Congress listened to U.S. Rep. Sean Duffy (R-Wis.), Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) and others and ended funding for the giveaway, and they should do so again for the upcoming year.

Stopping the implementation of a laundry list of Obama regulations should be a no-brainer through the process of finalizing a continuing resolution.

A few obvious defund targets are stopping the implementation of Obama's errantly named Clean Power regulation, ending funding for the EPA's sue and settle scam that is used to create law while funding the environmental left, and putting the kibosh on implementation of the National Labor Relation's Board recent decision destroying the franchise business model to benefit big labor benefactors.

But there are many, many other issues big and small that Congress should weigh in on.

HUD's recent implementation of rules that put into place the structure to override local zoning ordinances to further the placement of low income multi-unit housing in areas currently zoned for single family as part of green zoning begs for defunding, and the

House of Representatives, due to the efforts of U.S. Rep. Paul Gosar (Ariz.), have already passed legislation doing just that.

As do seemingly smaller regulations like the crazy Department of Energy rules that would make dishwashers incapable of getting dishes clean, and EPA proposed regulations that would make only the most expensive wood burning stoves available for sale.

These few examples of rogue, destructive regulations and myriad more deserve Congress' attention through an aggressive use of their power of the purse authority.

Obama has only fifteen months remaining in the White House, and stopping implementation of some of his most harmful measures by refusing to fund their implementation is the best, and only, response to a President who proceeds as if he is the sole branch of government.

For America to work again, Congress has to work the way it was intended, and that means reasserting their prerogatives. Whether that be through insisting that the treaty ratification process be followed, or by setting the nation's spending priorities in very specific ways to stop Obama's executive overreach, the next three weeks will be instrumental in determining if the leaders of the legislative branch will fight to swing the balance of power back toward the vision upon which our nation was founded.

Stay tuned, while the "fights" in Congress may seem like spinning wheels, in the end, they have real meaning for post-Obama America.

The author is president of Americans for Limited Government.

The Razzle Dazzle Red Hat Society Celebrates Their 15th Anniversary

By Mary M. Carter
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The Razzle Dazzle Red Hat Society of Floyd County met September 3, 2015 for our 15th Anniversary at the Floydada Country Club with the Queen Mother, Virginia Taylor presiding.

The meeting could have been titled "Teacups." They were everywhere! The elegant tables were set for a tea with pretty dishes and lovely bone china teacups. The center pieces were teacups arranged one on the other with a teapot centered at the very top. Very artsy. Created by Elaine McNeill.

Our luncheon menu: Baby Green Garden Salad with Red Wine Vinaigrette Dressing, Carrot Crescent with Chicken Salad, Cucumber and Tomato Trio Marinade, Summer Fruit Compote with Strawberry Fruit Dressing, and Banana Split Parfait with Chocolate Teapot and

Teacup decorating the top. Assortment of gourmet teas and Java Delight French Vanilla Coffee was served. Everything was so delicious.

Everyone brought a teacup for our teacup exchange that was fun as a teacup could change hands three times.

Our hostesses were Virginia Taylor, Elaine McNeill, and Barbara Edwards. Everything was beautiful. Thank you!

Women in attendance were Virginia Taylor, Fern Hartsell, Donna Pernell, Margie Sue, Barbara Edwards, Elaine McNeill, Mary Lou Zinck, Mary Quattlebaum, Carolyn Cheek, Sue Daniels, Joy Turner, Sandy Fuston, Melinda Collins, Ethelyn Vernon, Betty Jean Williams, Mary M. Carter. Our guests were Laurie Hinson, Fernella Gilcrease, Shirley Dunaway, Judy Clay from Spur, Sylvia Murray from Midland, and Fredia Burns from Matador. Everyone enjoyed the day!

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Remember Exercise with Dorothy - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8:45 - 9:15 a.m.

Coffee time - Monday- Saturday - 9:30-10:30 a.m.; Thursday night pot luck- 6:00-9:00 p.m. Come bring a dish and enjoy the games after supper.

Family Night Fish Fry every Friday night from 5 - 8 p.m. Come join us for lots of food fun and fellowship.

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September 21 - September 25

Monday - Baked potatoes
Tuesday - Enchiladas
Wednesday - Meat loaf
Thursday - Chicken spaghetti
Friday - Roast beef
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I would like thank the following people who showed up at 8 am Saturday morning, Sept. 5, to help clean up the Plaza: Martin Ramirez, Clinton Fawver, Kay Hicks, Bobby Gilliland and the young people from Pac. I would also like to thank Roger Poage, Louis Bearden and Monte Covington for their work at the Plaza during the weeks past. They have gone down to work and did not have to be ask.

Simply love people that see a need and do something about it without waiting to be ask. I, for one appreciate that they care. Things are always easier with a little help and cooperation.

Again thank you,
Sue Ward

MENU
September 21- September 25

Monday - Salmon croquettes
Tuesday - Beef roast
Wednesday - Fried chicken
Thursday - BBQ on bun
Friday - Chicken with gravy & rice
(Menus subject to change with notice)

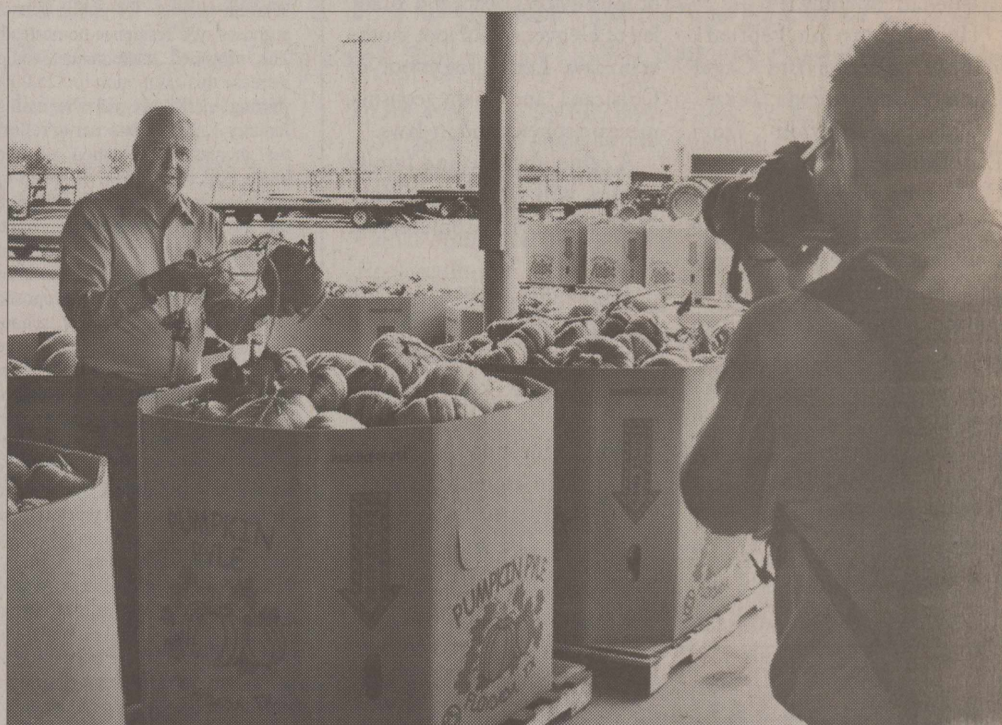
SOCIETY

Dallas Arboretum Comes to Floydada to Film Pumpkin Documentary



Kay Ellington/The Hesperian-Beacon

Jason Pyle (left picture) of the Pumpkin Pyle demonstrates how the pumpkin washer and waxer work during the filming of a documentary in Floydada by the Dallas Arboretum last week. Dave Forehand (right picture) with the Dallas Arboretum shows off one of the pumpkins in the Pumpkin Pyle warehouse as a part of the documentary.



By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

The Dallas Arboretum brought a team of four people to the Pumpkin Pyle warehouses and farm in Floydada last week to film a documentary on Autumn at the Arboretum—called “One of America’s Best Pumpkin Fes-

tivals” by Fodor’s Travel.

Floyd County pumpkins play a starring role in the nationally acclaimed Pumpkin Village which is created with more than 75,000 pumpkins with 52 varieties and has been constructed for the past ten years, according to Dave Forehand, vice-president of gardens and visitor services of

the Dallas Arboretum.

According to Forehand the Arboretum uses primarily pumpkins from Texas, and several of the producers that they use are from Floyd County.

It takes 22 days and 44 people to build the pumpkin village which will go up September 17 and stay up through Thanksgiving.

Almost a quarter of million people will tour the Dallas facility during Autumn at the Arboretum.

The Arboretum has been ordering pumpkins from Floydada in 1991, so this is their 24th year of using Floyd County pumpkins in this renowned display, Forehand said.

According to Lindsay Pyle, the Pyles ship pumpkins not only across Texas but to Oklahoma, Mississippi, and North Carolina as well.

The film being made in Floydada may be seen regionally and nationally, said Terry Lendecker, vice president of advertising and promotions of the Dallas Arboretum.

The Arboretum will post the documentary on their website, and will be working to see if the film will be used by national and regional media companies as well.

The Dallasites saw—and filmed—every aspect of the pumpkin harvest including picking, washing, waxing, boxing, loading and shipping.

Fair winner



Courtesy Photo

Kaleigh Cook received “Best of Show” at the Floyd County Fair for her custom designed cards. Congratulations to Kaleigh!!

Lockney Library Reaches Goal for New Roof



Courtesy Photo

Helping out at the Lockney Library fundraiser bake sale was Mackenzey Ragland, Alyssa Barretero, and Lexi Chavez.

By Carol Huggins

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The Lockney Library is in need of a new roof, and thanks to the Bake Sale held during Old Fashioned Saturday, there is now enough money to finish out what the insurance will pay. The new roof has been started and will be finished

soon.

The Library Association would like to thank everyone who helped us reach our goal -- those that brought goodies for us to sell and those who purchased the goodies. We had a great selection!

We want to especially thank the FCCLA and their sponsor, Cindy Belt,

for their wonderful contribution of baked goods, cookies and cakes, all individually wrapped for quick sales. They went really well with the Rotary’s ice cream - whose booth was set up in front of the library.

Thanks again to all who helped us be able to finish our roof. Now, come check out some books!!!

Museum Archives

Floyd County Historical Museum “Memories, 1979”

THE W.F. SAULS

My father, Bradley Yeary, was born in Lee County, Virginia, August 31, 1877. My mother, Belle Gilly, was born in Lee County, Virginia, December 12, 1878. They were married in Pennington Gap, Virginia in 1897. They came by train with covered wagon, team horses, furniture and two little boys to Childress, Texas, then to the land they had arranged to buy in Cedar Hill Community. They lived in a half dugout for a few years.

Bradley, when he found he could spare a few days from home and crop, freighted from Amarillo by wagon to Baker Mercantile Store which opened in 1894 in Lockney.

The children born to this couple were Myrth 1898, Rene 1900, Esley 1902, and Joe 1906. Then something different happened; a baby girl, Bessie was born January 14, 1908. A fifth boy Frank, was born November 3, 1910. The last child, another daughter Zelda was born October 11, 1912.

Frank was born with a very crippled foot. The doctors at Lockney, Nichols and Guest, contacted a special surgeon who came from Dallas and performed surgery on the foot. He then wore braces for a few years. After that he could do all the things the others could do (like ride, milk, pen calves, hogs,

climb barns, trees, play leap frog, etc.).

We children all attended school at Liberty, a small two-room school close by. Sunday was the early-to-rise day. We attended Church and Sunday School at Cedar Hill Baptist Church. Most of us were members of that church at one time. Bradley Yeary, the last charter member of the church, passed away October 26, 1961. His funeral was held there.

Esley, better known as S. Yeary, has never lived outside of Floyd County.

I, Bessie Sauls, was living in Dickens County and had a beauty shop in Spur when I met W. F. “Bill” Sauls, a champion polo and bridge player. He also rodeoed some, roped calves, rode both saddle bronc, and bareback horses. He was an excellent calf roper on the ranch. Well, he just swept me off my feet being so excellent in all daily life. We were married in Spur, January 14, 1935 at the Methodist Parsonage by Brother E. L. Yastes.

We leased land in Dickens County and Parker County for a few years. In 1944 we bought land in the Fairmont Community, in the northeast corner of Floyd County known as the B. F. Hilf place. Mr. Hilf settled there in 1909, a bachelor. Times were fairly good financially, and

we paid for the Hilf land in a few years; then we bought two sections from O.W. Stroup, added it to the Hilf place, giving us 2606 acres in Floyd County.

My brother Frank Yeary, lived with us for many years before deciding to get married. Needless to say, he helped us pay for, improve the land, and build a large rock house with nine rooms, basement and garage. It took the three of us 18 months to build the house. Frank is as excellent as Bill, at electrical wiring, knowing how to build and so on. Neither Frank nor I were ever good playing games, a little 42 and very little bridge, but one champion a family is enough, that’s Bill.

We never had a child, but we have entertained many a youngster. A boy, Bill Shillington from St. Louis, Missouri, lived with us seven and one-half years. He calls every two weeks checking on us and visits every two or three years for a month.

Floyd County has been my home since 1908 and Bill’s home since 1944. We have grown from a heavy loan to over half a million dollars. That is why we love Floyd County and plan to live and die here. The people are good, and the country is good. What more could any one want?

Business of the month



Courtesy Photo

The Floydada Chamber of Commerce has chosen Assiter Insurance Agency as their September “Business of the Month”. Shown are (l-r) Tanner Smith, Christina Muniz and Kalli Martin. Not pictured was Tim Assiter.

Obituaries

Billy Charles Carmack

Billy Charles Carmack passed away from this world on September 13, 2015 at the Trisin Care Center.

He was born on February 4, 1935 to Ethel and Cager Carmack in Floydada, Texas.

Upon graduation from Floydada High and McMurry College he taught school and coached for 10 years until he went into the insurance field and retired after 31 years of service with the Texas Farm Bureau Insurance.

Bill was a member of Corsicana First Baptist Church and spent some time with the Kiaros prison ministry.

Bill is preceded in death by both parents, brother, Glenn and Bobby Carmack and sis-

ter, Cagerline Daley.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Nita and sons, Ricky of Crosbyton, Texas and Bradley of Denver, Colorado; mother-in-law, Letha Lightfoot of Corsicana and many cousins, nieces, nephews and in-laws.

A remembrance and family service will be at the Floydada Memorial Cemetery at a later date.

The family wishes to thank Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home and The Mercy Hospice for their kindness and care.

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Explanatory Statements for the November 3, 2015 Constitutional Amendment Election

Proposition Number 1 (SJR 1)

SJR 1 - Current law provides an exemption of \$15,000 from the ad valorem taxation for public school purposes of a residence homestead. The proposed amendment would increase this exemption to \$25,000, starting in the tax year beginning January 1, 2015. In order to reflect the increased exemption on the homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or a disabled person, the proposed amendment would provide a reduction to the current limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes. The proposed amendment would protect school districts from all or part of the revenue loss by authorizing an appropriation of funds according to formulas set by the legislature. In addition, the proposed amendment would authorize the legislature to prohibit a political subdivision from reducing or repealing a homestead exemption adopted by the political subdivision. Finally, the proposed amendment would prohibit the imposition of a tax on the conveyance of real property, but would not prohibit the imposition of a business tax measured by business activity, a tax on the production of minerals, a tax on the issuance of title insurance, or a change in the rate of a tax in existence on January 1, 2016.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes from \$15,000 to \$25,000, providing for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for those purposes on the homestead of an elderly or disabled person to reflect the increased exemption amount, authorizing the legislature to prohibit a political subdivision that has adopted an optional residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation from reducing the amount of or repealing the**

exemption, and prohibiting the enactment of a law that imposes a transfer tax on a transaction that conveys fee simple title to real property."

Proposition Number 2 (HJR 75)

HJR 75 - In 2011, voters approved a constitutional amendment to allow a surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran an exemption from ad valorem taxation from all or part of the market value on the disabled veteran's residence homestead, as long as the surviving spouse had not remarried. The amendment did not apply to surviving spouses of veterans who died before 2011. This amendment would extend the exemption in such cases. The proposed amendment would apply only to ad valorem taxes imposed for a tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2016.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran who died before the law authorizing a residence homestead exemption for such a veteran took effect."**

Proposition Number 3 (SJR 52)

SJR 52 proposes a constitutional amendment to repeal the requirement for the Comptroller of Public Accounts, the Commissioner of the General Land Office, the Attorney General, and any other officers elected statewide to reside in Austin, Texas, the state capital. Under current law, these statewide elected officers are required to reside in the capital of the State of Texas while in office. This amendment would not apply to the residency requirement for the Governor.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment repealing the requirement that state officers elected by voters statewide reside in the state capital."**

Proposition Number 4 (HJR 73)

HJR 73 proposes a constitutional amendment that would grant the legislature the authority to pass statutes to allow a professional sports team charitable foundation to conduct charitable raffles under the terms and conditions imposed by general law. The laws passed under this authority may provide that the professional sports team charitable foundation may use proceeds from such charitable raffles to pay reasonable advertising, promotional, and administrative expenses. Any law enacted by this provision only applies to entities defined as professional sports team charitable foundations on January 1, 2016. Additionally, any law enacted by this provision may only allow charitable raffles to be conducted at games hosted at the home venue of the professional sports team associated with a professional sports team charitable foundation.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit professional sports team charitable foundations to conduct charitable raffles."**

Proposition Number 5 (SJR 17)

SJR 17 proposes a constitutional amendment which would increase from 5,000 to 7,500 the maximum total population threshold of a county that is allowed to construct and maintain private roads as long as the county imposes a reasonable charge for the work.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment to authorize counties with a population of 7,500 or less to perform private road construction and maintenance."**

Proposition Number 6 (SJR 22)

SJR 22 proposes a constitutional amendment that would add the right to hunt, fish and harvest wildlife, including by use of traditional methods, in the Bill of Rights of the Texas Constitution. This right would be subject to laws and regulations intended to conserve

and manage wildlife and to preserve the future of hunting and fishing. The proposed amendment would establish hunting and fishing as the preferred method of managing and controlling wildlife in Texas. The proposed amendment is not intended to affect any law or provision related to trespass, property rights or eminent domain, and would not prevent the legislature from authorizing a municipality to regulate the discharge of a firearm in a populated area in the interest of safety.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment recognizing the right of the people to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife subject to laws that promote wildlife conservation."**

Proposition Number 7 (SJR 5)

SJR 5 proposes a constitutional amendment to dedicate a portion of revenues from (1) the state sales and use tax, and (2) the tax imposed on the sale, use, or rental of a motor vehicle, to the State Highway Fund (SHF). Under current law, these funds would be deposited to the General Revenue Fund. Money deposited to the SHF is intended to be used only to construct, maintain, or acquire rights-of-way for public roadways other than toll roads; or to repay certain transportation-related debt.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment dedicating certain sales and use tax revenue and motor vehicle sales, use, and rental tax revenue to the state highway fund to provide funding for non-toll roads and the reduction of certain transportation-related debt."**

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Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton

The Hesperian-Beacon

Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power. — Abraham Lincoln

Everyone has the obligation to ponder well his own specific traits of character. He must also regulate them adequately and not wonder whether someone else's traits might suit him better. The more definitely his own a man's character is, the better it fits him. — Cicero

Forming characters! Whose? Our own or others? Both. And in that momentous fact lies the peril and responsibility of our existence. — Elihu Burritt

So far as I can remember, there is not one word in the Gospels in praise of intelligence. — Bertrand Russell

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Gutters of Grace

Let's throw off any extra baggage, get rid of the sin that trips us up, and fix our eyes on Jesus. — Hebrews 12:1-2 (CEB)

In our area fierce summer thunderstorms often drop a large amount of rain in a very short time. The gutters of my house serve a vital function by channeling the rain. However, when my gutters are clogged up with leaves and seeds, the rainwater cannot flow freely.

In a way, we are called to be "gutters," channels of God's love and grace. Yet — like the gutters on the roof of my house — our lives can become filled with debris. When this happens, we fail to be effective channels of God's refreshing and life-giving water. This debris will look slightly different for each of us. Perhaps it is the busyness of our lives or the worries and fears that consume our thinking. Perhaps it is an unwillingness to forgive or unresolved issues from our past. For me, ambition and seeking people's approval often take center stage in my life.

Anything that causes us to focus on ourselves instead of on God can prevent us from being effective servants. When we regularly ask God to show us this debris and allow God to help us clean it out, we can become channels of God's grace.

Joan Campbell (Gauteng, South Africa)

Thought for the Day
I want to be a channel of God's love to others.

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| <p>Aiken Baptist Church
Dennis Butler, Pastor
Morning Worship..11 a.m.
*****</p> <p>Bible Baptist Church
810 S. 3rd, Floydada
Darwin Robinson, Pastor
983-2578
Sunday School...10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wednesday - 7 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Calvary's Cornerstone Fellowship
Floydada
Armando Morales, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Bible Study - 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening - 7 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Carr's Chapel
Service Every Sunday
Morning Worship - 9 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
*****</p> <p>Church of Christ
West College & Third
Lockney
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Afternoon Worship - 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service - 7:30 p.m.
*****</p> <p>City Park Church of Christ
Matthew Benfield, Minister
Floydada
Sunday Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study - 7 p.m.
*****</p> <p>First Baptist Church
Floydada
Tim Franks, Pastor
Logan Lamb, Min. Students
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.
*****</p> <p>First Baptist Church
Lockney
Joseph Tillery, Pastor
Albert Oliveira, Youth Min.
Phil Cotham, Music Min.</p> | <p>Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.
*****</p> <p>First United Methodist Church
Floydada
Rev. Ken Peterson, Pastor
Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School - 10:50 a.m.
Youth (Sunday) - 6:30 p.m.
*****</p> <p>First United Methodist Church
Lockney
Rev. Ricky Carsensen, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service - 6 p.m.
Wed. Jr. High - 5:30 p.m.
Wed High School - 6:30 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Grant Chapel Church of God In Christ
Joe Bennett, Pastor
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday - 8 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Main Street Church of Christ
Lockney
James Blair, Minister
Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Mt. Zion Baptist Church
Floydada
Rev. Timothy Askey
401 N 12th Sty. 983-5805
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wednesday Study - 6 p.m.
*****</p> <p>New Salem Primitive Baptist Church
Floydada
Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges
(806) 637-0430
Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
*****</p> <p>Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church
310 Mississippi</p> | <p>Floydada
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Ester Ramos, Praise Leader
Sunday Bible - 10 a.m.
Morning Praise - 11 a.m.
Evening Praise 5 - p.m.
Wed Worship - 7 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Power of Praise Full Gospel Church
Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor
704 B Main, Lockney
Sunday Services - 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 5 p.m.
Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Primera Iglesia Bautista
Lockney
Jesus Caballero, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 11 a.m.
Discipleship - 5 p.m.
Wed. Service - 7 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Primera Iglesia Bautista
Floydada
Rev. Toby Gonzales
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed Evening - 7 p.m.
*****</p> <p>San Jose Catholic Church
Lockney
Msgr. Nickolas Rendon
Wed. Communion - 8 p.m.
Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.
*****</p> <p>South Plains Baptist Church
Joe Weldon, Pastor
SuNday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting - 7 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Templo Getsemani Assembly of God
701 W. Missouri
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Sunday School
English - 9:45 a.m.
Spanish - 11 a.m.
Worship
Spanish - 9:30 a.m.
English - 11 a.m.
Evening Service 5 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.</p> | <p>*****</p> <p>St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
Floydada
Rev. Ike Temporaza
983-5878
Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.
Mon. & Wed. Mass - 6:30 p.m.
Confession Sat - 10-11 a.m.
*****</p> <p>Templo Bautista Salem
Lockney
Rev. Joe Hernandez
Sun Prayer Service - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed. Meeting - 7 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Templo Bethel
Spanish Assembly of God
Washington And 1st St.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 5 p.m.
Wed Service - 7 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Templo Nueva Vida
Rev. Herman Martinez
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Evening Worship - 5 p.m.
Tuesday - 7:30 p.m.
Thursday Service - 7:30 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Trinity Assembly
500 W. Houston
Tom Ross, Pastor
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Sunday School - 9:45 p.m.
Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 6 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Trinity Lutheran Church
Providence Community On Fm 2301
293-3009
Rev. Peter W. Harrington, Minister
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11 - a.m.
*****</p> <p>West Side Church of Christ
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Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.</p> |
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AGRICULTURE

County Commissioners vote on tax rate, get wind energy updates, honor Nixon and Graham



Kay Ellington/The Hesperian-Beacon

The Floyd County Commissioners Court recognized Monday, Sept. 14 as Kirby Nixon Day to honor Nixon's accomplishments in 4H and other community outreach endeavors. Shown here are Floyd County commissioners Mike Anderson and Lindan Morris, Kirby Nixon, County Judge Marty Lucke, and commissioner Nathan Johnson.

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

In Monday's Floyd County Commissioners meeting the court heard updates from Apex and SunEdison wind energy companies, voted on the 2015-16 tax rate, and declared Monday, Sept. 14 Kirby Nixon Day. Bob Kirby of Apex Wind Energy updated the court on the three wind energy developments—Cotton Plains Wind, Old Settler's Wind and Pumpkin Patch Wind.

He noted that his company has begun the micro-siting and has put stakes in the ground where the turbines are to go as a part of their FAA appli-

cation process, and they have improved 22.2 miles of roads. Klaus Obel with SunEdison said that deliveries of materials for the completion of the South Plains I wind development will be this week, and they hope to complete their work on that phase by late October. He added that South Plains II work begins in late October and they hope to complete it in January. He said that work on the substation begins this week.

In other court action commissioners voted 4-0 (commissioner Amado Morales was not able to attend the meeting) to approve a 0.7175 per \$100 valuation tax rate.

The court also approved holding early voting in the Ag Extension Office.

Special proclamations were also a part of Monday's meeting.

"The young people are our future," said County Judge Marty Lucke, as he recognized Kirby Nixon and Rachel Graham. Graham represented Floyd County at the 4H Western National Roundup.

Nixon won the statewide 4H talent show and has served 4H and other community organizations in a variety of capacities. Lucke declared Monday, Sept. 14 as Kirby Nixon Day, and he received a special plaque from the court.

Deadline to Enroll in Key Farm Bill Safety Net Programs Approaches

Producers have Until Sept. 30 to Sign Up for ARC/PLC and MPP-Dairy

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3, 2015 – U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Val Dolcini reminds farmers and ranchers that they have until Sept. 30 to enroll in several key Farm Bill safety net programs – Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC), Price Loss Coverage (PLC) and the Margin Protection Program for Dairy (MPP-Dairy).

"These programs provide important risk protection for farm and dairy operations, so it is important not to miss the deadline for enrollment," said Dolcini. "Producers already have elected ARC or PLC, so now is the time to sign the contract and enroll for the 2014 and 2015 crop years. I also remind dairy operations to enroll for coverage in 2016. Just \$100 covers 90 percent of milk production at a \$4 margin, and with incremental premiums, up to an \$8 margin can be covered."

ARC and PLC programs trigger financial protections for agricultural producers when market forces cause substantial drops in crop prices or revenues. More than 1.76 million farmers and ranchers are expected to sign contracts to enroll in ARC or PLC. Covered commodities under the programs include barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed,

grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium grain rice (which includes short grain and sweet rice), safflower seed, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat. Upland cotton is no longer a covered commodity. The elections for each farm stay in place through 2018, but ownership and shares can be adjusted through the annual enrollment. For additional program information, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc.

MPP-Dairy offers protection to producers when the difference between the milk price and the average feed cost (the margin) falls below a certain dollar amount selected by the producer. Participating dairy farmers will remain in the program through 2018 and pay a \$100 administrative fee each year. Producers also have the option of selecting a different coverage level during open enrollment each year. MPP-Dairy payments are based on an operation's historical production, which will increase by 2.61 percent in 2016, if the operation participated in 2015, providing a stronger safety net. More than half of the nation's dairy producers are enrolled in the program. For more information, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/dairy.

For more program information, contact your FSA office or visit www.fsa.usda.gov.

gov. To find your local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

These risk management programs were authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill, which builds on historic investments made in rural America over the past six years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer. Since enactment, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has progressively implemented each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/farmbill.

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USDA Commodity Loans Available to Texas Producers

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

(COLLEGE STATION, Texas), September 8, 2015 – U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director, Judith A. Canales, reminds producers that USDA offers interim financing at harvest time to help producers meet cash flow needs without having to sell commodities when market prices are at harvest-time lows. The programs, known as Marketing Assistance Loans (MALs) and Loan Deficiency Payments (LDPs), were authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill for the 2014-2018 crop years.

"These are among the many tools offered by Farm Service Agency to help farmers navigate price and market conditions, so as we approach the

harvest season, we encourage producers to consider these programs as a helpful option," said Canales.

A producer who is eligible to obtain a marketing loan, but agrees to forgo the loan, may obtain a loan deficiency payment if such a payment is available. The programs provide financing and marketing assistance for wheat, feed grains, soybeans and other oilseeds, pulse crops, rice, peanuts, cotton, wool and honey. For eligibility, producers must control the commodity or a title to the commodity until the loan is repaid.

FSA is now accepting applications for all eligible commodities. For expedited service, interested producers are encouraged to schedule an appointment. Other program restrictions may apply, including limits on total payments or

gross income thresholds. Consult your local FSA office for further details. For more information, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/pricesupport. To find your local USDA Service Center, go to <http://offices.usda.gov>.

MALs and LDPs were reauthorized by the 2014 Farm Bill, which builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past six years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer. Since enactment, USDA has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/farmbill.

Assignment: Texas Lineage

Heavy spring rains did their number on the red clay backroads in Milam County. Driving the pickup down the rough road, we've straddled deep erosion gullies when we could but now we are as far as we can go. The road is impassable.



RUSSELL GRAVES

For the final half mile of the trek, me, my brother, and my eleven year old son make the final walk through the oak overstory and yaupon brush that flanks the road until we reach the Sand Point Cemetery.

The cemetery is remote but, considering the amount of rain that fell over Texas in the spring, is fairly tidy. We are here to connect with the past in order to understand from whence we came and, hopefully, gain some insight as to where we're headed. I open the gate and we wade through the rough grass and search for the gravesite of my great grandparents and my son's great, great grandparents.

This trip is the culmination of detective work set forth by my brother back in the spring. With the help of ancestry.com, he's been researching our paternal lineage. We both, of course, knew our grandfather before he died in 1993 but after that, we hadn't much of a clue. Therefore, Bubba sought answers.

Standing behind a makeshift chain link fence, we find the graves of John and Mary Graves - my grandfather's parents. We stand for a minute while I explain to my eleven year old that he is here because they (pointing at the graves) were here. I can tell by the look on his face that he sort of understands but the gravity of

the moment escapes him. One day, he'll understand why this trip is important. Being the last male of our line of Graves, he is the lone bearer of a name whose family's been a part of Texas since 1830.

While we stand there, Bubba tells me that John was born in 1866 and lived until 1935. His wife, Mary however, died a week shy of a year after our grandfather was born. Our cell signals are scant so we can't call our father or any of our aunts or our lone uncle to find out how their grandmother died. Unless they were told, they probably don't know either as she died long before any of them were born.

Before John, there was his father James, and HIS father James who came to Texas before there was a Texas - back around 1830. Thanks to Bubba, we found our lineage passing through Kentucky from Virginia - the point from which our ancestors first came to the continent during the pre-revolutionary times. From his research, we know we have direct descendants who fought in the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, and we think the battle for Texas Independence although we haven't been able to definitely prove that.

Before our people came to North America, the lived on the British Isle and our name started as De la Grevis but eventually morphed to Graves. In all, he traced our paternal lineage to the 1400's England.

It's humbling to think that one slip up in that entire, unbroken chain of human history, we don't exist. Bubba and I talk about it for a bit but don't burden Ryan with the complexity of the thought. He's just happy exploring the woods around the cemetery and being the next of a long line of Graves boys.

COWPOKES® By Ace Reid

"The trouble with inferiority complexes is the right people don't have 'em!"

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Weather whys

Q: What exactly is a dust devil?
A: It's really not that sinister, says

Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. He says a dust devil is a swirling wind that looks like a small tornado, but is not. "Dust devils often occur on sunny days with no clouds in the sky," he explains. "They may look like a small tornado because of their funnel shape, but they are usually harmless. The winds produced by a dust devil rarely exceed 30 to 40 miles per hour, not really capable of doing any damage, but fast enough to give you a mouth full of dust and dirt. They only last a few seconds."

Q: Where do they usually occur?

A: They can occur almost anywhere, but most often in dry, arid areas in the Southwest, he adds. "They form in response to surface heating during fair, hot weather," he explains. "So the desert and arid areas most often see dust devils, which are called a 'willy willy' in Australia and have other unusual names in other parts of the world. Dust devils have been photographed on the planet Mars by one of the rovers that landed there, and Mars has considerable dust for them to form. Their appearance on Mars is identical to that of dust devils formed on Earth."

FLOYDADA SCHOOL NEWS

WHIRLWINDS vs LONGHORNS 2015



The Floydada Whirlwinds played the Lockney Longhorns for the 2015 Floyd County Championship on Friday, Sept. 11 and lost by a score of 13-7 in a hard fought battle. The 3 students pictured are Josh Gonzales, Delaney Lucke and Angela Longoria, all seniors at Floydada High School.

Brooks receives awards at Big 5 Horse Show Association banquet

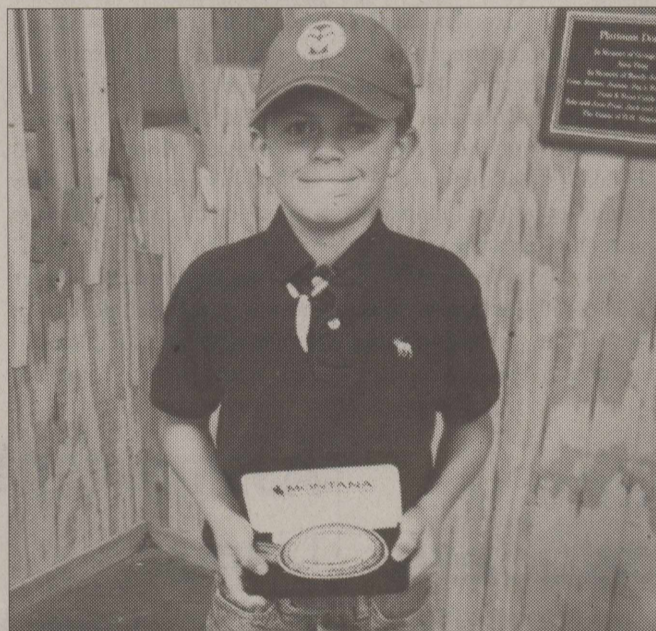
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The Big 5 Horse Show Association held their annual awards banquet on Saturday, September 12, 2015 in Happy, Texas.

Jack Brooks, a Floyd County 4-H member, received numerous awards at the banquet this year. In the 9-11 year old age division he placed 1st in Reining, 1st in Stock Horse Pleasure, 1st in Stock Horse Trail, 2nd in Western Pleasure and 3rd in Western Horsemanship. He also received the All Around Stock Horse buckle this year.

The Big 5 Horse Show Association is a collaboration between various 4-H horse clubs where they put on 5 shows in the spring, 4 in Amarillo and 1 in Dumas. These shows give riders the opportunity to practice before the District and State Competitions. This was Jack's second year to show horses in 4-H.

Congratulations on all of the hard work and winning that buckle!



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New requirement for teen drivers

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AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety has announced the implementation of the Impact Texas Teen Driver program (ITTD), which is a new requirement for driver license applicants who complete a teen driver education course. The two-hour ITTD program contains several videos that provide awareness about

the dangers of distracted driving.

"Driving is one of the most dangerous things teens do on a daily basis, and it should command their undivided attention," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "This new component of teen driver education underscores the risks of distracted driving, and is designed to provide young and inexperienced drivers with additional information and skills to help keep them and others safe on the road."

Anyone who takes a teen driver education course—including Parent Taught Driver Education—must also complete the ITTD program, which consists of watching the video and printing out the ITTD completion certificate. ITTD should be completed after the classroom hours and all behind-the-wheel instruction, and it is the last step before taking the driving skills examination. (Individuals aged 18-24, who choose to complete a

teen driver education course, must also complete the ITTD program.)

In order to take the driver skills examination, student drivers must present the ITTD completion certificate along with their driver's education course certificate of completion. The skills examination must be completed within 90 days of date on the ITTD certificate of completion.

Did you know? New Laws Took Effect Sept. 1

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) has highlighted notable traffic and driver license laws that went into effect on Sept. 1, 2015 (unless otherwise indicated).

Please note that the following is not a comprehensive list of all new laws passed by the Texas Legislature.

Traffic

HB 2194 creates an exemption to current statute that allows a vehicle to be left running and unattended if the operator starts the engine of the vehicle by using a remote starter or other

similar device. (Effective June 19.)

SB 1918 amends current statute to authorize the use of LED ground-effect lighting equipment on a motorcycle. In accordance with this provision, such lighting is only permissible if it illuminates the body or ground below a motorcycle, and if it emits a non-flashing amber or white light. These limitations are designed to ensure the LED lights are not mistaken as the flashing lights of an emergency vehicle.

Driver License

SB 1934 amends current statute to require social security numbers or proof that

the applicant is not eligible for a social security number for all personal identification card issuances. It also limits the issuance of one Texas driver license or ID card per person and discontinues the issuance of no-expire ID cards for persons age 60 or older.

HB 2246 amends current statute to require a judge to restrict any person, whose license has been suspended after the conviction of an intoxication offense to the operation of a motor vehicle equipped with an ignition interlock device. Once suspended for the intoxication-related offense, a defendant may only operate a motor vehicle during the

suspension period if an ignition interlock device is obtained and an occupational driver license is issued with the proper designation. The bill also requires the court to order the ignition interlock device to remain installed for the duration of the suspension, instead of the prior requirement of at least half of the suspension period. The applicable offenses include driving while intoxicated, driving while intoxicated with a child passenger, flying while intoxicated, boating while intoxicated, assembling or operating an amusement ride while intoxicated, intoxication assault or intoxication manslaughter.

Area Football Wrap-up Week 3

DISTRICT 2-2A-D1 (Floydada's)

Lockney 13, FLOYDADA 7
 ABERNATHY 23, Sundown 6
 TAHOKA 14, Smyer 4
 Farwell 42, HALE CENTER 12
 Dimmitt 34, OLTON 16
 NEW DEAL 48, Slaton 6

TEAM	Wins	Losses
New Deal	2	0
Hale Center	2	1
Abernathy	2	1
Floydada	1	2
Tahoka	1	2
Olton	0	3

Week 4 Schedule: FLOYDADA vs Post; ABERNATHY vs Stanton; HALE CENTER at Shamrock; OLTON vs Slaton; NEW DEAL vs Farwell; TAHOKA vs Ralls

DISTRICT 3-2A-D2 (Lockney's)

Wellington 36, MEMPHIS 10
 LOCKNEY 13, Floydada 7
 CROSBYTON 50, Sudan 0
 Highland 42, CLARENDON 13
 Electra 27, QUANAH 0
 Bovina 27, RALLS 15

TEAM	Wins	Losses
Crosbyton	3	0
Lockney	2	1
Quanah	1	2
Clarendon	1	2
Memphis	0	3
Ralls	0	3

Week 4 Schedule: LOCKNEY at Morton; QUANAH vs Munday; CROSBYTON at Bovina; CLARENDON vs Gruver; MEMPHIS vs Claude; RALLS at Tahoka

AREA TEAMS (Records)

Canyon 41, PLAINVIEW (1-2) 28
 PETERSBURG (3-0) 48, Amherst 21
 Happy 74, VALLEY (2-1) 36
 Kress 38, LORENZO (1-1) 24
 Higgins 42, SILVERTON (2-1) 38
 MOTLEY COUNTY (3-0) 46, White Deer 0
 PATTON SPRINGS (0-1) - OPEN
 PLAINVIEW CHRISTIAN (0-2) - OPEN

WEEK 4 Schedules

PLAINVIEW at Caprock; PETERSBURG vs Groom; VALLEY vs McLean; LORENZO at Loop; SILVERTON at Fort Elliott; MOTLEY COUNTY vs Hermleigh; PATTON SPRINGS at Wilson; PLAINVIEW CHRISTIAN at Wellman-Union

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

September 21- September 25

Monday

Breakfast - Los Cabos breakfast burrito, cereal, fresh fruit, milk
 Lunch - Spaghetti w/meatball & breadsticks, corn dog, ham & cheese sub, steamed broccoli, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast - Cereal w/graham crackers, fresh fruit, milk
 Lunch - Cheese pizza, pepperoni pizza, turkey & cheese sub, steamed carrots, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast - Cinnamon pop tart, cereal, fresh fruit, milk
 Lunch - Beef ravioli w/roll, ham & cheese sandwich, breaded chicken sandwich, mixed vegetables, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Thursday

Breakfast - Cereal w/graham crackers, fresh fruit, milk
 Lunch - Fish nuggets w/roll, cheese enchiladas w/ rice, chicken fajita wrap, green beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Friday

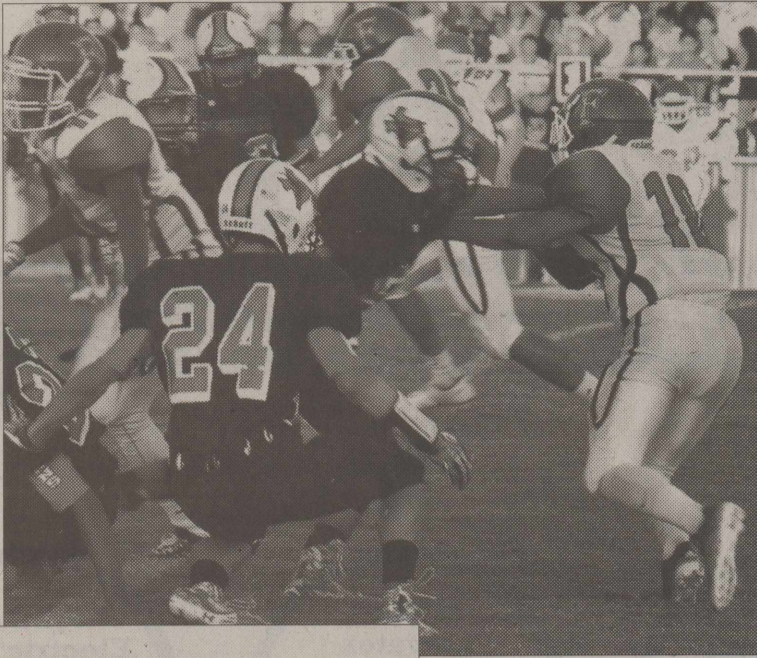
Breakfast - WG apple frudel, cereal, fresh fruit, milk
 Lunch - Beef lasagna w/breadstick, cheeseburger, ham & cheese sandwich, potato wedges, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

GO WHIRLWINDS GO!

LOCKNEY SCHOOL NEWS

Lockney vs Floydada

Courtesy Photo/RK Hunt Photography
Floydada Whirlwinds Sammy Segura looks for an opening during their annual battle for the Floyd County Championship Trophy against the Lockney Longhorns. Segura scored the Whirlwinds lone touchdown, as they fell to the Longhorns 13-7.

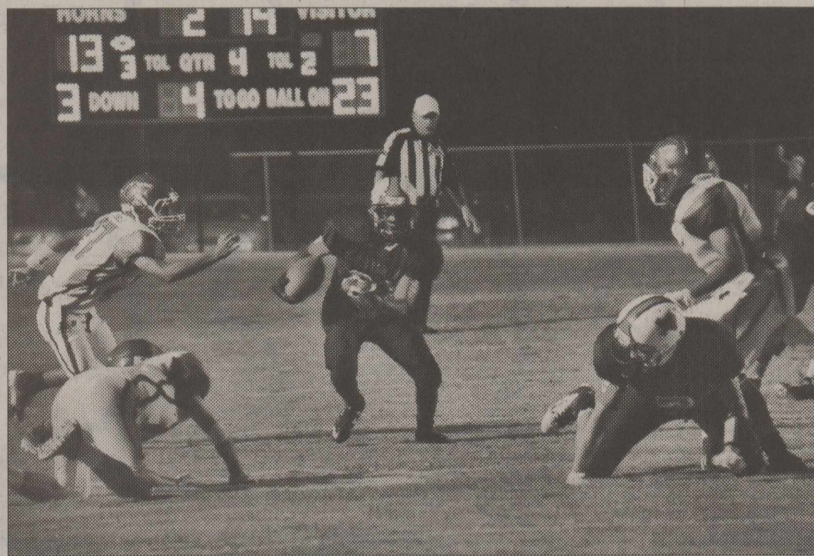


Courtesy Photo/RK Hunt Photography
Floydada back, Sammy Segura, #10, tries to break the grip of Lockney defender, Andrew Rodriguez, #52 during the battle for the Floyd County Championship. The Lockney Longhorns prevailed in the defensive contest, 13-7.



Courtesy Photo/RK Hunt Photography

Avian Luna, #7 for Lockney and Kyi Baker, #11 for Floydada reach for a pass during the annual battle for the Floyd County Championship. Lockney won this year's battle, 13-7 in a defensive dominated game.



Courtesy Photo/RK Hunt Photography

Tevin Phillips, Lockney Longhorns running back, looks for an opening late in the game during the battle for the Floyd County Championship against the Floydada Whirlwinds. Phillips rushed for 146 yards and scored what proved to be the winning touchdown as the Longhorns won 13-7.



Courtesy Photo

Following the annual game for the Floyd County Championship, players, coaches and cheerleaders gathered at mid-field for an after-game prayer, setting aside the rivalry that was present during the football game.

FLOYDADA vs LOCKNEY

Teams	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	FINAL
Floydada	0	7	0	0	7
Lockney	0	7	6	0	13

2nd Qtr – 5:14 – Floydada – Sammy Segura 9-yard run, Miguel Pena kick good
2nd Qtr – 0:32 – Lockney – Daylen Gatica 4-yard pass to Israel Cuellar, Gatica kick good

3rd Qtr – 11:23 – Lockney – Tevin Phillips 49-yard run, kick failed

Football Contest Standings Week 3

	THIS WEEKS	TOTAL
Ricky Ascencio	22/27	60/78
Franklin Harris	19/27	59/78
Lanny Barnett	23/27	58/78
Pam Fulton	22/27	57/78
Max Yeary	20/27	56/78
Brent Sanders	22/27	55/78
Stanley Sanders	23/27	55/78
Martin Ramirez	19/27	54/78
Coy LaBaume	19/27	54/78
Boyd Lee	17/27	53/78
Paul Lopez	18/27	53/78
Renee Armstrong	19/27	52/78
Debra Lee	19/27	52/78
Mac Sherman	16/27	49/78
Diego Ascencio	19/27	47/78
Daniel Diaz	15/27	46/78
Andrew Vega	15/27	46/78
Steve Stringer	16/27	25/51

NOTE:

The contest is still really close. Be sure and circle a winner in each game and be sure to turn your entry in each week in order to qualify for the prizes.
GOOD LUCK!

Free Adult Education Classes !

GED Preparation and Adult Basic Education Classes:

FLOYDADA: South Plains Community Action-Workforce, 701 E. Lee

Day Classes are Monday – Thursday, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Night Classes are Monday and Tuesday, 6-9 p.m.

LOCKNEY: Lockney Elementary-must park at the back near the greenhouse and enter where the sign is on the door.

Night classes are Wednesday and Thursday, 6-9 p.m. (No day classes in Lockney).

If you need more information, come to the class site and ask the instructor/s.

Serious clients are welcome to join. Individuals may work at home to accelerate their pace to achieve their goals sooner. All materials are furnished.

***** No child care is provided.**

*** No night classes begin until Sept. 21**

LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU Sept. 21 – Sept. 25

Monday, Sept. 21

Breakfast – Waffles, Sausage, Fruit, Fruit Juice, Milk
Lunch – Pizza, Hamburger with Cheese, Hamburger Garnish, Oven Fries, Salad, Carrots, Mixed Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, Sept. 22

Breakfast – Biscuit, Scrambled Eggs, Fruit, Fruit Juice, Milk
Lunch – Spicy Thai Chicken, Egg Roll, Brown Rice, Hot Ham and Cheese on Pretzel Bun, Tomato/Cucumber Cup, Steamed Broccoli, Snowball Salad, Milk

Wednesday, Sept. 23

Breakfast – Cinnamon Roll, Bacon, Fruit, Fruit Juice, Milk
Lunch – Chicken Alfredo, Bread Stick, Meatball Sub Sandwich, Garden Salad, Apple Slices, Cookie, Milk

Thursday, Sept. 24

Breakfast – Sausage, Egg and Cheese Pretzel Sandwich, Fruit, Fruit Juice, Milk
Lunch – Longhorn Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Chicken Bowl with Gravy, Green Beans, Apple/Pineapple Delight, Roll, Milk

Friday, Sept. 25

HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL

2015 Hesperian-Beacon FOOTBALL CONTEST

First, second and third place overall winners get cash prizes.
Those who come in fourth through tenth get a FREE one-year subscription.

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Wright's Auto Service 11. Hart 12. Whiteface	First National Bank Member FDIC 13. Denver City 14. Littlefield	Adam's Well Service 15. Idalou 16. Friona	The Hesperian-Beacon 17. Levelland 18. Brownfield	Quality Body Shop 19. Texas Tech 20. Arkansas
Heart's Desire 21. Northwestern 22. Duke	McCoy Gin 23. Colorado 24. Colorado State	Lowe's Floydada 25. Kentucky 26. Florida	D & J Gin 27. Texas 28. California	Floydada Power & Light 29. Stanford 30. USC
Payne Pharmacy 31. Rutgers 32. Penn State	Cogdell Clinic Mangold Memorial Hospital 33. S. Carolina 34. Georgia	Lowe's Lockney 35. BYU 36. UCLA	Floydada Co-op Gin 37. Cowboys 38. Eagles	Hospice Hands of West Texas 39. Falcons 40. Giants
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Contest Rules

Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon Football Contest

Any subscriber or purchaser, age 7 or older, is eligible to enter this contest. Only one entry per week, per person. Entrants **MUST** play every week to be eligible for overall prize.

There is **NO COST** to play in the contest.

To play, circle the number of the team you believe will win on the official entry form to the left.

Only entries on official entry forms brought to a Hesperian-Beacon office in Floydada no later than 5 p.m. on Friday will be accepted. Photocopies and mail entries **WILL NOT** be accepted. Three cash prizes are awarded at the end of the contest. In the event of a tie, prizes will be combined and shared equally by those tied.

Print your name and address plainly on the official entry form and double check your choices before clipping out the entry form and deposing it at the Hesperian-Beacon office before 5 p.m. on Friday. Entries are limited to one entry per person, per week.

At the end of the 11-week contest period, the person with the best overall record will win a first place prize of \$100.

Second place will be awarded \$75.
Third place will be awarded \$50.

CUT ALONG THE DOTTED LINE

Official Entry Form Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon Football Contest

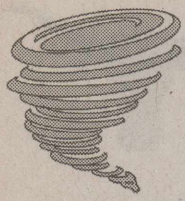
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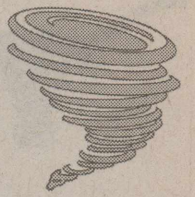
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Whirlwind News



2015-2016: "Let it Grow"

By Cutter Smith and Karley Weems

This year our district theme is "Let It Grow": a metaphor to represent a message. Usually, things that grow come from seeds. They mature, taking root and becoming grounded. They have every intention of being healthy and strong. When the time is right, they are at their full potential. Our 'seed' can represent the factors we most want to grow.

When students start school, they begin to experience new things that they have never seen before, and begin to gain knowledge as

facilitated by teachers. Students advance on to high school and, sooner than you would think, adulthood follows. The adjustment is a rite of passage for some and an obstacle course for others, and our school system makes it all very accessible. Students and teachers, in order to keep going, must keep growing. Like the seed before them, they must eventually venture out into the world and spread their knowledge and experience. A fitting mindset for 2015-2016.

We are looking forward to a year full of celebrations and achievement. Many new things are to be expected

from both teachers and students. Our district theme is a way for students and staff to find inspiration at the beginning of the new school year.

Dr. Trevino describes how he chose this theme in a statement: "I come up with the district theme every year, and I take a long time thinking about it over the course of the summer. I always like to show a motivational movie clip, so I receive numerous e-mails having to do with motivation, and I research on the Internet numerous things that can motivate a staff. I came across this one video that is from 'The Lorax', and a little scene where



there is a cartoon character that talks about 'Letting it Grow, planting trees and letting them grow'. So I felt it

was appropriate for our staff, and inspiring them to let the minds of our children to continue to grow, and to stimu-

late them on a daily bases, and to treat each child the way they would want their child to be treated."

A School Full of Spirit



By Alejandro Pinon and Remington Ricketts

School spirit is defined as "emotional support for one's educational institution", but many are unaware of the true meaning of the concept. Showing school spirit is showing encouragement, enthusiasm, and support for peers. Pep rallies are hosted in order to demonstrate support and to generate in our fellow athletes the confidence to go out and win.

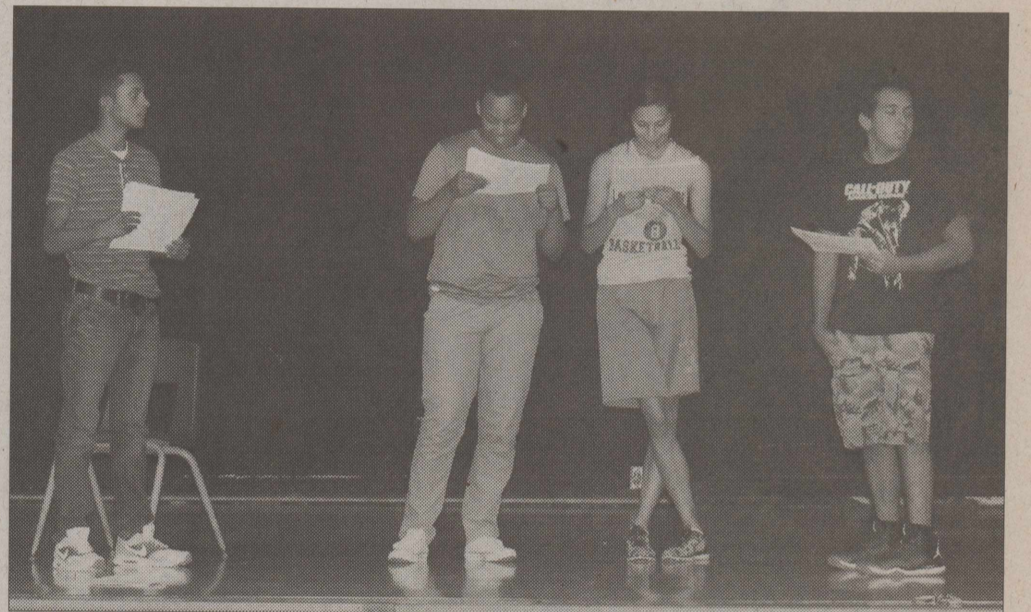
Various students have provided their input regarding their ideas of what school spirit should be. "School Spirit means a lot to me because, being a cheerleader, it's what keeps the school and pep-

rallies alive. It's important not only to me but to the students, and more importantly, to the football players, because it's what gets the players motivated and ready to play their opponent," said cheer captain Roxann Chavarria. As a senior and cheerleader, 'Roxy' knows how school spirit plays an important role in all school activities.

Ryder Glass, a seventh grade student-athlete, believes that showing spirit is being willing "to support your team, and to always show respect to your teachers, and to cheer for the football players at the pep rallies. I think it is important to show up to the games to make sure that

they feel like they have someone backing them up. School spirit is important because - I know from a player's standpoint - that it feels good to have a whole crowd who's supporting you and cheering for you."

No matter the age or the role that you have in a school community, school spirit is a key component in not only athletics, but in academics as well. When given the opportunity, you should show as much energy, enthusiasm, and passion as you would hope to receive if you were in the midst of success. In doing this, you can bring much needed support and provide caring in a way that one only gets in their teenage years.



One Act Play Auditions for "Blood Wedding"

By Mace Brotherton and Brooke Galvan

Floydada High School One Act Play auditions were held on Monday, August 31st, 2015. Veterans and newcomers alike, hopeful performers and crew came together to face Mrs. Cox, FHS theater teacher, and the intimidating spotlight of the stage. This year's OAP will produce the play "Blood Wedding" by Federico Garcia Lorca. Set in the 1930s, "Blood Wedding" is a tragic love story that involves emotional and physical acting, both of which were weighed heavily during auditions.

In order to determine which potential cast members fit the

physicality of the characters in the play, Mrs. Cox has every-one line up on the stage. In a candid conversation with Mrs. Cox, we gained some insight on her audition process.

"First, and I know this is weird, but I always get a feeling about a person and their acting abilities, so those are the people I invite to auditions. The first thing that I want to look for is do they look good on stage, do they have chemistry with other actors. I have them stand beside each other to make sure they look good together, and also make sure they can sound good and are able to project and enunciate."

Once Cox has decided which part the students most

fit, she has them read specific selections from the play. After everyone had a chance to read for a part, Mrs. Cox spent the next night in deliberation before choosing the cast.

The cast list was posted outside Mrs. Cox's door for the 2016 One Act Play. Newcomers and veterans will soon have their chance to perform and represent Floydada High School. When asked to give any advice to incoming performers, all Emmily Britt had to say was, "Have confidence, be loud, project, and ignore distractions." Taking this advice into consideration, this year's 'Blood Wedding' cast has great potential to make FISH, as well as the community proud.

Free Lunch Program a Success

By Destiny Cabello and Reagan Hughes

Kicking off the new school year, Floydada ISD introduces the Community Eligibility Provision under the National Breakfast and Lunch Program. The Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) provides every enrolled student complimentary breakfasts and lunches for the entire school year. Schools partaking in the CEP program will provide every student a healthy and beneficial meal. The High School campus will still allow an open lunch; meaning that students are able to leave school for a 30 minute lunch. Even though an off campus lunch is available, a hot meal will still be prepared daily for

students who aren't able to leave campus.

To be classified as a healthy lunch, a meal must include a proportional serving of: dairy, protein, whole grain, fruit, and vegetables. After reviewing the demographics of our community and listening to advice given by the state, it was concluded that a free lunch program could be very beneficial to the students in the district.

Principal Wayne Morren stated, "Since many of our students received free school meals, we decided to initiate the CEP program. After doing so, we predict a rise in the amount of students staying on campus and eating a beneficial meal. Since we've changed over, we

have seen many more faces in our cafeteria."

Students who are unable to leave campus are excited about the recent development at Floydada High School. Freshman Amia Terry said, "I really enjoyed eating here and since the new 'Free Lunch Program', I don't have to worry about keeping up with my lunch and meal expenses." Amia rarely leaves campus during the lunch period and she says that the recent change has only been a positive one.

Regardless whether or not a student needs a free lunch/breakfast, the offering is always welcome, and allows students and parents to save up for important things, such as a college education.

FHS Welcomes New Counselor

By Melissa Arizpe and Alyson Perez

Longtime school counselor Kathy Jahay retired in the spring, and Floydada High School received its first new counselor in nearly three decades with the introduction of Kristie Rehkoph. Mrs. Rehkoph graduated from Valley High in 2000. After high school, she attended West Texas A&M University in Canyon, Texas, receiving her undergraduate degree in 2004 and her masters in 2008.

In the beginning of her career in education, she began teaching at Dumas ISD and stayed there for three years. Borger was in need of a counseling position, so she transferred to Borger ISD but continued to live in Dumas. It was her first time getting hands on experience with being a

counselor. From there, she transferred back to Dumas, but from that moment on, she realized counseling was her passion.

"I just enjoy being able to work with kids and learning about school systems and everything involved. When I found out I got the job, I was a little scared because I had been at the same place for many years and it's a little scary changing school districts, but at the same time, I was overwhelmed with excitement," said Mrs. Rehkoph about her transition.

As a counselor, it is a significant task to encourage students to strive for greatness in every aspect of their lives. A majority of students underestimate the impact of a counselor until they are able to acknowledge life and opportunities beyond high school. Mrs. Rehkoph plays an important part in a stu-

dents' life. She helps guide not one, but hundreds of students, in both academic and career development readiness.

The faculty and students of Floydada High School are very excited on having her as a new addition to the school and can't wait to see what she has in store.

"Mrs. Rehkoph is very caring, and it's very important to her to do the right things for students. She's knowledgeable and has a variety of connections outside of the school to help us build and support the structure for our kids. She's made instant connections with the faculty and it didn't take her long to build relationships with our students, and so she's easy to get along with! She is a hard worker and a great asset to our school," said Principal Wayne Morren about Rehkoph.

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Longhorn News

The Rivalry Continues

By: Emilie Encizo, Trevor Ascencio, & Lexi Chavez

On Friday, September 11th, our Lockney Longhorn football team competed against the Floydada Whirlwinds, a huge game for both schools who have been long-time rivals.

"I believe we are ready for the game against Floydada. We have definitely been practicing extremely hard in order to get where need to be. I have faith that we will win and take back the County Trophy,"

said senior BJ Jimenez.

The rivalry between the two teams has been going on for many years. It first began in 1917.

"The Floyd County Rivalry is one of the oldest in the state of Texas. I have had the privilege of being on both sides of this rivalry since I grew up in Floydada but now teach in Lockney. These types of games can bring out the worst in people, but in the end it all comes down to the kids," said LHS teacher and cheer coach Pam Fulton.

Last year, the Lockney Longhorns lost

the county trophy to the Floydada Whirlwinds after an intense game. That year the game ended with a score of 14-28.

"I think the Longhorn football team is doing decent this year. I'm not going to say I know who will win tonight's game because both teams are very unpredictable," said senior Jace Klein.

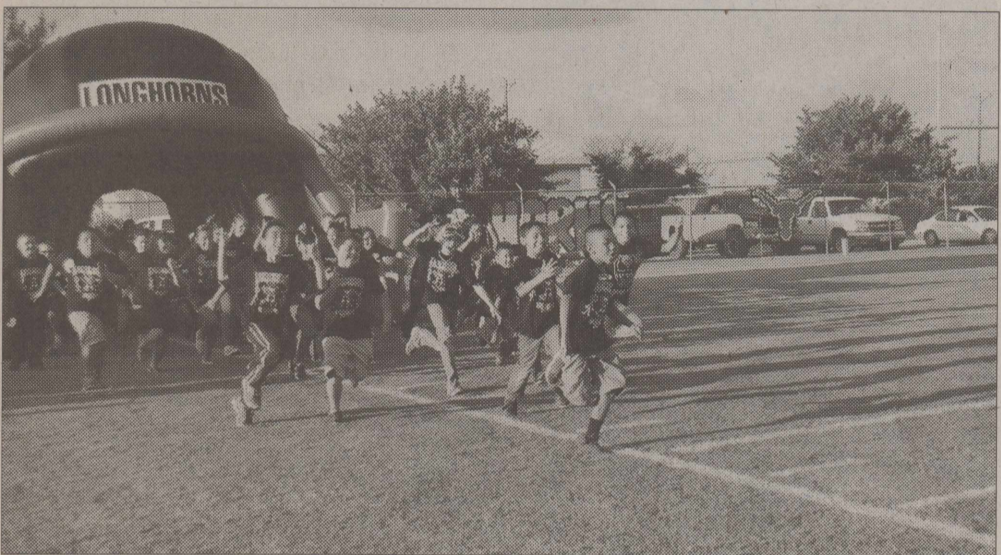
After many practices and ours of preparation, our Lockney Longhorns will go up against tier rival. Hopefully both teams have a good sportsmanship about this game and play by the code of conduct.

This is the game that both communities go and watch as our little "super bowl".

"I believe MOE will win Friday night's game. MOE stands for Matter of Effort," said Coach Brandon Jackson.

"Watching the guys get ready for the game is always fun, the butterflies before the first kickoff are almost indescribable! The intensity levels on the field carry out all through the game. This rivalry has been a part of my life for 40 years and I have seen some great games between these teams. This Friday should be another great showdown," said Mrs. Fulton.

Longhorn Buddies



By: Lena Luna and Lissa Hernandez

On Friday, September 11, 2015, sixty-seven lucky girls and boys got the opportunity to spend time with their favorite Lockney Longhorn. This is the second year the Lockney athletic boosters have participated in this event; giving kids a small look into the life of the high school athletes that they look up to.

"I think it was very successful, the kids had a blast and the big boys seemed to enjoy it as well," said Cassidy Rosales, member of the Lockney athletic boosters.

The Little Longhorns, as they are called, got to first participate in the Friday pep rally. During the pep rally, they were able to walk out and sit with their Longhorn.

At the game Friday night, these same children had the privilege of running out onto the field from the football helmet with the Longhorn they were assigned to.

"Sometimes we take for granted how much little kids look up to us, and seeing the excitement in their eyes as they held our hands and took pictures with us was a great reminder that we have the opportunity to impact them and be a positive role models," said Levi Kasner, senior football player.

For these kids, it's not just about spending time with the, boys it's about spending time with their role models. This is a great opportunity for them to interact with the person they hope to grow up and become.

"It's a great feeling knowing these little kids look up to us and it inspires us to give 100% out of the field for them," Says Tevin Phillips Senior football player

All the money that is raised from the Little Longhorn program goes to benefit the athletic booster club. It is then used to support athletes throughout the year.

New Teacher Spotlight: Adam Zepeda

By Sierra Martinez & Reagan Nuncio

Adam Zepeda, teacher and coach at Lockney High School, graduated from Floydada ISD in 2002 and from Wayland Baptist University in 2012.

Before becoming a part of the Lockney community, Zepeda was at Hart ISD three years, where he taught elementary P.E. and coached football, basketball, and track.

When asked why he became a coach, Zepeda said, "sports saved me in so many ways; I hope it can help kids like it helped me. I also love to coach because I love the game itself, and I want to give others a chance to love it as much or more than I do. I love when I teach a skill and I see the moment when it all clicks, the look and expression on their faces are priceless."

Zepeda currently teaches world geography at Lockney High School. In addition, he is an assistant football coach and head boys' basketball and track coach.

"I love it here at Lockney ISD," said Zepeda. "The teachers and students are



great and it's a great school to be a part of."

Adam Zepeda is a father, a Christian, a teacher, and a coach. He always says "there are many people that have more talent that you, but there is no excuse for anyone to work harder than you do!"

Color Wars

What happens when you combine four colors, 135 high school students, and a whole lot of spirit? You get Color Wars!

One Friday each year, Lockney High School is filled with full students decorating the halls in their class color in hopes of becoming the year's color war champion. This year, freshmen decorated in blue, sophomores in yellow, juniors in orange and seniors in pink. Students used balloons, streamers, colored paper, and colored tablecloths to decorate their assigned hallways this year.

In addition to decorating the halls, students compete in a dance-off between classes. Led by Mrs. Pam Fulton, LHS math teacher and cheerleading sponsor, each class joins up at the center longhorn on the first floor to show off their moves. Even the teachers participate in

this special event.

At the Color Wars pep rally, each class performs a skit to get the crowd pumped for the upcoming game. This year's freshman skit included a dance as well as a pretend football game. The sophomores created an obstacle course with a "Floydada" team and a Lockney team, showing off the Longhorns' skills. The juniors were inspired by popular commercials to give their depictions of what each class is truly like. The seniors produced a funny and entertaining skit in which they rose up as an army against the other classes and asserted their authority as the rulers of the school.

After careful deliberation by LHS teachers, this year's seniors were declared the Color Wars champions. For their prize, the seniors will receive a class pizza party.

Senior Spotlights

By Haley M. Sanchez

Karis Carstensen

Karis D'Nae Carstensen was born on March 25, 1998 in Abilene Texas. She's lived in Lockney for 8 years with her parents Ricky and Kristi Cartstensen. Karis is the LHS Mascot, and has been since her sophomore year.

"I have loved every single minute of it," Karis says, "I wouldn't change a thing!"

Aside from cheerleading, Karis is also a part of the Lady Horn basketball and softball teams. Since her freshman year, Karis has been a regional qualifier in powerlifting, her junior year she placed 5th, and she hopes to go to the State meet as a senior.

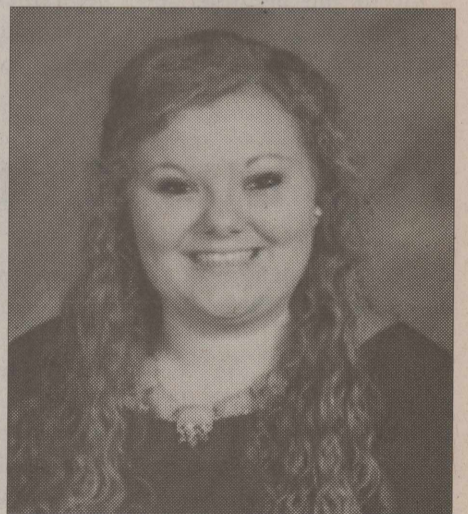
Karis has been a part of FFA since

the 7th grade and she has participated in both local and major state stock shows. After holding positions as the FFA chapter secretary her sophomore year, and vice president her junior year, Karis is now the president of LHS FFA.

Karis has been involved in Student Council since her freshman year and is currently the treasurer.

She is a member of the First United Methodist church in Lockney and is very active in the youth group.

Karis is also a part of the award-winning Longhorn band, and has been since she was a freshman. The Longhorn band has made it to the area finals in marching and received straight 1s at contest. She is currently the 2nd chair flute.



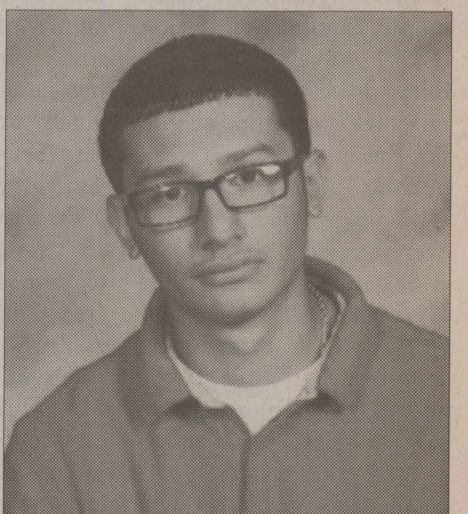
Sergio Ascencio

Sergio Daniel Ascencio was born to Clemente and Orfa Perales on March 25, 1997, in Plainview Texas.

Sergio has grown up in Lockney. During his four years at Lockney High School, Sergio has participated in football, track and cross country.

Sergio plans on attending South Plains College to become an electrician or a welder. He has also considered taking a different route after high school, joining the Army.

Sergio Daniel Ascencio is proud Longhorn who always has a smile on his face and will always help anyone who needs him.



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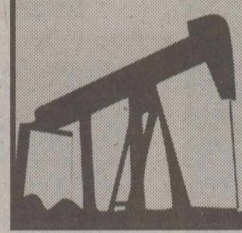
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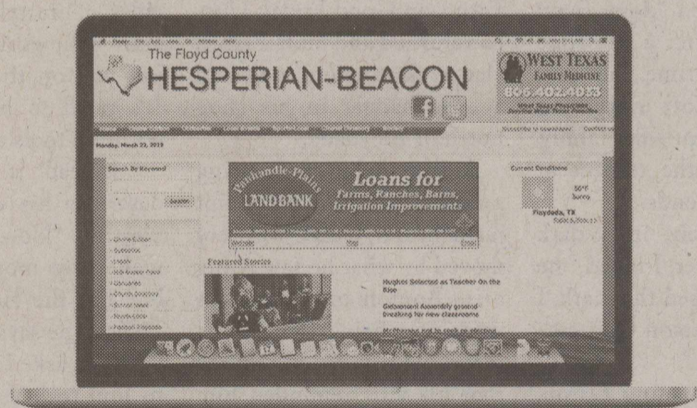
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