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Photo by Jennifer Harbin

The Monarch Butterfly became the Texas state insect in 1995 by a resolution of the state legislature introduced by Representative Arlene Wohlgemuth because of its intertwined history with Texas as it migrates north in the spring of each year from Mexico. In one year, four generations play their part in this great migration, only to start again a few months later.

Great Monarch Migration Sojourns in Floyd County

By Jennifer Harbin
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Amongst the green leaves of a pecan tree on the southern outskirts of Floydada in the golden hours of dusk can be found a living legacy. Hundreds of monarch butterflies close their amber wings, disappearing into the tree foliage, and nestle in for the night.

This pecan tree is one of many stopping points along their near 300-mile wide path across Texas this time of year on their southerly journey to a volcanic mountain range in central Mexico, a place they have never visited. This long distance migration occurs in late summer and early fall after spending several months en route to the northern regions of the United States and southern Canada. However, these easily recognizable butterflies are the great-great grandchildren of the monarchs who made the migration the previous year. They are the only known butterflies

who make a two-way migration like birds, though they only make the trip once.

The metamorphosis of a butterfly occurs in four stages: egg, larva, pupa and adult. Eggs hatch into larvae, or green, black and white caterpillars, whose singular purpose is feeding on the milkweed and growing. According to the University of Michigan's Monarch Lab, after nine to 14 days of growth and multiple moltings, they spin a silken mat, or chrysalis, from the spinneret on top of their head from which they will hang while they pupate. Under normal summer temperatures, the transformed butterfly emerges from the clear green chrysalis and continues the life cycle.

To understand this complex journey, though, we must first begin at their overwintering grounds in Mexico. Sensing the warmer temperatures and longer days in mid-March, the butterflies find mates and

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A New Angle to Teaching Math: Archery



Courtesy photos

Josh Cooper, Cristian Marmolejo, Devan Perez shooting with Bill Glass overseeing and coaching. See **ARCHERY**, Page 12

Chef Hayes welcomes new teachers and employees with advice and inspiration

By Anne Fox
Rockwall Herald Banner
and The Hesperian-Beacon

Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce held a breakfast for new teachers and employees at Rockwall Independent School District, a total of 136 new employees.

Chef Cody Hayes was the keynote speaker. Hayes came to the district six years ago and runs the culinary arts program located at Rockwall High School, but which is available to both Rockwall and Rockwall-Heath High Schools. He received the Secondary Teacher of the Year award in 2012 in RISD, Region 10 Secondary Teacher of the Year and was one of the top three secondary teachers of the year in 2012. His restaurant management team won the National ProStart Invitational competition, winning over \$170,000 in scholarships.

Hayes grew up in small West Texas town, never



Photo Courtesy of Anne Fox/Rockwall Herald Banner

Chef Cody Hayes, the culinary arts instructor at Rockwall High School and Rockwall-Heath High School, spoke at the breakfast the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce held for new RISD teachers and employees.

dreaming of teaching. He wanted to work at a fast-paced, five-star restaurant or hotel. And he did do that for many years, but one day he received a phone call from his wife, Amy. Their 13-month-old son had been ill all week, but Amy felt like something wasn't right.

She took him to the emergency room, and that night he had a seizure and passed away from a rare form of infant brain cancer.

"That moment was tragic and life-changing for me," Hayes said. "It was one of

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41st Running Water Draw Arts & Crafts Festival to be held in Plainview

Special for The Hesperian-Beacon

The 41st Annual Running Water Draw Arts & Crafts Festival sponsored by the Plainview Rotary Club will be held October 16, 17, and 18 at the Ollie Liner Center in Plainview, Texas, located on Business 1-27 South. This year's show promises to be bigger and better than ever with new and exciting arts and crafts from exhibitors coming from a four state area. Many of these exhibitors have never shown their works in the Running Water Draw Arts and Crafts Festival.

Items for sale will include handmade wood crafts, ster-

ling silver jewelry, t-shirts, handbags. Pampered Chef, board games, candle warmers, photography, dog coats, doggie sunglasses and accessories, ladies jackets. Fall and Christmas wreaths and door pieces, windchimes, wood signs, decorative tiles, sand art, baby dolls, pottery, Watkins products, skin care products, clothing, Christmas decorations, tote bags, aprons, diaper bags, gemstone jewelry, fleece blankets, purses, gift sets, belts, buckles, metal crafts. lighted decorations, handmade women's clothing, quilts, Christmas stockings, orthotics, barbed wire metal art, oils, watercolors & pencils painting, leather

garments, butterfly hairclips, embroidery on clothing, and many other items to shop for yourself or give as a great gift.

There will also be gourmet booths scattered throughout the show with baked goods, beef jerky, microwave pork rinds, handmade candies, dried soup mixes, and gift baskets.

The concession stand this year will be operated by the Plainview 4-H Club. They will also be collecting canned goods as donation for F.I.S.H. (Faith in Sharing House). Please plan to help them in this project.

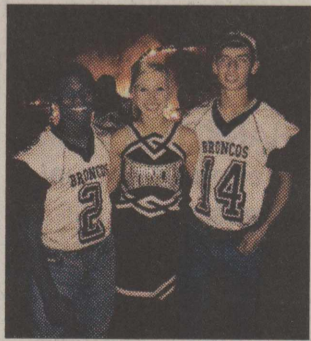
Running Water Draw Arts & Crafts Festival will again host a silent auction with donations

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Shadle

Courtesy Photos

Riley Shadle (#14) of Clarendon, attended the bonfire last Thursday night with fellow juniors Keandra Cortez (#2) and Marae Hall. Shadle was seriously injured in the Lockney/Clarendon football game. Shadle, who is also the Student Council



president, participates in basketball, golf, track and UIL academics according to Clarendon Head Coach Gary Jack. As of Monday, Shadle, after being airlifted to Lubbock, remains in a Lubbock hospital following several surgeries to repair two fractured vertebrae and relieve pressure on the spinal cord. While emergency personnel attended Shadle, Clarendon players, cheerleaders and coaches gather in prayer.

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Upcoming

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Nelda Laney's "Keep Texas Beautiful" Christmas ornaments are now available at the Floyd County Historical Museum in Floydada. The cost of the ornament is \$20. This year's beautiful ornament design is the "Gulf Coast".

ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Floydada will have an enchilada dinner fundraiser on Friday, Oct. 16th - 5 - 7 p.m. at the Duncan Cafeteria (before Tahoka football game). Cost is \$7 per plate. Enchiladas, rice, beans, iced tea, cobbler. Dine-in or carryout

WEST TEXAS FAMILY MEDICINE AT COGDELL CLINIC

The mobile mammography truck will be back in Floydada at the clinic on Thursday, Nov. 5. If you are due for a mammogram call 806-726-6579 to set up an appointment time.

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MONARCHS

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depart from their mountainous home after a four to five-month long winter stay. Spreading like a fan, their flight path leads them north and east through Texas, laying eggs on the underside of the leaves of their main food source, the milkweed. The first generation is born in March and April and continues the second leg of the journey into the summer breeding area along the southern states. Upon their arrival in May and June, they also find mates and lay eggs as the generation before them did before dying. The third generation hatches in July and August, beginning the last leg of the northern journey to the northern United States and southern Canada.

Only living two to six weeks, these three generations play an integral role in the upcoming journey of the fourth generation which are born in September and October. Unlike their ancestors, this generation will live six to eight months so as to make the epic 3,000-mile exodus back to Mexico. During the spring and summer months, the first three groups mate just days after emerging from the chrysalis. This last generation, though, goes into a suspended development of the reproductive organs known as "reproductive diapause", allowing them to postpone their mating season until they've arrived at their final destination in the spring where, withered and exhausted, they die.

Having never previously made the journey, how do Monarchs know where to go each year? According to Monarch Watch, a cooperative network of teachers, students, volunteers and researchers, the internal compass of the Monarch butterfly is quite mysterious. It is believed that several cues may be at play in

the butterfly's uncanny ability to return home, sometimes even to the same trees that their ancestors roosted in generations before.

With the possibility of it being a learned behavior eliminated, scientists have looked to celestial cues, earth's magnetic field, land marks, polarized light, infrared perception, or a combination of these, to attempt to explain this phenomenon. Since Monarchs only travel during the daylight hours, it is believed that they use the sun as a compass, constantly evaluating the angle of the sun against the horizon, along with an internal circadian rhythm, to maintain their course. It is also theorized that butterflies use mountain ranges to funnel them from their wide expanse in the north to the specific location that they return to in the south.

Texas plays an important role in the life cycle of multiple generations of Monarch butterflies because of its strategic location between their breeding grounds in the north and the overwintering area in Mexico. Recently, scientists have seen a decline in Monarch populations due to common threats such as bad weather, drought and habitat destruction. The use of pesticides has directly impacted the milkweed, contributing greatly to their decline. In an effort to monitor and increase populations, special rehabilitative projects have targeted reenergizing their main food source and emphasizing that milkweed isn't just another weed, it's essential to the Monarch's survival. And though the ecological impact would not be very noticeable, a world without Monarchs would be missed.

For more information on Monarch butterflies in Texas, please visit www.tprwd.texas.gov.

The Monarchs are Here

The Monarchs are here. They come every year, And rest in the cane or the mulberry tree. Then the South calls In the winds of the fall, And in a primordial orange wave, they leave.

—Bill Harbin, 201

UPCOMING

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County Historical Museum, please mail to PO Box 304, Floydada, Texas 79235

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.

The Floydada Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture wants to take this opportunity to say a great big THANK YOU to all of our local sponsors whose contributions make our annual Punkin Days festivities a huge success!!

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Looking forward to another great Punkin Days Celebration coming in October 2016!!!

The Paperboy

When is texting unhealthy?

Is your teenager a compulsive texter? It's a legitimate question and one worth examining as teens use texting more than any other mode of communication.

"Compulsivity is more than just the number of texts teens are engaging in," said Kelly M. Lister-Landman, the lead author of a new study and an assistant professor of psychology at Delaware County Community College in Media, Pa. "What is their relationship with phone use? Do they feel anxious when it's not around them? When they sit



CHRIS BLACKBURN

down to eat dinner with their family, do they feel a need to check it? Do they feel compelled to look at it at all times, rather than just answering texts they get?"

The study of more than 400 eighth and 11th graders found teenage texters had much in common with compulsive gamblers, including losing sleep, problems cutting back on texting and lying to cover up their texting.

According to the study, girls text compulsively at a far higher rate than boys. Boys also did not do as poorly in school as a result of compulsive texting.

I have two boys and they each have devices they can text on. My wife checks their devices frequently enough to gauge if they need a break from them or not.

Modern technology challenges parents in a variety of ways. From video games to computers to 300 TV stations and music and movies at your fingertips,

we've created many distractions to wade through.

My advice is for everybody in the family is to break away from the technology for at least a meal every day and communicate the old fashioned way ... by talking.

My wife and I did not decide to have cyborgs running around continuously logged into the internet like drones. We, like you, want well-rounded children who can communicate with adults and who enjoy a wide variety of activities.

I've been very pleased because my children have been spending hours a week playing football with their friends at the park. They are having a blast and they are doing so without being online.

If your child gets angry when you deny them their phone, they may have a problem. Likewise, if they literally can't put it down or can't sit through a meal without it, then it's probably time to have a talk.

And for goodness sakes, check their phones. They are your children and under your roof. If you're always checking their stuff, the less likely they are to do something wrong. You don't have to be mean, just establish the rules of the home and follow through.

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BREAKFAST

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those defining moments that you just hear about. Needless to say, it changed me forever."

As time went on, Hayes went back to work. One day, he saw a young family with an infant child in a car seat. He greeted them, thinking he wished it was his family. He realized the car seat the baby was in was the exact same color, brand and size as the one he had carried his son in a month earlier. But instead of running away, Hayes smiled, welcomed them to the restaurant and took them to their table.

He said that afterwards, he went back to his office to breathe because he felt angry and jealous.

"I was angry because I wanted to be that dad. It wasn't fair, but I had to pick myself up and I knew that I just had to continue on, continue to serve people and continue to do my job. So that's what I did."

Through this couple, Hayes said he learned that he could heal through serving others. He wanted something different and

unique, something special. He mentioned to his wife that he wanted to teach. He thought he could teach science and he opened his laptop and looked at jobs. Then, he saw an opening for a high school culinary arts teacher. He called, was asked to fill out the application on a Monday afternoon. He completed the application on Tuesday afternoon, received a call for an interview on Thursday and then received an offer on Friday.

"I was thrilled. I couldn't believe that they picked me. I didn't even have a teaching certificate. I was just overjoyed and thought to myself 'this is how I can do that something special. This is how I can make a difference in honor of my son that passed away, Riley, and now my son Riker.'"

Hayes immediately began to work on getting his teaching certificate. And on his first day, he realized this was where he was supposed to be and where he could make his family proud. However, it wasn't completely an easy job.

"Did I mess up that year? Was I petrified every single day? Absolutely. Did I doubt myself? Absolutely. Do I still doubt myself? Yes I do."

But Hayes told the new teachers that they can push through their fears and their doubts, because the most important thing about being a teacher, is the relationship cultivated with the students.

Hayes said that if a teacher can cultivate that relationship, everything else will fall into place.

"So don't sweat the small stuff. Worry about the important things — the students. Worry about that relationship, finding that connection with them. And again, once you do that, everything else will work out. And of all the people that can do it, you certainly can."

Out of the 4,300 appli-

cants for teaching positions in the Rockwall Independent School District, only 97 received jobs. Hayes told new teachers to use this fact to remind themselves on days their fears, doubts and worries begin to cloud their thoughts.

"You are the cream of the crop and the top of your class. So when you're scared and nervous, and when you doubt yourself, remember that you have been chosen to be in that room and it's your job to make a difference. It's your job to think to yourself, 'this is exactly where I'm supposed to be.'"

The breakfast was sponsored by Rockwall Indoor Sports Expo (RISE) and Tone Slatter, fitness and wellness director at RISE, spoke about RISE's eagerness to work with RISD to help children lead active lives, as well.

Cody graduated from Lockney High School in 1996 and received a degree in Restaurant, Hotel and Institutional Management from Texas Tech University.

Hayes said, "Growing up in a small town with great support from my family has helped me be a teacher that values connecting with students and changing their lives in the process.

I also credit my success as a teacher to the Floyd County 4-H Club, for this organization molded me to be a leader in the classroom and within the community. I can't thank the Floyd County 4-H club enough, specifically, Melissa Long of Floydada, Texas.

Hayes and wife Amy Anderson Hayes, both of Lockney, and son Ryker, live in Fate, Texas and he is in his sixth year of teaching as the head chef of the Culinary Arts School at Rockwall High School in Rockwall, Texas. He is the son of Cleatis and Betty Hayes and son-in-law to Bil and Ann Anderson, all of Lockney, Texas.



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SOCIETY

28th Annual Punkin Day Festival Draws Thousands

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

There was plenty of fun and food at the 28th Annual Punkin Day festival in downtown Floydada Saturday.

According to Chamber manager Kim Perez there were, "thousands of visitors and around 100 vendors" in this year's event.

A bustling courthouse square of visitors enjoyed a cake walk, train rides, a chili cook-off, a car show, live music, a costume contest, and more.

Delicious aromas filled the air as vendors cooked fresh corn dogs, funnel cakes, barbecue, hot dogs, burgers, pulled pork sandwiches, burritos, and other culinary fare from more than a dozen food vendors.

Several local organizations and groups offered baked goods at their booths, and not too surprisingly,



Kay Ellington/The Hesperian-Beacon

Floydada Chamber Manager Kim Perez is interviewed by South Plains College journalists on Punkin Day. The 28th annual festival drew thousands of visitors and was covered by a cross-section of media from around the area, highlighting Floydada, known as Pumpkin Capital USA.

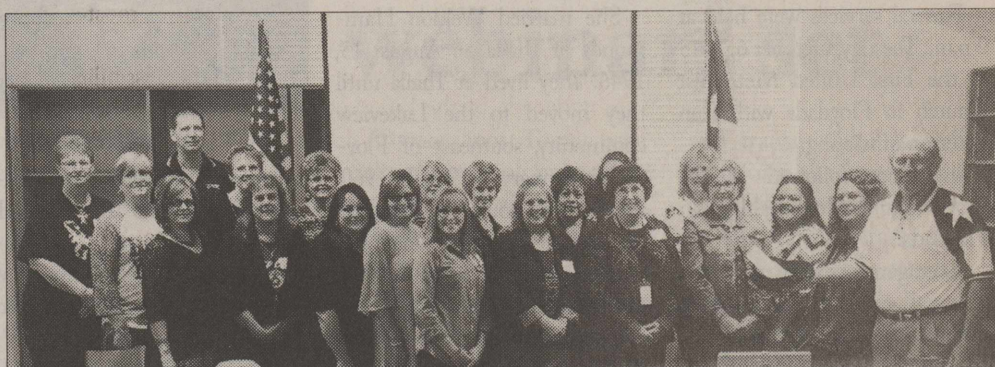
many of these sweet treats featured one ingredient—pumpkin.

Games, such as the cow pie bingo, entertained a cross-section of ages, and at the Floyd County Museum children learned how to make rope—the way they used to back in the Old West.

Among the 100 vendors at the festival many sold one-of-a-kind handmade crafts.

Perez said she was pleased with this year's attendance, and "it shows what our community is capable of by putting on an event like this."

Region II Fall Meeting



Courtesy Photo

David True gave a lunch time presentation on the South Plains Honor Flight to the Region II Fall Meeting of the County & District Clerk's Association of Texas. The Region II Clerks presented South Plains Honor Flight with a donation at the end of the presentation. The Clerks then gave personal donations. Ginger Morgan, County Clerk, and Patty Davenport, District Clerk, hosted the meeting at the Floyd County Courthouse. There were 24 Clerks and/or Deputy Clerks in attendance from Archer, Briscoe, Dawson, Dickens, Floyd, Hockley, Jones, King, Lamb, Lubbock, Terry, Wichita, Yoakum and Young counties. Refreshments, the meal and decorations were sponsored by iDocket, DataBank, Kofile and The Pumpkin Pyle.

The Razzle Dazzle Red Hat Society Of Floyd County

By Mary M. Carter
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The Razzle Dazzle Red Hat Society of Floyd County met this month on Friday, October 9, 2015. It was held at the Floydada Country Club. We started with a yummy potato soup followed by a thick filling sandwich. To add to the goodness was a fruit compote and more fresh fruit. The dessert was a cute little pumpkin spice cake and beverage. All were satisfied.

The "Sunshine Princess Sparkle of Joy" Elaine McNeill called the meeting to order. Our "Queen Mother", Virginia Taylor, was unable to attend. We had a "craft day". As previously advised we were to bring any craft project we want to do, finish, refresh, or do for the first time. The ladies brought hats for the door, wreaths, and pumpkins to paint. We glued, decided, and painted to our hearts content. We had the expert advice of Elaine or "Keeper

of the Purse", Barbara, two of our hostesses. We all had a fun time and enjoyed taking something home that we made.

Our hostesses were Elaine McNeill, Barbara Edwards, and Virginia Taylor.

The ladies in attendance were Sandy Fuston, Virginia Coker, Joy Turner, Mary Lou Zinck, Gloria Fannon, Fern Hartsell, Barbara Edwards, Elaine McNeill, Betty Baker, Donna Pernell, and Mary M. Carter.

First United Methodist Church of Lockney to host Harvest Festival Oct. 24

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The First United Methodist Church of Lockney, 120 Poplar, will be holding their annual Harvest Festival Saturday, Oct. 24. The event kicks off at 9:30 a.m. with the opening of their Country Store where homemade canned and baked goods will

be available for sale.

From 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., for \$5 a plate, a home cooked meal with turkey and dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, homemade roll and peach cobbler will be served. Plates will be available for dine in or to go.

Meal tickets can be purchased in the church office or

from any church member.

There will also be a silent auction, including handcrafted items, such as jewelry, décor and more.

For more information call the FUMC/Lockney church office during their business hours of 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday at 806-652-2193.

Museum Archives

Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

PHILLIP A. BAKER

Written by
Luriene Baker Hart
January 1978

Phillip Alexander Baker was born in Tyler, Texas in 1886. His father was William Henry Baker. His mother was Mary Elizabeth Nolan. The family moved from Decatur, Texas to near Lockney in 1905. Later they moved east of Floydada to the Fairview Community. Phillip Baker attended Lockney College. He married Lorena May in 1908 at Turkey, Texas. The preacher was J. C. Holland. One night during their courtship, accompanied by several other young folks, they went to a singing in Lockney in a wagon. They were caught in a terrible rain and electrical storm on the way home. They could not see the road. They found their way by two boys walking ahead of the team, beating the fence with sticks, following it to the nearest home, where they spent the night.

They lived in Floydada for a while. Phillip Baker and his brother-in-law drove freight wagons from Floydada to Canyon. A tornado blew their home away. They moved to Mickey on the Grandma Holmes place. Here their two daughters, Lurlene and Helen, were born. They lived in a half dug-out. The afternoon of the second girl's birth, Phillip went for help. On returning he found the three-year old on top of the

windmill table, "looking for her daddy". Later they moved north of Mickey to Uncle Charlie Smith's place. In 1914 they bought a farm at Campbell east of Floydada. Here a son, Lawrence, was born. In 1918 they sold the place and moved to Liberty, east of Lockney. Here another son, Ellis, was born. The children attended school at Liberty. A teacher boarded with them most of the time. It was two miles to school. They walked when the weather was pretty and rode horseback or rode in two-wheel cart in bad weather. There were spelling bees, Christmas Programs and tree, Easter egg hunts, last day of school picnics. They attended church at Cedar Hill.

It was twelve miles to Floydada and ten miles from Lockney. With travel by surrey or wagon over dirt roads, the trips to town were only by necessity, once or twice a month. In 1923 they got their first car, a Ford, that had to have both back wheels jacked up to start it on occasions.

The maize was headed with a pocket knife, thrown into the wagon, pulled by a team trained to go slowly down the row when the wagon was full. The maize was unloaded in a rick at the end of the field, later sold "in head" or a thresher came and threshed it. Oats and wheat were cut and bundled and shocked in the field. The thresher and crew would come. The straw from

the thresher was blown into a big stack for cattle to feed on during the winter.

One thrashing season a tramp appeared and wanted to work. He slept in the haystack, took his plate of food at the kitchen door, talked very little, and would answer no questions. One hired man decided to spend the night at the haystack with him. He was scared so, he left the crew the next morning. He said that man "mock any human living. "Angelo, as we called him, stayed on working for several weeks after the thrashing season. He would take no pay. He left as mysteriously as he appeared.

A landlord hauling his rent from the farm near ours one fall drove a loaded wagon onto a road which crossed a lake and was under water. The wagon bogged down, horses became frantic, climbing on top of each other until one was drowned. The harness was cut to release the other horses or all would have drown.

A man came by one night inquiring the way to a place. He was not used to rolling plains. It was a bright moonlight night. He had become very confused and turned around. He said, "Something bad is going to happen to me, that moon has followed me all night." They moved to Portales, New Mexico in 1925. Both Phillip and Lorena are deceased. He died in 1968 she died in 1977.

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First Baptist Church Friendship Sunday School Class

Ruth Hammonds' funeral at First United Methodist Church was attended by several from our Senior Citizens membership and their accompanying families. Faye Bertrand and daughter-in-law, Connie Lou Bertrand, Joyce Williams and daughter, Nancy Farrington, (left her class in Vega, Texas) to accompany Joyce to the afternoon service and cemetery service. Jill and Martin Warren sat with her mother, Fay Bertrand. Nancy Lawson was accompanied by her son, Greg Bishop. From the Lakeview Community there was Beverly and Rex Harrison and son, Brandon. From Lubbock Louis Reid Cardinal came to bid farewell to Ruth, the mother of his high school classmate, Ann Hammonds Evans and her sisters.

The weather was still pleasant for the cemetery service as Iantha and Virginia Pyle as-

isted Ann Hammonds Evans in greeting old friends. After World War II, several families from the Crowell, Thalia and Floyd County area moved to the Plains and started farming and ranching in Floyd County, raised their children up together, experienced the trials of early days of irrigated farming, drought and sandstorms. Now the second and third generations are learning the business in their footsteps as well as the various licensed professions, retaining interest in agriculture.

On Thursday, light sprinkles and even some rain fell over Floyd County. Defoliation spraying for cotton has begun, and even talk of some cotton stripping ready to begin.

Well we at the Center have helped each other through another year of crop planting and gatherings. Go to church and count your blessings.

We all enjoy the delicious banana pudding and chocolate pudding, and always a nutritious great dish served at the Floydada Senior Citizens Center.

Floydada Senior Citizens is open to all ages. We serve at 12 noon every weekday. Join us at 925 W. Crockett Street or we will deliver a meal anywhere in town. Call 983-2032.

Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235

MENU

October 19 - October 23

- Monday - Glazed ham
 - Tuesday - Creamy mushroom chicken
 - Wednesday - Pork roast w/gravy & rice
 - Thursday - Chicken spaghetti
 - Friday - Nacho supreme
- (Menus subject to change with notice)

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

from 5 - 8 p.m. Come join us for lots of food fun and fellowship.

MENU

October 19 - October 23

- Monday - Fried chicken
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- (Menus subject to change with notice)

Be sure and call the Center by 9:30 a.m. if you would like to eat. Our phone #652-2745. 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

Floydada Housing Authority

Request for Proposals for Independent Audit Services #2015-10-1

How to Obtain RFP Documents

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Proposal Submittal Deadline: November 10, 2015

Section 3, Minority and/or Women-owned businesses are encouraged to respond.

Date of Issue: October 8, 2015

FESTIVAL

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Sunday October 18th, the highest bidder on each item is allowed to purchase that item. This gives you a chance to get bargains as well as have fun

outbidding the previous bidder! Proceeds from this silent auction help support community projects of the Plainview Rotary Club.

Admission to the Festival is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. The doors open at 10 a.m. on Friday morning October 16th and runs Friday and

Saturday 10-6. Sunday's hours are noon to 5 p.m.

Running Water Draw Arts & Crafts Festival has been a favorite show for Plainview and area residents for 41 consecutive years. This year promises to be a bigger and better show filled with fun, excitement, and treasures for every occasion.

Obituaries

Ruth Hammonds

Ruth Hammonds, age 91, of Floydada, passed away Sunday, October 4, 2015.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at the First United Methodist Church in Floydada with Ken Peterson officiating.

Interment followed at the Floyd County Memorial Park in Floydada.

Arrangements were under the personal care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

Iva Ruth Gafford Hammonds was born north of Crowell, Texas on October 31, 1923 to Charlie and Iva Tuttle Gafford. She graduated from Crowell High School in 1941 and attended John Tarleton College. She re-

turned to Crowell and worked for the West Texas Utilities until 1946.

She married Weldon Hammonds of Thalia on August 15, 1946. They lived at Thalia until they moved to the Lakeview community, southeast of Floydada in January of 1952. In 1960, they moved south of Floydada on the Ralls Highway where she continued to live after Weldon death in June of 1991. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Floydada.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Weldon Hammonds and her parents, Charlie and Iva Hammonds.

She is survived by three daughters, Kaye Bradford and husband,



RUTH HAMMONDS

Conley of Litchfield Park, Arizona, Ann Evans and husband, Joel of Floydada and Gaye Winger and husband, Roger of Amarillo; 7 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Residential House-Shepherds Meadow, 1230 US Hwy 62, Floydada, Texas 79235.

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

Nieves Delgado Hernandez

Nieves Delgado Hernandez, age 78, of Floydada, passed away on Wednesday, October 7, 2015.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 2 p.m., Saturday, October 10, 2015 at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Floydada with Father Ike Temporanza officiating.

Burial followed at the Floydada Cemetery.

Rosary was held at 7 p.m., Friday, October 9, 2015 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home Chapel in Floydada. Arrangements were under the personal care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

Nieves was born August 5, 1937 to the Late Juan and Catalina Delgado in Martinale, Texas. She married the late Manuel C. Hernandez on September 7, 1959 in Plainview. He preceded her in death

on January 7, 1990. She was a long time residence of Floydada. She was a member of St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church and also a Guadalupe, Mom loved to dance, that was her favorite hobby. We will greatly miss her.

She is survived by her daughters, Eva and husband, Albert Vasquez, Lupita and late husband, Raymond Gutierrez, and step daughter, Olivia and husband, Walter Zarnack; sons, Manuel Jr. and wife, Cindy Hernandez, Adam and wife, Mary Hernandez, Randy and wife, Linda Hernandez, Henry and wife, Ordie Hernandez, and god son, Paul and Amanda Trevino; brothers, Mateo and late wife, Santos, Nito and late wife, Maria, Juan and wife, Sylvia, and Pancho "Frankie" Delgado; Sisters, Manuela and husband, Juan Mendoza, Benita and husband, Jessie Martinez,



NIEVES DELGADO HERNANDEZ

Lupita and husband, Manuel Mendoza and Bonnie Flores.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Floyd County Museum or the Floydada Cemetery Association.

Special thanks to her granddaughter, Andrea Nicole Hernandez, a nurse, for her unselfishness love and care for mom, and also Area Community Hospice for their tired hours of love and care.

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

Wendell Miller Tooley

The angels escorted Wendell Miller Tooley, age 88, to his eternal home on Sunday, October 11, 2015.

A memorial service celebrating his life was held on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 11 a.m. at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Amarillo. Keith Tooley, pastor of The Church at Canyon Creek, and Steve Stevens, pastor of St. Paul United Methodist Church, officiated.

Wendell was born on February 27, 1928 in Shannon, Texas. He graduated from Kress High School in 1944. He married the former Mary Tom Kirk in 1949, and they celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary in May of this year.

He served in the US Army Mountain Ski Troops at the end of World War II. He earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from McMurry University, and a master's in journalism from the University of Missouri in 1950. He established the School of Advertising at Whitworth University in Spokane, Washington.

Wendell made his mark in the newspaper and printing business for over 50 years. He owned and published newspapers in Floydada, Ralls, Crosbyton, Slaton, Canyon, Tahoka, Lockney, Tulia and Littlefield. He won numerous journalism awards,

and he was named to the Panhandle Press Association Hall of Fame and was recognized for "50 Years of Service to Newspapers" by the Texas Press Association.

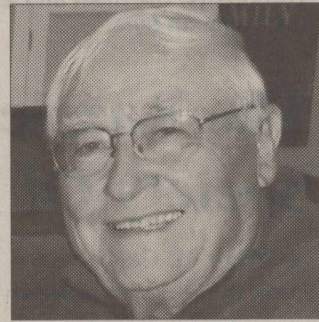
He was a pioneer in the offset printing industry and owned printing plants in Hereford, Canyon, Slaton and Floydada.

One of his greatest loves was serving on the board of trustees of McMurry University for almost 40 years, where he was honored as a Distinguished Alumni in 2005.

Wendell was a civic leader in the communities he resided, serving on numerous committees and boards. He was very devoted to his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and served in many Methodist churches, including Floydada, Tulia and Plainview. He served on the Epiphany committee of two Methodist bishops and served several years on the board of the United Methodist Reporter in Dallas.

Wendell enjoyed working hard, playing hard, and spending time with his family. He enjoyed travelling - all over the world and to every state in the nation, tennis, golf and fishing. He loved to play guitar and sing at church, RV camps, nursing homes - everywhere there was a gig.

Survivors include wife, Mary



WENDELL MILLER TOOLEY

Tom of Amarillo; daughters, Wendy Bridenstine and husband, Kent of Canyon, and Karla Hutchinson of Abilene; sons, Brad Tooley and wife, Kristie of Canyon, and Keith Tooley and wife, Kay of Cedar Park; six grandchildren, Shanna Jones and husband, Ty of Lubbock, Kris Tooley and wife, Brooke of Waco, Brooks Hutchinson of Houston, Hunter Hutchinson of Lubbock, Sarah Tooley of Boston, Massachusetts, and Megan Dzialo and husband, Grayson of Austin and eight great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorial donations to McMurry University, 1 McMurry University, Box 938, Abilene, TX 79697, Pro Literacy, 104 Marcellus St., Syracuse, NY 13204, or to Ceta Canyon Camp and Retreat Center, 37201 FM 1721, Happy, Texas 79042.

Please sign the online guest registry at www.brooksfuneral.com

Bobby Carl Plumlee

Bobby Carl Plumlee, age 85 of Houston, Texas (former resident of Burnet, Georgetown and Amarillo, Texas) went home to be with the Lord in Heaven on October 8, 2015.

Born on July 29, 1930 in Floyd County, Texas; he grew up in Floydada where he and his family picked cotton.

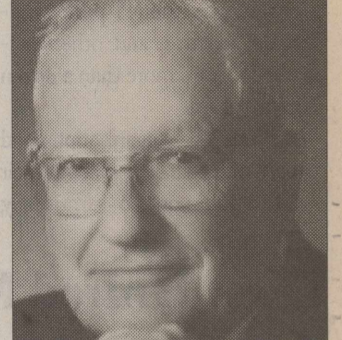
After high school, Mr. Plumlee joined the United States Army in 1948. He served during the Korean War, stationed at Ft. Richardson, Alaska. In 1954 he joined the Texas National Guard and retired from service with them in 1983 as a 1st Sergeant. He retired from the Army in 1990 as a 1st Sergeant.

He officiated high school football games, and was a statistician for high school and college football. He previously served on the Board of Directors of the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame. He also worked for the Round Rock Express Baseball club and the University of Texas Football program.

He was a lifelong active church member and worked with the youth and mentored younger children. He was a member of Crestview Baptist Church in Georgetown, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Gracie Lee Powell Plumlee.

He is survived by his three children; son, First Sergeant (Ret) Ronnie Plumlee and wife, Sherry of Burnet, Texas, son, Dr. Travis Plumlee and wife, Sharon of Mountain View, Arkansas, and daughter, Sandra Cersonsky and husband, Butch of Houston, Texas. He also is survived by one sister, Ruth Goss of Talladega, Alabama, and in-laws, James and Lucille Powers of Georgetown, Texas. Additionally he is survived by four grandchildren, Meghann Thompson and husband, Will, Alison Stearns and husband, Josh, Desiree Varga and husband, Nic and Austin Plumlee and wife, Amelia. He leaves behind six great-grandchildren, Isaiah Plumlee, Hudson Stearns, Sebas-



BOBBY CARL PLUMLEE

tian Varga, Gabby Varga, and Ava Plumlee and Campbell Plumlee Thompson.

The family received guests for a time of visitation from 6 - 8 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at Cook-Walden Davis Funeral Home in Georgetown.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 in the chapel of Cook-Walden Davis Funeral Home with Dr. Travis Plumlee officiating. Interment followed at Palm Valley Lutheran Cemetery in Round Rock.

Arrangements by Cook-Walden Davis Funeral Home, 2900 Williams Drive, Georgetown, Texas 78628.

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

Childhood Memories

The Lord says, "As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you."
— Isaiah 66:13 (NRSV)

Our daughter was six years old when we told her that the parents of her best friend were divorcing. Soon she began to cry. We tried to console her. I had no idea what to do. Eventually, I gathered her in my arms and walked outside into the warm night. I don't remember what I said, if anything. In time, she rested her head on my shoulder, and we simply gazed at the bright moon.

I had forgotten that painful yet tender moment. But over 30 years later, my daughter became the foster parent of a child who would cry at night because he missed his mother. My daughter told me she tried to console

the little boy but to no avail. Remembering her own childhood heartache, she held him and took him outside. Together, they looked at the moon as she tried to comfort the child. In time, the child's sobbing subsided.

I think of those times in our lives when God touches us with love and grace in moments of hurt and uncertainty. Those memories bring comfort and peace as well as thanksgiving and humility that God would intervene in the life of parents trying to comfort their child.

Gary Story (Kentucky, USA)

Thought for the Day

When life seems hopeless, God's steadfastness gives us hope.

<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 Rev David Ramos, Pastor 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 Floyada 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 Joe M. Hernandez 983-5286 (Church) 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 Bun 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 983-5499 Sunday School - 9:45 p.m. Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m. Sunday Evening - 6 p.m. *****</p> <p>Trinity Luthern 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 Floydada 983-2672 Or 470-0950 Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.</p>		

AGRICULTURE

First Bale of Cotton Ginned in Floyd County in September this year

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

Barwise Gin baled the first bale of cotton this year, and they baled it Wednesday, Sept. 30. The producer of the first bale was Kurt Collins. Collins lives in Hale County, but farms in Floyd County.

As of Friday, Barwise already had 203 bales ginned. Even though Barwise had the first bale on September 30, within a week another five Floyd County gins had their first bales.

TOTAL BALES GINNED IN FLOYD COUNTY

as of Friday, Oct. 9, 2015

FLOYDADA GINS:

Barwise Gin - 203 bales ginned (Date of first bale 09-30-15)

Floydada Coop Gin - 95 bales ginned (Date of first bale 10-6-15)

Scott Gin - 234 bales ginned (Date of first bale 10-8-15)

McCoy Gin - 150 bales ginned (Date of first bale

10-7-15)
Darty Gin - NONE (Will probably start ginning next week)

Mt. Blanco Gin - NONE
Marble Bros. Gin - Will not gin this year - no cotton planted on their land

LOCKNEY GINS:

Lockney Coop Gin - 33 bales ginned (Date of first bale - 10-5-15)

D & J Gin - 96 bales ginned (Date of first bale - 10-7-15)

Assignment: Texas Park Cities Quail Donates Millions to the RPQRR

With over \$2.7 million donated to the Rolling Plains Quail Research Ranch alone, Park Cities Quail has solidified its position as a leader in conservation funding. As a chapter under the banner of the statewide Quail Coalition conservation group, Park Cities Quail is a non-profit group that consists solely of Dallas Area volunteers who "... are passionate about our sporting tradition and are determined to make it available to future generations."



RUSSELL GRAVES

Since its inception eight years ago, Park Cities Quail has raised over \$4.5 million with virtually every penny going to assist in quail research such as that being conducted at the RPQRR.

"Park Cities Quail has been the wind under our wings at the RPQRR," admits Dale Rollins, director of the research ranch, saying that the research that Parks Cities Quail has funded helps provide insight to unlocking the mystery of declining quail populations.

"Much of the research we fund

contradicts the popular theory that quail decline revolves solely around habitat loss," says Jay Stein, Director of Shared Services for the Quail Coalition and a Park Cities Quail Member. "While suitable habitat is necessary as the key component for quail survival and nesting, there are many properties with excellent habitat and plunging quail populations. We believe that our financial support of operations at the ranch and specific research projects will prove or disprove a full range of theories. With the findings from this research, we hope to provide our members with solutions and guidance on how to sustain and restore quail for generations to come."

About the Ranch

The Rolling Plains Quail Research Ranch is a 4,720-acre ranch in Fisher County, Texas. The ranch's aim is to provide land managers, and other stakeholders, with timely, relevant technology and management schemes for enhancing quail populations in the Rolling Plains of Texas. In doing so, the ranch hopes to sustain the "quail dynasty" that has supported hunters, ranchers, local economies, hunters, and the quails themselves.

Chronic wasting disease webinars set

By Steve Byrns

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Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

SAN ANGELO - Chronic wasting disease will be the topic of a free two-part educational webinar series for deer hunters set from noon to 1 p.m. on Oct. 16.

The webinars are a collaborative effort of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Texas Wildlife Association. Dr. John Tomecek, AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist at San Angelo and that agency's lead educational contact on the disease, will conduct both webinars.

The online webinars can be accessed at www.texas-wildlife.webex.com.

Condensed archived versions will be available on the Texas Wildlife Association website following each webinar at: www.texas-wildlife.org. The WebEx platform used for the presentations does not support handheld devices.

"By now, most Texans, especially the hunting public, have at least heard of this disease," Tomecek said. "It was first discovered in Colorado in the 1960s. It affects the nervous systems of white-tailed and mule deer, elk, moose and red deer. And as the name implies, results in a chronic wasting away and eventual death of the infected animal. There is no known cure."

Tomecek said the disease was found for the first time in a white-tailed deer in Texas in Medina County last July, causing great concern among wildlife professionals and enthusiasts.

"The disease is not known to affect any other type of animal, and there is no indication that it has infected deer outside the closed, high-fenced facilities in Medina County or in Lavaca County, where some of the Medina deer were transported prior to the positive diagnosis."

The webinars are meant to educate hunters about the disease, its history, symptoms

and transmission, as well as to inform the hunting public on how they can participate in monitoring efforts and to remind them of safe carcass handling practices.

"Hunters are the critical part of the monitoring and managing equation," Tomecek said. "They can submit tissue samples from harvested deer and maintain healthy deer densities as wildlife managers have done for years. Knowing what's going on in the countryside is the best way to prevent the spread of this disease should it crop up in wild white-tailed deer populations."

Tomecek said much has been done to address the concerns and needs of landowners, but now is the time to solicit help from the thousands of hunters preparing to head afield for the upcoming rifle season for deer.

For more information, contact Tomecek at 325-653-4576, tomecek@tamu.edu or the Texas Wildlife Association's Clint Faas at 979-541-9803, cfaas@texas-wildlife.org.

Harvest-ready cotton survives rain; much more could be trouble thunderstorms with heavy winds, dirt could hurt open bolls

By Josie Musico

A-J Media

Plenty of South Plains cotton is harvest-ready. But is the ground?

Shawn Wade predicts recent wet weather will delay harvest somewhat, but have only minimal impact on quality.

Wade, director of policy analysis and research for Plains Cotton Growers, pointed out last weekend's showers did not accompany adverse weather events known to hurt open bolls. And now, more of them are open every day.

"Certainly you never like to have a lot of weather on cotton when it's open, but the wind hasn't been blowing a lot and there hasn't been a lot of dirt in the air," he said.

And while no one wants to complain about rain, it's still hard not to wish it had fallen a month or two earlier.

Ideal weather would

have been a little wetter in the late summer, but near-record rainfall last spring unquestionably provided a lasting boost.

Lynn County farmer Jack Scott is optimistic about his approaching harvest, even after a short dry spell. Gazing at his cotton fields, he can only imagine what would await him had another inch or two fallen later in the season.

"We were dry as a bone all through August," he said. "Think what this would have looked like if we'd had a good rain in August. It almost knocks my eyes out just to see it now."

Rain's potential harvest interference is reminiscent of the last time heavy showers fell — planting time. With ground so wet, some farmers were barely able to drop seeds by deadline.

But after a summer of steady heat units, most of the late crop is fairly caught up, said Mark Brown, agri-

culture agent for the Lubbock County branch of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

"We're practically back to a level where we'd be if we'd planted by May 15," he said.

For almost-ready cotton, Brown recommends spraying with defoliant rather than waiting for first freeze.

"We want to get that crop off the ground as fast as we can and maintain the quality of those open bolls," he said. "If we let it sit out there until it freezes, we're gonna lose quality."

Wade, of Plains Cotton Growers, added that while some rain this late in the growing season won't likely hurt the crop, too much more potentially could.

"You don't want to see this for a very extended period of time — that would be detrimental," he said. "Hopefully, the sun can come out and we can get moving."

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October 18, 2015

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FLOYDADA SCHOOL NEWS

Floydada Dominates Olton in District Opener

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

OLTON – Floydada's Kyi Baker returned the opening kick-off 87 yards and set the tone for their district opener against the Olton Mustangs as the Whirlwinds cruised to a 56-14 victory over the Mustangs.

"Returning the opening kick-off and put us up early was the key play of the game," Head Coach Todd Bandy said. "Our offense moved the chains and scored and the defense kept making stops throughout the game."

Baker took just 15 seconds when he took the opening kick to the end zone and Miguel Pena added the first of six extra points as the Whirlwinds took a 7-0 lead

with 11:45 left in the quarter. Floydada scored a second time in the first quarter as Sammy Segura plunged in from one yard out and after Corey Mathis converted the two-point attempt, the Whirlwinds had a 15-0 lead with 5:53 left in the quarter.

In the second quarter, Mathis scored from one yard out and after Pena's kick, Floydada had 22-0 lead with 11:26 left in the half. With 9:28 left in the quarter, Baker scored from 52 yards out and Pena added the extra point as the Whirlwinds stretched their lead to 29-0. With 6:51 left in the half, Baker found Segura open for a 16 yard scoring pass and Pena added the extra point to give Floydada a 36-0 lead. As time expired in the half, Baker

scored from 34 yards out the Whirlwinds took a 42-0 lead into halftime.

"The turning point of the game was scoring on our third drive to start the second quarter and then scoring as time ran out in the second quarter to go up 42-0 at half," Bandy said.

In the third quarter, the Mustangs finally got on the board as Zane Gunter scored from one yard out and TJ McCall connected with Aasin Tenorio for the two point conversion to make it 42-8 with 6:54 left in the quarter. Floydada added another score as Segura again scored from one yard out with 3:39 left in the third and Pena added the extra point to make it 49-8. Olton scored their second touchdown of the night when

McCall ran it in from seven yards out with 1:07 left in the third to make it 49-14.

In the fourth quarter, Segura scored his third rushing touchdown of the evening and the final score of the game from two yards out and after Pena's kick, the Whirlwinds had 56-14 lead with 9:49 left in the game.

Offensively, the Whirlwinds outgained the Mustangs 524-168 total yards. Floydada had 94 yards passing and 430 yards rushing. Olton had 157 yards passing and 11 yards rushing.

Individually, Baker was 5-5 passing for 94 yards and a touchdown and he rushed 12 times for 159 yards and two touchdowns. Mathis ran 17 times for 126 yards and a touchdown, Segura had

10 carries for 88 yards and three touchdowns, Albert Dehoyas had four carries for 15 yards, Pena had five carries for 12 yards, Isaac Herrera had two carries for seven yards and #43 had six carries for 23 yards. Segura had four catches for 71 yards and a score.

For Olton, McCall was 5-18 passing for 131 yards and Zach Ramage was 2-2 for 26 yards. Gunter carried the ball seven times for 19 yards and a score, Jose Munoz had four carries for one yard, McCall had 19 carries for minus two yards and a score and Ramage had one carry for minus seven yards. Bryan Valencia had two catches for 63 yards, Austin Theford had one catch for 32 yards, Ramage had one

catch for 26 yards, McCall had one catch for 20 yards and Joaquin Sanchez had two catches for 16 yards.

Floydada is now 2-4 on the year, but more importantly, 1-0 in district play. Tahoka travels to Floydada for the second district game, Friday at 7:30 P.M.

"Tahoka is much improved from a year ago. We have to continue to execute on offense and keep playing good defense," Bandy said.

Olton falls to 1-5 on the year and 0-1 in district. The Mustangs travel to New Deal (6-0, 1-0), who defeated Abernathy 41-7. In the other district game, Hale Center improved to 4-2, 1-0 as the defeated Tahoka (3-3, 0-1) 38-36. The Owls will travel to Abernathy on Friday.



Courtesy Photos

FLOYDADA vs OLTON

Teams	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	FINAL
Floydada	15	27	7	7	56
Olton	0	0	14	0	14

- 1st Qtr – FHS – 11:45 – Kyi Baker 87 yard kick off return; Miguel Pena Kick Good
- 1st Qtr – FHS – 5:53 – Sammy Segura one yard run; Corey Mathis two-point Run Good
- 2nd Qtr – FHS – 11:26 – Mathis one yard run; Pena Kick Good
- 2nd Qtr – FHS – 9:28 – Baker 52 yard run; Pena Kick Good
- 2nd Qtr – FHS – 6:51 – Baker 16 yard pass to Segura; Pena Kick Good
- 2nd Qtr – FHS – 0:00 – Baker 34 yard run; Kick No Good
- 3rd Qtr – OHS – 6:54 – Zane Gunter one yard run; TJ McCall pass to Aasin Tenorio two point Good
- 3rd Qtr – FHS – 3:39 – Segura one yard run; Pena Kick Good
- 3rd Qtr – OHS – 1:07 – McCall seven yard run; Two point conversion No Good



Courtesy Photos

The KLBK News Channel 13 crew broadcasted live from Wester Stadium as part of their On the Road segment in Floydada on Thursday, October 8, during the J.V. football game, featuring an interview with former principal Charles Tyer explaining how the Whirlwinds got their mascot as well as the origins of Floydada as Pumpkin Capital USA.

Duncan Elementary holds first "Character Counts" Pep Rally



Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Duncan Elementary had their first Character Counts Pep Rally of the year. Students study a different pillar of character each six weeks and have a pep rally to share what they have learned.

The six pillars of character are Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship. This week they studied trustworthiness and the Character Counts leaders for the six weeks did a skit on trustworthiness.

The Character Counts leaders are nominated by the teachers each six weeks and get to help prepare the pep rally as well as do the announcements for the school during the six weeks

they are nominated. This six weeks the leaders were Hannah Lafuente, Hannah Roberts, Michael Martinez, Dillon Bruington, Caitlyn Campbell, Bailey Sanchez, Eric Silva, and Nathanael Garza.

The feature college for the pep rally was Dallas Baptist University. The 2nd graders put on the Service Project for the six weeks. They did a stuffed animal drive and with the help of the first responders in our community, they will be giving away the stuffed animals to children in need.

There were two perfect attendance winners who received a bike donated by the Floydada Rotary Club. Those who had on their college t-shirts each week were put in the drawing to win a t-shirt and con-

solation prizes were given away.

The business that donated for Jump for George was Lighthouse Electric and Amanda Stapp was their jumper. Jump for George takes place at the end of each Character Counts Pep Rally and the students get a chance to out-jump the business that is donating the money. The farther the students jump on the money line, the more money they win. The kids get very excited during Jump for George and cheer on

their fellow students.

The students will study "respect" for the next six weeks. Come and check out the next Character Counts Pep Rally at the end of the 2nd six weeks.

Football Contest Standings Week 7

	THIS WEEKS	TOTAL
Pam Fulton	18/27	134/185
Martin Ramirez	19/27	133/185
Coy LaBaume	20/27	133/185
Lanny Barnett	19/27	132/185
Ricky Ascencio	16/27	131/185
Stanley Collier	20/27	128/185
Franklin Harris	19/27	127/185
Brent Sanders	17/27	126/185
Renee Armstrong	16/27	123/185
Boyd Lee	17/27	119/185
Paul Lopez	16/27	118/185
Diego Ascencio	22/27	118/185
Mac Sherman	18/27	114/185
Andrew Vega	19/27	110/185
Debra Lee	17/27	107/185
Steve Stringer	17/27	90/158
Max Yeary	00/00	107/158

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

October 12 – October 16

Monday

Breakfast – Banana loaf w/ strawberry yogurt, fresh fruit, fruit juice, milk
Lunch – Ham & turkey sandwich, ham & cheese sandwich, spaghetti w/meatballs, peppered broccoli florets, vegetable bar, fresh fruit, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast – Cocoa puffs cereal w/graham crackers, fresh fruit, fruit juice, milk
Lunch – Cheese pizza, pepperoni pizza, ham & cheese wrap, peppered corn, vegetable bar, fresh fruit, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast – Whole grain maple pancakes, fresh fruit, fruit juice, milk
Lunch – Homemade flour-hardshell tacos, ham & cheese sandwich, breaded beef fingers w/wheat roll, seasoned potato wedges, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Thursday

Breakfast – Fruit Loops cereal w/graham crackers, fresh fruit, fruit juice, milk
Lunch – Salisbury steak w/wheat roll & seasoned-brown rice, hamburger, ham & cheese sandwiches, seasoned potato wedges, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Friday

Breakfast – Whole grain apple breakfast bar, pigs in a blanket, fresh fruit, fruit juice, milk
Lunch – Baked breaded chicken sandwich, cheeseburger, ham & cheese sandwich, cooked crinkle cut carrots, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

LOCKNEY SCHOOL NEWS

Lockney Comes From Behind, Defeats Clarendon in District Opener 18-15

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – Lockney forced the Clarendon Broncos into four turnovers and scored with 8:19 left in the fourth quarter to capture their district opener 18-15 in a game marred by a serious injury to Clarendon junior, Riley Shadle with about 3:30 left in the third quarter.

Shadle suffered two broken vertebrae as he attempted to block Lockney's Jacob Ochoa. As of Monday, Shadle, who was airlifted to Lubbock was still hospitalized following several surgeries to repair the vertebrae and relieve pressure on the spinal cord. According to Lockney's High School Principal Todd Hallmark and Head Football Coach Jay Ragland, Shadle was showing some improvement with feelings in his extremities.

The Lockney Booster Club was conducting a fundraiser that was to be delivered on Tuesday to the family. Clarendon Head Coach Gary Jack said that he understood that a "Love Fund" was to be opened at the Donley County State Bank when it reopens on Tuesday. The phone number of DCSB is 806-874-3581.

"Riley is just one of those great kids that does everything, from sports to ULL

academic contests," Jack said, "he is well liked by all the students and faculty. He is a true leader on the field and off the field. He's student council and junior class president as well as being involved with his church."

Jack said that all of Clarendon appreciates the support and outpouring of love from the people of Lockney, especially the positive thoughts and prayers for Shadle's recovery.

(Editor's note: Look for updates about Shadle on our Facebook page.)

Clarendon scored first as Bronco quarterback, Bryce Hatley ran it in from one yard out and following a two-point conversion, the Broncos had an 8-0 lead with 9:43 left in the first quarter.

In the second quarter, Lockney's Trevor Ascensio connected on a 20 yard pass to Avian Luna with 8:12 left in the half, Ascensio scored on a three yard run to give the Longhorns a 12-8 halftime lead.

Neither team managed to score in the third quarter. In the fourth quarter, Clarendon scored again as Hatley connected with Junior Cineceros on a seven yard pass and after the extra point, the Broncos had a 15-12 lead with

8:39 left in the game. Just 20 seconds later, Lockney's Tevin Phillips got loose on a 65 yard touchdown run as the Longhorns regained the lead for the last time at 18-15 with 8:19 left in the game.

Offensively, the Longhorns managed 202 total yards, 142 rushing and 60 passing while Clarendon had 323 total yards with 219 rushing and 104 passing. Lockney turned the ball over on two interceptions but the Longhorn defense forced four Bronco turnovers, two fumbles and two interceptions with the last interception late in the game by Phillips to seal the victory.

Individually, Daylen Gatica was 2-7 passing for seven yards and Ascensio was 3-6 for 53 yards and a touchdown. Phillips carried 17 times for 126 yards and one touchdown and Ascensio had eight carries for 39 yards and a touchdown. Luna had two receptions for 21 yards and a touchdown, Levi Kasner had one catch for 24 yards and Jaden Rosales had on catch for 10 yards.

"The turning point in the game was being able to score off the first turnover which helped settle us down on offense," Ragland said. "Tevin's big run in the fourth quarter to score the winning touchdown also turned the game

in our favor."

For Clarendon, Keandrae Cortez had 11 carries for 106 yards and Hatley had 19 carries for 100 yards and a touchdown. Hatley was 11-23 passing for 104 yards and one touchdown but two interceptions. Cineceros had seven catches for 74 yards and a touchdown.

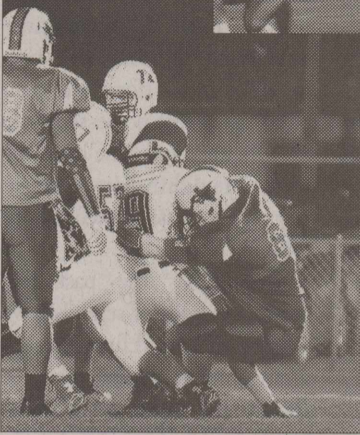
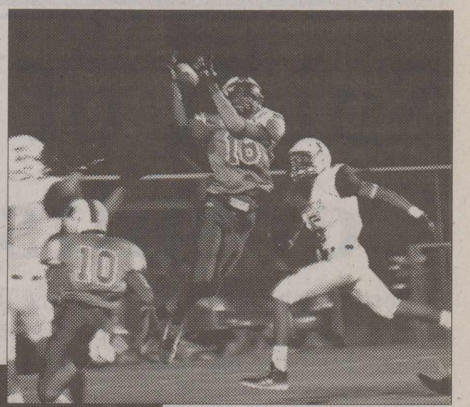
"Our defense had several big stops in the whole game that were all key plays and gave us the opportunity to win the game," Ragland said. "Two interceptions by Tevin, one stopped a drive and the other one sealed the win were huge key plays. Our defense played with a bend but don't break attitude."

Ragland named Ascensio, Luna and Phillips as offensive players of the week, the entire defensive unit as the defensive players of the game and Kasner and Rosales as other key players.

Lockney moves to 4-2 on the season and 1-0 in district. Clarendon drops to 3-3 and 0-1. In other district action, Quanah upset Crosbyton 26-20 and Memphis defeated Ralls 55-13. The Longhorns travel to Memphis (2-4, 1-0) on Friday, Clarendon will host Quanah (3-3, 1-0) and Crosbyton (5-1, 0-1) travels to Ralls (0-6, 0-1) in a big county rivalry game.

Courtesy of Rodney Hunt

Jaden Rosales (16) goes high up for the ball during the district opener for the Lockney Longhorns. The Horns came away with an 18-15 victory and will travel to Memphis for this week's game.

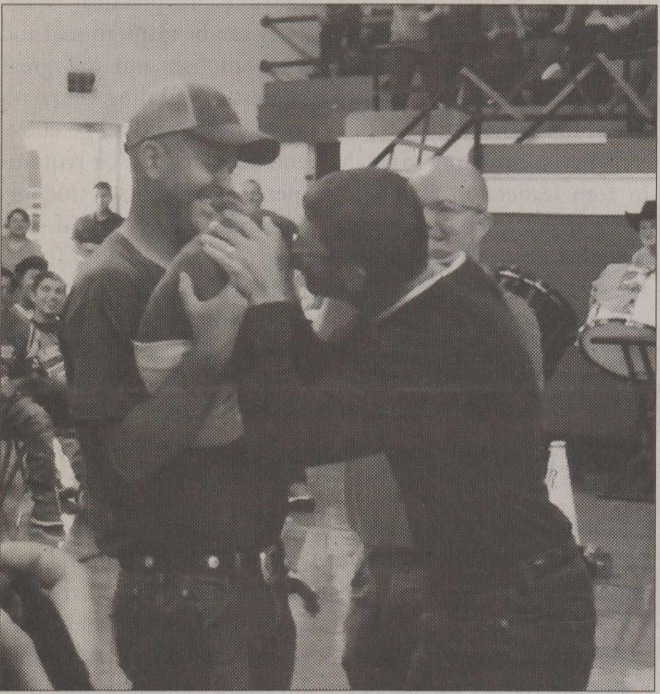


Lockney's Jaden Butler holds on tight to the Clarendon running back during Lockney's 18-15 victory in the first district game of the year. The Longhorns defense forced four turnovers including a late interception by Tevin Phillips to seal the win.



Lockney's Efen Nunez takes down a Clarendon Bronco runner during the district opener for both teams. Lockney used a fourth quarter touchdown and late interception to hold on to beat the Broncos, 18-15.

Hallmark Kisses Pig



Courtesy Photo

Lockney High School Principal Todd Hallmark 'won' the right to kiss a pig during last Friday's pep rally. The Fellowship of Christian Athletes raised \$200 for their activity account by having students and staff 'vote' with a donation for their choice to kiss the pig, held by Clint Bigham. Junior High Principal Craig Setliff looks on as he missed out on the chance to kiss the pig.

LOCKNEY vs CLARENDON

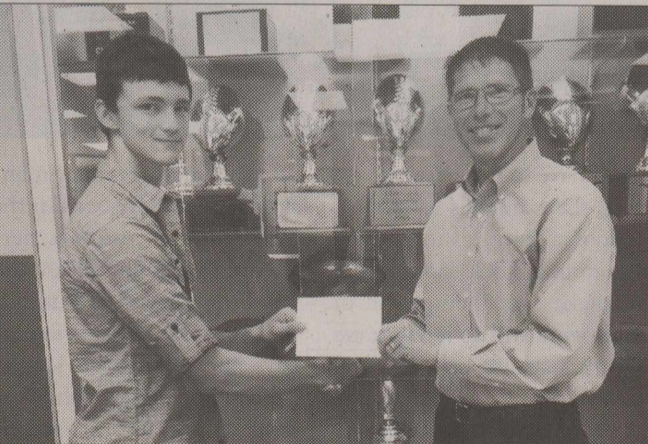
Teams	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	FINAL
Clarendon	8	0	0	7	15
Lockney	0	12	0	6	18

1st Qtr – CHS – 9:43 – Bryce Hatley one yard run; Two point conversion No Good

2nd Qtr – LHS – 8:12 – Trevor Ascensio 20 yard pass to Avian Luna; Kick No Good
2nd Qtr – LHS – 0:39 – Ascensio three yard run; Kick No Good

4th Qtr – CHS – 8:39 – Hatley seven yard pass to Junior Cineceros; Kick Good
4th Qtr – LHS – ?::? – Tevin Phillips 65 yard run; Kick No Good

Kasner Named Commended Student



Courtesy Photo

Luke Kasner (right) was recognized as a National Merit Scholarship Commended Student by Lockney High School Principal Todd Hallmark on Friday, Oct. 9. Kasner is one of 34,000 Commended Students recognized across the nation.

Press Release National Merit Scholarship Corporation

LOCKNEY – Lockney High School Principal, Todd Hallmark has announced that Levi Kasner has been named a Commended Student in the the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program was presented by the principal to this scholastically talented senior last Friday afternoon.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2016 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students

placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2016 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). "The young men and women being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success," commented a spokesperson for NMSC, "These students represent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their schools play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation. We hope that this recognition will help broaden their education opportunities and encourage them as they continue their pursuit of academic success."

Area Football Wrap-up Week 7

DISTRICT 2-2A-D1 (Floydada's)
Week 7 Results
Floydada 56, Olton 14
New Deal 41, Abernathy 7
Hale Center 38, Tahoka 36

TEAM	OVERALL		DISTRICT	
	Wins	Losses	Wins	Losses
Lockney	4	2	1	0
Memphis	2	4	1	0
Quanah	3	3	1	0
Crosbyton	3	1	0	1
Clarendon	2	3	0	1
Ralls	0	6	0	1

Week 8 Schedule: Floydada vs Tahoka; Abernathy vs Hale Center; New Deal vs Olton

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

Week 7 Results
Lockney 18, Clarendon 15
Quanah 26, Crosbyton 20
Memphis 55, Ralls 13

TEAM	OVERALL		DISTRICT	
	Wins	Losses	Wins	Losses
New Deal	6	0	1	0
Hale Center	4	2	1	0
Floydada	2	4	1	0
Tahoka	3	3	0	1
Abernathy	2	3	0	1
Olton	1	5	0	1

Week 8 Schedule: Lockney at Memphis; Crosbyton at Ralls; Quanah at Clarendon

AREA TEAMS (Records) Week 7 Results

PLAINVIEW (3-3) – OPEN
Guthrie 53, PETERSBURG (5-2) 38
VALLEY (6-1) 60; Groom 12
Southland 44, LORENZO (4-2) 14
PLAINVIEW CHRISTIAN (1-5) 61, Lazbuddie 22
Valley JV 70, SILVERTON (3-4) 20
MOTLEY COUNTY (5-1) 33, Klondike 13
WEEK 8 Schedules
PLAINVIEW at Abilene Cooper; PETERSBURG – OPEN; VALLEY – OPEN; LORENZO – OPEN; SILVERTON – OPEN; MOTLEY COUNTY at Lefors; PLAINVIEW CHRISTIAN at Dallas Fairhill (Sat) – OPEN; SILVERTON – OPEN; MOTLEY COUNTY at Lefors; PLAINVIEW CHRISTIAN at Dallas Fairhill (Sat)
Nazareth 66 SILVERTON (3-2) 12
MOTLEY COUNTY (4-1) 48, Chillicothe 8
Lubbock Home School 1, PATTON SPRINGS (0-3) 0
WEEK 5 Schedules
PLAINVIEW at Hereford; PETERSBURG vs Whiteface; VALLEY at Meadow; LORENZO at Lazbuddie;
SILVERTON at Hart; MOTLEY COUNTY OPEN; PATTON SPRINGS has canceled the remainder of their season;
PLAINVIEW CHRISTIAN at Wilson

LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU

Oct. 12-16

Monday, Oct. 19

Breakfast – Pancake Wrap, Yogurt, Fruit, Fruit Juice, Milk

Lunch – Lasagna or Ravioli with Meat Sauce, Chicken Fajitas, Salsa, Garden Salad, Veggie Cup, Seasonal Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, Oct. 20

Breakfast – Chicken-n-Biscuit, Fruit, Fruit Juice, Milk

Lunch – Asian Bowl with Egg Roll, Brown Rice, Pesto Chicken Flatbread, Carrots with Ranch, Steamed Broccoli, Chilled Pineapple, Cookie, Milk

Wednesday, Oct. 21

Breakfast – French Toast, Sausage, Fruit, Fruit Juice, Milk

Lunch – Tex-Mex Stack, Rice, Beans, Salsa, Pulled Pork, Chips, Cole Slaw, Tomato Cup, Hot Cinnamon Apples, Milk

Thursday, Oct. 22

Breakfast – Early Bird Sandwich, Breakfast Pouch, Fruit, Fruit Juice, Milk

Lunch – Hamburger with Cheese, Pig in a Blanket, Oven Fries, Western Beans, Diced Pears, Milk

Friday, Oct. 23

Breakfast – Dutch Waffle, Bacon, Fruit, Fruit Juice, Milk

Lunch – Chicken Parmesan, Italian Pasta Bake, Green Beans, Garden Salad, Apple Slices, Breadstick, Milk

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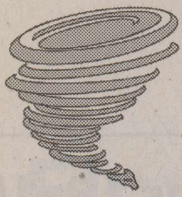
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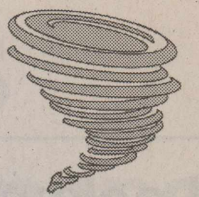
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Whirlwind News



Spirit of the Winds Band Consults with Composer

By Destiny Cabello

Since last May, the Spirit of the Winds band has been preparing for the 2015 UIL Marching Contest. From summer rehearsals to practicing every Monday evening, the band has been working for this year's contest. Last year, the band was one judge away from a first division. To ensure the band success at this year's marching contest, band director, Justin Ogden brought in his high school band director, Barry Hurt. Barry Hurt is the composer of this year's marching show music, Fuego en el Llano.

Hurt began composing music in 1982, meanwhile teaching a 2A high school band in Texas. He began writing his own music because he was unhappy with the restricted standard of music for small schools. Since he had multiple years of experience working with small schools he began writing music intended for the abilities for smaller assemblies. In 1983, Barry Hurt victoriously

won the Texas State Marching contest with the music he assembled and continued to write his own music from that time after. Band directors asked him to write music for their own band, but Hurt possessed little time, being a full time band director. He didn't share or create any recent musical pieces until after his retirement.

Throughout the past few years, hundreds of schools have performed Barry Hurt's musical arrangements, leading many of them to the state marching contest. Barry Hurt currently lives in Colorado and traveled to Floydada High School on Oct. 5, 2015 for his second clinic. The last time Hurt worked with our band was in the fall of 2012. Since then, the band has grown and has changed dramatically.

After working two hours with our band Monday night Hurt said, "this is completely different band, there has been great improvement. From the sound of the band to the etiquette of drill work, the band is much improved." First Barry Hurt watched the band's stan-



dard marching show, and then he separated each song and worked with each "set" even more. He focused on balancing and emphasizing of the music and the basic fundamentals of marching. Working with about twenty high schools, Hurt is familiar with common mistakes and errors that can result in anything less than a first division. By fixing little things like wrong notes, and out of step movements, Hurt refined the show tremendously in the little time spent with the band. Hurt said "At the beginning of the rehearsal we worked mainly

on dynamic of the music and by the last thirty minutes the band caught on and then we advanced to fix and work on the footwork of the drill."

Working with students individually and entirely really improved the marching show. "Working with Mr. Hurt was great. I really worked on my music and my backwards marching to make the band better," said eighth grade French horn player, Andres Suarez. The band will perform for the UIL Marching Contest on Oct. 17, 2015 at Lowrey Field in Lubbock, Texas.

What is your favorite thing to teach?

By Mace Brotherton, Angela Longoria, Delaney Lucke

Throughout the school year, each teacher in FISD goes through a plethora of lesson plans intended to excite and inspire students. Ranging by originality and possible class reactions, these activities can stick with students for the rest of their lives, making learning more enjoyable, especially when interspersed with excitement from the instructor. After years of presenting lessons, teachers tend to have at least one specific lesson that they are especially passionate about teaching. This week, we had the opportunity to speak to FHS and FJHS teachers and ask them a question that many don't often consider: What is your favorite thing to teach?

"I really like all of my classes, but I do love to teach the kids to sew. We make quilts, and it is just so rewarding when I see they have a finished product. They show it around and are just so proud. I love that part," said Mrs. Crossland, Home Economics teacher at Floydada High School.

"My favorite thing to teach in teen leadership would be the soft skills: the things students are going to need when they get into the real world, such as handshaking and eye contact. That sort of thing,"

said Mrs. Nikki Smith, Teen Leadership teacher at Floydada Junior High.

"This year I had a really fun time introducing poetry to the freshmen because we started out with Katy Perry's song 'Firework' and they had to analyze it after they listened to it. They responded really well and had a lot of fun analyzing because it involved something they enjoyed," said Mrs. Johnston, Freshman English teacher.

"I like to teach the Adobe software: Photoshop, Illustrator, and Flash. Kids really enjoy getting to create different things and being able to change a picture and animate graphics," said Mrs. Tasha Hughes, teacher of business elective at the high school.

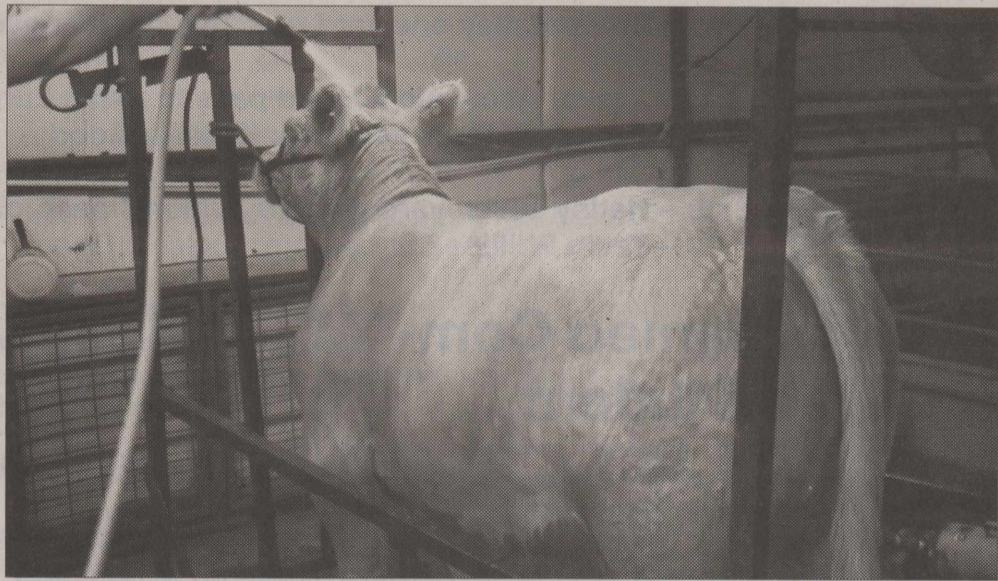
Having taught so many students for a number of years, choosing just one lesson was harder for our more experienced teachers. Most teacher love their jobs and seeing what their students have accomplished. Often times, teachers provide lessons for life that are more valuable in practical ways. They can be inspirational and motivational, and are great helpers in building character in youngsters. Most go above and beyond their job requirements by teaching students valuable concepts and setting moral standards. To see teachers eager and excited about what they teach is indicative of great things.

Showing Livestock: Harder Than You Think

By Allison Cisneros, Reagan Hughes, Remington Ricketts

Livestock showing has become an increasing interest among students at Floydada High School. Animals that are shown in today's stock shows are sheep, goats, rabbits, cattle, and yes - even chickens. In the Floyd County area, cattle, sheep, and pigs are the most popular animals to show. Taking care of an animal can be a very complicated and time-consuming process that requires a substantial amount of hours given by the student.

Livestock showing participants Chris Emert and Rita Martinez know first hand on what it takes to care for their animal. We asked them, "How much work do you put into your show animal?" Emert, a sophomore at FHS, said "[Showing] is a lot of work. You have to feed and bathe them daily, and check them every day to make sure they are eating properly, and to make sure they aren't sick". Martinez, a senior at FHS, informed us that "I'm usu-



ally there every day to check on my animals, cleaning pens once a week. It's a really tedious process".

Because she is a parent of a stock show participant, we asked Mita Chavarria about the preparation it takes to initiate the stock showing experience for her children. "First, they have to make sure that they are making their grades, and then they have to decide what shows they want to go to, and what animals they want to take to that show.

They have to make time to go feed their animals after their school activities. Then, before we go to a stock show I have to make sure they get all of their work and do it before we return back to school," said Chavarria.

Stock shows are a great opportunity for students to receive college scholarships, make money, and increase their responsibility as a young adult. Students become successful leaders in society and they learn practi-

cal skills such as money management, working within the constraints of deadlines, performing in public areas, and handling aspects of business that they otherwise wouldn't have known about. It is misconception that showing stock animals is a leisurely task. In fact, the rigor and attention needed can be very demanding and stressful for students. However, the rewards of a job well done are well-earned, and the experience is typically positive.

Stress Management

By Roxann Chavarria, Selena Espinoza, Rachel Hernandez, Angel Lorenzo

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Many teens and adults have many things happening in their lives. Trying to manage time to trying to stay on the 'daily grind' can be tough for adolescents. One might be surprised to learn that stress negatively impacts many teenagers and young children. Many adults and teens don't understand is that stress can be harmful to the body.

Stress can cause dizziness, the feeling of "zoning out", headaches, exhaustion, and can cause you to forget things. Being overstressed is especially troublesome because it can physically damage your heart muscle. This happens because the hormones that are released when you are stressed cause your heart rate to increase, forcing blood vessels to constrict. Stress weakens the immune system, making it easier for you to catch a cold or get an infection. In the busy world of school, students and teachers tend to see many faces in a day. Therefore, decreasing the susceptibility of one to become sick is important.

Learning how to manage your stress can make you less vulnerable to the effects of it. A common way to relieve your stress momentarily

would be to take a deep breath and clear your mind, and then continue working on the task at hand. Some people incorporate counting and varied breathing routines into their stress relief, but opting to make attempts at relief is what it most important.

Attempting to manage your time wisely can help with stress. Try not to add more activities to your already busy schedule and focus on what's important to you. Learning to prioritize is a big factor in learning to manage time, leading to less stress. Be sure that you get plenty of sleep for your busy schedule, and make sure that your meals provide you with the energy that you need to go through your busy day. A balanced diet is important to reducing stress and maintains a healthy mentality. One should always be sure that they are hydrated and that they are functioning on enough protein to survive the day. Physical activities can help you reduce and prevent the effects on stress, but should be balanced with necessary resting periods.

Stress management is all about taking charge of your lifestyle, thoughts, emotions, and the way you cope with your problems. There are many experienced individuals who can teach you a healthier way to deal with your stress. Methods for managing stress are varied and often overlooked, but most take no more than a few seconds and can be incorporated into one's daily routines.

Handling the Costs of College

By Valerie Espinoza, Alejandro Pinon, Cutter Smith

Everyone thinks that high school is the end of school. In today's society, it is very difficult to find a job without possessing some type of degree. There are thousands of colleges across the nation, but most people prefer to attend a college in the state they reside in due to the cost of tuition. Out of state tuition fees are very costly depending on the college/university that you decide upon. Unless you make a very high ACT or SAT score, college tuition can quite expensive. There are hundreds of colleges in Texas ranging from junior colleges like Amarillo College to larger universities such as Texas

Tech. Depending on what college you attend, the cost may vary. Financial aid, scholarships, grants, and student loans are just a few ways that you can reduce college cost.

According to literature received from loan officers, the average cost for a semester at Texas Tech University is \$8,000 for a full-time student. This cost does not cover the necessary books, housing, or meal expenses. To be classified as "full-time" student, you must take a minimum of 12 hours, or four classes. In addition, the cost of living on campus and paying for a meal plan can send that total above \$10,000. For many, the bill for four years of college amounts to owning a very nice house in Floydada. While attending college, some students opt to live off campus and/or to seek jobs.

Many would argue that living off campus is relatively cheaper. Though it can make the university less accessible, it provides more access to jobs and varied environments. While fees involved with living on campus tend to be inclusive, living off campus - even if it is cheaper - tends to follow with a set of new responsibilities, such as new bills.

In order to coop with the risen (and still rising) cost of attending college, students turn to their school counselor and to financial aid and loan officers in the spring semester.

"Regarding financial aid, my advice for a student preparing to go to college would be to do your research. Make sure you know where you want to go to college, how much it's going to cost, etc.

Apply for scholarships! Any opportunity you have for free money is always good money. Make sure you fill out the FAFSA on-time, and the sooner you fill that out, the sooner you learn if you qualify for the Texas grant, which is additional money that can help you towards college. If you have to take out student loans, make you do so wisely, and understand what you are doing before you sign and accept those student loans," said Mrs. Kristie Rehkopf, Counselor at Floydada High School.

These are ways to help you prepare and reduce the cost of tuition. With the helpful scholarships and grants available, you can reduce the cost of tuition, but you have to put in the initiative early.

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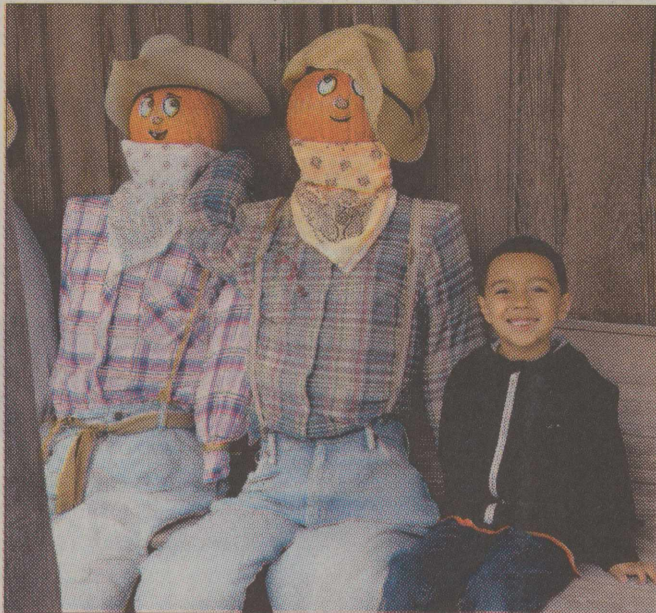
By Darolyn Snell

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

Floydada's legendary pumpkin reputation and what in the end would turn out to be a beautiful fall day helped make the 28th Annual Punkin' Day festivities wonderful for everyone in attendance. Although the day got off to a damp, cool start, no one seemed to let it spoil the day. Dozens of vendors arrived early, some before sunup, to find their spaces and set up. Events kicked off at 7 a.m. and carried on strong throughout the whole day, winding down around 5 p.m.

This year's booths provided an ample assortment of attractions, from food to arts and crafts to children's games and a wide variety of colorful merchandise. Hundreds of participants enjoyed corn dogs, roasted turkey legs, gorditas and fajitas, barbecue, and other festival treats throughout the day. This year the Chamber also decided to hire an official photographer to help us document our wonderful event. Her name is Christina Muniz and you may have seen her sometime during the day toting her camera to be ready to get pictures, maybe you are even in one of the photos she took. Of course you definitely are if you competed in any of our many contests. Her local company is Christina Elizabeth Photography and we want you to enjoy her pictures in this week's paper and on our Chamber website.

Starting at 9 a.m., the Chamber of Commerce booth extended an invitation for guests to decorate pumpkins. Patrons were also invited to win prizes by guessing the number of pumpkin seeds in a jar, guessing the number of candy pumpkins in a jar, and signing up for the Pie Eating Contest later in the



day. The Chamber offered their "Punkin' Day" T-shirts imprinted with the slogan "Peace, Love, Pumpkins" and "Keep Calm and Carve On" which again were well received by visitors to our community.

The Chili Cook-off contest got underway about 8 a.m., with chefs working to put together the winning taste judges Kay Ellington representing the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon, Homer Marquez from the Plainview Daily Herald, and Bob Gilliland and Curtis Emert from right here in Floydada would hopefully decide was the best. Coming in first place was Tish Harlan and her team Chili Con Artists from Silverton winning the \$250. The team calling themselves Dude Where's My Bandaid headed up by local citizen Brad Yearly placed in second winning the \$150. And grabbing the last coveted spot in the top three was the team representing the Floydada Volunteer Fire Dept. and headed up by Joe Ortiz which received \$100 for their efforts. After the judging, Punkin' Day attendees were invited to stop by the Chamber booth and sample their choice for a small

donation and we had many attendees take advantage of that opportunity.

The Floydada Chamber also sponsored Cow Patty Bingo this year again. As always participants were able to purchase \$5 tickets for a chance to see if the patty would end up on their square. This year's winners were Larry Ogden in first winning \$300, Austin Campbell in second winning \$200 and Victoria Evans in third winning \$100.

The Pie Eating Contest took place under the pavilion at 2:30 p.m. with lots of eager participants including 1 of our youngest contestants ever at 9 years old. Contestants were each given a whole pumpkin pie, with honors going to the first person to completely consume it. The winners were Ricky Trevina finishing first with a time of three minutes 24 seconds winning \$40. Followed by Nathan Martinez finishing with a time of five minutes thirty-five seconds and winning \$20. Matthew Franco wrapped up the top three finishers with a time of eight minutes twenty-eight seconds winning \$10. A big congratulations to those winners and everyone else who

tried to compete.

This year's judges for the afternoon's Costume Contest were two South Plains College students who were here to cover our festivities Haldrea Fasasi and Justin Gonzales, and local resident Amy Finley. Here are those final results:

- Girls age 0-23 Months
1st Caydence Yeary dressed as Thing 1
2nd Alexi Cervera dressed as Minnie Mouse
2nd Leo Barrera dressed as Spaghetti and Meatballs
- Girls age 2-3 years
1st Aubrey Gambrell dressed as the Pumpkin fairy
2nd Zambree Back dressed as a Texas Tech cheerleader
- Boys age 2-3 years
1st Josiah Ibarra dressed as a Motorcycle Rider (Biker)
2nd Ryder Wiles as a fire dept dalmation
- Girls 4 yrs-Kindergarten
1st Jalila Ramirez dressed as Cleopatra
2nd Haidyn Berumen dressed as a police woman
- Boys 4 yrs-Kindergarten
1st Evan Lira dressed as "Mario"
2nd Gavin Wilson dressed as "Robin" from Batman movies
- Girls 1st-3rd grades
1st Briann dressed as "Anna" from "Frozen"
2nd Mallory Cooper dressed as a Ladybug
- Boys 1st-3rd grades
1st Reece Carlson dressed as Indiana Jones
2nd Dustin & Enzo Coursey dressed as Napoleon and Pedro
- Girls 4th-6th grades
1st Janeisi Garza dressed as a vending machine
2nd Kylee Murillo dressed as an empress
- Boys 4th-6th grades
1st Cameron Carlson dressed as Clark Kent
2nd Jayten Berumen dressed as Michael Myers
- Girls Jr. High, High School & Adult
1st Cindy Ibarra dressed up as a Gangster

All winners were delighted with their cash prizes for first and second place, a lot of unique and creative costumes were seen and it was really fun for everybody. So plan now to be a part of it next year.

From about 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. citizens and visitors to

our event were able to enjoy the music of our guest artist, Greg Maldo. He provided listeners with a wonderful array of current and classic country selections. We thank him and his band for being a part of our celebration.

Other Saturday activities included a pancake breakfast sponsored by the Floydada Lions Club; a car show sponsored by the Floydada Fire Department; a cake walk; a Punkin' Day photo backdrop; a kids train ride and bounce house and a variety of pumpkin-related games.

The Floyd County Historical Museum was open throughout the day, with steady attendance in its exhibit areas and spectators watching rope-making demonstrations as well as making their own rope to take home.

Punkin' Day and the days leading up to it also involved competitions for Best Decorated Homes and Best Decorated Businesses. In the business category, the Fisd Administration office took the first-place

Jar" with a guess of 261 which was exactly right; and, Megan Howard won at "Guess the Number of Seeds in the Jar," with a guess of 1570 which was closest to the actual number of 1641. Each contestant won a cash prize of \$25.

The 4-H booth, which displayed a flatbed trailer loaded with large pumpkins, invited participants to guess the weight of the pumpkin trailer throughout the day. The winner of that contest was Veronica Sanchez with a guess of 13,520 which was closest to the actual weight of 13,540. She also won a cash prize of \$25.

The Floydada Chamber of Commerce would like to say thank you to all the visiting and local exhibitors, our sponsors, the volunteers that stepped in to help us, the citizens and guests to our great community that participated in our events, all of which helped make this 28th Annual Punkin' Days celebration a huge success! Without all of you Punkin' Days would not be possible.

The Chamber would also



spot winning \$50, longtime downtown business Payne Family Pharmacy & Gifts took second place winning \$25, and the decorations in front of Shepherd's Meadow took third place winning \$10. In the residential category, Christina Bruce's home in the 400 block of Missouri took first place winning \$50, Joy Clayton's decorations in front of her home in the 600 block of Grover took second winning \$25, and Francisca Ramirez' decorating skills got her third winning \$10. All of the decorated businesses and homes added greatly to the fun of the season.

To wrap up Saturday's results from the Chamber of Commerce booth: Albert Chavarria won the "Guess the Number of Pumpkin Candies in the

like to say a big thank you to the members of the Floydada Whirlwind Athletic Department, the members of the Floydada High School National Honor Society, Floydada Police Dept., Floyd County Sheriff's Dept., Floydada Volunteer Fire Dept., Troop 357 Floydada Boy Scouts and Floydada EMS for being downtown and working as volunteers throughout the day.

A great time was had by all and we at the Floydada Chamber of Commerce look forward to working hard each and every year to make the Punkin Days Celebration one that celebrates our community and the people who live in it. Mark your calendars now for the next celebration coming on the second Saturday of October 2016!!!!



Preserving a Carved Pumpkin

Soak the pumpkin in a bleach solution. Mix together 1 tsp (5 mL) of bleach and 1 gallon (4 L) of water. Let the pumpkin soak in this solution for at least 1 hour.

The water is intended to hydrate the pumpkin flesh and prevent it from drying out too quickly. The bleach is an antimicrobial agent that will kill most of the surface bacteria and mold spores on the pumpkin.

You can soak the pumpkin up to 8 hours, but soaking it too long can actually infuse the flesh with too much moisture, making it more prone to rot.

Wipe the pumpkin dry. Use a clean rag or paper towels to remove most of the moisture puddled inside the pumpkin. Dry the outside of the pumpkin, as well.

Leaving too much moisture puddled inside can actually cause the pumpkin to rot.

Spray with additional bleach. Combine 1 Tbsp (15 mL) of bleach with 1 quart (1 L) of water in a spray bottle. Douse the exposed flesh with this stronger bleach solution.

The bleach used in the soaking solution was a small amount only intended to stop the growth of surface bacteria. Using too much bleach in the soaking solution can weaken the pumpkin. By spraying the pumpkin with a stronger bleach solution after soaking it, you can sanitize it further without weakening the structure of the pumpkin.

Continue drying the pumpkin upside-down. Prevent puddles of moisture from sitting inside the pumpkin by inverting it onto a clean, dry rag and letting it dry completely.

Give the pumpkin at least 20 minutes to dry. You could let it sit up to 1 hour if desired, though.

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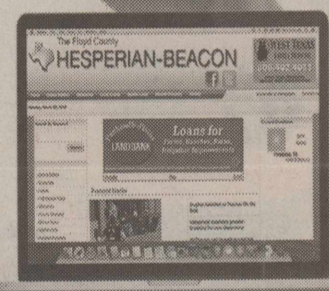
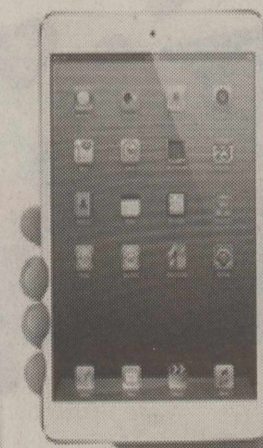
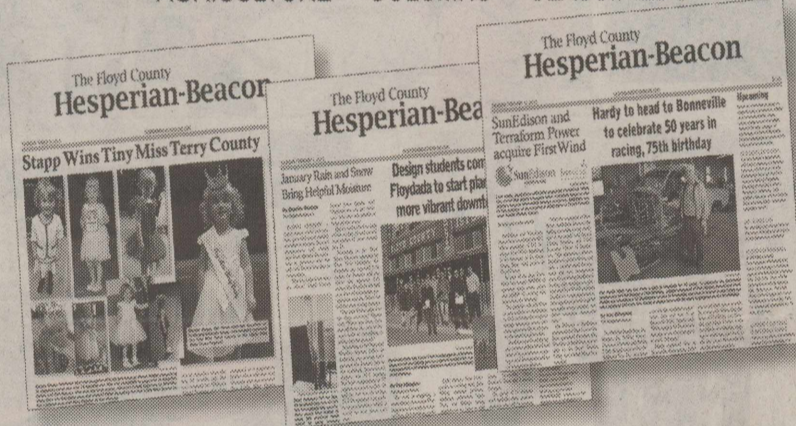
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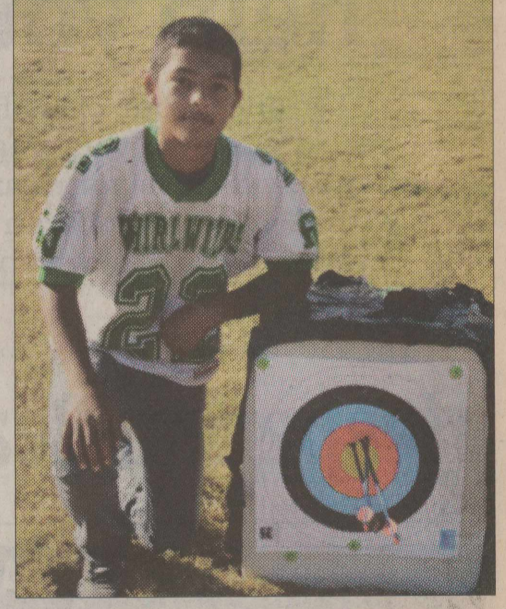
The math class at Floydada Junior High led by Sonya Glass learned how math affects the real world with some in-the-field lessons using archery. "We learned about angles, triangles and windage," Glass said, describing her out-of-the-box and out-of-the-classroom approach to teaching hands-on applications of math. Glass had access to some archery experts to make these lessons happen. "My son shoots archery through 4-H, and my

husband is a certified 4-H archery coach," she said. Her husband assisted in teaching The Project Based Learning class, she said. The students were taught how to be safe with archery with mini-demonstrations with a variety of equipment. They also learned the history and different laws. They learned to identify the different parts of the bows and arrows and extra equipment used in archery. Prior to shooting they learned how to score the targets and figure percentages in each color zone of the target. At that point they learned form and technique and had a competition while shooting the bows and arrows. As they were shooting,


Glass took pictures so they could later use a software program to figure the angles. The majority of the class had never shot archery so this was a fun, first time experience for them. They had a great time and practiced a new sport as they were learning math. "This was such a fun project," Glass said, "and the kids seemed to really get a lot of out of it. One of the kids now wants to join 4-H to shoot archery." The 8th grade students who participated are Angela Vega, Amber Morales, MaKayla Garcia, Emily Cisneros, Azalea Garza, Devan Perez, Cristian Marmolejo, Josh Cooper, LaMychal Henderson, and Rene Coronado.




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Bill Glass showing Azalea Garza the correct form for shooting a bow.



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