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Goen and Goen Celebrates 90th Anniversary

By Kay Ellington
 The Hesperian-Beacon

When Kyle Smith was a little boy and would come to visit Floydada, including stopping by his grandfather's and uncle's business, little did he ever think he would lead the company into its 90th year as president.

Goen and Goen is a family business and was started in 1926. "My mother's grandfather began the business. He set up shop about three blocks down California from where we are today. We moved to our current location in 1964," Smith said.

Smith grew up in San Angelo, and when he graduated from college, his uncle, Dale Goen, reached out to him to join the business. "I came to Floydada in 1986," Smith said, "and have been here almost 30 years."

His uncle, Dale, retired around 2004 or 2005, Smith said. Dale and his wife, Jo, still live in Floydada.

The insurance business has changed a lot in three decades. "When I started out, we would rate everything by hand, and use car-

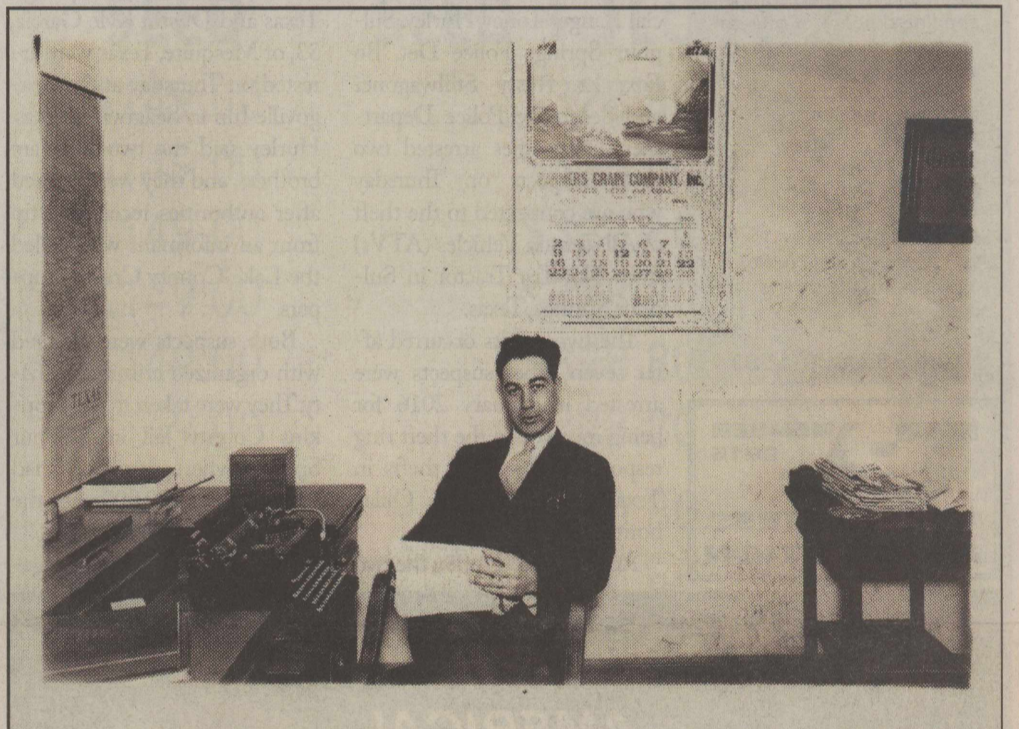
bons and typewriters," Smith said. "We didn't even have fax machines, yet. Now everything is computerized and all digital."

Through the years, Goen and Goen has purchased several insurance agencies around the city and area and consolidated them into one company. With eight employees, it is now one of the largest insurance agencies in the county.

"The community's been good to keep their insurance business here, and other agents have been good to work with as well," Smith said. "We wouldn't be here without them."

Smith has also given back to the community. He's been the hospital board president, a member of the Rotary Club, the president of the chamber during the Centennial in 1990, the president of Floydada Economic Development Corporation board for several years and continues to serve on the cemetery association.

He talked about civic responsibilities. "I think it's imperative that we all do what we can to keep our community's organizations See **GOEN**, Page 9



Courtesy photos

Goen and Goen through the years: A.C. Goen was current president Kyle Smith's great-grandfather. Polk Goen (A.C.'s son) was Kyle's grandfather.

Producers Co-Op Tire Showroom Grand Opening Friday



By Kay Ellington
 The Hesperian-Beacon

The Grand Opening for the new Producers Co-Op Tire Showroom will be Friday, Feb. 26 at 210 West Missouri Street. They'll have hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks and giveaways beginning at noon on Friday.

According to general manager Seth Stevens they have more than 230 kinds of tires in stock, and they carry name brands such as Cooper, Firestone, Michelin and Hercules.

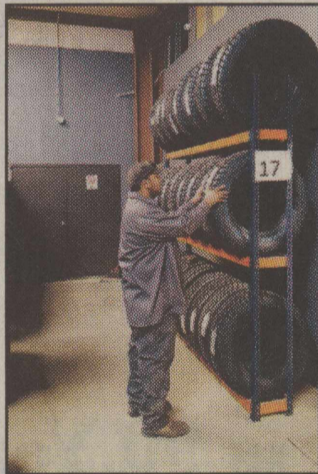
"In addition to selling the tires," Stevens said, "We balance, rotate and fix them. A lot of people don't know this, but if you have a flat, we'll actually come to you and fix it."

Other automotive services that Producers Co-op offers includes oil changes and car washes, including full-service car detail—one of the few places in Floyd County where you can get a full-service detail.

A Firestone representative will be on hand Friday to answer any questions about their lines of tires, and at press time, Stevens had noted other tire manufacturers may also be on hand.

"I also want to emphasize," Stevens said, "that we still offer all of our special order tire services, for any kind of agricultural vehicle or personal vehicle."

For more information about Producers Co-op visit their website at <http://www.pcefloydada.com/>



Courtesy photo

Nathaniel Sarabia, tire technician, takes stock of inventory as Producers Co-Op prepares for the grand opening of its new tire showroom on Friday in Floydada. Not only will Producers offer a variety of leading tire brands for agricultural and personal needs, but it will continue to custom order any tire.

Lockney puts liquor, city manager on May ballot

By Kay Ellington
 The Hesperian-Beacon

Lockney voters have taken the first step in changing life as they know it.

Sixty-seven voters have signed a petition to put a local option liquor initiative on the May city election ballot.

Sixty-two voters have signed a petition to place an initiative on the ballot to change Lockney to a city manager form of government. Currently, Lockney has a city secretary form of government.

It only took 50 local voter signatures per initiative to put each issue on the ballot.

"I think they quit collecting names once they hit the required signatures," said Shad Schlueter, Lockney interim city manager.

A quick survey of cities and counties surrounding Floyd County shows that Lockney with a population of 1,772 is one of the largest cities in the area with a city secretary form of government.

Getting a local option vote requires several steps, including, creating the application, getting proof of the applica-

tion, getting approval of application, getting the necessary signatures on the petition, and then finally getting local option on the ballot and letting registered voters decide on the local option initiatives.

Matt Williams, a resident of Lockney, began the process of creating the application for the petition for the liquor initiative a little more than a month ago.

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

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

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

Both petitions were circulated throughout the community and were evaluated at the February 19 Lockney City Council meet-

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Lockney voters will decide whether to go wet and whether to have a city manager form of government in its May 7 city election.

Correction

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

News on the go



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Lockney Chamber sets banquet date

By Charles Keaton
 The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - Nominations for Citizen of the Year are due to the Lockney Chamber of Commerce by March 15. They can be mailed to the Chamber at

PO Box 477, Lockney, TX 79241. The honoree will be announced at the annual Chamber Banquet on Saturday, April 9. The Banquet will recognize and celebrate all Floyd County Veterans. A chicken fried steak dinner will be served beginning at

6:00 P.M. at the Lockney Elementary Cafetorium. Tickets will be available in the near future from Chamber Members or at the Lockney Senior Citizens Center.

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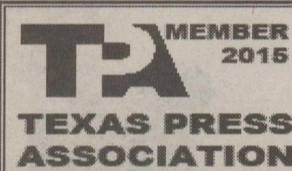
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The 501

If you can't buy it in a convenience store, you might not need it. I'm thinking of women's stockings. Seriously.

Unless, of course, you intend to rob the store. Then you should probably rob your grandmother first. Except she probably doesn't have any stockings either. What once was de rigueur, isn't. Settle for a ski mask.



HANABA MUNN WELCH

American women made a great collective stride forward when they somehow decided they didn't have to wear hose. My opinion. Of course some women do still wear hose -- just nobody I know. The fact you no longer can buy pantyhose the same places you find AA batteries means they're no longer a necessity. It's easier to find yourself a phone charger.

Of course, we women didn't just wake up one day and make the no-hose decision. Fashion did. Thank you fashion.

Maybe increasing prices for oil had something to do with the stocking demise. I'm only speculating, but we all know it's not about silkworms in Japan. Stockings are basically nylon. When I was in school, they told us nylon came from coal. Doubtless the price of coal is affected by the price of heating oil. And there you have it. It's all about oil.

Disclaimer: I don't know what I'm talking about.

So how about story?

One of my favorite anecdotes from the

World War II stocking-shortage era is from a woman who ended up owning a dress shop, which is where I heard it. One evening circa-1945 she and her husband had just arrived to visit friends. She tripped at the curb as she got out of the car. The baby in her arms went flying across the lawn when she went down. All she could scream was, "My nylons! My nylons!"

I knew that baby. He grew up just fine. And she ended up with that store -- probably partly to be sure never to be out of nylons again.

Speaking of the post-war years, nylons back then were more than faceless pantyhose. They had seams! Not only did you have to wear hose to look good, but you also had to keep your seams straight. Getting rid of those seams was a significant step forward.

Incidentally, back during that 1940s nylon shortage some stocking-less women resorted to painting seams on their legs, which today would be taken for odd tattoos.

TATTOO SEARCH.

I couldn't help it. I did a Google search for "stocking seam tattoo." Let's just say I wish I hadn't.

In that vein, another story:

I once went to a costume party (back in my newspaper reporter days) as Lois Lane. For that occasion, I used a narrow-pointed black felt marker to give myself stocking seams. Then I donned a seamless pair of hose and stepped back in time. It worked, except I got one seam crooked and couldn't straighten it.

Hmm. If I were a tattoo artist doing a stocking seam, I'd want to add one little crook.

Voila. That's why I've never made it past face painter.

Two more arrests made in ATV theft ring

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association Special Ranger Toney Hurley, Sulphur Springs Police Det. Bo Fox, Lt. Rusty Stillwagoner and Seagoville Police Department authorities arrested two more suspects on Thursday who are connected to the theft of All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) from Nor-Tex Tractor in Sulphur Springs, Texas.

The two arrests occurred after seven other suspects were arrested in January 2016 for being involved in the theft ring responsible for ATV thefts in Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma.

According to Hurley, the two

suspects, Christopher Brandon Garcia, 32, of Balch Springs, Texas and Dustin Kyle Garcia, 33, of Mesquite, Texas were arrested on Thursday at the Seagoville Inn in Seagoville, Texas. Hurley said the two men are brothers, and they were located after authorities received a tip from an informant who called the Lake County Crime Stoppers.

Both suspects were charged with organized criminal activity. They were taken to the Hopkins County Jail in Sulphur Springs where they both had bonds set at \$400,000 with the condition of ankle monitors.

This is an ongoing investiga-

tion and additional arrests are expected in this case. Authorities are continually receiving information from multiple jurisdictions on related criminal activities as far as eastern Tennessee.

"We are continuing to work hand-in-hand with law enforcement authorities on this investigation and are glad to have two more thieves arrested," said Hurley. "This theft ring primarily targeted dealerships - not individuals. However, this serves as an important reminder for everyone to lock-up equipment and report suspicious activity to local law authorities."

The Paperboy

If someone would have gone into a coma one year ago and woke today, they'd probably be in disbelief that Donald Trump was leading the Republican Primary and that Hillary Clinton was being challenged by a Socialist.

Talk about strange times.

We could have three candidates that could win their respective party's nomination and half of their own party may not vote for them in the general election. That is bizarre.

Trump, Clinton and Sanders are not liked by the majority of Americans ... at least not for president. So it makes you wonder what kind of running mate they would select to try and pull in more votes.

On the GOP side, Cruz, Rubio and Kasich are still in it, but one of them better win a few states March 1 or the writing is on the wall. For instance, if Trump wins Texas and Oklahoma, it's a good bet that he'll win the entire south. My reasoning is that these states are usually aligned politically.

CHRIS BLACKBURN

Now if Cruz and or Rubio were to win a couple of states, then March will become very interesting.

Same for Sanders vs. Clinton. If Clinton keeps winning, even by razor-thin margins, it's over.

Don't you know that deep down there are Democrats wishing they would have run for the office? Instead, they obeyed the wishes of the DNC and are stuck with two candidates that most Americans just can't get behind for obvious reasons.

Trump's campaign? It's hard to even describe. Many Americans can't stand him, but the pundits clearly have no clue as to how he would do in the General Election.

And of all of the candidates on the Republican side, it's Trump that would probably pull the most Democrats away from their party in a general election.

In other words, if Trump were to be able to turn New York and maybe Pennsylvania red, he'll win the presidency.

For the rest of the GOP field, the General election would come down to Florida, Ohio, Virginia and a couple of others. Well, Kasich is from Ohio and Rubio of from Florida. Does that mean that Trump would be interested in those two as a running mate if he wins the GOP nomination?

Of course.

Now whether either of those two would accept the nomination is a completely different story.

Strangely, Sanders actually polls better against the Republican field than Clinton in the national polls and Rubio does the best against both Sanders and Clinton. He's tied with Sanders and five points ahead of Clinton. Cruz also tops Clinton nationally.

Ironically, it's Kasich that polls best nationally against Sanders and Clinton. He's way ahead of both, but can't even win a state on his own side.

I've always enjoyed politics. It's a strange mix of drama and strategy. But in all of the years I've followed elections, I have never witnessed anything like this election cycle.

One thing is for sure. This election is important. As an American, you have a right to vote. Wouldn't it be nice if the vast majority of Americans actually went and voted?

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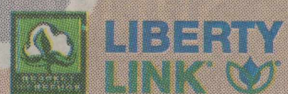
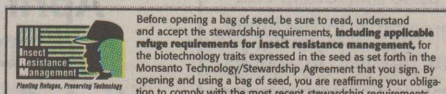
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SOCIETY

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Floydada Sr. Citizens
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Relatives of the Sid Brown family of Floydada and Lubbock met in Floydada on Friday to honor the memory of Geraldine Calloway who passed away during the big snow storm after Christmas. Chapel services were held at the First Baptist Church in Floydada but burial could not be held due to the frozen ground at the cemetery.

Meanwhile Florene fell at the nursing home in Lubbock and was unable to attend the services. At last thanks to the sunshine, wind and health care, the Brown sisters and kin were able to meet Friday, February 12, in the home of Kellie Williams, Nancy Lawson, and Amanda Hinsley. They laid flowers on Grandma's grave at the Floydada Cemetery and visited and took pictures of the Brown family also of Speck Brian and other relatives.

After a sandwich luncheon all traveled out to the Cedar Hill Community to the old Sid Brown farm home for more picture taking in the bright sunshine. A weekend of memories, delayed by the Christmas snow storm named "Goliath". Closure at last and life goes on for the family. Among relatives present was Florene Teal, Nancy Lawson, Kay Brian Phillips, Sheryl Smith Nitcher, Kristi Jackson Spkowitz, Kellie Williams and Amanda Hinsley.

Bud Henderson delivered a new car to New Mexico last week.

Joyce Williams attended the pot luck lunch at the Matador Church of Christ Sunday as guest of Norma Marro. After the luncheon all members drove to the Hackberry Nursing Home for singing hymns, Bible reading, prayers and communion offered to the

residents. Norma volunteers to roll hair in the beauty shop each week for resident Bonnie Vandiver, who has been in the Crosbyton Hospital for two weeks with pneumonia, but is now back in Matador and participated in the service. Joyce and Norma sat with Bonnie and her son, Ron Vandiver.

A surprise 80th birthday party was held Friday at the Floydada Senior Citizens Center during lunch for Margaret Lovell. A table with red table cloth, balloons, cake and ice cream completed the lunch and honored Margaret Lovell who volunteers to check the diners and help with paper work for the Center.

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 29 - March 4**
Monday - Salmon croquettes
Tuesday - Chili Relleno casserole
Wednesday - Chicken strips w/gravy
Thursday - Beef stroganoff
Friday - Pork roast w/gravy and rice
 (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.

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- February 29 - March 4**
Monday - Chicken and dumplings
Tuesday - Tacos
Wednesday - Salisbury steak
Thursday - Salmon
Friday - BBQ chicken
 (Menus subject to change with notice)

Museum Archives

Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

The Charlie Browns

By Charyne Brown Baker
Granddaughter

Alice Wedmore was born in Dodge City, Kansas, April 9, 1886. When Alice was 4 years old, her mother died and Alice was raised by foster parents in Henrietta, Texas. December 20, 1908 she married Charlie Heywood Brown. Charlie was born in January of 1878 in Erath County. Charlie's father, S. P. Brown, gave him a half section of land in Floyd County. Charlie came to the new home by wagon, and Alice and two small children arrived by train. There were 11 inches of snow on the ground when she arrived in Plainview in December, 1911. They had bought lumber to build a half dugout, but the ground was too frozen to dig down the intended 4 feet. Charlie built the two-room house on top of the ground but did not have enough lumber to build it the standard height and a person had to stoop to go in and out of the doors. To have a water well dug, they traded a piano that Alice had bought when she was teaching school in Henrietta, for a man to dig two wells and put up the windmill on one of them. In 1916, Charlie died of pneumonia, leaving a young wife and four small children; Frank, Arthur, Ruth and Carl. After Charlie's death, Alice taught school for 13 years at Rose-

land and her father, Arthur Wedmore, came to live with her and the children. He later helped supervise the building of a six room adobe house. It was the only home of that material in the area and the Browns lived in that house until 1959.

In the 1930's sandstorms were bad. On May 15, 1935 at 3:45 p.m. The dirt completely hid the sun. The chickens went to roost and the kerosene lamps were lit. Wet blankets were hung over doors and windows in order to be able to breath.

Once a week the Browns went to town to get the mail and buy supplies. It was usually an all day trip, and sometimes it would be late before they returned home. On dark nights the horses could be given their heads, and they would find the way home over the unfenced grassland. The first telephone line was the barbed wire fence. There were 13 families on the party line. Sometimes other listeners had to be asked to hang up so that the message could go through, but they did not have any need for a daily paper in order to get the local news. The neighbors were kind and understanding in case of serious illness they would come and sit up with the family as long as necessary. At 91, Alice is still mentally alert and able to share her pioneer experiences with friends and family. The great-grandchildren are especially eager listeners to these memories.

Weather Whys

Q: Can the weather affect how you feel?

A: For certain people, the answer is definitely yes, says Brent

McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Many people have said they can tell a change in the weather is about to happen

because their joints or muscles start to ache," says McRoberts. "This is likely due to a change in the barometric pressure, which often happens before a thunderstorm or in advance of a cold front. Damp weather is often associated with a low pressure system. A decrease in the air pressure decreases the tension in some large blood vessels, meaning they tend to expand. When this happens, it tends to lead to increased discomfort in joints and muscles. Also, we know that very rapid changes in temperature and humidity can make some people say they feel 'stiff and achy.' Many people who have arthritis say their joints are definitely affected by weather changes."

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of Lubbock, Virginia Moore of Spur, Jerry Reeves of Sanger, John David Turner, Mary and Roy Turley of Lockney, and Barbara Nutt and late Edwin Nutt of Floydada. The couple plan nuptials on April 9, 2015 in Lubbock and then will reside in Tahoka



Courtesy photo

Former Lockney resident Helen Baker Gross at her 102nd birthday party in Port Lavaca. Mrs. Gross remembers when Lockney didn't even have sidewalks.

Former Lockney Residents Turns 102, Remembers When City Had One Paved Road

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

Helen Baker Gross was born in Lockney in 1914, but her family's history with the city goes back much further than that. Her parents were pioneers who moved to the area in the 1890s in a covered wagon from Hamilton, Texas.

According to Mrs. Gross who now lives in Port Lavaca, her father helped surveyed the land, marking off what would ultimately be city blocks.

"Floydada was already established as a town by then," Gross said by phone interview from her home in Port Lavaca. But in Lockney we didn't even have sidewalks. Somewhere in Lockney is a sidewalk with my handprints as

a child from when they poured the cement."

Gross grew up in Lockney and remembered, "There was one main street that was paved, and it would take you from one train depot to the other train depot."

She attended high school in Lockney and missed graduating by one credit, but it did not keep her from attending business college in Plainview where she met her future husband. She also attended one six-week college course at what was called at the time, West Texas Teachers College in Canyon now known as West Texas A&M.

Gross and her husband left Floyd County with their family in their late thirties to move to Muleshoe and finally settled in Port Lavaca, but she still has wonderful memories and loves to hear the news from Floyd County.

National Ranching Heritage Center hosts 46th annual Ranch Day

Activities for the young and young at heart will highlight the 46th Annual Ranch Day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 9 at the National Ranching Heritage Center (NRHC) in Lubbock.

More than 4,000 visitors attend Ranch Day each year as more than 150 volunteers work to make the NRHC come alive with living history

demonstrations and hands-on experiences for the whole family. The popular event will also include hands-on ranch science activities, a ranch horse skills demonstration by the Texas Tech Ranch Horse and Rodeo teams, a stick horse rodeo, music, dancing, and a magic show at the 6666 Barn. Guests are encouraged to participate in such historic activities as visit-

ing with living history docents to learn about life as a pioneer, leather working, washing clothes on a washboard, churning butter, and riding horses. Science activities will include learning about wind energy, exploring animal science, and investigating plants and soils.

The "Ranch Hand Experience" program will allow visitors (ranch hands) to get work cards when they arrive and have their cards stamped as they complete each activity. After six activities, visitors can take their stamped work cards to the Matador Office to receive cowboy pay that can be spent at the Waggoner Commissary. The NRHC is a unique 27-acre museum and historical park that offers educational programs and exhibits to promote interest in ranching history and contemporary ranching issues. Located at 3121 Fourth Street adjacent to the Texas Tech University campus, the center provides 48 authentic dwellings and ranch structures from some of the nation's most historic ranches. NRHC does not charge an admission fee for its activities but encourages donations to support its educational programs.

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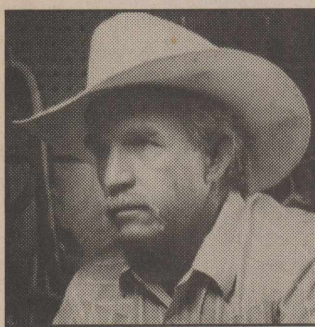
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Obituaries



DONALD RAY McCANDLESS

Donald Ray McCandless, age 66, of Floydada, passed away on February 14, 2016 in Lubbock, Texas.

Funeral services were held 11 a.m., Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at First United Methodist Church in Floydada.

Burial followed at the Floydada Cemetery. Visitation was held from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Tuesday February 16, 2016 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

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

Don was born on October 29, 1949 in Bowie, Texas. He was a Marine Corp veteran and served his country in the Vietnam War. He owned Floydada Livestock Sales with his family for 43 years. He was a well-known auctioneer in the cattle industry.

Through the years he loved to rodeo, rope, water ski, snow ski, play golf and travel. He loved spending time with his family, especially his grandkids.

He was preceded in death by his father, John T. McCandless and his step-father, Jerry Gage.

Don is survived by his wife of 40 years, LaNell McCandless; his son, Chris McCandless and wife, Mysti; three daughters, Dana Fox and husband, Tim, Tara Hinkle and husband, Kurt, and Lana Swafford and husband, Levi; his mother,

Ouida Gage; his sister, Billie Dale Hendrix and husband, Joel; his brothers, Darrell McCandless and wife, Janice and Todd McCandless and partner, Brian Kissinger; six grandchildren, Stormi McCandless, John Hinkle, Kira Fox, Whitney Hinkle, Destry Fox and Joseph Hinkle and many nieces, nephews and friends. He will be deeply missed by all of his family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo, TX 79105 or First United Methodist Church, 203 West Kentucky, Floydada, TX 79235.

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



GLADYS M. BOBBITT

Gladys M. Bobbitt, age 88, of Lockney, passed away on Valentine's Day, Sunday, February 14, 2016 peacefully at home with her family.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., Saturday, February 20, 2016 at First Baptist Church in Lockney.

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

Born in Nara Visa, New Mexico to the parents of Don Hall and Verna Coots Hall. She moved to California a few years later with her older brother Jake Hall, now deceased, and was raised in California by her

mother and step-father, Everett Walck, and had two more brothers and a sister.

After high school she came to Texas and met the love of her life, Jim Bert Bobbitt. Jim passed away shortly before their 50 wedding anniversary. They had two daughter who were the love of her life. They lived on the Bobbitt farm for many years before moving to Lockney.

She worked at the Lockney Elementary school for many years as the secretary. She loved taking care of all of the wonderful children and meeting many great friends.

She loved traveling to California to see her family and going to the beach at Morro Bay. She loved going on trips with the teachers and staff from the school. She served on the Board of Directors and was the secretary for the Lockney Senior Citizens. Had lots of fun creating the O'Bitty Committee with great friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Jim Bobbitt and daughter, Susan Bobbitt Grigg.

She is survived by her daughter, Donna Bobbitt Mitchell and Jimmy Mitchell, Amarillo; her son-in-law, Mike Grigg, of Clovis, New Mexico; sister, Leota and Glenn Woods of Lafayette, California; grandchildren, Jason and Mandy Grigg, Alabama, Jaime Grigg Ham and Wes Ham, Alabama; great-grandchildren, Celeste and Jackson Grigg and Halli, Trevor, and Suzanna Ham. She was also survived by her trusted and loyal dog, Shadow.

Memorials may be made at the Lockney Senior Citizens, P.O. Box 82, Lockney, Tx 79241.

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

OSCAR GONZALES
Oscar Gonzales entered the presence of God on February 19, 2016.

He was born to Ventura Gonzales and Maria Gonzales on July 9th of 1957 in Sinton, Texas. Growing up in a migrant family, he worked in the agricultural field in the State of Minnesota, the Cities of Bryan, Floydada, Plainview and Lockney of Texas.

In 1982 he moved to Floydada where he later met the love of his life. On July 20th of 1985 he and Teresa Luna were married in Lockney, Texas with a single yellow rose as a symbolism of their love for one another. He was a loving husband and an amazing dad to his four children. He enjoyed spending time with family, as well as exploring the outdoors, traveling, listening to music, watching wrestling, reading his Bible and playing his guitar. His interest in Western Outlaws included Wild Bill Hitchcock, Billy the Kid, and Doc Holiday to name a few. He was loved by all of those who became family and friends.

He lived life to the fullest and expressed his faith by rededicating his life and was baptized on May 10th of 2015. The scripture he held dear to his heart was John 3:16.

Oscar's true love and passion was being a husband, and father to his four children.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Teresa L. Gonzales, and his four children.

His daughters, Mr. Jesus and Angie Gallegos of Lubbock and Mr. Carlos and Yvette Nunez of Iowa.

His sons, Oscar A. Gonzales and Isaiah Gonzales of Lockney. His five grand-

children, Joseph Nunez, Carmen Gallegos, Noah Gallegos, Alice Nunez, and Jacob Nunez. His six sisters, Connie Orozco of Houston, Diane Segura of Bryan, Nora Zavala of Floydada, Norma Gonzales of Bryan, Irma Ramirez of Lubbock, and Aida Gomez of Bryan and his four brothers, Ventura Gonzales Sr. of Floydada, Victor Gonzales of Plainview, Ezereal Gonzales of

Bryan, and Paul Gonzales of Plainview, Texas.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Ventura Gonzales and Maria Gonzales, and three brothers.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Monday, February 22, 2016 at the First Baptist Church in Lockney. Burial followed at the Lockney Cemetery. Arrangements were under the care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home.

Monarch numbers rising

Thanks to more Monarchs reaching the overwintering sites in the fall and a very mild winter in their breeding grounds in Mexico, the number of monarch butterflies appears to be rising and could top more than 100 million this year, says a Texas A&M University researcher. Craig Wilson, a senior research associate in the Center for Mathematics and Education and longtime butterfly enthusiast, says early figures for Monarch numbers in 2016 are promising and could reach 100 million this year -- almost double from numbers a year ago -- and that would be good news considering that only a few years ago, their numbers were in the 33 million range.

"It seems conditions have been successful for Monarchs overwintering -- not too wet or cold, which can be a lethal combination for them," he says. "Massive mortality from severe winter storms has not occurred."

"The numbers I have seen from various sites and experts all point to about 100 million this year. It means their numbers are gradually increasing, but you have to remember that their numbers were in the 1 billion range only 20 years ago."

"So looking at it another way, the projected numbers are still only one-tenth what they used

to be in 1996."

Wilson says that Monarchs breed in Mexico and then have three more generations as they travel north to Canada.

"Texas is a critical place for them -- they have to pass through the state on their way north and lay eggs," he points out. It is critical that Monarchs have access to milkweed, the only type of plant that Monarch caterpillars will digest as the multiple generational migration heads north. But the prevalence of herbicide-resistant crops, very dry conditions over much of Texas and numerous wildfires have hampered their 2,000-mile journey to Canada in recent years. A study from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service says that about 1 billion Monarchs have vanished since 1990.

Wilson says more milkweed is needed for the Monarch's long-term survival.

"There are still plenty of reasons to be concerned, mainly because the number of milkweed plants -- the one plant that is vital to their existence -- has been decreasing in the past decade," he notes. "There are new programs to establish milkweed planting, and the public is urged very much to do so. The Monarch's survival depends on it."

CHURCH DIRECTORY

The Basic Pattern

Do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh. —Romans 13:14 (NIV)

When I was 12 years old, all the girls in our grade were required to take a sewing class. We were assigned three items to make: an apron, a short blouse with no buttons, and a skirt with a simple closure. For each item, everyone followed the same pattern.

As the school year ended, girls all over campus were wearing the blouses and skirts they had made, but the shared pattern was not easily recognizable. Some had made their blouses of printed fabric that coordinated with solid-color skirts. Others had made their garments of fabrics that did not coordinate. Still others had trimmed their apparel with lace or other decorations. My mother had suggested I make both

garments from the same solid blue fabric so I could wear them together as a two-piece dress. The clothes looked different on everyone.

Something similar occurs in Christianity. Those of us who accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior are expected to follow basic guidelines such as the Ten Commandments and the Golden Rule. (See Ex. 20:1-17, Deut. 5:6-21, and Matt. 7:12.) Although we follow the example of Jesus, Christianity looks different on each of us. We may wear it differently, but it still fits each one of us.

Mary Hunt Webb (New Mexico, USA)

Thought for the Day

Today I will look past the differences among Christians to focus on our similarities.

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| <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
Chad Cook, 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
(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 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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AgriLife Extension Office to hold Pre-Season Cotton Meeting

Special for The Hesperian-Beacon

The AgriLife Extension office will be holding a Pre-Season Cotton meeting on Wednesday, March 2nd at noon at the Covey BBQ Restaurant in Floydada.

This will be an informal lunch meeting where producers will be able to visit with Texas A&M AgriLife specialists and ask any questions they have before the 2016 cotton season is underway.

On hand will be Cotton Agronomist,

Seth Byrd with Texas A&M AgriLife, and Weed Specialist, Dr. Peter Dotray with Texas Tech University and Texas A&M AgriLife.

Some of the topics up for discussion will be weed control, new cotton technologies

in 2016, optimal planting conditions and any other "hot topics" producers want to discuss related to cotton.

If you have any questions regarding this meeting contact the Floyd County Extension Office at (806) 983-4912

Are Grain Sorghum Hybrids with Sugarcane Aphid Resistance Right for you in 2016?

By Cristen Brooks
CEA-AG/NR
Floyd County

Below information taken from "Evaluating if Grain Sorghum Hybrids with Seed Company Designation of Tolerance/Resistance to Sugarcane Aphid Are Right for You in 2016" by Dr. Calvin Trostle, Extension Agronomy, Lubbock.

In 2016 Texas grain sorghum producers will find more information from seed companies and other sources about grain sorghum hybrids that may offer potentially increased—or better documented—tolerance/resistance to sugarcane aphid (SCA).

Dr. Brent Bean, agronomist,

United Sorghum Checkoff Program, has compiled a list (Jan. 19, 2016) of grain sorghum hybrids where each seed company has confirmed their designation of individual hybrids they believe demonstrate evidence of notable tolerance/resistance to sugarcane aphid. (See <http://sorghumcheckoff.com/pest-management/>) Dr. Bean further sought additional information from outside sources to support company designations. These visits and data evaluation across the Sorghum Belt include state university staff (entomologists, breeders, agronomists); farmers; crop consultants; and published research reports. However, I do recommend caution in evaluating information

regarding sugarcane aphid tolerance/resistance.

Here are several tips below regarding your sorghum crop this year:

Assume all grain sorghum hybrids—even if designated tolerant/resistant to SCA—have some level of susceptibility (and all would be viewed as highly susceptible in some fields) to sugarcane aphid.

All grain sorghum hybrids must be scouted, and at this time the same SCA treatment thresholds apply to these hybrids as any other. No sorghum hybrid is immune to SCA. Some Texas farmers made the mistake of assuming too much about early purported tolerant hybrids for 2015, and they failed to

treat SCA in timely fashion, or even scout their fields regularly if at all.

Many field reports of SCA field activity in different hybrids (including a few of my own) are simply observations that someone has seen tolerance at some point. It certainly doesn't mean that you can ignore the SCA without implication.

Texas A&M AgriLife suggests producers consider planting adapted high-yielding grain sorghum hybrids then expect and plan to manage the sugarcane aphid, because even if you plant a tolerant/resistant hybrid, you likely still have to manage it and you may be giving up significant yield poten-

tial with an SCA-tolerant/resistant hybrid if it doesn't yield well.

Although planting a grain sorghum hybrid with proven SCA-tolerance/resistance is part of an integrated pest management (IPM) strategy, until we have more information about SCA-tolerant hybrids, their regional adaptation, and their yield potential it is likely that your timely management of SCA may be more important than which hybrid you plant.

To view the full article put together by Dr. Trostle, please visit <http://lubbock.tamu.edu/files/2016/01/Grain-Sorghum-Hybrid-Selection-SCA-Tolerance-Caveats-5Jan2016-Trostle.pdf>

Kroenke Buys Waggoner Ranch Study shows dried plums provide protection from bone loss due to radiation

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

VERNON — According to the real estate website TopTenRealEstateDeals.com, Los Angeles Rams owner Stan Kroenke has purchased the historic Waggoner Ranch in Texas.

Los Angeles Rams owner Stan Kroenke has purchased the historic Waggoner Ranch. It is the second largest ranch in the U.S. at over 500,000 acres and a vast ranch-

ing operation running thousands of cattle, hundreds of horses and 1,200 producing oil wells.

Kroenke has come under severe criticism from many football fans for recently moving his St Louis Rams to Los Angeles. He is married to the daughter of WalMart co-founder Bud Walton.

The Waggoner Ranch asking price was \$725 million but Kroenke says he got a deal paying \$360 million.

COLLEGE STATION — Dr. Nancy Turner, a Texas A&M AgriLife Research scientist in College Station, was one of a team of researchers who recently studied different interventions to protect from radiation-induced bone loss. Their paper, "Dried Plum Protects from Bone Loss Caused by Iodizing Radiation," was recently published in Scientific Reports and can be found at <http://www.nature.com/articles/srep21343>.

Other institutions involved in the study were the Bone and Signaling Laboratory of NASA's Ames Research Center, the department of radiation oncology at the University of California-Irvine and the division of endocrinology at the University of California-San Francisco.

The study showed consuming dried plums can protect from ionizing radiation that increases oxidative damage in skeletal tissues and results in an imbalance in bone remodeling. Reduced bone density and osteoporosis are major health conditions affecting millions of people across the world, and osteoporotic patients are increasing with an aging population, said Turner, a research professor in the department of nutrition and food science.

"Bone loss caused by ionizing radiation is a potential health concern for those in occupations or in situations that expose them to radiation," she said. "This is relevant to not only astronauts in space, but also cancer patients, those undergoing radiotherapy, radiation workers and victims of nuclear accidents."

"The changes in remodeling activity caused by expo-

sure to radiation can lead to impaired skeletal integrity and fragility both in animals and human radiotherapy patients," Turner said.

The team investigated interventions they hypothesized might prevent bone damage and oxidative stress-related factors leading to cancellous bone loss, also known as "spongy bone," from exposure to both low linear energy transfer and high linear energy transfer radiation.

"We evaluated different interventions with antioxidant or anti-inflammatory properties, including an antioxidant cocktail, dihydro-lipoic acid, ibuprofen and dried plum, to determine their ability to prevent bone loss and to blunt the expression of genes in marrow cells that lead to the breakdown of bone after irradiation with either gamma rays or simulated space radiation."

The researchers tested mice using the different interventions and exposing them to ionizing radiation.

"Bone loss caused by ionizing radiation occurs quite rapidly in rodents," Turner said. "The interventions were evaluated first by using early gene expression markers and then were tested for their ability to prevent radiation-induced bone loss."

She said of the interventions tested, dried plum was most effective in reducing the expression of genes related to the breakdown of bone and preventing the spongy bone effect caused by irradiation with either photons or heavy ions.

"Dried plums contain biologically active components that may provide effective interventions for loss of structural integrity caused by radiotherapy or unavoidable exposure to space radiation incurred over long-duration spaceflight," she said. "From this study, we can conclude that inclusion of dried plums in the diet may prevent the skeletal effects of radiation exposures either in space or here on Earth."

Turner noted purified dried plums contain various bioactive compounds, including polyphenols that are known for their high antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties.

Equine herpes virus confirmed in Texas

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN, Texas — The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) confirmed Equine Herpes Virus (EHV-1) in two horses in El Paso County.

Both horses showed signs of respiratory illness, fever and nasal discharge, when evaluated by a local veterinarian. The horses tested positive for EHV-1 but neither horse showed signs of the neurologic form of the disease. The stable has been placed under movement restriction as a precaution, and all horses are being monitored daily.

To date, 74 horses linked to Sunland Park in New Mexico have been confirmed EHV-1 positive. Only two of the 74 horses are stabled near El Paso, Texas.

Direct horse-to-horse contact is a common route of transmission of the virus. Indirect transmission is also possible and occurs when infectious materials, like nasal secretions and fluids from abortions, are carried between infected and non-infected horses by people or inanimate objects such as buckets, tack or trailers.

Symptoms of EHV-1 include fever, which is one of the most common clinical signs and often precedes the development of other signs. Respiratory signs include coughing and nasal discharge. Neurologic signs associated with EHV-1 are highly variable, but often the hindquarters are most severely affected. Horses with EHV-1 may appear weak and uncoordinated. Urine dribbling

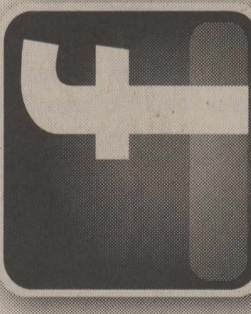
and loss of tail tone may also be seen. Severely affected horses may become unable to rise.

It is important to remember that none of these signs are specific to EHV-1, and diagnostic testing is required to confirm EHV-1 infection. Many horses exposed to EHV-1 never develop clinical signs. If you suspect your horse has been exposed to EHV-1, contact your veterinarian.

In general, exposed horses should be isolated and have their temperatures monitored twice daily for at least 14 days after last known exposure. If an exposed horse develops a fever or other signs consistent with EHV-1, diagnostic testing may be performed. Owners should work with their veterinary practitioner to establish appropriate monitoring and diagnostic plans for any potentially exposed horse(s).

For more information on protecting your livestock from EHV-1, contact your local TAHC regional office http://www.tahc.texas.gov/agency/TAHC_RegionalOfficeMap.pdf.

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FLOYDADA SCHOOL NEWS

Lady Winds vs. Alumni



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The first annual Lady Winds vs Alumni game took place on Saturday, February 20. The day was set to honor the past, present, and future of Floydada ISD softball. There were a total of 12 girls return to play on the Alumni side. The ceremony began with an opening pitch led by Clarissa DeLa Fuente from the 12 U Diamond Dusters, representing the future of Floydada softball. The Lady Winds took the field to open the game representing the present. For the first 5 innings the Lady Winds led over the alumni. In the 6th inning the alumni came back to take the lead. After 7 innings they were tied 15-15. Going an extra inning, the Lady Winds battled back to win the game with a walk off two-run homerun. Thank you to all the alumni for coming back to play, and to all the fans that supported the game on Saturday. Shown are (Back Row, l-r) Annette Pena, Claudia Lopez, Kimberly Delgado, Stephanie Caballero, Lindsey DeLeon, Yelitza Serrato, Katie McGowen, Mercedes Lerma, Anna DeLaFuente, Coach Morales; (Middle Row, l-r) Cassandra Delgado, Marie Lira, Kristen Sanchez, Yvette Jimenez, Amelia Gonzalez, Bethan Morales, Hannah Morales, Selena Espinoza, Allison Orr, Dora Cervera, Karley Weems, Makenzie Ramos, Stefanni Chavarria, Coach Fields; (Bottom Row, l-r) Arianna Diaz, Angela Suarez, Kim Rios, Brittany Pena, Yanira Paz, Thalia Villa, Jacque Barrera, Caitlin Bishop, Allison Muniz.

Lady Winds defeat Alumni

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA – With the Idalou Lady Wildcats still in the basketball playoffs, Floydada Alumni put together a team to take on the current Lady Winds softball squad on Saturday, Feb. 20. The Lady Winds needed extra innings to defeat the Alumni squad 17-15.

In the top of the first the Alumni scored first as Bethany M was hit by a pitch, moved to second on a single by Amelia G then stole third and home to make it 1-0. Anna D grounded out, Meche L struck out and Yvette G grounded out to end the Alumni at bat. In the bottom of the first Makenzie Ramos led off with a single, stole second and third then scored on a single by Jaque Barrera. Hannah Morales singled and Allison Muniz came in as a courtesy runner. Thalia Villa grounded out to the pitcher but Barrera and Muniz moved up a base each. Barrera stole home and Muniz moved to third then stole home. Ariana Diaz walked then Angela Suarez singled but Diaz was forced out at second. Stephanie Chavarria struck out but the Lady Winds led 3-1.

In the top of the second, Stephanie C grounded out, then Claudia struck out. Kristan drew a walk and stole second and third before Lindsey D walked. Kristan stole home but Annette P struck out with score 3-2 in favor of the Lady Winds. In the bottom of the second, Dora Cervera grounded out, Marie Lira lined out then Ramos singled before Barrera struck out to end the inning at 3-2.

In the top of the third, Katie M, Yelitza and Bethany M struck out in order. In the bottom half of the inning, the Lady Winds added three more runs. Morales led off with a double to left. Espinoza came in as a runner. Villa tripled to center, driving in Espinoza. Diaz grounded out to third but Villa scored on the play. Suarez singled to left and stole second before Chavarria walked. Cervera grounded out but Suarez and Chavarria moved up a base. Suarez stole home then Lira flied out to end the inning with the Lady Winds leading

6-2.

In the top of the fourth, the Alumni added a run. Amelia G singled and stole second before Anna D lined out to second. Amelia G stole third the Meche L ground out to shortstop allowing Amelia G to score. Yvette G singled but Stephanie C struck out with the Alumni trailing 6-3. In the bottom of the fourth, Ramos grounded out to second then Barrera tripled to center and scored when Morales doubled to left. Espinoza came in to run for Morales. Villa singled the Espinoza stole home before Diaz struck out. Villa stole third then was thrown out trying to steal home. The Lady Winds led 8-3 after four innings.

In the top of the fifth, Claudia grounded out, Kristan walked, Lindsey D struck out then Annette P singled. Katie M singled which moved Kristan to third and Annette P to second. Kristan tol home the Yelitza grounded out to end the at-bat with the score 8-4 in favor of the Lady Winds. In the bottom of the fifth, the Lady Winds added five more runs. Suarez led off with a single and moved to second on Chavarria's single. Suarez stole third and Chavarria stole second. Allison Orr struck out then Lira singled allowing Suarez to score. Ramos hit a home run to left driving in Chavarria and Lira. Barrera singled up the middle then stole second before Morales doubled to left and drove Barrera in. Villa flied out and Diaz lined out to end the inning but the Lady Winds stretched their lead to 13-4.

In the top of the sixth, the Alumni exploded for 11 runs to take the lead. Bethany M walked to lead off then stole second and third before Amelia G drove her in with a single then stole second before being picked off at second. Anna D singled then Meche L flied out. Yvette G walked then Stephanie C singled to left to drive in Anna D. Claudia doubled scoring Yvette G. Kristan doubled to left to score Stephanie C and Claudia. Lindsey D walked then the Kristan stole third and Lindsey D stole second. Annette P singled to left to drive in Kristan. Katie M doubled to center driving in Lindsey D. Annette P stole

home the Yelitza was hit by a pitch. Bethany M tripled to left to drive in Katie M and Yelitza. Amelia G singled allowing Bethany M to score. Anna D lined out to end the Alumni at-bat but they had a 15-13 lead. In the bottom of the sixth, Kim Rios and Chavarria grounded out. Orr singled but Lira flied out to center to end the inning.

In the top of the seventh, Meche L flied out the Yvette G singled. Stephanie C grounded out the Claudia struck out to end the Alumni at-bat. In the bottom of the seventh, Morales walked then stole second and third. Villa fouled out but Diaz singled to left to drive in Morales. Espinoza came in to run for Diaz. Suarez tripled to left to drive in Espinoza. Chavarria and Cervera struck out to end the inning but the Lady Winds had tied the game at 15-15.

In the top of the eighth, Kristan and Lindsey D struck out before Annette P doubled but then Katie M ground out to end the Alumni threat. In the bottom of the eighth, Lira doubled to lead off the inning then Ramos homered to center to drive in Lira and end the game with a 17-15 victory for the Lady Winds over the Alumni and improved to 2-1 on the season.

For the Alumni, Amelia G was 4-4 from the plate with one run scored and two runs batted in, Bethany M was 1-2 but scored three runs and knocked in two runs and Annette P was 3-4 with one run scored and one run batted in. Bethany M pitched four innings allowing 13 hits, 10 runs, two strike outs and two walks and Stephanie C pitched three innings allowing nine hits, seven runs, five strike outs and one walk.

For the Lady Winds, Ramos was 4-5 from the plate with three runs scored and five runs batted in, Barrera was 3-4 with three runs scored and one run batted in, Morales was 4-4 with one run scored and two runs batted in and Suarez was 4-4 with two runs scored and one run batted in. Morales pitched six innings allowing five hits, three runs, 10 strike outs and two walks and Chavarria pitched two innings allowing 11 hits, 12 runs, on strike out and four walks.

Lady Winds lose season opener to Roosevelt

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA – Floydada opened their softball season on Tuesday, Feb. 16 against the Roosevelt Lady Eagles. Makenzie Ramos had four hits to lead the Lady Winds but a seventh inning comeback came up short as the Lady Eagles took home the victory 17-12.

Roosevelt struck first in the top of the first putting two runs on the board behind a lead-off walk and two stolen bases by Cortez. A Castro singled to drive in Cortez then stole second and third. Hernandez flied out then A Castro stole home before J Castro struck out. Soto singled but Truitt struck out to end the at-bat. In the bottom half of the inning, Floydada put four runs on the board. Ramos doubled to lead off then Valerie Espinoza struck out before Jaque Barrera walked. Thalia Villa popped out then Hannah Morales walked to load the bases. Ariana Diaz singled to left to score Ramos and Barrera. Stephanie Chavarria tripled to left to drive in Morales and Diaz. Suarez popped out to end the inning with the Lady Winds leading 4-2.

In the top of the second, the Lady Eagles tied the game. Mendez struck out to lead off then Saucedo walked and Martinez was hit by a pitch. Cortez popped out before A Castro doubled to drive in Saucedo and Martinez. Hernandez grounded out to end Roosevelt's at bat with the score tied 4-4. The Lady Winds added two more runs in the bottom of the inning as Marie Lira led off with a single followed by singles by Ramos and Espinoza but Espinoza was caught off first base for an out. Barrera struck out then Villa doubled to center to drive in Lira and Ramos. Morales ended the inning with a strike out but Floydada had the lead at 6-4.

In the top of the third, Roosevelt managed to push across one run as J Castro led off with a walk then Soto singled allowing J Castro to move to third. J Castro stole home before Truitt walked. Mendez popped out and Saucedo struck out to end the Lady Eagles' at bat down 6-5. In the bottom of the third, Diaz started off with a walk. Chavarria struck out then Diaz stole second before Suarez singled. Lira struck out then Ramos doubled to left to drive in Diaz. Espinoza walked to load the bases. Barrera was hit by a pitch which forced in Suarez but Villa grounded out to end the inning as Floydada extended their lead 8-5.

In the top of the fourth, Martinez was hit by a pitch to lead off the inning then Cortez singled. A Castro walked to load the bases then Martinez, Cortez and A Castro all stole home before Hernandez walked. Hernandez stole second, third and home before J Castro walked. J Castro also stole second, third and home before Soto homered to left to make it 10-8 for the Lady Eagles. Truitt flied out and Mendez grounded out to end the Lady Eagles' at-bat.

In the bottom of the fourth, the Lady Winds went down in order with Morales fly-

ing out and Diaz and Chavarria striking out.

In the top of the fifth, Roosevelt added four more runs. Saucedo walked to lead off the inning, then Martinez walked and Cortez was hit by a pitch to load the bases. A Castro flied out to left field then Saucedo stole home and Hernandez popped out to second. J Castro was hit by a pitch then Soto walked which forced in Martinez. Truitt also walked, forcing in Cortez and then Mendez walked to force in J Castro. Saucedo lined out to second to end the Lady Eagles' at-bat with them leading 14-8. In the bottom of the inning, the Lady Winds could not push across any runs. Suarez led off with a single but Lira grounded out, Ramos walked, Espinoza struck out and Barrera grounded out to end the inning.

In the top of the sixth, Roosevelt added three more runs. Martinez led off with a walk, Cortez singled then A Castro singled to load the bases. Martinez stole home but Cortez was picked off of second. Hernandez then singled but A Castro was picked off at second.

Hernandez stole second and third before J Castro drew a walk. Hernandez stole home then Soto singled to drive in J Castro. Truitt singled and Mendez walked to load the bases but Soto was caught trying to steal home. Roosevelt now owned a 17-8 lead. In the bottom of the sixth, Cervera grounded out to lead off then Morales walked. Selena Espinoza came in as a courtesy runner. Diaz singled but Chavarria struck out and Suarez grounded out to end the inning.

In the top of the seventh, Saucedo walked, Martinez and Cortez struck out. A Castro singled then Hernandez was hit by a pitch to load the bases but J Castro struck out to end Roosevelt's at-bat with the Lady Eagles leading 17-8. In the bottom of the seventh, Floydada tried to mount a comeback but only managed four runs. Lira led off by striking out, Ramos singled to center then Espinoza walked followed by a triple by Barrera to drive in Ramos and Espinoza. Villa reached on a walk, stole second and moved to third when Barrera stole home. Cervera struck out then Villa stole home before Morales struck out to end the game with the Roosevelt Lady Eagles taking the 17-12 victory.

For Roosevelt, A Castro was 4-5 at the plate with two runs scored and four runs batted in and Soto was 4-4 with one run scored and three runs batted in. Hernandez pitched four and one-third innings allowing 10 hits, eight runs, walked five and struck out seven. A Castro pitched two and two-thirds innings allowing three hits, two runs, walked five and struck out six.

For Floydada, Ramos was 4-4 at the plate with three runs scored and one run batted in and Diaz was 2-3 with two runs scored and two runs batted in.

Morales pitched six innings and allowed nine hits, 15 runs, walked 11 and struck out seven. Allison Orr pitched one inning, allowed three hits, three runs and walked five.

Lady Winds pickup first victory defeating Tulia, 16-1

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA – Hannah Morales and Ariana Diaz combined for a one-hitter to lead the Floydada Lady Winds to a 16-1 victory over the Tulia Lady Hornets on Friday, Feb. 19 to even their season record at 1-1.

Morales began the game striking out Miranda Flores, getting Adriana Cedillo to fly out and then striking out Micah Benadives in the top of the first. In the bottom half of the inning, Floydada exploded for 10 runs. Makenzie Ramos led off with a home run to left field. Jaque Barrera singled then Morales walked and was replaced by a courtesy runner, Allison Muniz. Barrera stole third then stole home to make it 2-0. Thalia Villa and Diaz walked to load the bases. Muniz stole home while Villa moved to third and Diaz moved to second.

Villa stole home to make it 4-0 and Diaz moved third. Angela Suarez walked. Diaz stole home then Suarez stole home before Stephanie Chavarria walked. Chavarria stole second then Dora

Cervera struck out as Chavarria moved to third. Marie Lira was hit by a pitch. Lira stole second and Chavarria stole home to make it 7-0. After Lira stole third, Ramos drew a walk. Barrera homered to left, scoring Lira and Ramos to make it 10-0. Morales walked again and Muniz came in to run. Muniz was caught trying to steal third then Villa walked. Diaz was hit by a pitch then Suarez walked to load the bases. Villa was picked off at third to end the inning with Floydada leading 10-0.

In the top of the second for Tulia, N. Winkfield struck out and Lacey Coy grounded out. M. Martinez tripled to left then stole home. Savah Basidua walked but Yahaira Lopez flied out to end the Lady Hornet's at-bat, trailing 10-1. In the bottom of the second, Chavarria was hit by a pitch then Cervera and Lira walked to load the bases. Ramos walked, forcing in Chavarria. Barrera hit her second home run of the game, a grand slam to left, driving in Cervera, Lira and Ramos and making it 15-1. Morales struck out and Villa flied out. Diaz doubled

to left then stole third. Suarez walked then Diaz stole home. Chavarria reached on an error but Suarez was put out trying to advance to second. The Lady Horns had a 16-1 lead after two innings.

In the top of third, Madi Lopez and Flores struck out then Benadives lined out to the pitcher to end the game on the 15 run rule.

For Tulia, Martinez had the only hit and scored the only run for the Lady Hornets. Flores pitched one inning, giving up three hits, 10 runs while walking nine and giving up two home runs. Madi Lopez pitched one inning, giving up two hits, six runs while striking out one, walking four and giving up one home run.

For Floydada, Barrera was 3-3 from the plate, driving in seven runs with a three-run and a four-run home run. Ramos scored three runs and Diaz, Chavarria and Lira each scored twice.

Morales pitched two and two-thirds innings, allowing only one hit and one run while striking out five and walking only one. Diaz pitched one-third of an inning, allowing no hits or run.



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Goen and Goen through the years: A 1993 picture showing the two departments – property and casualty and also crop insurance. Sam Baker is included in the P&C picture (top). Goen and Goen purchased his agency. 2012 picture of Goen and Goen Christmas party. Dale Goen is seated in front.

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active and effective.”
Looking ahead, when asked about the next generation for Goen and Goen, Smith said, “You never know. My daughter has other plans right now,

and my son’s a senior in high school. But Floydada’s been a good place for them to grow up. It doesn’t have a lot of the big city distractions, and they’ve learned a good work ethic here.”
When reflecting on factors that have enabled Goen and Goen to celebrate nine

decades, Smith said, “No way we could have done it without the employees through the years. One retired with 40 years of service, and another is close to it. Many of the employees have stayed 10 to 15 years, and we appreciate that. You don’t see that so much anymore, and we hope

that we have provided a good place to work.”
Goen & Goen Insurance will be having their 90th Anniversary Celebration Tuesday, March 1 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at their office at 102 E. California and will be serving hamburgers, having giveaways and door prizes.

High Plains Dairy Conference set for March 1-2 in Lubbock

By Steve Byrns

LUBBOCK – The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, along with its counterparts in Oklahoma, New Mexico, Colorado and Kansas, will host the High Plains Dairy Conference set for March 1-2 at the Overton Hotel and Conference Center in Lubbock. The conference center is located at 2322 Mac Davis Lane.

“Registration will start bright and early both days at 6:30 a.m. with the first day’s program ending at 5 p.m. and the March 2 activities culminating at noon,” said Dr. Ellen Jordan, AgriLife Extension dairy specialist at Dallas who is chair of the event.

“We expect this to be a major regional event with a strong slate of nationally known experts who will be speaking on a number of timely subjects crucial to today’s High Plains dairy industry,” she said.

Topics and speakers over the course of the two days will include:

- Making genetic progress on low heritability traits, Dr. David Erf, dairy technical services geneticist, Zoetis, Oakdale, Minnesota.
- Impact and economic evaluation of negative energy balance in transition dairy cattle, Dr. Jessica McArt, assistant professor, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.
- Tips for optimizing fertility in dairy cattle, Dr. Todd Bilby, dairy technical services manager, Merck Animal Health, North Richland Hills.
- What’s all the fuss about technology in the dairy world?, Dr. Nancy Charlton, dairy management adviser, Automatic Milking Systems, DeLaval Inc.,

- Bannockburn, Illinois.
- Consequences and costs associated with metritis and mastitis, Dr. Mike Overton, senior consultant in dairy analytics, Elanco Knowledge Solutions, Athens, Georgia.
- Strategies to reduce heat stress in lactating dairy cows, Dr. Robert Collier, professor, University of Arizona, Tucson.
- Bridging the gap between

- the beef and dairy industries – A packer perspective, Dr. Lily Edwards-Callaway, technical services, JBS USA, Greeley, Colorado.
- How to avoid and survive undercover video investigations, Tiffany Dowell Lashmet, AgriLife Extension agricultural law specialist, Amarillo.
- Worker safety management on dairy farms: Current issues,

- challenges and solutions, Dr. Dave Douphrate, assistant professor, University of Texas-San Antonio.
- Managing the water you have, Dr. Dana Porter, AgriLife Extension agricultural engineering water management specialist, Lubbock.
- After El Niño, now what? Dr. John Nielsen-Gammon, state climatologist, Texas A&M

Upcoming

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

LOCKNEY LIBRARY

Lockney Library “Book Club” will meet on Friday, February 26, at 4:00 p.m. at the Library Meeting Room. Please come and share what you have been reading.

JODEY ARRINGTON MEETING

Come and Meet Jodey Arrington. Hosted by Bart Greer. Friday, February 26, 2016 - 8 a.m. at Tri-Star Chemical at 301 E. Missouri Street Floydada, Texas.

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.

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26, 2016 - Courthouse Annex and FUMC Lockney. PRIMARY - Election - March 1, 2016 - Courthouse Annex & FUMC Lockney. Hours 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Please bring your current ID for voting.

PRE-SEASON COTTON MEETING

The AgriLife Extension office will be holding a Pre-Season Cotton meeting on Wednesday, March 2nd at noon at the Covey BBQ Restaurant in Floydada. See the article in this week’s issue of the Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY ISD BOND PRESENTATION

Discussion concerning the proposed bond election and how it affects each of us.

Facts vs Fiction

“Facts vs. Fiction” Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 3 at 7 p.m. at Lockney Elementary School Cafeteria.

OLD SETTLER'S MEETING

The Old Settler’s Association will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at the First National Bank of Floydada Community Room.

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LOCKNEY SCHOOL NEWS

Lockney UIL Academic Teams win Sweepstakes Runnerup

By D'Lyn Morris
Special for The Hesperian-Beacon

LHS UIL academic teams competed at the Idalou Wildcat Invitational Meet on Saturday, February 13, 2016 and won Sweepstakes Runner up. Following are the results in each event:

In Calculator, Jake Moore placed 6th in 12th grade.

In Current Issues, Jace Klein placed 2nd and Stephen Setliff placed 5th. The team includes Valerie Hernandez, Sierra Martinez, Bethany Salazar and Haley Sanchez and they placed 3rd.

Emilee Encizo placed 2nd in Editorial writing.

In Feature Writing, Emilee placed 4th and Mackenzy Ragland placed 6th.

Jace Klein placed 1st in Headline Writing.

The Number Sense team placed 1st with

Jake Moore winning 1st overall, 1st in 12th grade, Seattle Jackson 3rd in 11th grade and Tristan Schlueter placed 4th in 10th grade. Other team members are Skyler Dunn and Freddie Bueno.

The Literary Criticism team also placed 1st with Jake Moore winning 1st and Lizzie Belt placing 4th. Other team members are Haley Sanchez, Sierra Martinez and Lyndee Setliff.

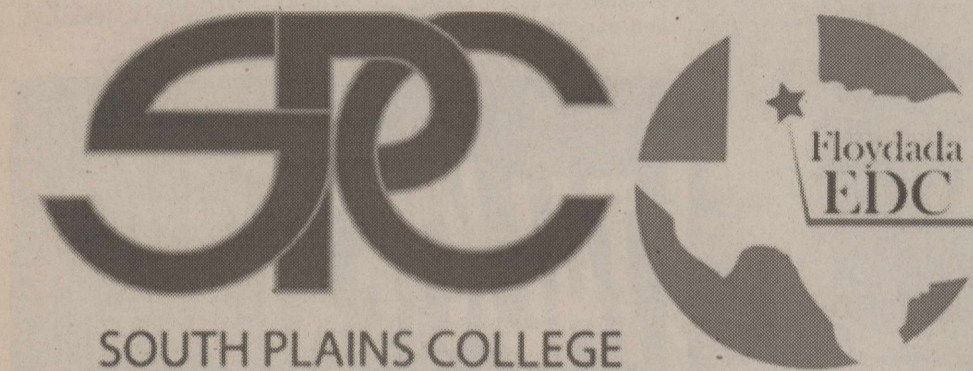
Luke Kasner placed 2nd and Lyndee Setliff placed 5th in Prose.

The Science team placed 1st with Jace Klein winning 1st overall, 1st in 12th grade and Top Biology score. Levi Kasner placed 2nd overall, 2nd in 12th grade and Top Physics score. Seattle Jackson placed 2nd in 11th grade. Tabetha Bigam, Austen Rexrode, Luke Kasner and Tristan Schlueter are other team members.

The UIL Academic District meet will be held April 6 at Ralls High School.

Congratulations to these students and their coaches.

SPC, EDC to offer classes in Floydada



By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

South Plains College and the Floydada Economic Development Corporation are partnering to bring the first continuing education courses to the city.

Microsoft Office 2010 classes will be taught at the EDC training center at 105 S. 5th Street beginning March 21.

These courses will be taught by Erica Johnson, Interim Executive Director of the Floydada EDC, who holds a Master and several Specialist certifications from Microsoft, and she discussed the plans. "These classes are for everyone. For example, an employee who wants to improve their skill set will be more knowledgeable and valuable to their current employer or will make themselves more marketable in their job search, an entrepreneur or business owner

that is looking for more efficiency or productivity for their livelihood. They'd also be good for students—any high school student wanting to get ready for college or students wanting to focus on their coursework as opposed to spending time figuring out software."

Ron Spears, Dean of Continuing and Distance Education for South Plains said, "We're really excited to be in Floydada, and this is a really good program. The instructor, Erica Johnson, can work with the local businesses to actually customize the classes to what their workers need."

He continued, "The beauty of continuing education is its flexibility. If this were a traditional college course, we'd need 10 students to hold the class. But, because it's local and it's continuing ed, we only need a minimum of three students."

According to Johnson, the

classes will be on alternating schedules from 1 to 4 p.m. the last two weeks of March. On March 21 the classes will be on Microsoft Word. On March 22 the classes will be on Excel, etc. These classes will be four days each week, Monday through Thursday.

The cost will be \$132, and the EDC can take checks or cash.

"Even though the classes offered in Floydada are not for academic credit," Johnson said, "a person can take it a step farther and pass the Microsoft exams. At that point, most accredited colleges will accept these certifications as academia credit."

The EDC is planning three sets of classes—Basic in March; Intermediate in April; Advanced in May.

The classes can accommodate up to 10 people, and the deadline to register for the first class is March 11.

For more information call the EDC at (806) 983-3318.

Texas A&M ranks high in math

Texas A&M University ranks No. 15 among the 50 best mathematics programs in the world, according to a new survey from TheBestSchools.org, a leading resource for prospective students seeking a college or university degree. Princeton University tops the list, released earlier this month and based in part upon the prestigious [Shanghai Rankings](http://ShanghaiRankings), in which Texas A&M ranks No. 14 in mathematics. Half of the 50 institutions featured are located in the United States, including four of the survey's top five. Texas A&M ranks eighth among those U.S.-based schools. The University of Texas at Austin is the only other Texas-based institution to make the list, coming in at No. 21.

"Taking this Shanghai Ranking as our point of departure, we researched the most important characteristics of each of the top 50 mathematics programs on the list in order to reveal why each university mathematics program appears where it does," the website notes. In Texas A&M's case, TheBestSchools.org cites specifics, such as engaging research and education in all areas of mathematics, quality results with global impact, collaboration between departments, plentiful and productive research areas, flexible and comprehensive undergraduate studies and active outreach programs as factors in their decision.

Emil Straube, professor of mathematics and head of the Texas A&M Department of Mathematics, notes that the latest accolade

is a shared one between his department and the Texas A&M Department of Statistics, given that it is based on the Shanghai Rankings as well as the U.S. News and World Report Best Global Universities in Mathematics rankings, in which Texas A&M is No. 17. Straube says both surveys combine mathematics and statistics into the broader category of mathematical sciences. Texas A&M also ranks No. 8 among the nation's top mathematics graduate programs according to graduate students via GraduatePrograms.com and 13th nationally among public university mathematics departments in research funding.

"Through the dedication and hard work of many people during the course of many years, both Mathematics and Statistics at Texas A&M have achieved world-class status," Straube said. "It is notable that in the current ranking, in addition to high-impact research, we are cited for our broad instructional and outreach efforts, as well as for our collaborations with other units. It is fair to say that this combination represents a substantial contribution toward realizing the goals of [Vision 2020](http://Vision2020). The mathematical sciences in the College of Science represent an eminently profitable investment for the university."

To see the complete list and find additional information about the survey, go to <http://www.thebestschools.org/features/best-mathematics-programs-in-world-today/>.

Lockney vs Clarendon Saturday, Feb. 20

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Lockney	0	4	1	4	2	0	3	14	15	6
Clarendon	0	4	0	1	0	0	3	8	12	4

Lockney

Lineup	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	K
Desiree Alaniz	4	1	2	1	0	1
Brittany DeLeon	4	1	1	1	0	1
Lexi Chavez	2	3	1	1	3	0
Shelby Coats	4	2	1	0	1	0
Breanna Hernandez	2	3	2	1	2	0
Karissa Petty	1	0	0	0	0	1
Camryn Diaz	5	2	3	3	0	0
Shelby Dunbar	5	2	3	4	0	0
Hannah Kidd	4	0	1	1	1	1
Reagan Nuncio	5	1	1	1	0	0
Totals	36	14	15	13	7	4

Batting 2B: Shelby Coats, Camryn Diaz 2, Breanna Hernandez, Shelby Dunbar, Reagan Nuncio
TB: Shelby Coats 2, Brittany DeLeon, Camryn Diaz 5, Lexi Chavez, Breanna Hernandez 3, Hannah Kidd, Shelby Dunbar 4, Reagan Nuncio 2, Desiree Alaniz 2
RBI: Brittany DeLeon, Camryn Diaz 3, Lexi Chavez, Breanna Hernandez, Hannah Kidd, Shelby Dunbar 4, Reagan Nuncio, Desiree Alaniz
ROE: Shelby Dunbar, Reagan Nuncio, Desiree Alaniz
HBP: Brittany DeLeon, Desiree Alaniz 2
SB: Shelby Coats, Brittany DeLeon, Lexi Chavez
CS: Desiree Alaniz 2
Team LOB: 11 Fielding E: Lexi Chavez 3, Reagan Nuncio 3

Pitching	IP	#P	S%	H	R	ER	K	BB	HR
Shelby Coats	7.0	133	.677	12	7	1	11	1	0
Totals	7.0	133	.677	12	7	1	11	1	0

Pitching HBP: Shelby Coats
Pitches-Strikes: Shelby Coats 133-90
Groundouts-Flyouts: Shelby Coats 4-3
First pitch strikes-Batters faced: Shelby Coats 24-40

Stats Courtesy of GameChanger

Clarendon

Lineup	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	K
Brooke Martin	5	2	0	0	0	3
Jada Butler	5	2	3	2	0	0
Allyson Hogan	4	0	2	2	0	0
Briley Chadwick	4	0	3	1	1	1
Shelby Baxter	5	0	0	0	0	4
Jensen Hatley	4	1	2	0	0	0
Emily Johnson	4	0	1	0	0	1
Hannah Hammel	4	1	1	0	0	1
Karlee Adams	3	1	0	0	0	1
Briana Butler	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sterling King	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	38	8	12	5	1	11

Batting 2B: Allyson Hogan, Jada Butler
TB: Allyson Hogan 3, Briley Chadwick 3, Jensen Hatley 2, Emily Johnson, Hannah Hammel, Jada Butler 4
RBI: Allyson Hogan 2, Briley Chadwick, Jada Butler 2
ROE: Brooke Martin 2, Allyson Hogan, Emily Johnson, Hannah Hammel
FC: Hannah Hammel, Karlee Adams 2
HBP: Allyson Hogan
SB: Jensen Hatley 2
Team LOB: 12 Fielding E: Allyson Hogan, Shelby Baxter, Jensen Hatley, Karlee Adams
DP: Briana Butler, Shelby Baxter

Pitching	IP	#P	S%	H	R	ER	K	BB	HR
Sterling King	5.0	91	.560	12	12	6	2	4	0
Briley Chadwick	2.0	50	.540	3	3	3	2	3	0
Totals	7.0	141	.553	15	14	9	4	7	0

Pitching HBP: Sterling King 3
WP: Briley Chadwick
Pitches-Strikes: Briley Chadwick 50-27, Sterling King 91-51
Groundouts-Flyouts: Briley Chadwick 0-3, Sterling King 7-4
First pitch strikes-Batters faced: Briley Chadwick 7-10, Sterling King 19-35

Lady Horns top Clarendon 14-8 in season opener

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

CLARENDON – Shelby Dunbar drove in four runs and Shelby Coats struck out 11 Clarendon batters to lead the Lockney Lady Horns to a 14-8 victory in their opening game of the softball season on Saturday, Feb. 20.

Leading off the game, Lady Horn pitcher Desiree Alaniz was hit by Clarendon pitcher Sterling King. Brittany DeLeon grounded out to the pitcher allowing Alaniz to move to second. With Lexi Chavez at-bat, Alaniz was caught trying to steal third then Chavez grounded out to third to end the top of the first. In the bottom of the first, Coats struck out Brooke Martin then Jada Butler flied out to center. Coats then hit Allyson Hogan and walked Briley Chadwick. Hogan and Chadwick each advanced a base on a passed ball but Coats struck out Shelby Baxter to end the inning with the score 0-0.

In the second inning, Coats flied out before Breanna Hernandez walked. Camryn Diaz doubled to left, driving in Hernandez for the first run of the year. Dunbar singled, driving in Diaz to give Lockney a 2-0 lead. Hannah Kidd struck out then Reagan Nuncio reached on an error and Dunbar moved to second. Alaniz singled to left, scoring Dunbar and moving Nuncio to third. DeLeon singled back to the pitcher, allowing Nuncio to score. DeLeon stole second before Chavez walked to load the bases but Coats flied out to center to end the top of second with the Lady Horns up 4-0. In the bottom of the second, Jensen Hatley led off with a single to right then Karlee Adams walked before Coats struck out Emily Johnson and Hannah Hammel.

Martin reached on an error by the shortstop which allowed Adams and Hatley to score. Butler singled to center, moving Martin to third. Hogan then doubled to left driving in Martin and Butler. Coats struck out Chadwick to end the inning with score tied 4-4.

In the top of third, Hernandez led off with a double to left. Diaz grounded out before Dunbar singled to right, allowing Hernandez to score. Kidd grounded out and Nuncio flied out to end Lockney's half of the inning with the Lady Horns leading 5-4.

In the bottom of the inning, Baxter struck out, then Hatley and Johnson each singled. Hammel reached on a fielder's choice as Hatley was put out at third. Adams grounded into a fielder's choice as Johnson was forced out at third to end the inning.

In the top of the fourth, Alaniz reached on an error and then DeLeon was hit by a pitch. Chavez singled, driving in Alaniz. DeLeon moved to third on a passed ball and scored on a throw to second. With Chavez at third, Coats walked. Karissa Petty struck out and Diaz popped out before Dunbar reached on

an error which allowed Chavez to score. Kidd singled to right, scoring Coats and moving Dunbar to second. Nuncio then doubled to left, driving in Dunbar. Alaniz was hit by a pitch but DeLeon grounded out to second to end Lockney's at-bat with the Lady Horns having a 9-4 lead. In the bottom of the inning, Martin struck out then Butler, Hogan and Chadwick all singled with Chadwick driving in Butler. Baxter struck out and Hatley grounded out to end the inning with the Lady Broncos trailing 9-5.

In the top of the fifth, Chavez drew a lead-off walk and moved to third on a double by Coats. Hernandez singled to center, driving in Chavez. Diaz singled to load the bases. Dunbar grounded out to short but Coats was able to score. Kidd then grounded into a double play but Lockney had stretched their lead to 11-5. In the bottom of the fifth, Johnson grounded out, Hammel reached on an error and then Adams and Martin struck out to end the inning.

In the top of the sixth, Nuncio flied out, Alaniz singled, DeLeon struck out and Alaniz was thrown out trying to steal. In the bottom of the sixth, Butler grounded out, Hogan reached on an error and Chadwick singled but Baxter flied out and Hatley grounded out to end the inning with Lockney leading 11-5.

In the top of the seventh, Chavez walked and moved to second on a pop up by Coats. Hernandez walked, the Diaz doubled to drive in both Chavez and Hernandez. Dunbar doubled, driving in Diaz. Kidd walked but Nuncio flied out and Alaniz struck out to end Lockney's at-bat with a 14-5 lead. In the bottom of the seventh, Johnson reached on an error and Hammel singled before Adams reached on a fielder's choice when Johnson was forced out at third. Martin reached on an error to load the bases.

Butler doubled, driving in Hammel and Adams and then Martin scored on the throw. Hogan flied out and then Chadwick singled before Baxter struck out to end the game, giving Lockney the 14-8 victory.

For Lockney, Dunbar was 3-5 at the plate, driving in four runs and scoring twice and Diaz was 3-5, driving in three runs and scoring twice.

Coats pitched seven innings, giving up 12 hits, allowed 8 runs, struck out 11 batters and only walked one batter.

For Clarendon, Butler was 3-5, with two runs batted in and scoring two runs and Hogan was 2-4 with two runs batted in. Sterling King pitched five innings, giving up 12 runs, striking out 2 and giving up four walks. Chadwick pitched two innings, allowing two runs, striking out two and walking three.

Lockney was scheduled to play Dimmitt on Tuesday, Feb. 23 and will play Denver City in a double-header on Saturday, Feb. 27.

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Monday, Feb. 29

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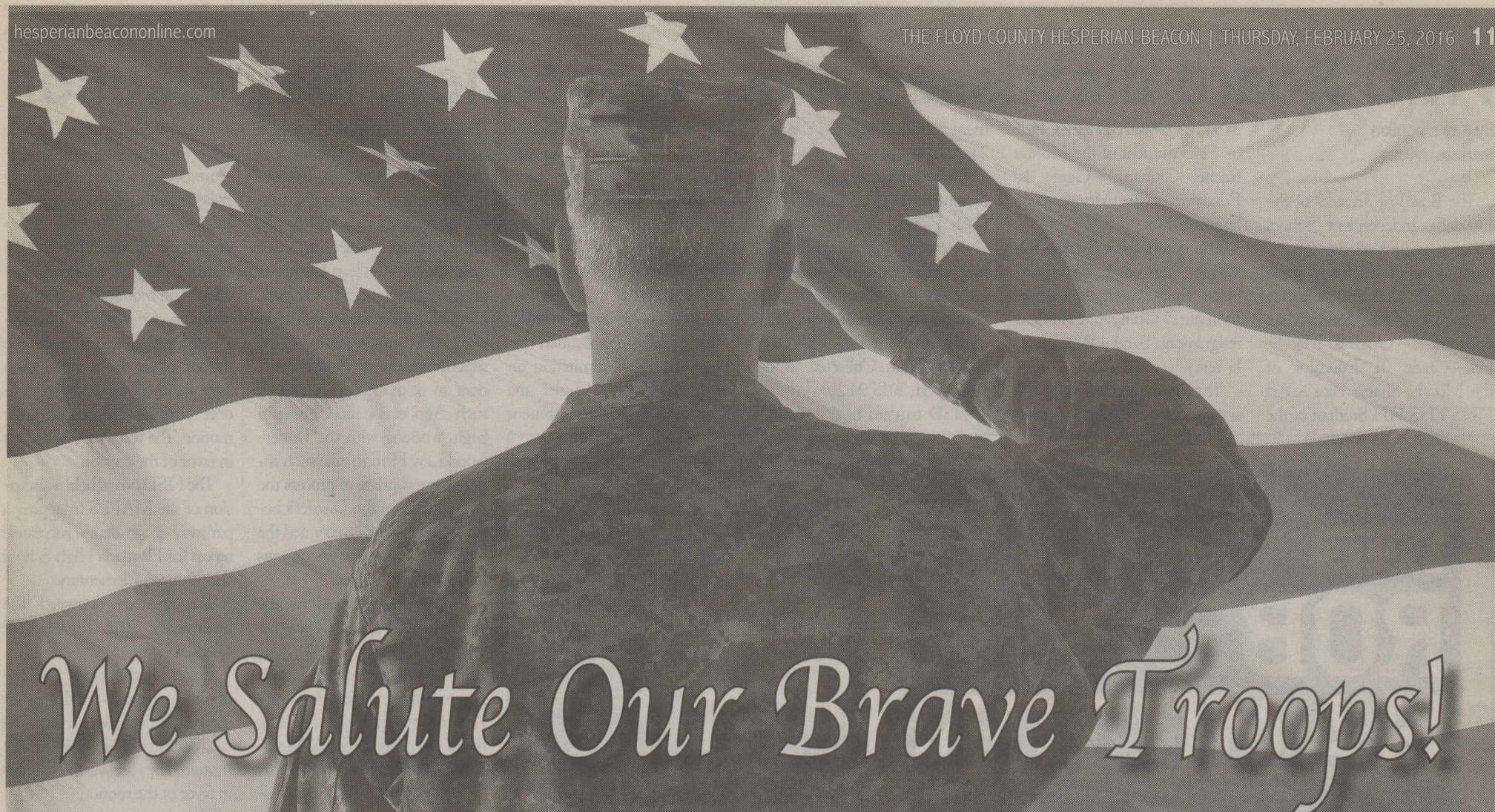
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FISD Board discusses wind application, May election

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

The Board of Trustees of the Floydada Independent School District recognized the following students and educators of the month: AB Duncan Elementary Students of the Month: Martin Ramirez-- Grade 01 Maddie Pyle--Grade 01 Educator of the Month: Shalee Pace - Art FJHS/FHS FJH Student of the

Month: Devan Perez--Grade 08 FHS Student of the Month: Rachel Graham --Grade 10 Educator of the Month: Cara James- FJHS.

The board approved the following personnel decisions-- hires: Travis Curry, bus driver, Florentino Obregon, custodian; resignations: Sandra Wiley, Vikki Yeary

Trustees set a board work session to discuss Facilities Assess-

ment and Planning for February 23, 2016 at 6 p.m.

Business Manager Alicia Bice presented the Tax Report and Cash Flow Statement. M&O Current Tax Roll \$3,135,754.93 Net Collections \$2,938,383.19 I&S Tax Roll \$366,347.20 Net Collections \$343,288.45 Percent of Current Roll Collected 93.71% Taxes Collected as of January 31, 2015 94.20%

FISD trustees held a discus-

sion regarding the withdrawal of prior amendments on application No. 1045 with Cotton Plains Wind I, LLC and held discussion regarding the status of application No. 1111, [New] Cotton Plains Winds I, LLC. Eric Smith made the motion to (1) consider Old Settler Wind, LLC's Application for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property under the Texas Economic Development

Act, Texas Tax Code, Chapter 313; (2) find that the estimated cost for the District in processing and acting on this application will be reduced since this Application contains some of the same data from Apex Clean Energy as prior Application; (3) set the application fee for this Application at \$15,000; and (4) authorize the superintendent or Board President to acknowledge receipt of such Application and Fee and begin working with the Underwood Law Firm to take such action as appropriate to process the Application on the District's behalf. Roger Hughes seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Discussion was held by the board regarding the facility assessment planning.

William Dean made the motion to order an election on May 7, 2016 for the purpose of electing board members for Single Member District 2, Single Member District 4, Single Member District 5, and an At-Large seat. Gracie Diaz seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Eric Smith made the motion to approve the FISD Board Resolution for the May 7, 2016 election. Kay Brotherton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Roger Hughes made the motion to approve the joint election agreement with the City of Floydada and the Caprock Hospital District on May 7, 2016. Gracie Diaz seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Eric Smith made the motion to approve the election services contract with Floyd County for the May 7, 2016 election. Beverly Collins seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Roger Hughes made the motion to approve Evie Cervera as Early Ballot Clerk and Dee Leatherman as Deputy Ballot Clerk for the May 7, 2016 election. Eric Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous

in favor of the motion. Gracie Diaz made the motion to approve Brenda Hefflin as the Early Ballot/Election Judge and Karrie Williams as the Alternate Election Judge for the May 7, 2016 election. Kay Brotherton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Kay Brotherton made the motion to set the compensation rates for the May 7, 2016 election. Eric Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The FISD board held a discussion of the MAPPs (mapping a pathway to student's successes) report for Floydada High School and Duncan Elementary.

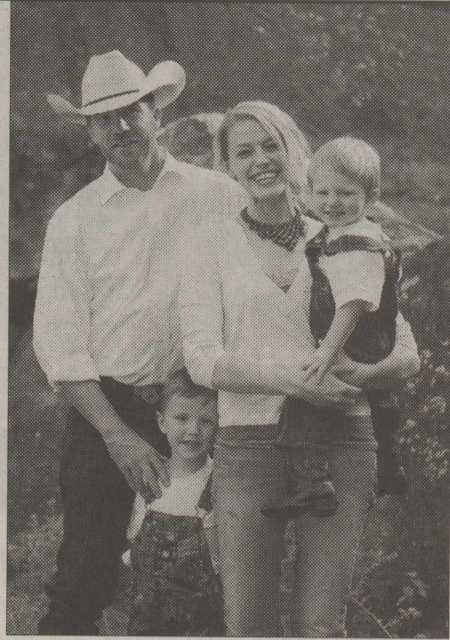
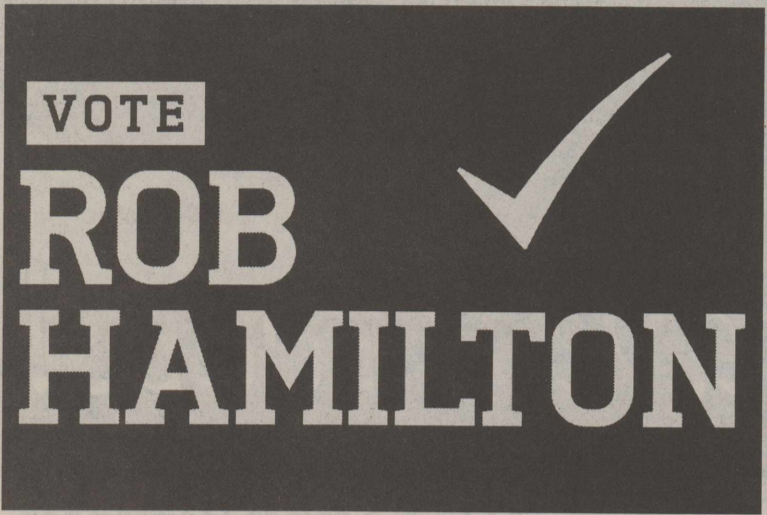
The trustees discussed the preliminary 2016-2017 school calendar.

Roger Hughes made the motion to accept bids for the sale of used district vehicles no longer in use. William Dean seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The board adjourned into executive session for discussion of administrators' contracts and salaries for July 1, 2016- June 30, 2018 (Closed meeting, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551-074). The open meeting was closed at 9:29 p.m. The closed meeting opened at 9:30 p.m. The closed meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m. The public meeting reopened at 9:56 p.m.

Roger Hughes made the motion to extend all administrators' contracts listed below by one year with a salary increase of 3%. William Dean seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

A. Rex Holcombe, Assistant Superintendent/Technology Director/Federal Programs Director B. Wayne Morren, High School and Junior High School Principal C. Carlos Munoz, A.B. Duncan Elementary Principal D. Terra Chesshir, Director of Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment E. Alicia Bice, Business Manager F. Jim Bob Hobbs, Director of Special Programs G. Todd Bandy, Athletic Director/Head Football Coach.



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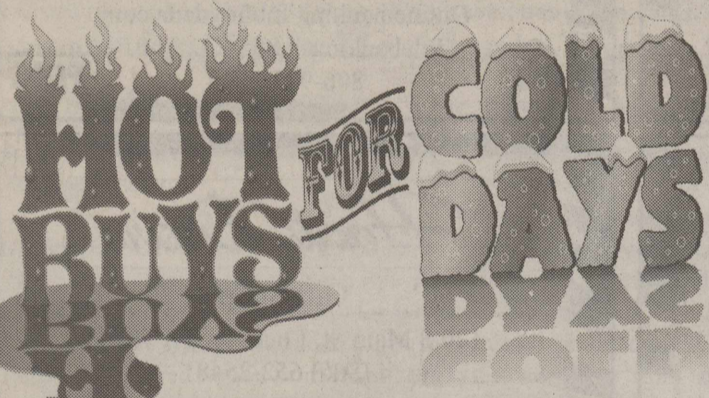
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I have been practicing law in West Texas for twelve years. It has provided me with a special insight into the issues facing our area both in civil and criminal law. Although seeking justice in the prosecution of criminal cases is the main focus of 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.

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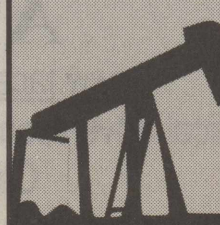
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Floydada Police Report SW Oklahoma and Texas Panhandle Fishing Report

By Jesse Finley
Public Information Officer

Police arrested Paula Cabello on February 5. She had an outstanding warrant from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Alejandro Martinez was arrested on February 6. He was wanted out of Hale County on a felony forgery charge.

Raul Mendoza Jr. had a warrant for his arrest for criminal non-child support out of Hale County. Police arrested him on February 8.

Stephen L. Assiter was arrested by Floydada Police on February 19. Stephen had failed to register as a sex offender.

Police took a report on February 1 for Injury to a Child. Upon further investigation by Police and the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, there was not enough evidence to file charges with the District Attorney.

Police investigated a burglary report on February 3 that occurred on the 800 Block of West Marivena. A suspect has been identified and charges are pending.

Police are currently investigating a possible Indecency with a Child. It was reported on February 11 and a suspect has been identified. Due to the nature of the case, no further details will be released.

Police are currently investigating a report of criminal mischief where a windshield was damaged in the 300 Block of West Jeffie. No suspect has been identified at this time. The incident occurred during the night of February 15 and into the morning of February 16.

Police were called to a report of an assault that happened on a school bus between two juveniles on February 19. Due to the age of the parties involved, no fur-

ther details will be released.

Police took a report of a violation of a protective order on February 20. The report will be passed to the County Attorney for consideration.

Police responded to a call for service on February 20 at the high school baseball fields. A case of reckless driving is being investigated that started several blocks from the baseball fields as the identified suspect was supposedly driving next to the victims and trying to get them to stop. A citation of Assault by Threat was also issued to the suspect in the incident.

An accident was reported on February 4 where a vehicle backed into another parked vehicle. No injuries were reported.

Police responded to an accident on February 14 where a vehicle took the turn at the intersection of Houston and 12th Street too fast and rolled the vehicle. The driver and two passengers were transported to the hospital and a citation was issued to the driver for Fail to Control Speed.

Police responded to a total of 134 calls for service between January 31 and February 21.

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

Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

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

Foss: Elevation 4.75 ft. below normal, water 50s. Striped bass hybrids are fair on slabs in deep water. Walleye are fair on live bait. White bass are slow. Catfish are slow.

Lawtonka: Elevation above normal, water clear. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs around brush structure, docks and the dam.

Tom Steed: Elevation normal, water 45. Blue and channel catfish are slow on stinkbait at 6 ft. along flats.

Waurika: Elevation normal, water 57. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs around brush structure. Blue and channel catfish are fair on cut bait, stinkbait and chicken liver in the main lake and along shorelines.

Coleman: Water murky; 45-49 degrees; 4.54 ft. low. Black bass are fair on chartreuse soft plastics and Rat-L-Traps. Hybrid striper are good on chartreuse striper jigs. Crappie are fair on minnows over brush piles. Channel catfish are good on stinkbait and cut bait. Yellow catfish are slow.

Ft. Phantom Hill: Water murky; 45-52 degrees; 0.3 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; 14.2 ft. low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs, Rat-L-Traps and jigs.

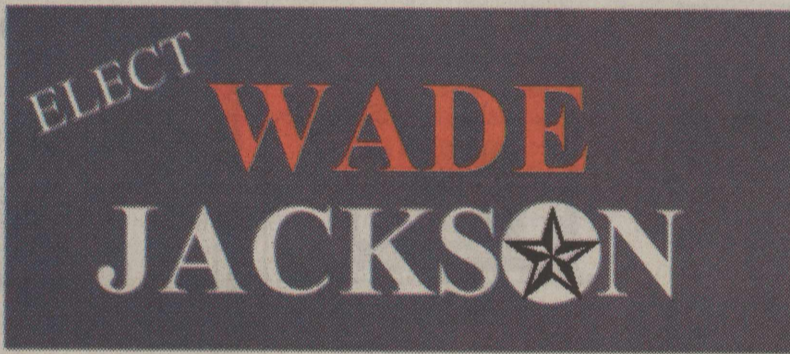
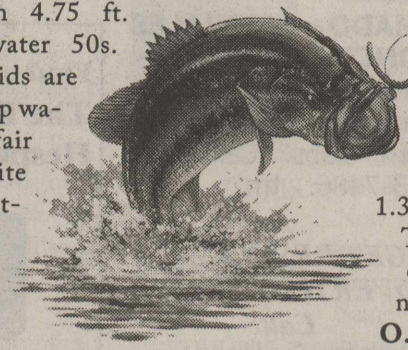
Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and live shad.

Nasworthy: 43-54 degrees; 1.33 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; 46.33 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; 15.38 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.

Possom Kingdom: Water off color; 48-57 degrees; 0.05 ft. low. 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.



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ing. Both easily passed the 50 signature threshold.

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

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

Weather Whys

Contrails formed from jet exhaust

You sometimes hear of contrails. What are they?

Contrails are what appear to be long lines of clouds high in the sky and they are formed from jet aircraft exhaust, explains Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Contrails are created when very cold air freezes the warm and humid engine exhaust," he says. "Air temperatures where contrails are formed are usually minus 40 degrees or colder. Contrails could be compared to exhaling in winter and seeing your breath because it's so cold. When water vapor from the exhaust hits the cold air, ice crystals develop and they produce a contrail."

Do contrails affect the weather?

This is a question that is beginning to be seriously debated worldwide, McRoberts adds. "More and more scientists believe contrails act like natural cirrus clouds and they block out solar energy from above and keep in the heat from below," he adds. "One study shows that contrails cover about 1 percent of the Earth's surface, but in heavy air traffic areas, as much as 20 percent. Studies have shown that lower atmospheric temperatures across North America rose almost 0.5 degree per decade from 1975 to 1994, and some researchers believe contrails may have at played a part in this increase of temperatures."