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Lockney School Board calls for Bond Election

By Charles Keaton
 The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – During the regular meeting of the Lockney School Board on Feb. 11, Ted Young, president of the Facilities Advisory Committee, presented a proposal from the committee to recommend the Board to consider calling for a bond election with two propositions. The Board approved the calling of the election in conjunction with the May 7 school board elections.

“The committee felt that the needs of the district as well as the opportunity to take advantage of the recent installation of two large wind turbine farms would allow the district to get caught up on some much needed repairs and other items needed around the district,” Superintendent Phil Cotham said.

Cotham explained that this opportunity is a one-time shot with the wind turbine farms. School districts with wind turbines in their boundaries enter into a 313 agreement which provides the district with certain funds instead of taxing the turbines. Under the agreements, Lockney ISD receives \$100 per average daily attendance per year which amounts to about \$90,000 from the two wind turbine companies and is allowed to only tax the turbines at full value for the first year they are on the tax rolls so there is only a one-time payment.

“We are facing several issues in our district,” Cotham said, “including state funding cuts, shrinking enrollment, aging bus fleet, postponed maintenance and a square mileage barrier. If we delay bringing this bond issue to the public, we will lose the advantage of the tax base that will be depreciated over the next few years.”

Cotham, with approval from the Board, put

together the committee that was made up of parents, business professionals, land owners, school personnel and school board members. The purpose of the committee was to determine if there were needed improvements and renovations as well as bus needs. The committee met three times to discuss the needs and toured all the facilities in order to determine if there were needs before voting to make the recommendation to the Board.

“There are two kinds of taxes that school districts utilize,” Cotham said. “Maintenance and Operation (M&O) are the normal taxes the district receives from the County Tax Appraiser based on property values. Interest and Sinking (I&S) are the taxes that must be approved by the voters, can only be changed by the voters and must be used for the intended purpose.”

According to the Floyd County Appraisal District, property values in the Lockney ISD in 2015 were \$106,783,800 which is only \$20,000,000 more than in 2005. This does not include any wind turbine values. The current tax rate, used for M&O, for LISD is \$1.14 per \$100 which was set by a voter rollback election in 2008.

The last time Lockney ISD had a bond issue was August, 1963 when voters approved a \$700,000 bond to build the elementary school and additional rooms at the junior high including the administration offices. The I&S tax was 55 cents which set the overall tax rate at \$1.75 allowing the bond to be paid off in 11 years.

“When the wind turbines go on the tax rolls,” Cotham said, “the property tax values will peak at \$614,566,722 but the M&O will only add \$10,000,000 per project to the tax

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Homeowners under 65 with \$25,000 homestead exemption		
Appraised Values	7.22 cents	14.44 cents
\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$30,000.00	\$3.56	\$7.11
\$50,000.00	\$18.05	\$36.10
\$100,000.00	\$54.15	\$108.30
\$150,000.00	\$90.25	\$180.50

Homeowners over 65 with \$35,000 homestead		
Appraised Values	7.22 cents	14.44 cents
\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$30,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$50,000.00	\$10.83	\$21.66
\$100,000.00	\$46.93	\$93.96
\$150,000.00	\$83.03	\$166.06

**If you are 65, you cannot pay more in property taxes than you did the previous year

Farm Property Taxes		
Farm	7.22 cents	14.44 cents
1 section Dryland, \$96,370	\$69.58	\$139.16
1/2 Section Irrigated \$207,250	\$149.63	\$299.26

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 The above charts represent what effect the Lockney ISD bond issue would have on property taxes. The values in the right two columns represent the yearly increase based on one proposition or both proposition passing. Any increase in property taxes is also deductible on Federal Income Taxes. LISD is proposing two bond issues, each valued at \$3,335,000 or a tax increase of 7.22 cents per \$100 property value.

Guthrie honored for 30+ years service with Floydada EMS

By Kay Ellington
 The Hesperian-Beacon

Rhonda Guthrie of Floydada was recognized at the annual South Plains EMS Conference in Lubbock on February 6 as the EMT of the Year.

Guthrie has been with Floydada EMS for 30+ years.

According to Katrina Gooch, director of the Floydada EMS, “I am grateful for her 30+ years of service to the community. She is a reliable and timely employee.”

Guthrie was nominated for the award by her daughter Shonda. Guthrie has lived in Floydada all of her life and according to Gooch, works a 48-hour rotating shift.

According to Jim Walters, the regional coordinator of the South Plains EMS, the EMT of the Year is an annual nomination, and the person selected is someone who has “excelled in patient care and service to the community.”

There are more than 50 emergency medical organizations across the region who are members of the South Plains EMS.



Courtesy photo
 Katrina Gooch, director of the Floydada EMS, congratulates Rhonda Guthrie on receiving the South Plains EMT of the year for 30 + years serving the Floydada Community.

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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Correction

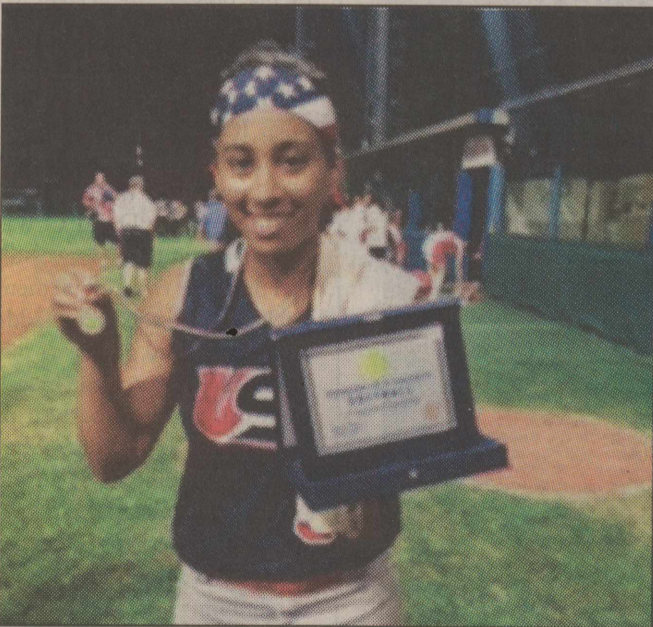
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Courtesy photo
 FHS Senior signs Letter to play softball. Floydada senior Thalia Villa has signed a letter of intent to play softball at Finlandia University in Hancock, Michigan. At FHS Villa's primary position was shortstop. Villa is shown here on her National Collegiate Scouting Association page.

A. B. Duncan steps up for SP4K

By Kay Ellington
 The Hesperian-Beacon

More than 1 out of every four Texas schoolchildren live in a food-insecure home. That means their parents or caretakers do not know where their next meal is coming from.

Throughout the Panhandle and the South Plains there is an organization and focus to help those hungry children when they are not at school. It's called SP4K (Snack Packs for Kids).

In Floydada, different community organizations step up every couple of months to volunteer their time to pack plastic bags of food, such as Pop Tarts, peanut butter, juice boxes, and beef jerky.

Last week, A.B. Duncan staff, faculty and students volunteered. See **SP4K**, Page 12



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The Paperboy

I've lost 20 pounds! That's great, but there's more to go.

That was accomplished by doing little more than eating less. Becoming more active is the key to more weight loss from now on.

I actually think the weight would have come off sooner but I injured a tendon near my ankle when my boot caught on

the carpet in my office. That has hobbled me lately.

Since it looks like we're going to have an early spring, my activity needs to increase as well. I saw a commercial last night asking would-be customers if they wanted to lose 30 pounds by summer. That's what I'm going to do.

My wife says I'm a lot more

happy when I'm active. That's good too. I'll be even happier when I lose 30 more pounds!

As I said when I first wrote about going on a diet, I'll keep you posted. I can't tell you how that much promise has come in handy when feeling tempted at midnight. In fact, I'm hungry right now so the fact I'm writing this will help motivate me to get

over it.

Last March, my son Jackson, 12, was 5'3 and about 100 pounds. Today he's closing in on 5'10 and 130 pounds. Is that not crazy?

We've been playing some baseball and basketball and his coordination is starting to come along. But my gosh, it's hard to be coordinated when you're growing so rapidly.

For most of his life, he was about a year behind my growth rate at the same age. I was 5'10 and about 135 pounds in the sixth grade. It's looking like he'll be meaning his growth rate was much faster than what I went through during the last couple of years.

I don't know about you, but I think it's amazing watching your children come of age. Sure it's a loud and wild ride, but it's also fascinating.

I know this without a shadow of a doubt, puberty sucks for all involved. Not that Jackson has been terrible or anything like that, but he is beginning to thing he's as smart as his mom and dad and he is stubborn.

I wouldn't trade him though. He's got a good heart and he's bright. He's also a very good brother which is an incredible blessing.

I got a note from a reader last week telling me she's a Democrat and asking me to take it easy

The 501

Tomorrow is the last day of Grandparents Week at our grandson's school. We're going.

The gimmick is the concurrent Book Fair. The booksellers are in it for dollars and cents. The grandchild chooses a few books; the grandparents pay the full retail price. Everybody is happy. Here's to capitalism as I understand it.

We get to eat lunch too.

We don't have to eat what they serve in the cafeteria. Yea! Grandparents can bring their own lunches and something for their grandchildren too. We'll be sure to take third-grader grandson Cutter something good per his dictates, whether from Burger King or Olive Garden.

The last time I saw what they now serve in school cafeterias, I was appalled. The fare

with my political views.

You know, the good thing about politics in small towns is that you can keep it local.

I have liberal friends and when it's local, you can find a multitude of subjects to speak about and find that there is much more we have in common than we don't. It's usually a handful of subjects people disagree on and much of that is semantics.

Why I may not take it easy on the left on a national level, I'm not afraid to call the right out either.

I think the current GOP House and Senate has been weak and borderline worthless.

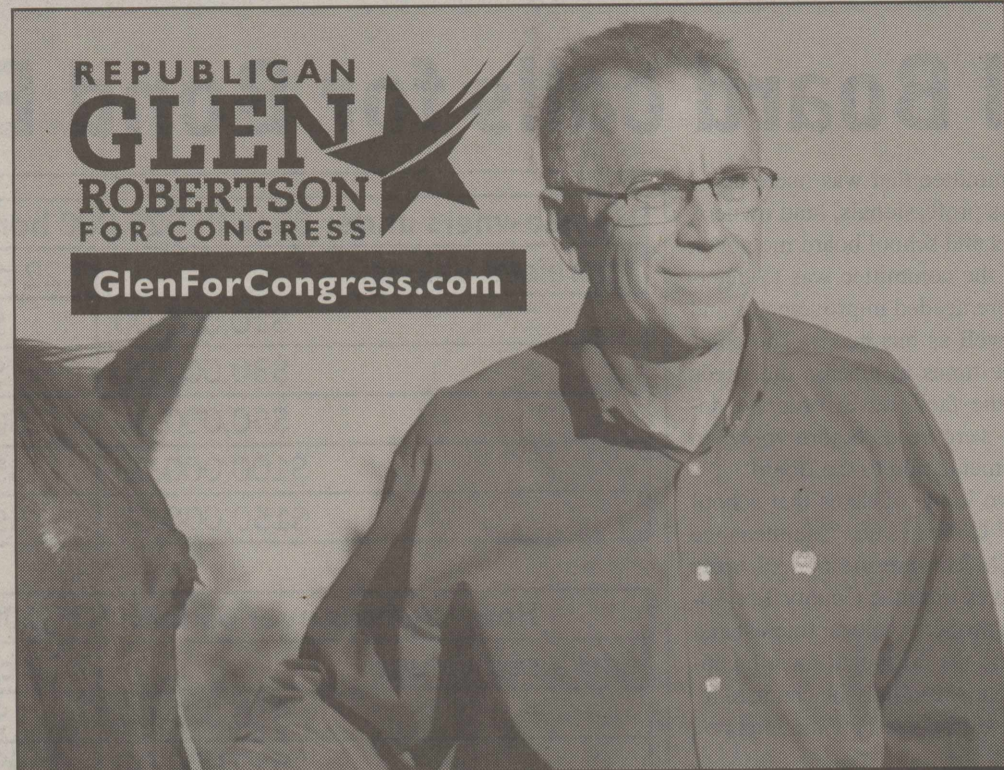
As a group, they have not even attempted to keep the promises that swept them into office such as shrinking the size of government and reigning in spending.

I can respect people for doing what they say, even if I may not like it. But empty promises? That makes you lose faith.

I do respect the opinion of the lady who wrote in and I appreciate her reading. I can't promise I'll take it easy though. I think doing so would not be authentic to my personal opinion.

These are my words. Many agree and many do not. But I can promise we'd all be astonished at how much we have in common. At the local level, that should be our thought.

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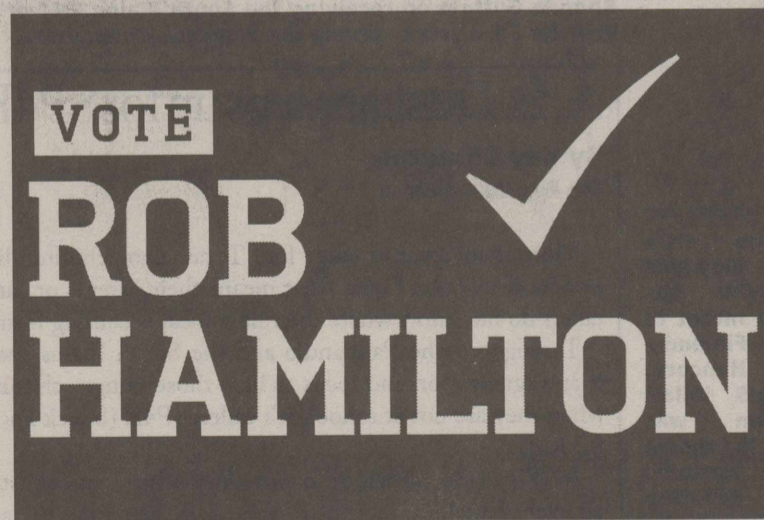
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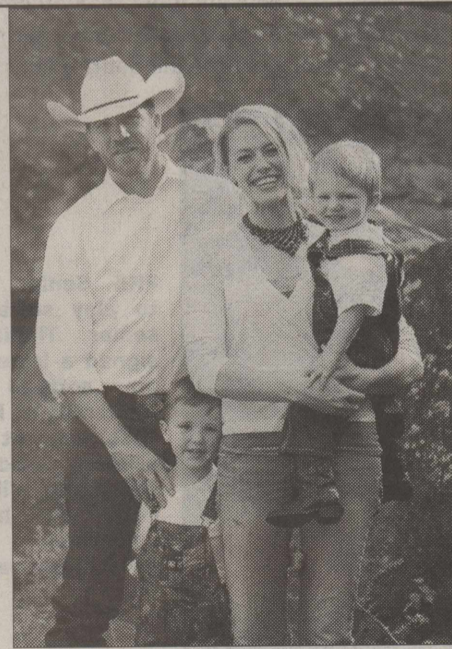
Republican for 110th District Attorney

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

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

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

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



fell miserably short of the good stuff they served us for lunch when I was in school. But since so many kids now end up in prison, I guess it makes for an easier transition.

Just thinking about school tomorrow takes me back to third grade. We'd mastered cursive writing and were tackling long division. The teacher, Mrs. Scott, used a big fake clock to teach us multiplication. She moved the hands to the numbers. We multiplied them. We had fun. All that rote learning serves me yet, except I've forgotten 11 times 12.

Mrs. Scott taught with gusto. We loved her; we feared her. She kept things interesting.

She'd swat you with her ruler if you needed it. She didn't stay behind her desk. She was walking down an aisle when she saw that Johnny needed a swat. Caught without her ruler, she picked up one from David D (as opposed to David B) and cracked it over Johnny's head. And I do mean cracked. She had to buy David D a new ruler. It was a good time for Davids. In our first-grade class of 13, we'd had three Davids. By third grade, David G was no longer with us, but we still had the other two. It took them a few years to shed those add-on initials. Third grade was our last chance to catch the breeze from the south in the heat of September and May. After that, the building made a turn, meaning all outside windows were to the west for the upper grades. No, we didn't have air conditioning - just heat. It was a hissing brand of heat from radiators. Nothing beats radiators.

It took an approaching tornado to reveal to us the source of the hot air for the radiators. Grades one through 12, plus teachers, ended up in the school basement, where we got up close and personal with the asbestos-clad boiler. It was a monstrous thing. I was impressed. The tornado? It went elsewhere.

Things have changed. Cutter's school probably has few Davids, no radiators, no asbestos, no windows that open and no aisle-walking teachers armed with rulers, bent on corporal punishment. There are probably no aisles. And I'm afraid he's not learning to multiply by rote.

No asbestos. That I like.



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SOCIETY

1956 Study Club

By Linda Harbin

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The 1956 Study Club met February 9 in the lovely home of Sheree Cannon. Sheree and co-hostess Kay Dean Smith served delicious croissant sandwiches, fresh veggies, chips, dips, punch and desserts. Carol Gary of Dayspring Designs in Lubbock gave a program on home decorating. She emphasized that if you like it, if it's important to you, and it feels right, you can use it. Carol gave a few tips on current trends, noting that neutral colors with splashes of bright color make redecorating easier for the future. She also informed us that mixing metal colors is the in-thing. Topiaries and trays are very popular. Also, wallpaper is making a comeback.

After the program, Anne Carthel called the meeting to order and welcomed guests Terri Jackson and Snow Payne. Roll call was answered with "What is your favorite 'go-to' item for decorating?" Minutes from the January meeting were read and approved. Terri Bush reported \$3,839.34 in the treasury.

For old business, methods were discussed for letting former members know about the 60th anniversary celebration in May. Personal invitations will be sent to those for whom mailing information is available. Facebook postings plus the announcements of up-coming events in the Hesperian will be utilized. The meeting will be held in the First Baptist Church parlor on May 10th at 6:30. Anne gave an up-date on Jan Willson's health condition. Cards are welcome and prayers are coveted.

In new business, Anne announced that the March meeting will be in the home of JeniSu Smith. Melissa Henderson from the South Plains Food Bank will give the program. Anne asked for volunteers for a nominating committee to select officers for the next two years. Anne, Dana Crossland and Charline Hendrix agreed to serve. Birthdays and anniversaries for February were announced. Trena Simpson led the club collect to close the meeting.

Members present were Terri Bush, Sheree Cannon, Anne Carthel, Dana Crossland, Linda Harbin, Charline Hendrix, Janis Julian, Trena Simpson, and Kay Dean Smith.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Nancy Lawson and Kellie Williams are expecting visitors from Lubbock, Kay Phillips -niece and Sheryl Smith - niece, bringing Florene Jackson and nieces Tamie and Kristi Sepkowitz.

Jerrold Vinson went to the doctor in Lubbock on Monday and to the dentist in Floydada on Tuesday. He says he likes to spread the business round to both towns.

Wanda Williams had hip surgery this week. Misty Rodgers ate lunch with her grandmother, Faye Bertrand, on Tuesday.

Bud Henderson has been babysitting his grandchildren in Dalhart, while his daughter, Holly, has been painting and carpeting her home.

Steak, gravy and home-made biscuits were on the menu Tuesday at the Center.

Floydada Senior Citizens who attended the Texas Retired Teachers Association luncheon in Plainview at Texas Wood Fire Grill on Monday included Linda Crader, Gloria Fannon, Joyce Williams and Sherry Colston. Sherry Colston is our new Telephone Committee Chairman.

Registered Nurse Hillary Goodwin from Lubbock Christian University visited Tuesday.

With her grandmother, Joyce Williams. Hillary is enrolled with the Doctors Assistance program at the university and upon completion of her studies will work as a Physician's Assistant in Floydada and other rural and small town clinics such as Floydada

Southwest Family Clinic. Hillary attended Floydada High School several years ago.

Joyce also received a phone call from her grandson, former U.S. Navy Medic, Courtney Goodwin, who served with Warriors, U.S. Marines on the battlefields in Iraq (2 hitches) and in Afghanistan (1 hitch) and is now enrolled at Thomas Edison University on the Post 11 G.I. Bill, studying hospital management. Courtney also attended Floydada ISD in years past.

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 22 - February 26

Monday - Sirloin pattie w/natural gravy

Tuesday - BBQ on bun

Wednesday - Baked chicken w/gravy over rice

Thursday - Chicken fried steak

Friday - Chicken spaghetti

(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 22 - February 26

Monday - Baked potatoes

Tuesday - Enchiladas

Wednesday - Meatloaf

Thursday - Spaghetti

Friday - Roast beef

(Menus subject to change with notice)

Museum Archives

Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

The V.D. Harris Family History

Victor Dee Harris and Effie Jane Turner were married at Crafton, Texas, in Wise County, December 23, 1900. Effie's parents were Mr. and Mrs. B.R. Turner, who were early settlers in Floyd County arriving in the early 1920's.

They moved to Floyd County in the year of 1924 and settled on a farm southeast of Floydada six miles. They farmed at this place ten years. The children went to school one year in the Lakeview Community. The rest of the time in Floydada; In 1931 they moved to Lockney, living on a farm one mile east and one mile north of Lockney.

Their five children were born in Wise County, close to Crafton. The children were Bernard Harris, Olen, Estella, Mary Ilene, and Ruby Belle. Bernard married Clara Willis and lived in the Harmony Community many years before moving west of Lockney.

They had two daughters. Patsy and Ilene. Patsy married Byron Ford and lives in the Aiken Community, Ilene married Calvin Pyle (deceased) and lives in Tucson, Arizona. Bernard passed away May 7, 1955,

at Lockney.

When the Harris children went to school in Wise County they had to walk three or four miles to school each day. The neighbor children joined them along the way. They always had to do the chores, milking cows, gathering eggs, and tending the live-stock, besides house work before and after school each day. They carried their lunches to school in a gallon bucket which consisted mostly of boiled eggs, baked sweet potatoes, biscuits and meat. After moving to Floyd County the children had to share rides with the neighbors' children going to school.

Olen Claud finished high school in Floydada in 1925. He worked for Anderson Clayton Corporation for many years, living in Brazil for twenty-five years. He married Rachel Fritch from Oklahoma, They had three children; Richard is married and lives in Carrolton, Texas; Jennifer and Claudia are each married and they live in California. Olen is deceased, and his wife lives in Phoenix, Arizona.

Estella married Raymond Nelson of Floydada. They live in Plainview in 1977. They had two children, Donald married and lives in Minnesota. Jane married Bob Pillows, who farms near Hale Center.

Mary Ilene married Harold Griffith, and they live in the Lone Star Community, where Harold has lived for sixty-five years and Mary for forty-three. They have three sons; Harold Dean graduated from Lockney High

School and is married to Margaret Pinniger.

They have three children and live in Lubbock where Harold Dean has a real estate business.

Duane finished school at Lockney, and obtained a degree in agriculture at Texas Tech. He married Patsy Ashton. They live in Plainview where Duane works for Pioneer Grain. They have two daughters, Lori and Kristi.

Dennis finished school at Lockney and obtained a degree at West Texas State in Canyon. He married Jacque Wise and they live in Lubbock where they both work, Dennis for Bic Company, and Jacque for the U. S. Commission for the Blind.

Ruby Bell married Jesse Wofford and now lives in Plainview. They had three children; Jimmie and Jerry who are married and live in Plainview, and Judy who married David Leatherman and lives in Tulia.

V.D. Harris was a farmer and stock trader. He traded mules for the government. His great love was to finish his farming so he could get out and try to make a dollar trading for livestock.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on December 23, 1955, at their home in Lockney, where they moved when they retired.

They were fortunate to celebrate their sixty-first anniversary together before Mr. Harris died. They were member of the Methodist Church. In the early days their travel was by buggy and later by wagons, and finally by cars.

Home Country

By Slim Randles

Billy slowly raised one eyelid and looked around. Boots and Desdemona, Aunt Ada's cats, were curled up, one against his belly and one against his back. Billy hated to wake the cats, but when a guy has to go find a tree, well, call it collateral damage. He got up, stretched and yawned and trotted out to the kitchen. Aunt Ada greeted him with ear rumples and a bowl of kibble, and then opened the door so he could go to work.

Being the official town dog isn't always the easiest job, Billy thought. I mean, not if you take it seriously.

Billy went down to where his dog house was by the elementary school. He cleaned up some scraps that some good soul had

left for him, then rested his chin on his paws and waited. The blue car came, and Martin', the crossing guard, emerged with his smile, his sign and his whistle.

Billy greeted Martin' and the two of them waited. Two third graders arrived. Martin' walked to the center of the street, held up the sign and blew the whistle. Billy walked the children across the street, then returned. Martin' returned to the safe shore with his paddle.

There wasn't a car in sight, but you never can tell.

Half an hour later, all the kids were safely at school and the blue car went away.

Billy wasn't sure, but he thought this might be sale day down at the cattle auc-

tion. It... seemed... like that kind of day, so he headed toward the edge of town. He stopped at the back door of the Soup 'R Market and scratched. Sure enough, Annette opened the door, gave him an ear rumples and a bone, and went back in.

Yes, it felt like sale day. You know, something in the air. But what if it isn't sale day? What if none of the other dogs show up today? Oh well, there's always a nap at the dog house and before you know it, the kids would need his help crossing the street to go home.

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WE SUPPORT PAUL RAISSEZ

This is a letter to the Citizens of Floyd County from the employees of the Floyd County Sheriff's Office publicly voicing our support for Sheriff Paul Raissez. We would like the community to know that we support Paul both publicly, and privately. Some of us have worked for Paul many years and we have seen Paul as a true professional both on and off the job. There are several words we use to describe Paul:

DEPENDABILITY: If Paul says he is going to do something, he does it. And there is never any question that it will get done completely.

HONESTY: Paul will tell it like it is; even if it may not always be what you want to hear.

EXPERIENCE: Paul has proven to us THROUGH HIS ACTIONS that he is the one that will make the hard decisions that need to be made. He doesn't just say that he will; HE DOES IT. He may not always be the most popular to the few; but an administrator has to do what is needed for both the community and the Office of the Sheriff. Paul has the experience to make the decisions that need to be made.

We believe that Floyd County and the Sheriff's Office need Sheriff Paul Raissez

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CHURCH

Women's luncheon to feature music from area churches, speaker's challenge to recognize God in everyday lives

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All women of the area are invited to attend and bring their friends to the upcoming women's salad luncheon on Saturday, February 20, at 12:00 noon, at First Baptist Church, Matador (FBCM).

The program will feature several musicians from area churches, as well as a special message from guest speaker Leslie Guy of Amarillo.

The theme for the event, "In All Things..." is based on 2 Corinthians 9:8.

Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

Everything of importance has been said before by somebody who did not discover it. — Alfred North Whitehead

Write a wise saying and your name will live forever. — Anonymous

A quotation in a speech, article or book is like a rifle in the hands of an infantryman. It speaks with authority. — Brendan Francis

I never have found the perfect quote. At best I have been able to find a string of quotations which merely circle the ineffable idea I seek to express. — Caldwell O'Keefe

If you have any doubts that we live in a society controlled by men, try reading down the index of contributors to a volume of quotations, looking for women's names. — Elaine Gill

from which Ms. Guy will encourage listeners to recognize God at work in their everyday lives.

Guests who would like to bring a salad are encouraged to do so, but this is not required.

Also, women attending as a group are asked to bring one salad for every two or three women in the group.

The event is hosted annually by the Women on Mission of the church's WMU.

For more information, call the FBCM church office (806-347-2345).

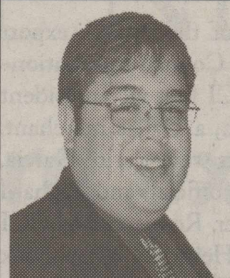
Misquotation is, in fact, the pride and privilege of the learned. A widely-read man never quotes accurately, for the rather obvious reason that he has read too widely. — Hesketh Pearson

I love quotations because it is a joy to find thoughts one might have, beautifully expressed with much authority by someone recognized wiser than oneself. — Marlene Dietrich

A thought is often original, though you have uttered it a hundred times. — Oliver Wendell Holmes

Most people are other people. Their thoughts are someone else's opinions, their lives a mimicry, their passions a quotation. — Oscar Wilde

Have you ever observed that we pay much more attention to a wise passage when it is quoted than when we read it in the original author? — Philip G. Hamerton



Levi Sisemore

#GodWins

Engaging our are never content to be in the back-society's public ground of God's plans for eternity; discussions, especially when an issue is politically relevant, is not the same as stooping to meddle in politics. When I say "stooping," I imply that the political wranglings of our nation and the impassioned babel that passes for discussion these days are of lower actual value, personal interest, and eternal significance than the Gospel of Jesus Christ and seeing that Gospel lived out in Christ's church, individually and corporately.

Jesus bought the church with His blood, not the American nation (or any other nation of history). This is a significant observation. We speak of "Christian nation," but the Bible does not. People/individuals can — and should — become Christians (disciples of Jesus, baptized into His possession and Self, living and loving in community with others according to the Scriptures, anticipating His return), but a nation cannot repent of sin; a nation cannot be baptized — a nation cannot become Christian. Neither can a national government enforce or effectively promote a morality that runs against the conscience of the people whom it governs (i.e., legislated morality does not work).

In Psalm 2 "the nations" are said to "rage" and to plot against the heavenly kingdom and the Heavenly King. Governments of this world — even our own — are no friend of God or His people. They never have been, they never will. Governments

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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Breaking the Grip of Fear

God is our refuge and strength, a help always near in times of great trouble. That's why we won't be afraid when the world falls apart. —Psalm 46:1-2 (CEB)

While waiting for my wife to finish a doctor's appointment I took our kids exploring in the massive office complex. At the bottom of one stairwell was a long corridor with cement walls, a cement floor, and a windowless metal door at the end. I beckoned for the kids to follow me through the damp and dimly lit corridor toward the door, but they hesitated. The shadowy hallway and mysterious door — and what could lie on the other side — frightened them. Then I told them that I had been through that door before. I asked them to trust me. When we opened the door, we were greeted by a

burst of sunlight and the parking lot. "Oh, wow!" one of them said. "That was nothing!"

Sometimes life can be like that dark corridor. We face uncertainty about what lies ahead and become fearful. Life may be full of trouble. But we can have confidence in our God that even if the earth shakes and trembles and the mountains fall into the sea, we are in good hands. From our perspective and limited knowledge, the situation may seem hopeless. However, God's knowledge exceeds ours. With God as our helper, our fear can give way to a sense of peace and security. Our heavenly Father knows what is on the other side of the doors in our lives, and we can trust God in all things.

Frankie J. Melton, Jr. (South Carolina, USA)

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| <p>Aiken Baptist Church
Dennis Butler, Pastor
Morning Worship..11 a.m.
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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.
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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
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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 Sty. 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
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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
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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>*****
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 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> |
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SCHOOL NEWS

Lockney School Board extends contracts

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – Members of the Lockney School Board met in regular session on Thursday, Feb. 11. The Board voted to extend the contracts for an additional year all three principals, Todd Hallmark, Craig Setliff and Jean Anne Williams and athletic director Malcom Moerbe.

In other action, the Board voted to appoint Billy LeFevre to the Place 4 seat vacated by the resignation of Robbie Long. The Board also voted to call for a School Board election on May 7 for places 3, 4 and one at-large

seat. Place 3 is held by Heath Rexrode and the at-large seat is held by Lonny Hooten. Interested parties have until 4:00 P.M. Friday, Feb. 19 to file to run in the May election. Early voting will run from April 25 to May 3.

In conjunction with the School Board election, the Board also voted to call for a bond election with two propositions in order to take advantage of the wind farms that have recently come online. (SEE BOND ELECTION STORY FOR MORE DETAIL). The Board also voted to hire the Underwood Law Firm as bond counsel.

The Board also approved the minutes

from the January meeting and the current month's financial statements including paying bills, tax receipts and investments. As of Feb. 11, the district had a fund balance of \$2,798,886.73.

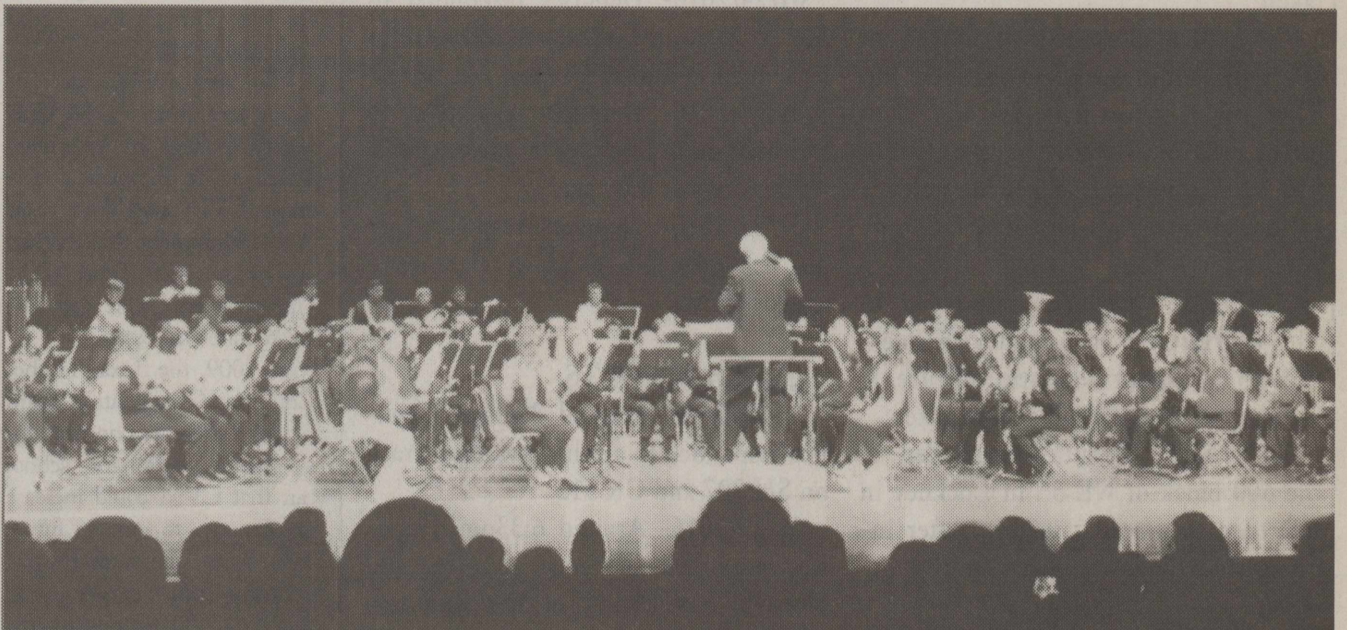
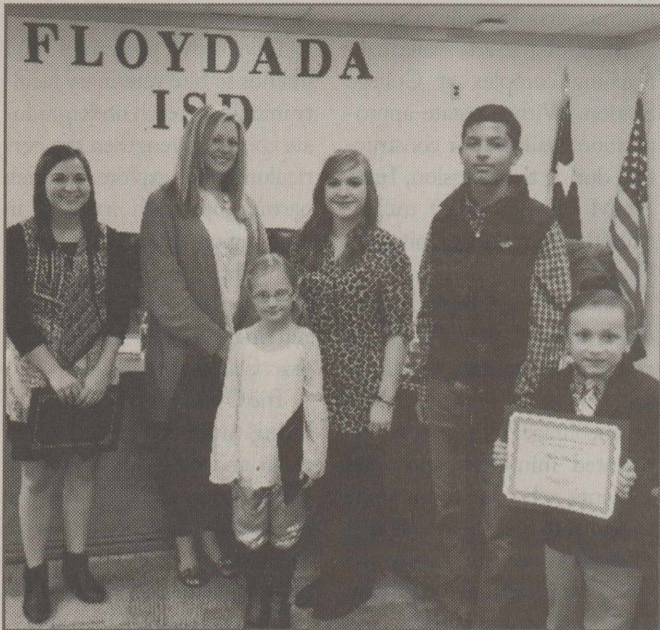
In administrative reports, Williams reported 250 students enrolled at the elementary and third, fourth and fifth grade teachers were concentrating on preparing for upcoming testing; Setliff reported 95 students and test preparations were underway; and Hallmark reported 138 students and that students were involved in stock shows, one-act play and UIL academics preparation as well as preparing for testing. Moerbe said

that girls' basketball has ended and they have begun preparing for softball but the boys will advance and probably play either Farwell or Vega Feb. 22 or 23. Moerbe also reported that baseball season will be affected by the basketball playoffs and will begin playing when a team can be fielded.

Superintendent Phil Cotham reported the food and nutrition audit was completed with a good audit report being received. Cotham also updated the Board on the new football and basketball districts following the UIL's realignment.

The next Board meeting will be held on March 24 at 7:00 P.M.

18 FISD Students make All-Region



Floydada Independent School District had 18 students make the All-Region Band; three of which were Junior High students. The students spent January 29-30 in Lubbock learning new music and making new friends. They performed on January 30 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center where only the best in the region were selected.

FLOYDADA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MENU February 21 – February 26

Monday

Breakfast – Blueberry pancake wrap, fresh fruit, fresh juice, milk
Lunch – Cheese enchiladas, ham & cheese sandwich, mini corn dogs, charro beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast – Apple Cinnamon Cherrios, fresh fruit, fresh juice, milk
Lunch – Pepperoni pizza, chicken nuggets, meatball subs, peppered broccoli, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast – Chocolate chip muffins, fresh fruit, apple juice, milk
Lunch – Rotisserie chicken, cheeseburger, popcorn chicken, 4 way veggies, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Thursday

Breakfast – Apple Jacks, fresh fruit, juice, milk
Lunch – Cheesy nachos, pepperoni pizza, chicken nuggets, green beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Friday

Breakfast – Blueberry pancake wrap, fresh fruit, fresh juice, milk
Lunch – Hot dog, pepperoni pizza, bean & cheese burrito, potato wedges, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU Feb. 22 - Feb. 26

Monday, Feb. 22

Breakfast – Pancake Wrap, Yogurt, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch – Lasagna, Ravioli, Roll or Chicken Fajitas, Salsa, Salad, Veggie Cup, Seasonal Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, Feb. 23

Breakfast – Chicken, Biscuit, Peanut Butter Jelly, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch – Asian Bowl, Eggroll, Brown Rice or Pesto Chicken Flatbread, Carrots with Ranch, Broccoli, Pineapple, Cookie, Milk

Wednesday, Feb. 24

Breakfast – French Toast, Sausage, Muffin, Yogurt, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch – Tex-Mex Stack, Rice, Salsa or Pulled Pork Slider, Chips, Coleslaw, Tomato Cup, Cinnamon Apples, Milk

Thursday, Feb. 25

Breakfast – Early Bird Sandwich, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch – Hamburger with Cheese or Pig-in-a-Blanket, Oven Fries, Western Beans, Diced Pears, Milk

Friday, Feb. 26

Breakfast – Dutch Waffle, Bacon, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch – Chicken Parmesan, or Italian Pasta Bake, Green Beans, Salad, Fresh Apple Slices, Breadstick, Milk

The Best Career Advice for College Students

Avoid Easy Internships

Although young job seekers with only a high school degree are in even worse shape, recent college graduates have entered a grim job market.

The economy is still recovering, entry-level wages have plummeted and recent college grads are competing for jobs with more than 2 million of their educated and jobless peers.

The millennial generation makes up about 40 percent of the unemployment rate in the U.S. Something's gotta give.

"The most impressive job candidates to employers are those who are both ambitious and have a proven track record through hands-on leadership experiences," says Matt Stewart, entrepreneur and co-CEO of College Works Painting, a college internship program which, according to internal surveys shows that 90 percent of their alumni find college-

grad-level jobs within three months of obtaining their degree.

The key is to find an internship that will help you build tangible, real-world skills. Employers want to know that you're capable of being in charge of something. To get hired for the job that you actually want, you need an internship in which you're given actual responsibilities and in which you gain leadership experience.

You won't gain these necessary skills from an easy internship. These days, the company name on your resume holds little to no weight. It's not who you interned for. Instead, it's what you did during your internship that matters.

The challenge is distinguishing an internship that may have flashy bells and whistles but no real job responsibilities, from the rewarding in-

ternship that will give you the skills needed to adequately compete in the job market.

Internships are those extra-credit points that ambitious college students can leverage for getting ahead as an attractive job candidate. Stewart asks students the following:

- Will the internship provide you with leadership skills? Internships provide students with all kinds of exposure to business. But just any experience won't be good for you. Your time is valuable. The purpose of internships is to gain adequate experience. So don't waste your time on an unworthy internship. When applying for internships, review the job description. Look for job responsibilities that require leadership skills.

"What we try to do is give students a truly entrepreneurial experi-

ence," says Stewart, whose internship program provides practical and life-changing business experience for college students who have shown potential for success. Interns operate their own house-painting business with hands-on guidance from mentors. "Also, and though we don't require any previous experience – with guidance and mentorship – our interns have mid-level responsibilities," Stewart says. "Our students manage all hiring, firing, sales, marketing and customer relations. This enables our alumni to land grad-level positions upon graduation instead of competing for entry-level jobs that may not even require a degree."

• If anyone can get the internship, is it worth your time? While an internship can be considered "free education," corporations know they have nothing to lose when

they see talented young minds willing to work for free. If an internship is easy to attain and isn't willing to pay you for the work you do, it may be garbage work. More than 50,000 students apply to intern at College Works Painting annually, yet only 2000 interns are hired. And about half of those hired interns make it to the summer, when the internship resembles more of a full time job.

"It's an incredibly difficult challenge, running your own business – and that's what our interns are doing," Stewart says. "Some of our hires don't make it through spring training; the program is just too much for them. Yet, you don't want to be that stereotypical intern who becomes an expert on how the CEO likes her coffee. College summers are designed for hard work, that's how you'll get ahead in your career."

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Sheriff Paul Raissez issues appeal to citizens in fight against crime

Responding to the increased number of citizens wanting to assist law enforcement officials and build a stronger partnership in the fight against crime, Sheriff Paul Raissez today announced that Floyd County Citizens are being invited to become Associate Members of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas.

Membership invitations will go out in the mail over the next several weeks. Associate Member funding allows the Sheriffs' Association of Texas to provide critical training, technical resources, and legislative support on key criminal justice issues to law enforcement officers across the state.

In addition, dues will be used to support

crime prevention and awareness programs, promote public safety, fight drug abuse, provide additional training/or sheriffs and their deputies, and provide scholarships/or children of law enforcement officers.

Contributions to the Sheriffs' Association of Texas are tax-deductible.

"The Associate Membership Drive helps provide the funding which is vital to our mission of making our communities safer places to live, work and play," said Sheriff Raissez.

The Associate Membership Program was created to provide citizens with an opportunity to lend their support to more effective law enforcement and to better help lo-

cal Sheriffs protect the lives and property of citizens.

"During these economic times, the need for building stronger public-private law enforcement partnerships continues to escalate, and programs such as this continue to grow in importance," said Sheriff Raissez. "I encourage every citizen receiving a membership appeal to consider joining forces with us by becoming an Associate Member. It is a valuable investment in our future."

Citizens not receiving a membership appeal or desiring more information can contact the Sheriffs' Association of Texas at: »
1601 S. Interstate 35, Austin, Texas

78741 www.txsheriffs.org

Founded in 1874, the Sheriffs' Association of Texas is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit professional and educational organization dedicated to the preservation of peace and the protection of the lives and property of the citizens of Texas.

Mr. Steve M. Westbrook serves as the Executive Director. Headquarters are located in Austin, Texas. The Sheriffs' Association of Texas does not make solicitations by telephone.

If you receive a phone call from someone who uses the Sheriffs' Association of Texas name, please report it to your local Sheriff or County/District Attorney.

Sheriff's Report

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REPORTS TAKEN

01/04/2016- Deputies responded to 202 SW 5th St. in Lockney in reference to a criminal mischief. A report was taken

01/12/2016- Deputies responded to 401 E. Bryant in Lockney in reference to a burglary. A report was taken.

01/15/2016- Deputies responded to 426 NE Milwee in Lockney in reference to interference with an emergency call. A report was taken.

01/18/2015- Deputies responded to 115 W Hartman in Lockney in reference to an assault domestic violence. A subject was arrested and a report taken.

01/21/2016- Deputies responded to the 500 block of NE 5th in Lockney in reference to a sexual assault. After investigation, there was no assault that occurred.

01/21/2016- Deputies responded to 115 W Hartman in Lockney in reference

to theft. A report was taken.

01/22/2016- Deputies responded to 306 E Shurbet in Lockney in reference to burglary of a building. A report was taken

01/24/2016- Deputies responded to 309 N. Main in Lockney in reference to a criminal mischief. A report was taken.

01/24/2016- Deputies responded to 209 S. Main in Lockney in reference to a theft. A report was taken.

01/25/2016- Deputies responded to 407 E. Poplar in Lockney in reference to agency assist.

CRASH REPORTS

01/16/2016- Around 8:20am, Deputies responded to a vehicle vs. deer crash on SH 207 and CR 312

01/19/2016- Around 6:33pm, Deputies responded to a crash at in the 400 block of SW 1st in Lockney with two vehicles.

Texas A&M System to extend reach of College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences

COLLEGE STATION, Jan. 28, 2016—Culminating a seven-year plan, The Texas A&M University System today announced partnerships to expand veterinary education, research and undergraduate outreach into several regions of the state through four A&M System universities.

The partnerships are between the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences (CVM) and West Texas A&M University, Prairie View A&M University, Texas A&M University-Kingsville and Tarleton State University.

In 2009, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board reported there was no need for a second veterinary school but that CVM could increase enrollment to meet future state needs. The study (<http://www.thechb.state.tx.us/reports/pdf/1701.pdf>) focused on the need to increase the number of underrepresented minorities entering the profession as

well as enlarging the pipeline of rural-based veterinarians to better serve the livestock industry as well as deer and wildlife interests.

In response, the Texas A&M System began beefing up its agriculture programs at the four universities while planning a state-of-the-art veterinary teaching complex at College Station. With no state appropriation available for construction during the recession, Texas A&M invested \$120 million from the Permanent University Fund.

The teaching complex, which opens this fall, allows CVM to accept more veterinary students and create the partnerships to encourage more underrepresented minorities and rural students, who are more likely to return to their home regions, to work as veterinarians in the state's agricultural economy. "Texas agriculture feeds and clothes the country," said Chancellor John Sharp. "We will always need small-animal veterinarians to take care of our pets, but we also need more large-animal veterinarians helping to protect our state's agricultural economy."

All four of the A&M System universities have significant underrepresented minority student populations as well as unique animal science programs and ties to the livestock or wildlife industries in their regions:

West Texas A&M operates its own feedlot in the Panhandle, a region that feeds a third of the nation's beef and boasts expanding dairy and swine industries. The Beef Carcass Research Center and the Nance Ranch Teaching and Research Facility are located there.

Tarleton State operates the state's only university-based dairy as a public-private partnership and collaborates regularly with the dairy cattle industry. The university also has a Veterinary Technology program.

Prairie View A&M's International Goat Research Center, with more than 1,000 dairy and meat goats, is one of the largest, oldest goat research programs in the nation. It specializes in the areas of genetics, reproductive physiology, nutrition and veterinary health.

Texas A&M-Kingsville's Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute is the leading wildlife research organization in Texas. It also has a Veterinary Technology program with a new state-of-the-art facility.

"This initiative is ultimately about service to our state," said Texas A&M University President Michael Young. "It extends the reach of our highly-ranked College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences while also putting the prospect of a veterinary education on the radar of more students throughout Texas."

Opening the new CVM teaching complex is key to extending the reach of veterinary education and research beyond College Station. While the state's population has boomed, the size of the veterinary school remained virtually flat due to older, cramped facilities. The new facility will allow the CVM to meet the need for both the veterinary and livestock industries as the demand for veterinarians grows.

The new education complex

will easily accommodate an initial increased class size of 20 to 30 new veterinary students each year. By providing new learning opportunities for students who attend the four A&M System universities, the CVM hopes to increase the number of applicants from those regions.

Toward that goal, the CVM intends to hire veterinary faculty initially to teach undergraduate courses, strengthen the curriculum and explore research partnerships with industry in each region. Eventually, as demand increases, the CVM will evaluate the need to offer some veterinary courses at sites other than College Station.

The CVM is in the process of hiring two faculty members to teach and conduct research at West Texas A&M. It also will be seeking appropriations to duplicate those efforts at Tarleton State, Prairie View A&M and Texas A&M-Kingsville.

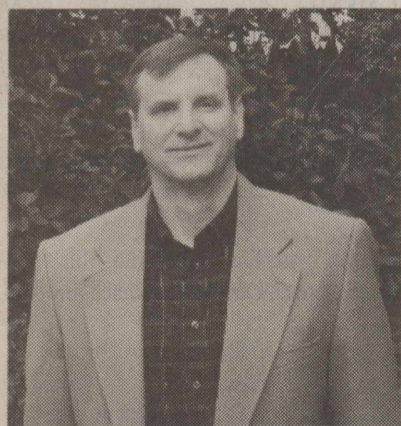
This cost-effective, graduated approach to expanding veterinary education leverages the state's assets to their highest and best use while being mindful of Texas taxpayers and following the guidance of the Coordinating Board study.

"The Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences has served animal owners in Texas and beyond for 100 years," said Dr. Eleanor M. Green, the Carl B. King dean of veterinary medicine. "We intend to expand our ability to respond to the needs of our diverse populations and to the needs of the veterinary profession by linking the vast strengths of Texas A&M across the state. This program puts boots on the ground where they are needed, as they are needed."

About the Texas A&M University System
The Texas A&M University System is one of the largest systems of higher education in the nation, with a budget of \$4.2 billion. Through a state-wide network of 11 universities, seven state agencies, two service units and a comprehensive health science center, the A&M System educates more than 140,000 students and makes more than 22 million additional educational contacts through service and outreach programs each year. System-wide, externally funded research expenditures exceed \$932 million and help drive the state's economy.

Texas A&M University—the flagship campus of The Texas A&M University System—is a tier one research institution. Committed to the values of its land-grant heritage, Texas A&M ensures accessible education for the people of Texas and the world. Its faculty-led research advances innovation for society's challenges, and yields over \$854 million in annual expenditures. Texas A&M is developing educated leaders of character dedicated to serving the greater good.

Established in 1916, the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences is one of only 30 Colleges of Veterinary Medicine in the United States. The College has graduated more than 7,600 veterinarians since it was created. Today the College has over 500 DVM students, another 2,300 undergraduate students in the biomedical sciences program and 170 graduate students involved in research.



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Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine assesses visually impaired steer

COLLEGE STATION, Feb. 15, 2016 – The Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences (CVM) recently initiated evaluation and assessment of the eyesight of a visually impaired steer donated to Texas A&M University by the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo. The steer, which had been recently exhibited in the Stock Show's Junior Steer Show, was delivered to the CVM on February 13.

Junior exhibitors participating in 4-H and FFA livestock show programs at the Fort Worth Stock Show are engaged in a journey that provides them lessons on life and the importance of the livestock industry. Through immersive experi-

ences they learn the responsibility and hard work required to take care of livestock, which includes gaining knowledge about nutrition, health, and animal behavior. They also learn how to compete, and how to win and lose gracefully in the show ring. The preparation is often an endeavor of the entire family, bringing family members closer as they work together towards a common goal. The monies gained from selling the animals during the show are often used to finance college educations.

"The Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo provides exceptional opportunities for the young people of Texas," said Dr. Eleanor M. Green, the Carl B. King dean of veterinary medicine at the CVM.

"The lessons learned follow them throughout their lives. We support the mission of the stock show and are proud of the students who come through their programs."

Since the steer's arrival at the CVM Large Animal Hospital, veterinarians, staff, and students have been working cooperatively to assess his status. A board certified ophthalmologist conducted extensive eye exams to determine the steer's level of sight. It was established that the steer is not completely blind and does have partial vision, although cataracts are present in both eyes. He also has other congenital birth defects in his eyes which are untreatable, making it unrealistic to consider surgery for the cataracts.

Two individuals, Johnny and Jana Trotter from Hereford, Texas, have offered to pay for the steer's housing at the CVM. They are prominent ranchers and feedlot owners in the industry. "We want to thank Johnny and Jana, owners of the Bar-G Feedyard, for offering financial assistance to care for this steer," said Green. "This proves, once again, how our industry leaders reach out to help in many different ways. We are grateful to them for their support."

The circumstances surrounding this steer were unique. At Texas A&M University he will prove beneficial to the education of our veterinary students. He will not be used for research, but will be helpful in training students about

a steer with a visual impairment or other disability—how to best care for them, and how to diagnose a problem. Because this steer was handled so well in preparation for the steer show, he is very easy to handle here at the CVM.

The CVM is committed to the care of animals, the livestock industry, and all of the Texas Livestock Shows & Rodeos.

Green concluded, "We are happy to be able to help our friends at the Fort Worth Livestock Show, which does much for the youth of Texas."

For more information about the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, visit our website at vetmed.tamu.edu.

AgriLife Extension gears up to second Regional Sorghum Program

By Steve Byrns

PLAINVIEW – Plans are being finalized for the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service's Regional Sorghum Program set for March 3 in Plainview.

Danny Nusser, AgriLife Extension regional program leader for the North Region, said the free event will start with registration at 8 a.m. in the Ollie Liner Center with the last speaker slated for noon.

The center is located at 2000 S. Columbia St.

"This is shaping up to be an outstanding program that will focus on understanding water efficiency and sorghum needs, weed issues and the sugarcane aphid," Nusser said. "This will be our second regional program focusing on sorghum with the first drawing a good crowd and positive reviews late last month in Dumas.

Both programs involve top AgriLife experts who are able to provide up-to-date, cutting edge-information."

Session topics, AgriLife Extension speakers and specific talks will include:

– Sorghum Soil and Water Relationships: Dr. Charles Hillyer, irrigation specialist, and

Dr. Jourdan Bell, agronomist, both at Amarillo, and Dr. Dana Porter, engineering specialist at Lubbock – crop water requirements, soil moisture management, irrigation technologies and best management practices to improve water use efficiency, agronomic relationship to water use.

– Sugarcane Aphid: Dr. Pat Porter, entomologist, Lubbock, and Blayne Reed, integrated pest management agent for Floyd, Hale and Swisher counties – biology and history, control options both chemical and cultural, resistant/tolerant varieties, effects on forage and silage production, future research.

– Weed Management Options: Bell and Reed – problem weeds and biology, a plan for success to include tillage and pre-emergent control, herbicide options and mode of actions, effective timing and application, rotational considerations.

– Risk Management/Profitability Outlook: Dr. Jackie Smith, economist, Lubbock.

Two Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units in the integrated pest management category will be offered.

For more information, contact Nusser at 806-677-5600 or dnusser@ag.tamu.edu.

SW Oklahoma and Texas Panhandle Fishing Report

Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Ellsworth: Elevation above normal, water murky. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs around brush structure and docks. Channel and blue catfish are slow on cut bait, punch bait and chicken liver around points and coves.

Foss: Elevation 5 ft. below normal, water low 50s. White bass are slow on live bait. Walleye are slow to fair on live bait. Catfish are slow.

Ft. Cobb: Elevation normal, water 44 and clear. Crappie are fair on minnows and small lures around brush structure and docks. Blue and channel catfish are slow on cut bait in the main lake.

Lawtonka: Elevation above normal, water clear. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs along the dam.

Tom Steed: Elevation normal, water 45. Blue and channel catfish are fair on cut bait, shad and stinkbait along flats and creek channels.

Waurika: Elevation normal, water 50s. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs around brush structure. Blue and channel catfish are fair on worms, chicken liver and stinkbait in the main lake and along shorelines.

Coleman: Water murky; 45-49 degrees; 4.5 ft. low. Black bass are good on watermelon soft plastic worms with chartreuse tails, spinnerbaits and crankbaits. Hybrid striper are fair on green striper jigs. Crappie are good on minnows over brush piles. Channel catfish are good on stink-

bait, liver and nightcrawlers. Yellow catfish are slow.

Ft. Phantom Hill: Water murky; 45-52 degrees; 0.26 ft. low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs and split shot rigged Rattlesnakes. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.

Hubbard Creek: Water off color; 47-55 degrees; 14.02 ft. low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs, Rat-L-Traps and jigs. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and live shad.

Nasworthy: 43-54 degrees; 1.25 ft. low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs and jigs. No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.

O.H. Ivie: Water stained; 48-54 degrees; 46.06 ft. low. Black bass are fair on Senkos with a one-sixteenth oz. bullet weight, Texas rigs, jigs and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs fished shallow. Catfish are fair to good on live bait.

Oak Creek: Water stained; 44-53 degrees; 15.45 ft. low. Black bass are fair on drop shot rigs, Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair on chartreuse (use Worn-Glo) nightcrawlers.

Possum Kingdom: Water off color; 48-57 degrees; 0.11 ft. high. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs, spinnerbaits, drop shot rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows. White bass are fair to good on slabs. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair to good on live shad and nightcrawlers.

Explore what's happening with Medicare's Prescription drug program

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

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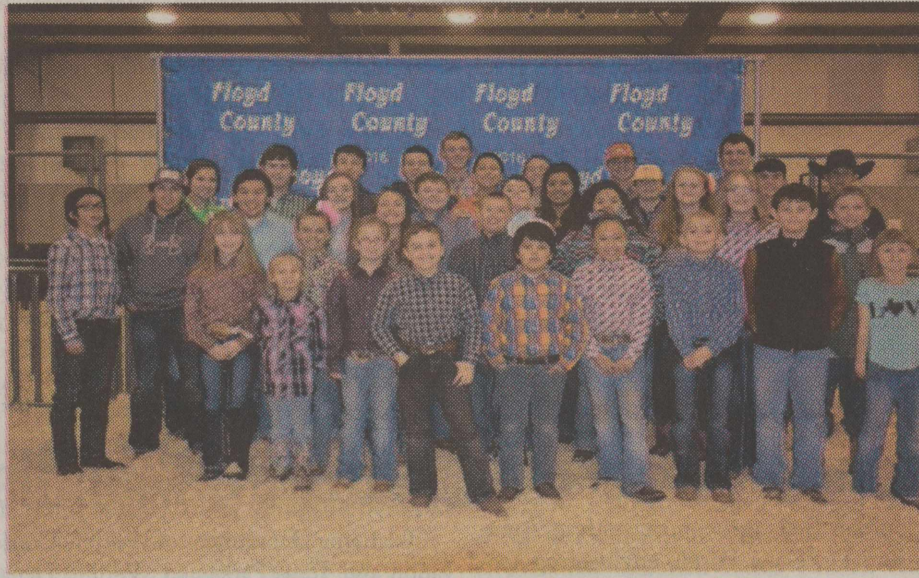
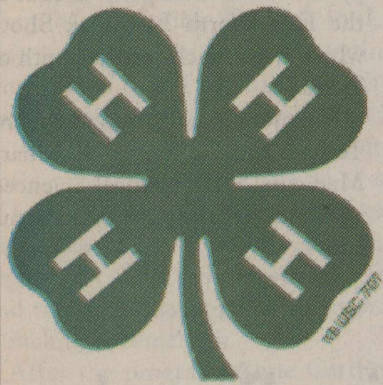
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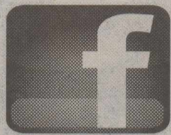
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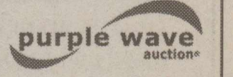
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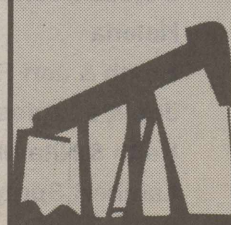
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SP4K
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unteered their time to help pack bags for SP4K (Snack Packs for Kids).

The goal of Snack Packs for Kids is to end weekend hunger for area children living in a food-insecure environment and thereby, help them reach their full potential with homework and at-school performance.

At the schools, officials discreetly place these bags in students' backpacks on Fridays. Students receiving the bags have each been identified by school staff members (counselors, nurses, teachers or principals) as living in a "food-insecure" household. The SP4K program feeds each elementary student and any siblings at home not old enough to attend school.

Some of the signs that teachers observe when a child might be living in a food-insecure environment.

- Rushing food lines
- Extreme hunger on Monday mornings
- Eating others' food
- Always asking for seconds
- Extremely thin or obese
- Chronically dry or cracked lips
- Excessively sick or absent from school

SP4K surveys have shown that when a community launches a Snack Pak for Kids program that 67% of teachers see an improvement in the affected children's performance.

For more information, visit <http://snackpak4kids.org/>

LOCKNEY
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rolls, setting the M&O values at \$126,783,800. This does not add much money for our district. If we increase M&O taxes, the state of Texas penalizes us by cutting funding so there is no benefit in taking that action."

Cotham explained that the



A.B. Duncan staff, faculty and students volunteered their time to help pack bags for SP4K (Snack Packs for Kids). Different community organizations step up every couple of months to volunteer their time.

economic opportunity presented by the wind turbines will only benefit the district if there is an I&S tax because that is the way the law is written as the district will net \$462,000 for each penny of I&S taxes.

The committee offered two proposals to the Board.

Proposition 1 would be the issuance of \$3,335,000 of bonds by the District for the construction, acquisition, renovation and equipment of school buildings and facilities excluding athletic facilities; and for the purchase of new school buses.

Proposition 2 would be the issuance of \$3,335,000 of bonds by the District for the construction of improvements to and equipment of the district's athletic facilities including the installation of artificial field turf, scoreboards and lighting.

The price tag for each proposal is \$3,335,000 or 7.22 cents of tax per \$100. The combined total would be

\$6,670,000 or 14.44 cents per \$100. The bond would be issued with a proposed 15 year payoff but could be paid off sooner if additional property values were added to the tax rolls during the life of the bond. (See chart for examples.)

"When the wind farms are all on the tax rolls for 2017, those two companies will end up paying at least 80 percent of the bond money back while local property owners will pay about 20 percent of the money back," Cotham said. "And don't forget, any increase in your taxes locally, are deductible on your Federal Income Tax."

According to Cotham, Proposition 1 addresses many needs that are currently not affordable in the regular budget including repairs and needed renovations to various buildings and facilities, new school buses and other necessities on buildings that are over 50 years old.

Proposition 2 would allow

for the installation of field turf at the football, baseball and softball fields, as well as rebuilding the track and tennis courts.

"Proposition 1 are things that are necessary for us to keep our facilities and transportation safe," Cotham said "as well as provide for the best education of our students. Proposition 2 will allow us to help the community by saving in excess of 3,000,000 gallons of water annually by not having to water the football, baseball and softball fields. We understand the importance of water to Lockney and if we can save water, it will benefit everyone in Lockney ISD. An additional benefit to field turf is that it is attractive to playoff teams and if they come to Lockney, they spend money at concession stands and city businesses."

The bond election is scheduled for May 7 along with the Board election. Future meetings will be held by Cotham

to explain in detail the impact of the wind turbines and the impact of the bond issues before the public.

"The Board felt it was important for the residents of Lockney ISD to have a say in this opportunity," Cotham said. "The Board cannot approve the bond without voters' approval so they want the public to have the chance to address this issue at the polls."

The Silverton ISD Board also called for bond election value at \$10,500,000 and Crosbyton ISD is considering a bond issue.

City approves elections, Good Friday holiday

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

In the monthly meeting of the Floydada City Council on January 19 City Manager Jeff Johnston discussed the term of the lease of the contract for 512 acres of grass being leased by Nutt Farms. After a discussion, Sam Green made a motion to set the term of the lease to 5 years. Steve Lloyd seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Johnston addressed the council regarding adding Good Friday as a holiday for city employees. Gabriel de la Fuente made a motion to grant Good Friday as a holiday, and the city manager will decide how it will be handled. The motion was seconded by Bettye King. The motion carried unanimously.

Floydada Police Officer Jesse Finley addressed the council regarding a resolution authorizing the filing of the grant application for the fiscal year of 2017. Finley stated the grant funds would be used for the purchase of a new fleet vehicle for the Police Department. Green made a motion to approve Resolution No. 16-1. The motion was seconded by Lloyd, and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Bobby Gilliland discussed the Election Services Contract between the City of Floydada and Floyd County. Green made a motion to accept the Election Services Contract between the City of Floydada and Floyd County. The motion was seconded by de la Fuente and it carried unanimously.

Gilliland discussed the General Election on May 7, 2016. This includes the Order of Election and Notice of Election. King made a motion to approve the Order of Election for May 7, 2016 General Election. Lloyd seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Lloyd made a motion to accept the Notice of Election. Dana Crossland seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Johnston provided the council with literature from Open Gov., to help answer arising questions. The program would help with budgetary reports and show transparency for the city. Green made a motion to approve the Open Gov. program. If the 2015 price still exists for a five-year contract. Lloyd seconded the motion and the motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Green, Lloyd, King, Crossland and de la Fuente.
NAYS: DuBois

UPCOMING
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LOCKNEY LIBRARY

The Lockney Library Associates Quarterly Meeting will be held Wednesday, February 17, 2016, at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Lockney Library. All supporters of the library are invited to attend.

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.

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