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FCHS discus and shot-put standout signs letter of intent with WTAMU

BARBARA ANDERSON | HESPERIAN-BEACON

Floydada senior Luke Holcombe's dedication to shot put and discus events since junior high paid off with an athletic scholarship earlier this month. On March 1 in the Floydada Collegiate High School auditorium, Holcombe signed a national letter of intent for a track scholarship with West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

WT head track and field coach Matt Stewart made the announcement on February 19. "We are excited to have Luke sign with WT," said Stewart in a press release. "He has had a great high school career and I know he will only get better under assistant coach Randy Denham. We look forward to seeing what he accomplishes during his time in Canyon."

The Holcombes' favorite time of the year is track season. Luke's dad, Rex, threw in high school and then became a coach. Luke's mother, Denise, also threw in high school and was coached by Coach Holcombe.

Luke has thrown under his dad since he was in 7th grade. Although Rex is no longer a coach for Floydada Collegiate ISD, he considers himself

fortunate that the district has continued to let him be hands-on with Luke.

Luke competed at the UIL State track and field as a sophomore, and was named #9 in the State of Texas that year. However, during March of Holcombe's junior year all sports were cancelled due to Covid-19. High school spring sports have resumed for 2021 as of early February.

Luke's mother, Denise, said, "It is not surprising when Luke gets up and says he is going to throw. It may be 40 degrees outside when he gets the urge to go to the rings." She added that unless Luke is asked directly about himself, he will not say one word about his winning streak. He is very humble and is not comfortable with the attention he has been given.

Luke's father, Rex, added, "The last six years have been fun—what a great way to bond with your son."

Rex said that Luke has received some of his instruction and coaching from Jason Young, a former Olympian from Texas Tech University. Luke has continued to see Jason two or three times a year throughout his training, Rex said.

Thinking back, Denise recalls a funny memory of when Luke was in the 7th grade and thought he was smarter than his dad. She said Rex was very frustrated with Luke, so he arranged for his son to meet Young for a training session. Afterward, Luke proudly told his dad that Jason told him everything he had already showed him. Rex's response to Luke was... "how much did I just pay for that session?"

"People and friends have always given Luke support and the three of us have appreciated it," commented the Holcombes. "It is exciting that Luke will be able to throw at WTA&M. The boy loves to throw and is just not ready to give it up."

Rex Holcombe added that WT also has the javelin and hammer throw events, and an opportunity could present itself to compete in those as well.



LUKE HOLCOMBE SIGNS national letter of Intent with West Texas A&M University with his family and coaches there to support him. From left: mother Denise Holcombe, father Rex Holcombe, Luke Holcombe, Whirlwinds athletic director Todd Bandy and head track coach Jonathan Ramirez. | HESPERIAN-BEACON / BARBARA ANDERSON



BIGGEST SUPPORTERS "My parents are my biggest supporters," said Luke Holcombe (above, center) of his success in track and field events. | HESPERIAN-BEACON / BARBARA ANDERSON

THE HOLCOMBE FILE

Luke Holcombe: discus, shot

7th grade

- District champion, shot and disc

8th grade

- District champion, shot and disc

9th grade

- Shot - 3rd in district and advanced to area meet, where he placed 6th

- Discus - 3rd in district and advanced to regional, where he placed 9th

- Also competed in USATF regional meet in Odessa, where he won both shot and disc

10th grade

- District champion in shot and disc

- Shot - advanced to regional and placed 4th

- Discus - regional champion - 160' 1" won that by 1 foot, advanced to state meet and participated there

- **11th grade** (Only two regular meets in Floydada and New Deal before sports were cancelled due to Covid-19)

- Placed first in both meets in shot and discus.

- Participated in some virtual meets where you record your throw and measure and submit the results.

- Made a personal best in discus of 170'6"

12th grade (Two meets to date)

- West Texas A&M High School Classic: Competed in the large school division 4A-6A. Discus 1st place - 164' 3"; Shot 1st place - 54' 5.5"

- Whirlwind Relays: Placed 1st place in Shot - 52'7" and 1st place in Discus 152'7"

UPCOMING

LOCKNEY CHAMBER HONORS MARCH 12

The Lockney Chamber will not have an actual Chamber Banquet due to Covid-19 but still wants to honor a Citizen and a Business of the Year for 2020. The chamber will have a Facebook Live presentation on Friday, March 12, at 6 p.m.

FLOYDADA CITYWIDE SPRING CLEANING

The City of Floydada is holding a citywide spring-cleaning Monday-Saturday, March 15-20, for Floydada residents only. Free landfill dumping will be available with a current city utility bill. Landfill hours will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. The City of Floydada will not accept tires or roofing shingles.

SPRING BREAK

Floydada CISD and Lockney ISD schools will be closed for spring break Monday, March 15 - Friday, March 19. Classes will resume on Monday, March 22

CAPROCK CROP PRODUCTION CONFERENCE

The Caprock Crops Production Conference hosted by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension for Crosby and Floyd Counties will be held Thursday, April 1, at the Unity Center in Muncy. Registration is \$45. Register online at <https://crosby-ag-committee.square.site/> or call the Floyd County AgriLife Extension office, (806) 983-4912 For more, see the article in this week's Hesperian-Beacon.

BURN BAN The Floyd County Commissioners' Court has extended the burn ban for Floyd County until April 12, 2021.

SPRING FORWARD

Daylight Saving Time begins March 18

TERESA BIGHAM | HESPERIAN-BEACON

It is time once again for clocks to spring forward an hour. In Texas, the official time to set the clock one hour forward begins at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 14.

At the end of March or beginning of April typically, much needed extra daylight hours allow farmers to stay in the field longer.

The custom of Daylight Saving Time evolves from both unusual and practical sources. There exists a common misconception that Benjamin Franklin is to credit, or blame, for the back-and-forth time shifts. However, according to The Franklin Institute website, despite Franklin's creative inventions, daylight saving time was not one of them.

"Daylight saving time is one thing that Franklin did not invent. He suggested Parisians change their sleep schedules to save money on candles and lamp oil. The common misunderstanding came from an ironic essay he wrote in the spring of 1784 that was published in the Journal de Paris. In the essay titled "An Economical Project," he writes of the frugal benefits of daylight versus artificial light."

The Forbes website tells us, the original concept of daylight saving time actually arose in 1895 by George Hudson, an entomologist from New Zealand. However, the method of his two-hour time shift in the summer differs from the current model in use in the United States. Hudson wanted extra daylight hours after work for bug hunting, according to an article by National Geographic published online in 2019.

Contrary to popular opinion, daylight saving time doesn't last

for half the year. Rather, it stretches approximately eight months and will come to an end on Sunday, Nov. 7, 2021. It's been that way in the U.S. since 2007, when Congress declared that daylight saving time begins in the United States on the second Sunday in March and ends on the first Sunday in November.

The Department of Transportation said Daylight Saving Time saves energy, prevents traffic injuries and reduces crime.

Teachers qualify for Covid-19 vaccine

LIZ ADAMS | HESPERIAN-BEACON

Although schools have been holding in-person classes throughout the school year, teachers were not specifically prioritized for the first rounds of the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines as they became available.

Thousands of teachers and childcare providers in Texas were able to get Covid-19 vaccines under previous guidelines, but those who did not qualify before due to chronic conditions or age are now eligible as educators. CVS pharmacies across the state will be administering the Johnson &

Johnson vaccine by appointment.

A clinic was held on Tuesday at the Swisher County Memorial building in Tulia for primary, secondary and Head Start teachers, as well as teaching assistants and bus drivers.

Payne Pharmacy in Floydada continues to receive approximately 100 doses per week, and educators can now call to be placed on their waiting list. As more people receive the first and second doses, those on the waiting list have found the wait was not as long as expected.

Have you been looking for a chance to work on a cleanup project? Floydada residents with a current city utility bill can take advantage of an upcoming opportunity. The City of Floydada will not charge a fee at the landfill during spring break as an incentive to residents who want to do some spring cleaning. The week of March 15-19, the landfill will be open during its usual hours from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Sunshine Week flings open windows on government



As members of the public, Americans have come a long, long way since clandestine councils in smoky rooms and routine government documents kept locked away in secret.

There's a tangle of rights and responsibilities involved here, though, and Sunshine Week (March 14–20 this year) seems like a good time to straighten out some perceptions.

For our local government entities—county commissions, city councils, school boards, water districts, hospital boards, law enforcement and the like—three separate principles intersect with citizen involvement.

What rights do we have to attend meetings, what rights do we have to see what's contained in government records, and what rights do we have to speak up or participate? These aren't all the same, and they aren't all mentioned in our nation's First Amendment. But they do all matter.

Open meeting laws are a relatively new development, says the First Amendment Encyclopedia, hosted online by Middle Tennessee State University's Free Speech Center. "They ensure the public's right to access to the internal workings of government at all levels. This 'right' cannot be traced back to America's common law tradition with England or to practices in place when the United States was founded." Instead, they've gradually evolved.

In 1967 Congress passed the Freedom of Information Act, which requires the full or partial disclosure of previously unreleased information and documents controlled by the United States government upon request. (If you've heard the journalists' term "FOIA request," it's a written request submitted to a government entity to provide such information.) We members of the press vigorously defend our right to view and publish items of public record—and appreciate the cooperation of any office that's willing to share information promptly and easily, avoiding undue effort on both sides.

Back to open meetings, though. By 1976, all U.S. states and the District of Columbia had passed sunshine laws that created a legal right to limited access. These statutes generally require public bodies to meet and deliberate in public—in full "sunshine"—and guarantee that the public and the media can attend.

But here's an important distinction: they do not guarantee the public's right to speak. That came later, on a state-by-state basis.

In Texas, that right is explained in the Texas Open Meetings Handbook, which is available online from the state attorney general's office. Many governmental bodies conduct "public com-

ment," "public forum" or "open mike" sessions, the handbook reads, "at which members of the public may address comments on any subject to the governmental body" (2018, p. 40). Accordingly, the governmental body must give notice of a public comment session.

In many cities, the public comment portion of the meeting is slated first, before the entity or its audience members have a chance to hear deliberations on any posted agenda items. Citizens may (rightly) feel frustrated if they opt to voice opinions or positions—only to learn a few minutes later that the situation, the facts and the arguments are quite different from what they presumed.

That brings us to the third concern: participation. Council members, commissioners and professional staffers generally realize this fact, but citizens often don't: Texas law does not provide for an opportunity for citizens to participate in local government meetings.

In Texas, "although it is customary practice that comments be heard from the general public during public meetings," according to the Reporters' Committee on Freedom of the Press, which tracks law in all 50 states, "the Open Meetings Act does not actually provide the public a right to participate or comment at public meetings."

Our government, from the highest chambers in the land to our local city halls, is designed to be representative—that is, we authorize our elected officials to conduct business on our behalf. We're putting a great deal of trust in them, at every level, to act for us responsibly, knowledgeably and in good faith.

Here's what we can do.

- If a local issue under the jurisdiction of your local council, commission, or board matters to you, ask to be added to the agenda—where you'll be allowed to speak briefly, and council will be legally able to respond and discuss.
- Read up beforehand, and make an opportunity to speak directly to your council member, commissioner, trustee, etc., making your views known as a constituent.
- Recognize that there are some matters, such as personnel actions, that are legally handled in executive (closed) sessions and not for public audience.
- Write/email a letter to your newspaper's editor. We're glad to publish your views as space permits, if you provide your name and local address.
- Educate yourself about open meetings and open records principles and laws—and help us all let the sunshine in.

Texas Open Meetings Act Information from www.foi.org/resources/texas-open-meetings-act/

The Texas Open Meetings Act is detailed in Chapter 551 of the Government Code. It states that governmental bodies must hold open meetings unless there is an authorized reason for a closed session, also known as an executive session. Key provisions of the act are as follows:

Covered Entities. Governing boards, commissions, agencies and other bodies created within the executive and legislative branches of government are subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act. Commissioners courts, city councils, school boards and certain nonprofit corporations providing public services or spending taxpayer money are among the entities covered. Certain property owners' associations also are subject to the law.

Quorum. A quorum refers to a majority of members of a governing body, unless a quorum is defined differently by an applicable law or rule or charter of the body. A quorum must be present for the body to take action.

Posting of Notice. The governmental body must give the public notice of the date, time, place and subject of an upcoming meeting. The notice must be posted in a place readily accessible to the general public at all times at least 72 hours before the meeting. In case of an emergency or "urgent public necessity," a meeting notice or addition to a meeting agenda may be posted at least two hours prior to the meeting. The governmental body must clearly identify the emergency.

Other Exceptions to Posting Law. Boards or commissions with statewide jurisdiction must have their meeting notice posted on the Internet by the secretary of state at least seven days before a meeting. Committees of the Texas Legislature are not subject to the meeting notice rules above. Their rules are set by the Texas House and Senate.

Closed Sessions. Closed, or executive, sessions may be held by a governmental body in certain situations. Executive sessions are permitted when a body is meeting with its attorney on litigation or a settlement offer; deliberating personnel matters; deliberating the purchase or lease of property; discussing certain financial contract negotiations; or discussing deployment of security devices. Several other exceptions to open meetings are also contained in the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Deliberations Between Meetings. Under a new provision of the act that took effect Sept. 1, 2013, members of a governing body are allowed to communicate with one another about public business between meetings if they do so in writing and on a publicly accessible online message board. The message board must be prominently displayed and easy for the public to find on the government entity's website. Officials may not take action on the message board. That must wait for a posted meeting.

Video Conferencing. The Texas Open Meetings Act now allows for members of a governmental body to attend a public meeting via a video conference call. The head of the board or commission must be physically present in the designated meeting place and the public must be given access to that meeting space. The public must be able to witness the comments and actions of those officials attending the meeting remotely via audio and video equipment and be able to participate via the videoconferencing just as they would at a traditional public meeting.

Floyd County commissioners renew prisoner housing agreement

LIZ ADAMS | HESPERIAN-BEACON

During the regular meeting of the Floyd County Commissioners Court on March 8, 2021, commissioners voted to renew the interlocal agreement with Lubbock County for prisoner housing.

In addition, the sheriff's office plans to deputize Alexandro Gutierrez, who has returned to Floyd County after serving in another county.

Discussion was held regarding the option to donate surplus property to the City of Lockney in order to make them available for sale and return them to the county tax rolls. In exchange for the donation, Lockney has agreed to take the necessary steps to remove buildings which are currently in disrepair. The court approved this action. The court also voted to transfer surplus radar units from

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2021 Community Calendar

COMMUNITY SERVICES

FOOD BANKS—FLOYDADA—Spirit of Sharing (SOS), 925 Crockett St., Floydada, Mon. and Thurs., 2–4:30 p.m. (806) 983-5874.
LOCKNEY—Lockney Salvation Army, 108 S. Main, Lockney, (806) 652-2448. PLEASE CALL FOR HOURS DUE TO COVID-19.

LOCKNEY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 124 S. Main, Lockney, Mon.–Thurs., 1–5 p.m. and Fri. 9 a.m.–1 p.m. (806) 652-3561.

FLOYD COUNTY MEMORIAL LIBRARY, 111 S. Wall St., Floydada, 8 a.m.–5:30 p.m. (806) 983-4922.

FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER, 925 W. Crockett St., Floydada, serves lunch 11 a.m.–1 p.m. Wed. and Thurs. only during February. Dine-in, delivery in Floydada, or pickup. (806) 983-2032.

LOCKNEY SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER, 118 W. College St., Lockney, serves lunch Mon.–Fri. 11 a.m.–1 p.m. Dine-in, delivery in Lockney area only, and curbside pickup. (806) 652-2745.

FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM, 105 E. Missouri St., Floydada, is open weekday afternoons from 1 to 5 p.m. and by appointment. (806) 983-2415.

FLOYDADA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & AGRICULTURE, 105 S. 5th St., Floydada, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. (806) 983-3434.

COMMUNITY CHANGES AND CLOSURES City of Floydada office is drive-up only due to Covid-19.

PUBLIC AND CIVIC MEETINGS COMING UP

FLOYDADA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Thurs., March 11, at 6 p.m., Fisd School Administration offices, 226 W. California St., Floydada.

LOCKNEY CITY COUNCIL Tues., March 16, 7 a.m., City Hall, 218 E. Locust St., Lockney.

UPDATED FLOYDADA CITY COUNCIL Tues., March 30, 6:30 p.m., City Hall, 114 W. Virginia Street, Floydada.

LIONS CLUB AND ROTARY
Floydada Rotary Club—Wednesdays, 12 noon, Floydada Senior Citizens Center.
Floydada Lions Club—Thursdays, 12 noon, Floydada Senior Citizens Center.
Lockney Rotary Club—Fridays, 12 noon, Lockney Senior Citizens Center.

CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

Mask mandate ends March 10; many entities to continue requiring them

TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN—While Gov. Greg Abbott has lifted the statewide mandate to wear a mask in public and allowed all businesses to operate at full capacity, many businesses, schools and other entities say they will continue to require that masks be worn. Abbott issued the order last week, effective March 10.

"With the medical advancements of vaccines and antibody therapeutic drugs, Texas now has the tools to protect Texans from the virus," Abbott said. "We must now do more to restore livelihoods and normalcy for Texans by opening Texas 100 percent." He urged Texans to take responsibility for themselves when it comes to wearing masks and following other health safety practices.

Political leaders in several of the state's largest cities criticized the decision. Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner tweeted, asking (and answering for himself) whether Abbott's move was "an attempt to deflect from the winter storm system-wide state leadership failure. Yes." San Antonio Mayor Ron Nirenberg urged residents to join him in continuing to wear a mask, a sentiment echoed by Austin Mayor Steve Adler and Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins.

Meanwhile, the Texas Education Agency revised its health guidance policies, saying that "local school boards have full authority to determine their local mask policy." Many of the state's college campuses announced they would continue to require that masks be worn, including The University of Texas, the Texas A&M University System, Texas Tech, Southern Methodist University and others.

Several large retailers announced they would continue to require customers to wear masks, including Walmart, Target, Costco and Whole Foods. Grocery retailer H-E-B will not



require masks for customers but will "strongly encourage" they be worn. Employees will continue to wear masks.

In the wake of Abbott's announcement, the Texas Supreme Court removed requirements that most court proceedings in the state be held remotely and gave judges the authority to require masks and social distancing. It encouraged judges to hold trials remotely. Three justices dissented.

Texas getting more than 1 million COVID-19 vaccine doses this week. More than 1 million COVID-19 vaccine doses are shipping this week to providers across the state, a significant increase from previous weeks. That's largely due to nearly a quarter-million doses of the new Johnson & Johnson vaccine coming to Texas. The single-dose vaccine began shipping last week. As of Sunday, more than 4.2 million Texans had received at least one dose and 2.319 million were fully vaccinated. That means about 22 percent of the state's population has gotten at least one dose. Teachers and school staff have been added to the list of those eligible for one of the three vaccines being offered.

COVID-19 cases drop, but deaths increase in past week. The number of new COVID-19 cases reported in Texas in the past week dropped to 43,328, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hop-

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Food bytes

ANGELINA LARUE

Shrimp tempura and sesame slaw a tempting combo

Tempura batter is about the easiest way to give seafood and vegetables a coating that is light and crispy when fried. It can even be used on other meats and poultry.

My favorite ways to prepare and eat shrimp are sautéed, roasted or grilled. But on some occasions, it's fun to fry up some shrimp, especially if you are going to have a fryer out for any other purpose. We've thrown shrimp, potatoes, and even donuts into the turkey fryer during the holidays; just be careful about which order you use the hot grease, as the seafood may leave a distinct flavor in the oil that will give the other items a slight notable flavor.

The version of tempura batter I make consists of flour, cornstarch, salt and carbonated liquid. Some you'll see with the addition of egg whites, or rice flour. It can be prepared with club soda as the liquid, or beer. Perhaps a fine Irish beer would be interesting to use for a Saint Patrick's Day celebration. I've seen it made with a lemon-lime soda, as well.

The batter works very well with fish, shrimp, or oysters. You can use it to coat green beans, okra, mushrooms—the list goes on.

Make sure to leave plenty of room in your fryer basket or pan around each shrimp to ensure they do not stick to each other.

Serve tempura shrimp with fried potatoes and a coleslaw cut with a little vinegar. This slaw recipe will lend a bright flavor to the meal that offsets the heaviness of the fried food.

Shrimp is a nice Friday meal during Lent, as well. Enjoy food made fresh!

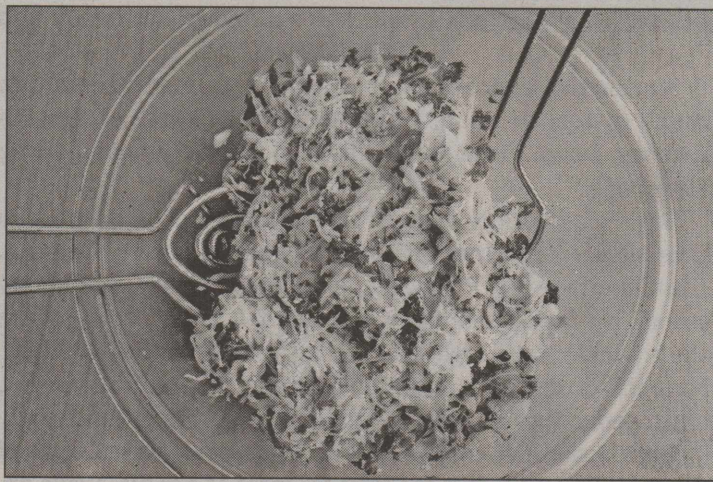
Tempura Shrimp and Sesame Slaw

2 pounds 21/25 count shrimp, peeled, tail-on
Peanut oil, or other oil suitable for frying (amount will depend on your method of deep frying)

- 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups seltzer water

Pat shrimp dry with paper towels to ensure the batter sticks well. Heat oil in a deep skillet, Dutch oven, countertop fryer, or turkey fryer. (We used a countertop fryer and it took about 3/4 gallon of oil.) Use enough oil that the shrimp can be fully submerged. Bring the temperature of the oil up to 375° F. It will drop down to as low as 350° F when the cool shrimp is added.

In a small mixing bowl, whisk together flour, cornstarch, salt, and seltzer water until smooth. When oil is heated, hold shrimp by the tail and dip each one into the batter and gently place into the hot oil. Fill the pan but do not overload so the shrimp do not stick together in a clump. Cook each batch for 4 to 5 minutes



TEMPURA is a wet batter associated with Japanese cuisine, used to add a crisp, light coating to seafood and vegetables. Tempura batter absorbs less oil than some of its heavier counterparts, making it a healthier option for deep-frying and giving the dish a less greasy finish. | ANGELINA LARUE PHOTO

until they appear pink, and the coating is golden brown. Drain on paper towels. Batches can be kept in a 200° F oven until all the shrimp is ready.

Serve with desired condiments, such as tartar sauce or cocktail sauce, and sides such as Sesame Slaw (recipe follows). Makes 6 to 8 servings.

SESAME SLAW

1/2 head cabbage, sliced into thin ribbons, or (2) 10-ounce bags slaw mix

- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 2 tablespoons toasted sesame seeds
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 tablespoon sesame oil
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

In a serving mixing bowl whisk together olive oil, apple cider vinegar, sesame seeds, honey, sesame oil, and salt. Add cabbage or slaw mix and toss to coat. It will seem as though there is not enough dressing but if cabbage seems dry, add additional olive oil and vinegar a teaspoon at a time until desired wetness, being cautious not to overdress it. Refrigerate and serve cold. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Angelina LaRue, author of "The Whole Enchilada," grew up at White River Lake in Crosby County, Texas, and writes a weekly food column for local newspapers.



COMMENTARY

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The 501

HANABA MUNN WELCH

Hold the American cheese, please

Diseases and pests. If we fear them or just don't like them, we name them for other countries.

Consider Spanish flu, German measles, the China virus and German cockroaches.

A roach story from some Germans:

The family of five relocated to New Orleans. They lived in an aging almost-mansion close to St. Charles Avenue. Some huge roaches inevitably ended up in the house. Mostly they darted along on surfaces, roachlike, but they also used their big wings to fly across rooms. The Germans were impressed. Roaches in general were a strange phenomenon. Not knowing what to call the big ones, they dubbed them "American flyers."

But what about the Spanish flu? Per Wikipedia and other sources, the disease wasn't worse in Spain, but reporters there could write about it. World War I was raging elsewhere; flu news got censored outside Spain in the interest of maintaining morale. War is bad enough; don't add an epidemic. Belated apologies to Spain.

Enough of diseases and insects. Consider American cheese. From whence that name?

For one thing, it's not cheese—at least not by my standards, and I have low standards. If it is American and we Americans are the ones who named it for ourselves, shame on us. Couldn't we have found some enemy country to provide the adjective? Don't ask me which one. Maybe Cuba? Nope. Too late now that we're working on friendship. Besides, everybody knows Cuban food is good.

Maybe visiting European cheese snobs christened American cheese. But it hardly seems they would have besmirched the word "cheese" by using it to describe fake cheese unless they assumed no one would take them seriously about the "cheese" part. Yeah, maybe that's how it happened.

Can you tell I'm unhappy because I forgot to tell McDonald's (my favorite restaurant) to leave the "cheese" off my Sausage McMuffin? Guess how hard it is to peel American cheese off a Sausage McMuffin. I tried.

If you like the stuff, good for you. Quit reading now.

My husband, even as we speak, is trying to get the goo from a sticky mousetrap off his hands and jeans. Don't ask. Turpentine seems to be working. Someone should come up with a similar solution for American cheese removal. Non-toxic, of course.

Yes, the best solution is to say "no cheese," but sometimes you end up with the stuff no matter what. Mistakes happen. Life is hard.

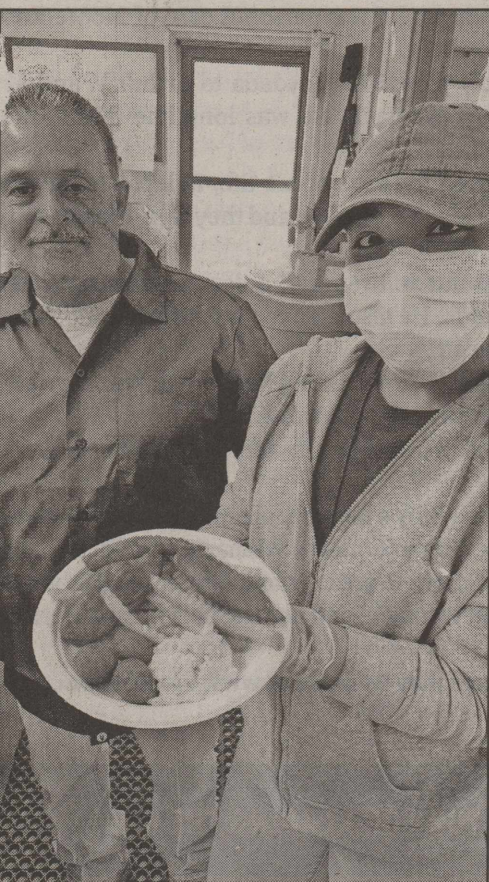
Another question:

How do the purveyors of cheeseburgers made with American cheese get by with calling them cheeseburgers? Shouldn't that be illegal?

By the way, from the supermarket I recently pandemic-curb-side-ordered a whole little package of American cheese slices. My mistake!

If only I could use the stuff in mousetraps. I can see those cute little mice now, turning up their wiggly little noses and waiting for real cheese. Mice are picky. So am I.

Even so, the pandemic has taught me to be less picky and more appreciative of life's basic blessings—one of which is not American cheese.



LOCKNEY SENIOR CITIZEN'S COOK
Tony Mendoza, left, and Cait Sanchez, a volunteer at the Center, show the plate of fish with trimmings that the Center has on their menu on Fridays. You can dine-in, pick up or have it delivered. Call the Center at (806) 652-2745 for additional info. | COURTESY PHOTO

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Lockney Senior Center News

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If you are planning on eating fish on Fridays, please call the Center and order in advance so we have an accurate count.

Also, chef salads can be ordered from the Center any day of the week. Don't forget to eat breakfast at the Center on Fridays. We have not added kolaches (\$1) to our breakfast menu.

The Center has been partnered with South Plains Food Bank since January and will continue through the month of March. The program will be evaluated at the end of March to see if it will continue.

Breakfast is served at the Center each Friday morning from 7 a.m. – 9 a.m. by dine-in or carry-out only. Cost is \$5 per plate.

The Center serves lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday, by curbside pickup, drive-through or delivery. Meals are \$6 for members and \$7 for non-members. The Center's staff appreciates everyone.

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

MENU

- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10** Stuffed baked potato with chili and cheese, side salad w/Ranch, brownie
- THURSDAY, MARCH 11** Deluxe chef salad with Turkey and ham, Apple Brown Betty dessert
- FRIDAY, MARCH 12** Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, biscuits, gravy/sausage, coffee, juice
Lunch: Fried fish (white fish), fries, hush puppies, coleslaw, dessert
- MONDAY, MARCH 17** Pecan Chicken Salad with cranberries and grapes on croissant, veggie sticks with ranch, roasted almonds with herbs, dessert
- TUESDAY, MARCH 18** Cheeseburger basket with fries and lettuce, tomato, pickle on side, dessert

(Menu subject to change without notice)

Floydada Senior Center News

LU ANN COLLINS | SPECIAL TO THE HESPERIAN-BEACON

The Floydada Senior Citizens Center will be open each Wednesday and Thursday during the month of March.

There will be no dine-in on Wednesdays (delivery only) starting Wednesday, March 11.

Patrons may either dine in or have the meal delivered. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. through 1 p.m. For members, the cost is \$6 per plate; for non-members, \$7.

For delivery, please call (806) 983-2032. Membership fee is \$25 per year per person. The Center's mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, TX 79235.

Thank you for remembering the Center with donations or memorials.

MENU

- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10** Chicken fried steak
- THURSDAY, MARCH 11** Burrito smothered w/chili
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17** Salisbury steak
- THURSDAY, MARCH 18** Fried chicken
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24** Chicken strips
- THURSDAY, MARCH 25** Tacos
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31** Swedish meatballs
- THURSDAY, APRIL 1** Meat loaf

(Menu subject to change without notice)

COMMISSION from page 1

the sheriff's office to the city of Floydada through a \$1 purchase of the equipment.

Commissioners approved the use of the records management and preservation fund to index deed records.

Commissioners viewed a Zoom presentation by TextMyGov and held discussion on the merits of purchasing a package from the company. Improved communication between county departments and residents was the main benefit considered. The issue was tabled until further input could be obtained from the departments.

A service agreement with Computer Transition Services, Inc., for cyber defense and rescue services was approved.

Certificates of Continuing Education on cybersecurity were submitted by the commissioners, and the court approved monthly reports and two bonds.

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OBITUARIES

Ricardo Rendon Luna, Sr., 1939-2021

LOCKNEY—Ricardo Rendon Luna Sr., of Lockney, Texas, left us to join his heavenly father and his wife on March 1, 2021.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Friday, March 5, 2020, at the First Baptist Church in Lockney. Interment followed at the Lockney Cemetery.

Visitation was held from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday, March 4, 2021, at the Moore-Rose Funeral Home Chapel in Lockney. Arrangements were under the personal care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Lockney.

Ricardo was born February 7, 1939 in Hondo, Texas, to Gilberto Luna and Teresa (Rendon) Luna. In 1952, he moved to Lockney, where he met his wife, Yolanda Luna, and raised their family.

Ricardo worked for the Lockney Cooperative Gin. He started in 1969 and retired 34 years later in 2003. He was their mechanic and semi-truck driver. He worked on all their trucks including diesel and gas trucks (eighteen-wheelers and module trucks).

After retirement, most of all he loved being with his wife, kids and grandkids. He enjoyed watching Western movies. Every morning he would drink coffee at Lisa's Restaurant with his friends, reminiscing about the '50s. He also enjoyed driving eighteen-wheelers for the Lockney Cooperative Gin part-time and working on their commercial trucks. He loved having lunch with his sisters after church on Sundays.

Everyone who knew him knew he loved spending time with his grandkids, great-grandkids and great-great-grandkids. His grandson, Ricardo Luna III, said, "I remember he was always in the passenger seat of the truck and Gilbert was always driving." He would also enjoy taking his grandkids to school in the mornings. No matter what time of day or night he, would always answer the phone. He would always love telling his life stories from Hondo and Knox City, Texas.

Ricardo will now be joining his wife, the love of his life or as he would say, "My Bride" Yolanda Salinas Luna (she joined our heavenly father on May 20, 2020); his parents, Gilberto Luna and Teresa Rendon Luna; his siblings Abelino Luna, Natividad Luna, Maria De Jesus Cuevas, Maria Sanchez and Olga Fierros; his children, Melissa Molina and Ricky Molina; and his grandchildren Luis Martinez Jr., Luis Molina Jr., Gia Molina and three great-grandchildren.

Ricardo is survived by his children Pedro Molina Jr., Alicia Gonzales, Esperanza Martínez, Artermo Molina, Luis Molina, Eva Molina, Ricardo Luna Jr., Leticia Molina, Soyla Duran, Melinda Ramirez, Sandra Molina, Maricela Daniel, Gilbert Luna and Teresa St. Dennis; and his siblings Hilberto Luna Jr., Lydia Barrera, Elena Sanchez, Linda Silva, Adelaida Sanchez, Grace Mendoza and Ernesto Luna.

Grandpa: "Where are we going, Zechariah?"
Zechariah: "Hondo, Texas, Grandpa."
"This-Is God's Country—Please Don't Drive Through It Like Hell — Hondo, TX."
Online condolences may be made at www.moore-rose.com.



Billie Gayle Sherman Reay, 1933-2021



LOCKNEY—Billie Gayle Sherman Reay, beloved friend, wife, mother, grandmother, and sister, passed away on February 27, 2021, at the age of 87.

She lived a full life, focused on Christ, and was a blessing to anyone lucky enough to have known her. She was described by everyone as the "sweetest person," and her passing will leave a void in her family and friends' lives.

A memorial service celebrating Gayle is planned for Saturday, March 13, 2021, at 2 p.m. at the Main Street Church of Christ in Lockney, Texas. Visitation will be held at the church following the service.

Gayle was born November 18, 1933 in Knox City, Texas, to Elfie Maud Meriwether Sherman and Lewis Kinsey Sherman. The family moved to Plainview, Texas, in 1940, and Gayle started school. The family eventually relocated to Lockney, Texas, where she graduated from high school in 1952. Gayle married Eddie Joe Fortenberry on June 6, 1952, after returning from their senior trip, and together they raised three children, Sam, Marcia and John.

Gayle loved her community. She was an active member of the Main Street Church of Christ for most of her life. Gayle enjoyed participating in the Athena Study Club, the Buffalo Grass Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and Floyd County Old Settlers, and she was vice president of the Texas Young Homemakers in the mid-1960s. Gayle started working for Lockney General Hospital in 1968 and was the hospital administrator from 1978 to 1982.

On February 14, 1987, Gayle married Lynn Boyd Reay, and together they loved 12 grandkids and 27 great-grandchildren between their combined families.

Gayle is preceded in death by her parents, Elfie and Lewis (Shorty) Sherman; her husband, Boyd Reay; her son Sam Fortenberry; her stepson, Joe Reay; and her brothers, Bill Sherman and Tommy Sherman.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Marcia and Keith Phillips of Lockney; son and daughter-in-law, John and Retha Fortenberry of San Angelo; stepdaughter and son-in-law Kay and Kyle Brock of Plainview; daughter-in-law Becky Fortenberry of Plainview; and stepdaughter-in-law Beverly DeBerry of Plainview. She was loved by her many grandchildren: Jenifer Golden, Tyler Phillips, Cecilie Pfluger, Adrienne Gleason, Eddie Lee Fortenberry, Grip Fortenberry, Trip Fortenberry, Ashley MacGillvray, Taylor Brock, Heather Carson, Mandy Bowen and Matthew Reay.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the entire staff of Santa Fe Place Assisted Living Community and Area Community Hospice.

the Public Utility Commission and the Electric Reliability Council of Texas left their positions. DeAnn Walker, chairman of the PUC, resigned on March 1 and was replaced by fellow PUC member Arthur D'Andrea. Abbott will appoint someone to fill D'Andrea's position. ERCOT's CEO Bill Magness was fired a few days later by his board, which has lost nearly half its members to resignations. Magness, whose annual salary was at least \$800,000, soon said he would not seek or

accept severance pay, which would have been equivalent to a year's pay, according to the Texas Tribune.

School districts not penalized for high absences, remote learning. The Texas Education Agency announced last week that it will "hold harmless" school districts that have seen attendance declines because of the pandemic, as long as they at least maintain current levels of in-school learning. Districts will be funded on attendance projections made before the pandemic, allowing them to retain teachers who might have faced layoffs because of lower enrollment. The state's top leaders announced their support for the hold-harmless provision in a March 4 press release.

Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches and Cedar Park. Email: gborders@texaspress.com.

Theodore R. Toney, 1930-2021

TOLEDO, OHIO—Theodore R. Toney, 90, of Wheelock, Texas, who relocated to Floydada, Texas, in the early 1960s, died at home March 3, 2021 of natural causes.

Mr. Toney retired in 1997 from farming. He was born August 10, 1930, in Wheelock, Texas. He was preceded in death by his wife, Bertha Mae Toney; his siblings; and a son, Albert Williams. He is survived by seven children, six sons, and a daughter, 57 grandchildren and a host of great-grandchildren. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Memorial services will be held on March 27, 2021, at 10 a.m. at Mount Zion Baptist Church in Floydada, Texas.

Doris Marie Wilcox, 1947-2021

CROSBYTON—Doris Marie Wilcox, 73, of Crosbyton, Texas, passed away Saturday, February 27, 2021.

She was born October 17, 1947 in Floydada, Texas, to G.L. and Thelma Colston Fawver.

Doris was a graduate of Floydada High School.

She married the love of her life, Edwin Wilcox, Jr., on January 23, 1968 in Floydada.

Doris loved spending time with her family and attending her grandchildren's many activities. She worked many years as a teacher's aide, and her love of children led her to help with the Special Olympics, Migrant program and the Life Skills Program.

She loved to sew, crochet, and do multiple other crafts. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Crosbyton.

Doris is survived by two daughters, Tammy Dunn and Terri Davis, both of Crosbyton; eleven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and one sister, Mary Lou Sinor.

The family suggests memorials to Crosbyton Senior Citizens, 119 North Berkshire, Crosbyton, TX 79322.

A memorial service was held at 2 p.m., Saturday, March 6, 2021 at First Baptist Church in Crosbyton. Rev. Les Reed officiated.

Services were under the direction of Adams Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at www.adamsfuneral.com.



Billy Womack, 1928-2021

FLOYDADA—Billy Womack, age 92, passed away Thursday, March 4, 2021.

A graveside service was held at 11 a.m., Monday, March 8, 2021 at the Floyd County Memorial Park.

Visitation was held from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, March 7, 2021, at the Moore-Rose Funeral Home Chapel in Floydada.

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

Billy was born July 7, 1928 in Floydada to Arthur V. and Ida Belle (Hollingsworth) Womack. He was longtime farmer and rancher in Floyd County.

He met and married the love of his life, Mildred Margilene Jester, in Clovis, New Mexico, in 1956, and they were blessed with four children.

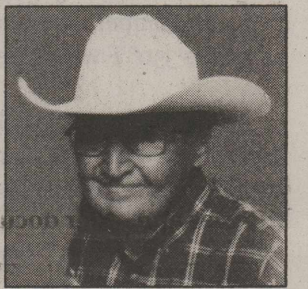
Billy loved his grandchildren and enjoyed traveling to see them in all their events. He also enjoyed attending stock shows and raising his own cattle.

Billy served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He never met a stranger and could talk to anyone.

Billy was preceded in death by his wife, Margie Womack, and numerous siblings.

Those left to cherish Billy's memory are his sons, Joe Womack, Jay (Darla) Womack, Tracy (Colleen) Womack, and Rick (Lana) Copp; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Jack Womack and Jim Womack; and two sisters, LaJuana Harmon and Shirley Teague.

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 - Enormous ones
 - *Annual exam
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 - Type of shark
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 - Quickly fry
 - Knightly title
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 - Two under on one hole
 - Look forward to
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 - Having two parts
 - Beatles: "He's _____ nowhere man" (2 words)
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 - *12 pairs of these
 - Rip off
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 - Forcefully grabs
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 - Breakfast spot?
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 - One less than jack

College Signing Day held at FCHS

BARBARA ANDERSON | HESPERIAN-BEACON

FLOYDADA—Floydada Collegiate High School graduating seniors announced on Thursday, Feb. 25, where they plan to attend college next fall. Due to coronavirus protocols, students met virtually with their college representatives.

This May FCHS will graduate 49 students on Thursday, May 20, who look to further their education and pursue their professional career paths.

The 33 Floydada Collegiate High School seniors making their announcements on college signing day were:

Kiara Adams – South Plains College, Mercedes Alaniz – West Texas A&M University, Alexyz Alvarado – Texas State Technical College, Alonzo Ascencio – South Plains College, Jody Briones – West Texas A&M University, Kaylea Britt – Eastern New Mexico University, Kyle Bruington – Texas A&M University, Jennifer Caudle – Tarleton State University, Angel Fipps – South Plains College, Martin Garcia – West Texas A&M University, Ryder Glass – Texas Tech University, Aliana Gonzales – West Texas A&M University, Laci Gourdon – Abilene Christian University, Brandy Green – West Texas A&M University, Azariah Guerra – South Plains College, Devin Henderson – South Plains College, Luke Holcombe – West Texas A&M University, Karen Lira – South Plains College, Emily Lopez – South Plains College, Hermilo Martinez, Jr. – South Plains College, Elyanna Medellin – West Texas A&M University, Denise Mendoza – West Texas A&M University, Littzy Moreno – South Plains College, Alyssa Obregon – West Texas A&M University, Rolando Ortiz – West Texas A&M University, Dylan Ramos – Texas State University, Lexie Ramos – University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Lorenzo Reyna – Tulsa Welding School, Natalee Romero – West Texas A&M University, Anyssa Sanchez – South Plains College, Nereida Silva – South Plains College Plainview, Audrie Strange – Texas Tech University, Alazai Vasquez – South Plains College.

FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Memories 1979: Public education in Floyd Co.

As part of its mission to preserve local history, the Floyd County Historical Museum has recorded and transcribed oral histories and other documents over the years.

The first school in Floyd County was held in Della Plain the winter of 1888-89. There were 15 students and Miss Emma Lewis of Estacado was the teacher. She was paid \$30 for the 4-month term. The trustees were T. J. Braidfoot, J. S. McClain, and A. V. McCracken. The next year W. M. Massie taught classes for the 4-month term and was paid \$40.

In July 1890, J. K. Gwyn erected a one room schoolhouse in Floydada which cost about \$700. On Monday, December 2, 1890 public school was first held in Floydada. Sam H. Kelsey was the teacher, the school board was composed of M. F. Rountree, J.J. Harrison, and V. M. Massie. The session lasted 6 months. It had started with 20 students and grew to 60.

On August 12, 1890, the commissioners' court set school districts for Floyd County. There were originally four: Floydada, Della Plain, Lockney, and Irick. The teachers were Floydada—Sam H. Kelsey; Della Plain—C.W. Hutcheson and Fayette Copeland; Lockney—D. F. Davis; and Irick—C. James.

Very soon other school districts were established to accommodate the growing number of settlers moving into Floyd County. Many were created in

the 1890s: The census reports, in 1890, a population of 3; in 1890 it had grown to 519; and by 1900, 2020 people were now living in Floyd County.

The late 1930s and 1940s brought rural electrification, farm-to-market roads, school busses, and with that came consolidation of small rural school districts to Floydada Independent School District.

With the increased boundary of Floydada District and student enrollment came the need for increased housing. There were additions of classrooms and cafeteria to Andrews Ward and what at the time was the high school building in 1950-51. Then followed senior high, which gave birth to what we now know as Junior High School. In 1963 came to need to increase tax valuations in order to vote bonds for a new elementary school, later to be known as Duncan Elementary.

The increased valuation brought about litigation that held up collection of 1963 school taxes as well as sale of bonds, which had been voted. With the aid of Judge Milam of Lubbock and Waggoner Carr, attorney general, at the tie, litigation was lifted, and Duncan Elementary became a reality.

Floydada Whirlwinds

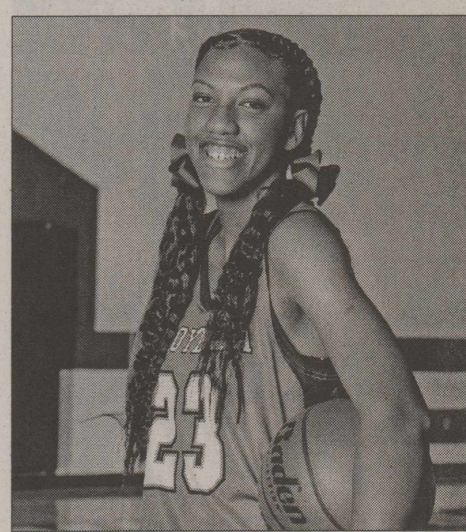
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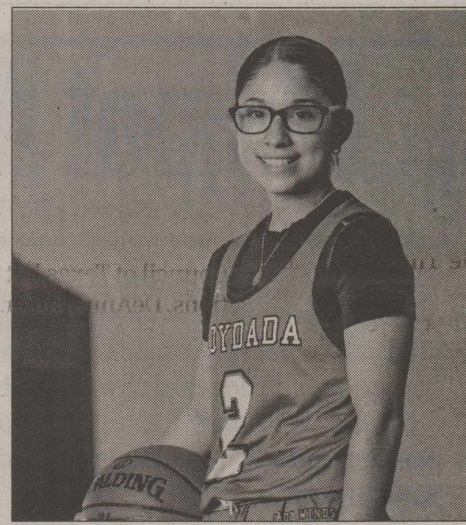
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South Plains College to offer License to Carry class March 20

SPECIAL TO THE HESPERIAN-BEACON

LEVELLAND – South Plains College will offer the Texas License to Carry a Handgun class on March 20 (Saturday) in Room 109C of the Law Enforcement Technology building on the Levelland campus. The class will begin at 8 a.m. with breaks every hour as well as a one-hour lunch break.

Facial coverings are required.

The cost of the course is \$75 for students getting their first license. This does not include the \$40 fee for the Department of Public Safety and Federal Bureau of Investigation fingerprint and background checks.

The classroom portion covers firearm safety, the use of force, non-violent conflict resolution, lawful concealed or open carry, storage with children in the home and contacts with law enforcement personnel. The class runs from four to six hours.

The range portion covers range safety rules and commands, and the shooting portion of the class at distances ranging from three to 15 yards, using the indoor pistol range in the Law Enforcement building. Inexperienced shooters need to take basic pistol course before taking the LTC course. This

course is strictly for qualifying the shooter to obtain an LTC. This is not a class to teach the student how to shoot. The number of students will determine how long the range portion requires.

Students will need to bring either a revolver or semiautomatic pistol, any caliber, and 50 rounds of ammunition to match. Eye and hearing protection are provided for students who do not have their own.

The instructor is Mark Wittie, instructor of Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice at South Plains College, and a commissioned Texas Peace Officer. Wittie is a certified law enforcement firearms instructor through the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement as well as DPS certified to teach the LTC classes. He is a member of the National Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors Association. Wittie has been an instructor on various firearms platforms and other law enforcement force options for more than 20 years.

Students need to register and pay in advance. Space is limited to a maximum of 10 students. To register and pay please go to the following link: https://secure.touchnet.net/C20027_ustores/web/index.jsp

Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

Back on the farm where I grew up near Lindsay, Nebraska, we made our own Easter baskets of old shoe boxes with a ribbon for a handle. We'd pull fresh grass from the pasture and fill our baskets to await the Eater Bunny.

Now, coloring eggs to hide at Easter reminds me of the daily chore I was assigned... egg gathering, regardless of where the hens decided to lay them.

I lived on the farm with my parents, four brothers and four sisters. We each had specific chores, and mine was gathering those eggs before the hens settled down for the night, which was in early evening. Hens are nonconformists, like me. When they decided to do their duty, they would pick various places for variety. Each evening, I started out with a bucket and tried to fill it.

With my bucket of precious eggs, I finally head to the basement to carefully put them in containers. The eggs were taken to town every Wednesday and Saturday night, along with cream and sold to buy staples.

The sound I most liked to hear on the farm was my mother calling her chickens. She'd walk out in the middle of the yard with

an apron full of feed. As she strewed it, she could raise more chickens from every corner of the barnyard faster than anyone I've ever seen.

My brothers wrung the necks of the chickens that we fried for Sunday and holiday dinners. The feathers were kept for pillows and feather beds, so nothing went to waste. Mother used the eggs in sponge and angel food cakes plus custard pies which were out of this world. All of the egg was put to good use. We used the shells for fertilizer around trees and in the garden. Mom always put a whole cracked egg in the coffee pot.

I recall my egg gathering days happily and wish everyone could have the experience and enjoyment I got from those daily chores.

Do Gooders' Club Meets

The Do Gooders' Club met Wednesday afternoon March 3rd for their monthly meeting at the Flomot Community Center.

Mrs. Connie Franks, president, welcomed the members. She reminded them of important dates in March. Time changes forward one hour to Daylight Savings Time Saturday night March 13. "The Green" of St. Patrick's Day is on March 16; and the first day of Spring is March 19.

Those attending who brought their favorite cookie that was served with coffee

and to continue on their quilt project were: Mesdames Waydetta Clay, Susie Shannon, Barbara Payne, Connie Franks and Erma Washington.

Community News

Clois and Kathy Shorter were in Sweetwater last Saturday to attend an engagement party honoring their grandson, Brian Sehon of Wolforth and fiancé, Miss Lati Burnett.

Donnie Rogers visited the weekend in Wheeler with daughter and husband, Brooke and Stephen Everard. They attended the special services held at the Church of Christ Sunday.

Mrs. Kathy Shorter joined daughter and husband, Keri and Kevin Sehon of Wolforth in Post to enjoy their daughter, Brooke Sehon of Wolforth play in a Little Dribblers basketball game.

Wilburn Martin went to Borger Sunday to visit daughter and husband, Marilee and Fred Cooper. Marilee accompanied her father Wilburn to a medical appointment in Amarillo Tuesday.

Earlyne Jameson is a longtime resident of the Whiteflat Community in Motley County. She is married to H.R. "Skeet" Jameson, a lifelong farmer. They have two sons, Shannon, who lives in Santa Fe, NM, and Lance Jameson of Vernon. She is a 1946 graduate of Matador High School and attended Texas Tech and Hardin-Simmons Universities. She is an accomplished pianist, former chair of the American Heart Association in Motley County; and has contributed to local newspapers for more than 60 years.

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Aphrodite Aguilar is a fourth grader in Floydada and a second-year Floyd County 4-H'er.

In January, Aguilar had a swine project that she was able to take to the county stock show. She raised a barrow. "I loved being able to show my pig Oreo in the show," she said. "Next year I plan on having two swine projects. I just love spending time working with my pigs."

Aguilar's favorite subject in school is science. Her favorite food is macaroni and cheese. When she isn't spending time doing schoolwork or working with her animals, she loves to play sports.

Aguilar hopes to one day become a doctor. "I just want to help people," she said.

For more information on the projects offered by Floyd County 4-H, contact Mark Carroll at the Texas A&M AgriLife office, (806) 983-4912.



Caprock Crop Production Conference

April 1, 2021

Floyd County Friends Unity Center- Muncy, Texas



28th annual Caprock Crop Production Conference to be held April 1

STAFF REPORTS

The 28th annual Caprock Crops Production Conference is hosted by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension for Crosby and Floyd Counties.

The conference will be held in-person at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center on Thursday, April 1.

Registration is \$45. Those interested may register on-

line at <https://crosby-ag-committee.square.site/> or call to register at the Floyd County AgriLife Extension office, (806) 983-4912 or the Crosby County AgriLife Extension office, (806) 675-2347. Payment is required prior to the conference to guarantee a meal for the meeting.

Cattle Market Report, week ending March 4, 2011

	Lubbock 3/2/21	Tulia 3/4/21	Hollis 2/27/21	Floydada 3/3/21
Steers	200-300			150-195
	300-400	140-155	179	160-200
	400-500	140-150	171	150-190
	500-600	130-140	156-157	140-175
	600-700	120-135	138.5-150	130-155
	700-800	115-125	127-139.5	122-144
	800-900		127-138.5	115-135
	900-1110		120.5	100-128
Heifers	200-300			110-170
	300-400	130-149	156	145-170
	400-500	125-135	150	130-160
	500-600	120-135	132-140.5	120-147
	600-700	115-125	129-131.25	110-135
700-800	105-116	120.75-128	95-125	
800-900+		120	85-120	
Bred Cows	Young			1000-1275
	Older			600-1000
Pairs	Young	900-1070		
	Older	700-900		900-1150
Packer Cows		60-70	45-60	40-80
	Fat			50-58
	Boners			57-65
	Thin	45-58		30-45
Packer Bulls		90-100		70-95
	High Yield			80-96
	Low Yield			60-80

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FLOYD COUNTY 4-H ACTIVITY CALENDAR

TERESA BIGHAM | HESPERIAN-BEACON

- 16: Spring Break Day Camp @ UC
- 18: Photo Field Trip to Caprock Canyons State Park (Weather Permitting)
- 21: Rifle Practice for Seniors 5 p.m. @ UC
- 22: Rifle Practice for Juniors/Intermediates 6 p.m. @ UC
- 22: 4-H STEM Project 6 p.m. @ UC
- 23: Archery Practice 6 p.m. @ UC
- 23: Meat Judging 5:30 p.m. @ Extension Office
- 28: Rifle Practice for Seniors 5 p.m. @ UC
- 29: Photography Project Meeting 5 p.m. @ CEO
- 29: Rifle Practice for Juniors/Intermediates 6 p.m. @ UC
- 30: Archery Practice 6 p.m. @ UC

(Food Challenge Practices for remainder of month will be determined at intro meeting based on everyone's schedules.)

RSVP and mask are required to attend all meetings and practices. A COVID screening form will need to be filled out upon arrival.

Unity Center (UC), County Extension Office (C.E.O)

FLOYDADA CHAMBER NEWS

Poole Well Service named Chamber Business of the Month



COURTESY PHOTO

BARBARA ANDERSON | HESPERIAN-BEACON

The Floydada Chamber of Commerce announced Poole Well Service as their February Business of the Month.

"This team is instrumental to our farmers, businesses, as well as rural residents," said Chamber manager Kortney DeBock.

Raymond and Mary Poole started Poole Well Service in 1974. Raymond started working for well service businesses when he was 16 years old. He worked for Guy Hinton Well Service in Ralls and Adams Well Service in Floydada

before buying his own rig and starting their own business.

Mary has been very involved in their business as the office manager and bookkeeper. She also did numerous other duties around the shop alongside Raymond, she said.

Poole handles sales as well as service—ask Raymond for info about the downhole video camera and forklifts he now sells.

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Sunday School—9:45 a.m.
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Wednesday Evening—7 p.m.

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Morning Worship—9 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

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West College & Third, Lockney
Morning Worship—10:30 a.m.
Afternoon Worship—1:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service—7:30 p.m.

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Bob DuPont, Minister
Sunday Bible Study—9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship—10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship—6 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study—7 p.m.

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Nathan Adams, Minister of Students and Discipleship

Ashley Adams, Minister of Music

Ludusia 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.

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Ron Kuykendall—Worship Leader
Chad Cook, Youth Min.
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
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Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.

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Morning Worship—9:30 a.m.
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Sunday School—9:30 a.m.
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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

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James Blair, Minister
Bible Study—9:30 a.m.
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Evening Worship—6:00 p.m.

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Wednesday—7:30 p.m.

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Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.
Evening Worship—6 p.m.
Wed. Evening—7 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.

San Jose Catholic Church

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Sat.—4:30 p.m. Evening Mass
Sun.—9 a.m. Mass
Mon.—9:30 a.m. Mass
Thurs.—5:30 Evening Mass

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Sun Prayer Service—9:30 a.m.
Sunday School—9:45 a.m.
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Evening Worship—6 p.m.
Wed. Meeting—7 p.m.

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Spanish Assembly of God
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Morning Worship—11 a.m.
Evening Worship—5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service—7 p.m.

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