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LADY WINDS CLAIM BI-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP Friday, April 30 after sweeping Seagraves in two games of a three-game series. With the gold glove trophy are front row, left; Marissa Obregon, Carissa Fernandez, Alyssa Hinson, Kailee Sanchez, Alyssa Obregon, Danielle Zavala, Tatum Glasscock, Jazmine Coronado, Erin Trevino; back row, left: Coach Rehkopf, Si Garza, Jaycee Caudle, Celese Wickware, Kaley Sanchez, Analise Perez, Issac Obregon (manager), Coach Morales, Audrie Strange (manager).

### RANKED #2 - 23-0 FOR SEASON **Lady Winds claim bi-district** champs with Seagraves shutout

BARBARA ANDERSON | HESPERIAN-BECON

The third-ranked Floydada Lady Winds took on Seagraves on Friday, April 30 in the second game of a three-game series in the 2A Region 1 bi-district round.

They had little trouble in this bi-district round as they swept Seagraves in two games.

The Lady Winds knocked in ten runs in the second on its way to a 15-1 victory over Seagraves Floydada's big inning was driven by doubles by Kailee Sanchez and Marissa Obregon, a triple by Obregon, a single by Danielle Zavala, and a home run by Analise

Erin Trevino pitched Floydada Lady Winds to victory. The pitcher lasted five innings, allowing one hit and one run while striking out nine and walking one.

Floydada tallied one home run on the day as Perez had a homer in the second inning.

The team tallied 13 hits. Zavala, Sanchez, Obregon, and Carissa Fernandez each managed multiple hits for Floydada. Sanchez and Zavala all had three hits to lead their team.

Floydada had 17 bases during the game as four players stole more than one. Sanchez led the way with five.

Their season record now stands at 23-0-1 after tying the 5A Plainview Lady Bulldogs in a practice game on April 26. Lady Wind Carissa Fernandez blasted a homer-run in the seventh inning to tie the game at 2-2.

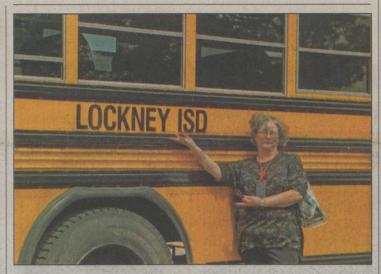
Trevino pitched 7 innings, allowing seven hits, one earned-run, striking out 10 with zero walks.

The Lady Winds advance to the area round where they will take on Sanford-Fritch in a one-game playoff at 5 p.m., Friday, May 7 at Lady Bulldog Park in Plainview.

#### LADY WINDS SHUT OUT SEAGRAVES IN GAME 1 OF BI-DISTRICT SERIES

Erin Trevino had all the right stuff on Thursday, April 29 for the Lady Winds, allowing zero runs and besting Seagraves by a score of 19-0 in the first game of a three-game bi-district series. All games were played at Roosevelt.

See BI-DISTRICT, page 5



## The Bus to Success

STORY AND PHOTOS BY LIZ ADAMS | HESPERIAN-BEACON

Even before there were highways in Texas and children were carried to school aboard wagons called kid hacks, the role of transportation has been vital to the student's education. After the first public school was established in Della Plain in 1888, Floyd County grew and merged, developing to meet the needs of hundreds of Gen Z pupils each day. There is at least one thing that hasn't changed. The bus driver is the first face many kids see on the road to success.

Bus driver Linda Griffith lives in Lockney where her family is involved in local business through the Davis Lumberyard. Although it wasn't a job she planned to love, she has dedicated thirty years to serving the students attending Lockney Independent School District by safely delivering them to and from campus every day.

"I expected to last maybe a year when David Frizzell first talked me into it," said Griffith, referring to the late 1957 LHS graduate and former Lockney bus superintendent known in the community as "Pop."

Griffith found that she enjoys the time spent with the kids and watching them as they grow up. While the children are in class, Griffith works at the lumber yard until it is time to drive students back home in the afternoon. All three of the drivers in the district serve the community in other ways in addition to

See BUS, page 10

### **Narrow wins change Lockney** City Council in Saturday's election







SAUL RODRIGUEZ, DIST. 1 (AT LEFT) ALBERTO SOTO-GONZALEZ, DIST. 3 **LOCKNEY CITY COUNCIL** 

TYLER DUNIVEN LOCKNEY ISD

KAY ELLINGTON | HESEPERIAN-BEACON

Two new city council members were elected in Lockney's municipal election in very close races on Saturday.

Incumbents were unseated by one-vote margins in both of the contested city council races. The Lockney ISD school board will remain unchanged.

According to results provided by the city, challenger Saul Rodriguez defeated incumbent Donnie McLaughlin seven votes to six in the District 1 city council race.

Alberto Soto-Gonzales beat incumbent Dart Carthel 11 votes to 10 for the District 3 council

**LOCKNEY ISD** 

Aaron Wilson in District 2 will serve another term on the council. He ran unopposed.

Tyler Duniven was re-elected to the Lockney ISD Board of Trustees. He defeated challenger Kayla Sherman 18 votes to nine for the District 1 seat.

Board president Mike Lass will also serve another term. He was unopposed in the District 2 race.



Division 1 - Brass Choir - Nicholas Garcia, Johnathan Martinez, Lonzo Ascencio, Jakob Cuellar, Yzenia Garza, Cristian Hernandez, Ryan Perez, Kirsten Pyle, Rance Upchurch, Josemaria Lara, Jonathan Peña, Natalie Hernandez. | FCISD PHOTO

## **SPRING CONCERT MAY 13** FCISD'Wind Symphony' competes in festival

BARBARA ANDERSON | HESPERIAN-BECON

ABERNATHY - The Floydada Collegiate High School "Wind Symphony" ensembles received a Division 1 rating ("Superior") and Division 2 rating ("Excellent") at the Abernathy Band Festival held on Thursday, April 27, 2021.

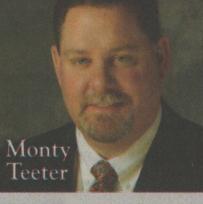
FCHS Director of Bands Mr. Piland commented, "We did extremely well at the Abernathy Band Festival."

Mark your calendars for the Floydada Band's Spring Concert on 6:30 p.m., Thursday, May 13 at the Floydada Performing Arts Center Auditorium at the FCHS. It will feature the 7th grade Symphonic Bands, 6th grade Concert Bands and the Floydada High School Wind Symphony. The concert will last about 1-1/2 hours. The concert is free to the public.

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## Fear is big business

Officer Lia Miller, badge number 17354, had just announced to everyone in my living room through the speaker on my phone that I have been involved in a crime.

It was a typical busy Thursday. I was in full work mode and that is not what I expected to hear when I picked up the phone. My social security number had been used in the commission of activities such as money laundering and drug trafficking, she said. The call came from South Bend, Indiana. Did I know anyone there? I couldn't remember if I did.

A quick look on the internet did two things for me right away. First, it gave me something to do with the alarmed response I felt when the caller identified herself as a police officer. Then, it showed me Lia Miller, a celebrated U.S. Foreign Service Officer...in Bolivia? Nah, it's pretty unlikely someone like her was calling me out of the blue from Indiana or anywhere else.

I asked the woman on the other end of the line for more details about the situation. She seemed to want me to be afraid. We were a full minute into the call before I clearly understood that this was a scam. The caller hung up before asking for money because I asked too many questions.

If you haven't had this kind of experience, you probably will at some time. Some common scams you might encounter include calls saying that you failed to appear for jury duty, that you are being deported, or that your Medicare or Social Security benefits have been suspended. You might be told you owe back taxes, or someone posing as a technician may try to convince you that your computer has some type of malfunction.

Scams can also show up in the form of an email stating that you have won a prize. Of course, people may not be who they claim to be online, and friend requests should not all be accepted. Be aware that scams targeting grandparents can be very convincing because the scammer can use social media accounts belonging to people you know

to get information about you. When a request is made to help them with a medical bill or even bail money, anyone would be stricken with concern. Emotional manipulation is part of the game, and many victims of these scams are tricked into acting before they can think.

Police in our communities are aware of this sort of con. Unfortunately, well-meaning citizens have been caught off guard due to their compassion or fear of being charged with a crime.

Paducah police chief Roper Gunter shared some helpful advice with me. He said that banks won't ask you to sign in by text message, and they won't call and ask for your username or password. Scammers may use a badge number that seems real. A Texas badge number is usually three digits, but other states and different agencies can vary.

"These people are asking you to send them money directly—the IRS and Social Security don't call you and they don't ask for money over the phone. They have to contact you by certified mail that you sign for, and you have to call them," said Gunter.

Even though someone may know the last part of your Social Security number, that doesn't mean they are who they say they are.

That phone number from Indiana? It actually belongs to a legitimate commercial heating equipment business there. The owners and employees of that business had nothing to do with the scam. Their publicly advertised phone number was used by the swindler to avoid being flagged as a scam call when it showed up on my phone. It is possible to make it look like it is the IRS or some other agency calling when it isn't. If you are unsure, wait.

Don't give personal information to strangers on the phone or in a text message, even if they say you have no choice. Collect information from the caller instead. If there is any real problem, you can usually resolve it after you have had time to investigate. If someone threatens you or your family, report it to the proper authorities.

#### CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

## State shows largest numerical population gain

**TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION** 

AUSTIN-Texas stands to gain two seats in the U.S. House of Representatives after results of the 2020 census released last week show the state had the larg- cil of Texas has picked Brad since the 2010 census

The population increased by nearly 4 million in the past decade, to 29.14 million. That's a population increase of 15.9% in 10 years — third highest by percentage in the nation, behind Utah and Idaho. The state's clout in the House will increase to 38 congressional districts, with redistricting likely coming this fall.

The increase has been driven for the most part by increases in the state's Hispanic population, which accounted for half of the growth in the past decade, according to the census. As the Texas Tribune pointed out, annual increases in Hispanic residents in Texas have been greater every year since 2010 than the combined growth among white, Black and Asian residents.

Abbott gets bill allowing to-go alcohol sales from restaurants

Restaurants can continue to sell alcohol to go after both chambers passed a measure making Gov. Greg Abbott's pandemic declaration permanent. Abbott is expected to sign the measure.

When restaurants were forced to close their dining areas last March, the measure allowed beer, wine and mixed drinks to be sold along with takeout and delivery food orders. While pandemic restrictions on in-dining seating have been lifted, many restaurants continue to rely on takeout and delivery options.

The Texas Restaurant Association reports 700,000 restaurant workers in Texas lost their jobs in

the early weeks of the pandemic, with thousands of restaurants permanently shuttered.

**ERCOT announces interim CEO** 

The Electric Reliability Counest numerical gain of any state 
Jones to be interim CEO for the Texas grid operator. Jones has more than 30 years of industry experience, including two stints with ERCOT.

The previous CEO was fired after the widespread power blackouts during the February winter storm, and nearly half the board resigned. Under ERCOT's bylaws, Jones can serve as interim CEO for up to a year.

ERCOT falls under the umbrella of the Public Utility Commission. Its newest member and chairman, Peter Lake, was recently confirmed by the Texas

State releases \$11.2 billion in federal funding for schools

The state's top leadership announced last week the release of \$11.2 billion in fresh federal funding to help public schools "address student learning loss and costs incurred as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic."

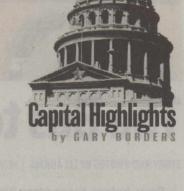
Two-thirds of the nearly \$18 billion allocated by the feds is now available under grants administered by the Texas Education Agency. The remaining one-third in funding will be distributed contingent upon approval by the U.S. Department of Education.

Texas already had received roughly \$2.2 billion in federal funding to help school districts respond to Covid-19. School districts and others have been calling for the state to release the money so they could begin budgeting for the next school year. The federal government requires the state to maintain both public

Texas has reached 20 years

of daily deaths on Texas roadways.

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school funding and money for public colleges and universities at the same levels as in the three years before the pandemic to tap into the K-12 stimulus dollars.

Vaccination pace slowing; new Covid-19 cases, deaths steady

The Texas Department of State Health Services reported the number of Texans who have received at least one dose of the Covid-19 vaccine reached 11.1 million Sunday. As in the rest of the country, the pace has slowed — up just a bit over 4% from the previous week. A total of 7.92 million state residents are now fully vaccinated -more than one-fourth of all residents, according to DSHS.

Meanwhile, a total of 23,054 cases of Covid-19 were reported last week, a drop of about 600 people; 353 deaths were reported, down just slightly from the previous week, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. Lab-confirmed cases of Covid-19 patients hospitalized dropped slightly to 2,648, according to

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> munity newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches and Cedar Park. Email: gborders@texaspress.com.

### 2021 Community Calendar

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

FOOD BANKS—FLOYDADA—Spirt 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.

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

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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 Tuesday, May 4, 6 p.m., FISD School Administration offices, 226 W. California St., Floydada. FLOYD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT Monday, May 10, 8 a.m. County Courthouse, 100 Main St., Floydada.

FLOYDADA CITY COUNCIL Tuesday, May 18, 6:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m., City Hall, 114 W. Virginia Street, Floydada.

LOCKNEY CITY COUNCIL Tuesday, May 18, 7 a.m., City Hall, 218 E. Locust St., Lockney.

LIONS CLUB AND ROTARY

Floydada Rotary Club / Floydada Lions Club currently meeting together Tuesdays, 12 noon, First United Methodist Church, Floydada

**Lockney Rotary Club** Fridays, 12 noon, Lockney Senior Citizens

**COMMUNITY INFO** 

City of Floydada Office is open to the public. Face masks optional.

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#### **HD68 update from Rep. David Spiller**

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If I can be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact my Capitol office at 512-463-0526 or email me at district68.spiller@house.texas.gov.

FIRST BILL PASSES THROUGH HOUSE On Tuesday, I passed my first bill through the Texas House. This week was another reminder of how grateful I am for the opportunity to serve as your State Representative for House District 68. House Bill 3961 seeks to inform families and residents of the long-term care ombudsman program by requiring facilities to post the program on their website.

PUBLIC EDUCATION FUNDING Governor Abbott, Lt. Governor Patrick, and Speaker Phelan made an exciting announcement of the release of \$11.2 billion in new federal funds for our public schools. This will help to address student learning loss and costs incurred as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to federal requirements, two-thirds of the funds are available immediately under grants administered by the Texas Education Agency (TEA). The final one-third to be distributed contingent upon approval by the U.S. Department of Education.

28 DAYS LEFT OF SESSION There are 28 days left in the Legislative Session. The days and nights are growing longer at the Capitol. Our House calendar is beginning to contain up to 50 bills or more each day. It is important for me to hear from all of my constituents as I continue the last few weeks of the 87th session. Thank you to those of you who have contacted my office and expressed your thoughts on upcoming legislation. I would encourage those of you who have not called my office to do so. I want to hear from you.

KAREN HOUCHIN ATTORNEY , 806.983.5556



**ANGELINA LARUE** 

## Grilled Potatoes with Creamy Dressing a win-win

Every spring, I begin cooking with more fresh herbs; they magically insert spring flavor into every dish. I also look for ways to grill almost everything. If we are lighting the grill to prepare a good protein anyway, we may as well utilize it for the rest of the meal.

Grilling outdoors helps keep it cool in the kitchen, as well, as our seasonal temperatures begin to climb. So it's a win-win-less mess in the house, and keeps us from heating up the oven. Many times, we have prepared potatoes on the grill, in various ways. Foil packets with butter and onion mixed with chunks of potatoes is always a good standby. But if the meat isn't going to take long, my favorite way to prepare them with a good smoky flavor is to parboil them for a few minutes so the grill time is minimal.

I place the cubes of potatoes in a pot of salted water and cook them for approximately 8 minutes prior to seasoning them for the grill. It really speeds up the process.

Olive oil, or butter, and a little seasoning is great, but a good tangy dressing is perfect for spring and summer barbeques and allows me to add the herbs I crave this time of year. You could also sprinkle the fresh herbs over the potatoes if you don't want your potatoes dressed. But this creamy dressing is like having a burst of warm weather flavor, and is reminiscent of potato salad, except that it has the added smoky, charred goodness of the grilled potatoes.

If using foil, poke small holes all over the bottom of the foil packet to allow some of the surface of the potatoes to touch the grill. Grill pans with holes throughout the pan are handy to have for this purpose, as well.

Grilled Potatoes with Creamy Dressing would be a lovely side dish for a Mother's Day barbeque. Happy Mother's Day on Sunday, and enjoy food made fresh!





MAMAS AND PAPAS Grilled Potatoes with Creamy Dressing makes a delicious side dish for a Mother's Day barbecue. | ANGELINA LaRUE PHOTO | ANGELINA LARUE PHOTO

**Grilled Potatoes with Creamy Dressing** 

2 pounds potatoes, any type

1/2 cup olive oil, divided

2 teaspoons salt, divided

1 teaspoon freshly cracked black pepper, divided

2 tablespoons white wine vinegar

2 teaspoons mayonnaise

2 teaspoons Dijon mustard

2 cloves garlic, minced

2 tablespoons chopped basil, dill, or another fresh herb Prepare outdoor grill, charcoal or gas, to be set at a medium heat.

Scrub potatoes and leave skins intact. Dice into 1-inches cubes Place potato cubes into a medium saucepan and cover with water. Bring to a boil and add 1 teaspoon salt. Cook for a total of 8 minutes, until they begin to get tender. Drain off water, and let the moister on the potatoes air dry for a minute or two. Toss with 2 tablespoons olive oil, and 1/2 teaspoon each, salt and pepper.

Place onto a grill pan with holes, or make a foil packet and punch multiple holes in the bottom of the foil to allow a portion of the surface of the potatoes to touch the grill. Grill over medium heat for approximately 5 minutes. Shake the grill pan or foil packet, occasionally, throughout. Once potatoes are fully cooked and have visible grill marks, remove from heat and prepare dressing.

Whisk together remaining olive oil and remaining salt and peper, with vinegar, mayo, mustard, garlic, and basil, dill, or other fresh herb. Drizzle over warm potatoes and gently toss to coat.

Makes 8 servings.



**Bathtub gin** 

A friend theorized the copper tubing-equipped antique water heater recently rescued from the trunk of my salvage yard-bound Cadillac might make a good still. Who knows? But if so, given its bathtub connotations, why not bathtub gin?

During our COVID pandemic, home-based activities have flourished. People have learned new skills. Is anybody making bathtub gin? If I were a gin lover, I would have tried it. I've got three old tubs that likely date from the Prohibition Era. They scream bathtub gin.

How's it made? I envision an old tub two-thirds full of gin and juniper berries - a tub with a really good stopper. What kind of juniper produces the right berries for gin? Do they grow in Texas?

YOUTUBE PAUSE.

No bathtub is required. I'm disappointed. Per my YouTube expert, people who made bathtub gin during Prohibition typically used the bathtub tap for water to cut bootlegged basic spirits because the bootleggers' big bottles didn't fit in the kitchen sink, hence the term "bathtub" gin. Oh well.

No, those gin-makers didn't start from scratch. They illegally bought neutral spirits and added water and juniper berries and lemon peel and maybe a little other stuff to disguise the taste of the moonshine or whatever other primary spirit they started with - the stuff in the

The YouTube guy, quite the historian, said unscrupulous bootleggers sometimes sold rubbing alcohol or denatured alcohol (both toxic) in place of regular spirits, meaning some people got sick from drinking bathtub gin. Apparently not all bootleggers were created equal, meaning some had scruples and some had none.

I'm always pleased when I hear that someone has scruples. One of my definitions of scruples: ethics found in unexpected

A friend of mine knew a couple that operated a wedding chapel in

their bar in Amarillo. They managed to get themselves ordained via a dubious mail-order procedure so they could charge for nuptials. When a respectable fellow came along wanting a real wedding, the man had enough scruples to tell him he wasn't really a minister and

that he should go elsewhere. If the no-scruples wife had been there, she'd have taken his money and performed the ceremony.

Consider drug dealers. Some cut their cocaine and heroin with talcum powder. No scruples.

That's the good thing about meth. You don't have to look for a scrupulous dealer. Meth is already the essence of toxicity. Right? JUNIPER RESEARCH.

I couldn't help myself. I just had to see what kind of juniper produces berries to flavor gin.

Looks like the choice berries are from the Juniperus communis that

grows wild in Tuscany. The good news?

Juniper berries also make a nice spice for wild hog, venison, bison, whatever. The Indians used Juniperus virginiana berries to season stuff. Oh really? I just ate three berries right off a tree at our farm. Yum.

At the supermarket, juniper berries, presumably Juniperus communis, cost \$8.18 for 1.3 ounces. Comanche berries should bring an even better price.

Forget bathtub gin.



FLOYDADA CHAMBER BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

## **Lighthouse Electric** Coop voted Chamber's **Business of the Month**

STAFF REPORTS

LIGHTHOUSE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE was voted the Floydada Chamber of Commerce April "Business of the Month." Chamber Manager Kortney DeBock commented, "The past year Lighthouse Electric has been tasked with situations of historical proportions and have still main-

tained excellent service and continued to prioritize their customers." Huge thanks for all these guys and gals do for our area. We appreciate their service and dedication. From left, Lighthouse Electric Cooperative Manager Albert Daniel, Selia Arellano, Sherre Green, Sara Coursey, Mike Arwine and Brad Jackson.

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#### Floydada Senior Center News LU ANN COLLINS | SPECIAL TO THE HESPERIAN-BEACON

Floydada Senior Citizens Center will be open each Wednesday and Thursday. We offer dine-in, carry-out or delivery. Lunch will be served from 11:15 a.m. through 1 p.m. There is no added fee for delivery.

On Wednesdays we will be selling meals to go for \$5.00. We will deliver or you can take out. Please call 983-2032 for delivery before 10:30 a.m.

Membership fee is \$25 per year per person.

The Center's mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, TX 79235 and the phone number is 806-983-2032.

Thank you for remembering the Center with donations or memorials.

> MENU NONE PROVIDED THIS WEEK (Menu subject to change without notice)

### **Lockney Senior Center News**

DONNA WEBB/ AIMEE JACKSON | SPECIAL TO THE HESPERIAN-BEACON

LOCKNEY —The Center is sponsoring the first Annual Mother's Day 5K Run on Saturday, May 8. The run will kick off at 8 a.m. in front of the Lockney Senior Center (118 W. College Street). To register please call (806) 652-2745 on Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. or you can register at 7:30 a.m. the morning of the 5K Run. Entry fee for runners/walkers: under 10 years of age are free; runners/walkers 10-18 years of age are \$5 and runners/walkers 18 years of age and over are \$15. Limited T-shirts are available for an additional \$10. After the run, go and enjoy the Car Show at the Lockney Rehab Center located at 401 N. Main.

The senior center is available for rentals for your dances, reunions, baby showers. Please keep us in mind. Also do you need your CPR license renewed? BBP or BLS renewed? There will be a class Tuesday, June 8. Call for details. The Center will be closed on Monday, May 31 for Memorial Day. The Center would like to invite our game players to come join us every Thursday night from 6 to 8 p.m. You can join in on

dominoes (all kinds are played) or a variety of card games, or even work on a puzzle and enjoy conversations and companionship! Drinks are provided at no charge, and there's always a hot pot of coffee. 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 added kolaches (\$1) to our breakfast menu. Breakfast is served at the Center each Friday morning from 7 to 9 a.m. by dine-in or carry-out only. Cost is \$5 per plate. Come join us for traditional biscuits, gravy and sausage plates.

The Center will be serving lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday, by dine-in, curbside pickup, or delivery in Lockney only. Meals are \$6 for members and \$7 for non-members. For questions, contact the center at (806) 652-2745. Stay safe!

MENU May 10 - May 14

Monday Chicken and cheese guesadillas, guacamole, sour cream, side salad, dessert Tuesday Hamburger/cheeseburger basket with fries,

side salad, dessert

Wednesday Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, dessert Thursday Deluxe Chef salad, dessert

Friday Breakfast - Scrambled eggs, biscuits, gravy, sausage, coffee, juice -\$5.00

Lunch - Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, white cream gravy, corn, dessert

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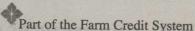
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#### **UPCOMING**

LOCKNEY SR. CITIZENS CENTER MOTHER'S DAY 5K RUN

is scheduled for Saturday, May 8. The run will kick off at 8 a.m. in front of the Lockney Senior Center (118 W. College Street). Find details in the Lockney Senior Citizens column, page 3.

**LOCKNEY HEALTH & REHAB CENTER** will host their 1st **Annual Car and Truck Show** on Saturday, May 8 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. All cars welcome. Vendor booths still available and are free. Registration at 9:30 a.m. Call Heather @ (806) 652-3375 for more info and sign-up.

WHIRLWIND SPORTS **BANQUET**, sponsored by the Floydada Whirlwind Booster Club, will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, May 10 at the new Floydada Collegiate High School practice gym. Tickets for the meal, catered by Danny's Fins and Hens, are on sale at \$12 per ticket. See Mary Jane Cisneros at the Floyd County Library or Evie Salinas at the FCISD central office.

91ST ANNUAL OLD SET-TLERS REUNION is scheduled for Saturday, May 22, 2021 in downtown Floydada. There will be lots of activities for the whole family to enjoy—including a wildflower show, a guilt show, rope making, activities for the kids and food and craft vendors. Vendor applications may be downloaded at floydadachamber. org:

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH** OF FLOYDADA is hosting a **B.A.S.I.C. Elements Science** Vacation Bible School on June 14-16 from 2 – 5 p.m. Register your 1st thru 5th grader. Spots are limited. Deadline is May 31. Call (806) 983-3755 for more info.

**OLD SETTLERS DAY QUILT** SHOW

The quilt competition will be held in the Barrow Building west of the Floyd County Historical Museum during Old Settlers Day May 22. Those who do not want to enter the competition may bring their quilt or quilted item to display in the "Just for Show" area. Prize ribbons and money

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will be presented to winners. Quilts, bonnets and aprons will be accepted for display and entry from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Friday, May 21. Please bring your quilt to the building on the west side of the museum, where the guilts will be hung for our viewing pleasure. If you have questions, you can contact Ethelyn Vernon at (806) 652-2525 or Dorothy Turner at (806) 983-2415.

**CAPROCK PEST MANAGE-MENT PROGRAM** now has a text service for timely updates. Text entomology to (833) 436-1321 to receive timely updates about pests, and upcoming programs.

**BURN BAN for Floyd County** has been extended by the The Floyd County Commissioners' Court until July 10.

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#### **PUBLIC NOTICE • MACKENZIE WATER DIST**

The Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority Board of Directors at the regular meeting April 20, 2021 adopted a resolution to implement immediately Stage 3 of the Drought Contingency Plan of the Authority. Stage 3 is implemented when "Severe Drought Conditions Exist" and the target is to achieve a 15-20% (or more) reduction in total water use. Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority provides wholesale water to the member cities of Floydada, Lockney, Silverton, and Tulia. These cities have in the past years reduced their water requirements from Lake Mackenzie voluntarily. However, as summertime approaches, Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority would urge all water users to conserve as much water as possible and a continuation of the reduction of water use from Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority.

If patrons of member cities have questions regarding the implementation of the **Drought Contingency Plan,** 

they can telephone the Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority at (806) 633-4326. The Authority will appreciate your attention and action regarding this matter.

#### POSITION AVAILABLE - FLOYDADA CISD



#### FLOYDADA COLLEGIATE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

To apply go to the Floydada CISD website @ www. floydadaisd.esc17.net under the tab "Employment Opportunities" For further questions please contact Shauna Lane @ (806) 983-3498

#### **JOB DESCRIPTION Job Title: Instructor in Welding Technology**

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- Prepare lecture, lesson plans and syllabi for assigned classes, meet and conduct assigned instruction in classes and labs as specified in the class schedule, maintain official class, grade rolls and grade reports, report drops to registrar, and personally prepare and proctor tests that adequately measure student learning outcomes.
- Prepare and deliver effective lecture presentations to students in welding technology. W 29151 academic exercises.
- Prepare and deliver effective lab presentations in welding technology skill exercises.
- Stimulate and motivate class discussions encouraging positive student goal achievement. Counsel and advise students requiring assistance outside scheduled classes, communicate
- to students at beginning of semester grading procedures and overall coursework spectations, grade performance consistently and equitably for all students
- Keep students informed of academic performance, progress and potential academic issues effecting student's success, tutor students who require special attention, work with student services when needed concerning student welfare.
- Be familiar with administrative policies, philosophies, objectives, and goals involving program and institution. Maintain updated professional teaching methods in assigned disciplines.

Commitment to and positive actions for fostering good relationships and esprit de corps among students, coworkers, departments, other units in the college, and those faculty associates outside the college.

#### **QUALIFICATIONS**

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/ or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

#### **EDUCATION and/or EXPERIENCE**

Bachelor's degree preferred, Associate degree in welding related discipline required plus five years of professional experience in welding field.

#### LANGUAGE SKILLS

Ability to read, analyze, and interpret general business periodicals, professional journals, technical procedures, or governmental regulations. Position requires efficient writing, business correspondence, procedure manuals, and effective presentation of information and response to questions from students, industry representatives, and general public.

#### **MATHEMATICAL SKILLS**

Position requires ability to calculate figures and amounts consistent with program budget, classroom lecture preparation and instruction.

#### **REASONING ABILITY**

Position requires ability to solve practical problems consisting of multiple variables and interpret various instructions furnished in written, oral, diagram, or schedule form.

#### **CERTIFICATES, LICENSES, REGISTRATIONS**

It is preferred for applicant to possess industry recognized certification; memberships of associated trade associations are beneficial as well.

#### PHYSICAL DEMANDS

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to talk or hear. The employee frequently is required to reach with hands and arms and stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl. The employee is occasionally required to use hands to finger, handle, or feel. The employee must regularly lift and/or move up to 10 pounds, frequently lift and/or move up to 25 pounds, and occasionally lift and/or move up to 50 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, and peripheral vision.

#### **WORK ENVIRONMENT**

The work environment characteristics described are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this position. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential

While performing the duties of this position, employee is routinely exposed to moving mechanical parts. The noise level in the work environment is relative to a working lab environment.

#### **BI-DISTRICT from page 1**

Carissa Fernandez led Floydada to victory by driving in four runs. Fernandez went 3-for-3 at the plate. Fernandez drove in runs on a home run in the second, a single in the third, and a single in the fourth.

Floydada fired up the offense in the first inning, when Analise Perez singled on a 1-0 count, scoring one run.

Floydada Lady Winds tallied six runs in the third inning. Trevino, Fernandez, Alyssa Hinson, Alyssa Obregon, and Tatum Glasscock each had RBIs in the big inning.

Junior right-hander hurler Trevino earned the win for the Lady Winds. The ace went five innings, allowing zero runs on two hits, striking out 11 and walking one.

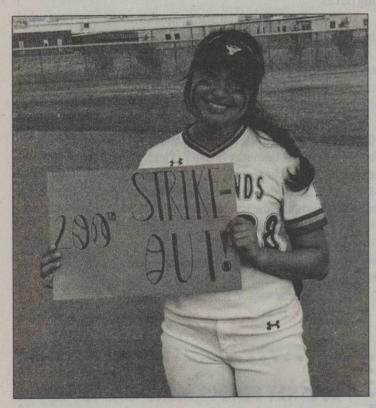
Esparza started the game for Seagraves. The bulldog surrendered 12 runs on seven hits over two innings.

Floydada socked two home runs on the day. Hinson had a homer in the third inning and Fernandez went for the long ball in the second inning.

They tallied 13 hits on the day. Fernandez and Marissa Obregon each racked up multiple hits for the Lady Winds. Fernandez went 3-for-3 at the plate to lead her team in hits.

The Floydada Lady Winds was sure-handed and didn't commit a single error. Obregon made the most plays with 12.

Obregon led Floydada with two stolen bases, as they ran wild on the base paths with nine stolen bases.



JUNIOR HURLER ERIN TREVINO GETS HER 200TH STRIKE-OUT during the second game of the bi-district series against Seagraves. Trevino has 206 K's on the season. Trevino is a third-year starter for the Lady Winds and was also chosen as the Lone Star Varsity "Player of the Week" honors in the Lubbock A-J on Friday, April 30. Trevino's performance on the field garnered 36% of the vote to claim Female Athlete of the Week honors. Coach Morales commented in the Lubbock A-J. "Trevino leans on her defense to play behind her." Coach Morales was also quoted as saying that Erin's confidence has been her key. She's able to control the game and keep her composure, no matter if she gives up a hit or misses a pitch. She stays the same."

#### FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU MAY 10-16

Cinnamon waffles, fruit, fruit juice, milk Lunch - Chicken nuggets, roll, Grande beef & cheese fajita, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Breakfast - Banana muffin, fruit, fruit juice, milk Lunch - Seasoned chicken parmesan, roll, chicken patty sandwich, steamed corn, baked beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast-Chicken biscuit sandwich, fruit, fruit juice,

Lunch - Pepperoni pizza, grilled ham & cheese sandwich, seasoned curly fries, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Breakfast-Maple breakfast on a stick, fruit, fruit juice,

Lunch - Chicken spaghetti marinara, breadstick, breaded chicken patty sandwich, crispy tater tots, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

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

Lunch - Cheese enchiladas, turkey & cheese sub, refried beans, green bell pepper, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk







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## Floydada Whirlwinds



## Whirlwinds defeat Longhorns in final district game, 9-4



2021 WHIRLWINDS BASEBALL SENIORS recognized before the game on Friday, April 30 was from left, team manager Ali Gonzales, Kyle Bruington, Luke Holcombe, Ryder Glass, Herm Martinez, Alexyz Alvarado, Alonzo Ascencio, and team manager Denise Mendoza

BARBARA ANDERSON | HESPERIAN-BEACON

FLOYDADA - The Floydada Whirlwinds hosted the Lockney Longhorns in their final game of this season.

Before the game started the six senior Whirlwinds, two senior managers and their parents were announced during the senior recognition ceremony. Each player and manager gave their mother a red rose and thanked their parents for all their support during their baseball career at Floydada Collegiate High School.

Lockney won the first game between these county rivals back on March 13. But Floydada left it all on the field in this game in this exciting game and won by a score of 9-4.

With this win, Floydada and Lockney ended their district play tied for 3rd place. A tie-breaker seeding game was then scheduled for Saturday, May 1.

Lockney opened up scoring in this game in the first inning, when Ashton Urrutia's sac fly scored one run for the Longhorns.

Then the Whirlwinds came back and scored four runs in the fourth inning. Kyler Gillespie and Alexyz Alvarado

each had RBIs in the frame.

Senior pitcher Ryder Glass got the win for the Whirlwinds. Glass surrendered four runs on six hits over six and a third innings, striking out seven and walking one. Senior Hermilo Martinez threw two-thirds of an inning in relief out of the bullpen.

Pablo Morales started the game for Lockney. Morales allowed five hits and seven runs over three and two-thirds innings, striking out seven and walking zero. Cristian Gonzales threw two and a third innings out of the bullpen.

Glass went 2-for-4 at the plate to lead the Whirlwinds in hits.

#### Whirlwinds lose in tie-breaker game with Lockney

ABERNATHY - The Floydada Whirlwinds fell behind early and couldn't come back in an 8-1 loss to Lockney on Saturday, May 1.

Lockney scored on a double by Cristian Gonzales in the first inning, a single by Kaleb Cook in the second inning, and a homerun by Nathan Ceniceros in the second inning.

Floydada struggled to contain the high-powered offense of Longhorns giving up eight runs.

Lockney scored four runs in the second inning. The big inning for Lockney came thanks to a single by Cook and a home run by Ceniceros.

Joshua Jimenez was credited with the victory for Lockney. Jimenez surrendered one run on three hits over seven innings, striking out 11.

Senior pitcher Hermilo Martinez took the loss for the Whirlwinds. The pitcher went five and a third innings, allowing eight runs on 11 hits and striking out five.

Luke Holcombe went 2-for-2 at the plate to lead the Whirlwinds in hits.

2A BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFF GAME

Floydada Whirlwinds vs New Home Leopards. Game will be played at Abernathy Baseball Field. Game 1 - Saturday, May 8 at 12 noon. Game 2 - 30 minutes after Game 1. Game 3 - (if needed) - Monday, May 10 @ 6 p.m.

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## **Lockney ISD considers** four-day school week

LIZ ADAMS | HESPERIAN-BEACON

As the end of the school year approaches, Lockney ISD Superintendent Jim Baum reached out to the community in April to discuss the possibility of going to a four-day school week before presenting next year's calendar. A survey was taken to learn the concerns and needs of families and staff in the district. Mr. Baum reported the responses to the school board on April 26.

The district currently has 450 students attending grades k-12. In past years, Lockney ISD has provided 78,680 minutes of instruction compared with the state requirement of 75,600. With a new four-day schedule, the district would drop to 75,700.

"It's an exploration of the option. It's going to take a huge commitment to get it done. I met with administrators, teachers, and parents to discuss whether it should be pursued," said Baum, who expressed interest in the change in order to allow teachers more time for instructional planning.

He explained that most teachers take home grading and planning work after having worked a full day in the classroom, sometimes working 16-hour days. Baum mentioned a news report he had heard which warned some 850,000 teachers plan to leave the profession at the end of this year.

"Our teachers have stepped up big time over the last year. If we want our teachers to meet such standards, we have to give them time to plan without sacrificing their weekends," said Baum, who assured the move would not reduce teacher

There are concerns about whether a schedule change might bring on new hardships for families. Though parents may work every weekday, staggering staff to continue providing meals and activities so that students may still attend Monday through Friday could resolve any issues families may have regarding their work schedules. A four-day school week could also provide a day for both students and staff to make dental and medical appointments and other necessary meetings that are typically available only on weekdays.

Baum also included reactions from students in the school board meeting. Though some had been uncertain, an overwhelming majority of students, parents and staff supported the idea. Teachers were 96% positive about their ability to transition successfully to an eight-and-a-half-hour day compared with 76% of parents. Less than half of the parents surveyed felt it would create a burden for working parents. When asked whether the district should start a four-day schedule in the coming school year, 85% of teachers said ves, while 63% of parents said yes.

Though Baum was eager to adopt policies that will lead to better results for students and improve the district's ability to attract and retain quality teachers, he has suggested that it may not be possible to get a four-day instructional calendar ready right away, despite the general support.

"The biggest challenge is doing it well in that amount of time, and it will be a board decision. We do see enough value in it to continue exploring it, though it may be for the following school year," Baum explained, adding that, "a commitment has not been made for the change, only to continue to look into it."

Nearby districts such as Motley County ISD and Patton Springs ISD have implemented a successful four-day weekly student schedule. Mr. Baum spoke with area superintendents in order to understand the possible outcomes these changes might bring and to prepare solutions to any unexpected consequences those districts have seen in the process. Other districts that have gone to a four-day week reported better attendance and morale. Some have said the teachers have made better progress through curriculum.

Though Baum noted that other districts had glowing reviews to offer, he hopes to see that the data on student achievement will reflect positive results over time. Student engagement could be improved due to precise planning that makes the most of their learning time. Friday traditions like pep rallies have also been affected as districts have given students the end of the week off. In order to keep sports and school spirit intact, the Lockney ISD board weighed eliminating the Monday or Friday instructional day.

## T Lockney Longhorns T

#### LONGHORNS BASEBALL

#### Lady Horns win after back-and-forth game against Crosbyton, 23-13

Lockney Lady Horns and Crosbyton traded blows on Tuesday, April 20, in a back-and-forth affair, with Lockney eventually claiming a 23-13 victory.

The game was tied at 13 with Lockney batting in the bottom of the fifth when they scored on a stolen base during RyAnn Castillo's at bat. Then Castillo singled, driving in one.

Miriah Ascencio led Lockney to victory by driving in four runs. Ascencio went 2-for-4 at the plate. Ascencio drove in runs on a double in the third, a single in the fifth, and a walk in the sixth.

Crosbyton got things started in the first inning when #18 tripled on a 1-0 count, scoring one run.

The Lady Horns notched eight runs in the sixth inning. Their offense in the inning was led by Thalia Ascencio, Annalecia Hernande, Ascencio, Brailey Kidd, Eddeny Chavira, and Karen Trenado, all driving in runs in the inning.

Castillo got the start for the Lady Horns. The pitcher lasted six innings, allowing 20 hits and 13 runs while striking out five.

Lockney tallied one home run on the day. Hernandez went deep in the fourth inning.

The Lady Horns collected 17 hits on the day, Kidd, and Ascencio all collected multiple hits. Chavira, Ascencio, and Hernande each collected three hits to lead the Lady Horns. They tore up the base paths, as nine players stole at least two bases. Chavira led the way with five. The Lady Horns was sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. Hernandez had the most chances in the field with six.

Crosbyton tallied 20 hits on the day. Crosbyton didn't commit a single error in the field and had 17 stolen bases.

There was discussion regarding the possibility of making the schedule change for only grade six and below. Coaches expressed that high school athletics would have to move practices back to the end of the day. Block scheduling and dual credit are also possible issues for high school students.

"Our goal for this district is to be an oasis where kids love to learn, and teachers love to teach. We want to build great problem-solving teams. We are very cognizant that if it doesn't work for our community, it won't work for our school," said Baum.

The board agreed to research further and address the four-day week again when the election results are canvassed on Tuesday, May 11. The schedule for the upcoming school year must be submitted by mid-May.

Other topics discussed in the school board meeting included replacing a clock that was part of the bell system, as well as other budget items. Instructional materials for the 2021-22 school year were approved. Hiring authority was temporarily conveyed to the superintendent from May 1 to August 30, 2021 for the purpose of making the process more efficient during the summer months. The board held a closed session, during which the decision was made to hire five new employees to the district and three resignations were accepted.

Progress was made in the development of vocational programs for current and future students through the district's involvement with PTech. Planning will take place during the 2021-22 school year.

This year's Athletics Banquet will take place on May 10. Graduation this year will be held at 8:00 p.m. May 21 on the football field.

#### LONGHORNS BASEBALL

#### Lockney wins over Floydada in tie-breaker game, daims third seed

The Lockney Longhorn Varsity sailed to an easy victory over Floydada 8-1 on Saturday, May 1 in a tie-breaker game for third and fourth seed in district 3-2A.

Lockney got things moving in the first inning as they scored one run when Cristian Gonzalez doubled.

They tallied four runs in the second inning. Kaleb Cook and Nathan Ceniceros all moved runners across the plate with RBIs in the inning.

Joshua Jimenez pitched the Longhorns to victory. The pitcher lasted seven innings, allowing two hits and one run while striking out 11.

The Longhorns launched one home run on the day. Ceniceros had a long ball in the second inning.

Lockney tallied nine hits with Pablo Morales and Gonzalez each collecting multiple hits. Gonzalez and Morales each collected two hits to lead Lockney Longhorn Varsity.

Luke Holcombe led Floydada with two hits in two at bats.

The Longhorns will play the Smyer Bobcats in the 2A Bi-District Champion game starting on Friday, May 7 at 5 p.m. All games will be played at the Abernathy Baseball Field. They will play a threegame series with the second game being played om Saturday, May 8 at 5 p.m. If needed the third game will be played 30-minutes after the second game is finished.

Tickets will be \$3 for adults and \$2 for students.

In game one, the teams will flip for home advantage. In game two they will switch sides. If game three is necessary, a flip will take place again to determine the home and away side.

The Longhorns season record is 12-7.

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## Doris Rape Nixon, 1938–2021

Doris Rape Nixon, 82, of Floydada passed away on April 27, 2021. She was a loving Mother, Grandmother, Sister, and Aunt.

A celebration of life was held at 2 p.m., on Saturday, May 1, 2021 at the First Baptist Church of Floydada.

Interment followed at the Floydada Cemetery.

Visitation was held Friday, April 30, 2021 from 5 – 7 p.m. in the Parlor of the First Baptist Church in Floydada.

Arrangements were under the personal care of Moore-Rose

Funeral Home in Floydada.

Doris was born on June 28, 1938, to Marvin Rape and Alma

Edwards in Floyd County.

Doris was a life-long resident of Floydada. Doris graduated from Floydada High School in 1956 and married the love of her

life, Leslie Nixon on November 17, 1956.

Doris and Leslie raised three sons, Gary, Keith, and Robert.

Doris was her boys and grandchildren's biggest fans. Doris at-

tended every sporting event and stock show.

Doris loved to garden, can, sew, bake, and cook. Doris enjoyed assisting students at Floydada High School with their algebra. Doris retired from school to return home and keep her grandchildren as they grew up and loved every minute of it. Doris loved a big family gathering, especially on the holidays and big family

vacations.

Doris was a member of the First Baptist Church of Floydada.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, Leslie Nixon, father, Marvin Rape, mother Alma Rape, and brother, David Rape.

Doris is survived by her sons, Gary Nixon and wife, Robin of Floydada, Keith Nixon and wife, Trish of Dallas, Texas, and Robert Nixon of Floydada, five grandchildren, Kirby Nixon, Keenan Nixon, Rance Nixon, Corey Hayter and wife, Kali Hayter, and Christopher Hayter, and two great-grandchildren, Lacey and Riley.

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

#### Alfredo "Freddy" Rodriguez, 57



Alfredo "Freddy" Rodriguez, age 57, formerly of Floydada, passed away on Thursday, April 29, 2021.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Monday, May 3, 2021 at Calvary's Cornerstone Fellowship in Floydada.

Interment followed at the Floydada Cemetery.

Visitation was held from 2 p.m. - 8 p.m., Sunday, May 2, 2021 at Calvary's Cornerstone Fellowship in Floydada.

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

in Floydada.

Alfredo was happily married to Annette Rodriguez for 27 years. He attended Calvary Cornerstone and had been a member for many years.

Freddy was employed at Farmers Coop Compress in Plainview, Texas for ten years. Freddy was a hard worker. There was no job he wouldn't do. Freddy woke up everyday to provide for his family.

He was a big Dallas Cowboys fan. Win or lose, he wouldn't miss a game, especially if it meant spending time with his family. Freddy loved all his grandbabies. They were his pride and joy.

Freddy loved all his grandbabies. They were his pride and joy.

Alfredo was preceded in death by his parents, Francisco Rodriguez and Elvira Rodriguez and a brother, Daniel Diaz of Floydada.

Freddy is survived by his wife, Annette; his mother, Victoriana Rodriguez; his children, Elizabeth Rodriguez of Plainview, Alfredo and Leticia Rodriguez of Petersburg, Eddy and Alexx Rodriguez of Lockney, Crissy Rodriguez and Chris Rodriguez of Floydada. Alfredo had 14 grandkids, Xzavier, Ruben Jr., Angel, Victoria, Jax, Ace, Miley, Jacob, Aidan, Adalynn, Aryanna, Joshua Jr., Harmony and Izaias, He is also survived by his brothers, Armondo Garza from Weslaco, Texas; Guadalupe Rodriguez of Floydada, Juan Eloy Rodriguez of Minnesota, and Francisco Rodriguez Jr., of Floydada; and his sisters, Delma Diaz, Adela Gill, Marivel Rodriguez, Elvira Rodriguez, Esmeralda Phillips, Maria Jimenez, Sandra Ramos, Diana Garza, Macha Cantu, and Juanita Rodriguez.

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

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

## NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF SUSIE FRIZZELL, DECEASED

Administration of the Estate of SUSIE FRIZZELL, Deceased, has been commenced by the issuance of original Letters Testamentary to Melanie Bixler and Gay Terrell, on the 30th day of April, 2021, in the County Court of Floyd County, Texas, acting in Cause No. 6163 styled the Estate of SUSIE FRIZZELL, Deceased in which court the case is pending.

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:

Lex S. Herrington
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 445
Floydada, Texas 79235
(806) 983-4924
Attorney for Independent Co-Executors

DATED the 30th day of April, 2021.

Lex S. Herrington

## Floyd County Pioneers update 2021 Old Settlers

Reunion details

PARADE MARSHALLS TRAVIS JONES AND NORMAN MUNCY lead the Floyd County Old Settler's Day parade downtown for many years. Muncy, front, and Jones, back, proudly carried the US and Texas flags.

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We are very excited about the Old Settler's Reunion events to take place Saturday, May 22 at the square in downtown Floydada.

There are many new events, as well as the traditional favorites. The parade is one of those traditional favorites that we hope will be even better this year. But to make that happen, we need your help. You may choose to be a parade participant by entering a decorated bicycle, motorcycle, or ATV. You may go all out and decorate a float. Maybe you have a special car, truck or even tractor that you would like to show off. If you would like to advertise your business, consider driving your commercial vehicle or even do a float. We even have prizes for best cowboy and cowgirl in three different age groups.



We also welcome riding clubs as well. We extend a special invitation to local high school marching bands. There will be prize money to be awarded to the winners in each category. Registration will start Saturday morning around 9 a.m. under the pavilion. We will line up at 2 p.m. and parade will begin at 2:30. The route will be the same as years past.

We also welcome volunteers to help all events run smoothly. If you have any questions, please contact Dana Warren at 806-893-4269. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

#### TO ALL PERSONS HAVIN

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS** 

## AGAINST THE ESTATE OF TRAVIS PHILLIP JONES, DECEASED

Administration of the Estate of TRAVIS PHILLIP JONES, Deceased, has been commenced by the issuance of original Letters Testamentary to Joe Phillip Jones, Jay Wesley Jones and Jon Travis Jones, on the 30th day of April, 2021, in the County Court of Floyd County, Texas, acting in Cause No. 6164 styled the Estate of TRAVIS PHILLIP JONES, Deceased in which court the case is pending.

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:

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#### **MUSE NEWS**

Floyd County's local archive benefits researchers from all over. The Mary Lou Bollman History and Genealogy Center and the Floyd County Historical Museum, across from courthouse in Floydada, Texas, provide helpful information regarding family and local history to visitors and to written requests from across the nation and the globe.

Included in the museum's collection are artifacts from the 1540 Coronado Expedition discovered Blanco Canyon and a scale model reproduction of the Montgomery Ranch House. We maintain an extensive genealogy library for Floyd county and the U.S., and our photographic collection of over 3,800 photos has been digitized for searching and printing.

#### Visiting the museum in person

Visitors are welcome at the Museum weekday afternoons from 1 to 5 p.m., or by appointment, (806) 983-2415 or fchmuseum@sbcglobal.net.

#### Memberships and contributions welcome

Dues and contributions are vital to the museum's operation and maintenance. The Genealogy Center and the Museum welcome memberships from within and outside Floyd County at any time. Memorial contributions will be acknowledged with cards to the family members.

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

Thank you for helping preserve Floyd County history! www. floydcountymuseum.com

## 2021 Baseball State Playoffs 2A BI-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

LOCKNEY LONGHORNS vs SMYER BOBCATS

At Abernathy Baseball Field

Game 1 – Friday, May 7 at 5 p.m.

Game 2 – Saturday, May 8 at 5 p.m.

Game 3 – (if needed) 30 minutes after Game 2

Home/Away

Game 1 – Flipping for home at site.

Game 2 – Switch sides

Game 3 – Flip for home (if needed)

Ticket prices – Adult - \$3; Students \$2

## 2021 Baseball State Playoffs 2A BI-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

FLOYDADA WHIRLWINDS vs NEW HOME LEOPARDS
All games played at Abernathy Baseball Field

Game 1: Saturday, May 8 at 12 noon
Game 2: 30 min after Game 1
Game 3: (if needed) Monday, May 10 at 6 pm

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Single Game Playoff

Floydada will be the home team occupying 3rd base dugout.

Plainview Lady Bulldog Park
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Ticket Price - \$2 students and \$4 Adults

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## **Growers prepare for 2021 cotton crop**

WHITNEY CURRY | PCG

Cotton planting time is approaching, and growers are praying for a better crop this year. The forecast over the next seven days includes a mixed bag of weather with temperatures re-bounding to near 90 degrees by the weekend before falling back to the upper-60s and lower-70s later in the week as rain chances increase.

Daytime temperature and rainfall forecasts will likely be a focus for growers as they make the decision for when to get into the field over the next several weeks.

On the bright side, soil temperatures in much of the area are at or above 60 degrees which is nearly ideal for planting cotton. As is normal this time of year areas north of the Lubbock remain

At press time, the West Texas Mesonet station in Stratford showed a soil temperature of 58 degrees at the 8-inch depth, just below the 60-degree threshold that growers would like to see. Soil Temperature at Dimmitt was 61 degrees and Lubbock at 65 at the 8-inch depth. Those interested in viewing soil temperatures can find them on the PCG website under re-sources (http://rain.ttu. edu/tech/1-output/soil.php).

Growers are keeping an eye on the market, which has been holding steady in the mid to up-per 80s this week. At press time, December cotton was trading at 85 cents.

#### FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

#### Providence

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.

many memories remain of Providence School. The 56-year-old building was recently razed after standing vacant since 1970.

Residents of Providence, mostly German-Americans of the Lutheran faith can still visualize themselves, their children, or grandchildren sitting at the school's old wooden desks and hearing he handbell that summoned pupils to their classes.

They also remember the after-school functions-the Halloween parties, Christmas programs, and spring activities. But most area school-aged children are now bused to schools in Lockney, 14 miles southeast of here.

The Providence Community in the northwest corner of Floyd County, was named by W. J. (Uncle Jack) Lovvorn for his home town in Providence, Alabama,, where he was born on August 19, 1854. He married Miss Crebella Cebell Alexander, who was born on September 18,1867, in Providence, Alabama. They were married on July 5, 1883 and came to Floyd County in March, 1891, where they homesteaded on one section of land in the northeast corner of Floyd County. They later turned it back and took four sections a few miles northeast.

building with a bell tower, erected about 1910. Mrs. Ted Boedeker attended church services there before the present Trinity Lutheran Church building was constructed.

Ewald Ouebe, who was a student in the

Only a few bricks, some piles of rubble and small frame, two-room schoolhouse remembers that the first four grades were taught on the stage and instruction went through the ninth grade. "We got our drinking water from a windmill he said. "Everybody dipped their cups in the tank."

> The school faculty was usually composed of two teachers and a combination teacherprincipal-custodian.

> Teaching there shortly before the school closed were Mr. & Mrs. L. E. Groves and Doris Weatherly, now of Plainview.

> Providence School had a lunchroom and its baseball team played South Plains School, recalls Wilfred Stoerner, who served on the school board seven years.

"Our children got a good education here," said Stoerner. After finishing the eighth grade at Providence, youngsters from the community went to Lockney "where they were readily accepted, fit in with the town students, and did well in their studies."

The original school building had rested on four sites, but not for long-or without argument from area residents each time a move was anticipated.

The first move was about a half mile east of the present Lutheran Church. Afterward, The first Providence School was a wooden the school was moved.north to about the middle of the section. The third move was to the northwestern corner and the last, diagonally across the road to the northwest. The school section had been donated by George Deeder.

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- 11: Meat Judging 5:30 pm at CEO
- 12: State 4-H Roundup registration due
- 15: District Horse Show entries

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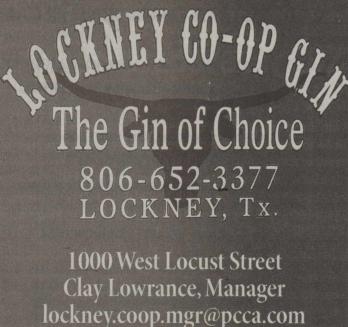
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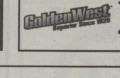
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## Silverton promoters welcome stagecoach program "In the Shadow of the Palo Duro" May 29

**STAFF REPORTS** 

Silverton promoters welcome stagecoach program "In the Shadow of the Palo Duro" May 29

Saturday May 29, 2021, starting at 5 p.m. and continuing until "the cows come home," the folks at Silverton's Night Owl Espresso Bar will host a kickoff party for Cowboy Rick, Arkansas Bev and the crew of an authentic 19th-century stagecoach, according to business owner Toy Cogdell.

"We would like to invite you to meet Cowboy Rick and Arkansas Bev, hosts of the award-winning 'Just for Kids Radio Roundup' and 'Great Moments in History' programs. The original 1880 Journey/Silver Dollar City Stagecoach and Crew will be coming to Silverton Texas to deliver pen pal letters from elementary students in Missouri to elementary students in the caprock region.

The Journey's educational interstate pen pal program has been instrumental in inspiring students and adults to learn more about the history and region of their correspondents.

The Journey crew will be sharing their many exciting stories and new coffee-table book titled "Last Stage To Matador." This book has 230 pages filled with 300 breat taking photos by Dennis Crider, according to Cogdell, and it tells the history of the Texas Panhandle region of the old West.

Cogdell invites everyone to bring a camera and get a picture taken while sitting in the historic stagecoach, now working in its third century.

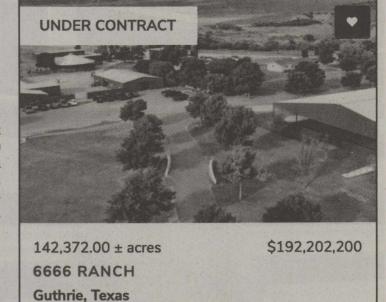
Other activities during the kickoff event include a hamburger supper and homemade ice cream; horseshoes and cornhole games; a roping dummy contest, a chicken drop; the Happy Toy Maker; campfires and songs with Jimmy Burson; s'mores and a cake walk; an outdoor movie, "The Stagecoach" with John Wayne (plus popcorn); and demonstrations (trick roping, falconry, leather working, trapping, flintknapping, fire safety and gun safety).

Not to be missed is a raffle to win a chance to ride along on the stagecoach with a friend during one day of its six-day journey;

The event will take place at 506 Main St. in Silverton, Texas (outside of the Ghost Horse Gallery & Night Owl Espresso Bar) and is sponsored by the Caprock Canyon Travel Guide (caprockcanyontravelguide. com) and the Silverton Downtown Association. For more information visit www. stagecoachjourney.com.

STAGECOACH JOURNEY will return to Caprock Country later this month as the centerpiece of an exciting lineup of events in downtown Silverton. | COURTESY PHOTO





### 6666 ranch under contract to 'Yellowstone' creator's group Deal for all 3 divisions to close in July

BARBARA BRANNON | CAPROCK COURIER

**King County** 

One of the most storied brands in the went on the market last December for \$347.7 million as stipulated in the will of its late owner. Anne Windfohr Marion. As of today, announced Lubbockbased broker Chas. S. Middleton and Son, the 6666 Ranch is under contract—for the first time in its history.

While principal Sam Middleton didn't reveal the offer price, he did confirm that the ranch's three divisions, all in West Texas, sold as a turnkey deal to a group who "are going to carry on the 6666 tradition and stay in the ranching business." The transaction is set to close in July.

And it's an open secret in these parts that the frontman for the buyers is screenwriter/producer (and rancher) Taylor Sheridan, whose Paramount+ Western series "Yellowstone" shot segments last year on the ranch's Guthrie and Hutchinson County divisions.

"Sheridan is the face of the buyer group," said Middleton, who also said that the new owners plan to continue running the work-

> ing ranch and to offer employment to all employees. "It's all one deal, 266,000 acres with all three ranches ... cattle, horses, equipment, furniture, brand, name, everything."

Sheridan, reached by The Caprock Courier through his Los Angeles manager while traveling, said, "I can't comment on a pending transaction but I will say this: the legacy of the 6666 Ranch and Miss Marion's vision for the ranch are vital not only to the ranch itself, but the rich heritage of ranching

in Texas." He added, "This legacy is so important to me I chose to highlight it in the upcoming season of 'Yellowstone' and will continue to 6666 Ranch. | COURTESY PHOTO further the legacy and preserve its operations in a manner consistent

with that great vision." Founded in 1870 by Samuel Burk Burnett, the historic ranch is known for its quality cattle, blooded quarter horses, and improved ranchland. After a century and a half of continuous Burnett family ownership, when heir Anne Burnett Marion died in February 2020, provisions of her will called for sale of what

had grown to three divisions in Texas: the Headquarters ranch of 142,372 acres in Guthrie, the 114,455-acre Dixon Creek Division near Borger, and the more recently acquired,

**REAL-LIFE RANCHER** Taylor

Sheridan, who created and

already owns a spread near

Weatherford, Texas, is part

contracted to purchase the

of the group who have

produces the television

series "Yellowstone" and



9,428-acre Frisco Creek Division near Stratford.

The 6666's true-life story is the kind of saga that has drawn millions of fans to the fictional "Yellowstone" series since its 2018 debut starring Kevin Costner as patriarch of a family that controls the largest contiguous cattle ranch in the U.S. Sheridan co-writes and also plays cameo roles in the series.

Sheridan, born in Cranfills Gap, Texas, is also known for writing the screenplay for "Sicario" (2015) and "Hell or High Water" (2016), for which he received an Academy Award nomination for best original screenplay.

In February 2020, the Paramount Network renewed the Yellowstone series for a fourth season, and a spinoff based on the 6666 storyline was also announced earlier this year. Since then, reports of cast members and crew spottings have circulated throughout Texas Spur Country, along with speculation about the changing of the guard.

"Taylor Sheridan's tightly written drama plays out beautifully against the backdrop of the American West," read last week's Parade magazine. Now, with the 6666, he'll have plenty of authentic material to work with.

"The best cowboys will work it," said Sheridan, "the best horses will be raised on it, and the best cattle will graze it."

## PUBLIC NOTICE • FLOYD/MOTLEY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

#### **Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures**

Property owners have the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- · the appraised (market) value of your property;
- the unequal value of your property compared with other properties; • the inclusion of your property on the appraisal records;
- any exemptions that may apply to you;
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal;
- the taxing units taxing your property; · the property ownership;
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal;
- failure of the chief appraiser or appraisal review board (ARB) to send a required notice; or
- action taken by the chief appra trict (CAD) or ARB that applies to and adversely affects you.

(Insert description of CAD's informal review process, if any, then give name and telephone number of person taxpayer should contact.)

Please call the Chief Appraiser at 806-983-5256

#### Review by the ARB

If you cannot resolve your problem informally with the CAD, you file a notice of protest requesting to have your case heard by the ARB.

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that hears and determines protests regarding property appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes based on evidence heard during the ARB hearing.

If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing and send you written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening or on a Saturday. You may use Comptroller Form 50-132, Property Appraisal - Notice of Protest, to file your written request for an ARB hearing.

Prior to your hearing, you may request a copy of the evidence the CAD plans to introduce at the hearing to establish any matter at issue. Before a hearing on a protest or immediately after the hearing begins, you or your agent and the CAD are required to provide each other with a copy of any materials (evidence) intended to be offered or submitted to the ARB at the hearing. Evidence may be submitted for any hearing type either in paper or on a small portable electronic device (such as a CD, USB flash drive or thumb drive) which will be kept by the ARB. Do NOT bring evidence on a smart phone. The ARB's hearing procedures regarding all the requirements to properly submit evidence on a small portable electronic device must be reviewed.

To the greatest extent practicable, the hearing will be informal. You or your designated agent may appear in person, by telephone conference call or by submission of a written affidavit to present your evidence, facts and argument. You must indicate your request for a telephone conference call hearing on your written notice of protest filed with the ARB not later than the 10th day before the hearing date and provide your evidence and written affidavit before the ARB hearing begins. You may use Comptroller Form 50-283, Property Owner's Affidavit of Evidence to the Appraisal Review Board, to submit evidence for your telephone conference call hearing or for hearing by affidavit.

You and the CAD representative have the opportunity to present evidence about your case. In most cases, the CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence

In certain protests, the chief appraiser has the burden of proving the property's value by clear and convincing evidence. You should review ARB hearing procedures to learn more about evidence and related matters.

You should not try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. ARB members are required to sign an affidavit saying that they

#### Review by the District Court, an Arbitrator or SOAH

have not talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you are not satisfied with the ARB's decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. As an alternative to district court, you may appeal through binding arbitration or the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) if you meet the qualifying criteria.

If you choose to go to district court, you must start the process by filing a petition with the district court within 60 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. If you chose to appeal through binding arbitration, you must file a request for binding arbitration with the CAD not later than the 60th day after you receive notice of the ARB order. If you chose to appeal to the SOAH, you must file an appeal with the CAD not later than the 30th day after you receive notice of the ARB's order. Appeals to district court, binding arbitration or SOAH all require payment of certain fees or deposits.

You must pay the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute, the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken or the amount of taxes due in the previous year.

#### **More Information**

You can get more information by contacting your CAD at (insert CAD name, address, telephone number).

Floyd/Motley County Appraisal District PO Box 249 Floydada, TX 79235 Phone 806-983-5256

You can get Comptroller forms and additional information on how to prepare a protest from the Comptroller's website at comptroller. texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/.

#### Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB\*

#### **Usual Deadline**

Not later than May 15 (or within 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed for good cause if you miss the usual deadline. The ARB decides whether you have good cause. Late protests are not allowed after the ARB approves the appraisal records for the year.

#### **Special Deadlines**

For change of use (the CAD informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was delivered to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change did not result from a

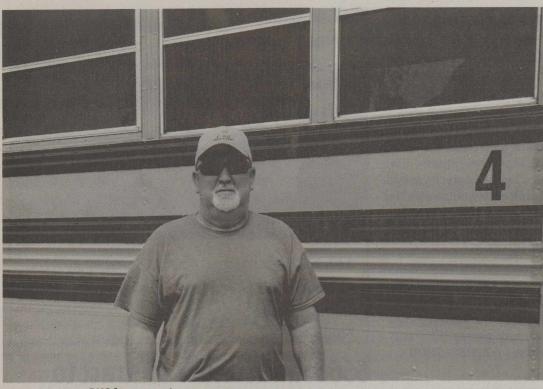
protest you filed), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the change was delivered to you.

(You may insert deadline for protests concerning omitted property if doing so would avoid taxpayer confusion.)

If you believe the CAD or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually Feb. 1) or no later than the 125th day after the date you claim you received a tax bill from one or more of the taxing units that tax your property. The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

\* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or legal, state or national holiday.





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providing student transportation.

Between her bus routes, Lockney driver Debra Lee also teaches in the computer lab and works as a teaching assistant. Lee has been driving a bus for fifteen years. Her favorite part of the job is being close to the kids.

"It's fun," said Lee.

Transportation Director Kenny Hooten has been with the district for twenty-two years. He manages maintenance for the district as well as transportation. Hooten currently drives a route in addition to numerous field trips and band and sporting events.

Coaches often drive the students participating in extracurricular activities Transportation Director Todd Bandy has spent nearly half of his thirty-year coaching career with Floydada Collegiate ISD. He has served as Transportation Director in addition for the last three.

"We really appreciate all the service that our bus drivers do for us. They're the first and last person our kids see on the bus routes and they do a good job of keeping our kids safe."

Tomas Barrientos has maintained the buses and other vehicles for Floydada Collegiate ISD for sixteen years. Last Monday, he spent part of the afternoon assisting David Kruse with Lubbock Wrecker Service, who had arrived to retrieve a school bus from Childress. It was brought to the

Floydada bus barn because it was having some trouble on the way back home from a trip to Roosevelt. Barrientos helped out by taking the students home on a Floydada bus. Barrientos and his wife Elisa often serve as substitute drivers.

Danny Espinosa, Sally Coss, and Laura Ascencio currently teach at FCISD and also drive bus routes. Pauline Cooper is

and Laura Ascencio currently teach at FCISD and also drive bus routes. Pauline Cooper is a retired teacher who has been serving Floydada's children for thirty-four years. She started driving the bus with the district even before working in the classroom for more than three decades.

Oscar Garza has also been driving a bus for fifteen years and Harvey Garza has been driving for the district for eighteen. Both are custodians as well.

Just as spring break brought news of the pandemic last year,

bus drivers delivered meals to students when COVID-19 kept school buildings closed. Since then, safety protocols have required that every bus be cleaned and sanitized twice daily.

"As long as the AC works, I'm good," said Harvey Garza, who has an average of twenty students

aboard his bus each day.

Ricky Gonzalez is retired, but he began driving bus nine three years ago. He transports between

thirty to fifty children to and from school. He said he finds the job very satisfying.

Silvia Espinoza drives twenty-five to fifty students ranging in age from pre-k to high school on

"We are very thankful for our school bus drivers. They are a critical part of our district operations and we appreciate the care, empathy, and understanding they demonstrate in performing their duties. They put the safety of our children above all else when operating the bus and we appreciate their commitment to our school community," said Superintendent Gilbert Trevino.

Floydada Bus Drivers from left: Ricky Gonzalez, Harvey Garza, Oscar Garza, Tomas Barrientos, Sylvia Espinoza

# New nurse practitioner joins Cogdell Clinic in Lockney

STAFF REPORTS

LOCKNEY—The Lockney General Hospital District has recruited another new healthcare provider for the clinic in Lockney.

McKenzie Milbern , APRN/FNP joined the Cogdell Clinic on March 29. Milbern is a Family Nurse Practitioner who will be treating many of the same day appointment patients who call with an acute medical issue.

A native of Lockney Milbern received her Bachelors Degree

in Nursing from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. She then went on to complete her Masters of Science in Nursing from West Texas A&M University and graduated in December 2020.

Before becoming a nurse practitioner, she worked for 4 years as an RN in the Emergency Center at University Medical Center in Lubbock. Milbern, whose maiden name is Kemp, graduated from Lockney High School and performed many of her clinical training hours at the



Cogdell Clinic in Briscoe County with Misty Holt, FNP-C.

"McKenzie has been an excellent addition to our medical team at W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital, stated Vince DiFranco, CEO, "She is familiar with the culture of our community and has allowed the clinic to see more patients that have an acute illness and need to be seen on the same day they call".

Those who'd like to make an appointment at the clinic should call (806) 652-3373.

## Floydada Co-op Gin hosts annual meeting at Unity Center

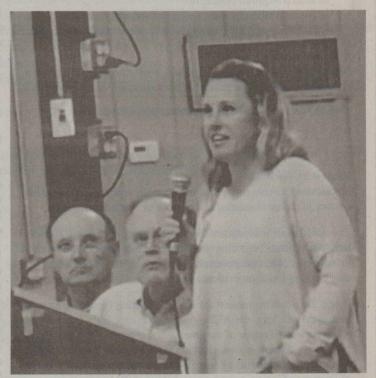


Regional Communications Manager for the Southern Plains, Shelly Heinrich reports for the Cotton Board at the Unity Center in Muncie on April 29

Plains Cotton Growers Field Service Representative Mark Brown spoke to Co-op members about drought and other issues concerning last year's cotton crop. He also announced that the PCG CEO Steve Verett is planning to retire on June 30 and the board voted for VP of Operations and Legislative Affairs Kody Bessent take his place.

National Cotton Council Member Service Representative Susan Everett discussed the new Presidential administration's priorities, such as climate policy and nutrition programs. Goals for the year include proposing a permanent disaster fund.

Floydada Cooperative Gins, Inc. re-elected board members on Thursday, April 8. Members are: President Brian Temple,









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The City of Pleasanton is issuing this Request for Proposal (RFP) in order to solicit and receive Proposals from qualified firms interested in leasing a maintenance hangar for the purposes of providing A&P mechanical services at the Pleasanton Municipal Airport (KPEZ).

Please submit one (1) marked original and three (3) exact duplicate copies of your complete proposal, labeled and clearly marked Request for Proposals (RFP) for an A&P Mechanical for the Pleasanton Municipal Airport. Bids sent via courier must be sealed in a separate envelope inside of the mailer.

POINT OF CONTACT: All inquiries regarding this RFP must be made, in writing, to Andres Aguirre, at aaguirre@pleasantontx.gov. The City employee of the City and any potential firm. Only written requirements and qualifications will be considered. The City of Pleasanton reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive irregularities, and to accept the proposal deemed the most advantageous to the City.

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**Bible Baptist Church** 810 S. 3rd, Floydada • 983-2578

Darwin Robinson, Pastor 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** Floydada

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.

**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.

**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

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**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 Rev. Ted Wilson, Interim Pastor 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.

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Evening Worship-6:00 p.m. Wednesday-7:00 p.m

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

Evening Worship-6 p.m. Wednesday Study-6 p.m. **New Salem** 

**Primitive Baptist Church** Floydada Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges

(806) 637-0430 Sunday Singing-10:30 a.m. Morning Worship -11 a.m. **Out Reach Harvest** 

310 Mississippi, Floydada Rev David Ramos, Pastor Ester Ramos, Praise Leader Sunday Bible-10 a.m. Morning Praise-11 a.m. Evening Praise 5—p.m. Wed. Worship-7 p.m.

**Pentecostal Church** 

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704 B Main, Lockney Sunday Services-10 a.m. Sunday Evening-5 p.m. Wednesday-7:30 p.m. ....

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Lockney Jesus Caballero, Pastor Sunday School-9:45 a.m. Worship Service-11 a.m. Discipleship-5 p.m. Wed. Service-7 p.m.

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**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, 983-5286 (Church) Joe M. Hernandez

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St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church Floydada, 983-5878

Rev. Renato Cruz Parachial Vicar-Jacob Powell 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 Sun 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, 983-5499 Kari & Justin Brown, Pastors Sunday School—9:30 a.m. Morning Worship-10:40 a.m. Sunday Evening—6 p.m.

**Trinity Lutheran Church** Providence Community on Fm 2301 293-3009

Rev. Peter W. Harrington, Minister Sunday School-9:45 a.m. Worship Service-11 a.m.

**West Side Church of Christ** Floydada 983-2672 or 470-0950

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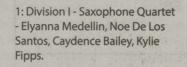
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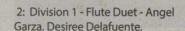












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5: Division 1 - Saxophone Quintet - Sierra Snowden, Cristin Kemp, Masen Rehkopf, Katelynn Ramirez, Ava Gonzales.

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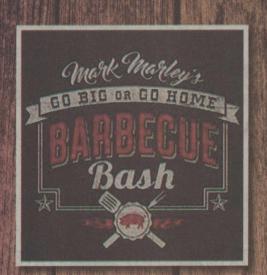
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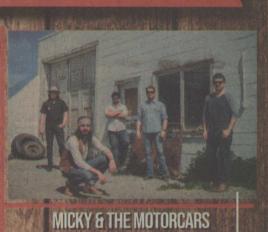
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