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Candidates Profiled District Attorney — 110th Judicial District

The District Attorney for District 110 serves the district court which serves Briscoe, Dickens, Floyd and Motley Counties.

Three candidates are vying for the position currently held by Becky

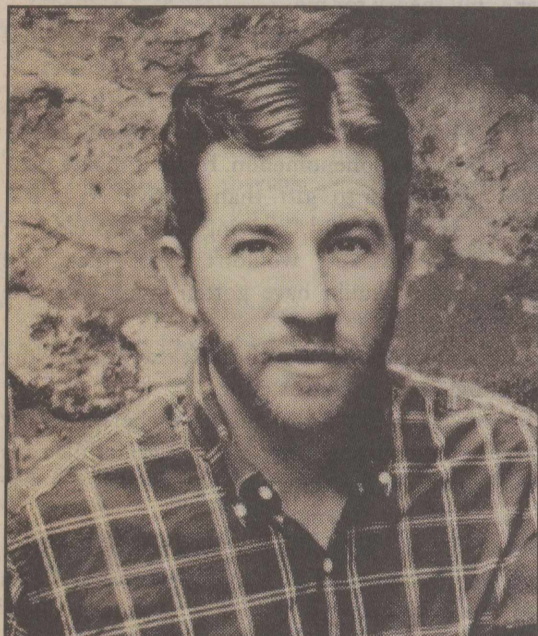
McPherson of Lockney. She has chosen not to run for re-election.

The three candidates are:

Shelly Drennan Marshall of Spur; Wade Jackson of Floydada; and Rob Hamilton of Matador. The Hesperian-Beacon gave each of them a questionnaire to complete to better help voters get to know the candidates and their positions.

We'll go in alphabetical order with their responses, starting with Hamilton.

Early voting begins on Tuesday, February 16 and runs through Friday, February 26. When you arrive at the polling place, you will be asked to present a photo ID.



ROB HAMILTON

FAMILY AND EDUCATION:

I am married to my wife, Mary Elizabeth Hamilton. I have 2 sons, Tom Hamilton, 5 years old, and Roye Hamilton, 2 years old.

I graduated from Texas Tech University in 1977 with a Bachelors in Agricultural Economics. In 1998 I worked for David Dewhurst for Texas Land Commissioner in Austin, Texas. In 1999 I worked
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WADE JACKSON

FAMILY AND EDUCATION:

I have been married to Terry for 25 years. We have a son, Davis, 19, and a daughter, Rachel, 18. My dad was D.K. (Keith) Jackson. My mother and stepfather are Gayle and Paul Schacht. My brothers are Dwight and Boyd.

I graduated from Lockney High School in 1982. I received a business degree from West
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SHELLY DRENNAN MARSHALL

FAMILY AND EDUCATION:

I am the daughter of Billy George and Sharlene Drennan. I was born and raised in Dickens County. My father, Billy George Drennan, was also born and raised in Dickens County. He graduated from Dickens High School. He worked on the Pitchfork Ranch from the time he was 13 years old, and retired from the Pitchforks as the
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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.

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.

MR. AND MISS LHS

Mr. and Miss LHS - Will be held on February 11th at 6 p.m. in the Lockney Elementary. "Thursday Night Live". Brought to you by the LHS Student Council.

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.

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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Floydada, Lockney receive new districts

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

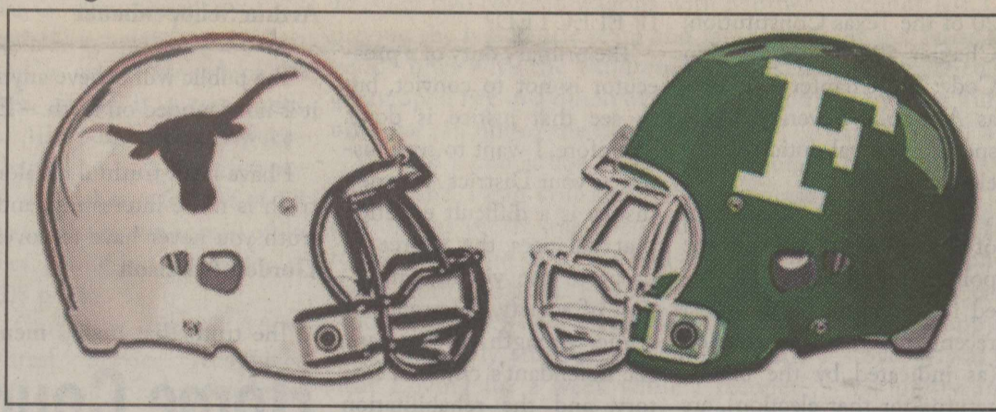
AUSTIN — Athletic Directors and head football coaches from Floydada and Lockney were among the representatives from nearly 1,400 high schools across Texas that were anxiously awaiting the biennial University Interscholastic League (UIL) Reclassification and Realignment announcement on Monday, Feb. 1.

School district representa-

tives and media gathered at one of the 20 regional education service centers around the state to receive the much anticipated packet of information. The UIL released the packets at 9:00 A.M. and every school was looking for where their new assignment for football and basketball districts would take them for the 2016-17 and 2017-18 school years.

Both Floydada's and Lockney's new assign-

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Charles Keaton/The Hesperian-Beacon
The Lockney Longhorns and the Floydada Whirlwinds received their new district assignments for football and basketball on Monday, Feb. 1 when the University Interscholastic League announced their biennial reclassification and realignment.

FISD BPA sends 17 to state in March



Courtesy photo

Back - Brayden Campbell, Alex Glass, Casey Cage, Alejandro Pinon, and Remington Ricketts. Middle - Kylie Ricketts, Allison Muniz, Rita Martinez, Jaiden Blakey, Alfonso Mendoza, Jade DeOchoa, and Hannah Morales. Front - Alexis Coronado, Allison Orr, Alyson Perez, Rachel Hernandez, Destiny Cabello, Selena Espinoza, Valerie Espinoza, Karley Weems, Macee Brotherton, Brooke Galvan, Kaylee Morren

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

Floydada had 25 students compete at the Area 4, Region 1 Business Professionals of America Leadership Conference at Fren-

ship High School in Wolforth on January 23. Out of the 25 students, 17 advanced to State. The state competition will be in Corpus Christi March 2-5.

Reagan Hughes was awarded the Hunter
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50 signatures could put liquor on Lockney ballot



Barbara Anderson/The Hesperian-Beacon

Merm's Liquor, shown here, in Floydada is the closest liquor store to Lockney. However, that may change if Lockney puts a local option vote on its May ballot. A petition is circulating voters must receive 50 signatures of Lockney registered voters by February 19 for it to be placed on the May ballot.

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

Fifty signatures stand between the City of Lockney putting a liquor local option

vote on its May city election ballot, according to Interim City Manager Shad Schlueter.

"Currently there is no al-
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Correction

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

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BALLOTT

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cohol sold in the city limits of Lockney," said Schlueter.

Getting a local option vote requires several steps, including, creating the application, getting proof of the application, getting approval of application, getting the necessary signatures on the petition, and then finally getting local option on the ballot and letting registered voters decide whether or not liquor can be sold in the municipality.

Matt Williams, a resident of Lockney, began the process of creating the application for the petition a little more than two weeks ago.

An application for a petition is made by written application by 10 or more qualified voters of the territory to be covered by the election. A "qualified voter" is a registered voter.

When an application for a petition is filed, the petitioners must also provide proof of publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Williams ran the application for a petition notice in the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon.

Now, the petition is circulating through the city of Lockney. According to Schlueter, the city is not accepting signatures for the petition, but if interested Lockney registered voters call city offices at 806-652-2355 or stop by at 218 E. Locust Street, they can tell them where the petition is, if they wish to sign it.

The next step is for the petition to be evaluated on February 19 at the Lockney City Council meeting. If the petition has 50 valid signatures of registered voters, then the local option vote will go on the Lockney May City Election ballot.

The number 50 is derived from Article XVI, Section 20 of the Texas Constitution; Chapter 501, Texas Election Code; and Chapter 251, Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code specific to local option liquor elections.

The criteria is: 35 percent of the registered voters in the political subdivision who voted for governor in the most recent gubernatorial election (as indicated by the official returns for that election), are required for an election on any other local option ballot issue.

BPA

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Schwertner Scholarship. Schwertner served as Area 4 Region President in 2013 and was a State Officer in 2014. A scholarship was created in his memory to be awarded to deserving BPA officers. Hughes served as Area 4 Region 1 President last year.

Kaylee Morren who is serving as Area 4 Region 1 President this year is also running for statewide office.

"I'm very proud of everyone who competed and am excited to see what the future holds," said Tasha Hughes, their advisor.

Students competing at state are:

Reagan Hughes—Spread-

sheet

Destiny Cabello—Integrated Office

Jade DeOchoa—Desktop Publishing

Alyson Perez—Advanced Office Systems

Rita Martinez—Medical Office Systems

Selena Espinoza—Legal Office Systems

Kylie Ricketts—Payroll Accounting

Allison Orr—Basic Office Systems

Allison Muniz—Banking and Finance

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Macee Brotherton—Admin Support Research and Website Team

Kaylee Morren—Medical Office Systems and Website Team

Alfonzo Mendoza—Intermediate Word Processing

Remington Ricketts—Website Team

Casey Cage—Digital Media Production

Jaiden Blakey—Legal Office Systems

JACKSON

From Page 1

Texas A & M in 1986. My law degree is from the University of Texas School of Law in 1991. I was licensed by the Texas State Bar in November 1991.

WHY DO YOU WANT THIS OFFICE?

The District Attorney prosecutes felony cases. Some of these cases involve death, serious bodily injury, or large amounts of property loss. I have stood up for victims for over twenty years. I want to be the next 110th District Attorney so that I can bring my experience as a career prosecutor to be the voice of the victims for Briscoe, Dickens, Floyd, and Motley Counties.

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO "DO" OR "CHANGE" IF ELECTED?

The primary duty of a prosecutor is not to convict, but to see that justice is done. Therefore, I want to seek justice as your District Attorney. Justice is a difficult equation that balances the degree of harm to the victim, protection of society, deterrence of crime, strength of the case, the defendant's criminal history, and the rehabilitation needs of the defendant. It takes a great deal of experience with a wide variety of cases in order to seek justice effectively on felony cases with the potential punishment ranging from probation to life imprisonment.

WHAT ARE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS JOB?

I have been a prosecutor for the last twenty-two years with twenty years of service in Lubbock County.

I am currently the First Assistant for the Lubbock DA's Office and have held that position for over ten years.

I have been involved in the prosecution of multitudes of felony cases and have worked with numerous law enforcement agencies. My experience along with my leadership skills uniquely qualify me to be your next District Attorney.

The 501

Stuck with a re-gifted pig

A friend once gave me a white ceramic pig pierced with toothpick-size holes. Thanks, Marian.

"You've heard of regifting, haven't you?" she asked.



HANABA MUNN WELCH

I hadn't. But I quickly understood she hadn't gone pig shopping for me.

The little pig - he sat on his haunches, if pigs have haunches - was perfect for serving hors d'oeuvres skewered on toothpicks. You get the picture. A little sitting pig centerpiece dotted all over with cubes of cheese and ham and tiny tomatoes. He was about a foot high.

Yes, I speak of him in the past tense. After an acceptable period of time, I regifted him to Norma. I thought he'd be happier with her. Maybe he's elsewhere now. Maybe I'll get him back someday. Karma happens.

Re "re" words, they're everywhere. Some are rather new. It took a 1995 Seinfeld episode to imbed "regift" in the American vocabulary, thereby giving a certain legitimacy to the word, or not, depending on your feelings about everything Seinfeldian. My husband always changes the channel.

But people have been regifting forever. No wonder the term caught on.

"Repurpose" is another newish word that's come into its own. Per the collective knowledge of the Internet, "repurpose" made its debut in 1984, although documentation seems to be lacking for that first citing. But someone said "1984," and everyone else is

Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton

The Hesperian-Beacon

Truth is generally the best vindication against slander. - Abraham Lincoln

Believe those who are seeking the truth. Doubt those who find it. - Andre Gide

All truth passes through three stages. First, it is ridiculed. Second, it is violently opposed. Third, it is accepted as being self-evident. - Arthur Schopenhauer

The public will believe anything, so long as it is not founded on truth. - Edith Sitwell

I have been truthful all along the way. The truth is more interesting, and if you tell the truth you never have to cover your tracks. - Gordon Atkinson

The truth that makes men free is for the

most part the truth which men prefer not to hear. - Herbert Agar

A lie can travel halfway around the world while the truth is putting on its shoes. - Mark Twain

How often have I said to you that when you have eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth? - Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

This does not make the authors of those narratives liars; it makes them servants of fallible human memory and perception. - Tom Bissell

But 'tis strange and oftentimes, to win us to our harm, the instruments of darkness tell us truths, win us with honest trifles, to betray's in deepest consequence. - William Shakespeare

Home Country

By Slim Randles

Windy's pickup truck was the third one to arrive at the scene of the fender bender. Both cars pretty well plugged up the road, and once it was determined no one was hurt, and the police had been called, Windy surveyed the situation.

1. Weather - decent if you're wearing a coat.

2. No one's going anywhere for a while.

3. A small crowd had gathered on the shoulder of the road.

A small crowd? Nay I say unto you, not in the world of Alphonse "Windy" Wilson. That there, gentle reader, is an audience.

"You folks come here often?" he asked these strangers. They looked at the fields and the cattle and shook their heads no. That, you see, was the icebreaker. The tip of the iceberg icebreaker.

"Yessir, now you take in there these car accidents. Brings me to mind of the time ol' Harvey drove his wheel tractor flat into Myers Lake that morning. Seems his accidental rod twitched into third degree and afore you know it, he'd had a discomfortation right there in the water.

quoting that date. Ah the Internet.

Anyway, in a world where the newest religion is recycling, words like "repurpose" are on every tongue. Minus the "re," the word "purpose" itself evokes a feeling of all things worthwhile and moral. It's just that most of us haven't spent much time using "purpose" as a verb. My computer dictionary doesn't even recognize it as such. (My computer dictionary hasn't ever read the King James Bible and doesn't know what Daniel purposed in his heart.)

All that to say this:

Most of us are grateful for second chances. And some of us transfer these feeling to inanimate objects. We don't like the thought of our own usefulness ending. If there's hope for an empty coffee container, maybe there's hope for us too.

OK. That's probably not why humans like to repurpose and regift stuff. If it is, name my theory for me.

By the way, "gift" hasn't always been used as a verb either - at least not to the extent it is now. PAUSE TO SEE IF I'M RIGHT.

I'm right. And I'm not the only one cringing at the phenomenon. But if it makes people happier to "gift" than to "give," so be it.

If they'd said "regiving" on Seinfeld, the word probably wouldn't have stuck, and I never would have gotten stuck with the stuck pig.

Except, of course, I didn't stay stuck. Norma probably didn't either.

No doubt that pig is somewhere, possibly even repurposed, wearing a sweater over his toothpick holes, saying re, re, re all the way to his next home.

I don't like corny endings either. Feel free to write something more profound. I was fresh out.

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WADE JACKSON

FOR

110TH DISTRICT ATTORNEY

I would appreciate your vote in the March 1st Republican Primary. Early voting begins on February 16th.

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SOCIETY

Texas Country Reporter to film in Plainview at Flying Queens' Feb. 6; admission free for that game



Courtesy photo

Texas Country Reporter and Bob Phillips will be in Plainview the first week of February to film a story about the legendary Flying Queens, women's basketball team of Wayland Baptist University.

By Wayland Baptist Athletics Department

Bob Phillips and the popular television show "Texas Country Reporter" are producing a program about the storied history of the Wayland Baptist Flying Queens, and they'll be in Plainview for filming soon. Phillips and his production crew will be in Plainview on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 5 and 6, to gather information about the Flying Queens, the winningest women's basketball team in the country. Footage will be shot during the Flying Queens game against John Brown University, which starts at 1 p.m. Feb. 6, in Hutcherson Center.

In order to attract as many fans as possible to the game, Wayland is inviting the en-

tire area to be guests at the Flying Queens game as well as the Pioneers game, which follows at 3 p.m. No admission will be charged that day to attend either game.

"We'd like to have as many people here as possible. It would be great if we had a full house," Wayland Director of Athletics Rick Cooper said. "We want Wayland, Plainview, and the entire area to be well-represented."

Several former members of the Flying Queens will be in attendance. The Wayland Pep Band will perform at the games, and area basketball teams have been invited to attend as Wayland's special guests.

A major part of the "Texas Country Reporter" program on the Flying Queens will

be an interview with former coach Harley Redin, an inaugural member of the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame and a current nominee for the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

They also will interview Redin's wife, Wilda, a longtime Wayland supporter who was married to the late Claude Hutcherson who sponsored the Flying Queens in their early years, along with current coach Alesha Robertson-Ellis, a Plainview native and former basketball standout at Texas Tech.

An air date for the program has not been announced, although it's expected sometime in the spring. The program can be seen in Plainview at 9 a.m. Sundays on KCBD-TV Channel 11.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Reconstruction of our facility continues. We were closed three days last week. The floor has been removed and we expect work to begin on the sheetrock, painting, and tiling to begin this week. We are not sure of the days we will have to be closed when our dining room is tiled. Please call 983-2032.

We are continuing to deliver meals in town. If you are interested please call us before 10:30 a.m. and we will deliver a meal to your home

or place of employment.

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 8 - February 12**
- Monday** - Beef stew
- Tuesday** - Creamy mushroom steak
- Wednesday** - Fajitas
- Thursday** - Baked pork chop
- Friday** - Fried chicken w/ gravy & biscuits (Menus subject to change without notice)

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

652-2745.

Remember

Beginning in February we will be opening one Sunday a month for lunch. 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.

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

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 8 - February 12**
- Monday** - Pulled pork
- Tuesday** - Enchilada casserole
- Wednesday** - Roast beef
- Thursday** - Salmon patties
- Friday** - BBQ (Menus subject to change with notice)

Museum Archives

Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

Thomas M. Goodman

Tom Marion Goodman and Mary C. Tinnin were married December 4, 1900 near Granbury, Texas, in the Neri Community. There were six children born to them there. They were Mae, Myrtle, Addie, Otha, Christene, and Allene.

They sold their little home deciding to move to west Texas. The family stayed with Mother's uncle John Peters at the foot of the north end of Comanche Peak while the three older children recuperated from measles. Leaving there the 16th of June in 1916, in two covered wagons with Mother driving the less gentle team and father the gentle ones with the children. We cooked on an open fire in a dutch oven using wood until we ran out of the timber country.

We had a chuck box on the back of one wagon and I can still smell the salt pork and onions yet. It was lined with oil cloth to keep out the dirt. We had tin cups to drink from and granite dishes to eat from. Addie (myself) had a relapse of measles and the family stopped in Young County near Loving for a week while I recuperated.

Starting on the very next day Mae got sick; it was a relapse of measles also. The roads were rough and the weather was hot. Mae was very sick but she did not want to separate the family by her and mother going on ahead on a train. We traveled on getting in Quanah, Texas July 4. The teams were afraid of the few cars that were there, also the firecrackers. We got to Deep Lake in Hall County, July 6. Mae died July 9.

We buried her in Lakeview Cemetery.

We went on to Floyd County, Center Community, where Father had bought a farm Mr. Hare owned. We got there the 16th of August, living there a year, making almost a failure of our crop. We moved to the Baker Community, living there until 1919. We moved back to Center Community where Father bought a place. There were two more children born there, Beth and T. C.

We older children went to center School. Mr. L. B. Cozby was my last teacher but Miss Ruth Pitman also taught me. She married David Battey, I believe. We moved to Turkey, Texas in 1921 in the fall, ran a hotel and cafe, also a meat market, but didn't stay long and moved back to our home place. In the time our large house burned and father had a Mr. Jordan build us a small one. My maternal grandmother lived with us part time. We were crowded but happy. Mother cooked on a wood stove, it was blue granite. We thought it was pretty and Mother really made good biscuits on it.

I married Paul Lloyd in December of 1923. My sister Myrtle married Herbert Meredith in January 1924. I moved to La Junta, Colorado. The family moved to Sand Hill where they lived before going to Amarillo and Fort Worth. Mother and father both died in Amarillo. Also we lost two more sisters, Chriss and Allene. The rest of the family are still living but scattered all over.

Texas A&M Forest Service crowns big tree champions in Big Bend Ranch State Park

Feb. 1, 2016 — COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Two Mexican blue oaks in Big Bend Ranch State Park were recently confirmed by Texas A&M Forest Service to be the largest of their kind in the state.

Located in a remote canyon in the middle of the park, the trees are on the latest edition of the Texas Big Tree Registry, a listing of the largest specimen of every native or naturalized tree species found in the state.

Known officially as *Quercus oblongifolia*, Mexican blue oak is rare in Texas. First discovered in the state in 1970's, the remote canyon in Big Bend Ranch State Park is the only place the species is known to occur naturally in Texas. The largest tree in the grove was nominated and crowned the state champion in 1976. Fast forward forty years and the original champion still reigns, but another specimen

across the canyon has grown enough to claim co-champ status.

"Big Bend Ranch State Park is proud to partner with Texas A&M Forest Service to conserve and promote the appreciation of our state's important natural resources," Sean Dugan, superintendent of Big Bend Ranch State Park, said. "We at the park are excited to be a part of the Big Tree Registry with our two co-champion Mexican blue oaks." The purpose of the Big Tree Registry is twofold — to stimulate a greater public appreciation of trees and to recognize owners and nominators of the state's largest trees. The registry is published quarterly on the Texas A&M Forest Service Big Tree Registry page.

Trees are compared using a tree index, which combines trunk circumference in inches with total height in feet, plus one-quarter of

the average crown spread in feet. Trees within five index points are considered co-champions.

The original champion has a circumference of 75 inches, a height of 22 feet and a crown spread of 28 feet, giving it a tree index of 104 points. The new co-champ has a circumference of 63 inches, a height of 38 feet and a crown spread of 26 feet, giving it a tree index of 108 points.

Currently, Texas A&M Forest Service recognizes 320 native or naturalized tree species that qualify for the list. Of these, 82 are current national champions or co-champions listed in the 2015 National Register of Big Trees published by the conservation group American Forests. Both of the Mexican blue oaks are nominated as national champs and may gain that title in late 2016.

Weather Whys

Q: What exactly is a polar vortex?

A: It sounds like something out of a science fiction movie, but the term has been around for hundreds of years, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "It was first described as early as 1853 and confirmed in the early 1950s," McRoberts explains. "A polar vortex is a very large upper-level low pressure area associated with extremely cold air in the polar regions — where it gets its polar name — such as the Arctic. When the polar vortex is strong, it keeps most of the bone-chilling cold air confined to the polar regions. However, when the spin of the polar vortex weakens it allows frigid air to move southward into the United States, which often brings the coldest temperatures of the winter."

Q: How cold can tem-

peratures get?

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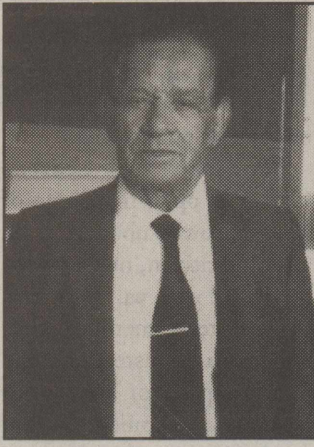
Colvus Joe Bennett

Colvus Joe Bennett, age 86, of Lockney passed away Saturday, January 16, 2016.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Saturday, January 23, 2016 at First Baptist Church in Lockney.

Interment was held at 3 p.m., Sunday, January 24, 2016 at the Greely Cemetery near Mount Enterprise in Rusk County, Texas. Arrangements were under the care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney.

Colvus "Joe" Bennett was born to Alex and Pauline Bennett on June 30, 1929. In 1950 he married Oneda Nickerson, to this union five children were born. They decided to make Lockney their home. Joe worked tirelessly as a farmer for over 60 years



COLVUS JOE BENNETT

to provide for his family. In 1990 he took over as pastor of Grants Chapel Church of God in Christ and remained faithful until his untimely death.

Brother Joe is preceded in death by his parents, Alex

and Pauline Bennett, one son, Bobby Lynn Bennett, six sisters and four brothers.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife of 65 years, Oneda Bennett; two daughters, Joycelyn Williams and husband, Calvin of Duncanville, Texas, and Joann McCutcheon of Grand Prairie, Texas; two sons, Patrick of Fort Worth, Texas and Roland and wife, Jan of Grand Prairie, Texas; two sisters, Lottie Harper, and Ethylene Ferguson, of Fort Worth, Texas; 14 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends and some wonderful and faithful church members.

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

Bettye Jarboe

Funeral services for Bettye Jarboe, 83, of Amarillo passed away on Sunday, January 31, 2016.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 10 a.m. at Southwest Church of Christ in Amarillo, Texas.

The family received friends on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 from 5 - 7 p.m. at Cox Funeral Home. Burial was held in the Llano Cemetery.

The arrangements were under the direction of Cox Funeral Home in Amarillo.

Bettye Jean Laminack was born August 31, 1932, in Floydada, Texas to J.L. and Mabel Laminack. In 1951, Bettye married Tom Jarboe. She received her undergraduate degree in education from West Texas State University.

Bettye and Tom lived in



BETTYE JARBOE

Friona for 60 years and were active members of the community. Bettye worked at the Friona State Bank and later served in Friona ISD as a librarian, kindergarten teacher and dyslexia specialist. During her career, she impacted the lives of countless students and fellow educators.

Bettye and Tom were faithful members of the Sixth

Street Church of Christ, where she taught children's bible classes and ministered to many. Bettye will always be remembered as a Christ-like servant, a loving homemaker, a wonderful mother and a joyful Grommy.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, Jim and her husband, Tom.

She is survived by a sister, Darlene of Floydada, daughter, Jeanine and husband, Chris of Amarillo, and son, Jay and wife, Sherry of Keller, Texas. She was Grommy to her four grandchildren, Meagan, Jayson, Ryan, and Jacob. The family suggests memorials to Hospice Care of the Southwest, 660 Killgore Drive, Suite 110, Amarillo, TX 79106 or Friends of the Friona Public Library, 109 West 7th, Friona, TX 79035.

Mateo Delgado

Mateo Delgado, age 80, passed away, Wednesday, January 27, 2016.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, January 30, 2016 at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Floydada with Father Ike Temporanza officiating.

Interment followed at the Floydada Cemetery. Rosary was held at 7 p.m., Friday, January 29, 2016 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

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



MATEO DELGADO

He is preceded in death by his wife, Santos Delgado, son, Antonio Delgado, parents, Juan G. Delgado and Catalina Quiroz and two brothers, Antonio Delgado and Jesus Delgado.

He is survived by his kids;

Ben Delgado of Lubbock, Sally Rangel of Plainview, Agepita Davila, Joe Delgado, Jessie Delgado and Antonia Ceniceros all of Floydada, 28 grandchildren, 53 great-grandchildren, siblings; Manuela Mendoza, Lupe Mendoza, Benita Martinez, Epefonia Florez and Fransico Delgado all of Floydada, Juan Delgado of Lubbock, Tx, and Juan Delgado, Jr. of Crosswell, Michigan.

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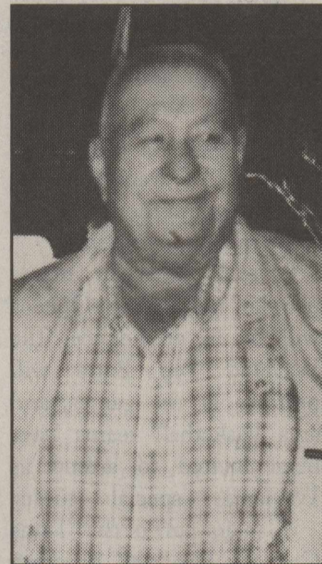
Joe Peralez, Sr.

Joe Peralez, Sr, age 81, of Lockney, passed away January 30, 2016 in Lubbock.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at the First Baptist Church in Lockney.

Interment followed at the Lockney Cemetery. Arrangements were under the care of Moore Rose Funeral Home of Lockney.

Joe was born on February 17, 1934 to Andres and Paula (Mercado) Peralez in Mission, Texas. He married the love of his life, Tomasa Bella, on November 24, 1956 in Corpus Christi, Texas. He loved gardening, driving around Lockney and visiting with everyone. He will be deeply missed by



JOE PERALEZ, SR.

all who knew him.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Tomasa Peralez, a son, Jesse Peralez, and a grandson, Sgt. Johnny Joe Peralez, Jr.

He is survived by four sons, Johnny and wife, Andrea Peralez of Lockney, Andy and wife, Maria Peralez of Floydada, Joe Peralez, Jr. of Lockney, and David Peralez of Lockney; two daughters, Cindy and husband, Lupe Balsaldua of Lockney, and Diane and husband, Ruben Ramon of Floydada; 14 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

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The Father's Son

Jesus replied, "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been with you all this time? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."—John 14:9 (CEB)

As my husband and I were eating at a local restaurant, I noticed that a young man entering the dining room seemed familiar. His actions and gestures led me to conclude that he was the son of one of our friends. Although I hadn't seen this young man since he was a child, I was able to identify him. His mannerisms, the way he walked and stood, were so much like his dad's that his identity was unmistakable.

The next day when thinking about how alike those two men were, another father/son relationship that reveals many similarities occurred to me. By observing Jesus and his interactions with others, we know much about God. Jesus always taught love. He was quick to forgive, and he healed others. He was gentle, kind, and compassionate. He assured us there was nothing to fear. Since he is God's Son, we know that God has these same characteristics: loving, forgiving, gentle, kind, and compassionate. We know God because we know Jesus.

Janet Holloway-Bergman (Missouri, USA)

Thought for the Day
 I can reflect my heavenly Father's love in my words and actions.

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- Bible Baptist Church**
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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
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 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 - 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. Missouri
 Joe M. Hernandez
 983-5286 (Church)
 Sunday School
 English - 9:45 a.m.
 Spanish - 11 a.m.
 Worship
 Spanish - 9:30 a.m.
 English - 11 a.m.
 Evening Service 5 p.m.
 Wednesday 7 p.m.
- St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church**
 Floydada
 Rev. 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
 293-3009
 Rev. Peter W. Harrington, Minister
 Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
 Worship Service 11 - a.m.

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

AGRICULTURE

AgriLife Extension offers online wild pig distance education

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon
COLLEGE STATION – The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is offering an online wild pig management course for landowners, land managers and others seeking information on feral swine. Mark Tyson, AgriLife Extension wildlife associate at College Station, said the course is divided into five modules, which are split into three main areas of study— two providing continu-

ing education units and one informational course designed for the general public. All are narrated by members of the Feral Hog Community of Practice, a group delivering information through a national effort called eXtension. The three areas of study are:
 – Wild Pig Management for Texas Pesticide Applicators, <http://bit.ly/1nE9Esp>. Cost is \$45. This was developed for Texas Department of Agriculture

private pesticide applicators and offers two continuing education units – one general and one integrated pest management.
 – Understanding Wild Pig History and Biology Continuing Education for Professionals, <http://bit.ly/1Nq6EVi>. Cost is \$70. This provides three category one contact hours for the Wildlife Society, 2.5 continuing education units for the Society for Range Management and 2.5

hours of category two Society for American Foresters continuing education credits.
 – Understanding Wild Pig History and Biology, a course for the general public, <http://bit.ly/20jygc>. Cost is \$20. This targets anyone seeking to increase their knowledge of wild pigs.
 “I am excited about these distance education courses because they offer a new way of providing continuing education units

to a diverse audience, around the clock whenever the user wants to participate,” Tyson said. “Topics cover history, biology, disease concerns, laws and regulations and the management of wild pigs which provide a greater understanding of their impacts on humans, livestock and the environment.”
 For more information, contact Tyson at 979-845-4698, mark_tyson@tamu.edu.

Floydada Police Report

By Jesse Finley, Public Information Specialist, Floydada Police Department
 Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Police stopped Robert Garcia of Floydada for speeding on January 22. It was discovered Robert had an outstanding arrest warrant for a parole violation. The original charge was possession of fifty pounds of marijuana.

Alex Pancardo Jr. was arrested on January 25 for a warrant out of Crosby County. The arrest was in connection to the burglary where Floydada Police found the suspect's vehicle with bullet holes.

Police are investigating a burglary that occurred on January 18 in the 300 Block of East Tennessee. The burglary happened sometime between 1:00 pm and 3:40 pm and a 65 inch RCA LED television was the only item stolen.

Police were called to a fight that happened between students at Floydada ISD. Later the parents of the victim dropped charges.

Vandalism of a vehicle was reported on January 22 in the 500 Block of West Mississippi. A brick was thrown through the window of the vehicle during the early morning hours the same day of the report. Police are still investigating the incident.

A laptop belonging to Floydada ISD was reported stolen on January 22. The laptop is a 13 inch Apple Macbook Pro with an aluminum casing. It was last seen on January 20.

Another vehicle was vandalized on January

22 in the 500 block of East Ross Street. It happened sometime during the night before 5:30 am. The front windshield was broken with a blunt object.

A 32-inch flat screen television was reported stolen during a burglary on January 24 from the 100 block of North First Street. The incident happened sometime around 5:30 pm.

Police responded to an assault of a Floydada ISD student caused by another student. The incident is still under investigation.

A vehicle was backing out of a private drive and hit another vehicle going down the 100 block of East Mississippi on January 21. No injuries were reported.

The Floydada Police Department responded to 77 calls for service between January 17 and January 31, 2016.

Police are asking anybody who knows details about the cases described above or any other incidents to please contact Floydada City Hall at (806) 983-2834 at any time and the message will be given to the officer on duty. Your identity will be kept confidential. The public is the number one tool in solving cases such as thefts and burglaries. Any small detail reported to the Police can be a big break in a case and lead to the arrest of the suspect so they are not able to victimize anyone else. If you suspect that you have come across property that is possibly stolen, report it to the Police immediately. You will not be charged with a criminal offense by doing so.

USDA CRP enrollment continues

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack reminded producers that the general enrollment period for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) ends on Feb. 26.

December 2015 marked the 30th anniversary of CRP, a federally-funded program that assists agricultural producers with the cost of restoring, enhancing and protecting certain grasses, shrubs and trees to improve water quality, prevent soil erosion and reduce loss of wildlife habitat.

As of September 2015, 24.2 million acres were re-enrolled in CRP, which also is protecting more than 170,000 stream miles with riparian forest and grass buffers, enough to go around the world seven times. For an interactive tour of CRP success stories from across the United States, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/CRPis30, or follow on Twitter, at #CRPis30.

Over the past 30 years, farmers, ranchers, conservationists, hunters, fishermen and other outdoor enthusiasts have made CRP one of the most successful conservation programs in the history of the country,” Vilsack said. “Today, CRP continues to make major environmental improvements to water and air quality. This is another longstanding example of how agricultural production can work hand in hand with efforts to improve the environment and increase wildlife habitat.”

CRP participants establish long-term, resource-conserving plant species, such as approved grasses or trees, known as covers, to control soil erosion, improve water quality and develop wildlife habitat on marginally-productive agricultural lands. In re-

turn, USDA-Farm Service Agency (FSA) provides participants with rental payments and cost-share assistance.

At times when commodity prices are low, enrolling sensitive lands in CRP can be especially attractive to producers, as it softens the economic hardship for landowners at the same time that it provides ecological benefits.

Contract duration is between 10-15 years. The long-term goal of the program is to re-establish native plant species on marginal agricultural lands for the primary purpose of preventing soil erosion and improving water quality and related benefits of reducing loss of wildlife habitat.

Contracts on 1.64 million CRP acres are set to expire on Sept. 30. Producers with expiring contracts or with environmentally-sensitive land are encouraged to evaluate their options under CRP.

Since it was established on Dec. 23, 1985, CRP has: Prevented more than 9 billion tons of soil from eroding, enough soil to fill 600 million dump trucks; reduced nitrogen

and phosphorous runoff relative to annually-tilled cropland by 95 percent and 85 percent, respectively; sequestered an annual average of 49 million tons of greenhouse gases, equal to taking 9 million cars off the road.

Since 1996, CRP has created nearly 2.7 million acres of restored wetlands.

For more information on FSA conservation programs, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/conservation. Area offices are located in each county: 320 N. Main St., Hollis, (580) 688-2301; 305 Ave. B NW, Childress, (940) 937-8301; 1002 W. Noel St., Memphis, (806) 259-2233; and 801 Ft. Worth St., Wellington, (806) 447-2575.

‘Right of Way’ meeting set for Feb. 23

By Kay Ledbetter

AMARILLO – The annual “ROW” Conference for right-of-way management conducted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is set for Feb. 23 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd. in Amarillo.

“There is a \$10 registration fee. The program will begin with registration at 8 a.m. and end at 5 p.m., with

lunch on your own,” said Rick Auckerman, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent in Deaf Smith County.

Participants can earn five Texas Department of Agriculture private pesticide applicator continuing education units – one in laws and regulations, one integrated pest management and three general.

Program topics and presenters will be: Safety Issues in Transporting Pesticides,

Christopher Stephens, Texas Department of Public Safety, Amarillo; Laws and Regulations in Right-of-Ways, Camilo Garzon, Texas Department of Agriculture inspector, Amarillo; Effective Use of Herbicides in Right-of-Ways, Ronda Roberts, Dow Chemical, Dallas; Vertebrate Control Issues, Joe Zotter, Texas Wildlife Services biologist, Canyon and Control of Unwanted Tree Species in the Right-of-Way Area, Brian Scott, Texas A&M Forest Service, Amarillo.

Those planning to attend should RSVP by Feb. 17. To RSVP or for more information, contact Auckerman at 806-364-3573 or r-auckerman@tamu.edu or r-auckerman@tamu.edu.

Texas State Check off program begins second year

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. The program is funded through a refundable \$1 per head assessment on cattle at each point of ownership transfer in Texas. The funds are managed in accordance with Texas law by the Beef Promotion Research Council of Texas (BPRCT). The BPRCT consists of 20 Texas cattle producers appointed by the Texas commissioner of agriculture. All state beef checkoff programs are overseen by the BPRCT.

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

“As beef and dairy farmers and ranchers, every dollar we invest into the program goes to help increase profit opportunities by keeping beef top-of-

mind with consumers,” Austin Brown III, Beville cattleman and BPRCT chairman said. “I’m proud of my fellow cattlemen and women for standing up for our industry and recognizing the importance and need for this program. We are working to continue to grow beef demand by investing in program areas such as retail.”

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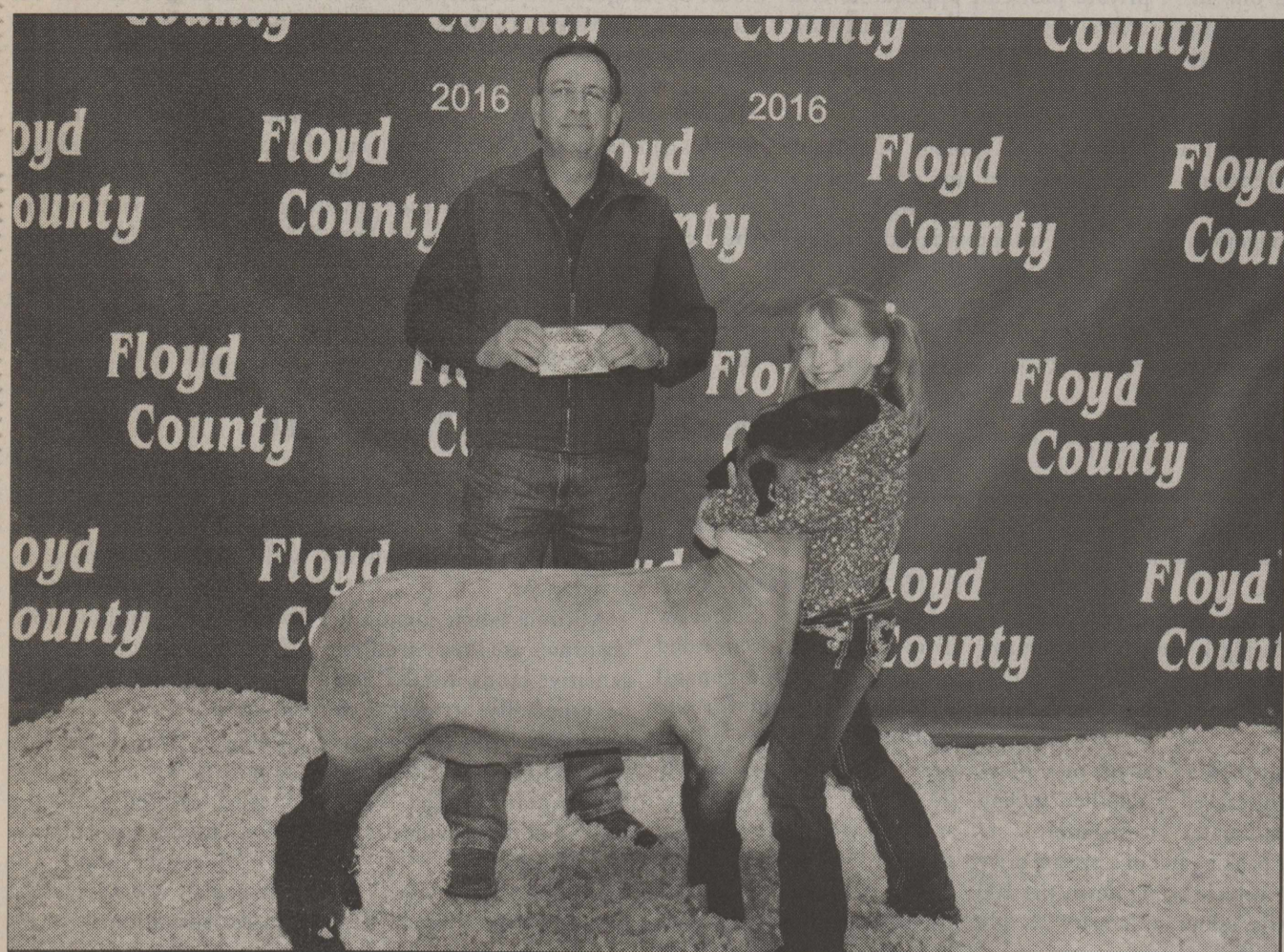
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FLOYDADA SCHOOL NEWS



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Floydada seventh grade boys defeat Hale Center

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA – Floydada Seventh Grade Boys defeated Hale Center 52-23 to improve their overall record to 3-4-1.

Floydada jumped out to a 14-7 lead after the first quarter. The boys stretched their lead to 28-16 at halftime. Floydada increased their lead to 37-23 at the end of the

third quarter and then closed out the game on a 15-0 run to secure the 52-23 victory.

Floydada was led by Quincy Gonzales with 23 points, Joseph Gonzales added seven points, Kaleb Crone added five points, Ryder Glass added four points, Dez Wickware added three points and Luke Holcombe, Hermillo Martinez, Dylan Ramos and Justin Delgado each added two points.

Floydada eighth grade boys defeat Hale Center

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA – Floydada Eighth Grade Boys defeated Hale Center 55-20 to improve their overall record to 7-1.

The eighth grade boys outscored the Hale Center eighth graders 14-2 in the first quarter and then added 20 more points to go up

34-8 at halftime. In the third quarter, Floydada extended their lead to 43-13 before finishing off the 55-20 victory.

Garrett Hobbs tossed in 23 points to lead Floydada, Marcus Perez and Andrez Suarez added 10 points each, Mike Delfuente had eight points and Eric Johnston and Devin Perez had two points each.

2016 Floydada Baseball

DATE	DAY	TIME	TEAM	SITE	Var./JV
Jan. 29	Fri.		First day Practice		
Feb. 8	Mon.	5:00	Post	Floydada	Var/JV
Feb. 13	Sat.	12:00	Brownfield	Floydada	Var/JV
Feb. 15	Mon.	1:00	Childress	Childress	Var/JV
Feb. 20	Sat.	1:00	Alumni Scrimmage		
Feb. 22	Mon.	5:00	Roosevelt	Roosevelt	Var/JV
Feb. 25-27	Thur-Sat.	TBA	Shallowater Tmt.	Shallowater	Var.
Feb. 29	Mon.	5:00	Tahoka	Floydada	Var.
Mar. 3-5	Thur-Sat.	TBA	Levelland Tmt.	Levelland	Var.
Mar. 8	Tue.	5:00/7:00	Brownfield	Brownfield	JV/Var
Mar. 12	Sat.	12:00	New Deal	Floydada	Var/JV
Mar. 15	Tue.	5:00	Abernathy	Floydada	Var/JV
Mar. 18	Fri.	2:30	Olton	Olton	Var/JV
Mar. 22	Tue.	5:00	Ralls	Floydada	Var/JV
Mar. 26	Sat.	12:00	Lockney	Lockney	Var/JV
Mar. 29	Tue.	4:00	Crosbyton	Crosbyton	Var/JV
Apr. 2	Sat.	12:00	Hale Center	Floydada	Var/JV
Apr. 5	Tue.	5:00	New Deal	New Deal	Var/JV
Apr. 9	Sat.	12:00	Abernathy	Abernathy	Var/JV
Apr. 12	Tue.	5:00	Olton	Floydada	Var/JV
Apr. 16	Sat.	12:00	Ralls	Ralls	Var/JV
Apr. 19	Tue.	5:00	Lockney	Floydada	Var/JV
Apr. 23	Sat.	12:00	Crosbyton	Floydada	Var/JV
Apr. 26	Tue.	5:00	Hale Center	Hale Center	Var/JV

2016 Floydada Softball Schedule

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	TEAM	PLACE	TIME
February		(scrimmage)	Varsity	tba	
N-February 6	Saturday	@ Roosevelt (scrimmage)	Varsity	Roosevelt	1:00
N-February 9	Tuesday	Littlefield (scrimmage)	Varsity	Floydada	5:00
February	Saturday	(Scrimmage)	JV / Var	tba	
N-February 16	Tuesday	Roosevelt	Var / JV	Floydada	5:00 / 7:00
N-February 20	Saturday	@ Idalou	Var / JV	Idalou	12:00 / 2:00
N-February 23	Tuesday	Seagraves	Var / JV	Floydada	5:00 / 7:00
N-February 27	Saturday	@ Littlefield	Var / JV	Littlefield	1:00 / 2:00
* March 1	Tuesday	Crosbyton	Var / JV	Floydada	5:00 / 7:00
March 3-4	Thurs-Fri	Ralls Tournament	Varsity	Crosbyton	TBA
March 5	Saturday	Ralls Tournament	Varsity	Ralls	TBA
*DISTRICT					
*March 8	Tuesday	@ Hale Center	Var / JV	Hale Center	5:00 / 7:00
*March 12	Saturday	New Deal	Var / JV	Floydada	11:00 / 1:00
*March 15	Friday	Abernathy	Var / JV	Floydada	5:00 / 7:00
*March 19	Saturday	open	Var / JV	open	open
*March 22	Tuesday	Ralls	Var / JV	Floydada	5:00 / 7:00
*March 26	Saturday	@ Lockney	Var / JV	Lockney	11:00 / 1:00
*March 29	Tuesday	@ Crosbyton	Var / JV	Crosbyton	4:00 / 6:00
*April 2	Saturday	Hale Center	Var / JV	Floydada	11:00 / 1:00
*April 5	Tuesday	@ New Deal	Var / JV	New Deal	5:00 / 7:00
*April 9	Saturday	@ Abernathy	Var / JV	Abernathy	11:00 / 1:00
*April 12	Tuesday	open	Var / JV	open	open
*April 16	Saturday	@ Ralls	Var / JV	Ralls	11:00 / 1:00
*April 19	Tuesday	Lockney	Var / JV	Floydada	5:00 / 7:00

FLOYDADA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MENU

February 8 – February 12

Monday
Breakfast – Banana muffins, fresh fruit, orange juice, milk
Lunch – Chicken alfredo, popcorn chicken, hamburger 4 way veggies, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk
Tuesday
Breakfast – Cocoa Puffs, fresh fruit, fresh juice, milk
Lunch – Chicken burrito, hot dog, pepperoni pizza, green beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk
Wednesday
Breakfast – Maple pancakes, fresh fruit, apple juice, milk
Lunch – Fish nuggets, popcorn chicken, hot dog, green beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk
Thursday
Breakfast – Fruit Loops, fresh fruit, juice, milk
Lunch – Spaghetti w/meatballs, chicken fajita tacos, grilled cheese, peppered, broccoli fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk
Friday
Breakfast – Mini cinnamon rolls, fresh fruit, apple juice, milk
Lunch – Meatball sub, beef fingers, cheese pizza, potato wedges, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Fishing Report

Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Foss: Elevation 5.25 ft. below normal, water 38. Striped bass hybrids are slow to fair in deep water. White bass are slow on live bait. Walleye are slow on live bait. Catfish are slow.

Tom Steed: Elevation normal, water 45. Blue and channel catfish are slow on cut bait, shad and stinkbait at 5 ft.-8 ft. along creek channels and flats.

Waurika: Elevation normal, water 40s. Crappie fair on jigs around brush structure. Blue catfish are fair on chicken liver along shorelines.

Coleman: Water murky; 45-49 degrees; 4.42 ft. low. Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits, crankbaits and Rat-L-Traps. Hybrid striper are fair on silver spoons. Crappie are fair on minnows. Channel catfish are good on stinkbait, liver, and frozen shrimp. Yellow catfish are slow.

Ft. Phantom Hill: Water murky; 45-52 degrees; 0.23 ft. low. Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits, weighted flukes and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.

Hubbard Creek: Water off color; 47-55 degrees; 13.93 ft. low. Black bass are fair on chatterbaits, spoons, Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and live shad.

Nasworthy: 43-54 degrees; 1.46 ft. low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs and jigs. No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.

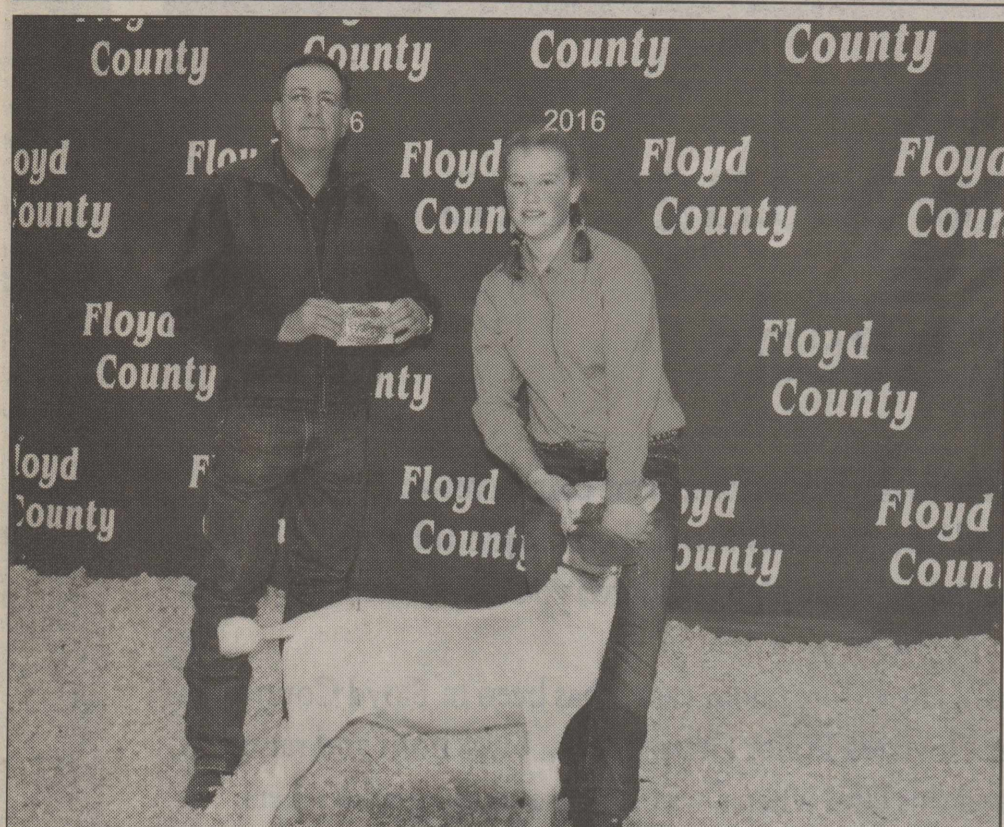
O.H. Ivie: Water stained; 48-54 degrees; 45.93 ft. low. Black bass are fair to good Texas rigs, jigs, squarebill crankbaits and spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs fished shallow. Catfish are fair to good on live bait.

Oak Creek: Water stained; 44-53 degrees; 15.53 ft. low. Black bass are fair to good on weighted flukes, medium running shad pattern crankbaits, Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair on chautreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

Possum Kingdom: Water off color; 48-57 degrees; 0.26 ft. high. Black bass are fair on shakysheads, Texas rigs, drop shot rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows. White bass are fair to good on slabs. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair to good on live shad and nightcrawlers.

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Lighthouse to Award scholarship and trip to Washington, D.C. to two area students

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Again in 2016, for the 52nd consecutive year, Lighthouse Electric Cooperative will sponsor two area high school students on the all-expense paid Government-in Action Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. This year's tour is scheduled for June 8 to June 17. The winners will also receive a \$1,000 Lighthouse Youth Tour Scholarship. As participants in the Youth Tour, the local students will join other winners from across the state meeting in Austin to enjoy a day of history there. They will begin by touring the Bob Bullock Museum, Governor's Mansion and State Capitol. Next, they will travel by air to Washington where they will spend seven days touring places of historical interest, visiting members of Congress, and getting a first-hand view of their government in action.

The two winners will be selected from participants in the co-op's Youth Tour Speech Contest to be held February 14. Participants will be required to appear before an independent panel of judges to present their speech and answer questions relevant to the Youth Tour and electric cooperatives. Winners are

chosen based on their knowledge, speaking ability, appearance and poise. Over the past 51 years, Lighthouse has sponsored 106 area students on the tour. Winners in recent years have been:

2007, Josh Fowler of Plainview and Britnee Brotherton of Floydada 2008, Leah Ford of Lockney and J.C. Simpson of Floydada 2009, Daryn McCarter of Lockney and Lauren Young of Quitaque 2010, Jonathan Ramirez of Petersburg and Luis Trujillo of Plainview 2011, Kristen Jenkins of Turkey 2012, Ben Seth Ramsey of Quitaque and Anna Hernandez of Lockney 2013, Walker Carson of Quitaque, Mary Sammann of Lockney, and Emily Hall of Floydada 2014, Kennadee Buchanan of Valley, Darby Long of Lockney, and Jose Manuel of Petersburg 2015, Jace Klein of Lockney and Maria Botello of Ralls For further information on the Youth Tour, visit www.nreca.coop and click on Youth Programs. For information on entering the contest, visit our web site at www.lighthouse.coop, or contact Amanda Stapp at Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, (806) 983-2814, 1-800-657-7192, or e-mail amandas@lighthouse.coop.



SCOTT LASS
SENIOR GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

2016 LOCKNEY BASEBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	SITE
2/23	Memphis	4:00	Away
2/26	Slaton	5:00	Away
3/1	Springlake-Earth	5:00	HOME
3/3-5	Tulia Tournament	TBA	Tulia
3/8	Springlake-Earth	5:00	Away
3/11	Kress	5:00	HOME
3/12	*Abernathy	12:00	Away
3/15	*Crosbyton	5:00	Away
3/19	*Hale Center	12:00	HOME
3/22	*New Deal	5:00	Away
3/26	*Floydada	12:00	HOME
3/29	*Olton	5:00	HOME
4/2	*Ralls	12:00	Away
4/5	*Abernathy	5:00	HOME
4/9	*Crosbyton	12:00	HOME
4/12	*Hale Center	5:00	Away
4/16	*New Deal	12:00	HOME
4/19	*Floydada	5:00	Away
4/??	*Olton	TBA	Away
4/26	*Ralls	5:00	HOME

2016 LOCKNEY SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT/SITE	TEAM	TIME
Monday	2/15	Tulia	JV	4:00
Friday	2/19	@Seagraves	V/JV	5:00
Tuesday	2/23	@Dimmit	V/JV	4:00
Saturday	2/27	Denver City (DH)	V	TBA
Saturday	2/27	Denver City	JV	TBA
Tuesday	3/1	@Idalou	V/JV	4:00
Saturday	3/5	Seagraves	V	10:00
Saturday	3/5	Lubbock Titans	V/JV	1:00
Tuesday	3/8	*Ralls	V/JV	5:00
Saturday	3/12	*Abernathy	V/JV	12:00
Friday	3/18	@*Crosbyton	V/JV	4:00
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Tuesday	4/12	@*Hale Center	V/JV	5:00
Saturday	4/16	*New Deal	V/JV	12:00
Tuesday	4/19	@*Floydada	V/JV	5:00

LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU February 8 - February 12

Monday, Feb. 8
Breakfast - Sausage Kolache, Yogurt, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Fruit Juice, Milk
Lunch - Country Fried Steak or Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Strawberry Cup, Roll, Milk

Tuesday, Feb. 9
Breakfast - Cheese Omelet wrap, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch - Chalupa or Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Salsa, Salad, Refried Beans, Applesauce, Milk

Wednesday, Feb. 10
Breakfast - Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch - Chicken Spaghetti, Breadstick or Pizza, Garden Salad, Veggie Medley, Apple Slices, Milk

Thursday, Feb. 11
Breakfast - Waffles, Sausage, Animal Crackers, Cheese Stick, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch - Soft Tacos or Prito Pie, Carrots with Ranch, Mexican Corn Salsa, Orange Slices, Cookies, Milk

Friday, Feb. 12
Breakfast - Cinnamon Roll, Bacon, Muffin, Yogurt, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch - Chicken Strips with Texas Toast or Hamburger with Cheese, Cucumbers, Sweet Potato Fries, Sliced Peaches, Milk



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TO: ANGEL SENTMAN GARZA, Defendant- GREETING

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Original Petition for Divorce: as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Floyd County, Texas this 28th day January of 2013.

Attorney for Plaintiff or Plaintiff:
Kelly D. Hollingsworth
600 Ash Street
Plainview, TX 79072

Clerk of the Court:
/s/ Patty Davenport
Floyd County, Texas



LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF SAMUEL DELTON JACK

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Samuel Delton Jack, Deceased, were issued on January 26, 2016, in Cause No. 6028 pending in the County Court of Floyd County, Texas, to: Frankie Clydelle Jack

The address of such person is: PO Box 115
Lockney, Texas 79241

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

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Attorneys for the Estate

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF PHYLLIS KAY MARTIN

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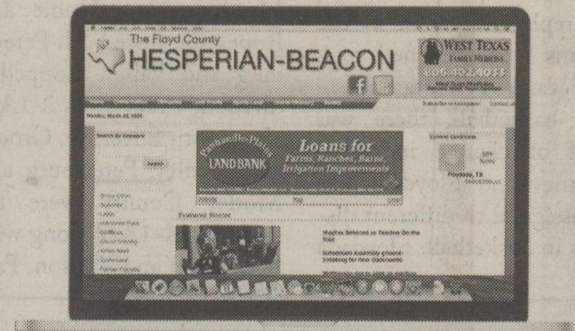
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Rotary Club



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Floydada Rotary Club welcomed Darrell Gooch, Floydada Chief of Police, as the speaker presented by Rotarian Kyle Smith. Chief Gooch spoke on how to protect yourself during an active shooter situation. Number one advice was to Run! If you can escape the situation get out. Shelter in place is last resort. He stated be aware of your whereabouts. Know where exits are in the building upon arrival in a building. Additional advice was to be aware of your surroundings in parking lots, crowds, and open spaces. Don't text in those areas or talk on your phone -be aware at all times. If you carry a license to carry a gun, then be trained in its use. Know what you can expect if you respond to an active shooter with your weapon. He explained the new open carry law to the Rotarians. Special guests were Jeff Dorman and Gary Brown.

UIL

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ments are basically the same as they have been for the past two years.

Floydada, in football, will again be assigned to a district with Abernathy, Hale Center, New Deal and Olton but Sundown will be added as they moved up a division and former district opponent, Tahoka, moved down a division. Lockney, in football, will be in the district with Clarendon, Memphis, Crosbyton and Ralls but Wellington, who dropped a division, will replace Quanah as the Indians were assigned to a district near Wichita Falls.

In basketball, there was a lot of change including Lockney and Floydada being assigned to different districts in basketball. Floydada

will now be in a district with Abernathy, Crosbyton, New Deal, Post and Ralls. Lockney was assigned to a district with Bovina, Farwell, Hale Center, Olton and Sudan.

New district assignments for all other sports and activities will be announced later in the spring.

Area schools saw a lot of changes in their football districts. Plainview, in class 5A, will now be in a district with Amarillo, Amarillo Caprock, Amarillo Palo Duro, Canyon, Canyon Randall, Dumas and Hereford. In class 1A, 6-man football, Lorenzo was assigned to 3-1A-1 with Meadow, New Home and Ropesville since both Petersburg and Valley dropped a division. Valley joins 2-1A-2 along with Silverton, Groom and Hedley. Petersburg and Motley County were assigned to 4-1A-2 along with Southland and Wilson. Pat-

ton Springs is in 8-1A-2 along with Benjamin, Guthrie and Jayton.

In basketball, Plainview stays in the same district as football making it one of the toughest basketball districts in the state. Lorenzo and Petersburg will be in 5-1A along with Amherst, Anton, Cotton Center, Whiteface and Whitharral. Valley, Patton Springs and Motley County will be in 7-1A along with Guthrie, Jayton, Paducah and Spur. Silverton is assigned to 4-1A along with Springlake, Hart, Kress, Lazbuddie and Nazareth.

Every two years, the UIL takes an attendance snapshot in the fall prior to the realignment in order to begin determining the new sizes of the six classifications and the division splits in 4A, 3A, 2A and 1A. The most recent conference cutoffs and division cutoffs are: 6A = 2,150

HAMILTON

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for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association in Washington, D.C.

I received my Juris Doctorate Degree in 2003 from St. Mary's Law School. From 2003-2005 I was an Associate at the LaFont, Formby and Hamilton LLC, a law firm located in Plainview. I am presently a Partner in the LaFont, Formby and Hamilton LLC and have been since 2005.

WHY DO YOU WANT THIS OFFICE?

I am interested in progress, I have a young family and a farming and ranching operation in our area. Having practiced in our district I have firsthand knowledge of both the criminal and civil issues facing our region. This is important because of the affect that criminal activity has on our ability to be prosperous and successful communities.

Additionally, I have family and friends who have been crime victims, I have a great deal of experience in this area and would like to act on this opportunity to do my part.

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO "DO" OR "CHANGE" IF YOU ARE ELECTED?

In my practice I have witnessed the effect that hard core drugs has on people, particularly methamphetamine and how use of illegal drugs can adversely affect young people. I am ready to change

the future for our communities and our children. I will work with law enforcement to catch, prosecute and convict drug dealers to help keep them out of our communities. Law enforcement, acting alone, cannot stop the sale and use of illegal drugs. With your support I will work diligently with schools and other organizations in the community to help children understand the consequences and end result of illegal drug use.

WHAT ARE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS JOB?

I have practiced criminal and civil law in our area for 12 years. My criminal law background includes felonies in district courts across the state, and appeals to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals in Austin. I have had tried hundreds of cases including jury trials from the start of the investigation to jury verdict as lead counsel. I have worked civil cases in district courts across the state, Court of Appeals in Amarillo and the Supreme Court of Texas.

My federal court experience includes United States District Court in Lubbock and the United States Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit in New Orleans, Louisiana.

MARSHALL

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Ranch Foreman/Wagon Boss. He also served as Dickens County Commissioner for twelve years. My mother, Sharlene Drennan attended Spur High School and met Billy George upon his return from Army Service. They married in 1953, and had three children: Steve, Becky, and Shelly. Sharlene established a career with the Federal Government, and retired from the U.S. Farm Service Agency. Steve Drennan, and his wife, Donna Drennan also retired from the U.S. Farm Service Agency. Becky Gibson and her husband, Roy Gibson reside in Vernon, Texas.

My husband, Kevin Marshall attended Spur High School. His father, L.J. Marshall, served in World War II, and his family worked on local ranches in the Motley and Dickens County areas since the 1930's. His mother, Shirley Marshall, attended Spur High School and resides in Dickens County with Kevin and Shelly. Kevin is currently a Journeyman Lineman/Technical Safety Trainer and contributes to the community as a Spur Volunteer Firefighter. Their two younger children, Stonii (16) and Koki (12), attend Spur Schools. They have three older children, Kelsay, Dillon and Wyatt.

I graduated from Guthrie High School. I received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Texas Tech University and a Doctor of Jurisprudence Degree from Texas Tech School of Law.

WHY DO YOU WANT THIS OFFICE?

I am passionate about our state and specifically, the counties making up the 110th Judicial District. When I went to law school, it was my intent to come back to this area to serve the communities that gave so much to me growing up. I look around and see more people leaving this area, businesses closing, and va-

cant houses, but people do come back just like I did three years ago because they realize what a special place this is to raise your children, retire, or just be a part of a close-knit community. I did not move back to Dickens County to run for District Attorney; I moved back because I wanted to be close to my family, experience the support that close friends and communities provide, and give our children an opportunity to receive all the great benefits small school life offers.

I want to be the 110th District Attorney because this District deserves a person that is dedicated to enforcing the laws and ensuring the protection of our land, our businesses, and the people. I have been working for the State of Texas for over 17 1/2 years, and the District Attorney position is an opportunity to continue State service at a local level.

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO "DO" OR "CHANGE" IF YOU ARE ELECTED?

It is my priority to make sure our land, communities, residents, and children are protected by deterring criminals from committing crimes in our counties. I intend to seek appropriate punishments and see that justice is served. I will work diligently to process cases timely with cost efficiency always in mind. I am technology savvy, and I excel at finding ways to speed up procedures while also lowering costs for tax-payers.

I want to initiate community meetings in all four counties that make up the 110th District, coordinated with local law enforcement personnel, to educate and develop action plans to maintain safety within our communities.

WHAT ARE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS JOB?

I have been licensed to practice law in the State of Texas since 1997. I have been employed by the Office of the Attorney General since April 1998. I have spent my career enforcing the laws of Texas as an Assistant Attorney General. I have experience litigating both civil and quasi-criminal cases. I am currently the Managing Attorney for the Lubbock Rural Office. I was awarded the Assistant Attorney General of the Year in 2001. I was honored in 2011 with the Lubbock Regional Directors' Roundtable Annual Employee of the Year Award, Texans Caring for Texans. In 2013, I was again recognized as Assistant Attorney General of the Year as well as Managing Attorney of the Year. I am a top performer in the State and will apply that same work ethic, passion and drive to the 110th District.

UPCOMING

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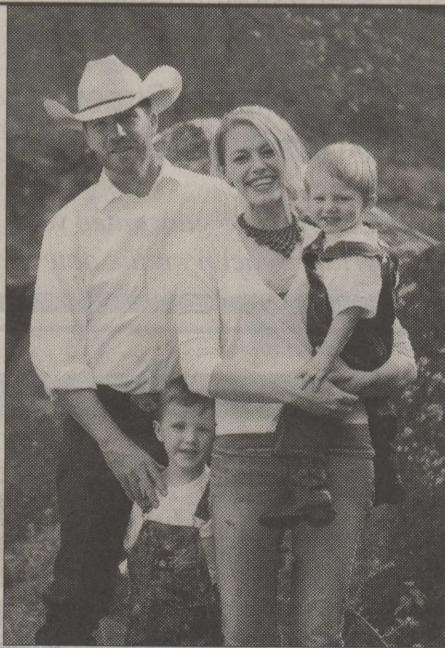
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ROB
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Republican for 110th District Attorney

I am excited to announce my candidacy for District Attorney for the 110th Judicial District. Both my wife, Mary Elizabeth, and I were raised in communities within these counties. Growing up in farming and ranching communities has given us a unique appreciation for the people who live in our district. We grew up knowing the value of good principals, protecting them, and standing up for what you think is right.

I have been practicing law in West Texas for twelve years. It has provided me with a special insight into the issues facing our area both in civil and criminal law. Although seeking justice in the prosecution of criminal cases is the main focus of the District Attorney, I believe it is important to have a good understanding of what is going on in our communities in both criminal and civil law. I understand how criminal activity can adversely affect business and how best to anticipate where criminal problems can and will arise. I am the only candidate who has practiced both criminal and civil law in our district. My background, particularly in criminal law gives me a first hand understanding of the problems facing our region. My criminal law background includes felonies in district courts across the state, and appeals to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals in Austin. I have had tried hundreds of cases including jury trials from the start of the investigation to jury verdict as lead counsel. I have worked civil cases in district courts across the state, Court of Appeals in Amarillo and the Supreme Court of Texas. My federal court experience includes United States District Court in Lubbock and the United States Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit in New Orleans, Louisiana.

I am running for district attorney to bring positive change to our communities. I would like to see our communities continue to be, prosperous and peaceful places to live, raise our children, and conduct business. I would appreciate your support in the March 1st Republican primary election. Thank you and God bless.

(pd pol adv by Hamilton for 110th DA: Rob Hamilton, Treasurer)

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