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## Special Election Jan. 23

# Four GOPs, one Dem file for District 68 seat



John Berry (R)

Jason Brinkley (R)



Craig Carter (R)





Courtesy photos

By Barbara Brannon and Kay Ellington Texas Spur and Caprock Courier

Early voting began Monday, Jan. 11, for the Saturday, Jan. 23 special election to fill the unexpired term of Senator-elect Drew Springer (R-Muenster) in Texas House of Representatives District 68. Five candidates have filed as of Monday's deadline.

John Berry (R) of Jacksboro is a financial planner and former Jack County commissioner.

Jason Brinkley (R) of Gainesville is an attorney and Cooke County judge.

Craig Carter (R) is a businessman and, since 2016, owner of the Old Nocona Boot Factory in Nocona. Charles Gregory (D) of Childress is a retired postal

David Spiller (R) is a Jacksboro attorney and member

of the Jacksboro ISD school board.

The Texas Spur and Caprock Courier newspapers reached out to all five candidates this week with a stan-

dard questionnaire; four responded by press time with information that should help voters make decisions in a short time frame. Additionally, several candidates have announced tours last week that incorporate the western parts of the spread-out district.

Voters throughout the district, which includes 22 counties of West North Texas, should check with their local election jurisdictions regarding polling places and hours for early voting and for election day.

See candidate profiles on Page 10

# County gins produce over 147,000 cotton bales

**By Yelena Serrato** The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYD COUNTY-The cotton ginning season has officially ended in the South Plains. Floyd County gins wrapped up the season earlier than usual due to a difficult cotton harvest. Weather conditions heavily affected farmers. Drought, heat and an ice storm in October made it difficult for farmers to recover crops.

"The weather affected us greatly; the freeze we had this year caused us to lose lots of cotton," said local farmer Arnaldo Serrato. "It was a natural disaster. I am ready for a new year and trusting in God that it will be a good one. I hope we can all recover from the obstacles we faced this past year," he said.

Barwise Gin was the first gin to wrap up the 2020 season with a total bale count of 8,051. "It was low, but it was more than expected considering the conditions," said owner Chance Cornelius. Since opening in 1947, Barwise Gin has recorded a season high of 31,000 bales which resulted from the 2004 cotton harvest.

Darty Gin baled their last cotton bale just after Thanksgiving with the

counter stopping at 10,895. Darty Gin has been in the Pernell family since 1960.

Lockney Coop Gin stopped ginning on Dec. 2 with a final count of 10,317 cotton bales. "It's terrible," said gin manager Clay Lowrance. It is no question that weather struck havoc on farmers and gins this

D & J Gin finished up with a total of 26,341 bales. D&J Gin started operating in 1984.

McCoy Gin completed the season with a count of 24,820 bales. The 2020 season total was 7,752 more than last year's count of

Floydada Coop Gin was the last gin to finish with a grand total of 66,813 cotton bales. The gin's 2019 season ended with a count of 65,832 bales. This year sparked some improvement despite the early frost storm in September and bad ice storm at the end of

Local farmers and gins were continuously hit with unseen weather conditions this year but were thankfully able to end the cotton harvest with produce. Our farmers keep producing despite the circumstances. Our farmers keep America

# **COVID-19** vaccine now available at Payne Pharmacy

**By Yelena Serrato** The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA—Payne Pharmacy has officially received their first shipment of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine to administer to the community.

Payne Pharmacy has worked tirelessly over the last 90 days preparing to provide the vaccine to lo-

cal customers. According to owner Denice Payne, the pharmacy will administer the vaccine according to CDC protocols by first prioritizing health care personnel, long-term care facility residents, essential workers,



Courtesy photo

those with high-risk medical conditions and adults aged 65 and above.

Individuals can call Payne Pharmacy at 806-983-511 to put their name on the list to receive the

"We are humbled to be a part of the possible solution to this pandemic," said Denice Payne on the Payne Pharmacy Facebook

### Upcoming

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 banderson@ lknewsgroup.com or fchb. editor@yahoo.com.

#### LOCKNEY CEMETERY ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Lockney Cemetery Association will hold a meeting at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 21 at the Lockney Senior Citizen's Center. The purpose of this meeting is to elect officers and transact any other business.

#### **BURN BAN FLOYD COUNTY**

The Floyd County Commissioners' Court extended the burn ban in Floyd County until January 18, 2021.

# **Chamber Business of the Month**



The Floydada Chamber of Commerce congratulates Floyd County Farm Bureau for being awarded December Business of the Month. Shown are (I-r) Chad Minter, Agent at Floyd County office location, Tammy Brannon, Agent at Briscoe County office location, Meredith Campbell, Agency Manager and Tyler Duniven, Agent at Floyd County office location. (Courtesy photo)

### News on the go

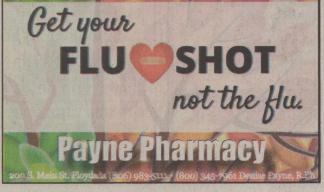


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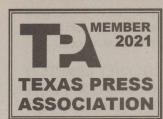
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POLLING PLACES	VOTER	INFORMATION	FOR JANUARY 23, 2021 SPECIAL ELECTION Early Voting hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm			
First United Church Lockney	102 W. Poplar Street Lockney, TX 79241	Early Voting & Election Day				
Courthouse Annex Floydada	110 S. Wall, Floydada, Texas 79235	Early Voting & Election Day	Election Day voting hours: 7:00 am to 7:00 pm			

SPECIAL ELECTION: To fill the vacated seat for House District 68

January 11, 2021 - January 19, 2021 - Early Voting

Individual Voted Mail-In Ballots may be dropped off in person, by the voter only, at the County Clerk's Office, ON ELECTION DAY ONLY & ID IS REQUIRED!

# Governor Greg Abbott swears in Drew Springer to Texas Senate in special ceremony

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN Drew Springer was sworn in today to represent the people of Senate District 30. Joined by his family, including his wife, Lydia, his children and grandson. Springer took the oath of office from Governor Greg Abbott during a ceremony at the Governor's Mansion on Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2021.

Springer defeated his opponent handily to win a special election to replace state Senator Pat Fallon, who was elected to Congress in November.

First elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 2012, Springer served the people of House District 68, which included Floyd County, for eight years with distinction. As a Christian, pro-life, conservative Springer has been at the forefront of protecting and preserving traditional Texas values, something he will carry on in the Texas Senate representing North Texans in Senate District 30.

"As your State Senator, I will continue advancing the conservative priorities of our district, such as reducing property taxes, protecting unborn Texans, and standing up for our law enforcement and first responders who keep our communities safe,



Senator Drew Springer takes the oath of office administered by Governor Greg Abbott at the Governor's Mansion Jan. 6. (Courtesy photo)

Springer said.

The 87th Texas Legislature will convene on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, in Austin. Top issues before the legislature will include public safety, ensuring continued economic growth, addressing responses to the pandemic, continued protection of our Constitutional Rights, and property tax reform.

To view the ceremony or to contact Senator Springer, visit the Texas Senate website at senate. texas.gov.

Springer's Capitol Office at (512) 463-0130.

Senate District 30 Includes the counties of Archer, Clay, Collin (part), Cooke, Denton (part), Erath, Grayson, Jack, Montague, Palo Pinto, Parker, Wichita, Wise, and Young.

House District 68 includes the counties of Childress, Collingsworth, Cooke, Cottle, Crosby, Dickens, Fisher, Floyd, Hall, Harde-Garza, man, Haskell, Jack, Kent, King, Montague, Motley, You may reach Senator Stonewall, Throckmorton,

# 'Capitol' Offense



In the past few days, we have seen many unprecedented things, not L the least of which was protestors storming buildings at the capitol. The reactions to these events have been almost as unprecedented. One such reaction was the rapid purging of certain conservative figures from major social media platforms. HUNTER Another was a large portion of the Throckmorton media and political class calling the protestors and their figure heads domestic terrorists.

While the reaction is understandable, is it the right one? The companies that have made these decisions are indeed private entities and are free to do as they please within the law. The media and politicians are trying to gain viewers and votes, and they are free to do that as well. However, I think there is a lack of understanding about why the protests and rioting took place, and understanding is not to be confused with condoning.

When people feel hopeless and desperate, they are willing to do things that they would not normally do. I have always argued that World War I is what started World War II. The Treaty of Versailles essentially laid the entire blame and punishment of the First World War on the German people. Some might argue they deserved it, but what was the result? Desperate, hopeless and resentful, they turned to a charismatic leader and were willing to do whatever it took to be out from under the punishment laid on them by others. This is not to imply that anything that has taken place so far is akin to Nazi Germany, but this behavior and ostracizing is what leads to those kinds of situations.

With that said, think about how the bulk of the protestors felt. It's difficult, I know, but don't just think about the fact that they let an overzealous speech rile them up to the point of storming a federal building. Instead, think about how average Americans could get to the point of thinking that's a good idea. Why would soccer moms, business owners, blue collar workers and an assortment of all other kinds of citizens show up in the middle of the week to start a riot? I know the instinctive response to that question is, "because Trump told them to," but again, why was that possible? It's because there is a huge contingent of the American population that feels hopeless, desperate, and even resentful.

So, if we have a group that feels that way and thinks that the most powerful people in the world are against them, do we think it's wise to literally turn against them? To remove them from social media? To call them domestic terrorists? These people are our neighbors, our friends, and our family. We may not like it, but it's true, and I hope people remember that. Sometimes we get too focused on winning or score keeping and getting even, and we forget about the humanity in a situation. We forget that everyone has hopes and dreams as well as fear and anxiety. We forget that helping each other gets us farther than fighting each other, and, most importantly, we forget to ask "why?"

I don't pretend to have the answers. People are complicated creatures, and the majority of the issues we face have been building for a long time. What I do know is that times like these call for rational problem solving and decision making as well as empathy for our fellow man. We can be better - on all sides.

# The 501: No plums, no flu



HANABA

Jan. 14, 1989 - A winter storm spread snow and sleet and freezing rain from the Middle Mississippi Valley to the northeastern U.S. Freezing, rain in West Virginia caused fifteen traffic accidents in just

a few minutes west of Charleston

The year 2020 will go down in Crazy year. When do we not have plums? history as the year the wild plums didn't make and nobody got the flu.

Back in 2019, for the first time ever, spreading. My theory. I concocted some spectacular plum make lots more.

MUNN thicket on the farm, big basket in hand. I looked. No plums! My eyes refocused.

And isn't it strange nobody's getting the flu?

We've worn masks, washed our hands and stayed away are. from each other so much that the flu virus just isn't

Remember early 2020 when COVID-19 first estabjam. My one jar was amazingly good. lished itself as the prevailing news story? The flu got do your own research. Meanwhile, here are some high I could hardly wait for 2020 plums to much press too. I think nobody knew enough to say about the Coronavirus itself so influenza served as a flu season," posted mid-December on a site called Na-Off I went in June to the best plum model for comparison, a handy news story stretcher.

Talking TV heads kept reminding us how many people die each year from the flu. You could either take wide. I searched more thickets. I found three. comfort and tell yourself that the Coronavirus was just double whammy - a one-two punch, so to speak.

twice-removed. He died in 1918.

Statistics are statistics. They don't lie. It's just that my percent. friends and kin seem to die from other causes - anything but the flu.

Farmer's Growing Degree Days

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By the end of 2020, you?) five people in my circle tances had died from others survived. But the phisticated guessing game. flu? If anybody got the flu, they didn't talk about it. er the bad news, plums will be antidotal.

Only allergies seemed to hold their own as the cedar trees released their pollen into winter winds. They still

GOOGLE PAUSE.

I asked Google "Why isn't anybody getting the flu?" If you really want to know all aspects of the flu story, points from "How COVID-19 is changing the cold and

Common seasonal infections are indeed down world-

The Southern Hemisphere has been through a another virus, or you could think that we were in for a COVID-19 winter, hardly affected by the flu. Our winter experience could be similar. Along with the flu, some But death from the flu? Really? I couldn't think of other viruses are down Down Under. For example, in any such deaths in my own realm except a first-cousin Western Australia, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) was down by 98 percent and the flu was down by 99.4

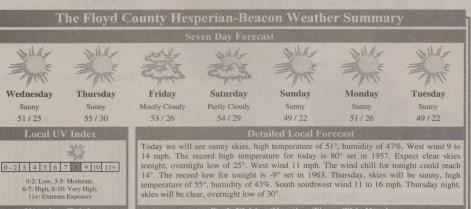
People everywhere, however, still seem to be catching colds. That's the rhinovirus at work. (I see a rhino; do

If you've had a cold, be glad. It might offer you some of friends and acquain- protection against the Coronavirus. That's a theory.

All things considered, Nature.com advises we prepare COVID-19. Died! Several for a worst-case scenario. Virus experts agree it's a so-

Me, I'm just counting on wild plums in June. Whatev-

### **Karen Houchin** Attorney 806-983-5556



0-234567891011+ Weather Trivia Peak Times What type of clouds do thunderstorms develop from? **Peak Times** PM 3:49-5:49 Sun Mon Answer: Cumulonimbus clouds. Weather History Jan. 13, 1888 - The mercury plunged to 65 degrees below zero at Fort Keough, located near Miles City, Mont. The reading stood as a record for the entire continental United States for 66 years. Sunset 5:58 p.m. 5:59 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:52 a.m. 6:01 p.m. 6:02 p.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 7:51 a.m. 7:51 a.m. 11:40 p.m. Next Day 6:04 p.m

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# WANTED: **LAND IN FLOYD COUNTY**

I am looking to buy land in Floyd County, Texas. Generally, in an area North-Northwest to North-Northeast of Floydada then North to the Briscoe County line. Preferably cultivated dryland farmland, CRP, expired CRP, or expiring CRP. If you are interested in selling your land or discussing this further, please call: Larry Bramlet – 806-983-7731 (cell).

# SOCIETY

## Recipe of the Week

By Teresa Bigham

The Hesperian-Beacon

There's nothing better than an authentic-tasting Mexican meal made in one skillet that's ready in 15 minutes. Hello busy weeknights, here's looking at you. It's also a healthy recipe you can feel good about enjoying and serving.

The salsa verde is so fresh tasting along give this recipe the finishing pop of bold flavor that will keep you going back for more.

If you want more heat and a spicier dish, both flavor and a pop of red color.



with fresh lime juice and cilantro to really add jalapeno - keep the seeds if you want even more heat – or go nuts with the crushed red pepper flakes that you can toss on for

#### 15-Minute Salsa Verde Chicken with Avocado

Ingredients:

3 tablespoons olive oil

2 pounds boneless skinless chicken breast, diced into bite-sized pieces

1 teaspoon salt, or to taste

1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, or to taste

1 cup salsa verde

or sliced as desired

1/4 to 1/3 cup fresh cilantro finely minced,

1 to 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice, or to 1 medium ripe Hass avocado, diced in chunks

crushed red pepper flakes, optional and to taste.

Instructions

1. To a large skillet, add the olive oil and chicken. Then evenly season with salt and pepper, and sauté over medium high heat for 7 to 8 minutes, or until chicken is cooked through; stir and flip frequently to ensure even cooking.

2. Add the salsa verde, stir to combine, and cook for about 1 minute, or until warm.

3. Evenly garnish with the cilantro, lime juice, avocado, and optional red pepper flakes if you want to add some heat.

4. Serve immediately. Recipe will keep airtight in the fridge for up to 5 days or in the freezer for up to 4 months.

# **Future stock show exhibitors**



These young kids are the future steer and heifer stock show exhibitors for Floyd County Stock Show. Jody and Shawnda Foster are the proud gran parents of these four young ones. The Floyd County Stock Show was held Jan. 7 through Jan. 9 at the Unity Center in Muncy. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)

# Floydada Senior Citizens news

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - Floydada Senior Citizens Center will be open each Wednesday and Thursday during the month of January and first week of February.

You may either dine-in or have the meal delivered. We will serve lunch from 11 a.m. through 1 p.m. For members, the cost is \$6 per plate. For non-members the cost is \$7.

For delivery, please call 806-98-2032. Membership fee is \$25 per year per person. The Center's mailing address is P.O. Box

Thank you for remembering the Center with donations or memorials.

**MENU** Thursday, Jan. 14 BBQ ribs

Wednesday, Jan. 20 Salisbury steak Thursday, Jan. 21 Chicken strips

BBQ chicken

Swedish meatballs over noodles Wednesday, Feb. 3 Fried chicken

573, Floydada, TX 79235 and the phone number is 806-983-2032.

Wednesday, Jan.27

Thursday, Jan. 28

Thursday, Feb. 4 BBQ on bun

# W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital December Employee of the Month

By Teresa Bigham The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - Elean Mae Abatol was named the Cogdell Clinic Employee of the Month for December.

Abatol is employed as a medical technologist. She conducts laboratory testing which helps in the diagnosis and treatment of disease.

Abatol has been employed with Cogdell Clinic be my co-workers. They are hardworking which makes she said. She added that the patients are really nice, too.

When Abatol has any spare time, she can be found binge-watching Netflix, traveling or baking.



**Elean Mae Abatol** 

# **Lockney Senior Citizens news**

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - Yearly membership dues are due as of January 1.

There will be a Turkey and Dressing Fundraiser on Sunday, Jan. 17. Meal will serve from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. You may also get this meal delivered.

Every Friday morning during the month of January you can get a biscuit, sausage and gravy breakfast. Breakfast meals will be served from 7 - 9 a.m.

The Center serves lunch from 11 a.m. in Lockney since | anuary to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday, by 2019. "What I like most curbside pickup, drive-through or deliv- about my job would have to ery. Anyone wanting lunch can call the Center by 9:30 a.m. daily.

Meals are \$6 for members and \$7 for my workload even lighter," non-members.

The Center's staff appreciates everyone and said they can't wait to see everyone

For questions, contact the center at 806-652-2745. Stay safe.

### THE FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM MEMORIES 1979

#### KENNETH BAIN

By Kenneth Bain, Jr.

John Alexander Bain (born March 24, 1862, Wise County, Texas) married Julia Piner (born December 3, 1866) in Denton, Texas, April 6, 1887. To this marriage were born six children; Kenneth Ewing Bain (born January 23, 1888); Ethleen Bain (married C. B. James); John A Bain Jr.; Frank Bain; Ruth Bain (married Bruce Burleson); and Walter Lee Bain. The J. A. Bain Family moved from Denton to Magnalena, New Mexico, in 1890, where he and his brother raised cattle; and in 1900 the family moved to Silverton, Texas, where he worked in a bank and owned a hardware store. John Alexander Bain died November 9, 1940.

Kenneth E. Bain (born January23, 1888, Denton Texas) graduated from Silverton High School and Clarendon College and was in graduating class of 1911 University of Texas Law School and obtained his license to practice law in 1910. Kenneth Bain married Lucy Stevenson August 16, 1911, in Silverton, Texas, and practiced

law in Silverton until 1916 when he moved his family to Floydada where he was a lawyer. In early 1929 he was appointed by Governor Dan Moody as the first District Judge of the 110th Judicial District Court, composing the counties of Floyd, Briscoe, Motley, and Dickens, was re-elected twice, and went back into private law practice in 1935. Kenneth E. Bain died July 18, 1964, in Floydada.

Lucy Cora Stevenson (Mrs. Kenneth Bain), and her twin sister, Lizzie Nora Stevenson (Mrs. Willie Smithee), were born August 31, 1889, in Seymour, Texas, the youngest of ten children born to Robert F. Stevenson (born August 31,1842) and wife, Mary Elizabeth Folley (born November 17, 1850). In 1892 Lucy moved with her parents by wagon from Baylor County to Silverton, where she finished high school.

She attended Clarendon College and was a school teacher in Silverton before her marriage to Kenneth

To the marriage of Kenneth Bain and wife Lucy Stevenson were born two children, a daughter named Jean Bain, born July 30, 1915, in Silverton, and a son named Kenneth E. Bain, Jr. born June 4, 1919, in Floydada.

Jean Bain (Mrs. Leroy Rushing) graduated from Floydada High School in 1932, and Texas Tech College in 1937, and married Leroy Rushing November 25, 1948, making their home in Breckenridge, Texas, and he is a school principal. To this marriage was born daughter, Mary Lee Rushing (Mrs. Gary M. Pettit) born June 15, 1950, and she graduated from Texas Tech University, then on March 25, 1972, she married Gary Martin Pettit; to this marriage have been born two children, a son Steven Michael Pettit, born November 30, 1974, and a daughter named Susan Dianne Pettit, born October 30, 1976, and they now reside in Austin.

Kenneth E. Bain, Jr. graduated Floydada High School 1936, worked at First National Bank in Floydada and completed three years college at Texas Tech before entering the Army in February 1942, served approximately 4 years with the finance department of the 90th Infantry Division during World War II. In 1946 he entered the University of Texas Law School where he graduated January 31, 1949. He was a partner with his father in the practice of law in Floydada until his father's death. After which he was a lawyer in private practice by himself and served as County Attorney of Floyd County.

# **MUSE NEWS**

ARCHIVES BENEFITS RESEARCHERS

The Mary Lou Bollman History and Genealogy Center continues to provide helpful information to visitors and to written requests as the interest in family history increases across the nation.

**MUSEUM HOURS** 

Visitors are welcome at the museum weekday afternoons from 1 to 5 p.m., or by appointment. To make an appointment, call the museum at 806-983-2415.

Please mail membership dues, contributions or memorials to: Floyd County Historical Museum P. 0 Box 304 Floydada, Texas 79235

Membership dues are as follows: Students - \$1.00; Adults - \$5.00; Family \$10.00; Contributing - \$25.00; Benefactor - \$250.00; Life - \$500.00.

Memorial contributions will be acknowledged with cards to the family members. Membership dues and contributions are vital to the operation and maintenance of the

Thank you for helping preserve Floyd County history!

### **The Lockney Cemetery Association**

will meet Thursday, June 4, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at the Lockney Senior Citizens Building located at 118 W. College.

If you have donated to the Cemetery Association or if you have a plot, you are a member.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers and transact any other business.

## **Obituaries**

### Ezekiel "JR." Brotherton

age 80, of Lockney passed away on Saturday, January 2, 2021 in Amarillo.

A graveside service was held at 1 p.m., Monday, January 11, 2021 at the Lockney Cemetery.

Visitation was held prior to the service from 8 a.m. -12 p.m., Monday, January 11, 2021 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney.

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

IR was born on May 5, 1940 to Ezekiel Brotherton, Sr. and Lena (Baxter) Brotherton in Merit, Texas.

He attended school at Lockney ISD, graduating with the Class of 1958. Then for a couple of years he worked for the City of Lockney, before being inducted into the United States Army in 1964 and serving our country until his discharge in 1972.

After returning to Lockney, he worked for the City of Lockney again for several years before moving on to work at Paymaster Seed in Aiken and later for Cargill for over 40 years. After re-

Ezekiel "JR." Brotherton, tiring from Cargill, JR. still wanted to serve his community and did so by becoming a jailer and working in both Floyd and Hale counties and serving as a City Councilman for the City of Lockney for numerous years.

> When JR. did finally retire from work, he found time to enjoy some of his hobbies which included playing dominos and travelling. JR.'s greatest joy came from grilling steaks and spending time with his children and grandchildren. He loved sharing colorful stories from his life experiences and could really spin an entertaining tale. His family truly loved hearing about all the memorable moments over his lifetime.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Theta (Willis) Brotherton; his wife, Gene Sutton Brotherton and a brother, Rayland Brotherton.

Those left to cherish JR.'s memory are his wife, Meryl Riley-Brotherton; his daughter, Rhonda Dane and husband, Troy of Montana; his son, Ricky Brotherton and wife, Robin of Sunray and his



EZEKIEL "JR." **BROTHERTON** 

daughter, Renee Armstrong and husband, Robert of Lockney; his grandchildren, Jennifer Dane, Tyler Dane and wife, Chelsea, Spencer Dane, Rebecca Brotherton, Ethan Brotherton, Nolan Armstrong and wife, Valerie, Joshua Armstrong, Kacee Phipps and husband, Rob; great-granddaughters, Brooklyn Armstrong and Rylee Phipps; and his sister, Cathey Moseley and husband, Wayne of Odessa.

Memorial donations in JR.'s memory may be made to the Plainview Stars Special Olympics Team, c/o Jackie Ball, 913 Jefferson Street, Plainview, Texas 79072 or the Lockney Volunteer Fire Department in Lockney, Texas.

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

### **Gary Don Carthel**

Gary Don Carthel, age 83, passed away on Sunday, January 3, 2021.

A graveside memorial service was held at the Floydada Cemetery at 2 p.m., Thursday, January 7, 2021 led by Pastor Ken Peterson.

Visitation was held prior to service from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Thursday, January 7, 2021 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Flovdada.

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

Gary was born in Lockney, Texas on February 2, 1937 to Aaron and Estelle Carthel, and remained a Floyd County resident for most of his life.

He graduated from Floydada High School in 1955 and went on to attend Texas Tech University where he received his bachelor's degree in 1960.

Mr. Carthel was a member

of the Floydada City Council, lifelong member of the Elks Club, Citizen of the Year in Floydada, Texas in 2011, and was President of the Floydada Country Club at one time.

Gary was an accomplished farmer and businessman. He contributed to Floydada's vibrant pumpkin history.

He was the rock of his family and was always someone you could turn to for just about anything even if it was just for a piece of "chewin' gum".

His hardworking nature and noble personality are instilled in his family, and everyone he met. He enjoyed hunting, visiting the beautiful mountains of Ruidoso, New Mexico, and always had a story from one of his adventures to share.

Gary is preceded in death by his parents, Aaron and Estelle

He is survived by his wife of



**GARY DON CARTHEL** 

63 years, Doris Carthel; son, Greg Carthel and wife, Michelle Carthel; daughter, Daintry Robertson and husband, Bobby Robertson; grandson, Garin Carthel; granddaughter, Carly Pruiett and husband, Dylan Pruiett; granddaughter, Devery Orologio; brother, Hulon Carthel; sister, Fleeta Shannon; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

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

### Theresa Schue

Theresa Schue, age 71, of Floydada, passed away Monday, January 4, 2021.

Cremation arrangements for Mrs. Schue are under the personal care of Moore-Rose

Funeral Home of Floydada. Online condolences may be made at www.moore-rose.

### from this life on Monday, Janu-

**Pauline Louise Jarrett Nash** 

Pauline Nash, 98, passed ary 4, 2021, in Lubbock, Texas.

A graveside service was held at 3 p.m., Friday, January 8, 2021 at the Floyd County Memorial Park. Reverend Stephanie Nash officiated.

Visitation was held prior to the service from 1p.m.- 2:30 p.m. Friday, January 8, 2021 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home Chapel in Floydada (Facemasks were requested for both

Arrangements were under the personal care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floy-

Pauline was born on October 18, 1922 in Italy, Texas to Doc and Gussie Jarrett.

She married J Duane "Pete" Nash on May 27, 1942, and they lived in Ellis County, Texas until 1955. They raised their family and spent most of their lives in Floydada, Hereford, and Lubbock.

Pauline's life was dedicated to her husband and children, her home, and her church. She was beloved by friends, neighbors, and family and will be greatly missed.

The family expresses its deep appreciation to the dedicated staff at The Legacy at South Plains and Hospice of Lubbock for their loving care.

Pauline was predeceased by her parents, a brother, Whit Jarratt, her husband Pete, and her grandson, Nick Hadderton. Surviving Pauline are her

four children, Margaret Irby (Larry), Camilla Wideman (Spike), Paul Nash (Stepha-



PAULINE LOUISE JARRETT NASH

nie), and Martha Hadderton (Mike) as well as eight grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and extended family.

Memorial donations in Pauline's memory may be made to Hospice of Lubbock or the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

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More OBITS on page 6

The Hesperian-Beacon will post an obituary in the next possible issue for \$65. If a photo is wanted, add \$10.

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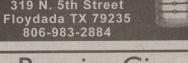
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### he Ultimate Guide

Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did. - 1 John 2:6 (NIV) in Jesus Christ, and we can follow in his footsteps to avoid

While hiking a mountain trail on my way to explore an abandoned gold mine, I thought of the elderly man who had shown me the trailhead and described his hike up this same path 30 years ago. I also thought of the miners who must have made this trek countless times when the mine was operational over 100 years ago. They would have seen the same clear stream rushing along the trail, the same towering peaks, and even some of the same trees. They would have experienced the same challenges and undoubtedly many more.

Such is our spiritual journey. Others have gone before us, and the path is there for us to follow. We have the ultimate guide

**First Baptist Church** 

Lockney

Joseph Tillery, Pastor

Ron Kuykendall - Worship Leader

Chad Cook, Youth Min.

Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.

Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

Floydada

Gary Boles, Pastor

Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 10:50 a.m.

Youth (Sunday) - 6:30 p.m.

**First United Methodist Church** 

Lockney

Pastor E. C. Ice, III

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service - 10:30 a.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

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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

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Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m.

Morning Worship -11 a.m.

**Out Reach Harvest** 

**Pentecostal Church** 

310 Mississippi, Floydada

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

Service Every Sunday

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

Bob DuPont, 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

Mark Snowden, Pastor Nathan Adams, Minister of

Students and Discipleship

Ashley Adams, Minister of Music

Ludustia Prisk, Director of

Children's Ministry

Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.

Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.

Evening Worship - 6 p.m.

Wed Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

becoming lost. If we accept Jesus as our guide, it is important for us also to accept the responsibility of helping others we may meet along the way, whether their needs are physical, emotional, or spiritual. Jesus would not have left them behind, and so we are called to help those around us as well. Boertien (Oregon, USA)

#### TODAY'S PRAYER

Gracious God, thank you for those who came before us to guide us on the path to salvation. Thank you most of all for the example given us by Christ Jesus as we attempt to follow in his footsteps. Amen.

Morning Praise - 11 a.m. Evening Praise 5 - p.m. Wed Worship - 7 p.m.

Rev David Ramos, Pastor

Ester Ramos, Praise Leader

Sunday Bible - 10 a.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

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 Priest - Sylvester Dsouza Sat - 4:30 p.m. Evening Mass Sun - 9 a.m. Mass Mon - 9:30 a.m. Mass Thurs. - 5:30 Evening Mass

South Plains Baptist Church Dan Beaty, Pastor Sunday School - 10 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m.

Templo Getsemani Assembly of God 701 W. Missouri Joe M. Hernandez

983-5286 (Church)

Sunday School English - 9:45 a.m. Spanish - 11 a.m. Worship Spanish - 9:30 a.m. English - 11 a.m. Evening Service 5 p.m. Wednesday 7 p.m.

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church Floydada

Rev. Renato Cruz Parachial Vicar - Jacob Powell 983-5878 Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m. Mon. & Wed. Mass - 6:30 p.m. Confession Sat - 10-11 a.m.

> **Templo Bautista Salem** Lockney

Rev. Joe Hernandez Bun Prayer Service - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service - 11 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wed. Meeting - 7 p.m.

**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 Co-Pastor Gilbert Flores 308 W. Tennessee, Floydada Sunday School - 10:00 A.M. Evening Worship - 5:00 P.M. Wednesday Service - 7:00 P.M.

**Trinity Assembly** 500 W. Houston Kari & Justin Brown, Pastors 983-5499 Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m. Sunday Evening - 6 p.m.

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

**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 4-H Spotlight

**By Teresa Bigham**The Hesperian-Beacon

Noah Gonzales is working on his second year as a Floyd County 4-H member

He is a freshman at Floydada High School and enjoys playing football for the Whirlwinds.

Gonzales takes part in the 4-H rifle project. "I enjoy being part of 4-H because I'm learning a lot in the rifle project, and 4-H is a great way to make new lifelong friends," he said. "I'm looking forward to being a part of the Floyd County 4-H for many more years."

During the summertime Gonzales helps on the farm, but when he has any spare time, he enjoys hanging out with his



**Noah Gonzales** 

friends and playing video

He is the son of Daniel and JoSana Rendon of

# Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) general signup deadline Feb. 12

Special to The Hesperian-Beaco

COLLEGE STATION – Agricultural producers and private landowners interested in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) can sign up for the popular program which began Jan. 4, 2021 and goes through Feb. 12, 2021. The competitive program, administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), provides annual rental payments for land devoted to conservation purposes.

"This signup for the Conservation Reserve Program gives producers and landowners an opportunity to enroll for the first time or continue their participation for another term," Acting FSA State Director Eddie Trevino said. "This program encourages conservation on sensitive lands or low-yielding acres, which provides tremendous benefits for stewardship of our natural resources and wildlife."

Through CRP, farmers and ranchers establish long-term,

resource-conserving species, such as approved grasses or trees, to control soil erosion, improve water quality and enhance wildlife habitat on cropland. Farmers and ranchers who participate in CRP help provide numerous benefits to their local region and the nation's environment and economy. CRP general signup is held annually and is competitive; general signup includes increased opportunities for wildlife habitat enrollment through the State Acres For Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) initiative.

New cropland offered in the program must have been planted for four out of six crop years from 2012 to 2017. Additionally, producers with land already enrolled but expiring on Sept. 30, 2021, can re-enroll this year. The acreage offered by producers and landowners is evaluated competitively; accepted offers will begin Oct. 1, 2021.

Signed into law in 1985, CRP is one of the largest pri-

plant vate-lands conservation proproved grams in the United States. Ol soil The program marked its 35quality year anniversary in December habi- 2020. Program successes include:

• Preventing more than 9 billion tons of soil from eroding, which is enough soil to fill 600 million dump trucks.

Reducing nitrogen and phosphorous runoff relative to annually tilled cropland by 95% and 85%, respectively.
Sequestering an annual

average of 49 million tons of greenhouse gases, equal to taking 9 million cars off the road.

• Creating more than 3

million acres of restored wetlands while protecting more than 175,000 stream miles with riparian forest and grass buffers, which is enough to go around the world seven times.

• Benefiting bees and other pollinators and increasing populations of ducks, pheasants, turkey, bobwhite quail, prairie chickens, grasshopper sparrows, and many other birds.

All USDA Service Cen-



ters are open for business, including those that restrict in-person visits or require appointments. All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service or any other Service Center agency should call ahead and schedule an appointment. Service Centers that are open for appointments will prescreen visitors based on health concerns or recent travel, and visitors must adhere to social distancing guidelines. Visitors are also required to wear a face covering during their appointment. Our program delivery staff will continue to work with our producers by phone, email, and using online tools. More information can be found at farmers.gov/

# Texas Beef Council releases 2020 program evaluations

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN – Texas beef producers can now learn more about how their Checkoff dollars helped drive beef demand throughout 2020.

At its board meetings in late November, the Texas Beef Council (TBC) approved its FY 2020 program evaluations and released the results far earlier than in previous years.

"Our staff and board have always recognized the importance of helping Texas producers learn what their Checkoff dollars are funding," said Jason Baglev, TBC's vice president of beef resources. "Rather than waiting until our full annual report is complete with financials in late February, we wanted to let producers know more about the successes that our programs had during FY 2020 as soon as possible. We couldn't achieve our goals without their support, and their feedback is very important to us."

2020 program evaluations are available at www. texasbeefcheckoff.com/checkoff-resources/annual-report/. By reading about TBC's programs, producers and other beef industry stakeholders can discover exactly how TBC achieved multiple milestones in FY20, including:

• A 24 percent increase in awareness of Beef Loving Texans (TBC's consumer-facing brand)

• 1.6 million visitors and twice as many beef recipes shared at BeefLovingTex-

• 1.3 million views of the "BBQuest" video series featuring renowned chefs and pitmasters across Texas.

• 361 million impressions for "All Plates of Life" and "BBQuest" ad campaigns that keep beef top of mind for consumers.

• Outreach to 5,000 Reg-

istered Dietitians and MDs about the benefits of beef in a healthy diet.

• 7,000-plus Beef Team appearances to raise awareness of how beef can fuel athletic performance.

• More than 2,000 culinary professionals now subscribe to the Beef Loving Chefs monthly newsletter.

"From foodservice, culinary and retail engagement to consumer advertising and outreach, our 2020 programs have made a positive impact on beef demand and overall perception in Texas," Bagley said. "We're excited to share this information with the Texas producers who make all these programs possible, and we will continue to find innovative ways to grow beef demand in 2021."

For more information about Beef Loving Texans and the Texas Beef Council, visit TexasBeefCheckoff.com.

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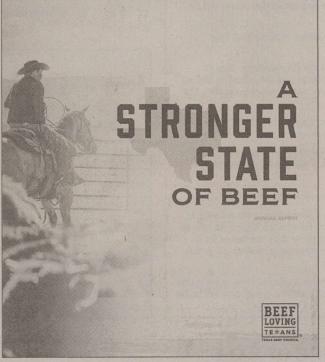
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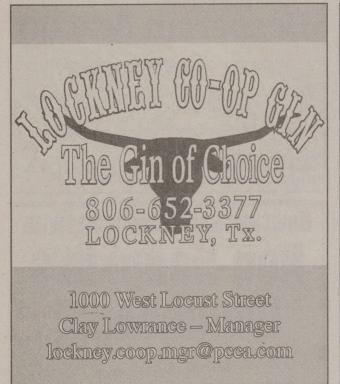
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#### OBITUARIES

From Page 4

### **Travis Phillip Jones**

of Floydada, passed away on Friday, January 8, 2021.

He was a loving Father, Grandfather, Brother, Cousin, Uncle, and friend of

A celebration of life was held at 2 p.m., Monday, January 11, 2021 at the First Baptist Church in Floydada.

Interment followed the service at the Floyd County Memorial Park.

A visitation was held at the First Baptist Church in Floydada on Sunday, January 10, 2021 from 5 - 7 p.m.

Arrangements are under the personal care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floy-

Travis was born to Phillip Tate Jones and Maggie Mae Graves on April 14, 1931 in the Baker Community of Floyd County.

He grew up in Dougherty, Texas on a small family farm where he found a love of

Travis Phillip Jones, 89, ranching and raising cattle. He enjoyed many memories on the farm with his brother, Bill, especially shooting .22s and riding horses.

> Travis graduated from Floydada High School in 1948 and West Texas State College in 1952. Then he married his high school sweetheart, Gladys Roberts, on August 28, 1952. Soon after he was drafted to the United States Army and served for two years.

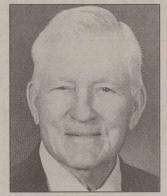
After serving our country, Travis returned home to Floydada where he and Gladys started their own farming and ranching operation, which Travis enjoyed managing for many years.

He and Gladys had three sons, Joe, Jay and Jon, and fostered two others, Nathan Johnson and Derrell Mon-

With a house full of boys, Travis quickly learned he could not keep enough milk in the fridge and never missed one of the boys' events. He coached the boys in baseball, raised show steers, and taught them the value of a hard day's work.

A life-long member of the Floydada community, Travis was passionate about serving his neighbor. He served on the Floydada ISD School Board and was a member of the Floydada Masonic Lodge #712, Floyd County Pioneer Association, and First Baptist Church in Floydada. He was named Co-Citizen of the Year in

Travis was known for his quick charm and never met a stranger. He had a deep love of country music and dancing, especially at Jody Nix concerts, where he made many friends from across the country. He hardly ever missed the National Finals Rodeo and owned horses his entire life. Travis loved trav-



TRAVIS PHILLIP **JONES** 

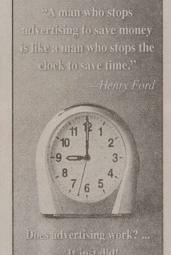
eling and pack trips to Colorado, where he made many memories with his family. He kept Willie's Roadhouse and The Western Channel on repeat and was always up for a game of dominoes, a round of golf, or finding the next painting to add to his impressive Kenneth Wyatt collection.

Travis is preceded in death by his wife of 46 years, Gladys, his wife of 8 years, Sue, his sister, Nancy Carrol, and grandchild, Tate Jones.

He is survived by his brother, R.W. "Bill" Jones of Amarillo, Texas; sons, Joe Jones and wife, Anne of Junction, Texas, Jay Jones and wife, Laurel of Shallowater, Texas, Jon Jones and wife, Brenda of Floydada, Texas, Nathan Johnson and wife, Connie of South Plains, Texas and Derrell Monday and wife, Jana of Vernon, Texas, ten grandchildren, three greatgrandchildren and his favorite dancing partner, Paulette Robinson of Ralls, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Floydada Senior Citizens in memory of Travis.

Online condolences may be made at www.moorerose.com.



#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Sealed proposals addressed to Buster Poling, City Manager, City of Lockney for the construction of a wastewater lift station and associated appurtenances, entitled:

> WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS 2020 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PROJECT TXCDBG PROJECT NO. 7219239 LOCUST STREET LIFT STATION REPLACEMENT LOCKNEY, TEXAS

will be received in the office of the City Manager, City of Lockney, at City Hall, 218 East Locust Street, Lockney, Texas 79241 until:

February 3, 2021 2:00 PM

A cashier's check, certified check or acceptable bidder's bond, payable to the City of Lockney in an amount equal to not less than five percent of the bid submitted, must accompany each bid as guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the Bidder will, within fifteen days after receipt of Contract Documents, enter into a contract with the City of Lockney and will execute bonds on the forms provided in the Contract Documents. Any bid received after the time and date listed above will be returned unopened and will not be considered.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and inform themselves regarding all local

Contract Documents are on file and may be examined in the office of the City Manager, City of Lockney, 218 E Locust St., Lockney, Texas 79241, phone (806) 652-2355 and the offices of Brandt Engineers, Consulting Engineers, 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110, telephone (806) 353-

Plans and Specifications may be obtained from the Engineers, Brandt Engineers, 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110, phone (806) 353-7233 in the following manner:

Cost: One hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00), non-refundable, for each set of paper plans and specifications or seventy five dollars (\$75.00), non-refundable, for each set of digital plans and specifications on CD

Performance and Payment bonds shall be set forth in the Contract Documents.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness, the Owner reserves the right to adopt such interpretations as may be most advantageous or to reject the bid as informal. Bids may be held by the owner for a period not to exceed 60 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidder's qualifications prior to the contract award.

All contractors/subcontractors that are debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation on federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under this project

JOINT NOTICE OF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF FLOYD

BY VIRTUE OF ORDERS OF SALE DATED the 30th day of December, 2020, and issued pursuant to judgment decrees of the District Court of Floyd County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date in the hereinafter numbered and styled causes, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Court, I have on the 30th day of December, 2020, seized, levied upon, and will on the 2nd day of February, 2021, at the Floyd County Courthouse, 100 S. Main, Floydada, Texas, at 10:00 a.m. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, as provided for by the Texas Property Tax Code.

All of the following properties being located in Floyd County, Texas and each property being more particularly described on an instrument recorded in the Volume and Page reference (V\_\_/P\_\_) or document number of the Deed Records, Floyd County, Texas. The approximate property addresses reflected herein are the addresses on the tax records and may or may not be completely accurate

PROP#	CAUSE #	STYLE	PROP DESCRIPTION, ADDRESS, ACCT #					
1 5786TS		Floyd County Appraisal District v Alejandro Hernandez et al	Lot 13, Block 1, Steen Place Addition, City of Floydada, Floyd County, Texas (Vol. 37, Page 533, Official Public Records), Account #R00002266					
2	2 5807TS Floyd County Appraisal District v Lozell Graham Keeter et al		the North 1/2 of Lots 14, 15 and 16, Block 1, Brunson Addition, Cit of Lockney, Floyd County, Texas (Vol. 254, Page 319, Deed Record: Account #R000002931					
-3	5867TS	Floyd County Appraisal District v Pauline Cooper et al  the West 1/2 of Lot 15 and all of Lot 16, Block of the Town of Floydada, Floyd County, Texa Deed Records), Account #R000						
4	5936TS	Floyd County Appraisal District v Manuel B. Vallejo et al	the North 1/2 of Lots 9, 10 and 11, Block 17, Bartley Heights Addition, City of Floydada, Floyd County, Texas (Vol. 79, Page 246, Official Public Records), Account #R000001804					
5	5939TS	Floyd County Appraisal District v Lorenza Kearney et al	Lot 1, Block 54, Original Townsite of the Town of Floydada, Floyd County, Texas (Volume 166, Page 462, Deed Records), Account #R000000614					
6	5930TS	Floyd County Appraisal District v Ofilia Arellano et al	Lots 15 and 16, Block 102, Original Town of Floydada, Floyd County Texas (Volume 226, Page 253, Deed Records), Account #R000001176					
7	5943TS.	Floyd County Appraisal District v Anselmo G. Ramirez, Sr. et al	a 6.927 acre tract, more or less, out of the South part of Survey Block T, B.S. & F. Cert. No. 1273, Floyd County, Texas (Vol. 11 640, Official Public Records), Account #R000004252/R00000					
8	5949TS	Floyd County Appraisal District v Amber LeAnn Nuncio	all of Lots 5-10, Block 2, Brewster 3 Addition, City of Lockney, Floy County, Texas (Vol. 91, Page 526, Official Public Records), Account #R000002903					
9	5954TS	Floyd County Appraisal District v Ray Jimenez, Jr. et al	Lot 19, Block C, N.B. Davis Survey #9, City of Lockney, Floyd County, Texas (Vol. 97, Page 679, Official Public Records), Account #R000005704					
10	5954TS	Floyd County Appraisal District v Ray Jimenez, Jr. et al	part of Lots 4 to 10, inclusive, Block 1, Brewster Addition #3, City of Lockney, Floyd County, Texas (Vol. 43, Page 394, Deed Records), Account #R000002899					

This sale will be conducted to satisfy the judgment(s) for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interests due on the properties described herein, and for all costs of court and sale.

I do hereby verify that true and correct copies of the foregoing Joint Notice of Sale have been delivered by United States Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, and by regular mail, to each of the Defendants named in each of the numbered and styled causes.

DATED the 30th day of December, 2020, at Floydada, Texas

PAUL RAISSEZ Sheriff, Floyd County, Texas

You may contact the attorney for the taxing units at (325) 672-4870.

# Floyd County Sheriff's Crime Report

Sheriff's Office received a phone call of a vehicle's interior being burned on FM 54 in Floyd County. The responding Deputy determined that there had been an electrical fire underneath the dashboard.

November 6

Sheriff's Office received a call from an individual from the State of Kansas. He informed the Deputy that someone had used his personal information to obtain Direct TV services in the City of Lockney. The suspect left an outstanding bill of over six hundred dollars.

**November 8** 

Sheriff Raissez recovered a trailer that was blocking the entrance of the Lockney Coop that had been reported stolen out

Sheriff Raissez responded to a crash at Producer's Coop Elevator where a vehicle backed into another vehicle. No injuries reported.

November 16

Deputy received a call from a Plainview I.S.D School Resource Officer of a sexual assault that occurred in Floyd County. This case is under investigation.

**November 17** 

Deputy conducted a traffic stop in the 600 Block of East Houston Street in the City of Floydada. While the Deputy was conducting a driver's license check the driver sped off. After a short pursuit that ended on the Matador Highway, Don Nall, 48, of Lubbock was arrested for Evading Arrest in a Motor Vehicle and Possession of a Controlled Substance.

**November 18** 

November 19

Deputy responded to the 400 block of East Guest Street in the City of Lockney in reference to a Theft of an Apple Air Mac-Book that was taken out of a vehicle. A few days later the Deputy was contacted an informed that the MacBook had been located.

Deputy responded to the 700 Block of North East 7th Street in the City of Lockney in reference to a Burglary of a Residence. The caller reported two TV's, a jewelry box, a 13-inch monitor, a DVD player and a Blue Ray player were taken. Total value of loss \$1400.

November 19

Deputy responded to the 600 Block of South West 1st Street in the City of Lockney in reference to Domestic Assault. Arnaldo Lopez, Jr., 27, of Lockney was arrested for a Family Violence Assault.

November 20

Deputy responded to 3001 Love Road at the Plains Baptist Camp in reference to vandalism. Deputy was told that someone broke four mirrors and a water heater that was in storage.

Deputy conducted a traffic stop in the 100 block of East Locust Street in the City of Lockney that resulted in an arrest. Jana Hancock, 50, of Lockney was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance.

November 27

Deputy conducted a traffic stop on US Highway 70 that resulted in an arrest. Robert Santiago, 24, of Lubbock was arrested for Possession of

a Controlled Substance.

November 27

Deputy responded to the 100 block of East Locust Street in the City of Lockney in reference to Criminal Mischief. Someone tried breaking into the business by breaking out the window. En-

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# Lockney Longhorns

# Longhorn Pride Spotlight

**By Teresa Bigham** The Hesperian-Beacon

Abery Ascencio is a seventh grader at Lockney Junior High school and has a love of geogra-

She has been playing basketball for nine years. "I love being able to shoot the basketball and play the game with my friends," she said.

When Ascencio graduates she has plans to attend college, but she has not yet made up her mind on what she wants to

girls who are interested them to keep trying and



**Abery Ascencio** 

in playing basketball one do not give up," Ascencio "If I could give younger piece of advice, I would tell

# JV girls basketball



During the 3rd quarter, Anyaleigh Tambunga helps the Lady Horns take the win against the Ralls Lady Rabbits on Jan. 5. The game was a nail-biter with a final score of 38-34. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)

# Lockney Junior High Honor Roll

"A" Honor Roll

6th GRADE

Tylee Benton, Sean Gonzales Hannah Kasner, Vivtoria Luna

8th GRADE

Michelle Guerrero, Bryson Klein Brinley Lefevre, Haygen Lefevre Avery McInvale

> "A/B" Honor Roll 6th GRADE

Bo Alvis, Isabel Cardenas, Russell Casillas Lyla Garcia, Sophia Gomez Juliette Gonzalez, Caelyn Jimenez Jason Reyna, Aubrey Rodriguez Hannah Salazar, Jose Salazar Alondra Trenadoz

7th GRADE

Daniel Alvarado, Abery Ascenio Dominick Ascenio, Rihanna Castillo Nickolas Cervantes, Angela Encizo Ellianna Jimenez, Martin Jimenez Adrielle Martinez, A'Mryee Salazar Kara Sanchez, Nayiahlee Vasquez

8th GRADE

Bryanna Acedillo, Krista Azua Kaileigh Cook, Kyleigh Durham Sophie Gutierrez, Analia Jimenez Madison Jimenez, Rudy Jimenez Xavier Jimenez, Darian Luna Jessal Naranjo, Yareli Naranjo Miannette Rubio



During the 3rd quarter, the game was neck and neck. Adaliyan Jones layup and scor for the Lady Horns. The Lady Horns took the win against the Ralls Lady Rabbits with a score of 38-34. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)

# Stock show kids



Haygen Lefevre, an eighth grader at LJHS is showing his swine project at the 2021 Floyd County Stock Show on Jan. 9. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)



Lockney kids making some memories at the Floyd County 2021 Stock Show. Shown is (I-r) Kaileigh Cook, Sophie Gutierrez, Tuff Araujo, Wyatt Bigham, Gunner Araujo and Saylee Diepenhorst. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)



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# Floydada Whirlwinds



# Whirlwind Pride Spotlight

**Cheering on the Lady Winds** 

**By Barbara Anderson** 

The Hesperian-Beacon

Angel Garza, an eighth grader at Floydada Junior High School, is the son of Carrie Angeles.

He has been in band four years, one in high school, two years in junior high and one in elementary.

"I like being in band because I like making new friends," said Garza.

Garza said he is looking forward to learning so much new stuff and making more new friends.



**Angel Garza** 

## Lady Winds fall short against the Lady Longhorns

**By Yelena Serrato** The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA-The Lady Winds faced the Lady Longhorns in a friendly county rivalry match-up on Friday, Jan. 8 in the Whirlwind Gym, will continue their season

The Lady Winds battled their way to a close game but fell short in the final

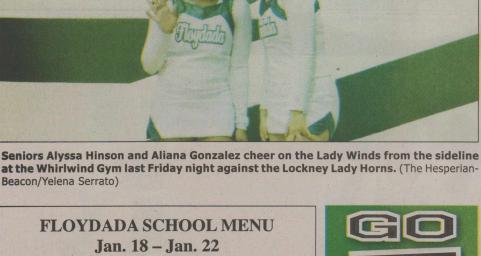
The Floydada Whirlwinds and Lady Winds

which resulted in a 43-39 on the road Tuesday, Jan. 12 to go up against New

> On Friday, Jan. 15, Floydada will play host to the Hale Center Owls and Owlettes with the junior varsity girls' game starting



Junior Lady Wind Erin Trevino looks to set up the offense against the Lockney Lady Horns last Friday night at the Whirlwind Gym. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Yelena Serrato)



FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

Monday **NO SCHOOL** 

Tuesday

Breakfast - Sweet potato chocolate chip muffin , fruit juice, fruit, milk

Lunch -Beefy baked rotini, roll, cheese pizza, spiced green beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast- Egg & cheese sandwich, fruit juice,

fresh fruit, milk

Lunch - Fajita chicken wrap, cheesy meatball sub, Mexican pinto beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Thursday

Breakfast - Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, fresh fruit, fruit juice, milk

Lunch - Breaded beef fingers, roll, chicken patty sandwich, baked beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Friday

Breakfast - Mini chocolate chip French toast,

fresh fruit, fruit juice, milk Lunch - Breaded popcorn chicken, roll, fajita chicken

salad sub w/cheese, crinkle fries, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk



Lady Wind Kailee Garza looks to make a pass as Lady Horn Yanellie Bernal puts up a strong defense. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Yelena Serrato)

# Don't Mess with Texas® Scholarship contest opens to high school seniors

AUSTIN - Applications are now available for the 2021 Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship Contest. This contest recognizes Texas high school seniors who are taking an active role in litter prevention in their school or community.

The contest is open to any Texas high school senior currently attending public, private or home

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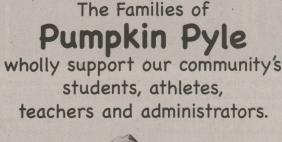
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To enter the Don't mess with Texas Scholarship Contest, visit dontmesswithtexas.org. Applications must be received via online submission by 5:00 p.m. (CST) March 31, 2021. Sponsors for the Don't mess with Texas Scholarship include Bucee's and iHeart Media.

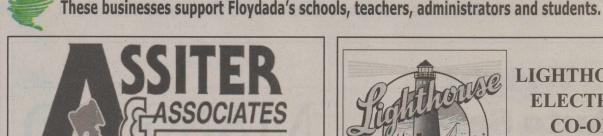
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innovations in the hope of has been educating Texans about litter prevention since 1986. The program includes a grassroots partnership with the Keep Texas Beautiful organization, annual "Trash-Off" community outreach events and the Adopt-a-Highway volunteer pro-

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#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Edith Fay Gary, Deceased, were issued on September 3, 2020, in Cause No. 6132, pending in County Court at Law of Floyd County, Texas, to: Jay Towe.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Jav Towe c/o Taryn Minter Law 706 Broadway Plainview, Texas 79072

DATED the 5th day of January, 2021.

Taryn Minter Law, PLLC 709 Broadway Plainview, TX 79072 Tel: (806) 429-8054 Fax: (806) 494-3843

State Bar No. 24065100 taryn@tarynminterlaw.com Attorney for Applicant

#### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Floydada Independent School District is soliciting proposals for the **Demolition of the Existing High School**, 1 Whirlwind Alley, Floydada, TX 79235.

Proposals from trade contractors and subcontractors shall be received in the offices of Knox, Gailey and Meador, Inc., Construction Manager-At-Risk, at 1109 North Avenue T, Lubbock, Texas 79408, until: 2:00 PM, Tuesday January 26<sup>th</sup> 2021.

Plans, Project Manuals and related documents may be examined and acquired from the following locations:

Construction Manager-At-Risk: Knox, Gailey and Meador, Inc. P.O. Box 5736 1109 North Avenue T Lubbock, Texas 79408-5736

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Floydada Independent School District Administration Office 226 W California St.

Plans and Project Manuals will be issued upon a deposit of \$100.00 per set as a guarantee of their safe return. The full amount of the deposit will be returned if the documents are returned in good condition within ten (10) days after the bid opening.

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### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF CARMEN MUNIZ, DECEASED

Administration of the Estate of CARMEN MUNIZ, Deceased, has been commenced by the

issuance of original Letters Testamentary to Eduardo Muniz, Jr., on the 7th day of January, 2021, in

the County Court of Floyd County, Texas, acting in Cause No. 6147 styled the Estate of CARMEN

All persons having claims against the Estate are hereby notified to present them within the

time prescribed by law. The address to which claims may be presented is:

Attorney at Law P.O. Box 445 Floydada, Texas 79235 (806) 983-4924 Attorney for Independent Executor

Lex S. Herrington

DATED the 7th day of January, 2021.

MUNIZ, Deceased in which court the case is pending.

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#### **TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**



NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AN AIR QUALITY STANDARD PERMITFOR PERMANENT ROCK AND CONCRETE CRUSHERS

PROPOSED AIR QUALITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 163515

APPLICATION. Permian Basin Materials, LLC, 4001 East 42nd Street, Odessa, Texas 79762-5936 has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Air Quality Standard Permit, Registration Number 163515, which would authorize construction of a permanent rock and concrete crusher. The facility is proposed to be located at 1200 Farm-to-Market 97, Lockney, Floyd County, Texas 79241. This application is being processed in an expedited manner, as allowed by the commission's rules in 30 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 101, Subchapter J. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or

notice. For exact location, refer to application. http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=34.12344&ing=-101.35246&zoom=13&type=r. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on December 11, 2020. The executive director has determined the application

PUBLIC COMMENT. Written public comments about this application may be submitted at any time during the public comment period. You may submit public comments either in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or electronically at www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. The deadline to submit public comments is 30 days after newspaper notice is published.

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS. A written response to all relevant comments will be prepared by the executive director after the comment period closes. The response, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and requested to be added to the mailing list. The response to comments will be posted in the permit file for viewing.

The executive director shall approve or deny the application not later than 30 days after the end of the public comment period, considering all comments received within the comment period, and base this decision on whether the application meets the requirements of the standard permit.

CENTRAL/REGIONAL OFFICE. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ Central Office and the TCEQ Lubbock Regional Office, located at 5012 50th Street Suite 100, Lubbock, Texas 79414-3426, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, beginning the first day of publication of this notice.

INFORMATION. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. Further information may also be obtained from Permian Basin Materials, LLC, 4001 East 42nd Street, Odessa, Texas 79762-5936, or by calling Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Sawyer, EHS Technician, Permian Basin Materials, LLC at (936) 293-

Notice Issuance Date: December 30, 2020

### LEGAL NOTICE

LOCKNEY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Exhibit C-3

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#### LEGAL NOTICE

CAUSE NO. 6145

ESTATE OF DONALD DEAN HARDY, DECEASED

IN THE COUNTY COURT

FLOYD COUNTY, TEXAS

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Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Donal Dean Hardy, Deceased, were granted on January 4, 2021, under Docket No. 6145, pending in the County Court of Floyd County, Texas, to Dedra Ann Hardy.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the estate, addressed as follows:

Estate of Donald Dean Hardy, Deceased c/o Michael H. Carper 1102 Main Street Lubbock, Texas 79401

All persons having claims against this estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED January 6, 2021.

By: /s/ Michael H. Carper Michael H. Carper, Attorney for Applicant

# House candidates' profiles, from pag

**ABOUT JOHN BERRY** 

Party: Republican

Jacksboro resident John Berry served as Precinct 1 Commissioner in Jack County from 2017 to 2018, fulfilling an unexpired term. A Certified Financial Planner



with more than 25 years in the financial services industry, Berry has owned Corner Post Financial Planning for nearly 15 years. He currently serves on the board of directors for the Lubbock Christian University Summer Camp program and is past president of the Hope Shelter. He is a member of the Jacksboro Chamber of Commerce and has volunteered for other charities and non-profits such as 4-H, the Boy Scouts, the Salvation Army, and the Lions Club. The Berry family are members of and attend

Jacksboro Church of Christ.

John was raised in the Texas Panhandle and graduated from Texas A&M University, where he met his wife, Melanie. After college, John and Melanie lived in Houston before returning to west Texas. They were able to acquire the land and home built by John's great-grandparents outside of Jacksboro, where they raised their two boys and run a small cow/calf operation. Son Trey currently attends West Texas A&M University in Canyon and son Michael attends The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina in Charleston.

**CAMPAIGN STATEMENT:** 

"It is important that we carry on the legacy of sending a representative to Austin who not only believes in our conservative rural Texas values, but is willing to fight for them as well. I want thank Drew Springer for his years of service in the Texas State House and look forward to working together with him as he begins to serve in the Texas State Senate."

"Raising my family on a ranch and owning a small business for decades gives me a unique perspective on the needs and challenges facing our district. The size of this district land wise creates regional needs that must be addressed such as access to water, healthcare, and broadband internet while we must also ensure that there are viable jobs to allow our families to stay in rural Texas. We must also fight for lower property taxes for homeowners and be willing to protect and defend our individual liberties."

#### **ABOUT JASON BRINKLEY**

Party: Republican

Jason Brinkley and his wife, Katie, reside in Gainesville, Texas. A fifth-generation resident of Cooke County, Brinkley is currently serving in his second term as the Cooke



County Judge. Prior to taking office as county judge in 2015, he served as a justice of the peace for Cooke County from 2009 through 2014. Brinkley holds a juris doctorate from Oklahoma City University School of Law and a bachelor's degree in political science from Texas A&M University, with a minor in economics. He has also maintained a small law practice for the past 12 years.

Brinkley served five years as president of the Texoma Council of Governments. He currently serves as vice president

of the North and East County Judge and Commissioners Association, and vice-chair of the Rural Action Caucus and vice-chair of the Ag and Rural Affairs Policy Steering Committee for the National Association of Counties. He also serves on the National Association of Counties and the Texas Association of Counties boards of directors.

Brinkley also serves on several local boards and committees in and around Cooke County.

### **KEY CAMPAIGN MESSAGES**

1. Local decision making: I firmly believe that govern-

ment closest to the people governs best.

2. Expand rural broadband internet: A comprehensive and aggressive broadband internet plan for Texas is of paramount importance.

3. Rural health care: We must work to find solutions to optimize healthcare for Rural Texas, including increases in telehealth and incentivizing public-private partnerships with our medical providers to make available doctors, nurses and community health workers to the most underserved areas.

What areas of public policy or community issues matter most to you? Texas is a very diverse state with 254 counties and over 1,000 incorporated communities; however, most of the population, and therefore a large part of the

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influence, is located in six major cities. We must ensure that rural Texas continues to have a strong voice at the state level. Whether addressing rural health care, rural broadband, water, or schools, what is happening in rural Texas often differs greatly from what is happening in the

What strengths would you bring to this office that put you in a better position than your opponents to serve constituents? For the past six years serving as the Cooke County judge, I have made it a priority to fully represent my constituents. I have successfully served in leadership capacities at the regional, state and national levels. At the state level, that focus has been on retaining local decision making. At the federal level, that focus has been on expanding rural broadband by redirecting federal dollars and changing broadband mapping. We have had successes, particularly on changing broadband mapping. This extensive knowledge and experience will allow me to hit the ground running as your State Representative and to be a strong voice for rural Texas.

#### **ABOUT CRAIG CARTER**

Party: Republican

Craig Carter described himself in his questionnaire as "a self-made man born and raised in Texas." He said, "I own and operate a food bank in Nocona, Texas, that serves

> 30,000 families a year. Most know me for buying the Old Nocona Boot Factory and creating over 100 jobs with Old Boot Factory western stores all across the DFW. I am unapologetically a gun-owning Godserving Texan committed to defending our freedoms."

#### **KEY CAMPAIGN MESSAGES**

1. Property tax: Texans are being taxed out of their homes and businesses and we cannot allow this to happen any lon-

2: Pro-life and pro-gun.

3: Rural infrastructure: power grids, high speed internet, and creating new jobs and new revenue streams for rural communities.

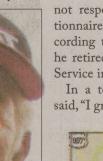
What areas of public policy or community issues matter most to you? Property taxes, job creation and rural infrastructure improvements are my top three community issues to resolve. People like my father, retired tax-paying citizens, are being taxed out of their properties. This quality of life is not acceptable to hard-working Texans who retire and cannot afford peace of mind to live out their days in their homestead. Rural infrastructure such as high speed internet or fiber are a necessity for the modern evolving world. With the pandemic, telemedicine and remote learning have dramatically increased, making high speed internet a necessity. Power grids have to be kept to operating standards to ensure a safe and inviting economic environment for all.

What strengths would you bring to this office that put you in a better position than your opponents to serve constituents? I bring a track record when it comes to fighting for upgrades to rural towns. Take Nocona, Texas, for example. In 2016, I bought the Nocona Boot Factory. At this point there was no high-speed internet, power surges at one point caught my building on fire, the city streets adjacent to my building were not paved. In two years I got fiber to the city, the power grid upgraded, the streets paved, brought in Nocona Brewery and Nokona Glove Factory and increased the tax base for the city to continue improvements on its infrastructure. I know how to create jobs in rural areas, bring economic solutions to expensive problems, and use the resources you have around you. I am honored to serve my community now, and would be humbled to represent HD 68.

#### **ABOUT CHARLES GREGORY**

Party: Democratic

Charles Gregory, who filed for candidacy on Jan. 4, did



not respond to our fill questionnaire by press time. According to his Facebook page, he retired from the US Postal Service in July 2020.

In a text message, Gregory said, "I grew up in Hall County, Memphis, Texas; have been gone 33 years and am now back home in Childress County. I live 10 miles west of Childress at Baylor Lake. I have a fishing lease between Turkey and Matador on the Billy Campbell ranch. . . . I am class of 1977."

#### **ABOUT DAVID SPILLER**

Party: Republican

David Spiller was born and raised in Jacksboro, Texas. Upon graduating from Jacksboro High School, he gradu-



ated from the University of Texas at Austin, and from St. Mary's University School of Law. He had practiced law for 34 years and had a private law practice with his two sons, and previously practiced with his father and brother. He also owns Spiller Title, believed to be the oldest family-owned title insurance company in the state of Texas, which started by his great-grandfather in 1888. He has served as city attorney for the City of Jacksboro for 33 years, and as general counsel to the Jack County Hospital Dis-

trict for 30 years. He is also a credentialed advanced mediator, having mediated well over a thousand cases since

Spiller is currently serving his 26th year as a trustee of the Jacksboro Independent School District.

He lives in Jacksboro with his wife of 33 years, Ginger. They have two sons, Mason and Reid, who are both attorneys in Jacksboro. Mason and his wife, Alex, have one son, Shepherd. Reid and his wife, Haley, are expecting a child. Ginger and David Spiller are members of First Baptist Church of Jacksboro.

#### **KEY CAMPAIGN MESSAGES**

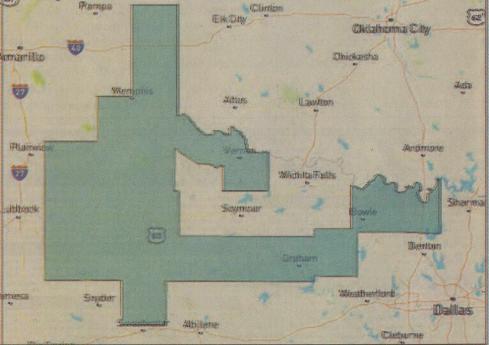
1. I am a rural conservative, and will advance and defend the conservative principles, beliefs and values of the people of this district.

2. I will fight for lower taxes, will protect the right to life, will defend the 2nd amendment, will protect rural schools and hospitals, will work to provide rural Texas with access to high-speed internet, and will defend our property rights and water rights.

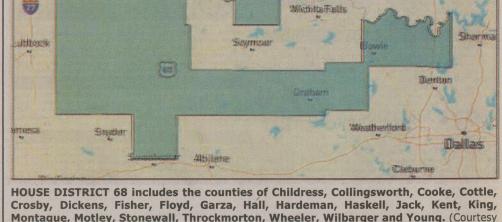
3. I will provide experienced, knowledgeable and accessible representation that the citizens of this district deserve.

What areas of public policy or community issues matter most to you? In addition to what I stated above in my three key messages, I believe the immediate critical issues affecting the district are (1) redistricting, (2) maintaining local control of our counties, cities, schools and hospital districts, and (3) and promoting economic development and opening up businesses. Having an experienced, effective advocate in Austin fighting to maintain our rural district and our rural representation is imperative. Without it, each county in the district faces the risk of being absorbed by urban districts. As to local control, I don't like Washington dictating and trying to control our lives. I don't like Austin doing it either. Local decisions should be made by local people, not politicians in Austin. What's good for Austin, Houston and Dallas is not necessarily what's best for our district. Lastly, as to economic development and businesses, I don't like Austin mandating what businesses in our district can and cannot do.

What strengths would you bring to this office that put you in a better position than your opponents to serve constituents? I am a rural conservative and have the experience and knowledge necessary to most effectively represent the citizens of this district. As city attorney, I fought to help build a reservoir, providing a water source for our city for the present and future. As the general counsel for our hospital district, I worked to guide and construct a new, state-of-the-art replacement hospital for Jack County and the surrounding area, providing much-needed heath care and medical services for the present and future. As a trustee of the school district, I have worked diligently to support and improve public education that is so vital to rural communities and its children. As an attorney for 34 years, I zealously fight and advocate for my clients on a daily basis and am responsive to my clients' concerns. However, as a mediator, I have the communication skills necessary to work with others to resolve conflict and differences. All of those traits and skills are required to effectively represent the citizens of this district.



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