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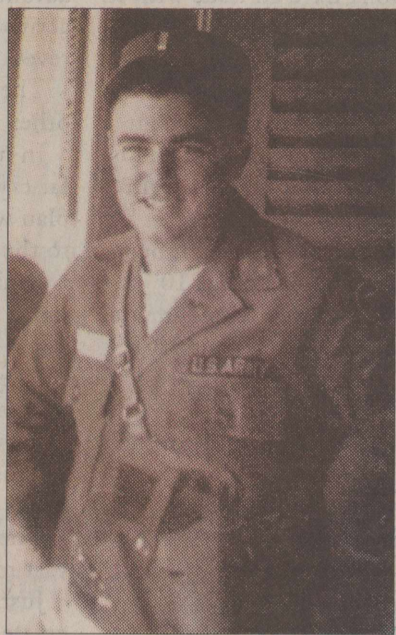
Veteran Spotlight: Kendis Julian

By Jennifer Harbin
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Though he can hardly recall what life was like as a child growing up during World War II, Kendis Julian found life on the farm in South Plains was just as ordinary as anyone else's childhood, full of chores, swimming and playing baseball. Times were difficult, especially for dryland farmers who depended on rain to produce crops, but everyone had it hard.

After graduation on the tail end of the Korean War, he entered the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) at West Texas University in Canyon. According to Julian, who graduated as a Second Lieutenant at the age of 22, the only ROTC department in the area at that time was at WT. He returned home after graduation, working around Floydada and South Plains until September of 1961 when "Uncle Sam" gave him the orders to attend Officer's Basic Training at Fort Lee, Virginia to become a Quartermaster Officer.

John F. Kennedy had just taken office and the trouble in Vietnam still lin-



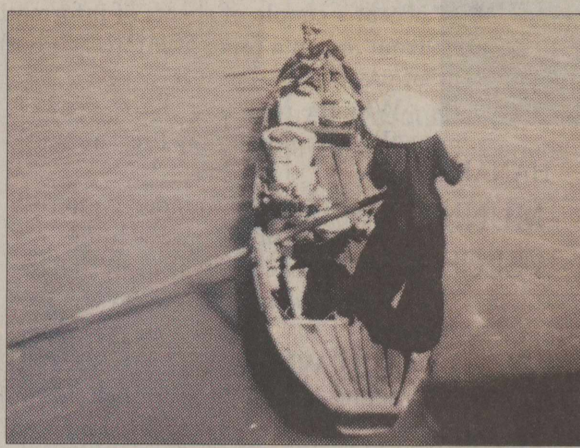
Courtesy Photo
Lt. Kendis Julian, aged 24, while stationed in My Tho, South Vietnam.

gered in everyone's minds when Julian was assigned to Okinawa, Japan as part of a specialized group, selected for his experience in agriculture.

Though he wondered why the Army would want to send him, the small-

town boy soon traveled to "the other side of the globe" and was joined shortly afterward by his young wife, Janis, who was pregnant with their first child, Kristi.

"As soon as I could I brought her on over. I signed up for voluntary indefinite which means I signed up for an extra year of duty. I was lonesome," remembering how his only contact with family was by letter and that he and Janis had to grow up quickly because of their situation. According to Julian, two-thirds of Okinawa is uninhabitable, with most of the coral island covered in thick vegetation, mountains, and valleys. They lived on the southern portion of the island that was not overtaken by foliage. After WWII and the Korean War, it was ruled by America and all four military branches were still based on the island. Upon arrival, they performed "normal



Courtesy photo
Lady in a sam pan (boat) fishing along the Mekong River.

army activities, such as training, reading, researching, and getting ready for anything that needed to be done." But soon after arrival he was sent to Vietnam, attached to Special Forces teams, leaving his wife and child in Okinawa. They were dispersed within a 20-mile zone in a mountainous region to help "the good guys" with training, fortifying the hamlets, and equipping them to protect themselves from the Viet Cong.

"Where I was, south of Saigon, the See **SPOTLIGHT**, Page 12

Upcoming

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

LOCKNEY LONGHORN PLAYOFF GAME

Lockney Longhorns will play Seagraves in a bi-district game on Friday, Nov. 13th at 8 p.m. at Lowrey Field in Lubbock. Ticket prices - \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. Let's show our support for the Longhorns.

FLOYDADA WHIRLWIND PLAYOFF GAME

Floydada Whirlwinds will play Stratford in a bi-district game on Friday, Nov. 13th at 7 p.m. in Bushland. Floydada is home and Stratford is visitors. Ticket prices - \$6 for adults and \$4 for students. Let's show our support for the Whirlwinds.

ATENS TO PERFORM

Sherman & Tammy Aten will be performing and sharing their music ministry on Nov. 15th at the First United Methodist Church in Lockney. Morning worship is at 10:30 a.m. and evening worship is at 6 p.m.

FLOYDADA CHAMBER ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING/BREAKFAST

It is time for the Annual Floydada Chamber of Commerce membership breakfast. We invite all chamber members to join us for breakfast on November 17th at 7 a.m. at the Massie Activity Center. After we share a delicious meal we will have our annual meeting and get everyone on to work. We look forward to seeing you there!

COWBOY CHRISTMAS BALL

The Cowboy Christmas Ball, December 11, 2015 at the Unity Center. For Ticket information contact Elaine LaBaume @ 806-983-9153, Payne Pharmacy in Floydada and D&J Gin in Lockney.

"KEEP TEXAS BEAUTIFUL" CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

Nelda Laney's "Keep Texas Beautiful" Christmas ornaments are now available at the Floyd County Historical Museum in Floydada. The cost of the See **UPCOMING**, Page 2

Producers' Co-op Planning Major Facilities Renovations By Year's End

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

Producers Co-op is planning a major renovation to its facility adjacent to its fuel station, according to General Manager Seth Stephens.

"We're going to completely gut, clean, and restore the old feed storage area," he said, "in the next 30 days." He said the co-op will be offering a brand new, sleek and comfortable showroom for tires.

"From wheelbarrow to earth mover," was how he described the range of tire offerings. The new Producers' showroom will have a complete array of tire options for cars, trucks, and commercial vehicles.



Barbara Anderson/The Hesperian-Beacon
Seth Stephens with Producers Co-op shares plans for a new tire showroom coming later in 2015. The outside of the fueling area of Producers Co-op shows an upgraded appearance.

The tire showroom will be open to everyone—the general public—not just Producers' members.

According to the Stephens, the volume of tires purchased will provide locals



affordable pricing. Other vehicle services that Producers offers includes inspections, oil changes and car washes, including full detailing.

The new tire showroom See **CO-OP**, Page 12

Cowboy Christmas Ball to be held at Unity Center



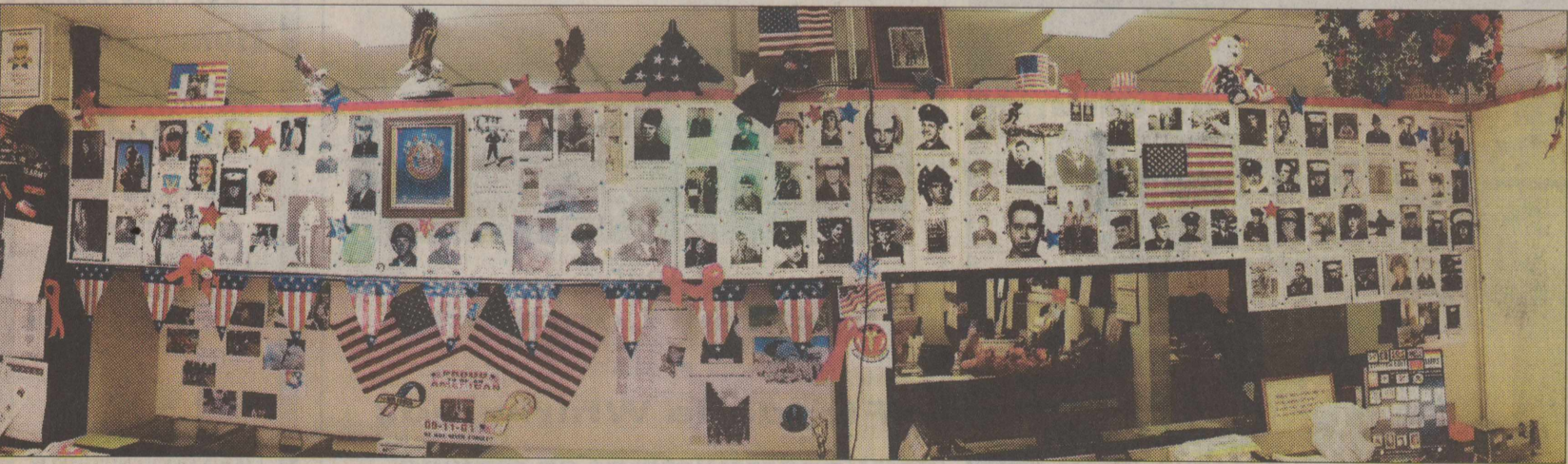
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Wendell Sollis and the All Star Sidekicks will be playing for the benefit dance held at the Unity Center on December 11th. Sollis and his wife, Dustee, announced this past week that the proceeds will be given to Floyd County Friends Unity Center, a nonprofit organization. The Sollis's have seen that the Unity Center is vital to

Floyd County and the surrounding area.

Get ready for some toe tapping, boot-scootin, fiddlin' music this holiday season, for a night of nostalgia, dancing, and listening enjoyment. You can sit back, clap your hands, tap your toes, or dance the night away. It will be a great night of Western Swing, Big Band, Classical Country, Cajun, and Christ- See **BALL**, Page 12

Photo Wall Continues to Commemorate Veterans



Courtesy Photo
The United States Post Office in Floydada proudly displays a wall decorated with pictures of military veterans, past and present, in a tribute to their service and to honor the sacrifices they, and their families, make for our freedoms.

By Jennifer Harbin
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Lining the wall behind the service counter at the United States Post Office in Floydada hangs a tribute, of military veterans past and present, borne from gratitude toward those who have fought, and continue

to fight, for the freedoms we enjoy as Americans.

Postmaster Altie Nelson first hung pictures of veterans on the wall behind their work station in 2013 "with the intention of honoring Vets for just a few days around Veteran's Day." Customers brought photographs of family members to

include on the wall, but the post office kept receiving pictures well after Veteran's Day had come and gone, so it has become a permanent fixture.

Black and white photocopies of old photographs, framed neatly and surrounded by flags, flowers, a teddy bear, and red, white, and blue memorabilia

of all sorts, line the back wall. Below the pictures hangs an 'Operation Iraqi Freedom' banner that resembles a miniature Persian rug that was given to Nelson by postal employee Juan Ybarra, who served in the Marine Corp Reserves, while she worked as a supervisor in Plainview.

"About April or May, 2015, they updated the wall by framing each picture and adding color and a patriotic theme," explains Nelson, who has a special reserved area waiting for local police department employees.

While taking down the See **WALL**, Page 12

Correction

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The 501 Scarecrow versus pirate

Simple is a magic word. The word "simple" made me buy a magazine in the grocery store checkout line, and I'm not an easy sell. "Real Simple" was the title. The subtitle was "Life Made Easier." All for \$5.99.



HANABA MUNN WELCH

Ah, but simple is easier said than done. Simple takes commitment. I knew that, but I bought the magazine anyway. A simple anecdote to illustrate my point: A friend of mine once refused to accept a couple of sheets of information from me on a topic of interest to both of us. Why the refusal? "I'm simplifying my life," he said firmly. Since then he's founded a multi-faceted non-profit outreaching foundation with a two-campus base. And all I wanted him to do was read a printout. (Smiley face.)

PAUSE TO DIGEST WHAT JUST HAPPENED. In my prose for public consumption, I don't do smiley faces. Something just came over me. There'll be no more. But in the context of all things simple, consider the smiley face, seriously. One or two keystrokes, depending on whether you use the :) or the symbol, and you convey a feeling. The interpretation is up to the reader. It's as if to say, OK, you know I'm smiling, and you know why. Simple.

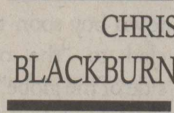
If you never use a smiley face, not even when texting, you might be a guy. In the interest of not excluding an entire gender, forget I mentioned smiley faces. (Right here is where I'd like to stick in just one more.) Moving right along, the simple thing to say is that simplicity is trending now among all genders. Simple is hot. Whoever created a magazine on the simple theme hit a universal nerve. Has simplification ever been more pursued, especially by Baby Boomers? We are coming of age. Our misspent years are behind us, and we're drowning in all the stuff we misspent on. Many of us also have the stuff the Greatest Generation left behind. Stuff plus stuff is a lot of stuff. Unfortunately, the simple magazine I bought didn't have any self-help articles saying how to get rid of stuff. Instead, many ads plus text encouraged me to buy more. For example, I learned that a simple way to update the look of my dining table is to buy new table runners, new tablecloths and new napkins.

Hmmm. Some of the ads suggest what to feed your dog. If you don't have one, the solution is simple. Adopt one. Yeah, right. But wait! I just saw an ad for some shoes. Really they're more like little slip-on boots. The model wearing them looks enviably casual in a sophisticated way. Her hat could be from Central America. Tossed over her shoulders is a woven blanket for a shawl. In her hand is a leather purse embellished with what looks like a hundred dollars' worth of fringe. Talk about an easy way to enhance myself. All I need is those boots. And that's how life works. Just in case you didn't know. Simple.

Paperboy Our government is dumb and greedy

Is it any wonder people don't want to run for local office? How much land should the federal government own?

In a nutshell, the federal government should own land for bases, national parks, various institutions, buildings, etc... Obviously, it is important that the government own land for various reasons. To me, if the reasons are justified and for the public good, I don't have an issue with it.



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However, things are not as they should be. Under President Obama, the government has seized 1.5 million acres of land and is targeting another 1.7 million acres right now. Currently, the federal government owns 660,000,000 acres of land. That is 10 times the size of the United Kingdom and accounts for 29 percent of the country's total land mass. Why? The vast majority of this land is in the western half of the country. Do you know what else is in the western half of the country? A tremendous wealth of natural resources. Trillions of dollars worth. When you hear people say that the government is too big, you need to listen to them.

Thankfully, Congress has a way of stopping this government overreach and maybe they now have the backbone to stand up to Obama and the Environmental Protection Agency. U.S. Rep. Rob Bishop (R-Utah), Chairman of the House Committee on Natural Resources, has put forward the Protecting America's Recreation and Conservation (PARC) Act. The purpose of the bill is to empower states to better manage land where the federal government is deficient. The PARC Act is a set of reforms to the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), a Great Society era program that enables the federal mismanagement of U.S. owned land.

Rep. Bishop said in a statement, "The LWCF's current lopsided funding ratio makes limited funds available to establish recreation projects and facilities that can be responsibly managed and maintained by State and local entities while continuing to vastly expand the federal estate. Even more troubling on the federal side is that the money is being spent with little transparency, scant oversight and minimal local input."

His legislation also seeks to restrict land acquisition by the federal government.

Likewise, Rep. Paul Gosar (R-Ariz.) introduced H.R. 3946, the Protecting Local Communities from Executive Overreach Act. The Act narrows the scope of the Antiquities Act of 1906 to prevent this and future presidents from acting unilaterally in seizing certain lands.

The legislation specifically requires the federal government to attain community consent before it can take action on acquiring land and limits the parcels to 5,000 acres at a time. The bill prevents the federal government from robbing states of their autonomy and which destroys economic activity which creates jobs and tax revenue.

The two acts are complimentary of each other. In my opinion, that is a good start but a far cry from what should be the ultimate plan which is the sell of millions of acres to the private sector.

Back to my original question: How much land should the federal government own? The answer should be as much land as it takes to secure the country and preserve our national parks system.

This country is broke. This country needs jobs. The federal government should sell the vast majority of their land.

Just think of what such a sell would create. Just off the top of my head we're looking at perhaps trillions on the sell of the land and millions of jobs as a result of what could be created with land use.

I'm not talking about strip-mining the Rocky Mountains or anything like that. But to say there is not a way to protect the land and resources and still make plenty of money is plain dumb.

Once again, the reason we are in debt is because of poor business practices. And truthfully, the federal government cannot get out of it's own way.

How refreshing would it be for one of the presidential candidates to speak on this topic as a goal to help shrink government on top of abolishing the tax code and reforming the monstrous bureaucracy we have?

We have enough land and resources to remain the wealthiest country in the world for decades and decades, but we can't get out of our own way.

It's almost like we're handicapping ourselves on purpose.

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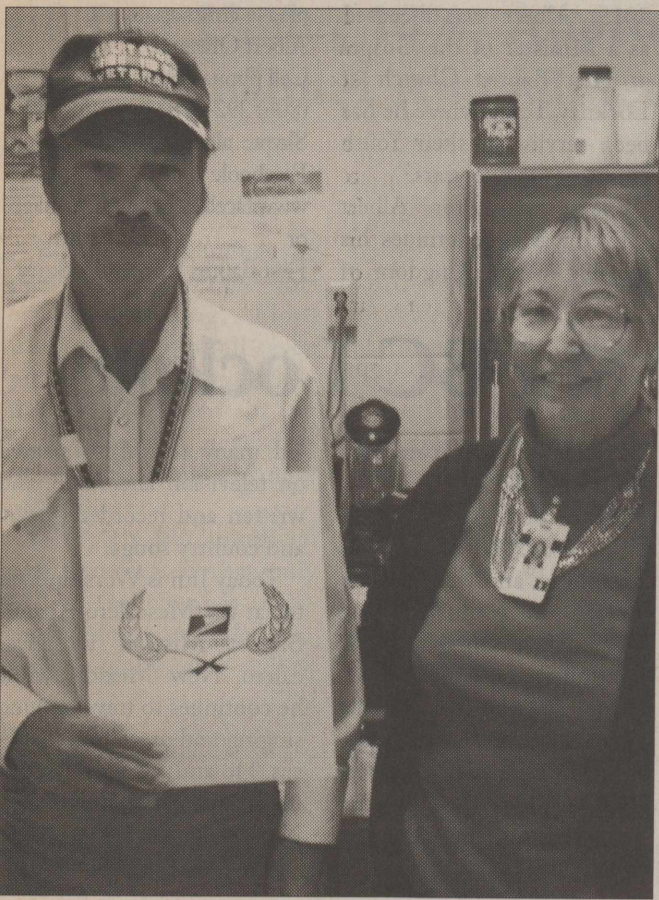
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Willis Bunch recognized



Altie Nelson, Floydada Postmaster, recognized Willis Bunch for his service to our country. He served in the US Army from 1975-1998 during both Vietnam and Desert Storm. Breakfast was cooked by Altie and served to all employees who gathered to show their appreciation for his service. His wife, Kristi, also joined in the recognition and Altie thanked her for her sacrifice during his time of service.



CONGRATULATIONS - Lockney Girls Petite Dance Team competed in the Lonestar Dance Masters Competition on November 7, 2015 in Lubbock. The girls won a High Silver Medal. They were also awarded the Overall High Point Award in the petite age group. The girls are coached by Sherry Fogerson. The team is made up of girls from Lockney, Silverton and Edmondson. Members of the dance team shown (Back row, l-r) Adaliyah Jones, Aubrey Urrutia, Saylee Diepenhorst; (Front row, l-r) Monique Lara, Adriana Villarreal, Allison Torres, Townli Wheeler, Presley Wheeler, and Rylee Webb.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

L. B. (Leonard Buck Johnson) and wife, Cathy, who is pianist for Lions and Rotary Clubs in both Floydada and Lockney, attended the fundraiser fajita dinner on Sunday noon at the Lockney Senior Center. A delicious chicken and beef fajita plate was served for \$12 and donation.

Cotton farmers checked humidity and kept their stripping equipment on stand-by in the fields over the county all week. Some fields were dry enough and some will require a day or two more before harvesting.

James Williams, now of Lubbock, drove out to the Williams' Lakeview farm to look over the crops on Wednesday.

Charlene Novel, of Eastland, visited daughter, Christy Brooks and family, went shopping, planned to attend homecoming event of Eastland before Halloween, was on the trip, she said, because here in Floyd County, fields were too wet to farm.

Bud Henderson got home Monday from a big fishing trip to Louisiana, but showed up at the Center to share his pictures of huge fish caught in the Louisiana rivers and bayous.

The time change to fall back has mixed some of our seniors and appointments but we will all get straightened out in a few weeks.

Former Floydada residents, Joe Reed Jones and wife, Pat, called from Wyoming where they are attending auctions for oil field equipment as the Dakota's area oil patch shows down and they plan to spend Thanksgiving back in Texas then head for auctions in Louisiana as the oil business shifts emphasis on new territory to develop.

Darolyn Snell and Mark Snell and all are adjusting to time change they report.

Wanda Williams and Cob Gilly have spent afternoon watching the cotton stripping at

the Hinsley farm place.

LuAnn Collins went to Canton, Texas Trade Days with Yolanda Murillo from Levelland. They got rained out on Friday, but shopped long enough to spend all their money they reported to diners at the Center. They bought yard art, pumpkins, turkey decorations and Santa decorations. They said they brought home a pickup load. Good trip.

James Lovell says he is planning another gourmet meal.

Jon and Elaine LaBaume attended the rehearsal dinner and wedding of Ross Bennett and Leah Mazzarelli in Abilene this past weekend. Ross had requested that Elaine make his "favorite chocolate cake" for the rehearsal dinner. It was a fun rehearsal dinner and a beautiful wedding and reception that followed.

The LaBaumes' stayed with Jon's twin brother and his wife, Janice in Abilene. Janice and Elaine even had time to get in a little shopping. They had Sunday morning brunch at the Cracker Barrel.

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

November 16 - November 20

- Monday** - James' swiss steak
- Tuesday** - Chicken soup w/baked potato
- Wednesday** - Spaghetti w/meat sauce
- Thursday** - Chicken and dressing
- Friday** - Hamburger w/fries

(Menus subject to change with notice)

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

This past week was a mess here at the Center. I do apologize for any inconvenience that Thursday may have caused you. Thanks to the Floyd County Supply Lockney the water heater was repaired. We appreciate you so much.

Remember the cost of meals have increased to \$6 for members and \$7 for non-members.

Our Thanksgiving bake sale will be all day Friday, November 20th beginning at 8 a.m. If you wish to donate baked items please have them here either Thursday night or bring them Friday morning. All proceeds will benefit the Center.

Remember Family Night Fish Fry is every Friday night, 5-8 p.m. and the cost is \$12 a plate...all you can eat!!!

Remember we will be CLOSED for Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 26th and Friday, No-

ember 27th! Also, NO FISH FRY ON FRIDAY, NOV. 27th.

Be sure and call the Center by 9:30 a.m. if you would like to eat. Our phone number is 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.

MENU

November 16 - November 20

- Monday** - Enchiladas
 - Tuesday** - Baked potatoes
 - Wednesday** - Fried chicken
 - Thursday** - Salmon
 - Friday** - Roast beef
- (Menus subject to change with notice)

The South Plains Hobby Club

By Mary M. Carter

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The South Plains Hobby Club met on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at the South Plains Baptist Church in South Plains, Texas. Our quest speaker Jo Lynn Dean spoke about "Missions From The Rio Grande River to West Africa". Dr. Bill and Jo Lynn Dean's experiences as missionaries.

It started with Dr. Dean going to Mexico for missionary work as a dentist. An eighty-year-old woman had never been told about Jesus Christ and Dr. Dean knew what God wanted him to do.

God showed Dr. Dean and Jo Lynn that West Africa was the place He wanted them. Working as a dentist and dental assistant was the best way for them to share. Their daughters were Angie, 4 years old, and Laura, 18 months.

In December 1982 they left for Tours, France to study French at the Instrit de Touraine. The girls learned French, as they grew older. They left there in January 1984.

The place they were the longest

was Burkina Faso in which Bobo-Droulasso was the city and where their home was located.

They were on "Medical Missions". Teaching basic cleaning, wound care, baby care, etc. Dr. Dean designed the clinic for the dental work. The natives made the bricks to construct the clinic. They had electricity and running water. The clinic was also a church. Each day started at 7:00 A.M. with devotions that included the helpers and patients. Lines formed early with 250 people waiting. While they were waiting Dr. Dean and Jo Lynn ran Christian films. Mornings would be extractions and afternoon other problems would be taken care of. Six people were taken back to get prepared at a time. Ninety people were worked on in 5 hours. They almost lost the clinic in 1986, but with God's help they got enough signatures to get the clinic open again.

In the dry season they would pack up and go into the bush to do dental. It was called the "Bush Clinic". They would always go where other missionaries were.

Things they learned about pa-

tients. If the women were treated and lived, then the men would come. Often after the patient was numbed, they would leave because they stopped hurting. Women made "Do Lo" home brew to earn a living. It was made from milo. When they brought it to wait in line, Dr. Dean and Jo Lynn had a lively crowd. Windows were a status symbol so they would draw windows on their houses or huts. Millet was the main food. Sometimes they had eggs, chicken, and fish. People who accepted Jesus were banned from their homes and family. The natives were kind, gentle and unselfish. At no time did Dr. Dean and Jo Lynn ever feel threaten.

Jo Lynn had a Sunday School Class outside the clinic on Sundays. She wrote music for Bible Stories. She used a felt board. Dr. Dean and Jo Lynn would buy "bales" of clothes from the yard sales that were sent over for kids. You could get needs at the open market place.

They were there from 1982 to 1992 and three churches were built during that time. A Better way - A Life Through Christ. There is so much more to their experience. I would recommend anyone to invite them to come and give their "Missionary and Dental" testimony. I'm sure the others would agree with me.

Our November 11, 2015 meeting will be at the South Plains Baptist Church in South Plains, Texas starting at 2:00 P.M. The program Marisue Potts will share is the story of "The Old Dog Man" of Matador Ranch.

Those in attendance: Virginia Taylor, Kay Gilbert, Janis Julian, Helen Teeple, Carolyn Marble, Wanda Lane, Margaret Kitchens, Margie Young, Lou Burleson, Annela Staples, Glenda Ford, and Mary M. Carter. Guest: Jo Lynn Dean, Kenneth Peterson, and Stacy Staples. Hostesses: Peggy Roberts, and Brenda Walls served finger foods that hit the spot.

The Floydada Volunteer Fire Department smoker will be smoking on Tuesday, November 24th so you can have your Thanksgiving meat smoked. Need meat at firehall by 8 a.m. and picked up by 4 p.m. Call 983-2834 to reserve your spot on the cooker!

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A young man's journey in the great plan of God

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Albert Oliveira, born and raised in Brazil, learned English at the age of 15 in a time period of six months before he started working as an interpreter of missionaries in Brazil. At the age of 21, he could already speak five languages which he learned by helping missionaries from other countries. By work-

ing in partnership with the Brazilian Baptist Convention, Albert went on more than 50 mission trips in his home country and in other countries such as the United States and Ethiopia.

Being a student of religion and psychology at Wayland Baptist University, Albert meets people online from the Middle East and northern Africa so that he can share

the Gospel with them. Many of those people have already accepted Christ through his online ministry to Muslims. He also has become close friends with the Chinese community of Plainview, Texas, and has learned Mandarin Chinese and shared the Gospel with them.

Albert has been raising funds to go back to Brazil after his graduation from

Wayland in December of this year. He will preach in several churches around the country, speak in schools, and help missionaries from different countries. In the month of June, Albert plans on going to northern Africa to baptize those who have accepted Christ through his online ministry. After this great journey, Albert will return to the United States to

start his Masters in Divinity at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

On Sunday, October 25, 2015, Albert was licensed as a Minister of the Gospel at First Baptist Church of Lockney, Texas, where he has been serving as their Youth Minister for two years.

Please pray for Albert Oliveira as he continues his journey in the Kingdom of

God. If you are interested in knowing more about Albert and his ministry or how you can help him in his journey, please contact:

Albert Oliveira
Cell phone/text: (806) 292-8783
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or
First Baptist Church Lockney

Jim Hamblen performing mini-concert at FBC Lockney

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This is an open invitation for all to come to First Baptist Church of Lockney, Texas, at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, November 22, 2015, to hear a mini-concert by Jim Hamblen.

Mr. Hamblen grew up in a musical family with everyone singing and playing different instruments. Jim's grand-

father, Dr. J. H. Hamblen, of Abilene, Texas, founded The Evangelical Methodist Church and started a fire for Jesus in the Hamblen family that still burns brightly today. In addition to singing with his immediate family, another major influence in Jim's life was his uncle, Stuart Hamblen, who made movies and wrote and recorded numerous songs in-

cluding "This Ole House", "I won't Go Hunting with You, Jake", "Texas Plains," "Until Then", and "It is No Secret". His Uncle Stuart also appeared several times with the Billy Graham Crusades as well as countless appearances in movies (with John Wayne, Roy Rogers and Gene Autry.) Jim and his uncle spent time together in recording studios as well as

doing television shows and concerts.

Jim started playing music professionally when he was in high school. After a brief time in college, Jim started hanging around with groups such as the Turtles, the Everly Brothers, and the Vogues. He later moved to Hollywood where he played with several major artists including Dobie Gray that had

such hits as "Drift Away" and "The In Crowd".

After coming back to Texas in 1968, Jim married his sweetheart and went back to college and graduated from Texas Tech University. He continued to do music.

In 1976, Jim realized that something was missing, and he invited Jesus to take over his life. Since then Jim has served in numerous churches,

led many revivals, appeared on television and radio, and written and recorded gospel and country songs.

Today Jim is Worship Pastor at the Mescalero Apache Baptist Mission in Mescalero, New Mexico, while he continues to travel around singing and preaching for Jesus. He and his wife Dianne make their home in Ruidoso, New Mexico.

Museum Archives

Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

R. M. MAY FAMILY

Submitted by
Mrs. Elmer Mickey

Robert McPhail May was born in Whitewright, Texas in 1856. His father was Joshua May and his mother was Elizabeth Jane McPhail. He married Eliza Helen Ellis, December 7, 1879 in Fannin County, Texas. Her mother was Sarah Johnson and her father was Willis Hopwood Ellis of Gentry County, Missouri. They had moved to Texas in the early 1869's. To this union were born nine

children while living in Fannin and Cooke Counties. They were Georgia, Edgar, Orval, Vida, Lorena, Claude, Irene, Eva and Ralph.

In 1902 they moved to Floyd County settling near Lockney. Georgia married T. R. Pearce in 1903. In 1907 they moved to Turkey, Texas, but moved back to Floyd County, settling this time at Sandhill in 1909. Lorena married Phillip Baker at Turkey, Texas in 1908. Edgar never married, living at home with his parents. Orval

went to Oklahoma, where he married Dollie Shaver in 1919. Vida married Lew Mickey at Lockney in 1917. Ralph married Irene Hollingsworth at Lockney in 1921. Eva was a school teacher, teaching at McCoy and Sandhill. She married Elmer Mickey in Mickey, Texas in 1923. Irene married Smith Mickey at Floydada in 1926. Claude served in the navy in World War I and later married Ruby Rector at Olton in 1927.

R. M. May, or Bob May as

he was known to his friends, was a farmer-stockman. He had farm interests at Flomot and would go to see about it three or four times a year in a wagon with sheet stretched over bows, working a team of big grey horses harnessed in their fancy brass fittings and leather. It took two days each way to make the trip. He would take two or three wagons in the fall to haul back the rent feed. One year he went for it the renter said, "Turkeys ate it."

They had milk cows. The milk was kept cool in the well-house where water from the well, pumped by the windmill, came through barrels and troughs on the way to the cattle trough.

Milk was kept in crock jars, covered with a cloth and plate, held in place by a rock. A shed lean-to on one side of the well-house contained the blacksmithing shop, where all blacksmithing for the farm was done. Butter was hand-churned. Jars were set to air and sun on the back porch. One afternoon a small granddaughter climbed into a jar and sat down. When she tried to get up, she was fastened tight by suction. Her screams brought Grandmother, Mother and Aunts. In all the excitement one aunt grabbed a hammer and broke the jar.

The meals were cooked by wood in the lean-to kitchen on "Home Comfort" range,

with hot water reservoir on one end. Lights were from coal-oil lamps. The big round oak table in the dining room was the gathering place for food, fun, games and song fests with often someone playing fiddle and guitar.

The hogs were butchered at home. Meat cured in the well-house. Lard and soap were made in the iron washpot, which served each washday to boil white clothes and heat water-using wash tub and rub board. The clothes were hung out on lines and fences to dry and bleach by the sun.

In 1926 they moved to Plainview, Texas. All are deceased except Vida, Eva and Irene Hollingsworth.

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Dogged Devotion

Cast all your anxiety on [God], because he cares for you. — 1 Peter 5:7 (NRSV)

When my wife and I pray together before going to bed, our dog, Bubu, always jumps up on the couch next to us. He does this because he wants to get closer to us. As we start to pray, he puts his head on my wife's lap, and before we say "Amen," he's asleep. With dogged devotion, he does this every night.

Bubu's desire to be near us has taught me something about prayer. Many times while praying, I focus only on what I am asking God to do for me — not on what God's presence means to

me. At times I cannot fully experience the benefit of the apostle Peter's advice when he wrote, "Cast all your anxiety on [God] because he cares for you." It seems that I am so focused on casting my anxiety on God that I pay little attention to the part of the verse that says, "because he cares for you." Now, each time I pray, I remember to focus on God and the power of God's loving presence to calm my worries and fear.

Aristotle S. Garcia (Bataan, Philippines)

Thought for the Day

In prayer, I will focus less on needs and requests and more on basking in God's presence.

Aiken Baptist Church
Dennis Butler, Pastor
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.

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.

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.

Carr's Chapel
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Morning Worship - 9 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Church of Christ
West College & Third
Lockney
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Afternoon Worship - 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service - 7:30 p.m.

City Park Church of Christ
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.

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.

First Baptist Church
Lockney
Joseph Tillery, Pastor
Albert Oliveira, Youth Min.
Phil Cotham, Music Min.

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Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
Floydada
Rev. Timothy Askey
401 N 12th St. 983-5805
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wednesday Study - 6 p.m.

New Salem Primitive Baptist Church
Floydada
Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges
(806) 637-0430
Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.

Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church
310 Mississippi

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.

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.

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.

Primera Iglesia Bautista
Floydada
Rev. Toby Gonzales
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed Evening - 7 p.m.

San Jose Catholic Church
Lockney
Msgr. Nickolas Rendon
Wed. Communion - 8 p.m.
Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.

South Plains Baptist Church
Joe Weldon, Pastor
SuNday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting - 7 p.m.

Templo Getsemani Assembly of God
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Sunday School
English - 9:45 a.m.
Spanish - 11 a.m.
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Spanish - 9:30 a.m.
English - 11 a.m.
Evening Service 5 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.

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.

Templo Bautista Salem
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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.

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.

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.

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.

Trinity Lutheran Church
Providence Community On Fm 2301
293-3009
Rev. Peter W. Harrington, Minister
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11 - a.m.

West Side Church of Christ
Floydada
983-2672 Or 470-0950
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.

AGRICULTURE

Floyd County With a Turn-Out of Just Under 10%, Approves All Constitutional Amendments in Election

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

With just under 10 percent of registered voters participating, Floyd County approved all seven proposed state constitutional amendments in last week's election, according to county clerk Ginger Morgan.

Complete but unofficial results indicated that only 398 of the county's registered voters cast ballots.

Passing by the widest

margin in Floyd County, with 95% approval, was proposition 2, providing property tax exemptions for the spouses of deceased disabled veterans. The narrowest margin of victory, with 61 percent, was proposition 4, which allows professional sports teams to conduct raffles for charitable foundations.

Statewide, according to the Associated Press, voters approved all seven proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution — providing

themselves tax breaks, affirming their rights to hunt and fish, adding billions of extra public dollars into roads and allowing some top elected officials to not live in the state capital.

FLOYD COUNTY Turnout 9.68%

Prop. 1: 354-34, 91%-9%
Prop. 2: 366-20, 95%-5%
Prop. 3: 249-133, 65%-35%
Prop. 4: 235-148, 61%-39%
Prop. 5: 337-45, 88%-12%
Prop. 6: 352-30, 92%-8%
Prop. 7: 326-59, 85%-15%

SW Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle fishing report

Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Foss: Elevation 7 ft. below normal with gates closed, water mid-60s and clear. Striped bass hybrids are good drifting live bait. Catfish are good on liver and shrimp. White bass are fair. Walleye are slow.

Tom Steed: Elevation normal, water 62. Blue and channel catfish are fair on cut bait, shad and stinkbait on bottom along flats.

Waurika: Elevation normal, water 68. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs around brush structure. Blue and channel catfish are slow on chicken liver, stinkbait and cut bait around points, along shorelines and the main lake.

Alan Henry: Water stained; 63-68 degrees; 2.05 ft. low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs, jigs, Rat-L-Traps and Caroline rigs. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair to good on prepared bait.

Arrowhead: Water off color; 62-67 degrees; 1.57 ft. low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs and spinnerbaits. Catfish are

fair to good on nightcrawlers.

Brownwood: Water clear; 68-72 degrees; 1.92 ft. low. Black bass are good on watermelon chatterbaits, Finesse worms and craw colored crankbaits. Hybrid striper are fair trolling spinnerbaits. White bass are good on small Rat-L-Traps and perch colored crankbaits off lighted docks at night. Crappie are good on chartreuse tube jigs over brush piles and under lighted docks at night. Channel catfish are good on cut bait and stinkbait over baited holes in 10 ft.-20 ft. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with perch.

Coleman: Water murky; 74-78 degrees; 7.14 ft. low. Black bass are fair on watermelon spinnerbaits, crankbaits and Rat-L-Traps. Hybrid striper are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and Li'l Fishies. Channel catfish are good on shrimp and minnows. Yellow catfish are slow.

Ft. Phantom Hill: Water clear; 64-69 degrees; 8.69 ft. low. Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits, jigs and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.

Hubbard Creek: Water off color; 64-70 degrees; 19.9

ft. low. Black bass are fair to good on Rat-L-Traps, Texas rigs, jigs and shakys. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and live shad.

Nasworthy: 62-68 degrees; 1.87 ft. low. Black bass are fair to good on chatterbaits and Texas rigs. No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.

O.H. Ivie: Water stained; 63-69 degrees; 45.52 ft. low. Black bass are fair to good Texas rigs, jigs, squarebill crankbaits and spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs fished shallow. Catfish are fair to good on live bait.

Oak Creek: Water stained; 61-68 degrees; 19.98 ft. low. Black bass are fair to good on weighted flukes, medium running shad pattern crankbaits, Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair on chartreuse (use Worn-Glo) nightcrawlers.

Possum Kingdom: Water fairly clear; 64-69 degrees; 1.94 ft. low. Black bass are fair to good on medium running crankbaits, Texas rigs, drop shot rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows. White bass are fair to good on slabs. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair to good on live shad and nightcrawlers.

Wild Horse & Burro Expo/Adoption Wichita Falls, Texas, Nov. 20-21, 2015

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will hold a wild horse and burro adoption in Wichita Falls, Texas, Nov. 20-21, 2015. The adoption is the centerpiece of the BLM's 21st Annual Wild Horse & Burro Expo being held this year at the Multi-Purpose Events Center, J.S. Bridwell Ag Building.

It'll be a weekend of exciting entertainment, competition and education, all free and open to the public!

Besides the adoption opportunity, other weekend highlights will include:

- A horse show featuring trained mustangs and burros — along with their proud adopters! A full slate of professionally judged show classes starting Saturday, November 21, at 9:00 a.m.;
- Training demonstrations by noted mustang trainer and competitor Miranda Lyon of Whitesboro, Texas. She'll work with adoption-eligible horses and engage the public.

The adoption event will feature dozens of spectacular wild animals — adult and yearling horses and burros that once roamed free on public lands in the West. The BLM periodically removes excess animals from the range in order to maintain healthy



herds and to protect other rangeland resources. The adoption program is essential for achieving these important management goals.

Adoption Schedule

Friday, November 20 noon - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 21 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Adoption Qualifications

Application approval is required and can be done on site. To qualify to adopt, one must be at least 18, with no record of animal abuse. Adopters must have a minimum of 400 square feet of corral space per animal, with free access to food, water and shelter. A six-foot corral fence is required for adult horses, five feet for yearlings, and four-and-a-half feet for burros. All animals must be

loaded in covered stocktype trailers with swing gates and sturdy walls and floors. BLM staff will be on hand to assist adopters through the short application process.

Adoption Fees

Animals will be offered for the minimum adoption fee of \$125 (as set by law), first-come-first-served, no bidding.

For more information about the Expo or the Wild Horse & Burro Adoption Program, call tollfree 866-468-7826 or visit www.blm.gov/nm/whb.

Directions to the Multi-Purpose Events Center (1000 5th St.): From I-44 in Wichita Falls, take the

6th St. exit east to Travis St., then left one block to facility straight ahead.

Voters set transportation as priority

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN — The approval of Proposition 7 (Prop. 7) by Texas voters is further evidence that transportation is an essential priority for citizens of the state. The overwhelming majority (more than 80 percent) of votes cast in support of Prop. 7 added momentum toward establishing reliable funding to meet continually growing transportation needs.

"We are grateful to Governor Abbott and the Legislature for making transportation a priority and giving Texans a chance to approve this measure that will ultimately help all of us get around our great state much easier," said Texas Transportation Commission Chairman Tryon Lewis. "Now that the people of Texas have spoken, the Texas Transporta-

tion Commission stands ready to work with local leaders, communities and planning organizations to deliver roadway projects that are needed to ease congestion, address safety and maintain our extensive transportation system."

The additional funding from Prop. 7 will enable TxDOT to put a greater focus on infrastructure improvements without new taxes, tolls, fees or debt. Starting in 2018, once state sales tax revenue exceeds \$28 billion in a fiscal year, the next \$2.5 billion of revenue will be directed to the State Highway Fund. Then, beginning in 2020, 35 percent of the state motor vehicle sales and rental tax revenue in excess of \$5 billion will be directed to the State Highway Fund.

"Texans want and deserve a safe, first class highway system," said State Senate Transporta-

tion Chairman Robert Nichols. "Voters have made an investment in our state's economic future by supporting Proposition 7 and ensuring our state's highway system will be able to keep up with our increasing population and booming economy. With this funding, TxDOT will have a predictable revenue stream with which they will be able to implement long-range transportation plans for our state."

As voters entrust more funding to highways, TxDOT continues its commitment to delivering needed roadway projects. Since last November when voters approved Proposition 1, which added a portion of state oil/gas taxes to the highway fund, TxDOT has awarded more than 125 projects to help ease congestion, maintain our system and improve the safety of roadways across Texas.

Texas Beef Checkoff Unveils New Consumer Website

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN, TX — Txbeef.org has a fresh new look complete with eye-catching food photography, mouth-watering recipes and a section dedicated to Texas stories. The Texas Beef Checkoff has refreshed the consumer-facing

website in efforts to reach audiences with renewed Texas-specific content and inspiring stories about Texans.

"The new website design and content was driven by consumer research and web user trends," Rachel Chou, Senior Manager of Consumer Communications at the Texas Beef Council (TBC) said. "We have a unique opportunity here in Texas to proudly define our identity and own powerful Texas-specific content that resonates with our target Texas consumer. We believe we can foster a great relationship with those who are purchasing beef and cooking it for their families by having a strong online presence, providing relevant content and evolving with the digital world."

The fully-responsive site is user-friendly, easy to navigate, and establishes TBC as the go-to resource for everything beef.

Visitors will find unique Texas-specific recipes and content that sets txbeef.org apart from existing recipe sites.

The "Texas Stories" section gives visitors an inside look into the lives of Texas ranchers, athletes and restaurateurs. The likes of Tom Perini and the historic RA Brown Ranch can be found here. Three documentary-style videos featuring Texas ranching families anchor the page followed by true tales of beef-loving folks from across the Lone Star State.

"Sharing stories of Texans connected to the beef community is an honor and privilege," Austin Brown III, Beeville cattleman and TBC board chairman said. "It's easy to forget the faces and stories behind our product. Our website is the best opportunity for us to reach millions and share those stories that encourage a strong connection to Beef Loving Tex-

ans across our great state."

The Texas Beef Council (TBC) conducts the \$1 per head national checkoff program for Texas beef producers and is also the contractor for the Beef Promotion Research Council of Texas (BPRCT), which administers the \$1 per head Texas state checkoff program. TBC's mission is to increase beef demand in the state through programs of beef promotion, research and education. TBC also helps fund national and international beef checkoff programs to increase marketing opportunities around the globe. The BPRCT's mission is to improve Texas producer profitability by strengthening and expanding beef demand. The TBC and the BPRCT are directed by a 20-member board of cattlemen and women representing the state's beef producers. For more information on this and other checkoff-funded programs, please visit www.TexasBeefCheckoff.com or call (800) 846.4113.

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FLOYDADA SCHOOL NEWS

Floydada Loses 41-14 to New Deal

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - Floydada allowed the New Deal Lions to score three quick touchdowns early in the third quarter after being tied at halftime, as the Lions pulled away with a 41-14 victory in the last regular season contest for both schools in District 2-2A-1.

Although the two teams were fairly even statistically, the Lions capitalized on several miscues by the Whirlwinds to complete their 10-0 season.

In the first quarter, New Deal blocked a field goal attempt and Jai Manahan returned the ball 76 yards for a touchdown and after the Jett Whitfield extra point, the Lions had a 7-0 lead with 4:26 left in the quarter.

In the second quarter, Floydada got on the board when Corey Mathis scored from four yards out and Miguel Pena hit the extra point to tie the game at 7-7 with 6:25 left in the half.

In the third quarter the Lions forced three Whirl-

wind turnovers to set themselves up with short fields. With 11:11 left in the quarter, Jaxson Durham hit Mahahan for a 54 yard touchdown pass and Whitfield hit the extra point to make it 14-7 for the Lions. Thirty-three seconds later, Manahan ran it in from one yard out and after Whitfield's extra point, the Lions had a 21-7 lead with 10:38 left in the quarter. With 8:03 left in the quarter, Manahan scored again, this time from eight yards out and after the Whitfield extra point, New Deal had a 28-7 lead.

"When we turned the ball over inside of our own 30 yard line three consecutive times in the third quarter, that was the turning point in the game," Head Coach Todd Bandy said, "We gave up 21 points real quick."

In the fourth quarter, Durham connected with Sebastian Hartless for a five yard touchdown pass and Whitfield added the extra point to make it 35-7 with 9:54 left in the game. Mathis found the end zone for Floydada again when he

scored from five yards out and Pena added the extra point to make it 35-14 with 3:47 left in the game. The Lions scored one more time with 1:23 left in the game as Tre Patton ran it in from seven yards out but the extra point was missed as New Deal now had a 41-14 lead and victory.

Floydada finishes the regular season at 4-6 overall and 3-2 in district. The Lions finish 10-0 on the year and 5-0 in district. In other district action, Abernathy (6-3/4-1) cruised by Tahoka (3-7/0-5) 53-7 and Hale Center (5-5/2-3) defeated Olton (2-8/1-4) 41-26 for the fourth playoff spot in the district.

"The key plays in the game started with New Deal blocking a field goal attempt in the first quarter and returning it for a touchdown. This was their only points in the first half," Bandy said, "then the turnovers in the third quarter turned the game in their favor."

Offensively, Floydada had a total of 246 yards including 124 passing and 122

rushing. New Deal had 282 total yards including 75 passing and 207 rushing.

Individually for the Whirlwinds, Kyi Baker was 4-7 passing for 50 yards and Mathis was 2-2 passing for 25 yards. Mathis had 34 carries for 149 yards and two touchdowns, Baker had 20 carries for 42 yards, Albert Dehoyas had two carries for 12 yards and Sammy Segura had one carry for four yards. Jesse Segura had two catches for 22 yards, Mathis had two catches for 21 yards, Chris Emert had one catch for 20 yards and Dehoyas had one catch for 12 yards.

Individually for the Lions, Durham was 6-15 for 124 yards and two touchdowns. Manahan had 17 carries for 72 yards and two touchdowns, Patton had six carries for 46 yards and a touchdown and Kevin Ramos had one carry for four yards. Hartless had three catches for 58 yards and a touchdown, Manahan had on catch for 54 yards and a touchdown, Marshall Rieken had one catch for 11 yards and Mark Adams had one catch for one yard.

New Deal is the top seed out of the district followed by Abernathy, Floydada and Hale Center.

The Whirlwinds will play Stratford on Friday, Nov. 13 in Bushland at 7:00 P.M.

"We have to be able to move the ball and score points against their defense," Bandy said "and we have to continue to play solid defense."

New Deal opens the playoffs against Panhandle in Canyon at Kimbrough Stadium on Friday, Nov. 13 at 7:00 P.M. Abernathy will play Wellington in Canyon at Randall High School on Friday at 7:00 P.M. Hale Center faces top-ranked Canadian on Thursday, Nov. 12 at 7:00 P.M. in Amarillo at Dick Bivins Stadium.

FLOYDADA vs NEW DEAL					
Teams	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	FINAL
New Deal	7	0	21	13	41
Floydada	0	7	0	7	14

1st Qtr - New Deal - 4:26 - Jai Manahan returned blocked Field Goal 76 yards; Jett Whitfield Kick Good

2nd Qtr - Floydada - 6:25 - Corey Mathis 4 yard run; Miguel Pena Kick Good

3rd Qtr - New Deal - 11:11 - Jaxson Durham 54 yard pass to Manahan; Whitfield Kick Good

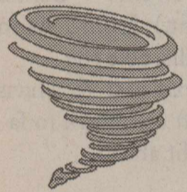
3rd Qtr - New Deal - 10:38 - Manahan 1 yard run; Whitfield Kick Good

3rd Qtr - New Deal - 8:03 - Manahan 8 yard run; Whitfield Kick Good

4th Qtr - New Deal - 9:54 - Durham 5 yard pass to Sebastian Hartless; Whitfield Kick Good

4th Qtr - Floydada - 3:47 - Mathis 5 yard run; Pena Kick Good

4th Qtr - New Deal - 1:23 - Tre Patton 7 yard run; Whitfield Kick No Good



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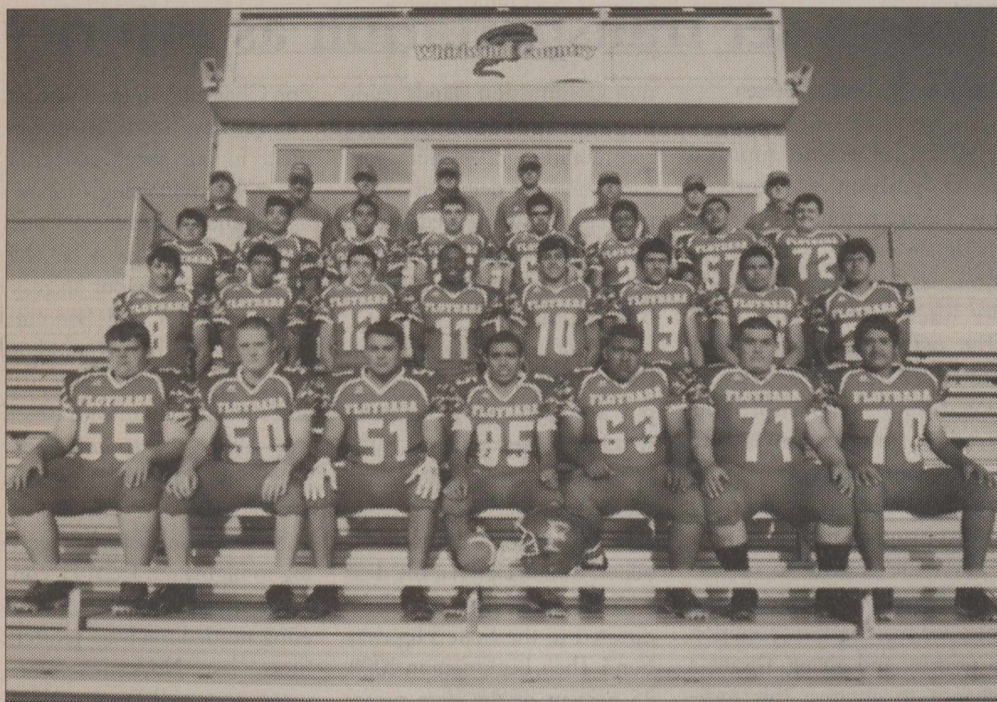


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FLOYDADA WHIRLWINDS CONGRATULATIONS ON A SUCCESSFUL YEAR!

BPA chapter is having a fundraiser and will be selling poinsettias for \$15.

The poinsettias are from Ivey gardens and are in a 6inch pot.

The colors available are red, white, pink and marbled.

Orders are due by Nov. 23 and they can be picked up Dec 1 after 1pm at the high school.

Please contact a BPA member, Tasha Hughes, or Dana Crossland.

Ramirez, LaBaume and Harris winners in annual football contest

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon's annual football contest ended at the end of the regular high school football season.

The rules changed four years ago with the grand prize going to the top three winning entries of the 11-week contest. In addition, the other seven top 10 finishers will also receive a prize consisting of a year subscription to the Hesperian-Beacon.

Three points separated the first and second place winners this year. And 3 points also separated the second and third place winners. Martin Ramirez of Floydada garnered the first place prize of \$100. Coy LaBaume of Plainview will receive the second place prize of \$75 and Franklin Harris of Floydada will re-

ceive the third place prize of \$50.

The other seven top 10 finishers were Lanny Barnett (4th), Brent Sanders (5th), Ricky Ascencio (6th), Pam Fulton (7th), Stanley Collier (8th), Renee Armstrong (9th) and Boyd Lee (10th). If your name is listed here you will be receiving a one-year subscription. If you already have a subscription, it will be added to the end of your current one. The subscription will be mailed to the address listed on your football contest entries. If that is not the correct address and it needs to be changed, please contact the Hesperian office as soon as possible.

We would like to say thank you to all the other entrants that participated in this contest.

We would also like to thank our sponsors that

make this contest possible. They are Robin's Nest Photography, Stapp Paint & Body Shop, Providence Farm Supply & Grain, Muncy Elevator, Lighthouse Electric Coop, Wright's Auto Service, First National Bank of Floydada, Adams Well Service, Scott Gin, Quality Body Shop, Heart's Desire, McCoy Gin, Lowe's - Floydada, D & J Gin, Floydada Power & Light, Payne Pharmacy, W. J. Mangold Memorial Hospital/Cogdell Clinic, Lowe's - Lockney, Floydada Coop Gin, Lockney Coop Gin, Assiter Insurance Agency/Assiter Punkin' Ranch, Crop Production Services, Ray Lee Equipment, R.K. Hunt Photography, Raceway Fuel, Oden Chevrolet, Inc. and Helena Chemical Company.

See the football contest standings chart on this page.

Football Contest Standings Week 11

	THIS WEEKS	TOTAL
Martin Ramirez	21/27	216/342
Coy LaBaume	19/27	213/342
Franklin Harris	19/27	210/342
Lanny Barnett	18/27	209/342
Brent Sanders	17/27	208/342
Ricky Ascencio	16/27	206/342
Pam Fulton	19/27	206/342
Stanley Collier	17/27	199/342
Renee Armstrong	17/27	194/342
Boyd Lee	15/27	189/342
Diego Ascencio	19/27	187/342
Paul Lopez	17/27	186/342
Daniel Diaz	14/27	181/342
Mac Sherman	16/27	181/342
Debra Lee	15/27	161/342
Steve Stringer	16/27	156/315
Andrew Vega	00/27	165/315

LOCKNEY SCHOOL NEWS

Lockney Loses to Crosbyton 55-20

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

CROSBYTON – Crosbyton scored three times in the second quarter in less than five minutes to pull ahead of the Lockney Longhorns on their way to a 55-20 victory in the final District 3-2A-2 district contest for both teams on Nov. 6.

Chief running back Tim Childers rushed for 247 yards and Longhorn running back Tevin Phillips rushed for 244 yards as both teams relied heavily on their star running backs.

In the first quarter, Crosbyton found the end zone with 8:25 left in the quarter when Childers scored from 12 yards out to give the Chiefs a 6-0 lead. Lockney answered with 3:22 left in the quarter when Phillips raced in from 59 yards out and after the Longhorns made their extra point to give Lockney a 7-6 lead.

In the second quarter, Crosbyton scored with 11:52 left in the half when Childers scored from 25 yards out and after the

two-point conversion, the Chiefs were back in front 14-7. With 9:20 left in the half, Childers scampered in from 65 yards out to stretch the Chiefs lead to 20-7. Less than a minute later, with 8:30 left in the half, Zane Zundt intercepted a Lockney pass and raced 48 yards for a touchdown and following the two-point conversion, the Chiefs had a 27-7 lead. Matthew Quintero ran 17 yards for another Crosbyton touchdown with 1:59 left in the half and after the extra point kick, the Chiefs had a 35-7 lead. Phillips closed the gap when he scored on a 35 yard run with 22 seconds left in the half to make it 35-14 Crosbyton at the half.

In the third quarter, Lockney struck first when Phillips took off on a 67 yard touchdown run with 11:50 left in the quarter. The extra point kick was blocked and Childers returned it for Crosbyton to make it 37-20. Crosbyton scored again when Tanner Clark ran in from four yards out and after the

missed two point try, the Chiefs had a 43-21 lead with 8:18 left in the third quarter. Clark then connected with Zundt for a 25 yard touchdown pass to give the Chiefs a 49-21 lead with one second left in the third quarter.

In the fourth quarter, Quintero raced in from 11 yards out to make it 55-20 and give the Chiefs their fourth district win.

Offensively, the Longhorns had a total of 329 yards with 243 rushing and 86 passing. The Chiefs had 503 total yards with 478 rushing and 25 passing.

Individually for Lockney, Phillips rushed 26 times for 244 yards and three touchdowns. Daylen Gatica was 5-18 passing for 86 yards and an interception. Jaden Rosales had two catches for 52 yards and Levi Kasner had three catches for 34 yards.

Individually for Crosbyton, Childers had 16 carries for 247 yards and three touchdowns, Clark had 11 carries for 88 yards and two touchdowns, Elliott Rios had 18 carries for 67 yards

and Quintero had four carries for 62 yards and two touchdowns. Clark was 1-6 passing for 25 yards and one touchdown. Zundt had one catch for 25 yards and a touchdown.

Lockney finishes the regular season at 5-5 overall and 2-3 in district. Crosbyton finishes at 9-1 and 4-1. In other district action, Quanah (6-4/4-1) defeated Ralls (0-10/0-5) 52-13 and Clarendon (5-5/2-3) defeated Memphis (4-6/3-2) 19-18. Quanah will be the top seed for the playoffs with Crosbyton the sec-

ond seed, Memphis the third seed and Lockney the fourth seed.

Lockney will meet state-ranked Seagraves in Lubbock at Lowrey Field on Friday, Nov. 13 at 8:00 P.M. following the Amarillo Caprock and Abilene Cooper bi-district game. Crosbyton will meet Sundown in Lamesa on Friday, Nov. 13 at 7:00 P.M., Memphis will meet Smyer in Canyon at Kimbrough Stadium on Thursday, Nov. 12 at 7:30 P.M. and Quanah will meet Plains in Amarillo at Highland Park

High School on Thursday, Nov. 12 at 7:00 P.M.

“We are thankful to be in the playoffs and we know we have a big challenge ahead of us this week against Seagraves,” Head Coach Jay Ragland said. “We will enjoy this playoff experience and give our best effort of the year. This is new territory for us since we have not been in the playoffs for 10 years. It feels good to have this opportunity and I give all the credit to our players. They set lofty goals we have continued our progression back to the goals they set.”

LOCKNEY vs CROSBYTON

Teams	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	FINAL
Lockney	7	7	6	0	20
Crosbyton	6	29	14	6	55

1st Qtr – Crosbyton – 8:25 – Tim Childers 12 yard run; Kick Failed
1st Qtr – Lockney – 3:22 – Tevin Phillips 59 yard run; Kick Good

2nd Qtr – Crosbyton – 11:52 – Childers 25 yard run; 2 point Run Good
2nd Qtr – Crosbyton – 9:20 – Childers 65 yard run; Run Failed
2nd Qtr – Crosbyton – 8:30 – Zane Zundt 48 yard interception return; 2 point Pass Good
2nd Qtr – Crosbyton – 1:59 – Matthew Quintero 17 yard run; Kick Good
2nd Qtr – Lockney – 0:22 – Phillips 35 yard run; Kick Good

3rd Qtr – Lockney – 11:50 – Phillips 67 yard run; Kick Blocked
3rd Qtr – Crosbyton – 11:50 – Childers returns blocked extra point try for 2 points
3rd Qtr – Crosbyton – 8:18 – Tanner Clark 4 yard run; Pass Failed
3rd Qtr – Crosbyton – 0:01 – Clark 25 yard pass to Zundt; Kick Failed

4th Qtr – Crosbyton – Quintero 11 yard run; Kick Failed

Araujo



Courtesy Photo

Ryann Araujo competed at the State Cross Country Meet in Round Rock on Nov 7. 160 girls competed in the 2-A Division. Weather conditions were muddy and raining but Araujo finished in seventh place and received a medal. Congratulations to Araujo and her coaches Jimenez, Easley and Estes. Great Job representing Lockney Lady Horns at the State Cross Country Meet.

Karis



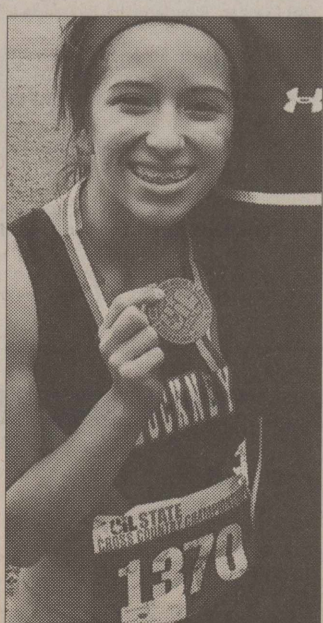
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Karis Carstensen (right), attended Camp RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Academy) in June. She was sponsored by the Lockney Rotary Club and on Friday, Nov. 6, she gave a report at the Rotary Club's weekly meeting. She is pictured with Rotary President Denise Doucette.

“CONGRATULATIONS RYIANN ARAUJO!”

Not only are you the second girl to make it to state in Cross Country, but the first to medal...7th In The State.. We are proud of you. Way to go!”

—From Mom



Jake A. Moore – Eagle Scout Project



Courtesy Photo

Shown are Jake A. Moore and Norma Ragland near the newly installed flag holder at the gravesite of Homer Ragland, Jr., Norma's husband and WW II U.S. Navy Veteran.

By Jim Doucette

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The Boy Scouts of America requires that a candidate for Eagle Scout must, “plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, any school or your community.” Jake Moore chose, as his project, to install flag holders near the graves of all Veterans buried in the Lockney Cemetery.

Jake, the son of Dr. Shari and Sam Moore, planned, managed and supervised the placement of more than 300 PVC flag holders. An embossed decal was attached to each holder.

The project involved the efforts of many. The Decal was designed and printed by Felipe Azua of Master Graphics in Plainview, the

PVC pipe was provided by Davis Lumber in Lockney. The installation of the holders took roughly five days. Those assisting were Diego and Filipe Azua, Keanu Villalair, Brett, Clay and Shari Moore. The inspiration for the project came from Bill Hunter. For the bulk of Jake's time in Boy Scouts Mike Lass was his Scout Master. Recently, Shari Moore was appointed Scout Master, the first female to hold this position in Lockney.

Each Memorial Day the Boy Scouts place an American flag at each Veterans grave site.

Ed Marks, Commander of American Legion Post 141, Lockney commented, “Jake's project honors our Veterans. Thank you and God bless you.”

Area Football Wrap-up Week 11

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

Week 11 Results

Abernathy 53, Tahoka 7
New Deal 41, Floydada 14
Hale Center 41, Olton 26

TEAM	OVERALL		DISTRICT	
	Wins	Losses	Wins	Losses
x-New Deal #1 Seed	10	0*	5	0
x-Abernathy #2 Seed	6	3	4	1
x-Floydada #3 Seed	4	6	3	2
x-Hale Center #4 Seed	5	5	2	3
Olton	2	8	1	4
Tahoka	3	7	0	5

Week 12 Schedule:

New Deal vs Panhandle, Friday 11-13 at Canyon Kimbrough Stadium at 7:00 P.M.
Floydada vs Stratford, Friday 11-13 at Bushland at 7:00 P.M.
Abernathy vs Wellington, Friday 11-13 at Canyon Randall High School at 7:00 P.M.
Hale Center vs Canadian, Thursday 11-12 at Amarillo Dick Bivins Stadium at 7:00 P.M.
x=Clinched Playoff Spot

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

Week 11 Results

Quanah 52, Ralls 13
Crosbyton 55, Lockney 20
Clarendon 19, Memphis 18

TEAM	OVERALL		DISTRICT	
	Wins	Losses	Wins	Losses
x-Quanah #1 Seed	6	4	4	1
x-Crosbyton #2 Seed	9	1	4	1
x-Memphis #3 Seed	4	6	3	2
x-Lockney #4 Seed	5	5	2	3
Clarendon	5	5	2	3
Ralls	0	10	0	5

Week 12 Schedule:

Lockney vs Seagraves, Friday 11-13 at Lubbock Lowrey Field at 8:00 P.M.
Memphis vs Smyer, Thursday 11-12 at Canyon Kimbrough Stadium at 7:30 P.M.
Crosbyton vs Sundown, Friday 11-13 at Lamesa at 7:00 P.M.
Quanah vs Plains, Thursday 11-12 at Amarillo Highland Park High School at 7:00 P.M.
x=Clinched Playoff Spot

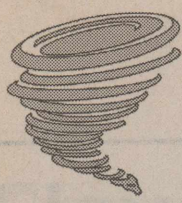
AREA TEAMS (Records) Week 11 Results

x-PLAINVIEW (5-5, 2-2) 45, Lubbock 7
x-VALLEY (9-1, 3-0) 57, LORENZO (4-5, 0-4) 8
x-Spur (6-4, 2-1) 62, PETERSBURG (6-4, 1-2) 16,
x-PLAINVIEW CHRISTIAN (3-7, 2-1) 48, Carrollton Christian 40
Hedley (5-5, 1-2) 60, SILVERTON 13 (3-7, 0-3) 13
x-Guthrie (8-2, 3-0) 45, x-MOTLEY COUNTY (8-1, 2-0) 19
Paducah (3-6, 1-2) 1, PATTON SPRINGS (0-7, 0-3) 0
x=Clinched Playoff Spot

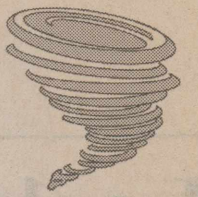
WEEK 12 Schedules (1st Round Playoffs)

PLAINVIEW vs Canyon Randall, Friday 11-13 at Plainview Bulldog Stadium at 7:30 P.M.
VALLEY vs Spur, Thursday 11-12 at Lockney at 6:00 P.M.
MOTLEY COUNTY vs Lueders-Avoca, Thursday, 11-12 at Jayton at 7:30 P.M.
PLAINVIEW CHRISTIAN vs Pflugerville Concordia, Saturday 11-14 at Lockney at 7:00 P.M.

GO HORNS!



Whirlwind News

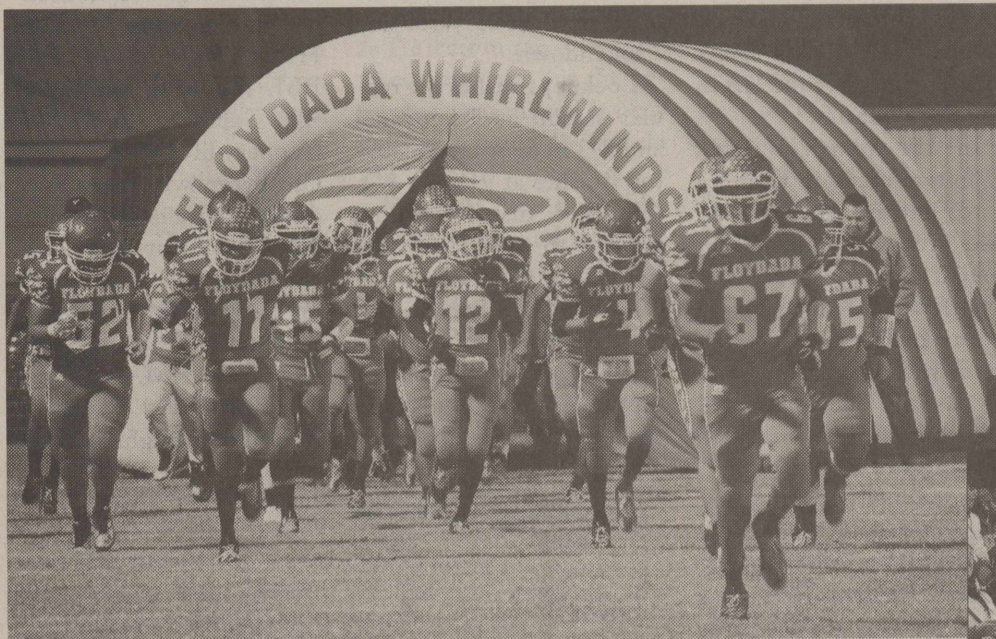


The Fall Semester...What a Journey!

By the FHS Yearbook Staff

As the semester comes to a close, we move past some of our favorite yearly traditions. For returning high school students, marching in the band, playing football, and cheering in the name of spirit are just some of the things we can expect to do again next year. For seniors, it is known that these activities will never be experienced again in the same way.

With the fall semester winding down, we would like to express appreciation to the community for supporting the Whirlwinds in academics and athletics. Most people in this area have a personal stake in our school system: their children. "Thank You" for allowing your children to participate in our events and organizations.



To celebrate the remainder of our school year, we have included three photos that capture some of the events and students who are unique to this and every fall. Cheerleaders performing in pep rallies, the "marching" side

of band, and the image of a handful of athletes bursting onto a football field. Each of these images represents the participation and excellence of students at Floydada High School. As students involved in our school district, we

would also like to express great thanks and support to our fellow classmates involved in fall activities. With you, the journey of a school year's first half has been memorable.



FHS Student Insider: Ethan, Stefanni, Casey, and Marqui

By Macee Brotherton and Alejandro Pinon

Floydada High School is home to a plethora of students, ranging in individual interests and activities. Students are allowed to grow and flourish through the many organizations FHS has to offer. Here we like to spotlight a few of our very own FHS students, showing just how hard they work and their unique personalities.

One of the newest editions to FHS is freshman Ethan Smith. Ethan participates in FFA and athletics, this past week wrapping up his first season of high school football. Ethan's self-proclaimed spirit animal is a squirrel, his reasoning being that he feels he shares a squirrel's speed and agility. If Ethan were to be stuck on a desert island with just one movie to entertain him for the rest of his life, he would take "Titanic." For his food, he chose pizza, and if he could only listen to one musical artist for the rest of his existence, he chose George Strait.

Stefanni Chavarria, a sophomore, is involved in

FFA, UIL, and Athletics. In FFA she has the opportunity to show pigs, for which she attends major shows like Ft. Worth, San Angelo and San Antonio. Stefanni's spirit animal is a bear, because they are able to survive on their own and she feels like she has the same kind of independent spirit. If she was on a deserted island she would take the movie "Pitch Perfect 2", a lifetime supply of chicken tenders, and listen to Miranda Lambert.

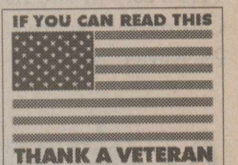
Casey Cage is a junior this year at FHS. He is involved in many organizations including FFA, BPA, Athletics, Theater, and this year he will be inducted to the Thespian Society. Casey, a first year theater student, will also perform in the annual SNL production this fall, as well as One Act Play. Casey's spirit animal is a labradoodle, due to their similar hair styles and loyal countenances. The movie he wouldn't mind watching for the rest of his life would be "Back to the Future," his food would be tamales, and he said he would never tire of listening to George Strait.

Senior Marqui Morales is spending her last year at

FHS focusing on school, and gaining real-life experiences. She participates in the Prose UIL event, as well as working as an office aid in the main office at the high school to gain working experience. On top of this, Marqui babysits almost every day after school, a job she has maintained for over 1 year. Marqui decided that her spirit animal would be the mighty lion, accounting for her fierce attitude and love for those around her. If she were to live the rest of her life on a deserted island, she would want to spend it laughing, which is why she chose the movie "Bridesmaids" to accompany her. For her food, she said she could never have enough pizza, and she would like a lifetime supply of Drake.

These students are integral to the system of FHS. They offer their own unique spin on education and communication, playing important roles in making FHS even better than before. We know that their dedication to excellence in both school and life will take them far beyond the green and white walls of Floydada High School.

Annual Veteran's Assembly at FHS Gym



By Reagan Hughes and Delaney Lucke

Floydada High School and a large portion of the community come together every year, on November 11th, to honor the men and women who serve or have served in the U.S military.

During the service, a tribute video is displayed. The Spirit of the Winds band performs the national anthem, followed by an Armed Forces medley of songs that are representative of each branch of the military. Several students are hand-picked to express gratitude toward the veterans. During this time, veterans announce the total amount of community contributed funds toward the Buddy Poppy Program.

Even though this event only occurs once a year, it becomes very evident how tight we are as a town. Both the veterans and the people give thanks and support to one

another. Several locals appear at the Floydada High School Gym and, together as one, we take the time to honor and show our appreciation for the people defending fellow Americans.

We interviewed a few people who either have served or are related to someone who had served in the armed forces. One of these people interviewed was Sonya Glass, a Jr. High and High School math teacher at Floydada High School. She is very grateful for our veterans, and her husband, Bill Glass, served in the Marines.

We asked Mrs. Glass how proud she was of her husband. She said, "I am very proud that Bill served our country. Every man and woman that serves or has served in our military should be commended and appreciated."

We also talked to the sons of Bill and Sonya about expressing their gratitude towards their father.

Their youngest, Ryder Glass, a 7th grader at Floydada Jr. High said, "I'm glad to know that my dad was willing to serve our country." Alex Glass, their eldest, a Sophomore at Floydada High School said, "I'm proud of my dad for sacrificing his time and energy for our country."

Floydada is lucky to have Don Hardy as a local business owner, many don't know that he once served in the Army. When asked about his time in the service and what he remembers most, he said, "I served for 21 months, and my fondest memory was living in Alaska for the winters."

Floydada is a very close knit community that shall proudly continue honoring the men and women who have so bravely served our country. We recommend any and everyone to attend the next Floyd County Veteran's Assembly, held annually at the high school gym.

Thanksgiving Around the Corner

By Allison Cisneros and Alyson Perez

Thanksgiving is a holiday that recognizes everything that we should be thankful for. It's a great time for friends and loved ones to come together to give thanks for their blessings and catch up over a meal. Even though thanksgivings' focus is about giving thanks, many people are diverted to focus more on the eating. Whether you are cooking for two or a party of twenty, you want it to be perfect while being simple and uncomplicated. Because Thanksgiving is right around the corner, we talked to students and faculty here at FHS about some of their favorite Thanksgiving dishes, as well as what they are thankful for.

From turkey to pumpkin pie,

everyone has a preferred choice of food that they enjoy eating the most on Thanksgiving day. When interviewing students, a majority said that their favorite dish was the turkey, however Algebra 2 teacher Mrs. Nutt said, "My grandmother's stuffing! Although it doesn't look delightful, it's delicious."

Some of the most important assets to your Thanksgiving found in the deserts. Senior Mason Chance said, "My favorite dish is pumpkin pie. Hands down."

Within most families, everyone contributes by bringing one of their own favorite dishes and it can often be seen as "their" responsibility. Culinary arts teacher, Dana Crossland, reunites with her family in Hale Center to celebrate the holidays.

"My job is to make deviled eggs and three different types of cheese balls. That's just standard, no matter when we get together. That's what I make. We all get together and help my mom cook. It is just a fun time for all of us," said Mrs. Crossland.

During the holidays, family is known to be most appreciative of each other. When asked she was thankful for, said Crossland: "I would have to say my parents. I'm one of the only of my friends that has both of my parents still alive. My parents are so healthy right now. I'm very thankful for them."

Even though our appreciation for loved ones is expressed more during the holidays, we should appreciate them every day of the year. Happy Thanksgiving from FHS.

Thalia Villa in Her Senior Year

By Melissa Arizpe and James Ponce

Being a senior in high school is representative of a culmination of years, and they all amount to growing up. Thalia Villa is on her way. To give you an idea of what kind of person Thalia is, we asked her to give us the basics that everyone should know about her.

She is a very organized person and does not like when stuff is out of place. She loves to be active even though she is at times lazy. One of her favorite foods is brownies. Another thing about her is that she looks forward to what the future has in store for us and takes things day by day. The extracurricular activities that she is involved include softball, basketball, and track. She always gives her best efforts in all that she does and continues to succeed in all three sports.

One of her most memorable moments from high school was hitting her first home run as a sophomore. She never thought she'd be able to accomplish that with her "being so small in size", but she did. It is something she will never forget.

What Thalia will most miss about high school is her classmates. She says, "We grew up together and I can't imagine

being apart from them." The advice she gives underclassmen (with a sly smile) is to "just be yourself and don't change for anyone."

After graduating, Thalia wants to go to college to play softball. She hopes to earn her criminal justice degree and become a state trooper. She has received opportunities to play softball out of state, but want "to stay close to home, if I can."

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Floydada ISD 2015-2016

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There may be a few books available to purchase when they are published in the spring, but those will be sold on a first-come-first-serve basis.



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Longhorn News

Running to the Finish Line of Success

By Lena Luna and Lissa Hernandez

On the afternoon of Monday October 26, 2015, two Lockney Lady Horns ran at the regional cross country meet held in Lubbock. Staying ahead of the crowd, Ryiann Araujo ran her best time yet, finishing 9th out of 160 runners and securing her spot at the state meet. Also running, Regan Nuncio finished strong ending her season 49th in the region.

"I'm disappointed I wasn't able to make it to state meet, but it only pushes me to do better next year and secure myself a spot," said Regan Nuncio, freshman runner.

Ryiann Araujo is the first female to qualify for the state cross country meet since her mother

did so as a sophomore in high school. This was a proud moment for Ryiann and she hoped to push herself to make her mom, coaches, and town proud in the state meet.

"I give all glory to God. This reminds me of the bible verse 1 Corinthians 9:24 which states in order to receive a prize I must run my hardest and never give up," said Ryiann Araujo sophomore runner at Lockney High School.

This past weekend, at the state cross country meet in Round Rock, Texas, Ryiann placed 7th after running through a rainy course covered in mud. At the meet to celebrate Ryiann's success were coaches Ray Jimenez, Shelby Easley, and Kara Estes along with Ryiann's friends and family.



Kids Began Their Start into Financial Success

By Lexi Chavez and Trevor Ascencio

The Money Matters class at Lockney High school teaches students how to handle money in real life. In this class, they learn about how to achieve financial success and have enough money later in their life so they do not end up in debt.

Recently, the Money Matters class has started up the Kid's Bank again. The Kid's Bank is a branch of Happy State Bank where elementary kids will be able to open up a savings account and actually deposit money.

"I think that starting up the Kid's Bank again is a really great idea," said junior Money Matters student Emilie Encizo. "I think it will not only teach us more about money literacy, but it will also help the younger kids learn more about saving money early and being responsible."

Students from the Money Matters class will be working different positions as they assist with the Kid's Bank. The Kid's Bank started on Wednesday, October 21st and will be at the elementary school every Wednesday.

"I think it is beneficial," said

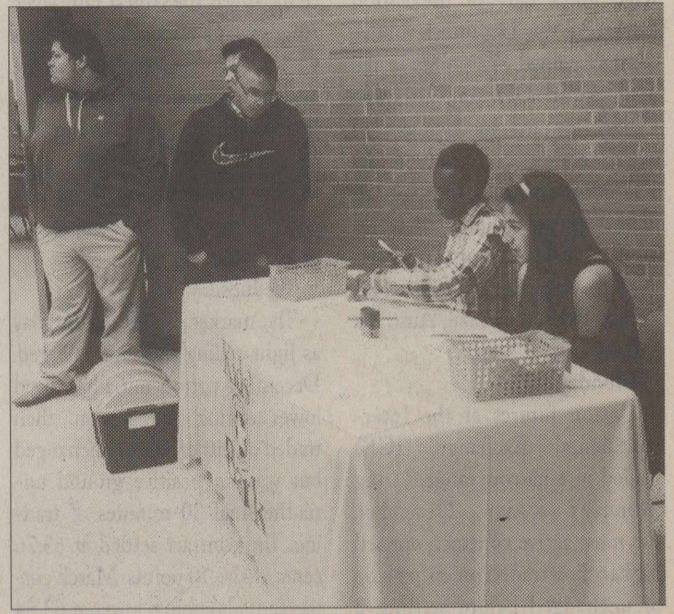
senior Money Matters student BJ Jimenez. "By showing the kids [how to save money] now, it will help when they get older."

The elementary kids will have the opportunity to bring as much money as they want and deposit it into their account. Once they deposit money, they will also get to pick a prize from the treasure chest.

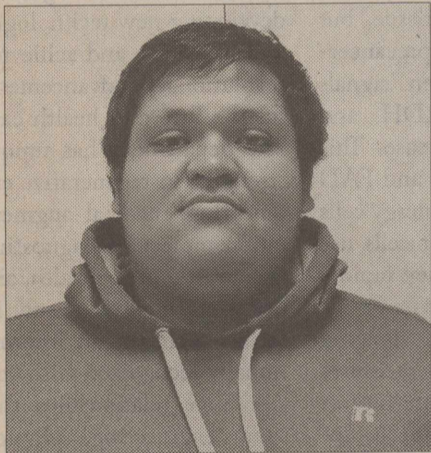
"This will benefit the kids by letting them save money," said Junior Money Matters JJ Rodriguez. "It also shows them that by saving a little money over time, it all adds up and the amount gets higher."

Mrs. Lane wants to stimulate interest in financial management in her student as well as inspire students from all backgrounds to achieve financial success, foster an understanding and appreciation for successful money management and enhance students' financial literacy skills.

"I think this program is important to teach students interpersonal skills and to encourage kids to start saving early, which is the key to building wealth," said Money Matters teacher Carol Lane. "They also learn job skills by acting as a bank teller for Happy State Bank."



Senior Spotlights



Julian Jimenez Jr.
By Alexa Poole, Trevor Ascencio and Lexi Chavez

Julian Jimenez Jr. was born to Julian Jimenez and Debbie Rodriguez January 1, 1998 in Waxahachie, Texas. Jimenez has grown up in Lockney Texas and has attended school here all of his life.

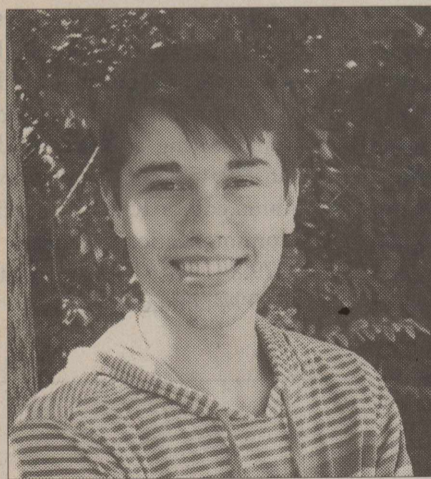
While at LHS, Jimenez has been involved in football, baseball and band for four years.

Jimenez plans to earn his welding license and start his own welding company. After graduation, he wants to play college football.

"There are a lot of positives in coaching," said Fortune. "It's a rewarding profession."

Fortune came to Lockney for the people and community support.

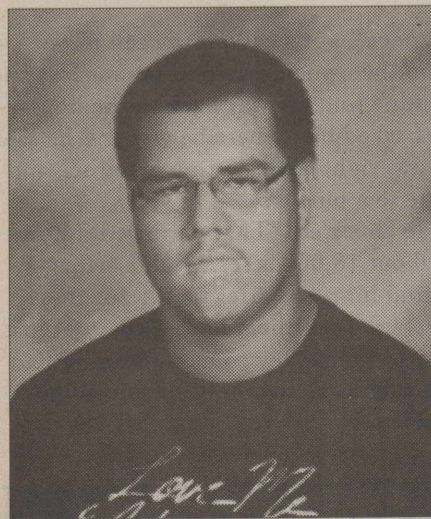
"Lockney has been great," said Fortune. "The support has been fantastic. There are a lot of great kids here in the school system."



Jace Klein

Jace Anton Klein is the 17 year old son of Diane and Jerry Klein. He has one younger brother named Bryson who is a third grader. Klein moved to Lockney after skipping the 2nd grade at Wolflin in Amarillo. He also lived in Memphis, Texas before moving to Lockney.

Klein is a very active student at Lockney High School. He has been a part of the Longhorn Band for four years, One Act Play for four years, Na-



Ruben Ascencio

Ruben Ascencio was born in Plainview, Texas on June 24, 1997, to Ruben Ascencio and Mercedes Sanchez. He has three younger siblings that look up to him Austin, Elias and Mariah, and one older sister Whitney.

Ruben has lived in Lockney his entire life, and has participated in football, basketball, baseball, and track during his time at LHS.

Ruben hopes he gets a scholarship to play college football, but if he doesn't, he plans to attend South Plains College for law enforcement.

Ruben picked the word athletic to describe his personality which goes hand in hand with all of the sports he plays. Ruben says that he looks up to his dad as his role model.

Alexandra Chavez
By Alexa Poole

Alexandra Rae Chavez was born August 12th, 1998 in Amarillo at the BSA hospital to Gracie and Adam Chavez. She grew up in Plainview and attended school there before eventually moving to Lockney ISD.

Chavez involved in softball and is a trainer. After graduating, she plans to become an anthropologist.

Chavez selected her Tia Letty as a role model because she was a single mother and taught her strength. Chavez also lives by the quote, "If you're not first your last" - Ricky Bobby.

When asked about her feelings about senior year, Chavez said she is "Ready to leave but then I don't want to leave my friends."



Shelby Coats

Shelby Nicole Coats was born in Hale Center on April 7th 1998 to Lorrie and Jay Coats.

Coats has lived in Edmonson and Plainview. While in Plainview, she played varsity softball. Coats moved to Lockney her sophomore year. While at LHS, she has been involved in FCA,

UIL, the Longhorn band, and is on the softball team.

After high school, Coats plans to go to Eastern New Mexico University, where she is plans to major in sports management, eventually becoming a softball coach.

tional Honors Society for two years, and Student Council. Klein also participates in cross country, tennis, track, and UIL. For UIL, Klein participates in Science, Current Issues and Events, Editorial Writing, and Headline writing.

A few of the accomplishments Klein has received throughout the years include: winning state champion two times for UIL Science, being a regional qualifier for Current Issues and Events,

as well as for Editorial Writing, and placing 4th in state for Headline Writing. He has also been Student Council President since his junior year and was recently chosen to be NHS Reporter.

After Klein graduates, he plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin to pursue a degree in Biology. He then hopes to eventually get his PhD and either teach at the collegiate level or become a Science Media Communicator.

Alyssa Shantel Castro

Alyssa Shantel Castro was born to Andy Castro and Angela Rodriguez on July 14th 1998. She has three brothers and two sisters.

Alyssa lived in Iowa for five years, then spent her junior year in Lubbock and is ending her high school journey here in Lockney, Texas. During her senior year she is participating in Art Club.

After graduating high school, Alyssa plan to join the Military.

Alyssa says she would describe herself as caring. She said she has no role model because she chooses to be whoever she wants to turn out to be. So far, Alyssa is enjoying her last year of school here at LHS.



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Floydada's 1st annual "Santa on the Square"

By Darolyn Snell

Floydada Chamber President
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Attention all local vendors including church groups, charitable organizations, local bakers and crafters and others, we want to invite you to participate in this year's 1st Annual "Santa on the Square", a mini event being hosted by the Floydada Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture. We are all set for Saturday, December 12th, 2015, and will be open to the public from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. downtown on California Street. This year we really want to make this a unique celebration of Christmas in our community and ring it in with the spirit of the season!

We are going to be taking vendor applications for participation in this event. There will be no booth fee,

however vendors wanting to participate will need to fill out and turn in an application. This will be a great opportunity for local vendors to sell Christmas gifts, décor, and treats to the citizens of Floydada and anyone coming in from around our town for this event. A few spaces with electricity will be available along the courthouse side curb but they will be limited. There will be no food trucks or establishments or vendors actually preparing food down on the square. We want to encourage you to use this opportunity to sell prepackaged foods and desserts and craft and gift items.

Vendors will be able to start setting up as early as 11 a.m. that Saturday. If there are independent sales consultants in our community that want to participate, we will limit those to one per company for this event. Vendors will have to

provide their own necessary equipment including tents, tables, tie downs, and trash cans. Applications are available at the Chamber office and we ask that since this is set to take place from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m., you plan to keep your booth open for that long.

Of course, Santa (and maybe a couple of his helpers!) will join us on the square from 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. for all the children to see! We invite you to bring the kids... and your camera! Take your own pictures of the little ones with Santa to commemorate this Christmas season!

So mark your calendars for December 12th, make note of the time from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m., and plan to be downtown on the square to help us celebrate this holiday event!

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Cotton Futures Continued to Advance this Week

Last week's slightly bullish monthly supply and demand reports from the U.S. Department of Agriculture apparently set the stage for a rally in the cotton market as the December futures contract gained 172 points in the week ended Oct. 15. Although USDA lowered its estimate of world cotton consumption by 1.17 million bales for the 2015-16 marketing year, it lowered world production by 1.36 million bales as crop estimates were reduced for China, Pakistan, Brazil, Australia and the United States.

Monday

Cotton futures at the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) traded in a narrow range during Monday's session. December, the most active contract, opened higher then traded on either side of unchanged before settling 8 points higher at 61.69 cents per pound. March cotton settled at 61.67 cents, up 14 points, but forward months settled modestly lower.

Tuesday

Early trading Tuesday at ICE was uneventful before December cotton broke through nearby technical resistance and traded as high as 64.16 cents per pound as volume surged at the exchange.

The contract settled in the top half of a 263-point range at 63.86 cents, up 217 points, and March settled 203 points higher at 63.70 cents. It was the largest rally since August, and traders and analysts were at a loss to explain it. One analyst suspected it may have been "a combination of new longs and short covering" along with continuing concerns about the size and quality of the U.S. crop based on early classing data.

Wednesday

The market cooled Wednesday as light selling pressure emerged. December cotton initially moved lower during the session, then traded on either side of unchanged but was on positive ground until the final 30 minutes of trading. The contract settled at 63.76 cents, down 10 points. March cotton settled 6 points lower at 63.64 cents per pound.

Thursday

December slowly retreated further in early trading Thursday then moved sideways for the remainder of the session. The contract traded as low as 63.15 cents and as high as 63.76 before settling at 63.44 cents, down 32 points. All other contracts posted similar losses.

The latest weekly U.S. export sales and shipment report,

released Friday morning due to the Columbus Day holiday on Monday, contained disappointing data. USDA reported net upland sales of U.S. cotton totaled only 67,300 bales in the week ended Oct. 8, down 68 percent from the previous week and 47 percent from the four-week average. The featured buyers were Indonesia, Vietnam, South Korea, and Pakistan. Export shipments totaling 67,400 bales for the week were down 47 percent from the previous week and 26 percent from the four-week average. Mexico, Vietnam, Turkey, and Indonesia were the primary destinations.

In the spot cotton market, producers sold 7,177 bales online in the week ended Oct. 15, up slightly from the previous week. Average prices received ranged from 54 to 59 cents per pound compared to 51 to 55 cents the previous week.

In other news, open weather across much of the U.S. Cotton Belt allowed cotton harvest to progress. The harvest stood at 22 percent as of Oct. 11 versus the five-year average of 24 percent. The Texas harvest was 24 percent complete, slightly ahead of its five-year average of 21 percent.

It's time to check your healthcare coverage for 2016

By Bob Moos

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

Now's the time to check your health care coverage for 2016 or sign up for the first time.

About 9 million Americans, including 1.2 million Texans, got coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace during last year's open enrollment period.

This year's marketplace open enrollment began on Nov. 1.

If you bought a health plan last year, you'll want to review it to make sure it still meets your needs. Every year, insurers make adjustments to premiums, out-of-pocket costs and benefits. You should have received a letter from your insurance company explaining how your costs and benefits will change for 2016.

Even if you're satisfied with your current coverage, it'll be smart to log into your marketplace account at www.healthcare.gov and update your information on household income and family size. You may also contact the marketplace call center at 1-800-318-2596 to do that.

Updating your personal information is important, because you may be eligible for lower costs than last year. About eight in 10 people who enroll in health coverage through www.healthcare.gov qualify for financial help to make their monthly premiums more affordable. The average monthly assistance amounted to

\$270 this past year.

Generally, if you bought a plan last year and do nothing this year, you'll be automatically re-enrolled. Yet as tempting as "doing nothing" sounds, you could be missing out on a better deal. Consumers who shopped and switched plans during the last enrollment period have saved about \$400 in premiums over the year.

Texans can choose from an average of 50 health plans, though the exact number will vary from county to county. Rural areas are likely to have fewer. By comparing all the available plans in your area at www.healthcare.gov, you may find one that saves you more money, offers more services or includes more doctors in its network of providers.

The open enrollment season runs until Jan. 31. But if you want any changes in your coverage to take effect on Jan. 1, you must act by Dec. 15.

This year's open enrollment also gives the uninsured the chance to obtain coverage through the marketplace. The private health plans all cover a comprehensive set of benefits, including doctor visits, hospital stays, preventive care, pregnancy and prescription drugs.

Health plans sold through the marketplace must treat you fairly. Insurers can't deny you coverage because you have a medical issue, such as cancer or diabetes. Nor can they charge you more than they would someone who's in good health.

At www.healthcare.gov, you'll find out if you qualify for savings

you can use right away to lower your premiums and out-of-pocket medical expenses. The application process has been streamlined so that it requires less time and work.

The marketplace simplifies your shopping for coverage by letting you make convenient comparisons of health plans. A new "out-of-pocket calculator" will give you an estimate of your total yearly costs for each health plan, based on factors like your age, gender, income, ZIP code and how much health care you expect to use. Then you can enroll in the plan that best fits your needs and budget.

If you expect frequent doctor visits or need regular prescriptions, you may want to pick a plan that has higher monthly premiums but pays more of the costs when you require care. If you don't foresee many visits through the year, you may prefer a plan with lower premiums.

Also, before you buy a plan through the marketplace, check whether your doctor is in the plan's network. Your out-of-pocket costs will be lower. The most direct way to find out is to call the insurance company's customer service line. You can get the number through www.healthcare.gov.

The website has been improved over the last year so that it's faster and smoother for consumers to shop, compare and enroll. If you like, you'll be able to access the website on your cellphone and sign up for coverage.

A noninvasive device helps doctors detect cancer

Special for The Hesperian-Beacon

COLLEGE STATION, Nov. 9, 2015 - A noninvasive device that enables doctors to quickly and accurately identify cancerous tissue in a person's mouth could result in more effective diagnosis and treatment of the disease, says a biomedical engineer at Texas A&M University who is developing the instrument.

The potentially life-saving tool makes use of technology known as "fluorescence lifetime imaging (FLIM)" to measure and visualize the biochemical changes that occur in oral epithelial tissue as it turns cancerous, says Javier Jo, associate professor in the university's Department of Biomedical Engineering. Measuring these specific changes, the technology, Jo says, can assist physicians in differentiating precancerous, cancerous and benign lesions in patient's mouth.

The research, which is supported by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), was presented at this year's World Molecular Imaging Congress, a venue where scientists and clinicians discuss cutting-edge advances in molecular imaging.

"This clinical tool could be used to assist at every step involved on the clinical management of oral cancer patients, from early screening and diagnosis, to treatment and monitoring of recurrence, which happens in 30 percent of patients who survive a first incidence," Jo says.

With the number of oral cancer cases reportedly on the rise in recent years, Jo's advance in oral cancer detection technology couldn't come at a better time. NIH estimates more than 8,000 people in the United States will die from the disease and another 37,000 new patients will be diagnosed this year alone.

Early detection, Jo notes, is key. When oral cancer is diagnosed before it spreads, the five-year survival rate is about 80 percent, but only about 30 percent of patients are diagnosed at this early stage, he says. That's partially due to the fact that diagnosing oral cancer is not always easy.

Doctors typically rely on the naked eye to look for problematic areas in a patient's mouth that warrant a biopsy, but identifying these areas can be difficult because a patient's mouth can manifest lesions that may be both benign and precancerous/cancerous. These different types of lesions are indistinguishable to the naked eye, and even some imaging tools experience difficulty distinguishing between them, re-

sulting in false positives and triggering unnecessary and painful biopsies, Jo says. Furthermore, tissue from a biopsy may register as benign, but the surrounding tissue that was not biopsied can be cancerous and remain undiagnosed. In short, diagnosing oral cancer is somewhat of an educated guessing game that Jo is hoping to improve upon through the use of optical imaging technology.

Jo's device, which is essentially a small, handheld microscope, employs the FLIM technique to noninvasively evaluate tissue for the structural and molecular changes that serve as key indicators in determining if tissue is precancerous or cancerous. With the tool, Jo can observe distinct fluorescence signatures - fingerprints of a sort - that are specific to benign, precancerous and cancerous tissue.

Using FLIM, Jo explains, the fluorescence spectrum (the color content of the fluorescence light) and the fluorescence lifetime (related to the time a molecule emits fluorescence light after being excited) can be detected. Previous implementations of FLIM imaging have been too cumbersome and slow to be used for clinical applications, but Jo's lab has developed some of the fastest FLIM systems that are being adapted for different clinical diagnosis applications, including oral cancer detection. Another advantage, Jo says, is that there is no need to use any external contrast agent, as only the natural fluorescence of the tissue is being measured.

Specifically, Jo is examining the fluorescent emissions generated from three molecules present in tissue: collagen, nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (NADH) and flavin adenine dinucleotide (FAD). Collagen, Jo explains, has a stronger signal in normal and benign tissue, but in cancerous or precancerous tissue collagen signals weaken and NADH and FAD signals increase. This is because NADH and FAD are related to the energy cells use, and malignant cells use more energy as they rapidly multiply, he explains.

Most standard imaging technology, Jo notes, measures the fluorescence intensity of the tissue and is able to detect oral lesions based on the loss of fluorescence intensity relative to healthy tissue. This loss in fluorescence intensity, however, is not specific to precancerous and cancerous conditions, Jo explains. As a result, such tools can't distinguish benign, precancerous or cancerous tissue.

"Using FLIM we can see

a reduction in the fluorescence lifetime in precancerous tissue and changes in the fluorescence spectrum in malignant tissue that are not apparent in benign tissue," Jo says. "We then feed this information into a computer where it is processed by an algorithm that essentially color codes the images of the oral cavity; if the tissue is benign it shows up green. If it is cancerous or precancerous, it shows up red."

Preliminary results from almost 20 patients, Jo notes, already suggest the potential of his FLIM technology for distinguishing a variety of benign lesions from dysplasia and squamous cell carcinoma in the human oral cavity. In the coming year Jo plans to continue testing his device in medical centers in Dallas, Brazil and Qatar in order to collect more data before moving to in-depth clinical trials and licensing of the technology.

Joining Jo in this research are Kristen Maitland, associate professor in the Department of Biomedical Engineering at Texas A&M; Lisa Cheng, associate professor of oral pathology at Texas A&M Baylor College of Dentistry; John Wright, chair of the Department of Diagnostic Sciences at Texas A&M Baylor College of Dentistry; and former and current students, postdoctoral researchers and research staff: Shuna Cheng, Bilal Malik, Rodrigo Cuenca, Michael Serafino, Dae Yon Hang, Lee Jordan, Joey Jabbour, Cory Olsovsky and Taylor Hinsdale.

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Home Country

By Slim Randles

I was invited recently to join Bob Milford, manager of the prestigious Diamond W Ranch, on a drive-around tour of the place. It's a huge, private ranch, with tiny ex-logging roads winding around through 13,000 acres of pine trees and rocks. A real paradise.

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"What's the matter?" Bob asked.

"I see you're planning a subdivision here."

Bob started laughing when I pointed at the signs. "Those are for the owners," he explained. "They live Back East and visit here one weekend a year. When they get out here, they take the pickup and drive around and get lost."

"Once I got a call on the cell phone from the owner, who said he was lost and couldn't find his way back to the house. So I asked him where he was and he said he was right there, sitting on a rock and close to a pine tree."

He chuckled. "That narrowed it down to about 13,000 acres. Well, I managed to find him, and after that, I put these signs up. I tell them now, if they get lost, to drive until they come to Home Road and then head downhill. It solved the problem."

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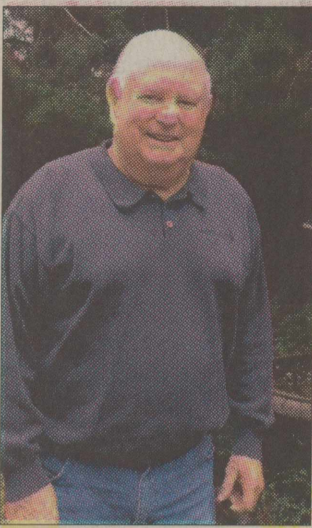
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SPOTLIGHT

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climate was humid and hot during the dry season and humid and wet during the wet season," Julian remembers about the weather in Vietnam. "We were stationed next to a south Vietnamese Army post in a little town called My Tho, south of Saigon about 50 miles,



Courtesy Photo
Lt. Kendis Julian, aged 24, while stationed in My Tho, South Vietnam.

on the Mekong River."

Midst the rice paddy fields, soldiers lived in buildings in town with no air-conditioning to assuage the sweltering heat. They would hire local cooks but often ate in town at a little

café along the Mekong River. Because of his West Texas upbringing, he enjoyed the spicy local cuisine, unlike some of the other soldiers. He especially liked Bo Opt Toi (red rice with filet beef) that was spiced with garlic and sometimes shared a meal with the South Vietnamese Army.

At that point in the war, the other Allies had not become involved and most of their interactions were with the South Vietnamese, and of course, the enemy.

"We weren't in fear for our lives on a daily basis, but you never knew what was going to come up. There were ambushes using explosives, automatic weapons, and rocket-propelled grenades," he explained, always being alert when driving along country roads and highways. "Every time we went somewhere we'd have to go in a convoy with at least three vehicles, sometimes up to 20. We had to have at least three vehicles in the event we were ambushed to have enough people to defend ourselves."

"When I think about those times, I think of one night where we were with an Army unit and slept on grass mats

on a wooden bed...it was not comfortable. It was out in the middle of nowhere near a canal.

"They hit the village about half a mile away. I thought 'they're going to hit us in the canal.' I was sitting there with submachine guns and grenades. They didn't hit us, but when we got to the village, they opened fire trying to kill as many of us as possible. It was kill or be killed. [It was a] fire fight that was over two hours later.

"There were fifty people at least on each side. Us against them. They were in small bands, 20-30-40-50 on each side. The villagers had scattered and you didn't know who was [Viet Cong] or not. Everything just lit up the sky. They would scatter and disappear into the trees as soon as they had come.

"I didn't sleep much after that. This country boy didn't like that. That's something that sticks out in my memory. You were always on guard, whether you were out in the city or in the countryside taking a walk."

Although he did not receive any injuries during his six-month assignment in Vietnam, he lost friends and there were those who were injured quite seriously.

According to Julian, the at-

mosphere among the soldiers was just like it would be with any group of young people, a lot of "cutting up" like old friends.

"When there're no women around, usually there's a lot of beer, card playing, and movies on a big screen in the army compound," he shared, recalling he watched Exodus for the first time with his fellow soldiers.

Julian confessed that without the comradery, the situation would have been unbearable. Looking back on the United States' involvement and their efforts to subdue Communism from overtaking the then-democratic South Vietnam, he said, "We had to help them, the United States just couldn't let the country become Communist without trying to help... we helped train them and they were really good folks and peace-loving, like most everyone else."

The war spanned over almost two decades because, in his opinion, it was a guerilla war to begin with and it took that long for the massive amounts of troops from the U.S. and North Vietnam to figure out how to come to a truce and realize the war should come to an end.

"We couldn't get them all

and we just got tired. And [U.S. citizens] got tired of sending their boys over there," he concluded.

After his six-month commitment had ended in June of 1963, Julian left from Tanh San Nhut Air Force Base, the largest base in the country located outside of Saigon, returning to his original unit in Okinawa.

In 1964, with family in tow, they came back to the United States via boat, a troop ship with just officers on it. They departed from Okinawa and sailed to Taipei, Taiwan where they spent the night and saw the town, before going to Yokohama, Japan. They then sailed to Honolulu, Hawaii and finally arrived in San Francisco.

After receiving his papers, the family rode a bus to Los Angeles and took Kristi to Disney Land before flying home.

Floydada had been their home their entire life and it was difficult trying to explain the feeling of returning home after such a long time away. "There's no place like home. You dream about it all the time you're gone and what it's like. And then we couldn't telephone home because there was no Trans-Atlantic cable at the time, so we had no idea what was going on back here," he

explains. "We didn't even hear much about what was going on in Cuba. Except for letters from home, you didn't know what was going on."

He started farming at South Plains soon after returning and tried to forget about life in Vietnam, retaining only the more pleasant memories, such as time spent in the beautiful countries of Thailand and Bangladesh. He shared that much of his Army experience, apart from Vietnam, was pleasant, and due to his time in the Army, he was able to see things that wouldn't otherwise have been possible.

"You feel for the people who have lost loved ones, but that happens in every war. I just feel like I did my job that someone had to do. It was just part of growing up."



Courtesy Photo
Kendis Julian has lived in Floydada his entire life, made his living farming in South Plains and at Producers Coop. He is now enjoying retirement with his wife Janis, being a grandfather to his three grandchildren and flying in his free time.

WALL

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photographs to give the wall a makeover recently, several customers wanted to know why they were removing the memorial. And according to Nelson, she reassured them it was only temporary and they have received even more pictures to be added. Employees Leonel Longoria, Esmerelda Garcia, and Benita Longoria were instrumental in carefully dismantling, framing, and reconstructing the wall.

Nelson said that she often looks at the wall, which is home to pictures of several of her family members.

"Every one of my family members on the wall has been in a hot war," stated Nelson, pointing out pictures of three generations of family members—her father, husband's

father, husband, and both sons. "My son went to Kuwait twice, my father was in Thailand during Vietnam, my husband served in Vietnam and my oldest son was in Germany during the first Gulf War."

Her father-in-law, L.J. Nelson, served in the Army during the Korean War and her father, Preston Dunbar, was in the Air Force for 22 years in France, Netherlands, Thailand, "and probably more." Nelson recalls that she was old enough to remember him leaving, staying away for up to four years at a time, while she stayed at home with her mother in the Mississippi-Alabama area.

Among the local heroes whose pictures have a found a home on the post office wall, there are a few that stand out to her. Private First Class Clovis Myrick served from 1942-46 under General George S. Pat-

ton and James L. Asher served in the Air Force and was killed in action. Also hanging on the wall are pictures of Lieutenant Colonel Dr. Randal Griffin who continues to serve in the USAF Reserves and Willis Bunch, Jr. who served in the Army and is currently working as a highway contract driver at the post office.

"I wanted a way to honor our children who were sent to fight for our country as babies, with many never returning home. I look at the wall and reflect on what many families sacrificed for our freedom," she shared. "It breaks my heart that we sent our babies and are still having to send them to fight for our freedom."

If you have a family member or friend you would like to honor, their picture can be taken to the post office to be copied and displayed proudly.

CO-OP

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is another step in Producers Co-op overall plan to reinvest in their facility and in the community. "Producers has gone through some rough years in the past," Stephens said. "Now that we are having some good years, we want to improve and let people know."

Stephens said that once the tire shop is finished, Producers is going into the fuel station and remodel and re-inventory it as well. Some enhancements have already begun in the fuel station as they updated and refreshed its outside appearance, and drinks, snacks and lottery tickets are now available, but when their remodel and re-inventory

is done, they plan to have a full-service convenience store. The plan is for that to be completed by year's end. Members of Producers' Co-op receive a discount on fuel.

Producers Co-op employs 13 people, and according to Stephens, "They all live in Floyd County, and pay Floyd County taxes, and everything we spend here is reinvested in the county." Stephens noted that 80% of Producers Co-op's charitable donations are given inside of Floyd County.

Producers Co-op was established in 1942, and has 412 members. To be a member you must farm or own land in Floyd County. They are accepting new members. Stephens has been the general manager

since January 2014, and he reports to a board of five.

On a tour of the Producers Co-op's planned facility improvements, Stephens pointed out an unpaved road—8th Street, between California and Missouri—and said that he will be appearing on behalf of Producers Co-op before the city council on November 17 to ask the city the pave it.

Stephens pointed out the one-block stretch of road handles a heavy amount of traffic, and said if the city would pave it, Producers would asphalt the adjacent parking lot.

Other enhancements that Producers are considering for their renovation include new signage and a new street-front entrance for the tire showroom.

BALL

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mas favorites. The holiday event will be December 11, at 6:00 pm at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center located half way between Floydada and Lockney on Hwy 70.

Wendell Sollis, bandleader, is a veteran banjo player, performing since the 70's. His shows include Six Flags, Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium, and Quartz Mt. resort in Oklahoma. He started with Texas Sand and now leads the Sidekicks.

Sollis states, "This 12 member band is packed full of tal-

ent and will be ready to deliver a night of your favorite oldies. It will be great music, bringing back memories of days gone by. We have so many award-winning musicians, that it's appropriate to call the group "all stars".

There will be a brass section with hall of fame winner, Steve "Hambone" Ham playing trombone. He currently plays with the Bob Wills' Texas Playboys and the Tulsa Playboys. Larry Reed, with over 40 years of experience, including USO tours, will play the saxophone. He has toured with Red Steagall and the Texas Playboys.

With 40 plus years of experience as a musician, Bob Baker will play steel guitar. He started

at age 13 studying with Eldon Shamblin and is a two-time Hall of Fame inductee.

Ronnie Dale Shultz, lead guitarist, has played all over the globe with well-known artists such as Bob Wills' Texas Playboys, Leroy Van Dyke, Lynn Anderson, and Hank Thompson. He's highly in demand as a session player and performer, as he has mastered 5 different types of musical instruments.

On the accordion, Ginny Mac, from Fort Worth, will astound the audience with her magical voice and charisma. She's performed at the Grand Ole Opry, and MGM in Vegas. Ginny has accompanied Grammy award winners Brave Combo and Riders in the Sky.

Lucy Dean Record, a 91-year-old keyboard player, has a trophy case filled with musical honors. She's in several Halls of Fame and was awarded Instrumentalist of the Year at the Will Rogers Awards.

Brady Bowen, fiddler, has produced 7 albums. His band, Swing Country, received the Western Swing Group of the Year in 2009. He received the President's Choice award from the Cowtown Society of Western Music Award in 2015.

Brady Rasco, a local fiddler and firefighter in Lubbock, has played since the age of 8. At Tarleton, he was a house band member for the Cross Timbers Opry. He's played with the Sidekicks and local bands for

the past 10 years.

Another hall of fame fiddler, Greg Gibbs, began playing in 1984. He's performed with Bob Wills' Texas Playboys, Kelly Spinks, and the Sidekicks. Greg received the Hero award by the Cowtown Society of Western Swing Music Award in 2015.

Rodney Lay, on bass, was on Hee Haw for 12 years as bandleader and bass player for Roy Clark. Hank Thompson and Waylon Jennings had top 20 songs that Rodney composed. Today he plays for the Tulsa Playboys' and Roy Clark's tours.

Terry Thompson, drummer, currently fills that position for the Bob Wills' Texas Playboys

and Jody Nix. He started at a young age playing for greats such as Tag Lambert, Merle David, and Hoyle Nix.

This fun-filled event will include a catered meal, complimentary gourmet coffee bar, vendors, auctions, and drawings for prizes. For an unforgettable night for your family, friends or business, come and join us!

Tickets are \$35.00 each or reserved tables are \$350.00, available at D&J Gin Lockney, or Payne Pharmacy, Floydada. Contact Dustee Sollis at 806-983-6228 or Elaine LaBaume at 806-983-9153, for more information or tickets.

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