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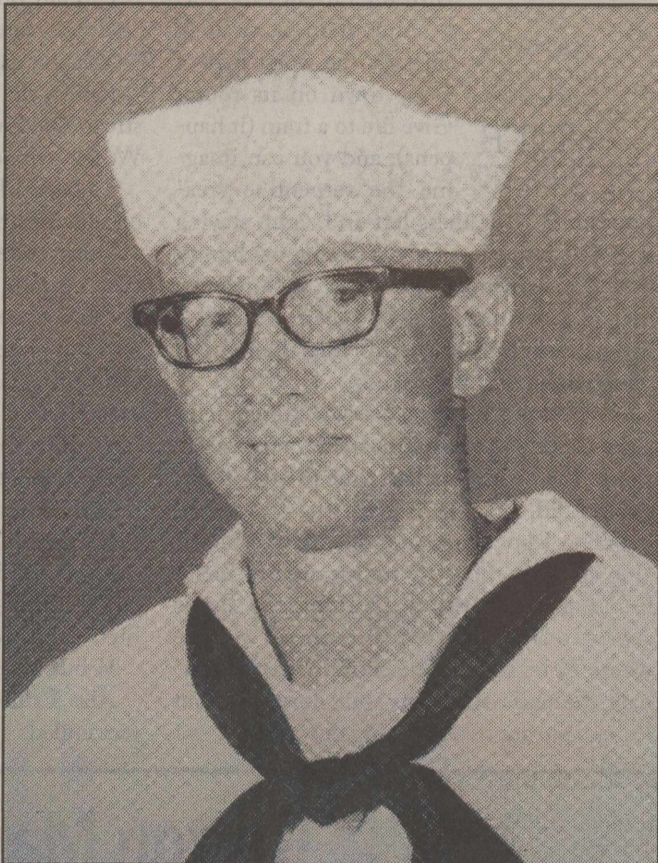
VETERANS SPOTLIGHT

Schaeffer reflects on Naval career during Vietnam War

By Jennifer Harbin
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Undoubtedly, 1968 stands out in the annals of American history as an iconic year, though predominantly tainted with tragedy. Civil Rights leader Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and Democratic presidential candidate Robert Kennedy were both assassinated. North Vietnam launched the Tet Offensive against South Vietnam and the United States, catching their forces by surprise, and remembered now as marking the beginning of the end of the war. Two African American Olympians silently protested racial discrimination in America while receiving their medals by raising their fists in Black Panther fashion during the National Anthem. Aviation progress was made when Boeing came out with their 747 model airplane that

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Courtesy Photo

Lockney resident Milton Schaeffer served in the Navy as a Machinist Mate during the Vietnam War. He raised a family in Lockney while working 22 years for Johnson and Johnson and 17 years for Lighthouse Electric Coop before retiring in 2011. He currently lives in Lockney with his wife Betty.

Rachel Graham is 'National Champion'

By Cristen Brooks
CEA-AG/NR Floyd County

Floyd County 4-H is proud to announce we have a National Champion this year! Rachel Graham, a sophomore at Floydada High School, competed at the Western National Roundup in Denver, Colorado on January 9th. She took home first place with her Family and Consumer Science (FCS) Educational Presentation titled "Think Pink." This presentation is about how to put your house back in order after a robbery, fire or a

natural disaster. Rachel competed against 3 other states, New Mexico placing 2nd and Colorado placing 3rd.

This was the first year for the FCS Educational Presentation contest to take place at Western National Roundup. In order for Rachel to attend this event she must first qualify by winning the state contest, which she did back in June in College Station, Texas.

Over 1000 youth from more than 32 states including Alberta, Canada attended the



Courtesy photo

Western National Roundup January 7-10, 2016 in Denver, CO. The Conference, now in its 96th year, is held annually in early January, coinciding with

the National Western Stock Show.

This year's theme of "Mission ImPossible" is aimed at leaving participants with the

confidence that they have the opportunity to create unique experiences and thrive in their self-defined future through 4-H and FFA.

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Reagor-Dykes GSM: West Texas Roots

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

Last week when it was announced that the Reagor-Dykes Auto Group had purchased Oden Chevrolet, RDAG owner Bart Reagor also announced that the new Floydada general sales manager would be Brian Bruce.

The Hesperian-Beacon interviewed the new manager who will have day-to-day oversight of the Floydada dealership.

Brian Bruce was born and raised in Lamesa. When asked to describe himself, he said, "My wife Emily and I have been married for eight years, and we have a daughter, Brittney, who lives in Lamesa, and one grandchild."

Bruce worked in Lamesa at the Benny Boyd dealership for seven years until it was bought out, about a year ago. He made the move to work for Reagor-Dykes because "I wanted to stay in the General Motors

world. It's a product that I believe in, and was looking for an opportunity to stay with it."

He moved to Lubbock to work for Reagor-Dykes and will be commuting to Floydada.

"I look forward to meeting everyone in Floydada," Bruce said, "And I'd like to invite them to come by and say 'hello'. I am here Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and would love to get to know you all."

Bruce's hobbies include golf and travel.

When asked about his new Floydada general sales manager, Bart Reagor said, "We're excited to have him. He fits into our philosophy of business. He's very respectful, humble, and sincere. We think the folks will really like him when they get to know him."

Reagor added, "He's got a solid background, working several years for Benny Boyd, and then he trained with us in our Plainview location."

West Texas native Brian Bruce will be the new general sales manager at Reagor-Dykes Chevrolet in Floydada. Bruce is shown here with Floydada resident Tim Assiter and Reagor-Dykes Auto Group owner Bart Reagor at last week's dealership announcement.



Courtesy photo

Floyd County Unity Center



Courtesy Photo

Wendell Sollis, band leader for Wendell Sollis and the Sidekicks All Star Band, and his wife, Dustee, presented a \$1,000 check to the Floyd County Friends Unity Center secretary, Elaine LaBaume. The check was donated from the Benefit Cowboy Christmas Ball held at the Unity Center on December 11, 2015. The Sollis's reside on a ranch near Petersburg.

Upcoming

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

LOCKNEY LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

Lockney Library Associates with be hosting "Book Club" on Friday, January 29, at 4:00 pm in the Lockney Library meeting room. Please come and share what you have been reading.

OLD SETTLER'S ASSN. MEETING

An Old Settler's Association meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 6 p.m. in the Community Room at the First National Bank of Floydada.

EARLY VOTING FOR MARCH PRIMARY ELECTION

Early Voting for the March 1, 2016 Primary Election will be held February 16 through February 26, 2016 in the Courthouse Annex Community Room, Floydada and the First United Methodist Church, Lockney. Voting hours are 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. weekdays. Please bring your current ID for voting. See the article in this week's issue of the Hesperian-Beacon for more info.

Lockney petition seeks to legalize all alcoholic beverages

A petition to "legalize the sale of all alcoholic beverages, including mixed beverages," is now located at the Lockney City Hall at 218 E Locust, Lockney.

If interested in signing the petition, you will need to be a registered voter, reside in Lockney, and must have your voter card or know your VUID number (number on the voter registration card).

If you have any questions, please call the Lockney City Hall at 806-652-2355.

Correction

If you spot an error of fact, contact the FCHB office email: fchb.editor@yahoo.com

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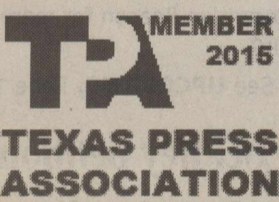
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VETERAN

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could hold 374 passengers, upping the game for the common traveler. And Apollo 8 was the first manned spacecraft to orbit the moon.

Down on Earth, it is the same year that Lockney resident Milton Schaeffer travelled from his hometown of Happy to Amarillo to join the Air Force. Once he arrived, however, he learned that the quota for Air Force recruits had been met.

"I told them...call me when you get an opening. The boy didn't bother telling me that they don't do that. Probably late July or early August I got a draft notice. I immediately went up there to the Air Force recruiter but he said no; they had met the quota again, and I should've come up to check in (earlier)," remembers Schaeffer.

Knowing he couldn't be in the Air Force, and not wanting to be in the Army or Marine Corps, he decided on the Navy. He was told to pick two fields that interested him, and they would place him in one of the two. Schaeffer had his heart set on becoming an Electronics Technician but learned it was a hard field to get into. With hopes that if he chose another field that was already full, and at the suggestion of the staff, he penned in Machinist Mate. Certain he had made a wise choice, ensuring he would soon study to be an electronics technician, imagine his surprise at receiving word he would be a Machinist Mate.

After Basic Training in San Diego, Calif., Schaeffer completed Machinist Mate School on October 10, 1969 at the U.S. Naval School at the United States Naval Training School in Great Lakes, Illinois.

He recalls that as a Machinist Mate in the belly of a ship, he technically only spent three months doing the work he was trained for out of the two years he was enlisted.

After specialty training, he boarded an Ammunition Ship (AK47), an old, converted banana boat headed to Pearl Harbor on the way to the Philippines.

"Being a good, loyal seaman, I got drunker than a skunk. I guess they drug me back (to the ship); I don't remember going home that night," he shared with a grin.

They sailed into Subic Bay, located on the west coast of the main island just northwest of Manila, and tied up ship near the 'ammo pier' at the base away from everything else, according to Schaeffer. There was a pathway from the ship to the main gate, lined with ammunition on both sides, and if the soldiers wanted to go into town they were instructed to walk only down the middle of the path for

fear of booby traps. Often the enemy would infiltrate the fence surrounding the ammunition stacks, leaving a trap for the next soldier who would come down the side aisles. Right outside the main gate was a river where all their sewage dumped, and from there the men would take a cab into town for entertainment. However, Schaeffer wasn't one of them.

"I never did go into town. As a married man I felt... Subic Bay was wild...all kinds of prostitution and drugs. For a \$50 bill you could get people killed."

He notes that boot camp towns in the United States are wild, but nothing compared to Subic Bay, whose signature attraction was open prostitution and "if you could think of it, it could be found there." But you could also, if you had the money, make some tremendous buys. Dish sets from China that would cost \$2000 in the U.S. would be a few hundred dollars there.

A week or so later, they set sail for the coast of Vietnam on a ship stacked four or five feet high with ammunition in every available space.

"We had a Gunnery Sergeant which was in charge of ammo movement, and after a few months we watched him go grey-headed," he claimed. "Men that were moving the ammo with big cranes were sloppy, dropping bombs down on the deck."

"We got close enough to Nam to see shore, to offload ammo to other ships. We were close enough to see the other ships shell the shore. We were 4-5 miles off of the shore. The guns we had on our ship, 20mm canons, were totally worn out. Before we could ever use our guns against the enemy, we would've been a huge hole in the water, because their guns could shoot farther than ours. In vernacular that people around here could understand...We had a BB gun and the other people had a 30-06."

Upon his return to Oakland, Calif., Schaeffer was shipped to Idaho for nuclear power training at the Naval Reactors Facility, 52 miles northwest of Idaho Falls. From the early 1950s to the mid 1990s, NRF supported the U.S. Navy's nuclear-powered fleet by testing reactor designs, receiving spent nuclear fuel for processing and storage, and training nearly 40,000 Navy personnel to operate surface and submarine nuclear power plants, according to an article in the Post Register (August 27, 2013) outlining the future of the Idaho National Laboratory.

However, it was during his time in Idaho and an impromptu ski trip to Jackson Hole, Wyo. that his naval career came to an end. His knees had been injured previously during his football career and were further aggravated by his first, and last, ski trip.

"I was shipped to Bremerton, Washington for examination, trying to figure out what they could do. I had one doctor who wanted to do exploratory surgery on my knee. He wouldn't tell me he could fix it. I told him if he could cut on me and fix it (then) he could do it, but not just for grins."

In the meantime, he said they placed him in the disbursement office "pushing paper" and making pickups and deliveries until they could decide what to do with him. He appeared before a disability board in San Diego, and they set his disability at 10%.

"That meant that we screwed up when we let you in the Navy to start with because your knees were bad, but were not going to give you anything for it but a small pension," Schaeffer explained that when you

The 501 Be like the Zephyr

"Streamline your Life: One Mess at a Time."

That magazine cover teaser hooked me. When I was a child a passenger train ran through our town - the sleek silver Zephyr, epitome of all things streamlined. No wonder I've always loved the word "streamline." And trains.



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My subconscious whispered I could be like the beautiful powerful Zephyr if I'd buy the magazine. The word "mess" also called my name. Did it mean I'd learn to deal with life's messes the way a shiny train zips along through the worst part of every town on its route? Give life to a train (it happens), and you can imagine the serpentine creature ignoring ugliness left and right, staying on track, unflustered, maintaining its dignity, intent on arriving at the station with its own magnificent image intact, albeit wearing a little diesel grime as engines idle, their power reined in but undiminished.

At checkout, when an overwhelming metaphor captures your mind, there's no time to think. There's just enough time to buy on impulse. I did.

When I got home and opened the magazine to learn how to transform my life, I found an article titled "12 Things To Throw Away Today." The word "streamline" was nowhere to be found. The subtitle was "Eliminate the useless stuff in your home without losing your motivation - or your mind."

receive a 25% disability you get full governmental benefits, as you do if you retire after 20 years. "I was an E4 at the time. They shipped me back to Bremerton to await my discharge."

He figured it would take approximately three months to get discharged, but his came through in three weeks, the quickest discharge his chief at the disbursement office had ever seen. Schaeffer proposes that it was "partly because in four weeks I was going to make E5. That would make my small check a little bigger... and they didn't want to pay to move me back home."

He had intentions of having a military career like his three uncles before him had, and told his chief that if he would cancel the discharge and get him two years in the disbursement office that he would stay in. But the chief wasn't able to.

After 2 years, 4 months and 9 days, he was discharged from the Navy and worked with a friend farming in Nevada before returning to Happy, TX.

Although he wishes he could have continued to serve, the next step would have been school to become a submariner, he enjoyed his time in the service.

Schaeffer shared many stories of the interesting characters he met—from the Cajun that needed an interpreter to be understood to the Mormon boys who went wild in Subic Bay—and though boot camp was tough, it created a lot of comradery and friendships.

"It's a shame that all of us didn't try harder to keep up with those friendships. You meet all kinds in the service, from all walks of life, all parts of the country."

Some of the memories are bittersweet, though.

"The way Vietnam Veterans were treated on both coasts was totally atrocious. I didn't get into that much, because I came back to the Midwest. It all comes back to politics and the American people not having the guts. That war could've been over in 10 years and we could've won it. A lot of men fought and died, basically for nothing, because the American people and their politicians didn't have the guts to finish it. And people always need to remember that freedom is not free, and you better think real hard the way our country is going."

I donned a second pair of glasses to sharpen my vision (it works) to see if I was on the wrong page. I wasn't. I'd been duped into buying one more magazine to learn how to declutter my life - not how to be like a train.

I looked up "streamline." The first meaning applies to trains. The second applies to organizational efficiency.

Next I read the article to justify investing in the magazine. I'd share the tips with you, but I don't want to break any copyright laws. They all fall in the public domain of common sense anyway. In short, throw away or give away the stuff you don't need. Duh.

The kicker: I found only 11 tips, and I had to count "toiletries and makeup" as two. Same for "cords and gadgets."

I guess the writer took her own advice and streamlined what she wrote, lopping off a tip. Wonder what it was?

To bring the list to a dozen, here's my tip on how to streamline your life:

Don't collect broken utility poles, even if they do look like they need a new lease on life and are essentially intact. They can clutter up a place. That said, the really long ones can be dragged down an FM road if chained securely to a pickup hitch (easy if you say it fast). They follow nicely and don't even mar the pavement.

Disclaimer:
It's illegal. Who knew?

Don't risk breaking the law. The pavement end will smoke. You'll catch the attention of a highway patrolman.

While it lasted, I really did feel like a train. Alas, I still do. Just like the old Zephyr. Career ended.

Cotton Market Weekly

Export sales for the week ended December 31, 2015, were down 22 percent from the previous week. Volume at the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) was active with 30,600 contracts for the first trading day of the New Year.

Jan. 4
Cotton futures moved lower Monday at the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE). March cotton moved to a low of 62.51 cents per pound, a level not seen since November 30, 2015, before settling at 62.61 cents per pound. According to one analyst, "just turning the day on the old year does not get rid of all the surpluses that have caused the low prices the market suffered last year."

Jan. 5
Tuesday March cotton traded in a narrow 35-point range before settling up seven points at 62.68 cents per pound. The March contract has settled lower in all by six sessions over the past four weeks, netting a loss of 203 points. Both May and July cotton settled down at 63.45 and 64.17 cents per pound, respectively. The most surprising statistic for Tuesday, according to one analyst, was the change in open interest was very small, less than 0.5 percent in a day with substantial volume.

Jan. 6
The March contract traded in a sideways manner with very little movement during early trading on Wednesday. However, selling pressure picked up and March moved lower the rest of the session. During the last hour of trading, it fell to a low of

61.86 cents per pound before settling at 62.00 cents, down 68 points.

Jan. 7
The market suffered its second straight day of rather measurable losses. On Thursday, trading volume surged while prices dropped below 61.45 cents per pound, the late November low. March cotton continued its downward trend falling to a low of 61.21 cents per pound at 61.43 cents per pound, down 57 points.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture reported net sales of upland cotton for the week ended December 31, 2015, totaled 82,000 bales, down 22 percent from the previous week. Primary buyers included China, Pakistan and Turkey. Export shipments totaled 161,700 bales to Vietnam, Turkey, Indonesia, Thailand and Peru. According to one analyst, traders are expecting better weekly export sales reports for next week.

In the spot cotton market, producers sold 12,166 bales during the week, down significantly from 67,056 bales the previous week. Prices ranged from 55 to 57 cents per pound.

Southern California has experienced record-setting rainfall this week. However, drought conditions continue across the state. West Texas will see a cold front enter the area with a chance for precipitation going into the weekend. According to the latest reports from NOAA, it suggests a greater-than-average chance of precipitation over the next few months from California through Texas.

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Wilson, Miller exchange wedding vows



MR. AND MRS. TITUS LYLE MILLER
(nee Bethany Brianne Wilson)

Bethany Brianne Wilson and Titus Lyle Miller exchanged wedding vows at four o'clock in the afternoon on Saturday, January 9, 2016 at Northwest Church of Christ in Plainview. The ceremony was officiated by Christopher Jarrell, cousin of the groom.

The bride is the daughter of Aaron and Karen Wilson of Lockney. Grandparents are Barbara Mathis and the late Warren Mathis of Lockney, Don and Carolyn Hardy of Floydada and the late Floyd Jackson of Lockney.

The groom is the son of Lyle and LaTresa Miller of Floydada. Grandparents are Maudine Miller of Plainview, the late Orba Miller of Floydada, and the late JT and Dovie Malow of Plainview.

Given in marriage by her father, Aaron Wilson, the bride selected an elegant blush gown with an ivory organza overlay from the designers of Maggie Sotero. The gown featured delicate, jeweled cap sleeves that beautifully framed the shoulders and cascaded into an encrusted bodice of Swarovski crystals and shimmering pears that softly fell into a flared skirt. The skirt fell gracefully to the floor and swept into a semi-cathedral length train. To add a touch of elegance, the bride wore a rhinestone encrusted headband, and to complete her look, the bride wore a one layer scalloped edged veil of ivory illusion, edged with Swarovski crystals.

The bride carried a bouquet of winter white mix of hydrangeas, pink roses, ranunculus, lisianthus, Brunia berries, and lamb's ear with a touch of pink ranunculus and rhinestones. The stems were wrapped in rhinestone ribbon.

Serving as maid of honor was Courtney Connaughton of Lubbock, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Malory Johnson of Plainview, friend of the bride, Anna Kidd of Plainview, friend of the bride, Abigail Miller of Canyon, sister of the groom, and Sarah Jo Miller of Canyon, sister of the groom. The bridesmaids were dressed in long silver dresses with pleated illusion bodices and sweetheart necklines.

Jillian Wilson and Ali Jane Wilson of Lockney, nieces of the bride, served as flower girls. They wore tutu dresses of baby pink tulle with pink crocheted tops.

The bodices were adorned with silk flowers in shades of pink, grays, and ivory with pearls and crystal centers. The dresses had cap sleeves of pink ribbon that tied into a matching bow in the back secured by a rhinestone broche.

The groom wore a black suit with vest, ivory shirt and a black tie.

Serving as best man was Mathew Miller of Lockney, cousin of the groom. Groomsmen were Luke Miller of Plainview, cousin of the groom, Sawyer Pinkerton of Olton, friend of the groom, David Richburg of Houston, friend of the groom, and Kevin Smith of Floydada, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were attired in black suits with vests, ivory shirts and pink ties. Boutonnieres on all the men were made with a cotton bolls grown on the family farm.

Ushers were Kirk Wilson of Lockney, brother of the bride, Brance Wilson of Lubbock, brother of the bride, and Ethan Leavitt of Wilderado, Texas, cousin of the groom. They

wore black suits, ivory shirts and gray ties.

The ceremony occurred on a stage that was illuminated in an elegant winter scene of gray and silver. A chandelier hung as the centerpiece along with gray panels and silver sequin panels as the backdrop. Twinkle trees and floral arrangements made of hydrangeas, pink roses, lisianthus, snapdragons, Queen Anne's lace and silver branches accented the stage in pillars and along the baptistry. Rhinestones and crystals were used to transfer light throughout the stage. The aisles were lined on both sides with tulle covered twinkle lights.

Acappella music was sung by church friends and family.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the fellowship hall. The ladies of the Northwest Church of Christ served as the house party.

The bride's table consisted of a beautiful assortment of chocolate, vanilla and red velvet cupcakes displayed on a rhinestone studded cupcake stand. A small, ivory, one layer strawberry cake was at the top of the stand topped with a silver-glittered "M". Raspberry sherbet punch was served by Haley and Shelbey Havens, friends of the bride.

At the bride's table, the silver punch bowl, ladle and the toasting cups used belong to the bride's maternal grandmother, Barbara Mathis. The cake knife used also belongs to Barbara Mathis and has been used in all of her grandchildren's weddings.

The groom's table featured an assortment of blackberry, peach, apricot and cherry cobbles, all handmade by family and friends. Cheese and crackers were also served. The table was decorated with a farm theme accented with corn and cotton raised on the family farm. Hot chocolate, and an assortment of coffees were served at the coffee bar.

The rehearsal dinner was held at 7 p.m., Friday, January 8, 2016 at the Wayland McClung University Center in Plainview. The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents, Lyle and LaTresa Miller.

The bride is a Lockney High School graduate and a graduate of Covenant School of Nursing. She is currently employed by W. J. Mangold Memorial Hospital in Lockney as a Registered Nurse.

The groom is a Floydada High School graduate. He also graduated from West Texas A&M University with a Mechanical Engineering degree.

He is currently employed by 4M Brothers Farm in Floydada.

A bridal shower honoring the bride and groom was held on November 21, 2015 in the home of Sherese Covington of Floydada. Rhonda Pinkerton of Plainview hosted a bridal shower on November 22, 2015.

A lingerie shower was held in the home of Marka Miller of Plainview on November 21, 2015. The bride's grandmother and aunts hosted a bridal luncheon at the West Side Church of Christ on January 8, 2016.

The couple left the church in a 2004 London taxi. Following a wedding trip to Asheville, North Carolina, the couple will reside in the Sandhill Community.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The process of restoration has begun at the Sr. Center. We have been told that we will need to be closed on Jan. 28th and 29th.

Also, the front door of the center has been closed for the repairs, which means access to the dining room will be on the kitchen side, north door. If you can park in the front and walk around that will allow those Sr.'s with mobility problems to park in the rear.

Hopefully, we will have access to our facility in about 2 weeks.

Nancy Lawson's niece, Judy Tatsch of Pueblo, Colorado was here to visit Nancy and other relatives. She and other relatives were planning a family party honoring her mother and Nancy's sister, Florene Jackson in Lubbock. Sadly, Florene fell at the nursing home in Lubbock and the party had to be cancelled as relatives gathered. These included Judy's daughter, Marcy and children, Sarah and Abby from Atlanta, Georgia. Also Judy's daughter, Kim Tasch from Denver, Colorado.

Betty Baker attended a monthly fellowship at City Park Church of Christ and took a bowl of banana pudding to share with friends.

Kent Covington's grandchildren are visiting him from mission work in the country of India.

Saturday, January 16 was foggy but the next

day broke sunny and spring-like to the delight of all who were tired of winter weather and being cooped up inside.

The menu at Floydada Sr. Citizen's Center started the week with chicken fried steak, potatoes and gravy and several vegetables, salad and cake with fresh fruit.

Floydada Senior Citizen's Center is open to people of all ages. You do not need to be a senior citizen, nor a member to eat with us. However, if you are a member, your meal is \$5.00 instead of non-member price of \$6.00. To become a member, all you need do is pay a \$25.00 yearly membership fee. We serve a delicious meal with salad bar at 12 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday.

We serve at 12 noon every weekday. Join us at 925 W. Crockett Street or we will deliver a meal anywhere in town. Call 983-2032.

Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235

MENU

February 1 - February 5

Monday - Spaghetti w/meat sauce

Tuesday - Chicken pot pie

Wednesday - Salisbury steak

Thursday - Hamburger casserole

Friday - Chicken fried steak w/cream gravy

(Menus subject to change without notice)

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Beginning in February we will be opening one Sunday a month for lunch. Dates and menu will be announced later. If you receive a delivered meal you may also have lunch on Sunday delivered as well. The cost of Sunday lunches will be a donation. The board of directors will meet February 3rd at 1:00. If you have any questions or concerns that you feel needs to be addressed please feel free to come to the meeting.

Be sure and call the Center by 9:30 a.m. if you would like to eat. Our phone number is 652-2745.

Remember Exercise with Dorothy - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8:45 - 9:15 a.m.

Coffee time - Monday- Saturday - 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Thursday night pot luck- 6:00-9:00 p.m. Come bring a dish and enjoy the games after supper.

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

MENU

February 1 - February 5

Monday - Baked potatoes

Tuesday - Tacos

Wednesday - Meatloaf

Thursday - Spaghetti

Friday - Brisket

(Menus subject to change with notice)

1956 Study Club

By Virginia Stringer

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The 1956 Study Club met January 12, 2016 in the Floyd County Library.

President Anne Carthel welcomed our guest and members. Before Connie's presentation, the members and guest enjoyed a wonderful meal prepared by hostess Sherry Hacker and co-hostess Nina Sanders. A delicious Santa Fe soup, crackers, chips, a cheese spread in the shape of a snowman and some pretty and delicious snowballs was enjoyed by the members and guest. Thank you ladies for this very good comfort meal.

After the meal, Connie presented the program. Connie shared with us how she became inspired to write. She give God credit for the success and joy she has received from her writing. If you like to be inspired, entertained, and laugh, then you will enjoy Connie's books. She has two in print now and a third one due out in February. The title of her books is THE TALES OF HACKETT

Museum Archives

Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

Ray and Minnie Cannon

By Minnie Cannon

I was born in Lockney, Texas in 1897. I was the third child of M. H. and Ida Ragle.

Papa farmed and we children picked the cotton. Papa and Mama would head the maize.

The last year I went to school, Bro. George Mickey was my teacher at the Lockney Christian College. We were members of the Church of Christ.

In 1916 Papa filed on a section of land at Rencona, New Mexico. We moved to Rencona in 2 covered wagons-no house-no water-but a beautiful country. We lived in a tent until Papa and he boys cut, peeled, and hewed logs from the nearby forest to build a nice log house with a rock fireplace. The men of the community built a brush arbor for worship services. They later built a rock school house and we used it for church services.

Almost every Saturday night there was a community gathering to enjoy visiting and games. At a gathering in Luther and Mamie Wofford's home, I met Ray Cannon.

In 1917 Ray joined the army in World War I. In 1918 he was seriously wounded and later discharged. Ray and I were married Sept. 7, 1919.

See MUSEUM, Page 10

VOTE
JESSE FINLEY
FOR
FLOYD COUNTY
SHERIFF

SUBJECT TO THE REPUBLICAN
PRIMARY ON MARCH 1

EARLY VOTING IS FEBRUARY 16 - 26 AT
THE COURTHOUSE ANNEX IN
FLOYDADA OR THE METHODIST
CHURCH IN LOCKNEY

POLITICAL AD PAID FOR BY JESSE FINLEY

A Call to Honor Military Veterans

Because of their service defending the freedoms that we enjoy on a daily basis, the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon would like to honor those military veterans who so valiantly put the interests of the whole before their own.

If you, or anyone you love, has served or

continues to serve to preserve our freedoms, please call Jennifer Harbin at 806-983-6220 or Barbara Anderson at 806-787-1334. Emails may be sent to fchb.editor@yahoo.com.

Thank you to all our veterans—past, present, and future—for your sacrifice.

TxDOT urges motorists to 'Plan While You Can'

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) statewide "Plan While You Can" campaign is reminding football fans to make a sober ride part of their game-watching plans for the upcoming playoffs and the big game. The campaign runs through Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 7.

"As many Texans will be watching football playoffs leading up to the big game, we strongly urge drivers to plan for a sober ride to attend watch parties," said Carol Rawson, TxDOT Traffic Operations Division director. "Crashes caused by drinking and driving are 100 percent preventable. Before you drink, make a game plan to get home safely. It's a decision that could save a life."

During the 2014 football season, Sept. 4, 2014 - Feb. 1, 2015, there were 10,676 alcohol-related traffic crashes in Texas. Those crashes resulted in 492 fatalities, an increase of 7 percent over the previous year.

Central to the "Plan While You Can" football campaign is a multi-city tour featuring an interactive dodgeball game that uses custom gaming technology to replicate the effects of alcohol on a person's reflexes. As participants play, virtual drinks are added and the players' on-screen avatars become less able to dodge

incoming "footballs." The game demonstrates how even one drink can slow reaction times. The tour visits Wingstop restaurants in Austin Jan. 11, San Marcos Jan. 16, Dallas-Fort Worth Jan. 17, Houston Jan. 24 and San Antonio Feb. 7.

Additionally, TxDOT is hosting an online contest on its Twitter and Instagram social media accounts for a chance to win one of five \$100 gift cards donated by Wingstop. Participants can enter the contest by creating a tweet or post using the hashtag #PlanWhileYouCan. To learn more about the contest, follow TxDOT on its social media accounts.

Drivers under the influence of alcohol can face up to \$17,000 in fines, legal fees, impoundment and other costs. As always, TxDOT strongly encourages everyone to plan for a sober ride before going out. Visit www.SoberRides.org to find alternatives to drinking and driving, such as: Calling a taxi or using a transportation app on your smartphone; using mass transit; asking a sober friend or family member for a ride home; and Spending the night.

For more information, contact TxDOT Media Relations, at MediaRelations@txdot.gov or (512) 463-8700.

Early voting begins Feb. 16

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

The last day to register to vote for the Texas March 1 primary is Monday, Feb. 1.

Early voting begins Tuesday, Feb. 16, and according to Floyd County Clerk Ginger Morgan, the Judicial District 110 District Attorney position, formerly held by Becky McPherson, is being contested by Shelly

Drennan Marshall of Spur, Wade Jackson of Floydada, and Rob Hamilton of Matador.

The other contested race on the primary ballot is for Floyd County Sheriff. Current County Sheriff Paul Raissez has an opponent in the primary—Jesse Finley with the Floydada Police Department.

Also on the 2016 primary ballot, but running unop-

posed will be Mike Anderson, commissioner for Precinct 1, and Nathan Johnson, commissioner for Precinct 3.

The last day of early voting will be Friday, Feb. 26.

Reminder: When you arrive at the polling place, you will be asked to present one of the seven (7) acceptable forms of a photo ID, unless you are a voter with a permanent exemption on your voter registration certificate.

Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

And then, the unspeakable purity and freshness of the air! There was just enough heat to enhance the value of the breeze, and just enough wind to keep the whole sea in motion, to make the waves come bounding to the shore, foaming and sparkling, as if wild with glee. — Anne Bronte

Our land is more valuable than your money. As long as the sun shines and the waters flow, this land will be here to give life to men and animals; therefore, we cannot sell this land. It was put here for us by the Great Spirit and we cannot sell it because it does not belong to us. — Anonymous

In all things of nature there is something of the marvelous. — Aristotle

A lot of people like snow. I find it to be an unnecessary freezing of water. — Carl Reiner

The materials of wealth are in the earth, in the seas, and in their natural and unaided productions. — Daniel Webster

It was the Law of the Sea, they said. Civilization ends at the waterline. Beyond that, we all enter the food chain, and not always right at the top. — Hunter S. Thompson

My mission is to create a world where we can live in harmony with nature. — Jane Goodall

In God's wildness lies the hope of the world — the great fresh unblighted, unredeemed wilderness. The galling harness of civilization drops off, and wounds heal ere we are aware. — John Muir

When one loses the deep intimate relationship with nature, then temples, mosques and churches become important. — Krishnamurti

Live in the sunshine, swim the sea, drink the wild air. — Ralph Waldo Emerson

Texas Civil War Museum celebrates 10th birthday

On January 25, 2016, the Texas Civil War Museum will begin its second decade by adding new exhibits. U.S. Major General Phillip Henry Sheridan's sword, scabbard, saddle blanket and one of his headquarters' flags will join the impressive line-up of artifacts from Generals U.S. Grant, Benjamin Butler, Robert E. Lee, Jeb Stuart and Joe Shelby. Sheridan's rapid rise to major general and his close association with General-in-Chief Ulysses S. Grant allowed for his transfer from command of an infantry division in the Western Theater to lead the Cavalry Corps of the Army of the Potomac in the East. In 1864, he defeated Confederate forces in the Shenandoah Valley and his destruction of the

economic infrastructure of the Valley, called "The Burning" by residents, was one of the first uses of scorched earth tactics in the war. In 1865, his cavalry pursued Confederate General Robert E. Lee and was instrumental in forcing his surrender at Appomattox.

Grant was also concerned about Maximilian in neighboring Mexico and gave Sheridan permission to assemble 50,000 men to patrol the U.S.-Mexico border. The Army's presence helped induce the French to abandon their claims against Mexico. In March 1867, with Reconstruction barely started, Sheridan was appointed the military governor of the Fifth Military District (Texas and Louisiana). He dismissed Texas

Governor James W. Throckmorton, a former Confederate, for being an "impediment to the reconstruction of the State". Shortly afterwards, President Andrew Johnson removed Sheridan, stating: "His rule has, in fact, been one of absolute tyranny, without references to the principles of our government or the nature of our free institutions." Sheridan was unpopular in Texas, and he did not have much appreciation for the Lone Star State. In 1866, he reportedly quipped: "If I owned Texas and Hell, I would rent Texas and live in Hell."

In the last ten years, the museum has expanded its footprint to become the largest, most comprehensive Civil War museum in the country. It has

conducted over 1,250 school field trips involving 51,000 students from as far away as Monterey, Mexico. Over 200,000 visitors have come from all fifty states and 105 countries. Over 100 volunteers have donated 32,000 hours contributing to the museum's success as a popular educational venue and tourist destination. "The Texas Civil War Museum is one of the finest museums in the nation," states famed Chief National Park Historian Emeritus Ed Bears on a recent visit.

The museum is located at 760 Jim Wright Freeway, North (West Loop 820) in Fort Worth. Information can be obtained by calling 817.246.2323 or at the website:

www.texascivilwarmuseum.com

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Hard Work, Low Pay . . .

We glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. —Romans 5:3-4 (NIV)

As a young man, looking for adventure in the outdoors and not knowing what else to do with my life, I joined the California Conservation Corps. Their recruiting motto is "Hard work, low pay, miserable conditions . . . and more!" The thrill of my new adventure was soon tempered by the fact that the motto was true. I was working hard for low wages in a difficult environment.

As a new believer in Christ, I was beginning to discover the connection between my perseverance and God's desire to shape my character.

Sometime later, I read the biblical account of the way Laban tricked Jacob into working for a wife he did not choose. Under Laban's supervision, Jacob worked through extreme temperatures, sleepless nights, and unfair treatment. Yet God blessed him because of his faithful endurance. God used the experience to shape Jacob's character.

The story is a reminder of how God can shape us through adversity. As we remain faithful and persevere through difficult circumstances, God is faithful to cultivate in us the character of Christ. By God's grace, we can emerge from our trials stronger and more conformed to the image of Christ.

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Darwin Robinson, Pastor
983-2578
Sunday School... 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wednesday - 7 p.m.

Calvary's Cornerstone Fellowship
Floydada
Armando Morales, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Bible Study - 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening - 7 p.m.

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

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

City Park Church of Christ
Matthew Benfield, Minister
Floydada
Sunday Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study - 7 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Floydada
Tim Franks, Pastor
Logan Lamb, Min. Students
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

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

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

First United Methodist Church
Floydada
Rev. Ken Peterson, Pastor
Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School - 10:50 a.m.
Youth (Sunday) - 6:30 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
Lockney
Rev. Ricky Carsensen, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service - 6 p.m.
Wed. Jr. High - 5:30 p.m.
Wed High School - 6:30 p.m.

Grant Chapel Church of God In Christ
Joe Bennett, Pastor
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday - 8 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

Main Street Church of Christ
Lockney
James Blair, Minister
Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church
310 Mississippi

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

Power of Praise Full Gospel Church
Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor
704 B Main, Lockney
Sunday Services - 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 5 p.m.
Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Templo Getsemani Assembly of God
701 W. Missour
Joe M. Hernandez
983-5286 (Church)
Sunday School
English - 9:45 a.m.
Spanish - 11 a.m.
Worship
Spanish - 9:30 a.m.
English - 11 a.m.
Evening Service 5 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
Floydada
Rev. Ike Temporaza
983-5878
Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.
Mon. & Wed. Mass - 6:30 p.m.
Confession Sat - 10-11 a.m.

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

Templo Bethel
Spanish Assembly of God
Washington And 1st St.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 5 p.m.
Wed Service - 7 p.m.

Templo Nueva Vida
Rev. Herman Martinez
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Evening Worship - 5 p.m.
Tuesday - 7:30 p.m.
Thursday Service - 7:30 p.m.

Trinity Assembly
500 W. Houston
Tom Ross, Pastor
983-5499
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 6 p.m.

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

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

AGRICULTURE

Caprock Crop Production Conference held in Muncy



Charles Keaton/Hesperian-Beacon

Floyd and Crosby County agriculture producers were out in force at the annual Caprock Crop Production Conference held on Jan. 22 at the Floyd County Unity Center. Nearly 200 producers received up-to-date information on various topics as well as 11 CEUs. The Conference was sponsored by Crosby and Floyd County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension in conjunction their local Ag Committees and Plains Cotton Growers.

By Charles Keaton

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

MUNCY – Nearly 200 local and area producers attended the annual Caprock Crop Production Conference on Friday, Jan. 22. Eleven speakers and 23 vendors provided up-to-date information on laws, issues and equipment. The Conference is a producer-generated educational program that is developed by the Ag Committees of Crosby and Floyd Counties.

Speakers from Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, the Texas Department of Agriculture, High Plains Underground Water District (HPUWD) and BASF spoke on a variety of topics which provided the attendees with nine Continuing Education Units including three general, three pest management, one drift and two laws and regulations.

Eleven Texas Certified Crop Advisor Units were also available.

The morning session included Ted McCollum, AgriLife Extension Beef Cattle Specialist, talked about Cattle marketing and Risk Management; Peter Dotray, AgriLife Extension Weed Specialist, talked about New Cotton Weed Technology; Jason Woodward, AgriLife Extension Plant Pathologist, talked about Aflatoxin, Microtoxin, Rust; John Robinson, AgriLife Extension Cotton Marketing Specialist, talked about Cotton Marketing and Risk Management; and Steven Boston, Texas Department of Agriculture Field Inspector, talked about TDA Rules and Regulations.

In the afternoon session, Tiffany Lashmet, AgriLife Extension Agriculture Law Specialist, talked about Ag Law Hot Topics; Seth Byrd, AgriLife Extension Cotton Agronomist, talked about Cotton Agronomy, Varieties and Production; Pat Porter, AgriLife Extension Entomology

Specialist, talked about Sugar Cane Aphids and Pest in Sorghum; Jacob Reed, BASF, talked about Drift Minimization; Jason Coleman, HPUWD, talked about New Water Rules and Regulations; and Calvin Trostle, AgriLife Extension Agronomist, talked about Grain Sorghum Production.

Booth sponsors included Agri-Tech Irrigation, Americot, Inc., Assister Insurance Agency, BASF, Bayer CropScience, Capital Farm Credit, Crop Production Services, Crop X, Crosby County Farm Bureau, Crosby County Fuel Association, Dow AgroSciences, Eco-Drip Irrigation, EcoWater Systems of Lubbock, Equipment Supply Co., Hurst Farm Supply, Plains Land Bank, Ray Lee Equipment, Senninger Irrigation, Inc., Sorghum Partners, Tri-Star Chemical, Floydada ISD, Ralls ISD and Floyd and Crosby County AgriLife Family and Consumer Science agents.

The Conference is a joint project of the Crosby and Floyd County Ag Committees and Plains Cotton Growers. Members of the Crosby County Committee are Marty Davis, Jonathan James, Matt Wilmeth, Lloyd Arthur, Connor Wilmeth, Miles Harrell, Mark Schoepf, Brad Aycock and Regan Ware. Caitlin Jackson is the AgriLife Extension Ag Agent for Crosby County.

The members of the Floyd County Committee are Gary Nixon, Allen Akers, Amanda Hinsley, Kellie Cantwell, Luis Cervera, Corbin Kellison, Tyler Phillips, Seth Stephens, Tanner Smith, Matt Williams, Jason Pyle, Jim Bob Clary, Eric Smith, Chad Cook and Ivan Cervera. Cristen Brooks is the AgriLife Extension Ag Agent for Floyd County.

Vista Bank provided an Apple iPad 2 for the grand door prize and the booth sponsors provided other door prizes. Plains Land Bank provided donuts for the morning break. Shawn Hill of Lockney catered the brisket lunch.



Charles Keaton/Hesperian-Beacon

Nearly 200 Floyd and Crosby County agriculture producers had the opportunity to visit with various vendors at the annual Caprock Crop Production Conference held on Jan. 22 at the Floyd County Unity Center. Vendors brought the latest technology and information to share with the producers. The Conference was sponsored by Crosby and Floyd County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension in conjunction their local Ag Committees and Plains Cotton Growers.



Charles Keaton/Hesperian-Beacon

Nearly 200 producers attended the annual Caprock Crop Production Conference on Jan. 22 at the Floyd County Unity Center in Muncy. Attendees were able to visit with various vendors about their products and equipment. The Conference was sponsored by Crosby and Floyd County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension in conjunction their local Ag Committees and Plains Cotton Growers.

Upcoming area Ag Conferences

* January 29 – Llano Estacado Cotton Conference, Bailey County Electric Cooperative, Muleshoe. 4 CEUs. Contact Curtis Preston, CEA-AG, 806-272-4583.

* February 9 – Hale/Swisher County Crops Conference, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Ollie Liner Center, Plainview. 5 CEUs. Contact Jason Miller, Hale CEA-AG, at 806-291-5267 or John Villalba, Swisher CEA-AG, at 806-995-3721.

If you have a conference to add to this list, or if we have incorrect information, please email maryjane@plainscotton.org or call (806) 792-4904

USDA expands microloans

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19, 2016 — Agriculture Deputy Secretary Krysta Harden today announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will begin offering farm ownership microloans, creating a new financing avenue for farmers to buy and improve property. These microloans will be especially helpful to beginning or underserved farmers, U.S. veterans looking for a career in farming, and those who have small and mid-sized farming operations.

"Many producers, especially new and underserved farmers, tell us that access to land is one of the biggest challenges they face in establishing and growing their own farming operation," said Harden. "USDA is making it easier for new farmers to hit the ground running and get access to the land that they need to establish their farms or improve their property."

The microloan program, which celebrates its third anniversary this week, has been hugely successful, providing more than 16,800 low-interest loans, totaling over \$373 million to producers across the country. Microloans have helped farmers and ranchers with operating costs, such as feed, fertilizer, tools, fencing, equipment, and living expenses since 2013. Sev-

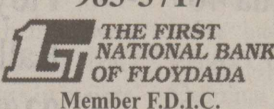
enty percent of loans have gone to new farmers.

Now, microloans will be available to also help with farm land and building purchases, and soil and water conservation improvements. FSA designed the expanded program to simplify the application process, expand eligibility requirements and expedite smaller real estate loans to help farmers strengthen their operations. Microloans provide up to \$50,000 to qualified producers, and can be issued to the applicant directly from the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA).

This microloan announcement is another USDA resource for America's farmers and ranchers to utilize, especially as new and beginning farmers and ranchers look for

the assistance they need to get started. To learn more about the FSA microloan program visit www.fsa.usda.gov/microloans, or contact your local FSA office. To find your nearest office location, please visit <http://offices.usda.gov>. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender. To file a complaint of discrimination, write: USDA, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (866) 632-9992.

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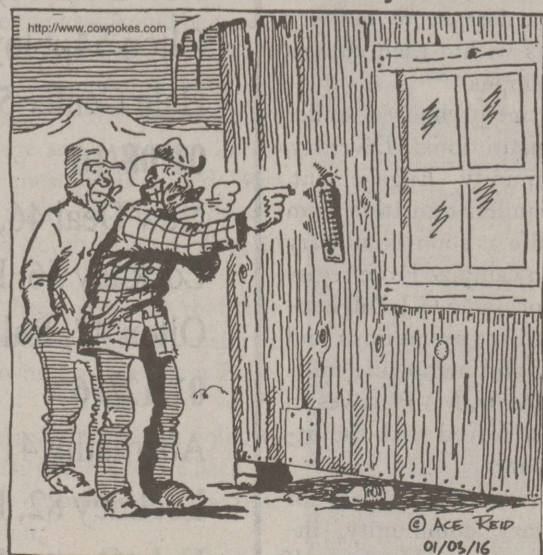


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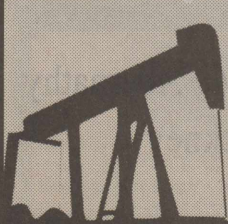
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Fri., Jan. 29, 2016 • 10:00 a.m.
Friona, TX
Nick Collier Estate - Owner
Selling: 960 Acres Farm Land w/6 Pivots

Wed., Feb. 3, 2016 • 10:00 a.m.
Petersburg, TX
Doug Ellison Retirement
Selling: Late Model Tractors, Combine, Cotton Stripper, Farm Equipment

Sat., Feb. 6, 2016 • 9:00 a.m.
Nazareth, TX
Knights of Columbus
Selling: Gun Collection, Farm & Ranch Equipment

Tues., Feb. 9, 2016 • 10:00 a.m.
Idalou, TX
Becknell Estate
Selling: Farm Equipment, Tractors, Combine, Cotton Equipment

Tues., Feb. 11, 2016 • 10:00 a.m.
Happy Union, TX
Claudie Case Retirement
Selling: Tractors, Combine, Cotton Strippers, Farm Equip.

Tues., Feb. 16, 2016 • 10:00 a.m.
Springlake, TX
Springlake Area Farmers
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Wed., Feb. 17, 2016 • 10:00 a.m.
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SCHOOL NEWS

Lockney Longhorn Powerlifters compete in Abernathyin District Opener

By Aimee Jackson
Special for The Hesperian-Beacon

Last Saturday the Lockney Longhorn Powerlifting Team competed in the first lifting meet of the season at Abernathy. Boys and girls competed well and are looking forward to competing this upcoming weekend in Dimmit Texas.

Athletes compete in deadlift, squat, and benchpress and the total weight lifted is combined at the end of the meet.

On the girl's side, Coach Jackson had several participants, Ryiann Arrayo lifted a total of 260 pounds, Alyssa Gutierrez - 500 lbs., Alyssa Barratero - 365 lbs., Brittany Jimenez - 530 lbs., Karis Carstensen - 740 lbs.

On the boy's side, Ricky Cuellar - 725 lbs, and Steven Bazan - 775 lbs. Both Ricky and Steven medaled at this meet.

Ricky Cuellar placed 4th in the 148 weight class and Steven Bazan placed 5th in the 220 weight class.

Floydada eighth grade defeats Ralls

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

RALLS - Floydada's eighth grade boys improved their season record to 5-1 with a 70-18 victory over Ralls on Jan. 18

The eighth graders dom-

inated the game, starting off with a 22-0 lead after the first quarter.

At halftime, they lead 28-6. After three quarters, Floydada had a 50-10 lead before sealing the victory in the fourth for a final score of 70-18.

Garrett Hobbs scored 20 points, Marcus Perez had 17 points, Josh Cooper had 13 points, Andrez Suarez had 10 points, Eric Johnston and Mike Del-

fuate each had four points and Devin Perez had two points.

Floydada seventh grade boys defeat Ralls

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

RALLS - Floydada's seventh grade boys traveled to Ralls on Jan. 18 and came home with their first victory of the year, defeating Ralls 46-16.

Floydada took the first quarter lead 9-3, stretched the lead to 24-5 at halftime then

after three quarters, they had a 35-7 lead before finishing strong for the 46-16 win.

Kaleb Crone led Floydada with 14 points, Joseph Gonzales had 11 points, Des Wickware had 10 points, Luke Holcombe had seven points and Ryder Glass and Hermillo Martinez each had two points.

The seventh graders are now 1-4-1 on the year.

SPC honors students named to President's Honor List for fall 2015

LEVELLAND - South Plains College recently recognized students achieving academic excellence by naming them to the President's Honor List for the fall 2015 semester.

"Earning recognition on the President's list reflects

the students' commitment to hard work and personal investment in their education," said Robin Satterwhite, vice president of Academic Affairs. "We commend them for their academic excellence."

Students named to the President's Honor List

earned a 4.0 grade point average while enrolled in at least 12 college credit hours.

Students from Floydada are Brandon Wickware and Maria Baeza.

Students from Lockney are Angel Cortez and Linda Moralez.

SPC honors students named to fall 2015 Deans' list

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academic excellence."

Students named to the Deans' Honor List earned at least a 3.25 grade point average with no failing grades while carrying at least 12 credit hours.

Student from Floydada is Annette L. Pena. Students from Lockney are Cristian E. Benjarano, Javier J. Guerrero, Hector Morales and Rodrico C. Trejo.

Texas Tech named as top military school in 2016 guide to colleges, universities

In the recent December issue of Military Advanced Education & Transition's (MAE&T) magazine, Texas Tech University was recognized as a top school in the 2016 Guide to Colleges and Universities for its efforts in providing active military, veterans and their family members with an affordable education and the resources they need to help transition from military to civilian life. This is the fifth consecutive year MAE&T has recognized Texas Tech for its military programs and resources.

One of these resources include the Military and Veterans Programs (MVP), a department solely dedicated to veterans and their families who attend Texas Tech.

Lou Ortiz, MVP director and Texas Tech alumnus, said this honor is something to be proud of for Texas Tech.

"We are thrilled to be selected as a top school for the 2016 Guide to Colleges and Universities," Ortiz said. "This honor reflects Texas Tech's commitment in providing a support system for smooth campus transition and academic success for our military and veteran students."

The guide is a searchable database of survey results collected by MAE&T. Six areas were analyzed in the survey including military culture, financial assistance, flexibility, general support, online support and on-campus support.

After participating institutions' surveys were conducted, each school was given an overall score.

Texas Tech scored highest on military culture followed by on-campus support and general support.

The university serves more than 2,200 military students and also has more than 250 faculty and staff members who are veterans and offer assistance to military and veteran students within each college and other areas of campus.

The MVP department, housed under the Division of Institutional Diversity, Equity and Community Engagement, helps to provide a seamless transition from military to civilian life as soon as military students step foot on campus. From registering for classes, processing G.I. Bill benefits and Hazlewood Act exemptions and assisting, advocating and mentoring military and veteran students, MVP strives to serve those who have served with the utmost dignity and respect.

MVP also offers events every year for Texas Tech's military community, including the Tournament for Heroes golf scramble; the Sun's Up, Guns Up Reveille Run; TechVet Boot Camp; football tailgates; speakers and more.

The in-depth results about Texas Tech, visit the guide at <http://mae-kmi.com/schools/texas-tech-university>.

FLOYDADA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MENU February 1 - February

Monday

Breakfast - Fruit Loops, fresh fruit, orange juice, milk
Lunch - Cheesy nachos, hamburger, mini corn dogs, pinto beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast - Blueberry muffin, fresh fruit, fresh juice, milk
Lunch - Hot dog, pepperoni pizza, meatball subs, potato wedges, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast - Cocoa Puffs cereal, fresh fruit, apple juice, milk
Lunch - Beef fingers, chicken nuggets, hot dog, mashed potatoes, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Thursday

Breakfast - Maple mini waffles, fresh fruit, juice, milk
Lunch - Bean and cheese burrito, salisbury steak, popcorn chicken, 4 way veggies, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Friday

Breakfast - Strawberry pancakes, fresh fruit, apple juice, milk
Lunch - BBQ chicken fajita sub, cheese pizza, meatball sub, green beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU Feb. 1-5

Monday, Feb. 1

Breakfast - Sausage Biscuit, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Fruit Juice, Milk
Lunch - Chicken Enchiladas, Spanish Rice or Texas Basket, Charro Beans, Garden Salad, Hot Cinnamon Apples, Milk

Tuesday, Feb. 2

Breakfast - Dutch Waffle, Bacon, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch - Chili Cheese Tator Tots, or Philly Cheese Steak Sandwich, Potato Rounds, Fresh Veggie Cup, Seasonal Fruit, Chocolate or Vanilla Pudding, Milk

Wednesday, Feb. 3

Breakfast - Breakfast Boat, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch - Pizza, Garden Salad, or Fiesta Bowl, Petite Tomato Cup, Fruit Cup, Milk

Thursday, Feb. 4

Breakfast - Stuffed Bagel, Sausage, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch - Chicken Nuggets, Mac and Cheese, Green Beans or Asian Stir Fry, Oven Rice, Flat Bread, Salad, Apple Slices, Milk

Friday, Feb. 5

Breakfast - Pancakes, Bacon, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch - Hamburger with Cheese, or Corn dog, Oven Fries, Carrots with Ranch, Sliced Peaches, Crispy Cereal Treats, Milk

District 4-2A Varsity Boys District Standings

4-2A Varsity Boys	W	L
New Deal	6	0
Abernathy	4	2
Lockney	4	2
Hale Center	3	3
Floydada	2	4
Olton	2	4
Ralls	0	6

12/21/16

Lockney 63, Abernathy 55

New Deal 67, Olton 56

Floydada 50, Hale Center 47

01/05/16

New Deal 68, Lockney 66

Olton 54, Floydada 36 OT

Hale Center 51, Ralls 33

01/08/16

New Deal 46, Abernathy 43

Lockney 56, Floydada 46

Olton 47, Ralls 34

01/12/16

Abernathy 41, Floydada 37

Lockney 82, Ralls 24

Hale Center 49, Olton 25

01/15/16

Abernathy 52, Ralls 45

Hale Center 57, Lockney 51

New Deal 51, Floydada 43

01/19/16

Abernathy 53, Hale Center 39

Lockney 55, Olton 40

01/26/16

Abernathy @ Lockney

New Deal @ Olton

Floydada @ Hale Center

01/29/16

Lockney @ New Deal

Olton @ Floydada

Hale Center @ Ralls

02/02/16

New Deal @ Abernathy

Floydada @ Lockney

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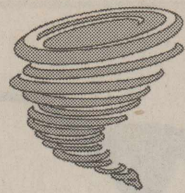
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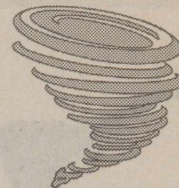
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Whirlwind News



Floydada BPA competes at Frenship

By Macee Brotherton

On January 23, 2016, 24 FHS students competed in the Regional Leadership Conference for Business Professionals of America, which took place at Frenship High School. The day started at 7 am, when the bus left campus, and didn't end until 10 pm when they returned.

The long day turned out to be a success, with over a dozen students qualifying to compete in the State Leadership Conference, which will be held in Corpus Christi.

Since the very beginning of the school year, students have been working toward regional competition for the many different events of BPA. Whether it be Legal Office, where students complete jobs that are similar to those in a law firm, or Interview, where students undergo real-life job interviews, each event offered a different side of the business world for high school students to experience.

Of the students who attended, 16 qualified for state competition, including three freshmen, two sophomores, seven juniors,

and four seniors. Many of the students who didn't quite qualify were just one away, and are alternates, so if one of the other areas doesn't have enough to compete in their event, they will be called up to compete at state.

Our very own Kaylee Morren, who served as the 2015-2016 Area 4 Region 1 president, organized this conference. Back in October, Kaylee organized a Fall Leadership Conference that included ropes courses and team building exercises. Along with Floydada, members of Sanford-Fritch and Paducah's BPA chapters attended as well. Saturday was Kaylee's final reign as she handed the responsibility over to the next president. However, she plans on running for state officer at state conference in March.

Floydada BPA worked extremely hard, and that work paid off. Now students are looking to March, where they will compete for state titles, and a chance at the National Leadership Conference in Boston, Massachusetts.



Boys, girls earn success at second powerlifting meet

By Melissa Arizpe

Saturday, January 23, 2016. The Floydada Athletic Department took students to compete at the second powerlifting meet of the season in Abernathy, TX.

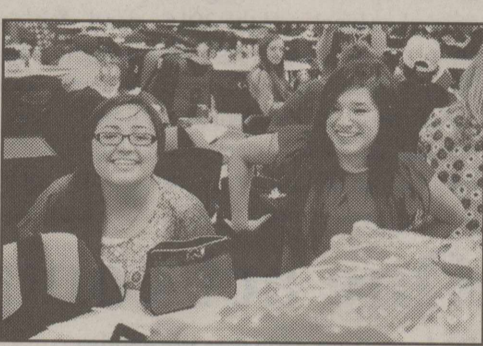
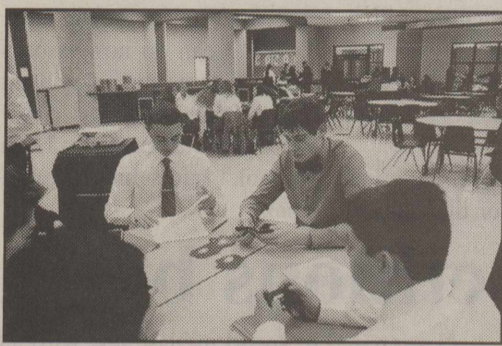
Powerlifting meets consist of 3 events that are in order of: squat, bench press, and lastly dead lift. The lifter is given 3 attempts for each event in which they can try to reach their max amount of weight. Squats have two commands-start and rack. You unrack the bar, walk out, wait for the start command, squat to parallel, wait for the rack command, the rack the bar.

Bench press has three commands-start, press, and rack. You unrack the bar with the help of a spotter, wait for the start command, lower the bar to the chest, wait for the press command, lock the bar out, wait for the rack command, and then rack the bar. Deadlifts have one command-down. You set up and pick the weight off the ground to lockout, wait for the down command, then lower the bar to the floor in a controlled manner. There are three referees judging your lifts, and for every lift, you need to get at least two white lights for the lift to be counted. It is very important to always start with a low number for

your "opener" to insure that lifter is not disqualified, or also referred to as "bombing out."

Usually powerlifting meets award the top five people in their weights class however at Abernathy, Texas they did things quite differently. In order to save money, they only provided medals to the best of the girls lifters. They awarded only 5 lifters from the 97s to 148 weight class based on a different system. Pound-For-Pound is a different way of scoring the lifter based on how much the lifter weighs in at that morning compared to what the lifter is actually lifting during the competition. Exactly how do you calculate pound for pound? By taking the lifters total performance weight (the sum of pounds lifted on squat, bench, and deadlift) divided by the lifters bodyweight.

Overall everyone was very successful and head coach, Alvarado was proud of everyone who competed. For the boys, Senior, Chris Chavarria placed 1st in the 148 weight class and Freshman, Javier Olivera placed 4th in the 242 weight class. Melissa Arizpe (myself) placed 3rd but 1st in the 123 weight division. Senior, Roxy Chavarria, placed 1st in the 97 weight class and earned most outstanding lifter!



Seniors' intentions after high school

By Delaney Lucke and Angela Longoria

From an early age many people have big dreams of what they want to do when they grow up. In the beginning the answers usually range from being a cowboy, vet, doctor, or President of the United States, however, as people age their answers begin to change. With age comes knowledge of the great vastness of career choices, but it also comes with the pressure of making decisions.

These decisions often consist of whether or not they are going to college, what they want to major in, what job they want to do, and fallback plans.

Many people don't know what they want to do right after high school and others know exactly what they want, but regardless of the decisions we choose, there is no right or wrong decision. In order to put some of these choices into perspective, we decided to interview six students and see how their answers varied. The majority of our questions consisted of college, career, and choices in majors.

Thalia Villa said she wants to attend college after high school and would most likely be playing softball. She has been accepted to and plans on attending Finlandia College in Michigan. At first, Villa was planning on becoming a State Trooper, but that job only requires two years of college and she will be attending for four. This has caused her to reconsider what job she will have, but she knows that she will go into the field of criminal justice.

Logan Everett plans to attend college and then would like to return home to farm.

He has been accepted to and will attend Texas Tech University, in the fall of 2016. While attending Texas Tech, he will study Crop Science and intends to major in Plant and Soil Science.

Shiann De Los Santos wants to attend college for something art related, but hasn't quite decided what that will be. She said that she will attend South Plains College and then will transfer to the University of North Texas. While she does not yet know what she would like to major in, she thinks it would be nice to work in a museum and sell art.

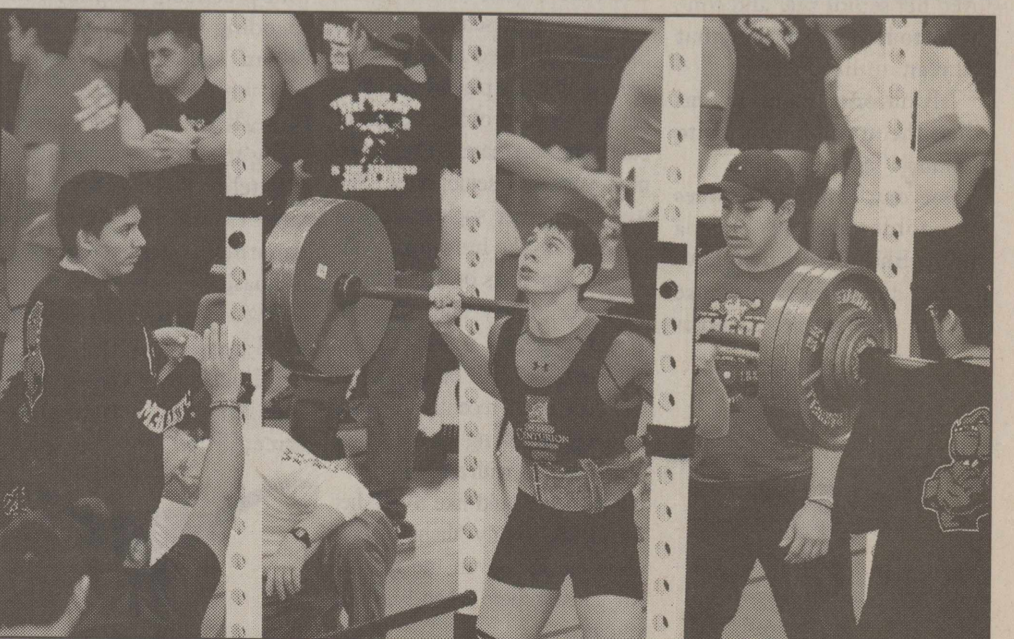
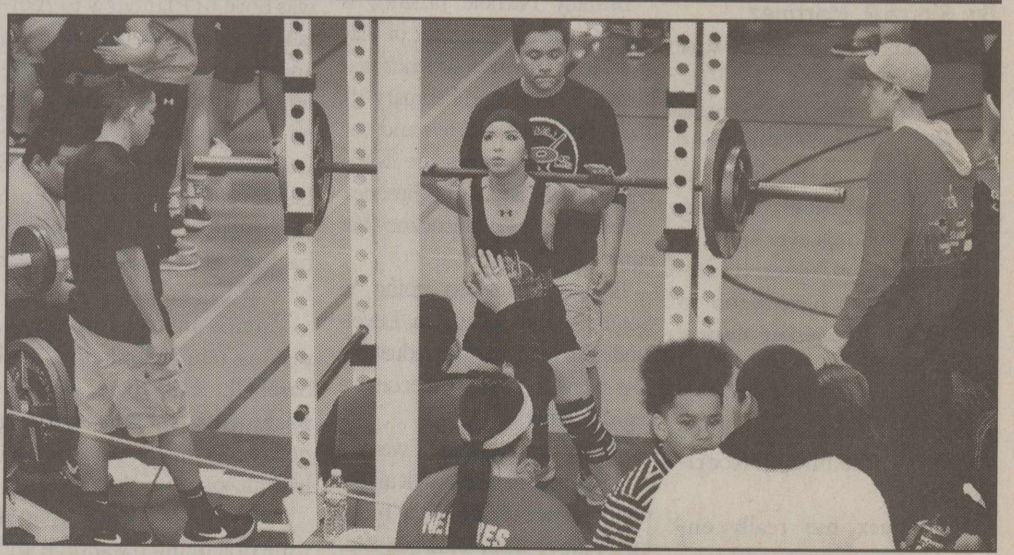
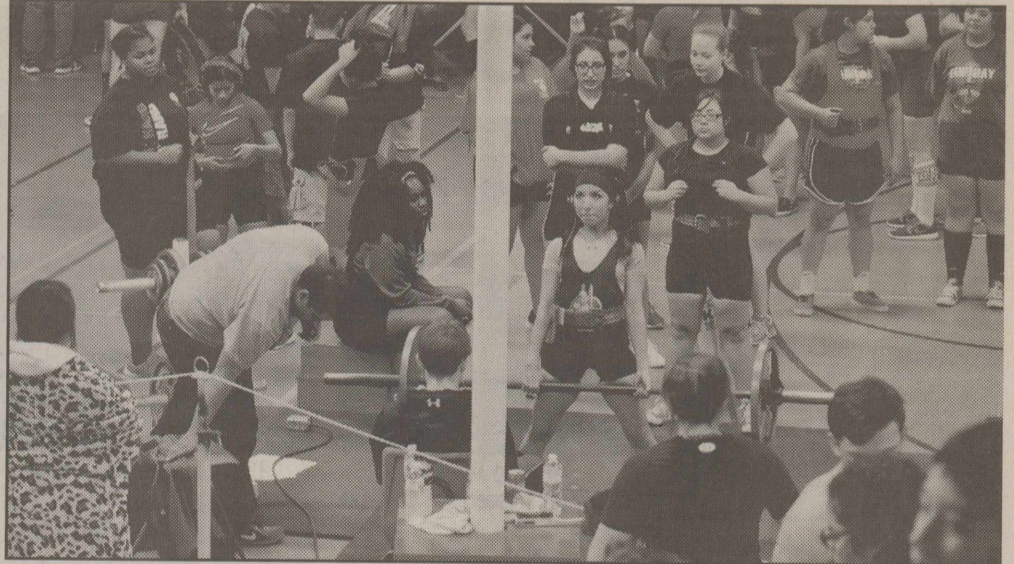
When asked about his intentions after high school, Jared Orr said, "After high school I plan to attend college and depending on my ACT score I will most likely attend West Texas A&M, and if my ACT score doesn't suffice I will attend South Plains College in Levelland."

He has already been accepted to South Plains College and would like to major in Criminal Justice so he can become a Police Officer.

Allison Cisneros said, "I plan on going to Midwestern University where I have been accepted. There I plan on practicing to become a radiology technician."

Lastly, Zeke Torres would like to attend Texas Tech University once he has graduated from high school. While attending Texas Tech he would like to major in Business so he can become a CEO of a major company.

Even though none of their answers were the same, all of these students have big plans for their futures.



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Longhorn News



All Region Band

By Karissa Petty and Mackenzy Ragland

It's that time of the year, a chance for Lockney High School band members to try out for All-Region band. This year, All-Region band tryouts were at Abernathy on Thursday, January 14, 2016.

The students of the Lockney High School band that participated in the All-Region tryouts have been practicing during and outside of school. They had to play a scale, the chromatic scale, and eight measures of etude one and etude two. Two days before the competition, the band directors were given what scale the band members would have to play, as well as which eight measures from etude one and etude two that they had to play.

"It's easy, boring and I hate it!" said Jace Klein. "Anything less than first chair is considered a failure to me."

Once the students got to Abernathy on Thursday, they found their designated room, according to the instrument they play, and prepared for the audition. The band members tried out one at a time. When one of

them was called in, they entered a room by themselves. There are judges in the room, but sheets cover them so the students won't see them. The students then played their music and were released from the room. Once all of one instrument section has finished auditions, the judges voted together and the results were posted soon after.

"Well, I felt terrified because I'm younger than everybody else and it's my first year playing the xylophone," said Lyndee Setliff, freshmen at Lockney High School.

This year, Jace Klein(12), Scott Lass (12), Stephen Setliff(12), Jonathan Rodriguez(11), Blanca Bueno(11), Luke Kasner (11), Freddy Bueno(10), Karissa Petty(10), Julio Lara(10), Joe Ochoa(10), Nick Rendon(10), Ruben Marmolejo(10), Bryson Hallmark(9) and Lyndee Setliff(9) all tried out for All-Region. Jace Klein (12), Luke Kasner(11), Karissa Petty(10), Julio Lara(10), Joe Ochoa(10), Ruben Marmolejo(10) and Bryson Hallmark(9) made All-Region band and will soon be performing for the public.

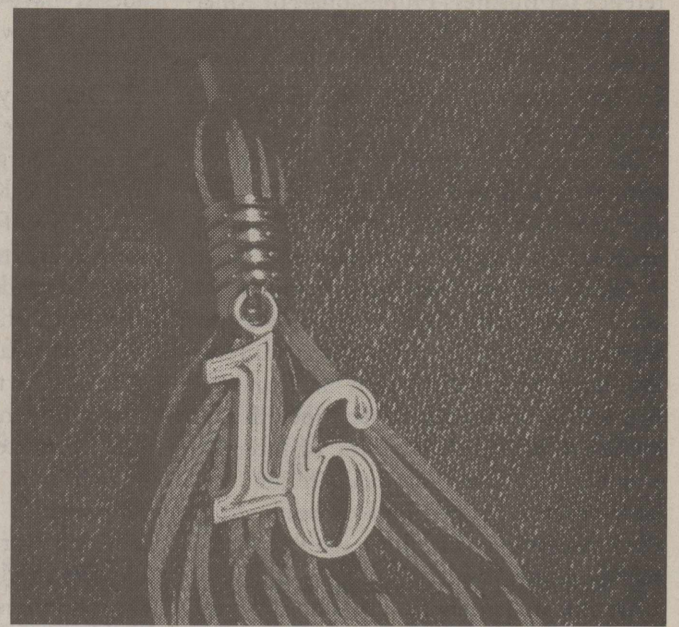
The next step for the class of 2016

By Lena Luna and Lissa Hernandez

As the school year is getting closer to the end, the Class of 2016 is more than ready to turn their tassel to the other side at graduation. Along the way, seniors are getting prepared for what life has in store for the future for each one of them.

"I don't think there is a senior who is not ready to graduate and leave little ole Lockney, TX," said senior Alex Rea.

On January 13, 2016 all the senior class took their first step to graduating by ordering their caps and gowns. As they do every year, seniors had the option of wearing red apparel or black and the 2016 seniors picked black. As they ordered their graduation cap and gowns, each student was handed an extra tassel that they can do what they please with, such as it hang in their



cars.

"When ordering my apparel for graduation, all I thought was that I was sad but very excited at the same time," said senior Anissa Guerrero.

Now, as the time continues to fly by for the class of

2016, all they can do is look forward to and plan their future, waiting for the big day.

"All I can do now is pass all my classes and enjoy what I have left with my classmates here at Lockney High School," said senior Camryn Diaz.

One act competitions begin

By: Lena Luna and Lissa Hernandez

Once again, the Lockney High School One-Act cast and crew are preparing to take the stage.

Testing their skills, Lockney has decided to try something new and outside of their normal Shakespearian plays. Both cast and crew are putting in the extra work to advance their play this year.

"Being in One-Act I have learned it's not only about creating a show for everyone to enjoy, but also having fun and giving everything we have out on stage," said junior stage manager Shelby Dunbar

Switching to yet another new director, the Lockney One-Act cast and crew will be forced to show their greatest potential. Each member will rely heavily on everyone to give their 100% without complaints.

"I'm excited to spend my last year with all these wonderful people," said senior actor Jake Moore. "I hope to excel to our highest potential and move far in competition."

With rehearsals every Monday and Thursday night, these young actors and crew members have a lot of hours invested in their play. Each of them hopes to reach the same goal, knowing they must work together.

"Working together we are all determined to make this an amazing year with hopes to advance far in competition," said junior Seattle Jackson.

With only a few days until their first festival on February 8, they all hope to have their play well constructed for great feedback. Soon after their festival, they will attend another festival on February 16 where they hope to be almost stage ready for competition.

Senior Spotlights



Agustina Rodriguez
By: Sierra R. Martinez

Agustina Rodriguez was born May 3rd 1997, in Virginia to Sylvia Rodriguez. She grew up in Virginia before moving to Lockney in 2003. She has been attending Lockney schools ever since.

After she graduates, Rodriguez hopes to have a job to maintain and use her sewing skills.

"I have really enjoyed fashion design this year and hope to use it in the future," Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez has really enjoyed her senior year and continues to have fun throughout the year.

"My favorite memory was when the art club took us to Lubbock," she said.

One day, Rodriguez hopes to get married and start a family. She plans on following her mom's footsteps since she set such great examples for her.



Brittany Jimenez
By: Trevor Ascencio & Lexi Chavez

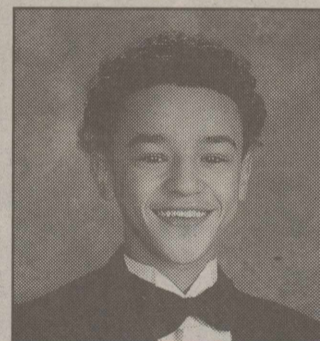
Brittany Nichole Jimenez is the 18-year-old daughter of Ray and Hope Jimenez. Jimenez was born in Lockney on February 10, 1997. She has two sisters and one brother. Their names are Kimberly, Aleah, and Criss Jimenez. Jimenez has lived in Lockney her entire life.

Jimenez plans on going to South Plains College in Levelland after high school graduation. She plans to study to become a registered nurse.

"I don't know where I want to be a Registered Nurse at, it all depends on where I decide to move to, if I move at all," Jimenez said.

During high school, Jimenez has been involved in several activities. She has played the clarinet all four years of high school in band. She also marched her freshman year and senior year. She was in flag her sophomore and junior year. She has played softball all four years of high school, on junior varsity until she was a junior, getting moved up for play-offs, and will be on varsity this year. Most recently, Jimenez joined powerlifting for her senior year to go out with a bang.

Jimenez would like to tell her friends and family "thank you for never giving up on me and always being there when I needed you guys."



Derick Timothy Patel

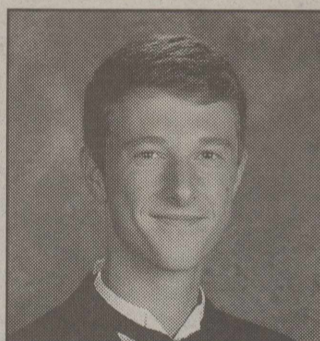
Derick Timothy Patel was born October 17, 1997. Patel was born in Plainview to Ashish Patel and Debrah Bajello and has one sister, Avery Patel. Shortly after being born, he and his family moved to Lockney and he attended LISD until his sophomore year. Patel recently moved back to enjoy his senior year here at Lockney.

Patel is involved in sports, playing tennis, basketball and baseball. His past accomplishments include earning newcomer of the year in basketball his sophomore year. After school Patel spends time practicing basketball and spending time with friends.

"I'm spending my senior year with all my friends, because I feel as if everyone is going to split up," he said.

Patel's plans after high school include attending Amarillo College to complete his basics before transferring to West Texas A&M to earn his degree.

"I'm pretty excited to start college and get started on my career," Patel said.



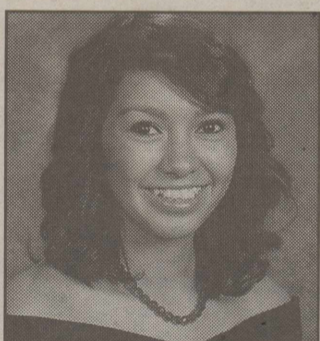
Jake Moore
By: Emilee Encizo

Jake Allen Moore is the 18-year-old son of Sam and Sharie Moore. Moore was born in Lubbock, Texas and has two younger brothers, Brett and Clay. Moore lived in Lubbock until he was three, after that he moved to Lockney and has lived here ever since. Moore is very involved at Lockney High School. Moore participates in UIL and has since 2nd grade. He competes in Literary Criticism, Number Sense, and Calculator. He has been a part of One-Act Play since his freshman year, ran in Cross Country since his 7th grade year, and played in band since 5th grade. Moore has also been a part of Student Council since 6th grade, and has been a member of the National Honors Society since his junior year. Moore considers winning state in UIL to be one of his biggest accomplishments.

"I've enjoyed being involved in as many things as I want to be, where as in a big school I know I would only get to be in one activity," said Moore.

After high school, Moore plans on attending the University of Texas at Austin, majoring in Physics and minoring in Astronomy.

"High school has been fun for me, but it's time to go," said Moore. I am ready to move on to bigger and better things."



Lena Luna
By: Sierra Martinez

Lena Kensie Luna was born July 3, 1997 to Phillip Luna and Gloria Luna. She was born in Lockney, Texas and has lived here and been a part of this school district since.

"I have spent not only my senior year, but every year since pre-k with my fellow classmates and close friends and enjoy every bit of it," she said.

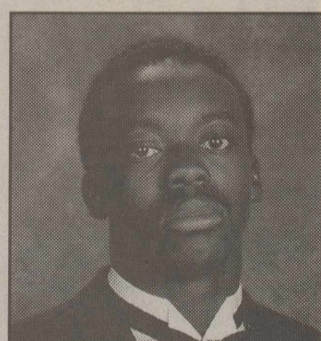
Luna is involved in many things at Lockney High School. She has been a part of Yearbook, Theater (One-Act Play), and Art Club. Luna is the president of the Art Club, and treasurer of the 2016 senior class. She also plans on shadowing the nurses at WJ Mangold Memorial Hospital to help her gain more experience before she starts college.

After graduating high school, Luna plans to attend Amarillo College for two years, and then transfer to WT after that. She plans on going into nursing.

"I have seen how much help nurses give to others," she said.

Luna hopes to sit on the first row at graduation and has mixed emotions for the day to arrive.

"I feel emotional and excited, but also very proud for making it to my last year of high school," Luna said.

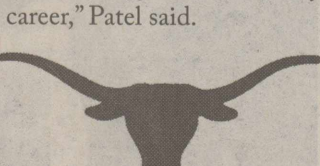
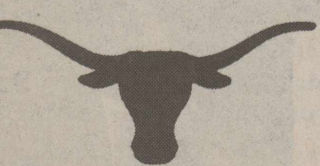


Tevin Phillips
By: Trevor Ascencio & Lexi Chavez

Tevin Cole Phillips, the 17-year-old son of Abel and Cassidy Rosales, was born in Lockney, Texas on May 6, 1998. He has two sisters, ages 14 and 13, and a 16-year-old brother.

Their names are Tyra, Jayda, and Jaden Rosales. Phillips has moved around the states due to his father being in the Marines. He has lived in Texas, Missouri, and North Carolina. During high school, Phillips has played football all four years, playing on the junior varsity team his freshman year and the varsity team since his sophomore year. He has also played basketball all four years, starting on JV freshman year and moving up to varsity sophomore year. He also participate in track and field, running in the sprint relay and he competing in the long jump and triple jump.

"Being on varsity is worth the hard work and it motivates me to work hard," said senior Tevin Phillips. Phillips plans to go to college at West Texas A&M and minor in Physical Education and Training. No matter what Phillips does, he wants to stay involved with sports. Phillips would like thank friends and family "for the endless times you guys made me watch film to make me do to the best I could do."



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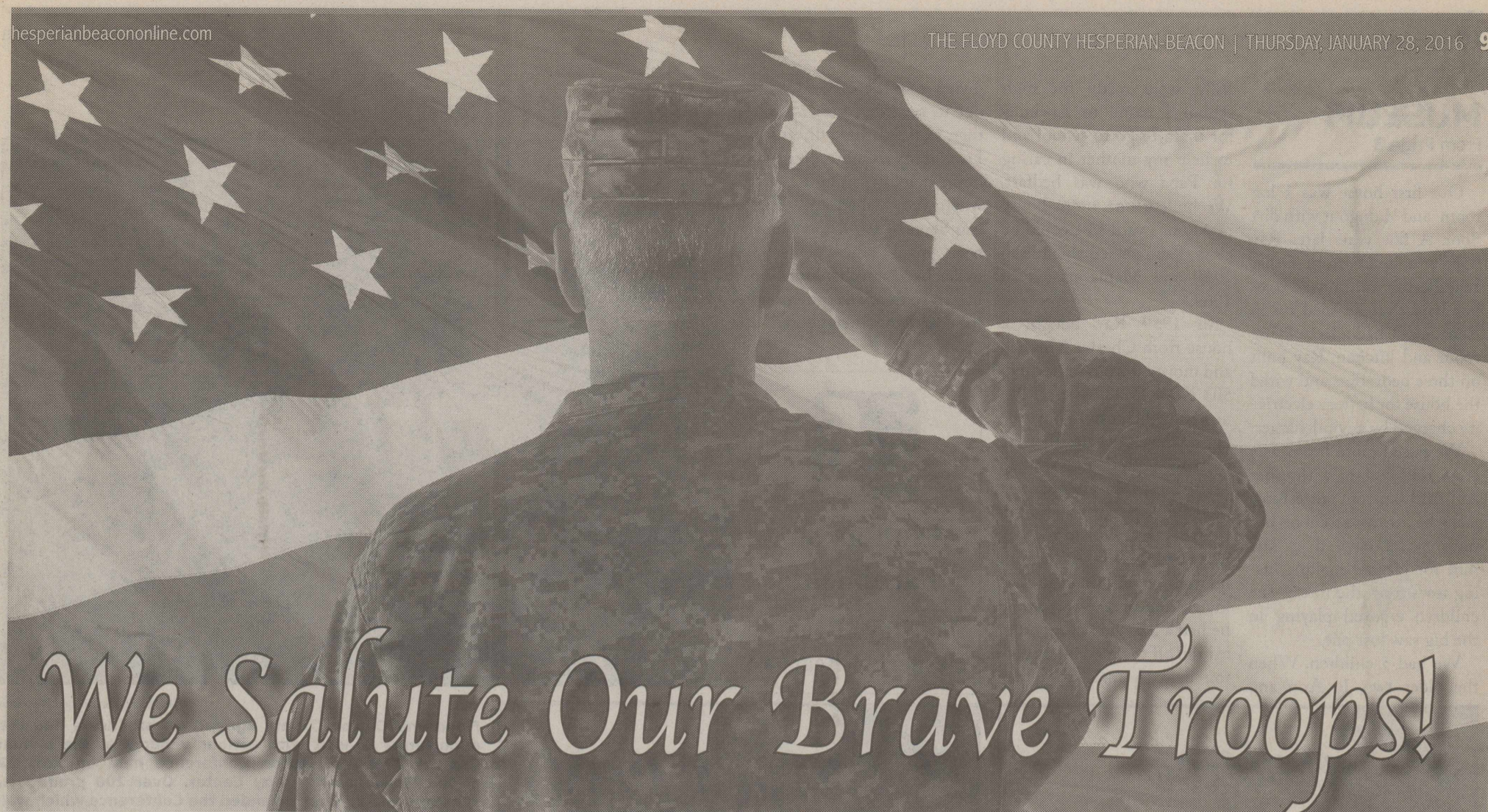
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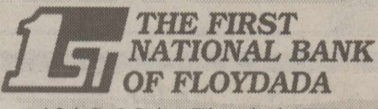
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We raised pinto beans as a crop. Ray bought a thresher and did custom threshing. Also he drove a school bus until he purchased a saw mill for lumber making, using trees from the forest. The children enjoyed playing in the big sawdust pile.

We had 5 children. When the older two, Jo Ann and

Billy, were ready for high school I came to Lockney for them to go to school and to help my mother in caring for Papa who was bedfast. We built a one room house in Mama's yard so I could be close. Papa passed this life in 1950 and Mama passed in 1969.

In 1959 Ray bought a house from Chester Mitchell and moved it from his farm to 503 North Main where I live now. Ray did custom hay baling for several years. Then he partially retired and worked part time as an attendant at the Mobile Service Station in Lockney. He worked the day he passed this life. After work he went on an errand to Plainview and on the way home he had a heart attack, and the car ran off the road into a cotton field. A man from Plainview saw the car and went out to see what was wrong—then notified the authorities. I was at my daughter Jo Ann's home helping can lima beans when they called me. That was Sept. 18, 1974. There have been many adjustments to make, but I am thankful I do live close to my daughter and have very good neighbors.

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Crop Conference



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Floyd and Crosby County agriculture producers had the opportunity to visit with various vendors at the annual Caprock Crop Production Conference held on Jan. 22 at the Floyd County Unity Center. Over 200 producers, speakers and vendors attended the Conference which was sponsored by Crosby and Floyd County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension in conjunction their local Ag Committees and Plains Cotton Growers.

Texas state checkoff program begins

AUSTIN, TX – After a successful inaugural year, the Texas state beef checkoff program began its second year of collections that fund programs aimed at strengthening and expanding beef demand.

Texas beef producers voted in June 2014 to establish a state-level beef checkoff program, which was approved by a wide margin of 66 percent of voters. The Texas Department of Agriculture conducted the referendum upon petition by cattle industry organizations under the authorities designated by the Texas Legislature.

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The BPRCT contracts with the Texas Beef Council to conduct demand-building programs in the areas of promotion, research and education.

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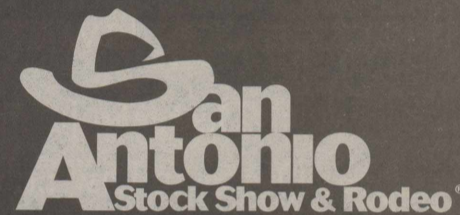
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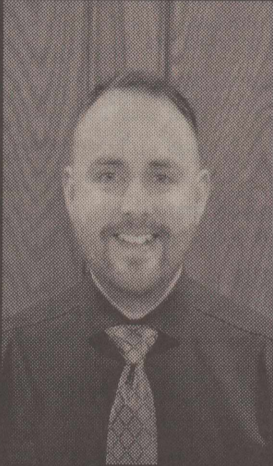
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Floydada Rotary



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Wade Jackson of Floydada, was the Rotary program this past week. Wade was the guest of Rotarian Clar Schacht. Wade spoke on the trials and tribulations of being a prosecutor for over 22 years in the Lubbock District Attorney's Office. Other guests attending were Judy Schacht, Gayle Schacht, Wade's mother from Lockney - Terri Jackson, Wade's wife, Judy Thayer and Eddy Houchin, nothing of Floydada. Wade is a candidate for District Attorney of the 110th Judicial District encompassing Floyd, Briscoe, Motley and Dickens Counties. Current District Attorney Becky McPherson will be retiring at the end of 2016.

Irrigation Conference Feb. 4

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AMARILLO — The annual High Plains Irrigation Conference will be Feb. 4 in the North Exhibit Hall of the Amarillo Civic Center, 401 S. Buchanan St., Amarillo.

The program, hosted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Texas Agricultural Irrigation Association, will address a wide variety of

topics of interest to the general public, as well as to agricultural producers, landowners, crop consultants and irrigation professionals, said Dr. Dana Porter, program coordinator and AgriLife Extension agricultural engineering specialist—irrigation and water management, Lubbock.

A concurrent trade show will also provide opportunities for attendees to see new products and technologies, and to visit with experts from industry, non-profit organizations and agencies.

Registration will be onsite only, beginning at 8 a.m., with the program starting at 8:30 a.m. The fee is \$30 and lunch is included. Continuing education units for Texas Department of Agriculture pesticide applicators — one general and two integrated pest management — and certified crop advisers — five soil and water management, two integrated pest management, one half crop management and one half professional development — will be offered. Additionally, seven Agricultural Irrigation Association certified irrigation designer and certified agricultural irrigation specialist units will be offered.

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WATER CONSERVATION SYMPOSIUM

The third biennial Texas Panhandle-South Plains Water Conservation Symposium is set for Feb. 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the North Exhibit Hall of the Amarillo Civic Center. This year's symposium is titled "Slow the Flow: Keys to Successful Water Conservation." Additional information about the conference, including registration, is available at <http://pgcd.us/2016-water-conservation-symposium/>

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- How Crops Use Water - Dr. Jourdan Bell, AgriLife Extension agronomist, Amarillo.
- Practical Irrigation Scheduling Tools - Dr. Jonathan Aguilar, Kansas State University Extension water resources specialist, Garden City, Kansas.
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- Applied Variable Rate Irrigation Technology - Dr. Charles Hillyer, AgriLife Extension irrigation specialist, Amarillo.
- Technology Standardization: AgGateWay - Hillyer.
- Notes From the Field: Irrigation in the Context of Integrated Pest Management / Integrated Crop Management - Blayne Reed, AgriLife Extension integrated pest management agent in Hale and Swisher counties.
- Water Management Considerations in Integrated Pest Management - Reed
- Irrigation "Ex-Spurs" - Thomas Marek, Texas A&M AgriLife Research irrigation engineer, Amarillo; Keith Sides, U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service irrigation engineer, Lubbock; Farris Hightower, Lindsay Corp., Lubbock; Rusty Houston, Eco-Drip Irrigation, Lubbock; Edwin Smith, Senninger Irrigation Inc., Lubbock; Kenneth Ewings, Texas Agricultural Irrigation Association vice president, Lubbock; and Reed. The meeting will conclude at 5 p.m.

For more conference information, go to the Texas Agricultural Irrigation Association website, http://taia.org/HPIC_2015.html. Questions about the program can be directed to Porter at dporter@ag.tamu.edu. Sponsor and exhibitor questions should be directed to Kern Stutler at 806-786-5644.

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IMPORTANT SPECIAL FINANCING/DEFERRED INTEREST DETAILS (when offered): Interest will be charged to your account from the purchase date if the purchase balance is not paid in full within the promotional period or if you make a late payment. Minimum payments required. With credit approval, for qualifying purchases made on a Sears card (Sears Commercial One* accounts excluded) Sears Home Improvement Account** valid on installed sales only. Offer is only valid for consumer accounts in good standing. Offer is subject to change without notice; see store for details. May not be combined with any other promotional offer. Sears cards: As of 1/23/2015, APR for purchases: VARIABLE 7.49%-27.49% or NON-VARIABLE 14.00%-29.99%. MINIMUM INTEREST CHARGE: UP TO \$2. See card agreement for details, including the APRs and fees applicable to you. Sears cards are issued by Citibank, N.A. APPLIANCE OFFER: (1) Advertised savings are valid in-store only and range from 5%-25%. (2) Advertised savings are valid in-store only and range from 5%-10%. (1,2,3,4) Exclusions apply. See The Details section. Offer good thru 1/30/16. (3) Cannot be combined with other Sears card discounts. Excludes Sears Commercial One* accounts and Outlet Stores. Sears Home Improvement Account** applies on installed merchandise only. (4) 12 months applies to appliances over \$499 after discounts and coupons when you use a qualifying Sears card. See above for Important Special Financing/Deferred Interest Details. Excludes Outlet Stores. Offer good thru 1/30/16. EXTRA 5% AND 10% OFFER: *5% and 10% savings off regular and sale prices apply to merchandise only. May not be used to reduce a layaway or credit balance. Not valid on Hot Buys, Super Hot Buys, Special Purchases, Everyday Great Price Items, consumer electronics, Sleams & Foster, iComfort, Series, Simmons Beautyrest Elite, Jenn-Air®, Dacor, GE®, GE Profile®, GE Café®, air conditioners, water heaters, water softeners, dehumidifiers, generators, snow throwers and gift cards. Bosch®, Whirlpool®, KitchenAid®, Maytag®, Amana®, LG®, Samsung®, Electrolux® and Electrolux Icon® appliance brands limited to 10% off. Not valid on commercial orders or previous purchases. Tax and shipping not included. Valid on in-store purchases only. Offers valid 1/29 and 1/30/16 only. We offer product warranty.

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