



2012 Lindsay Orange Blossom Festival
Honored Person
Frances Loyd

Frances Natick was the 9th of 10 children born to Willie & Callie Natick, her early schooling started school in Strathmore, CA but she graduated from Lindsay High School class 1962. Frances by nature is a very hard worker. As a young girl she joined her family packing oranges helping them earn up to .28 cents a box. Frances was just 16 years old when she decided that parting oranges was hard work and told her father that she was going to find a job in town. Her persistence paid off after walking door to door, store to store. She was thrilled when the call came from the owner of Sno-White Drive Inn in Lindsay. Little did she know then, that it would become 50 plus year career! After graduating from LHS she met her soon to be husband Rabon "Dink"-Loyd a butcher and clerk down the street at Lindsay Superette Store. The two were married in 1964 and purchased Bob's Drive-In in 1969.

They owned and operated Bob's until "Dink's" death in 2008. It was then that she decided to hang up her apron and retire. Bob's was and always will be a Lindsay landmark. It was the meeting place for local farmers to chat around the tables, sip coffee and solve the world's problems, a hang out for LHS students at lunch. Many today still talk about those delicious hamburgers & fries. Frances and Dink welcomed everyone each and every day with a big smile and open arms! Frances & Dink raised two beautiful daughters Plane & Christina in Lindsay. She was very involved in her daughters activities. 4-H, LUSE/PTA President, Lindsay Co-Op President, LHS Booster Officer, Girl Scouts. Between her daughters and Bob's she still found time to be involved in many community services. She served on the Lindsay Chamber of Commerce, Honorary Kiwani for 25 years where she served as their official cook for over 23 years, long time member of the Lindsay Change Blossom Festival committee, Frances has helped in many capacities but most importantly she organized all the concessions stands at the park for many years for the Orange Blossom Festival She attended & cheered at every baseball & basketball game her grandsons, Travis & Tyler Arroyo played in and travels to Fresno to attend school and sports events for her older 3 grandchildren, Jessica, Colby & Callie.

Because of her tireless commitment to Lindsay she has received many awards. AAUW Service Award Honorary Lifetime Member of the Lindsay Jaycees, Women of the Year-1998, United States Marines Corp. Outstanding Catering Award Together with her husband they were recognized by mistress man Devon Nunes for 40 years of outstanding businesses. Since retirement if you can call it that Frances can be found at the Lindsay Senior Citizens building volunteering for the local food give ways. She is a member of Women's organization of PEO Chapter EH, Lindsay Cultural into Council and Lindsay Hospital Guild. Just recently Frances was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Lindsay Strathmore Memorial District Board She was full time cleaning house for friends and helping people with any needed task. Frances runs at full speed unlike her lover turtles, they don't slow her down. She can be found in the early mornings faithfully attending Yoga classes at McDermont Family has always come first and she is proud of her other daughters, Marie and husband Frank Anoyo, and their two sons. Travis & Tyler. Daughter Chris and husband An-Borges along with their children Jessica, Colby & Callie. Frances says her favorite place to be is somewhere between Strathmore and Tonyville. The places she calls home and the places where she loves to serve. I'm very humbled and honored to serve Lindsay as this year's 2012 Honored Person for Lindsay's 80th Orange Blossom Festival. She invites everyone to participate in the festival and most importantly, encourages you to find something you enjoy.....and "volunteer"