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Candidates Profiled Raissez, Finley run for Floyd County Sheriff



PAUL RAISSEZ

FAMILY AND EDUCATION:

I was born in Floydada, Texas, in 1974 and raised in the Sandhill community. My parents are Arlene and Alfonso Raissez. I have two brothers and one sister. I am married to Heather Raissez and together we have 5 children, Reon 22, Sara 19, Derek 16, T.J. 15 and Bra'lei 3. I attended school in Floydada until 1984, and then moved to Lockney, where I graduated in 1994. I attended South Plains College and studied Criminal Justice. I obtained my jailer's license in 1998 from South Plains Association of Government (SPAG). I received my Peace Officer's License in February of 1999 from the Lubbock County Sheriff's Academy.

WHY DO I WANT THIS OFFICE?

I want this office because I feel that the citizens of Floyd County have invested a great deal of expense and time in training me, and the citizens of Floyd County deserve to benefit from my knowledge. I believe that with my 19 years of being with the Sheriff's Office, I have the knowledge and experience that it takes to run this office.

SINCE YOU ARE THE INCUMBENT, WHAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE YOU

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JESSE FINLEY

FAMILY AND EDUCATION

I was born and raised in Floydada where I graduated high school in 2005. My parents are Jim and Rosemary Finley and I have one brother, Robert. My father is the Chief Appraiser for the Floyd County Appraisal District and my mother is a teacher for the Floydada Independent School District. Robert lives in Stephenville where he graduated from Tarleton and is currently working as a ranch hand. I married my beautiful and amazing wife, Amy, in March of 2015 and she is currently a Teller for First National Bank in Floydada. Jerry and Julia Finley are my grandparents on my father's side and they both used to reupholster furniture. Jerry also worked as a farmer when he was younger and worked for the United States Postal Service where he retired as the Postmaster in Memphis, Texas about 15 years ago. My mother's parents are William "Bill" and Roberta Hardin. Bill served Floyd County for twenty years as the County Judge before he retired and Roberta is a retired school teacher.

After high school, I attended South Plains College where I received an Associate's Degree in Law Enforcement Technology. Later, I graduated from Wayland Baptist University with a Bachelor's Degree in Justice Administration.

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National, state, county races on March ballot

By Kay Ellington
 The Hesperian-Beacon

On March 1 Floyd County voters can cast their ballots in contested races for President of the United States either on the Republican ballot with Donald Trump, Marco Rubio, Ted Cruz, Jeb Bush, John Kasich, Chris Christie, Dr. Ben Carson, Carly Fiorina and Texas's Elizabeth Gray. Some GOP candidates who have already suspended their campaigns—Rick Santorum, Mike Huckabee, Lindsey Graham and Rand Paul—also appear on the ballot. On the Democratic ballot voters can choose either Hillary Clinton or Bernie Sanders.

Statewide there are contested races for the Texas Railroad Commission and State Supreme Court Justices.

For Railroad Commissioner the candidates are vying to replace David Porter (R) who is not running for re-election.

On the GOP ballot there are:

- Lance Christian (R) - Geological Scientist
- Wayne Christian (R) - Ex-State Rep., Financial Advisor, Ex-Country Music Singer & '14 Candidate
- Gary Gates (R) - Rancher & Real Estate Broker
- John Greytok (R) - Attorney, Lobbyist & GOP Activist
- Ron Hale (R) - Oil Worker, Engineer & '14 State Sen. Candidate
- Doug Jeffrey (R) - Businessman & USAF Veteran
- Weston Martinez (R) - Businessman, Mediator & State Republican Committeeman
- On the Democrat ballot there are:
- Lon Burnam (D) - Ex-State Rep. & Peace Activist
- Cody Garrett (D) - Journalist & Democratic Activist
- Grady Yarbrough (D) - Retired Teacher & '12 US Sen. Candidate

Third Party Candidates are:

- Martina Salinas (Green) - Environmental Activist & '14

Nominee

Mark Miller (Libertarian) - Software Company Owner, Ex-Petroleum Engineering Professor & '14 Nominee

Three seats on the Texas Supreme Court are on the general election ballot on November 8, 2016. These seats are held by Justice Debra Lehrmann (R), Justice Paul Green (R), and Justice Eva Guzman (R) heading into the election. Each justice elected to the court serves a six-year term. The court has a 9-0 Republican majority prior to the 2016 election.

Each of the incumbents will face a challenger in the Republican primary. One Democratic candidate has also filed to run for each seat, ensuring a general election contest.

Contested Supreme Court Seats

- Seat 3
- Debra Lehrmann (R) (Incumbent)
- Michael Massengale (R)
- Mike Westergren (D)
- Seat 5
- Paul Green (R) (Incumbent)
- Rick Green (R)
- Dori Garza (D)
- Seat 9
- Eva Guzman (R) (Incumbent)
- Joe Pool (R)
- Savannah Robinson (D)

Three seats on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals are on the general election ballot on November 8, 2016. These seats are held by Lawrence Meyers (D), Cheryl Johnson (R), and Michael Keasler (R) heading into the election. Each justice elected to the court serves a six-year term. The court has an 8-1 Republican majority prior to the 2016 election.

Justice Meyers (D) has no primary opponent in the 2016 elections. His three Republican opponents, Chris Old-

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Court hears updates on wind energy

By Kay Ellington
 The Hesperian-Beacon

SunEdison, Invenergy and Apex —three wind energy companies—are all in various stages of development in Floyd County, according to reports at this month's Floyd County Commissioners.

Klaus Obel with SunEdison addressed commissioners with a status update on SunEdison's South Plains wind farm. He said that SunEdison is waiting on one tower section and about 12 blades to be delivered, and that an operations manager for the facility is to be on the job by February 29. He noted that the South Plains project should be completed by the end of May or early June. Obel noted that the wind farm in Phase 1 had 100 turbines with 2 megawatt capacity, and that when Phase 2 is completed, it will have 91 turbines with 3 megawatt capacity, so the overall South Plains wind project will have 500 megawatt capacity.

Invenergy, developer of the Wake Wind Energy project, a 257.25 MW wind power electrical generation facility with operations in Crosbyton, but which will have turbines extending into Floyd County is working with the county on its road crossing permits, according to County Judge Marty Lucke.

Apex, a third wind energy company with holdings in Floyd County will be meeting with Lucke this week, according to the judge. They will be meeting with him to discuss another possible wind farm in Floyd County.

In other commissioners' court action Sheriff Paul Raissez reported to the commissioners on hiring two new deputies, Desiree Garcia and Mark Segura. Raissez noted that Garcia will be the first female road deputy ever hired in Floyd County.

Kenneth O. Jackson, the veterans' affairs officer for Floyd County spoke to the court about the services his office provides for veterans



and noted that his office hours are Tuesdays and Fridays. Jackson lives in Lubbock, but serves Floyd County as well. The county will be printing business cards for Jackson and posting his contact information at the courthouse.

In other court action, commissioners approved the purchase of a 710 John Deere backhoe for precinct 1. Commissioner Mike Anderson found a late model backhoe with relatively little use of the vehicle, and the piece of equipment was purchased from the county budget for \$31,500.

Commissioners also approved the county judge getting bids for tearing down the old jail and replacing courthouse windows for the 2017 budget.

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.

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Ash Wednesday will be held on 2-10-16. Service time is 6:30 p.m.

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.

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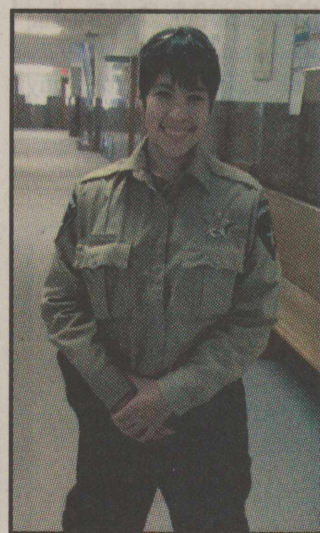
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News on the go



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Kay Ellington/The Hesperian-Beacon

Desiree Garcia from Carrizozo Springs was recently hired as a deputy for the Floyd County Sheriff's Department. She is the first female deputy to patrol and be a road deputy.

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The 501 Less is minimal

A Facebook friend of mine keeps bombarding me with minimalist propaganda. I like it. If I can't be a minimalist, I can at least read about minimalism and pretend.



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WELCH

Warning:

If you're bored by discussions of English grammar, skip the next three paragraphs.

It's hard for me not to capitalize the "t" in "to." Aren't infinitives supposed to be capitalized in their entirety? I'm asking. If not, I've been wrong for decades.

RESEARCH.

I'm wrong. Have I always been wrong? I don't have time now to check the history of the rule. Meanwhile, I'll conform, although I suspect a minimalist lowercase "t" conspiracy, possibly started by e. e. cummings.

As for Becker, he writes about not keeping up with the Joneses, even using that line. He's for being yourself, staying out of debt, realizing the "better life" is a myth (meaning having more stuff doesn't do the trick) and so on. I'd paraphrase all six principles, but I already feel like a plagiarist.

Meanwhile it's the illustration for Becker's

article that caught my eye. It's a path with a stile - a doodad my husband and I would like to have.

If you don't know about stiles, they're the A-frame steps that enable you to climb up and over a fence. They're also for getting into and out of aboveground swimming pools. Back before roadside parks had restrooms, stiles enabled travelers to climb over barbed-wire fences to relieve themselves. Today's generation misses a lot.

Here on the farm we need a stile west of our cow pen for climbing over the fence from either direction, either to pen an animal quickly or to escape one. A gate would work too, but it would be easier to install a stile. What's more, if we ever get an aboveground pool, we'll be ready.

Obviously, anyone (me) inspired by a picture of a stile to go out and buy one when the stile was supposed to symbolize the path to non-materialistic minimalism isn't cut out to be a minimalist. I give up.

Meanwhile, I've traced my weakness for stiles to a nursery rhyme I heard before I could read:

"There was a crooked man, and he walked a crooked mile,

He found a crooked sixpence against a crooked stile;

He bought a crooked cat, which caught a crooked mouse,

And they all lived together in a little crooked house."

The lilting rhyme makes it sound like they were happy living the quintessential minimalist lifestyle. Just reciting it makes me want to buy a crooked little house too.

Seriously. If I just had one such charming little dwelling I could live like a minimalist on the side. Hmm.

Explore what's happening with Medicare's prescription drug costs

By Bob Moos
Southwest public affairs officer for the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

You only have to look at the latest receipt from your pharmacist to know that prescription drug costs are rising.

Nationwide, spending on medications grew 13 percent in 2014, far outstripping the 5 percent overall increase for health care spending. Prescription drug costs haven't gone up that fast since 2001.

Sometimes, the increase was due to a breakthrough medicine whose cure comes at a high price. Other times, it was the result of an overnight tripling of the cost of a generic drug that has been around for years.

Millions of Americans depend on prescription medications to manage

chronic illnesses or treat acute conditions. But surveys suggest that as many as 25 percent of us don't fill a prescription because we can't afford it.

As people stop filling their scripts, they not only jeopardize their health, they also run the risk of costing themselves and the health care system even more when they fall sick from conditions that could have been prevented.

Naturally, rising drug costs have prompted consumers to ask questions.

What medications in particular are driving up prices? Are brand-name or generic drug costs growing faster? And, most important, what can be done to make needed medications affordable?

The U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the federal agency that oversees the Medicare and Medicaid programs, has a vested interest in encouraging this public discussion.

It spent \$140 billion on drugs for seniors, the poor, children and people with disabilities in 2014.

The agency recently created an online database - at www.cms.gov -- that allows anyone to dive into Medicare's prescription drug data and examine some of the clearest examples of the increased costs.

After you arrive at www.cms.gov, type "Medicare drug spending dashboard" in the search field.

The new database lists 80 medications that were chosen because they triggered the highest overall spending or the greatest per-patient expenditures or the largest percentage price increases.

For each drug listed, you'll see the total amount that Medicare and its beneficiaries spent on it in 2014, recent trends in its price and the number of older Americans who depend on it.

Here are a few of the findings:

The hepatitis C drug Sovaldi accounted for the highest expenditure at \$3.1 billion. Used by about

33,000 Medicare beneficiaries, it had a \$1,000-per-pill price when it entered the market in 2014.

Remodulin, which treats high blood pressure in the lungs, had the largest per-user spending at \$133,845. A total of 1,235 beneficiaries used the drug, whose cost amounted to \$165.3 million.

The pain reliever Vimovo had the biggest increase in its per-unit cost between 2013 and 2014, rising 543 percent after one company purchased rights to the drug from another.

By putting such data in the hands of consumers, providers and researchers, Medicare hopes the public will gain a better understanding of what's going on with prescription drug costs.

A similar database for Medicaid's drug spending will be unveiled later this year.

The Medicare database comes on the heels of a recent forum in Washington that brought together consumer advocates, pharmaceutical company executives, insurance industry representatives and government officials to discuss how we can continue to encourage drug discoveries and still ensure that those new medicines are accessible.

Developing groundbreaking drugs requires significant investment, and there's no disputing that this nation needs to support that important work. Without such innovation, we won't have the drugs that will better manage diabetes and heart disease and maybe even cure cancer.

But, as CMS' leaders have said, we shouldn't accept the notion that we as a society must choose between innovation and affordability. We deserve both.

Shedding new light on drug spending may help offer some clues in our search for an effective strategy that makes sure as many people as possible can benefit from today's, and tomorrow's, wonder drugs.

The Paperboy Read this if you have skin!

One of the benefits of the Internet is the ability to learn new things. Such was the case Monday.



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I was doing a little net surfing when I ran across this topic and since cancer is so common in our society I thought I'd share it.

Do you like bananas? Well even if you don't you're about to like what they might be able to unlock.

The black spots that develop on the peel as a banana ages, could be the clue to a faster, easier diagnosis of human skin cancer, boosting survival chances, scientists said Monday.

As bananas ripen, their skin becomes covered in small, round black spots caused by an enzyme known as tyrosinase.

That very same enzyme is present in human skin, and in greater quantities in people who suffer from melanoma, a potentially deadly form of skin cancer.

Scientists at the Laboratory of Physical and Analytical Electrochemistry in Switzerland concluded that the enzyme is a reliable marker of melanoma growth. They have since used this information to build a cancer scanner. The scanner has evolved and was tested at length on banana peels before moving on to human tissue.

The enzyme is not very apparent in stage 1 of cancer, but becomes more widespread and evenly distributed in stage 2, and unevenly distributed in stage 3, when the cancer has started spreading to other parts of the body.

As you know, the earlier the cancer is detected, the greater the chances of survival.

According to the American Cancer Society, you have a 10-year survival rate of 95 percent if the melanoma is detected in stage 1, and that falls to 43 percent by mid-stage 3.

"By working with fruit, we were able to develop and test a diagnostic method before trying it on human biopsies," said team leader Hubert Girault.

"This system could obviate the need for invasive tests like biopsies," the team said.

Girault said he believes the scanner could be used one day soon to destroy tumors, hopefully rendering biopsies and even chemotherapy unnecessary.

"Our initial laboratory tests showed us that our device could be used to destroy the cells," Girault said.

To me, it's amazing. I don't know what impresses me more, the fact that they found the enzyme in common with the banana peel spots and human tissue or that they actually invented a scanner which could detect it.

Either way, it's great news!

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Plainview man arrested for theft of six calves

Plainview, Texas - A Plainview, Texas man was arrested Friday, Jan. 22 and charged with one count of third degree felony theft of livestock after stealing a calf from the Plainview Rodeo Arena. After the arrest was made, the suspect was charged with two additional counts of third degree felony theft of livestock after he confessed to stealing five other calves from a rancher who runs cattle in Swisher County.

Texas and Southwest Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) Special Ranger Dean Bohannon led the investigation with assistance from TSCRA Special Ranger Harold Dempsey, Plainview Police Detective Coby Niell, Hale County District Attorney Wally Hatch and Swisher County District Attorney Mike Criswell.

According to Bohannon, the suspect, Jim Bob Beene, 48, of Plainview, Texas was arrested on Friday, Jan. 22 after an investigation revealed he had stolen a calf from the Plainview Rodeo Arena.

Beene was taken to the Plainview Police Department for an interview where he confessed to stealing five calves from a Canyon, Texas rancher he was building fence for in Swisher County. Beene said he stole three calves on one night and the other two calves on the next night.

After stealing the five calves, Beene sold them to a man who lives west of Turkey, Texas. Dempsey made contact with the man who bought the stolen calves from

Beene and they were recovered.

Beene has been charged with three counts of third degree felony theft of livestock and he is being held in the Hale County Jail. This is an ongoing investigation.

"Thanks to the hard work and assistance of Special Ranger Dempsey, Detective Niell, and District Attorneys Hatch and Criswell, we were able to arrest another cattle thief," said Bohannon. "Along with branding cattle, I always encourage ranchers to securely lock their gates, keep a close watch over their herds and report any suspicious activity to law enforcement as soon as possible."

TSCRA has 30 special rangers stationed strategically throughout Texas and Oklahoma who have in-depth knowledge of the cattle industry and are trained in all facets of law enforcement. All are commissioned as Special Rangers by the Texas Department of Public Safety and/or the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation.

TSCRA is a 139-year-old trade association and is the largest and oldest livestock organization based in Texas. TSCRA has more than 17,000 beef cattle operations, ranching families and businesses as members. These members represent approximately 50,000 individuals directly involved in ranching and beef production who manage 4 million head of cattle on 76 million acres of range and pasture land primarily in Texas and Oklahoma, but throughout the Southwest.



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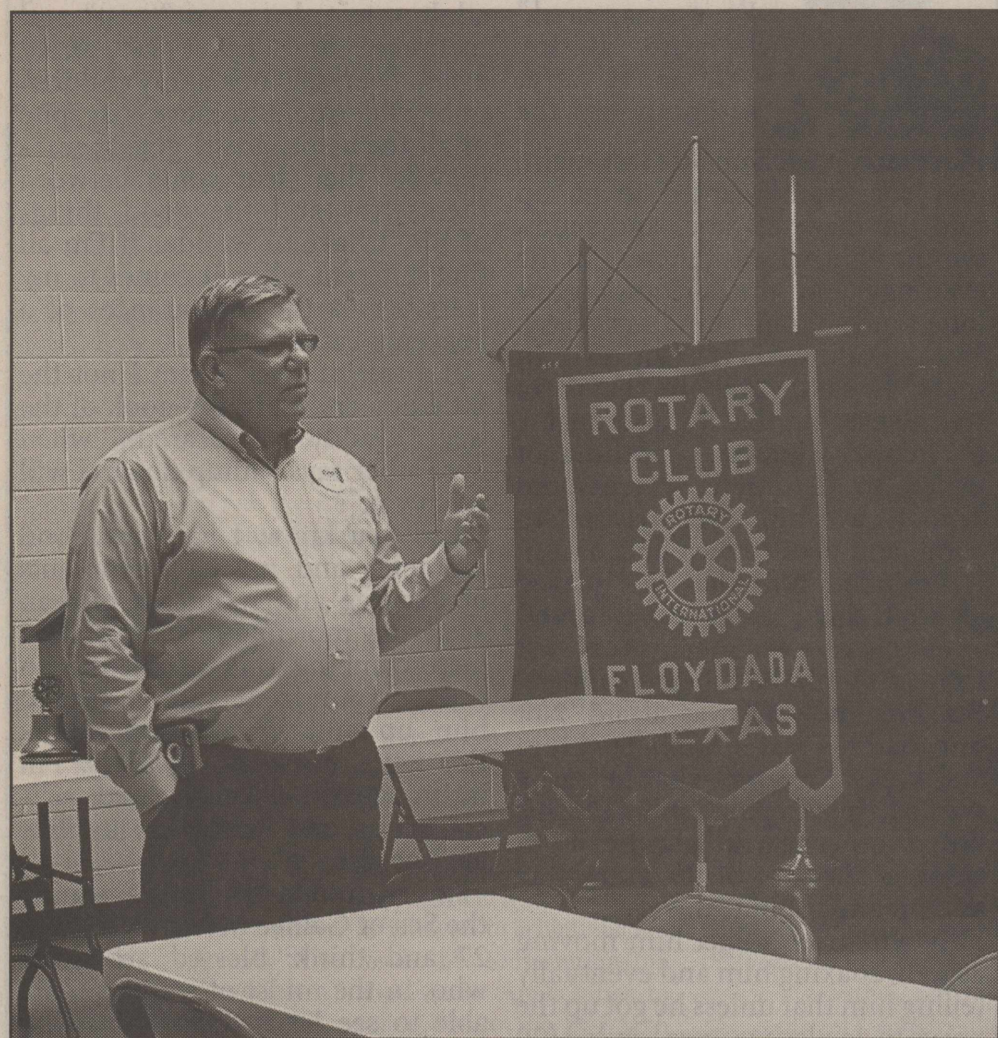
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Rotarian David True brought the program for Wednesday, February 3. He presented John Vunk, the director of the Matador Health and Rehabilitation Center, which he has just reopened. They are qualified for Medicare and Medicaid patients. They offer adult day care, rehab services, and other health care services such as therapy. Their capacity is 50 patients. They also take private pay patients. They are situated in Matador on the northern part of town with visits from deer and other wildlife. John has been in nursing home care for 27 years, from New York to Florida to Texas. The center employs 48 people at this time.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Joyce Williams
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The hot meal served in the restored Floydada Senior Citizens Center was spaghetti with meat sauce garlic bread, several salads and chocolate cake with strawberries and whipped cream.

Several Floydada seniors attended the Flint Knapping demonstration at the Roaring Springs Community Center on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 29 and 30. These included former Judge Choice Smith, Lou Burleson, Maria Smith, Joyce Williams and Mary Sue Potts.

The Floydada senior ladies present joined friends and relative, Mary Ellen (Dude) Barton for lunch at the City Café, operated by former Floydada senior residents and business owner of the Texas Burger Drive-in Café, Lou and Don Whitley, who also formerly owned cafes in Roaring Springs, and are now in business in Matador. Dan greeted the Floydada Knapping visiting seniors.

Donna Pernell attended morning services at City Park Church of Christ and also joined family for evening services with a video tour presented by visiting Church of Christ missionaries from Brazil. After the lesson, all enjoyed a sandwich supper in the fellowship hall. Other seniors present were Barbara Nutt, Joyce Williams, Jon and Elaine LaBaume.

Virginia and Iantha Pyle joined senior friends at Nielson's for after church Sunday lunch. Glad to see Virginia out among town people feeling better. They reported how beautiful the green wheat fields soaked up the snow from the big snow storm after Christmas, in the Lakeview area. They also told of a half-dozen, at least, deer in the canyon road, hit and killed as the deer ran out onto the canyon

pavement. No human injuries, but lots of auto damage.

Nancy Williams Farrington of Amarillo, came to Floydada last weekend and took her mother, Joyce Williams, to Lubbock for a mother-daughter day-out of shopping, lunch and movie.

Nancy Lawson's son, Mike Bishop and daughter, Caitlyn, attended the Flint Knapping Saturday at Roaring Springs Community Center.

Sunday Caitlyn Bishop attended service at First Baptist Church with grandmother, Nancy Lawson and ate lunch with her.

High winds this week reminded of the power of West Texas wind. More wind power mills from Lakeview to Dougherty laid out on wheat and cotton fields, ready for assembly also tell us the industry is still expanding to capture the wind.

Knapping visitors to Roaring Springs observed the wind farm materials as well as the heavy truck damage on pavement edges from Lakeview to Roaring Springs. Lots of tax payer money will have to be spent to restore state and county roads. We will need that good wheat crop the snow brought up.

All parts of the food chain of growth and progress, even as we study how Plains Native Americans utilized very tiny scrap of rock to tip arrows in order to hunt birds for foot and survival. Living on the Plains has always been a struggle but wise Natives have utilized whatever God sent - rain, rich soil and hard work, caves and canyons and dug-outs in which to live.

Kent Covington went to Barnes and Noble in Lubbock and ate supper at Abuelos on Sunday.

Travis Jones reported kin-folks at Pecos Planation near Granbury such as Johnny Roberts and wife, Jeanette, are

doing well.

Jerall Vinson and wife, Bell, visited in Lubbock with daughter, Lori and family on Saturday.

Jo Payne was happy to have several relatives visit here last week including daughter, Tammy Aten, her daughter and husband.

Harold Snell recently had knee surgery.

Faye Bertrand attended services at First United Methodist and ate lunch with Jill and Martin Warren. Then they enjoyed an afternoon drive over the ranch to look at cattle and grass.

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 15 - February 19

- Monday - Shepherds pie
 - Tuesday - Nachos Supreme
 - Wednesday - Chicken and dressing
 - Thursday - Roast beef w/ brown gravy
 - Friday - Fried fish and fixings
- (Menus subject to change without notice)

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The Senior Citizens will open for lunch on Sunday February 28th. We will serve fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, macaroni and cheese, salad, biscuits, and dessert. The cost of this meal will be a donation. You may also receive this meal by delivery. Please call the center and let us know.

We will also have a Bake Sale on Sunday, February 28th.

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- Everyone meets at 5:30 p.m. Enjoy dinner at 6 p.m. and the games afterwards.

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 15 - February 19

- Monday - Meat loaf
- Tuesday - Tacos
- Wednesday - Chicken fried steak
- Thursday - Chicken and dumplings
- Friday - Fajitas

(Menus subject to change with notice)

Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

Love is our true destiny. We do not find the meaning of life by ourselves alone - we find it with another. - **Thomas Merton**

If you have only one smile in you give it to the people you love. - **Maya Angelou**

If you live to be a hundred, I want to live to be a hundred minus one day so I never have to live without you. - **A. A. Milne**

The heart has its reasons of which reason knows nothing. - **Blaise Pascal**

When you love someone all your saved up wishes start coming out. - **Elizabeth Bowen**

A heart is not judged by how much you love, but by how much you are loved by others. - **Frank Morgan**

They invented hugs to let people know you love them without saying anything. - **Bil Keane**

How did it happen that their lips came together? How does it happen that birds sing, that snow melts, that the rose unfolds, that the dawn whitens behind the stark shapes of trees on the quivering summit of the hill? A kiss, and all was said. - **Victor Hugo**

This is love: to fly toward a secret sky, to cause a hundred veils to fall each moment. First to let go of life. Finally, to take a step without feet. - **Rumi**

The hours I spend with you I look upon as sort of a perfumed garden, a dim twilight, and a fountain singing to it. You and you alone make me feel that I am alive. Other men it is said have seen angels, but I have seen thee and thou art enough. - **George Edward Moore**

THANKS FOR READING!

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Museum Archives

Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

W. B. Garrison

By Guy Garrison

My dad, Walter (W.B.) Garrison came to Motley County, Texas in 1894 from Jack County with a trail drive of cattle for Mr. Bob Echols, who had started a ranch near the Floyd-Motley County Line. He was thirteen years old and remained here, working with several ranches and driving freight wagons to and from Childress. Later his parents and ten brothers and sister moved here.

My Mother, Flora Wilkinson moved here in 1899 with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S.A. Wilkinson and eight brothers and sister from Bell County. They settled on a farm in the Whiteflat Community.

In 1904 my Dad and Flora Wilkinson married and they moved to the Callahan Ranch, about fifteen miles West of Floydada. Mr. Echols had leased this ranch and stocked it with several hundred head of steer yearlings and sent Dad and Mother up there to look after his tock.

Their nearest neighbors were the Charlie Smiths and J.T. McClains. While living there their first son, Porter was born.

In 1905 they moved back to the Echols Ranch below the Caprock and in 1907 their second son, Floyd was born. That same year my parents bought a section of land over in Floyd County, two miles below the Caprock. About 1911 they bought more land and moved onto their own place, where they lived for better than fifty years. The North Fork of the Pease River runs through their places, and it was watered by several good springs, some of which still flow.

I, Guy, came along in 1913. In between

Floyd and I was another boy who only lived eighteen months.

My folks attended church at Whiteflat and also got their mail at Whiteflat. We three boys attended school at Hillcrest. We rode horseback and cut across the Lewis Ranch to get there. It was about five and one-half miles to school.

After Porter finished at Hillcrest he attended school in Matador. He would up in Amarillo, has two sons and four grandchildren. All live in Amarillo.

Floyd and I graduated from Floydada High School. Floyd in 1926 and I in 1923. After finishing high school Floyd went to Guyton, Oklahoma, married and now has twin boys. They moved to Oregon and now has six grandchildren. All live in Oregon.

In 1940 I moved to Amarillo and worked with a construction company. In 1942 I went into the U.S. Army and served with the Seventh Infantry Division.

We went overseas to Attu in the Aleutian Islands, in the North Pacific, in 1943. After that battle I was later in the Marshall Island Campaign and later in the invasion of the Philippine Islands.

There I was wounded and hospitalized for several months, after which I was discharged in June 1945. I came back to Amarillo to live and married Eva Davis in 1948. We lived there until 1961 when we moved to the ranch in Floyd County. My Dad's health was failing and they moved to Floydada. They attended the Bible Baptist Church.

Dad died in 1971. We boys sold the ranch in 1974. I still live in Floydada.

Healthy Recipes

ROASTED CARROTS

Ingredients:

- ¼ tsp salt
- ¼ tsp pepper
- 1 pound of organic carrots-whole
- 1 small onion- cut in this sedges
- 1 tablespoon of fresh parsley chopped
- 1 tablespoon of olive oil

Directions:

Toss carrots and onion with oil. Arrange in single layer in 13x9x2 baking pan, sprayed with no stick cooking oil. Roast at 450 degrees stirring occasionally, until carrots are lightly brown and just tender, about 20-25 minutes. Stir in parsley, salt and pepper.

BAKED KALE CHIPS.....YUMMY

- 1 BUNCH KALE
- NUTRITIONAL YEAST
- SPICES (SEA SALT, GARLIC SALT, PEPPER, OLD BAY)

Pre heat oven or toaster oven to 225F
Tear kale into uniform-sized pieces, but do not make them too small as they shrink

Place kale on a non-stick cookie sheet lined with parchment paper Sprinkle generously with spices such as nutritional yeast, Old Bay seasoning or anything you like.

Bake 7-10 minutes until the kale pieces are dark green and crispy, taking care not to burn them



Levi Sisemore

When I Am Afraid

"Daddy, Daddy, I'm scaaaaared," I heard as my wife and I sat at a booth in the PlayPlace at McDonald's last night. Our son really wanted to go up into the maze of tubes and slides, but the lighting was different in the evenings and the shadows grew long (and - in his mind - spooky). "But, Daddy, there's an eye in there," he said. I told him that there was no eye, but that it was probably a circular window - nothing of which to be afraid. I reassured him. I gave him every reason to climb and play, to have lots of fun. I reminded him that he's played all over this playset, many times. Even this very evening his very first time through had been painless. But now, now he was afraid. Not only had his fear immobilized him and kept him from what he really wanted, his trepidation made his little brother fearful and they both stood at the foot of the entry way and moaned about "the eye."

My wife tried to get him moving as well, coaxing him and eventually telling him that unless he got up the nerve to go play we were leaving (20 minutes was plenty of time to make up his mind!). Although the idea of leaving made up more upset, it still was not enough to motivate him.

And so we left McDonald's without the great fun to which we'd all looked forward.

"When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid" (Ps. 55:3f).

I wish it was that simple. I wish

that I could - as a rational, thinking adult - just drum up "trust" and "courage" and never be afraid again. Even as I look at my children in bewilderment because - in spite of all the assurances I give them - they let their fear come between themselves and the good things of life, I have to wonder if I'm all that different when it comes to my fears versus the reassurances of a heavenly Father.

In a spiritual sense, am I not the little boy crying in the nook of the tree, "Daddy, I'm scared!" when my Father says, "Jump down, I will catch you?"

And you know, I have my good moments and my bad, moments of courage and moments of fear. Yesterday morning my son wanted help climbing one of the pecan trees in our front yard. I helped him up and helped him down. I'm not consistently fearless. I'm intimidated, nervous, scared, self-conscious, and worried - just like anyone else.

I'm reminded of Jesus' calming the Sea of Galilee in Matthew 8:23-27 and think: blessed are those who, in the midst of such fear, are able to see Jesus with them, who hear Him "rebuke the winds and the sea," who find in Him "a great calm."

Let us pray against our fears and for trust in Jesus! "God, give us ears to hear your reassurance!"

Levi Sisemore preaches for the 37th Street church of Christ, meeting Sunday for Bible Classes (9:30 AM), Worship (10:30 AM & 6:00 PM); Wednesday for Bible Classes (7:00 PM).
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The name of the LORD is a fortified tower; the righteous run to it and are safe. —Proverbs 18:10 (NIV)

"Do you know how many types of tag games there are, Mum?" my son asked. He listed various types they'd played at school. Around the dinner table, he talked with his brothers about the different types, comparing rules, and the difficulty of each one.

Later that evening I sat down with my youngest son, Jamie, to read the Bible. We read a portion of Psalm 18, which describes God as our fortress, our safe place. I told Jamie that God is a refuge where we can go anytime. God is like the safe place in the middle of a game of tag. My son understood right away. Like most children, he's hidden be-

hind my legs during a chasing game and declared, "Mum is safe!"

I prayed with him, asking God to help him run to safety in God's care whenever he needs it. I prayed silently for myself too, that I would be quicker to run to God instead of trying to deal with problems on my own.

God wants us to pray about our problems and ask for help. Even when bad things happen, we can always find refuge in God's love. And we can proclaim, "I'm safe."

Wendy Marshall (Tokyo, Japan)

Thought for the Day

I can always find refuge in God.

<p>Aiken Baptist Church Dennis Butler, Pastor Morning Worship...11 a.m. *****</p> <p>Bible Baptist Church 810 S. 3rd, Floydada Darwin Robinson, Pastor 983-2578 Sunday School...10 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:50 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7 p.m. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>Carr's Chapel Service Every Sunday Morning Worship - 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>First Baptist Church Lockney Joseph Tillery, Pastor Albert Oliveira, Youth Min. Phil Cotham, Music Min.</p>	<p>Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>New Salem Primitive Baptist Church Floydada Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges (806) 637-0430 Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship -11 a.m. *****</p> <p>Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church 310 Mississippi</p>	<p>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. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>San Jose Catholic Church Lockney Msgr. Nickolas Rendon Wed. Communion - 8 p.m. Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m. *****</p> <p>South Plains Baptist Church Joe Weldon, Pastor SuNday School - 10 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. Prayer Meeting - 7 p.m. *****</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>*****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>Templo Nueva Vida Rev. Herman Martinez 308 W. Tennessee, Floydada Sunday School - 10:40 a.m. Evening Worship - 5 p.m. Tuesday - 7:30 p.m. Thursday Service - 7:30 p.m. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>West Side Church of Christ Floydada 983-2672 Or 470-0950 Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.</p>		

AGRICULTURE

USDA to offer certificates for farm commodities pledged to marketing loans

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3, 2016 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced that producers who have crops pledged as collateral for a marketing assistance loan can now purchase a commodity certificate that may be exchanged for the outstanding loan collateral. The authority is provided by the 2016 Consolidated Appropriations Act, legislation enacted by Congress in December. Commodity certificates are available beginning with the 2015 crop in situations where the applicable marketing assistance loan rate exceeds the exchange rate. Currently, the only eligible commodity is cotton.

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) routinely provides agricultural producers with marketing assistance loans that provide interim cash flow without having to sell the commodities when market prices are at harvest time lows. The loans allow the producer to store and delay the sale of the commodity until more favorable market conditions emerge, while also providing for a more orderly marketing of commodities throughout the marketing year.

These loans are considered "nonrecourse" because the loan can be redeemed by delivering the commodity pledged as collateral to the government as full payment for the loan

upon maturity. Commodity certificates are available to loan holders having outstanding nonrecourse loans for wheat, upland cotton, rice, feed grains, pulse crops (dry peas, lentils, large and small chickpeas), peanuts, wool, soybeans and designated minor oilseeds. These certificates can be purchased at the posted county price (or adjusted world price or national posted price) for the quantity of commodity under loan, and must be immediately exchanged for the collateral, satisfying the loan. Producers may contact their FSA office that maintains their loan or their loan service agent for additional information. Producers who do business with Co-

operative Marketing Associations (CMA) or Designated Marketing Associations (DMA) may contact their respective associations for additional information. To learn more about commodity certificates, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/pricesupport or contact your local FSA office. To find your local FSA office, 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 (Toll-free Customer Service), (800) 877-8339 (Local or Federal relay), (866) 377-8642 (Relay voice users).

USDA to invest \$150 million through NRCS CSP

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack recently announced that \$150 million in funding is available for agricultural producers through the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), USDA's largest conservation program, by acres impacted, which helps producers voluntarily improve the health and productivity of private and Tribal working lands.

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) plans to add an estimated 10 million acres to the rolls of CSP during fiscal 2016.

"The CSP is one of our most popular programs with producers because it results in real change on the ground by boosting soil and air quality, conserving clean water and enhancing wildlife habitat," Vilsack said. "With this investment, we'll be able to build on the already record number of acres enrolled in USDA's conservation programs, enabling producers to achieve higher levels of conservation and adopt new and emerging conservation technologies on farms, ranches and forests."

NRCS accepts applications for CSP throughout the year, but producers should submit applications by March 31 to a USDA service centers to

ensure they are considered for enrollment in 2016.

Participants with existing CSP contracts that will expire on Dec. 31 have the option to renew their contracts for an additional five years if they agree to adopt additional activities to achieve higher levels of conservation on their lands. Applications to renew are also due by March 31.

NRCS also makes CSP available to producers as an additional opportunity to participate in regional landscape-level conservation efforts including the Sage Grouse Initiative, Lesser Prairie-Chicken Initiative, Longleaf Pine Initiative and Ogallala Aquifer Initiative.

Funding is available for more than 100 kinds of enhancements nationwide to help participants improve soil quality through use of cover crops, conservation crop rotations and other activities that increase soil productivity; use water wisely and improve water quality through enhancements such as more efficient irrigation systems and weather monitoring; restore habitat for wildlife and pollinators such as the greater sage-grouse, lesser prairie-chicken and monarch butterfly through the use of better grazing systems and improved plant management.

A CSP self-screening checklist is available to help

producers determine if the program is compatible with their operations.

As part of the application process, applicants will work with NRCS field personnel to complete a resource inventory of their land to determine the conservation performance for existing and new conservation activities. The applicant's conservation performance will be used to determine eligibility, ranking and payments.

Through CSP, USDA has provided more than \$4 billion since 2009 in assistance to farmers, ranchers and forest managers to enhance conservation on more than 70 million acres.

For more on technical and financial assistance available through conservation programs, visit www.nrcs.usda.gov/GetStarted.

Since 2009, USDA has invested more than \$29 billion to help producers make conservation improvements, working with as many as 500,000 farmers, ranchers and landowners to protect over 400 million acres nationwide, boosting soil and air quality, cleaning and conserving water and enhancing wildlife habitat.

For an interactive look at USDA's work in conservation and forestry over the course of this Administration, visit <http://medium.com/usda-results>.

Water conservation conferences

Residents of the Panhandle-South Plains region are invited to learn more about the economic impacts and success stories of water conservation at two conferences in February and March 2016.

Amarillo

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/>

Tickets are free to those who register on or before Feb. 19. However, those who register after the deadline will pay \$20 per ticket.

Lubbock

The first Water Advancement, Technology, Training, and Solutions (WATTS) conference is slated for March 22 from 12:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. A trade show is being held in conjunction with the conference.

Additional information about the conference, including registration, is available at <http://www.h2oblucideas.com>.

Although admission is free, persons are strongly encouraged to register for the conference in order to obtain a head count for the optional catered meal.

"Both conferences will showcase water conservation success stories from individuals, businesses, and industry. Area residents are encouraged to attend and join in the discussion of water saving ideas for the Panhandle-South Plains region," said HPWD General Manager Jason Coleman.

Former credit union employee sentenced to 30 months in federal prison

AMARILLO, Texas — Dorothy Stegall Barnes, a/k/a "Dorothy Stegall Newman," of Fritch, Texas, was sentenced this morning by U.S. District Judge Mary Lou Robinson to 30 months in federal prison following her guilty plea in September 2015 to one count of embezzlement from a federally insured credit union, announced U.S. Attorney John Parker of the Northern District of Texas.

Judge Robinson also ordered that Barnes, 57, pay \$797,336 in restitution. She must surrender to the Bureau of Prisons by February 15, 2016.

According to documents filed in the case, Barnes, who worked as the Assistant Vice-President of Teller Operations of the Panhandle Federal Credit Union (PFCU) in Borger, Texas, admitted embezzling approximately \$826,000 from the credit union.

In October 2014, Barnes advised the credit union's President that a teller had suddenly quit. At the President's request, she counted the teller's vault

and advised him that the vault was short \$380,000. The vault was recounted, and the shortage was determined not to be a clerical error. An audit was conducted, and during the auditing process, the auditor identified a transaction traced to Barnes in which she transferred \$826,000 to her teller vault. Barnes admitted taking the \$826,000 over a number of years, but denied any involvement in the missing \$380,000. She admitted embezzling money from PFCU in different ways and said she avoided detection by making various transactions to make her teller vault balance. PFCU officials located copies of the PFCU checks Barnes issued to pay her bills and other expenses

between approximately 1996 and November 2010.

The FBI and Borger Police Department investigated. Assistant U.S. Attorney Joshua Frausto prosecuted.

Texas youth cattle conference announced

AUSTIN, TX – The Texas Beef Council (TBC) is proud to announce the inaugural Texas Youth Cattle Conference has been set for June 13 – 15, 2016 in San Antonio and South Texas regions. The conference is designed for youth who have a desire to expand their knowledge about the Texas beef industry.

Attendees will explore the beef industry by focusing on beef's role in the food industry, nutrition, beef cattle science, management and marketing. Students will hear from industry experts and have the chance to learn through hands-on activities throughout the conference.

"The Texas Beef Checkoff recognizes the importance of investing in the next generation of beef producers," Jason Beyer, TBC board member and cattleman from Stephenville said. "The Texas Youth Cattle Conference will empower our young men and women with the knowledge and tools needed to become successful members and advocates of the beef community."

This checkoff-funded program is free of charge. Students will only be responsible for their travel to and from San Antonio. Texas youth involved in junior cattle breed associations are encouraged to apply online at <http://www.texasbeefcheckoff.com/texasyouth>. Applications are due March 4, 2016. A limited number of students will be accepted to attend the conference. Applicants must be at least 16 years old as of January 2016.

The Texas Beef Council (TBC) conducts the \$1 per head national checkoff program for Texas beef producers and is also the contractor for the Beef Promotion Research Council of Texas (BPRCT), which administers the \$1 per head Texas state checkoff program. TBC's mission is to increase beef demand in the state through programs of beef promotion, research and education. TBC also helps fund national and international beef checkoff programs to increase marketing opportunities around the globe.

The BPRCT's mission is to improve Texas producer profitability by strengthening and expanding beef demand. The TBC and the BPRCT are directed by a 20-member board of cattlemen and women representing the state's beef producers. For more information on this and other checkoff-funded programs, please visit www.TexasBeefCheckoff.com or call (800) 846.4113.

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SCHOOL NEWS

SPC seeks students for basic firefighter academy program

LUBBOCK – South Plains College Fire Academy is accepting applications for the 2016-17 Basic Firefighter Academy now through June 10, 2016.

The academy will meet from fall 2016 through spring 2017 (late August through early May). The academy meets from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Monday through Thursday, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every other Saturday.

Applications are available online at www.southplainscollege.edu/fireacademy. Go to the bottom of the page and click on "Apply Now."

Individuals interested in trying out for the academy must submit the academy application which is different from the general SPC

application required of all incoming SPC students. People with prior military service, females and minority applicants are encouraged to apply. Financial aid is available for those who qualify.

This course is designed for anyone interested in a career as a firefighter in the municipal, state or federal fire service. After the completion of the academy and additional medical training, students will be eligible to test for state firefighter certification.

The SPC Fire Academy meets at the Lubbock Fire Department Training Academy located at 1515 E. Ursuline St.

For more information, contact the program advisor Matt Hixson at (806) 716-4912.

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 15 – February 19

Monday
HOLIDAY

Tuesday

Breakfast – Frosted Flakes, fresh fruit, fresh juice, milk
Lunch – Chicken nuggets, popcorn chicken, Salisbury steak, green beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast – Blueberry muffins, fresh fruit, apple juice, milk
Lunch – Chicken tacos, corn dog, cheeseburger, charro beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Thursday

Breakfast – Cinnamon Toast Crunch, fresh fruit, juice, milk
Lunch – BBQ chicken sandwich, beef fingers, hot dogs, potato wedges, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Friday

Breakfast – Pancakes with blueberry glaze, fresh fruit, fresh juice, milk
Lunch – Meatball sub, cheese pizza, beef fingers, mashed potatoes, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU Feb. 15-19

Monday, Feb. 15
SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Tuesday, Feb. 16

Breakfast – Sunrise Sandwich, Cheesy Toast, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch – Nachos, Refried Beans, Salsa or Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Soup, Tomato Cup, Salad, Pears, Lime Sherbet, Milk

Wednesday, Feb. 17

Breakfast – Biscuit, Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch – Corn dog or Stuffed Potato, Roll, Baked Beans, Broccoli, Apple-Pineapple Delite, Milk

Thursday, Feb. 18

Breakfast – Oatmeal, Cinnamon Toast, Animal Crackers, Cheese Stick, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch – Pot Pie or Salisbury Steak, Biscuit, Gravy, Roasted Potatoes, Salad, Fruity Gelatin, Milk

Friday, Feb. 19
STUDENT HOLIDAY

District 4-2A Varsity Boys District Standings

4-2A Varsity Boys	W	L
New Deal	7	2
Abernathy	7	2
Lockney	7	3
Olton	5	5
Hale Center	4	5
Floydada	3	7
Ralls	0	8

Remain Games (as of 2-8-16)

02/09/16

Ralls @ Abernathy
Hale Center @ Lockney
Floydada @ New Deal

02/12/16

Hale Center @ Abernathy
Olton @ Lockney
Ralls @ New Deal

02/16/16

Abernathy @ Olton
New Deal @ Hale Center
Floydada @ Ralls


District 4-2A Varsity Girls District Standings

4-2A Varsity Girls	W	L
X-Abernathy	11	0
X-Olton	10	2
X-Hale Center	7	4
X-New Deal	5	6
Lockney	3	8
Floydada	2	9
Ralls	1	10

X=Clinched Playoff Spot

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BALLOT

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ner, Mary Lou Keel and Ray Wheless are all district court judges in Texas.

Justice Cheryl Johnson (R) decided to forgo a re-election bid. Four Republicans—Brent Webster, Scott Walker (Texas), Sid Harle and Steve Smith—are vying for her seat. Harle and Smith are both district court judges in Texas. The winner of that four-way primary will face Betsy Johnson.

Justice Michael Keasler (R) will face Republican challenger Richard Dean Davis in the Republican primary election. The winner will face district court judge Robert D. Burns III (D) in the general election.

- Seat 2
Lawrence Meyers D
- Seat 5
Cheryl Johnson R (Not seeking re-election)
- Seat 6
Michael Keasler R
- Challengers**
- Seat 2
Chris Oldner R
- Mary Lou Keel R
- Ray Wheless R
- Seat 5
Betsy Johnson (Texas) D
- Brent Webster R
- Scott Walker (Texas) R
- Sid Harle R
- Steve Smith R

Congressional District 19, The District Attorney for District 110, and Floyd County Sheriff are all contested races on the March 1 GOP primary ballot in Floyd County.

In Precinct 1 and Precinct 3 Mike Anderson and Nathan Johnson are each running unopposed.

In Congressional District 19, nine GOP candidates are vying to replace incumbent Randy Neugebauer who is not running for election.

Candidates running include Plainview native and Scott Laboratories president Jodey Arrington, Lubbock banker and realtor Greg Garrett, Lubbock Mayor Glen Robertson, Col. Michael Bob Starr, commander of the 7th Bomb Wing at Dyess Air Force Base near Abilene,

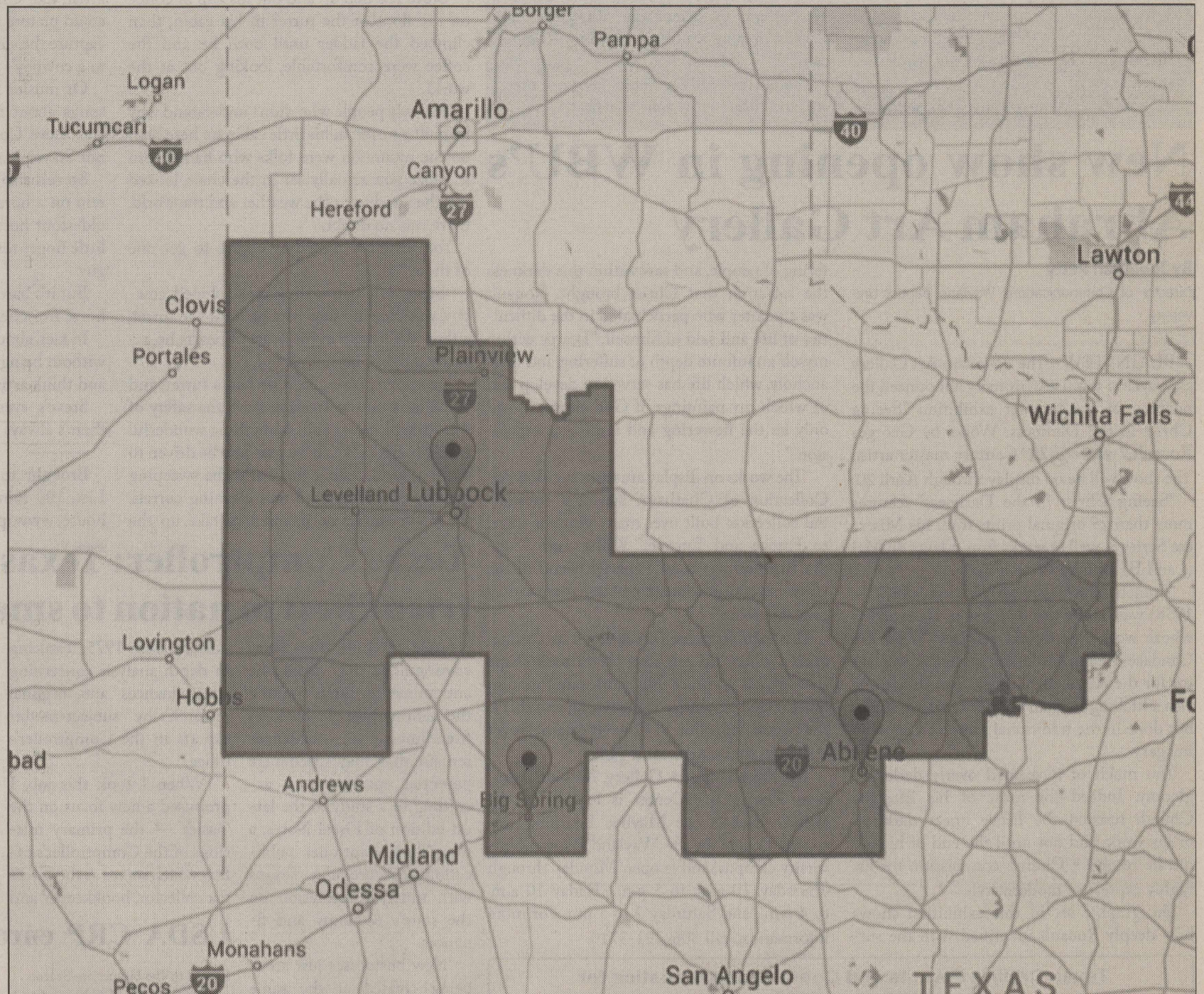
Don Parrish, a farmer from Plains, Donald May, a physician from Lubbock, DeRenda Warren, a healthcare administrator from Lubbock, Jason Corley, a Slaton businessman and oil field worker, and John C. Key, Lubbock veterinarian. Texas' 19th Congressional District is located in the west-

ern portion of the state and includes Parmer, Castro, Bailey, Lamb, Hale, Floyd, Crosby, Lubbock, Hockley, Cochran, Yoakum, Gaines, Terry, Lynn, Borden, Howard, Garza, Kent, Scurry, Stone-wall, Fisher, Nolan, Taylor, Jones, Haskell, Throckmorton, Young, Shackelford and

Stephens Counties. 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 candidates for Floyd County Sheriff are incumbent Paul Raissez of Lockney and Jesse Finley of the Floydada Police Department.

Congressional district, sample ballots



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REPUBLICAN PARTY PRIMARY ELECTION ELECCIÓN PRIMARIA PARTIDO REPUBLICANO
 OFFICIAL BALLOT BOLETA OFICIAL
 FLOYD COUNTY, TEXAS CONDADO DE FLOYD, TEXAS
 March 01, 2016 - 01 de marzo de 2016 Precinct Precinto

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Haga solamente una selección.</p> <p>President Presidente <input type="checkbox"/> Donald J. Trump <input type="checkbox"/> Ben Carson <input type="checkbox"/> Mike Huckabee <input type="checkbox"/> John R. Kasich <input type="checkbox"/> Chris Christie <input type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth Gray <input type="checkbox"/> Lindsey Graham <input type="checkbox"/> Rick Santorum <input type="checkbox"/> Rand Paul <input type="checkbox"/> Marco Rubio <input type="checkbox"/> Carly Fiorina <input type="checkbox"/> Jeb Bush <input type="checkbox"/> Ted Cruz <input type="checkbox"/> Uncommitted</p>	<p>United States Representative, District 19 Representante de los Estados Unidos, Distrito Núm. 19 <input type="checkbox"/> Michael Bob Starr <input type="checkbox"/> Glen Robertson <input type="checkbox"/> DeRenda Warren <input type="checkbox"/> Don Parrish <input type="checkbox"/> John C. Key <input type="checkbox"/> Jason Corley <input type="checkbox"/> Greg Garrett <input type="checkbox"/> Donald R. May <input type="checkbox"/> Jodey Arrington</p> <p>Railroad Commissioner Comisionado de Ferrocarriles <input type="checkbox"/> Ron Hale <input type="checkbox"/> Gary Gates <input type="checkbox"/> Weston Martinez <input type="checkbox"/> Lance N. Christian <input type="checkbox"/> John Greylok <input type="checkbox"/> Doug Jeffrey <input type="checkbox"/> Wayne Christian</p> <p>Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3 Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Michael Massengale <input type="checkbox"/> Debra Lehmann</p> <p>Justice, Supreme Court, Place 5 Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Paul Green <input type="checkbox"/> Rick Green</p> <p>Justice, Supreme Court, Place 9 Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Eva Guzman <input type="checkbox"/> Joe Pool</p> <p>Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2 Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Ray Wheless <input type="checkbox"/> Mary Lou Keel <input type="checkbox"/> Chris Oldner</p> <p>Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 5 Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Scott Walker <input type="checkbox"/> Brent Webster <input type="checkbox"/> Sid Harle <input type="checkbox"/> Steve Smith</p> <p>Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 6 Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Michael E. Keasler <input type="checkbox"/> Richard Davis</p>	<p>Member, State Board of Education, District 15 Miembro de la Junta Estatal de Educación Pública, Distrito Núm. 15 <input type="checkbox"/> Marty Rowley</p> <p>Slate Senator, District 28 Senador Estatal, Distrito Núm. 28 <input type="checkbox"/> Charles Perry</p> <p>Slate Representative, District 68 Representante Estatal, Distrito Núm. 68 <input type="checkbox"/> Drew Springer</p> <p>Justice, 7th Court of Appeals District, Place 4 Juez, Corte de Apelaciones, Distrito Núm. 7, Lugar Núm. 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Jim Campbell</p> <p>District Attorney, 110th Judicial District Procurador del Distrito, Distrito Judicial Núm. 110 <input type="checkbox"/> Shelly Drennan Marshall <input type="checkbox"/> Wade Jackson <input type="checkbox"/> Rob Hamilton</p> <p>County Attorney Procurador del Condado <input type="checkbox"/> Lex Herrington</p> <p>Sheriff Sheriff <input type="checkbox"/> Paul Raissez <input type="checkbox"/> Jesse Finley</p> <p>Tax Assessor-Collector Asesor-Collector de Impuesto <input type="checkbox"/> Della Suarez</p> <p>County Chairman Presidente del Condado <input type="checkbox"/> Seth Stephens</p> <p>Proposition 1 Texas should replace the property tax system with an alternative other than an income tax and require voter approval to increase the overall tax burden. Proposición 1 Texas debe reemplazar el Sistema de impuestos sobre propiedades con una alternativa diferente a los impuestos sobre los ingresos, y requerir la aprobación de los votantes para incrementar la carga fiscal. <input type="checkbox"/> YES SÍ <input type="checkbox"/> NO NO</p>
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REPUBLICAN PARTY PRIMARY ELECTION ELECCIÓN PRIMARIA PARTIDO REPUBLICANO
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 FLOYD COUNTY, TEXAS CONDADO DE FLOYD, TEXAS
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Proposition 2
 Texas cities and counties should be required to comply with federal immigration laws or be penalized by loss of state funds.
 Proposición 2
 Las ciudades y condados de Texas deben ser requeridos a cumplir con las leyes federales de migración o ser penalizados con la pérdida de fondos estatales.
 YES SÍ
 NO NO

Proposition 3
 Texas should prohibit governmental entities from collecting dues for labor unions through deductions from public employee paychecks.
 Proposición 3
 Texas debe prohibir que las entidades gubernamentales recauden cuotas beneficiosas para las uniones laborales por medio de deducciones a los cheques de pago de empleados públicos.
 YES SÍ
 NO NO

Proposition 4
 Texas and its citizens should strongly assert 10th Amendment Rights guaranteed by the U. S. Constitution which states "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."
 Proposición 4
 Texas y sus ciudadanos deben afirmar los derechos garantizados por la décima enmienda a la Constitución de los EUA "Los poderes que la Constitución no delega a los Estados Unidos ni prohíbe a los Estados, quedan reservados respectivamente a los Estados o al pueblo."
 YES SÍ
 NO NO

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Sample Ballot

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19th District candidates will participate in forum on Feb. 23 at SPC

LEVELLAND — Nine candidates in the U.S. Congressional District 19 race will participate in a Candidate Forum at 7 p.m. on Feb. 23 in the Tom T. Hall Production Studio. The forum will be broadcast live on Fox News Now.

The forum is free and open to the public. Seating is limited.

The two-hour forum will feature Scott Laboratories President Jodey Arrington; farmer Jason Corley; Platinum Bank President and CEO Greg Garrett; veterinarian John Key; retired surgeon Donald May; farmer Don Parrish; Lubbock Mayor Glen Robertson; retired U.S. Air Force Col. Michael Bob Starr; and BrightStar

Director of Nursing DeRenda Warren of Smyer. All candidates are running as Republicans.

The candidates will answer questions from three moderators, Jeff Klotzman, news director of KJTV Fox 34; Grant Dewbre, treasurer of the Student Government Association at SPC; and Jana Holt-

Day, professor of Speech at SPC.

The candidates are running to replace the outgoing U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, who has held the seat since 2003.

For more information, contact Drew Landry, assistant professor of Government at SPC, at (806) 716-4032.

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.

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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 feh.editor@yahoo.com.

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

New show opening in WBU's Abraham Art Gallery

By Jonathan Petty

Director of Communications Wayland Baptist University

PLAINVIEW — The Abraham Art Gallery at Wayland Baptist University announced the opening of the premier exhibition "Seeing Christ in the Darkness: Works by Georges Rouault," who is a 20th Century master artist. The show will be on display through April 20.

"Seeing Christ in the Darkness" features more than 25 original prints from his Misereere Series as well as works from Fleurs du Mal (I and II) and the Passion Series.

"French artist Georges Rouault (1871 – 1958) was one of the very few modern artists whose work was clearly religious," said Dr. Candace Keller, Professor of Art and curator for the Abraham Gallery, "but though he was a lifelong Roman Catholic, his work was not done in the traditional sense of Christian imagery.

Too much of it seemed overly dark and gloomy. Indeed for most of his life, the Church resisted the heavy linear darkness of his work, and not until the end of his life did he receive a Church commission for his highly expressive modern style"

The graphic art in this exhibition shows how deeply Rouault identified with the suf-

fering of people, and saw within this darkness the salvation that Christ brought. Rouault was a painter who participated in the difficulties of life and said of himself, "I carry within myself an infinite depth of suffering and melancholy, which life has served to develop and of which my paintings, if God allows it, will only be the flowering and imperfect expression."

"The works on display are from the Bowden Collection of Chatham, Mass., a substantial collection built over many years of travel to France and Europe," Keller said. "Sandra Bowden has been a special friend of the University in graciously making these works available to us."

This exhibit focuses on Rouault as a printmaker, where his religious vision took shape through his graphics. His works are found in most major museums of the world, and this is the largest collection of Rouault originals ever shown in this southwest region.

The Abraham Art Gallery, Malouf Abraham Family Art Center is located in the atrium level of the Maybee Learning Resource Center on the Wayland Baptist University campus, and is open Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday 2 to 5 pm. For more information, call 806-291-3710.

Home Country

By Slim Randles

Steve reached up and put his cup of coffee on the floor of the turret in his cabin, then climbed the ladder until both he and the coffee were comfortable, looking out at the world.

The only people who didn't understand why he built a turret on his little cabin up here high on the mountain were folks who hadn't seen it. Once you actually sat in the chair, looked out the window at the weather and the world, there was no doubt.

You instantly thought, "I have to get one of these."

Steve, our tall, walrus-mustachioed cowboy, wasn't really sure why he built the turret, either. Well, deep in his heart of hearts he actually did, but he'd never tell.

He secretly thought, if he had a turret, and could look out on creation from the safety of this little piece of cabin, something wonderful would happen. It may be that he'd be driven to write a novel, telling the world the sweeping majesty of riding herd and cleaning corrals. Or, Steve might be inspired to take up the

paint brush and dazzle the world as a cowboy artist, like Grem Lee and Gary Morton. He could picture in his mind how he would even capture the smell of the alkali dust swirling up to a cowboy's nose in the catch pen.

Or music? Maybe music. You know, write songs about the cowboy life, like Jim Jones and Steve Cormier. If they could do it, why not Steve?

Steve's main talent, so far, was putting a rein on a horse. If you wanted to take a big-old-stout horse and spin him with just your little finger touching the reins, Steve was your guy.

But it's hard to put a good sliding stop on a horse from here in the turret.

In fact, about all a guy could do in the turret without being artistic is sit there, drink coffee, and think artistically.

Steve's eyes closed and he smiled. Well, there's always taking a nap, too.

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Texas Comptroller: Texas cities among friendliest in nation to small businesses

(AUSTIN) — The Texas environment for would-be entrepreneurs ranks among the nation's best for business friendliness, yet challenges remain that may discourage potential entrepreneurs, according to a study in the latest edition of Fiscal Notes, a monthly Comptroller publication that provides Texans with timely information on the state's economy and finances.

"New businesses just aren't being created at the same rate as in the past, and that's a trend with potentially serious consequences for our economy," Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said. "In this issue of Fiscal Notes, we'll tell you about the help and hurdles Texans can expect when they take their first steps into the area of business ownership."

Fiscal Notes is a byproduct of the Comptroller's constitutional responsibilities to monitor the state's economy and estimate state government revenues.

It has been published periodically since 1975, featuring in-depth analysis concerning state finances and original research by subject-matter experts in the Comptroller's office.

"When I took this job, I promised a new focus on the 'basics' — the primary missions of the Comptroller's office, which serves as the state's tax collector, bookkeeper and

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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

revenue estimator," Hegar said. "And Fiscal Notes reflects that focus, helping Texas taxpayers understand how their tax dollars are collected and spent — and why."

Published monthly Fiscal Notes is online at comptroller.texas.gov/fiscalnotes, and can also be received by subscribing via the Comptroller's web site.

USDA CRP enrollment continues

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 return, 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.

Texas Drilling Permits and Completions Statistics for January 2016

AUSTIN -- The Railroad Commission of Texas (Commission) issued a total of 510 original drilling permits in January 2016 compared to 1,102 in January 2015. The January total included 425 permits to drill new oil or gas wells, five to re-enter plugged well bores and 80 for re-completions of existing well bores. The breakdown of well types for those permits issued January 2016 included 141 oil, 41 gas, 282 oil or gas, 35 injection, two service and nine other permits.

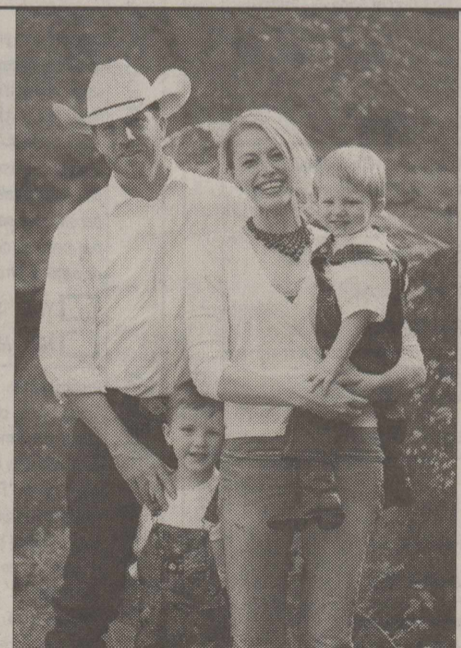
In January 2016, Commission staff processed 951 oil, 197 gas, 52 injection and four other completions compared to 1,450 oil, 344 gas, 198 injection and five other completions in January 2015. Total well completions for 2016 year to date are 1,204 down from 1,997 recorded during the same period in 2015.

According to Baker Hughes Inc., the Texas rig count as of February 5 was 262, representing about 46 percent of all active rigs in the United States.

For additional drilling permit and completion statistics, visit the Commission's website at <http://www.rrc.texas.gov/oil-gas/research-and-statistics/well-information/monthly-drilling-completion-and-plugging-summaries/>.

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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 Unites 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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Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the 2016 Primaries Election held on March 1, 2016, will be tested on Wednesday February 10, 2016 at 9:00 am, to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all offices and on all measures

Aviso público de prueba de los equipos de tabulación automática

Aviso por este medio es dado que el equipo de tabulación automático que se utilizará en las elecciones primarias de 2016 celebrada el 01 de marzo de 2016, se probarán en miércoles, 10 de febrero de 2016 en el 9:00, para determinar que exactamente contará los votos emitidos para todas las oficinas y en todas las medidas

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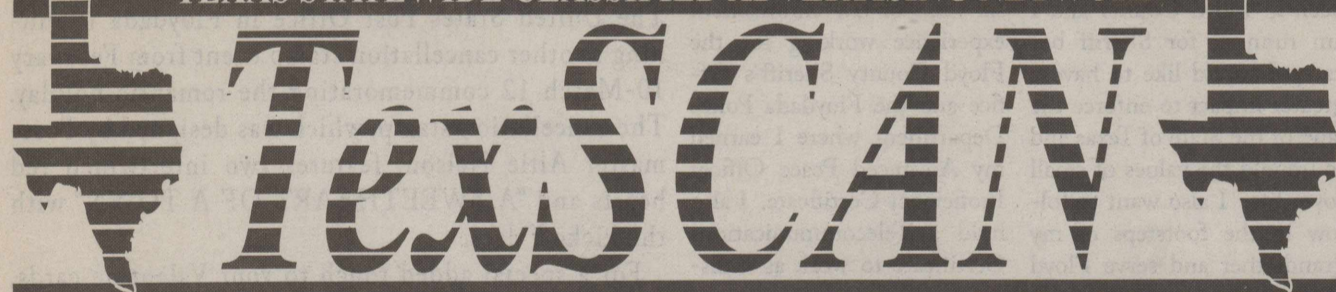
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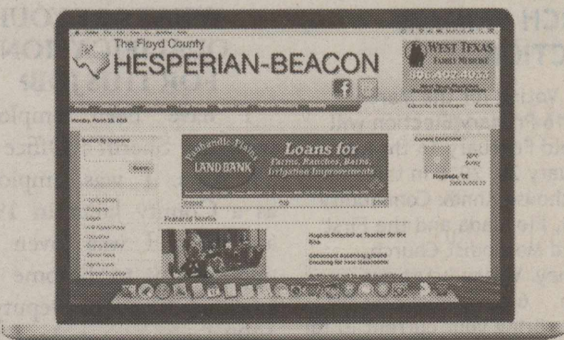
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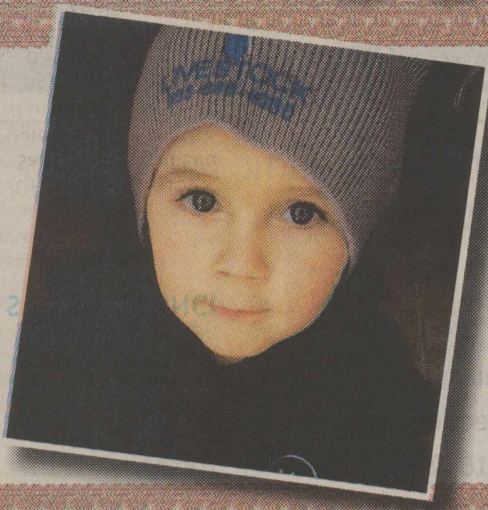


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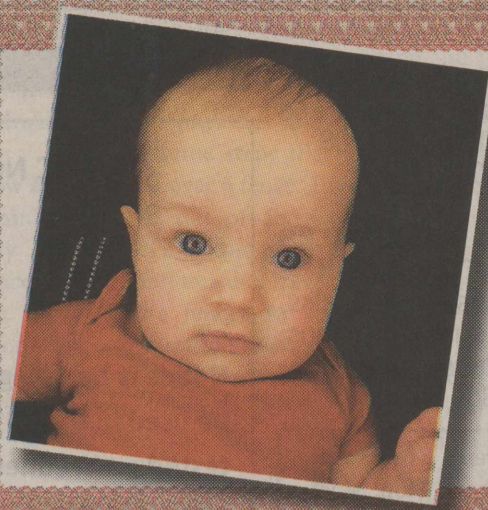
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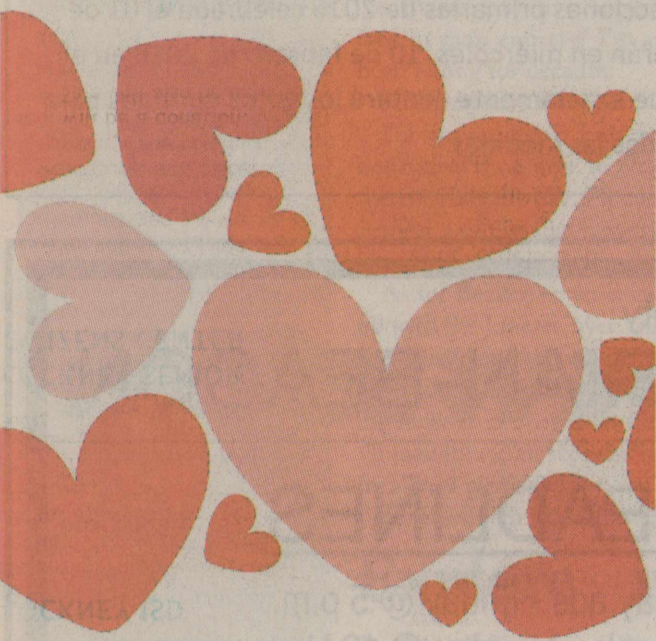
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UPCOMING

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FLOYDADA ISD

Thursday, February 11th - Varsity and JV baseball vs Post/Colorado City @ Post starting @ 5 p.m.; Varsity and JV softball scrimmage vs Littlefield @ Floydada starting @ 5 p.m.

Saturday, February 13th - Girls and boys powerlifting @ Brownfield; Varsity and JV baseball vs Brownfield @ Floydada starting @ 12 noon; Varsity and JV softball scrimmage vs Slaton @ Floydada starting @ 2:30 p.m.

LOCKNEY ISD

Attention Parents: Students will not attend school on the following dates: Monday, February 15 (Holiday) and Friday, February 19 (Staff Test Administrator Training)

LOCKNEY SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

The Senior Citizens will open for lunch on Sunday February 28th. We will serve fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, macaroni and cheese, salad, biscuits, and dessert. The cost of this meal will be a donation. A Bake Sale will also be held on Sunday, February 28th.

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.

TEXAS BEEF COUNCIL

The Texas Beef Council announces the inaugural Texas Youth Cattle Conference has been set for June 13 - 15, 2016 in San Antonio and South Texas regions. Texas youth involved in junior cattle breed associations are encouraged to apply online at <http://www.texasbeefcheckoff.com/texasyouth>. Applications are due March 4, 2016. A limited number of students will be accepted to attend the conference. Applicants must be at least 16 years old as of January 2016.

FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

To make memorial donations or any contribution to the Floyd County Historical Museum, please mail to PO Box 304, Floydada, Texas 79235

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Calvert Home Health holds their blood pressure clinic on every first and third Thursday of each month between 9 - 11 a.m. at the Community Room of the First National Bank of Floydada.

RAISSEZ

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MOST PROUD OF SINCE SERVING IN THIS POSITION?

Since being appointed as the Sheriff in 2007, my office has aggressively pursued grants to purchase equipment and vehicles for the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office has received \$267,850.25 in grant money. There has been a total of \$635,000 worth of equipment acquired by the Sheriff's Office from the Federal Government to help the Floydada, Lockney and Dougherty Volunteer Fire Departments, so that as First Responders they are able to protect life and property.

WHAT ARE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS JOB?

I have been employed with the Sheriff's Office for 19 years. I was employed as a County Jailer in 1996, and then I was given the opportunity to become the Lockney Resident Deputy in 1999. I was promoted to Chief Deputy in 2004, and in 2007 I was appointed by the Floyd County Commissioners Court and Judge Bill Hardin as Sheriff. In 2008 and 2013, I was elected as your Sheriff. Since that time I have received my Master Peace Officer Proficiency Certificate, Master Jailer Proficiency Certificate, and I am a Licensed Telecommunicator (Emergency Dispatcher).

Having my telecommunication's license is not required of my office; however, it helps me keep up with the training needs of my dispatchers and the overall communication needs of law enforcement, EMS, and fire

personnel. I have obtained 2,711 hours of continuing education.

FINLEY

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WHY DO YOU WANT THIS OFFICE?

I knew I wanted to be a peace officer since I was in high school and I know this is the profession that God has chosen for me. My entire career in law enforcement has been in Floyd County and I am running for Sheriff because I would like to have a greater impact to enforce the laws of the State of Texas and to uphold the values of small town life. I also want to follow in the footsteps of my grandfather and serve Floyd County in the way best way I know how.

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

I believe there needs to be more communication between law enforcement and the public to alleviate any frustration and confusion about how the justice process works. The public needs to be heard by the Sheriff they elected so I plan on holding town hall meetings about every three months so everybody can voice their frustrations and offer suggestions on how the Sheriff's Office can improve. A lot of people have mentioned to me concerns they have about what is going on all over the county. I will work tirelessly to make our community a safer and more secure place to live and I believe the first step is working closer with the community.

I will work towards openness and communication between the Sheriff's Office and Lockney Fire Department, Floydada Fire Department, Floydada Police Department, and Floydada EMS because the the community relies on all of the first responders to keep them safe. When we are all working together, we become more efficient in our duties which will save lives.

I am also not one to be in the office all day working. I like to get out, patrol, and

interact with the community to help build and maintain a relationship with the citizens so they can be comfortable with the job I am doing and to come to me with any problems going on in the community.

WHAT ARE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE JOB?

Along with my Bachelor's and Associate's Degrees, I have over 4000 hours of continuing education. I have six years of law enforcement experience working for the Floyd County Sheriff's Office and the Floydada Police Department where I earned my Advanced Peace Officer Proficiency Certificate. I also hold a Telecommunications Certificate to work as a dispatcher. Law enforcement has changed drastically in the last 20 years. My entire career and education has prepared me to face the challenges law enforcement and the public face today and I will bring a new and unique perspective to be the Sheriff Floyd County wants and needs.

Pecan industry growing in Texas

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

COLLEGE STATION - Pecan growers from Texas to South Africa, Australia, Italy and Mexico learned more about new techniques for growing pecans at a short course offered by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

"The pecan short course has been going on for more than 30 years and originally it was for AgriLife Extension county agents," said Dr. Larry Stein, AgriLife Extension horticulturist in Uvalde, who taught portions of the course.

"We opened it up to growers and now they come from all over the world," Stein said. "It's a four-day course in which we go over everything from A to Z on pecans — how to plant trees, how to train trees, what varieties to select, what equipment to use, how to fertilize and how to prune."

Stein indicated the orchard at A&M had

trees planted in the 1960s. "So a lot of it had gotten crowded," he said. "Now we're taking out old varieties and incorporating some of the new varieties. We're going to see how they perform, and hopefully we're going to be able to make better recommendations to the growers in the future."

It's timely, Stein noted, because the pecan industry in Texas is on the upswing. "We're actually growing," he said. "The price of pecans has come up in the last few years, and so there is a great interest in pecans, not only in Texas but the rest of the world. We look for acres to increase in the future in Texas."

The biggest challenge for growing pecans in Texas, he noted, is water, so part of the course focused on "being good stewards of using our water when we try to grow pecans."

Stein noted that the short course works for the person who has 10 trees or the commercial grower with 2,000 acres. "The procedures are the same," he said.



Mail sweetened with new cancellation stamp

By Jennifer Harbin
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

This Valentine's Day just got a little bit sweeter. The United States Post Office in Floydada is running another cancellation stamp event from February 10-March 12 commemorating the romantic holiday. The cancellation stamp, which was designed by Postmaster Altie Nelson, features two intertwined red hearts and "A SWEETHEART OF A TOWN" with the kickoff date.

For a special added touch to your Valentine cards, whether they are being mailed or not, take your cards to the counter and have them stamped for free. Forever Stamps with heart designs are also available for purchase.

Caches, which are collectible stamped envelopes, are on sale for \$2 at the counter and bear the newest Forever Stamp with a heart design and the cancellation stamp to commemorate the month of February.



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