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## Producers Co-op, Ace Hardware to sell Bonton Honey

By Kay Ellington  
 The Hesperian-Beacon

West Texas farmers, businessmen, and their wives travelled to South Dallas the first weekend in March to help cultivate an additional 18-acres in the unique ministry, known as Bonton Farms. Bonton Farms is a mission initiative of *H.I.S. BridgeBuilders*, a Dallas urban missionary organization to alleviate poverty and promote flourishing communities.

The Hesperian-Beacon has reported in an ongoing series of articles how Floyd County residents are helping the citizens of this South Dallas neighborhood with their challenges, and the progress has been nothing short of miraculous.

Bonton, an urban neighborhood situated just four miles south of Downtown Dallas, is located in a "food desert." With 63% of residents lacking personal transportation, and the nearest grocery store a 3-hour round-trip bus ride away, residents rely on the local convenience store or liquor store for their groceries. The impact on their health is devastating, and the statistics are staggering. Bonton's cardiovascular disease rate is 54% higher than that of the city of Dallas. Diabetes is 45% higher. Stroke is 61% higher. Cancer is 58% higher.

But Bonton Farm-Works—with a little help from their friends in West Texas—is changing all that. Father and son Curtis and Brian Sanders

from Floydada were a part of a group that heard the testimony of Darren Babcock, BridgeBuilders' director of community development, about the miracles happening at Bonton and have helped ever since. According to Brian, when the West Texans arrived at Bonton, the neighborhood residents were trying to cultivate their acreage with hoes and shovels. "With tractors and equipment, we were able to get them set up in just a couple of days," he said. "But the real heroes in this story are the people in that neighborhood trying to build a live without grocery stores and trying to overcome the challenges of crime and poverty."

Bonton's first vegetables harvested included: onions, carrots, spinach, kale, beans, cabbage, tomatoes, squash, peppers and arugula. The Bonton farmers plan to debut at a community market near White Rock Lake in mid-April, selling eggs, Bonton honey (produced for now in McKinney) and whatever vegetables are ready by then.

Curtis mentioned that many West Texans went down to Dallas the first weekend in March to help the Bonton farmers prepare the 18 acres that had been donated to them. Among that group were his son Brian and wife Mary Ellen, David Turner from Lockney, Barney and Deanna Burnett from Memphis. Back to Nature Compost from Slaton donated compost for the farm.



This is not the first time that West Texas has reached out to help the fledgling farmers. In October a new \$19,000 John Deere tractor was donated to the farm by an anonymous donor from West Texas.

The additional land will be life-changing for Bonton. They've been operating with about one-acre, and now they will have 18 acres. In addition to gardens, Bonton has free range chickens and goats.

According to Brian the biggest miracle is, "how people are changing their lives. Some of these guys in this neighborhood are pretty hardcore, with drugs, and crime and all that. But when they see what everyone's doing at the farm, they start coming around. And they get tired of the fighting and the pressures, and they decide to make a See BONTON Page 2



Courtesy photo  
 West Texans made the trip to South Dallas to assist in getting the 18-acre expansion of Bonton Farms ready. Shown are Daron and Theda Babcock, Barney and Deanna Barnett, David Turner, George Barela, John, Fred, and Beverly Treffinger, Brian and Mary Ellen Sanders



## County may explore options to aid Floydada VFD

By Kay Ellington  
 The Hesperian-Beacon

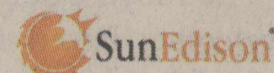
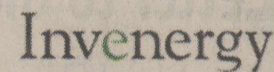
Floydada Fire Chief Craig Dubois appeared before Floyd County Commissioners Court in its monthly meeting Monday to request assistance from the county in helping pay for new jaws of life equipment.

The cost for the new rescue equipment would be \$21,000, DuBois said. To refurbish the old equipment would cost \$13,000.

County judge Marty Lucke said the county couldn't look at providing some assistance until the new budget is in effect which would be in October.

DuBois said that he would welcome any assistance from the county whenever it could come and would continue to look for additional sources of funding.

In other court action Lucke updated commissioners on the various wind energy projects in the county. He noted that Apex Energy was having a landowners meeting Tuesday, March 15 at 6 p.m. at the Unity Center and said



that Invenergy, which has the Wake Wind project, which extends across part of Crosby and Floyd County has had additional data requests from the county, such as minutes from meetings.

Commissioner Lindan Morris noted that EDF Renewable Energy has a meeting Tuesday in Lockney for a Lockney Wind Energy project. Commissioner Nathan Johnson said that SunEdison is back on board with its project.

Lucke said that he and Morris had taken Rep. Drew Springer on a tour of Floyd County's wind initiatives to give the representative in-

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## Upcoming

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

### SPRING BREAK

Floydada ISD and Lockney ISD will be on Spring Break this week! Hoping everyone has a fun and safe spring break!

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## BPA award winners



Courtesy photo

Reagan Hughes, Destiny Cabello, Kortney Campbell, Macee Brotherton and Kaylee Morren earned Statesman torch awards. At Nationals every year each state trades pins. Kaylee Morren submitted a pin design and it was chosen. So her pin will be traded at Nationals.

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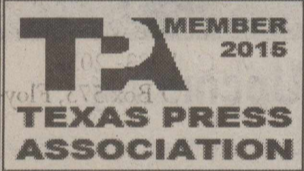
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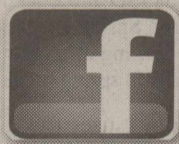
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**FLOYD COUNTY VETERAN'S MEMORIAL**

If you would like to have a name added to the Floyd County Veteran's Memorial please go by the Floyd County Historical Museum and pick up an application. Applications must be returned no later than April 18<sup>th</sup>. See article in this week's issue of the Hesperian-Beacon.

**FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

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sights on wind energy before the next legislative session.

In other court action Lucke led a discussion about software needed for the 110<sup>th</sup> District Judge. Lucke noted that all judges are required to have computers and case management software. Floyd County will be taking the lead on getting the bids for the case management software for the 110<sup>th</sup> District Judge. A first look at the case management software showed that it could cost as much as \$53,000 with a \$5,000 a year estimated annual maintenance fees. He

noted, however, that those numbers could change via the bid process. Commissioners approved unanimously handling the bids for this process.

Sheriff Paul Raissez addressed the court about two topics—an inter-local purchasing agreement with Tarrant County and an inter-local agreement with Lubbock for inmate housing.

Raissez said that vehicles and other equipment could be purchased at lower costs if Floyd County entered into this purchasing agreement with Tarrant County. He said that a car dealer in the Tarrant County area had made him aware of this agreement.

Commissioners voted to approve participating in the Tarrant County cooperative purchasing program.

The sheriff then explained that Lubbock was raising its inmate housing costs from \$38 to \$65 a day. The court discussed the impact of those costs, and questions were raised about a Hale County option. Raissez said Hale was full at this time. Another option raised was Post.

Lucke said that the court could approve the new inmate inter-local agreement and still continue to look for more affordable options. Commissioners unanimously approved the new inmate inter-local agreement.

In other court action Lucke told commissioners that all courthouse sidewalks had been finished, and that the cost ended up being \$4,658 more than they had planned. Commissioners approved unanimously the new sidewalks cost.

Commissioners also unanimously approved banning all election signs from courthouse property. In-person electioneering would be allowed with 100 feet of voting, as stipulated in voting regulations.

## The 501

Spring break. It's when naïve grandparents dream of diverting their grandchildren's attention



HANABA MUNN WELCH

from all electronic devices long enough to nurture their developing brains, save their eyesight and posture and change the direction of their lives. That's assuming the grandchildren aren't old enough to take off to Cancun. Then all bets are off.

My husband reminds me comic books were our ruination. As for spring break, we were happy to get out early on Good Friday.

Times have changed. Spring breaking 9-year-old grandson, Cutter, is headed to the farm to start his vacation. I'm thinking we'll visit cemeteries.

His 13-year-old sister, Rylee, is on a school trip to Washington, D.C. As far as I'm concerned, it's a competition. The more I ruminate, the better my cemetery excursion stacks up against all the stuff she'll get to do and see.

Cutter's been to the gravesite of the Oma he never met, but that neatly manicured cemetery is all too modern.

The oldest grave is from 1997. They've even got rules against knickknacks and mementoes and rules for vases. Good for them.

I think every 9-year-old should get to see a historic graveyard with no such rules one where some monuments are from the 1800s and where various knickknacks appear here

and there, linking the dead to the living. After all, his sister probably will get to see all the things people leave at the Vietnam Memorial. I hope she does.

Cutter and I won't visit just one cemetery. We'll map our route, starting with the oldest. I'll tell him about the graves of the cowboys who drowned driving cattle across the Red River at Doan's Crossing. Those graves you can't see, but I almost know where they are. I'll read him Andy Adams Log of a Cowboy the part that describes those graves when they were new, circa 1880. Better yet, I'll let Cutter read it. I'll mention the importance of knowing how to swim and what to do if you get caught in a river current or quicksand. We'll look at both sides of the tall 1931 gray granite Trail Drivers Monument at Doans. Maybe the cattle brands inscribed thereon will inspire Cutter to create his own.

We'll hit more rural cemeteries. I might even find a remote place to let Cutter drive. After all, his sister Rylee will be zipping under Washington on the Metro.

Then we'll pick up Mom and Granddad for a trip to the old cemetery in town. I'll share pictures of my ancestors, including my mother's brother, Bertis Cortez, who died at age 2 from a relapse of the measles.

I'm just a step-grandmother, but I want Cutter to feel connected to all his step-kin and to be glad he got a measles vaccination.

We'll take pictures. At the end of the day, we'll turn it all into a spectacular comic book starring Cutter. I've got an app for that.

It'll be viewable on his mom's smartphone. Between games he'll read it, mesmerized.

I can dream.

## The Paperboy

### This country needs more hens

The following is an old children's story which many of you can probably recall. It simplifies the attitude of some Americans and shows you just how flawed some of the population is in terms of their thinking regarding the economy and their role in the workforce.

Once upon a time, there was a little red hen who lived on a farm. She was friends with a lazy dog, a sleepy cat, and a noisy yellow duck.



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*One day the little red hen found some seeds on the ground. The little red hen had an idea. She would plant the seeds.*

*The little red hen asked her friends, "Who will help me plant the seeds?"*

*"Not I," barked the lazy dog. "Not I," purred the sleepy cat. "Not I," quacked the noisy yellow duck.*

*"Then I will," said the little red hen. So the little red hen planted the seeds all by herself.*

*When the seeds had grown, the little red hen asked her friends, "Who will help me cut the wheat?"*

*"Not I," barked the lazy dog. "Not I," purred the sleepy cat. "Not I," quacked the noisy yellow duck.*

*"Then I will," said the little red hen. So the little red hen cut the wheat all by herself.*

*When all the wheat was cut, the little red hen asked her friends, "Who will help me take the wheat to the mill to be ground into flour?"*

*"Not I," barked the lazy dog. "Not I," purred the sleepy cat. "Not I," quacked the noisy yellow duck.*

*"Then I will," said the little red hen. So the little red hen brought the wheat to the mill all by herself, ground the wheat into flour, and carried the heavy sack of flour back to the farm.*

*The tired little red hen asked her friends, "Who will help me bake the bread?"*

*"Not I," barked the lazy dog. "Not I," purred the sleepy cat. "Not I," quacked the noisy yellow duck.*

*"Then I will," said the little red hen. So the little red hen baked the bread all by herself.*

*When the bread was finished, the tired little red hen asked her friends, "Who will help me eat the bread?"*

*"I will," barked the lazy dog. "I will," purred the sleepy cat. "I will," quacked the noisy yellow duck.*

*"No!" said the little red hen. "I will." And the little red hen ate the bread all by herself.*

*None other than President Ronald Reagan used this tale, only he made a revision to the end. In Reagan's version, the farmer claims that the hen is being unfair if she does not share her bread with the other animals, and forces her to. This removes the hen's incentive to work resulting in poverty for the entire barnyard.*

Americans need to take pride in themselves and be like the Little Red Hen instead of sitting around like a bunch of children.

Get to work and take a giant step toward a better life for your family and feel the pride in knowing your efforts paid off!

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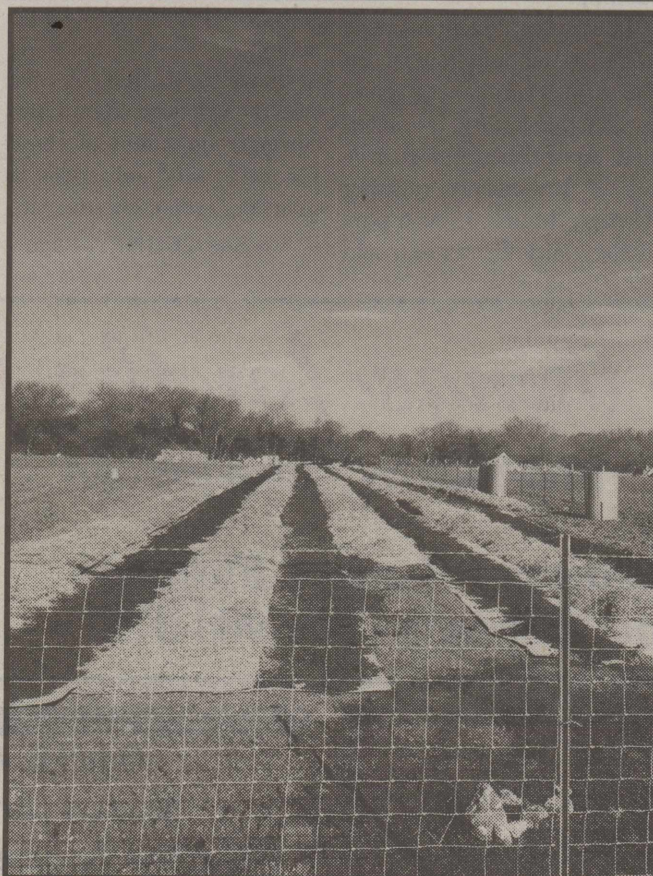
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## BONTON

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change. Pretty soon they're coming around to Bible studies. It's a neat deal."

Seth Stephens at Producers Co-op and Wes Anderson at Ace Hardware will soon be selling Bonton Farms Honey at their stores—just another way that West Texas farm communities are help this South Dallas initiative.

## Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

You don't need fancy highbrow traditions or money to really learn. You just need people with the desire to better themselves. — Adam Cooper and Bill Collage

Education is what survives when what has been learned has been forgotten. — B. F. Skinner

America believes in education: the average professor earns more money in a year than a professional athlete earns in a whole week. — Evan Esar

A fool's brain digests philosophy into folly, science into superstition, and art into pedantry. Hence University education. — George Bernard Shaw

Human history becomes more and more a race between education and catastrophe. — H. G. Wells

## AgriLife Extension offers child care training

By Steve Byrns

LUBBOCK — Professional child care training will be offered April 16 during "Inclusive Child Care for Preschool and School-Aged Children," a collaborative effort among the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services and Child Care Licensing.

The workshop will run from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the 916 Main St., 1st Floor Meeting Room in Lubbock located north across the street from the Lubbock County Courthouse, said Kay Davis, AgriLife Extension family and consumer sciences agent in Lubbock County.

"This course offers six hours of continuing education units for early child-

hood educators and is designed for child care providers and directors," Davis said.

Individual registration is \$20. Davis advised registering early as seating is limited. The registration includes lunch. To register and for more information, call the AgriLife Extension office in Lubbock County at 806-775-1740 or visit their website at <http://lubbock-tx.tamu.edu> and click on the Current Events tab.

That's what college is for — getting as many bad decisions as possible out of the way before you're forced into the real world. I keep a checklist of 'em on the wall in my room. — Jeph Jacques

She knows what is the best purpose of education: not to be frightened by the best but to treat it as part of daily life. — John Mason Brown

Training is everything. The peach was once a bitter almond; cauliflower is nothing but cabbage with a college education. — Mark Twain

To repeat what others have said, requires education; to challenge it, requires brains. — Mary Pettibone Poole

The very spring and root of honesty and virtue lie in good education. — Plutarch

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### Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

#### The W. Boone Hall Family

#### By Mrs. W. Boone Hall

My father William Taylor Brown was born in Holmes County, Mississippi in 1857. My mother, Harriet Virginia Fortenberry, was born in Lawrence County, Arkansas in 1857. Both later moved to Denton County, Texas. My angelic mother was stricken with polio when two years old, leaving her completely paralyzed in her lower limbs. But what a full and glorious life she lived in spite of this handicap. She was teaching in a little country school when my father met and married her.

To this union were born twelve children—Benjamin Cephus, Oliver Jones, Lottie Levada, William Edward, Robert Fredrick, Mary Emily, Nancy Beatrice, Virginia Estelle, Thomas Franklin, Jessie Leah, Susie Anna, Ruth (the writer). The Brown family moved to Floyd County, Texas in 1902. We were not rich in silver, but exceedingly rich in having devout Christian parents that taught us to love and honor the Lord God. This priceless heritage has influenced my entire life.

My mother died in 1925 and my father married Taulula Guy. She was my second mother for 25 years; I simply adored her.

Dr. T. A. Hall of North Carolina and Georgia Ann Boyd of Georgia were married in 1889 in Georgia. They moved to Wolfe City, Texas in 1890. To this union was born three children; Ollie May, Thomas Grady and Warner Boone.

Dr. Hall put himself through medical school and supported his family by alternately teaching school and going to school; while brave Georgia Ann reared her family on this meager income. Boone was six months old before his father saw him.

Boone Hall taught school in East Texas. He moved to Floydada, Texas in 1915. He married a lovely school teacher Lillian Lucille

Stephenson, March 17, 1918. She died Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1918 at birth of their Ceile Stephensen.

Boone and I married October 30<sup>th</sup>, 1920 and this precious baby became mine to love and rear.

Boone worked for the Santa Fe and other companies before the Great Depression struck. By God's grace and Boone's hard work we weathered the storm.

In 1936 we moved to Plainview, Texas. Here Boone was blockman for International Harvester Co.;

later he was tax assessor-collector for Tulia, Texas schools and subsequently for City of Plainview.

Ceile finished Wayland College and in 1948 married Kathryn Owens of Amarillo. They had four children; Gregory Stephenson, Celia Kay, Nancy Dawn and Julie Ann. We have six great Grandchildren (and they are great); Mark, Jeffery, Stephanie, Courtney, Jacquelin, Sadie May.

Later Ceile married Leveta Thompson. She died July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1972.

Boone is now retired yet always busy keeping the yard and garden. We have been married 57 years and have had our share of peace and happiness as well as heartbreak- but there has always been love and me blessings of God.

When you have lived a life time on me wind swept plains of Texas; when you have known me joy of living in a half dugout that was cooled in summer by wild flower perfumed breezes and warmed in winter by covering snow; when you walked at edge of lake that sparkled in sunshine like a million diamonds and gathered the chalky fragile shells to string into a doll's necklace; when you have listened to the ineffable loveliness of the mornings dove's cooing, when you .....O how can you condense a life time into 500 words.

## Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

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

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

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

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

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

MENU  
March 21 - March 25

Monday - Cheeseburgers  
Tuesday - Tacos  
Wednesday - Chicken fried steak  
Thursday - Salmon  
Friday - Pulled pork  
(Menus subject to change with notice)

## Floydada Senior Citizens News

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

### MEMORIALS

**In Memory of Jan Willson** - Janet Milam, James Lovell, Jay and Julie Lackey, Shorty Turner

**In Memory of Don McCandless** - Jay and Julie Lackey

Wanda Williams was honored with a birthday party on March 4<sup>th</sup> at the Azteca Restaurant. Attending were Sarah Hinsley, Faye Bertrand, Virginia Pyle, Nancy Lawson, Sue Ward and Wanda Williams.

James Lovell was honored with a 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Guests included Mike and LuAnn Collins, Margaret Soude-lier, Dan and Mitzi Nixon, Jerlean Ledbetter, Pastor Tom and June Ross, Pastor Henry Russell, and Laura Turner. Helium balloons decorated the table. Cupcakes and homemade vanilla ice cream was served with "Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday James."

Mild temperatures and overcast weekend skies have brought seniors out to work in yards. Drove around county to look at wheat fields and cotton planting that need spring rains. Prayers are offered in churches for God's rain blessings.

Recently Mrs. Marjorie Myrick, who use to live in the Floydada area, called Joyce Williams to inquire about the adult Church of Christ camp Joyce had attended for a week at Lubbock Christian University. Joyce driven to Lubbock by her daughter-in-law, Kellie Williams, had lived in a dorm for a week.

In her dorm were fellow church ladies from Big Spring, Texas. The VA Hospital in Big Spring had asked for volunteers to come to the VA hospital to set in a chair in a dimly lit room, and listen to veterans talk about their war memories and experiences, ever as far back as WWII.

Some of the veterans had never discussed or told anyone of their war memories locked inside themselves. One Big Spring lady told of a WWII veteran who had been in and out

## Zika Virus

Texas has had 22 confirmed cases of Zika virus disease. 21 were in travelers who were infected abroad and diagnosed after they returned home. One case involved a Dallas County resident who had sexual contact with someone who acquired the Zika infection while traveling abroad. Case counts by county:

- Bexar - 3
- Dallas - 4
- Fort Bend - 1
- Harris - 10
- Tarrant - 2
- Travis - 2

The Texas Department of State Health Services is encouraging people to follow travel precautions for regions and certain countries where Zika virus transmission is ongoing.

DSHS recommends travelers avoid mosquito bites while abroad and for seven days after returning, in case they have been exposed to Zika virus. People can also protect themselves from mosquito bites by taking a few simple steps:

**Wear Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-**

### registered insect repellents

Cover up with long-sleeved shirts and long pants. Keep mosquitoes out with air conditioning or intact window screens.

Limit outdoor activities during peak mosquito times

Zika virus is primarily spread to people through mosquito bites. Rarely, the virus is spread from mother to child. Spread of the virus through blood transfusion and sexual contact has also been reported.

Approximately 80% of people infected with the virus do not become ill. For those who do develop symptoms, illness is generally mild and typically lasts a few days to a week. The most common symptoms of Zika virus disease are fever, rash, joint pain, and conjunctivitis (red eyes).

Severe disease requiring hospitalization is uncommon and fatalities are rare. An increase in Guillain-Barré syndrome was noted during an outbreak of Zika virus in French Polynesia in 2014. An increase in microcephaly was noted during an outbreak of Zika virus in Brazil in 2015. Whether Zika virus

infection causes these conditions has not yet been established.

Currently, there is no vaccine or treatment for the Zika virus. Your best protection to avoid infection is to prevent mosquito breeding and protect yourself from mosquito bites.

### Prevent Mosquito Breeding

At least weekly empty or get rid of cans, buckets, old tires, pots, plant saucers and other containers that hold water.

Keep gutters clear of debris and standing water.

Remove standing water around structures and from flat roofs.

Change water in pet dishes daily.

Rinse and scrub vases and other indoor water containers weekly.

Change water in wading pools and bird baths several times a week.

Maintain backyard pools or hot tubs.

Cover trash containers. Water lawns and gardens carefully so water does not stand for several days.

Screen rain barrels and openings to water tanks or cisterns.

Treat front and back door areas of homes with residual insecticides if mosquitoes are abundant nearby.

If mosquito problems persist, consider pesticide applications for vegetation around the home.

## Weather Whys

Q: Why does the sky sometimes look green during a thunderstorm?

A: It's a question that has been asked for centuries and is still not fully answered, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "We know the ancient Greeks reported seeing green skies during thunderstorms, and sailors for hundreds of years have written about green skies," McRoberts explains. "The most popular theory is that thunderstorms contain a lot of water - often in the form of hail - and this water or ice tends to scatter green light during the strong updrafts that occur in severe storms. That's why many people say the sky appears green right before a hailstorm."

Q: Does the sky look green during a tornado?

A: It can, says McRoberts, but not always so. "Often the sky appears almost black during a tornado, but sometimes there are greenish-looking tints to the clouds," he adds. "Many tornadoes have hail right around them. What we do know for sure is that green skies do exist, but they are fairly rare. They may or may not contain a tornado, and they may or may not contain hail. We do know that they are almost always an indicator of severe weather, often very dangerous weather, so if you see a thunderstorm approaching and the sky appears to look green, you should take cover immediately."

Weather Whys is a service of the Department of Atmospheric Sciences at Texas A&M University.

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-E. Marie Strickland

# OBITUARIES/CHURCH

## Obituary

### JOHN ARTHUR LITTLE

John Arthur Little, age 80, passed away March 10, 2016 in Lockney, Texas.

Private services will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are under the care of Moore Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

John was born November 28, 1935 in Eagleton, Arkansas to Angus and Maudie Little. John spent a great part of his life working as a welder in several states and over-

seas. He moved to Floydada in 1999. He worked for the County for a few years.

John is preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and three sisters.

He is survived by a son, Jimmy of Wyoming; a daughter, Brenda of California; a sister, Tommie Rowan of Floydada; seven nieces and ten nephews.

Online condolences may be made at [www.moore-rose.com](http://www.moore-rose.com)

## Home repair funds available through USDA Rural Development

**TEMPLE, TEXAS, March 2, 2016** - Texas USDA Rural Development has announced funding is available for the purpose of repairing homes in eligible rural areas. The funds are available through Rural Development's 504 Home Repair loan and grant program.

The program is available to low income recipients to make essential repairs to modernize and repair homes, and to remove health and safety hazards. Most repairs completed under the program are for roof, window and door replacements, as well as electrical, plumbing and air conditioning upgrades as well as other repairs needed to increase the home's energy efficiency and overall comfort and quality. Renovations to make a home wheelchair or handicap accessible are also considered.

To qualify for the program, applicants must own their home, and fall within Ru-

ral Development's income guidelines, defined as below 50 percent of the area median income and unable to obtain affordable credit elsewhere. Homeowners, at least 62 years old, may qualify for a grant. Grant funding up to \$7,500 is limited and many times repairs will be funded with a combination of loan and grant.

One percent loans up to \$20,000 will be on a repayment term of up to 20 years and will require low monthly payments.

Further information on the program is available by visiting USDA's web site at <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/single-family-housing-repair-loans-grants/tx>. For local information, verification of area eligibility and application assistance, determine your local office by visiting <http://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/state-offices/tx> or call the Texas State Office at (254)742-9770.

## City of Plainview and Hale County Receive \$1.0 Million EDA Grant

The City of Plainview and Hale County have jointly been granted \$1,000,000 from the Economic Development Administration (EDA) through the U.S. Department of Commerce to support the construction of a new Business Park to be located north of Highway 194 (Dimmitt Highway) and west of Interstate 27.

After the closure of the Cargill beef packing plant in Plainview in February 2013, community leaders met to prioritize what steps would be necessary to recover from the loss of this major employer. The plant closure was the result of a drought that caused cattle shortages in the region.

The City working with South Plains College was able to obtain \$475,000 from EDA to assist SPC in the construction of the Plainview Technology Center. This new facility expanded the college's capacity to providing training in industrial manufacturing, welding and construction trades. In addition, the facility provided training opportunities for workers displaced by the closing of the Cargill plant.

The City, County and EDC began discussions to develop a community-owned business park in an effort to diversify the local and regional economy. With the assistance of EDA, the City and County will be able to complete this project sooner than expected.

The City, Hale County and EDC hosted a special reception welcoming EDA to Plainview to present a check in the amount of \$1.0 million for the Business Park on March 10, 2016.

"The City of Plainview is excited to be partnering with Hale County, Plainview/Hale County EDC and the EDA to construct the new business park," said Plainview Mayor Wendell Dunlap. "This business park has been an idea for a long time, and now all the pieces of the puzzle have come together to make it happen. It truly takes a group effort in a community our size to take on this project, and we can't thank our partners enough for their sup-

port."

The business park to be located in Plainview will feature roads, water lines, and sewer lines in order to create tracts of land that are considered shovel ready so that any major employers interested in building can start construction right away with limited lead time required. The City and Hale County will be 50/50 partners when it comes to construction and on-going maintenance expenses for the park. A joint board will also be appointed to provide direction and guidance on the layout, construction, and future needs.

"Hale County is pleased to be partnering with the City of Plainview on this project, which will be a major recruitment tool for our area," said County Judge Bill Coleman. "This joint business park shows how strongly we support the cities in our County, and we will look forward to seeing which businesses our Plainview/Hale County EDC is able to recruit to town in the near future. It's great to be able to pool resources with the U.S. EDA, City, and County in order to build a long-lasting investment for our region."

Plainview City Manager Jeffrey Snyder believes this business park is a game changer for the City of Plainview and Hale County, giving the community shovel ready land that has been missing when trying to recruit major employers to the area. "We always hear that having a business park is something every major employer relocating will look for when considering your city," Snyder said. "We are very thankful for the U.S. Economic Development Administration's financial commitment to our community to help make this project a reality. We had a great team work on this application between the City, County, South Plains Association of Governments, and the Plainview/Hale County EDC. This strong partnership will help ensure that our business park is a success."

With the assistance of EDA, the City,

County and EDC are now able to market its workforce development program with customized training for employers as well as a business park with shovel ready sites.

"We are open for business," said Mayor Wendell Dunlap. "We hope to see many companies exploring the opportunities we have to offer them in Plainview."

Under the Economic Development Assistance Project program, the EDA solicits applications from applicants in rural and urban areas to provide investments that support construction, non-construction, technical assistance, and revolving loan fund projects under EDA's Public Works and EAA programs. Grants and cooperative agreements made under these programs are designed to leverage existing regional assets and support the implementation of economic development strategies that advance new ideas and creative approaches to advance economic prosperity in distressed communities. EDA provides strategic investments on a competitive-merit-basis to support economic development, foster job creation, and attract private investment in economically distressed areas of the United States.

"EDA is pleased to be able to invest again in the Plainview community's continuing plans to expand economic opportunity in the area," said EDA Regional Director Jorge Ayala. The City, County, business sector and higher education have demonstrated an impressive collaboration in responding to the loss of a major employer. The resiliency and dedication of this community is a tribute to the local leadership which continues to move this community forward. This Business Park will contribute to Plainview's continued progress in establishing itself as a great place to live and do business in the South Plains."

The City and Hale County hope to break ground this summer and the project should take approximately 9 months to complete.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

### God's Blessings

The LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless. —Psalm 84:11 (NIV)

"Over the years, my perspective on God's blessings has changed. I used to believe that disobedience would result in God's bringing us to repentance by withholding blessings. While I still believe that God may sometimes withhold blessings, I have come to realize that our attitudes and actions may prevent us from fully accepting God's blessings.

The love of family and friends is one of God's greatest blessings; after all, God is love. However, I have found that I appreciate that

blessing most often when I am patient, loving, and kind; I appreciate it least when I have a bad attitude, use harsh words, act inconsiderately, or fail to treat people with respect.

The flow of God's blessings in my life is rather like the flow of water through a pipe. My attitude and actions affect whether I experience God's blessings flowing freely or as a trickle. Now I regularly ask myself, Are my attitudes and actions keeping clear or blocking up the pipes for God's blessings?

William George Gosling (Western Australia, Australia)

#### Thought for the Day

Am I open to receiving God's blessings?

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**Aiken Baptist Church**  
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Morning Worship..11 a.m.  
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**Bible Baptist Church**  
810 S. 3rd, Floydada  
Darwin Robinson, Pastor  
983-2578  
Sunday School...10 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.  
Wednesday - 7 p.m.  
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**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.  
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**Carr's Chapel**  
Service Every Sunday  
Morning Worship - 9 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.  
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**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.  
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**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.  
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**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.  
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**First Baptist Church**  
Lockney  
Joseph Tillery, Pastor  
Chad Cook, Youth Min.  
Phil Cotham, Music Min.

Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.  
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**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.  
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**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.  
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**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.  
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**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.  
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**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.  
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**New Salem Primitive Baptist Church**  
Floydada  
Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges  
(806) 637-0430  
Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship -11 a.m.  
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**Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church**  
310 Mississippi

Floydada  
Rev David Ramos, Pastor  
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader  
Sunday Bible - 10 a.m.  
Morning Praise - 11 a.m.  
Evening Praise 5 - p.m.  
Wed Worship - 7 p.m.  
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**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.  
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**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.  
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**Primera Iglesia Bautista**  
Floyada  
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.  
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**San Jose Catholic Church**  
Lockney  
Msgr. Nickolas Rendon  
Wed. Communion - 8 p.m.  
Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.  
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**South Plains Baptist Church**  
Joe Weldon, Pastor  
SuNday School - 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting - 7 p.m.  
\*\*\*\*\*  
**Templo Getsemani Assembly of God**  
701 W. Missouri  
Joe M. Hernandez  
983-5286 (Church)  
Sunday School  
English - 9:45 a.m.  
Spanish - 11 a.m.  
Worship  
Spanish - 9:30 a.m.  
English - 11 a.m.  
Evening Service 5 p.m.  
Wednesday 7 p.m.

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**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.  
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**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.  
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**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.  
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**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.  
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**Trinity Assembly**  
500 W. Houston  
Tom Ross, Pastor  
983-5499  
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m.  
Sunday Evening - 6 p.m.  
\*\*\*\*\*  
**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
Providence Community On Fm 2301  
293-3009  
Rev. Peter W. Harrington, Minister  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service 11 - a.m.  
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**West Side Church of Christ**  
Floydada  
983-2672 Or 470-0950  
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.

# AGRICULTURE

## Local Unopposed Candidates Re-elected in Primary

By Kay Ellington  
The Hesperian-Beacon

Five local candidates running unopposed in the primary and general election have secured their re-election.

They include:

Tax Assessor-Collector	Delia Suarez	1,161 votes
County Attorney	Lex Harrington	935 votes
Republican Chairman	Seth Stephens	1,004 votes
Precinct 1 Commissioner	Mike Anderson	427 votes
Precinct 3 Commissioner	Nathan Johnson	131 votes

## City cancels elections for unopposed candidates

By Kay Ellington  
The Hesperian-Beacon

In its monthly meeting Thursday the Floydada City Council voted to cancel elections for District 1 and District 4 if there are no write-in candidates. Bettye King, District 1, and Gail DuBois, District 4, have drawn no opposition for the upcoming May 7 election.

The city council also approved authorizing \$575 in hotel/motel tax funds for an advertisement on behalf of the Floyd County Museum. Kim Perez of the Floydada Chamber of Commerce appeared on the museum's behalf and noted that this annual museum guide in West Texas TravelHost is a six-page feature to market the museum to the region.

In other action, Jeff Johnston agreed to serve another two-year term on the Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority Board.

The council also voted to deny the Application of the Southwestern Public Service Company for the authority to change rates.

The council was slated to go into executive session for a discussion on the contract for city manager Jeff Johnston, but that session was tabled until the next meeting.

## Register now for March 22 WATTS Conference

Success stories in water conservation, water reuse, water treatment, and new innovative technologies will be showcased at the March 22 WATTS Conference to be held from 12:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Memorial Civic Center, 1501 Mac Davis Lane, in Lubbock.

Admission is free and the public is invited to attend. WATTS stands for Water Advancement, Technology, Training, and Solutions. The conference will share success stories from companies and communities who are working to conserve the region's limited groundwater and surface water supplies. A concurrent trade show begins at 12:30 p.m. and remarks from Senator Charles Perry of Lubbock follow at 1:30 p.m.

Afternoon sessions will feature presentations on water reuse, water treatment, and new water conservation technology used in agriculture and the oil industry. There will be a dinner at 4:30 p.m. for conference attendees that pre-registered online. Evening sessions include kids' activities, discussion of water wise plant materials, the basics of rainwater harvesting, and an overview of water conservation education.

The conference agenda and registration information are available at [www.h2oblucideas.com](http://www.h2oblucideas.com)

Conference sponsors (as of March 11) include Ag Texas Farm Credit Services; Canadian River Municipal Water Authority (CRMWA); City Bank; City

of Lubbock; Daniel B. Stephens and Associates; Diversity D; Plains Cotton Growers Inc.; South Plains UWCD; Texas Agricultural Irrigation Association (TAIA); Texas Alliance for Water Conservation; Texas Cattle Feeders Assn Sponsor opportunities are still available. Contact Adeline Fox at (806) 762-0181 or [emaladeline.fox@hpwd.org](mailto:emaladeline.fox@hpwd.org). Conference hosts include the City of Lubbock; Garza County Underground Water Conservation District (UWCD); Hemphill County UWCD; High Plains UWCD; Llano Estacado UWCD; Mesa UWCD; Mesquite Groundwater Conservation District (GCD); North Plains GCD; Panhandle GCD; Permian Basin UWCD; Sandy Land UWCD; and South Plains UWCD.

## USDA Helps Peanut Producers Rebuild after Company Bankruptcy

WASHINGTON, March 4, 2016 - U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Val Dolcini announced today that USDA has begun making final payments to peanut producers in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Mississippi, helping to restore nearly 100 percent of the value of their peanuts after the bankruptcy of a peanut sheller and licensed warehouse operator.

"These farmers played by the rules, they honored their contracts, but because of circumstances outside their

control, were put in a difficult position, which is why USDA stepped in on their behalf," said Dolcini. "Today's action illustrates how the basic protections of the 100-year-old U.S. Warehouse Act can still provide important safeguards for farmers today."

More than 83,000 tons of peanuts were stored by the warehouse operator, Clint Williams Company, and its affiliates, the Texoma Peanut Company, Clint-Co Peanut Co. and the Clint Williams Co. - Western Division, which filed for bankruptcy in November 2014. Farmers had pledged more than 81,700 tons of peanuts as collateral to receive USDA marketing assistance loans. The loans provide interim financing so that producers can store peanuts and meet cash flow needs without having to sell crops during harvest, when market prices are low. Peanut producers potentially lost thousands of dollars when delivery contracts were not honored by the failed company and the peanuts remained in storage.

Under the United States Warehouse Act, USDA is responsible for protecting all depositors in the licensed storage facilities, including ineligible producers or those who chose not to receive loans. USDA entered into an agreement with the new warehouse owners to provide for additional storage time for an orderly sale of peanuts, plus incentives to encourage sales of peanuts pledged as collateral. The agreement also provided an initial 85 percent payment to producers that sold peanuts with the remaining amount to be paid after any shortages and the bond claim were resolved. With the USDA successfully receiving the entire bond, the final payments are now being made to producers.

The United States Warehouse Act, now in its 100th year, provides agricultural producers with high-quality storage of farm products to allow marketing throughout the year. Warehouse operators who volunteer to participate are licensed by USDA as meeting federal standards

for storing commodities, such as grains, cotton and peanuts, and agree to unannounced inspections of sampling, weighing and grading. The United States Warehouse Act fosters national uniformity in the handling and ownership documentation of U.S. farm products, promoting consumer protection and quality control in the domestic and world marketplace. Approximately 47 percent of all commercial commodity warehouse space is licensed under the act.

To learn more about the warehouse services provided by FSA, visit [www.fsa.usda.gov/daco](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/daco).

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## Cotton Market Weekly

Just like last week, May and December cotton futures settled lower four consecutive days in the marketing week ended March 3. The May and July contracts, at one point, touched limit down at the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE), but traders may have found some encouragement as the week was coming to a close.

A better than expected weekly export report helped futures reverse course and settle higher Thursday, and the macroeconomic picture and U.S. employment levels showed some improvement. Firmer global equity markets and oil prices, along with 190,000 new non-farm jobs reported by the U.S. Labor Department, seemed to ease economic recession fears for the moment.

### Feb. 26

Nearby cotton futures began the marketing week last Friday by opening lower and remaining there for most of the ICE session. May cotton settled at 57.53 cents per pound, down 23 points, and December settled at 57.09, down 31 points. During the session, USDA released its first forecast of the 2016-17 U.S. crop, pegging production at 14.3 million bales.

### Feb. 29

Leap Day was not kind to the cotton market. Traders were perplexed to see May and July cotton futures briefly touch limit down at ICE, the lowest level since July 2009, before rebounding somewhat. May settled at 56.50 cents, down 103 points, July was down 107 points at 56.26, and December settled at 56.19 cents, down 90 points. May futures lost a total of 775 points during the month of February, and December lost 762 points, according to Cotton Outlook.

### March 1

Cotton futures prices continued to decline Tuesday, falling to new contract lows. At one point, May actually moved higher and appeared it would settle higher until selling pressure increased. The contract settled at 56.11 cents, down 39 points. December

cotton traded in a narrow range early in the session, then moved lower and settled at 55.93, down 26 points.

### March 2

Futures spent part of Wednesday's ICE session on positive ground as the market seemed to find some balance. May cotton traded on small gains early in the ICE session but fell to a low of 55.64 cents when sellers returned. The contract returned to positive ground but eventually settled 18 points lower at 55.93 cents. December cotton followed May's course during the session and settled at 55.65, down 28 points.

### March 3

USDA released its weekly export report early Thursday morning, and it was better than most traders and analysts expected. Net sales of U.S. upland cotton totaled 173,900 bales in the week ended Feb. 25, up 57 percent from the previous week but down 23 percent from the four-week average. Featured buyers were Turkey, Vietnam, Mexico, and Indonesia. Export shipments that week totaled 197,100 bales, up 15 percent from the previous week and 5 percent from the four-week average. Vietnam, Turkey, Thailand, Mexico, and Indonesia were the primary destinations.

May futures stayed on positive ground throughout the ICE session and settled at 56.41 cents, up 48 points. December cotton settled at 56.00 cents, up 35 points. One analyst explained the higher close also may have been a correction to the market's oversold condition.

In the spot market, producers sold 12,781 bales online in the week ended March 3. Average prices received ranged from 46 to 51 cents per pound.

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# FLOYDADA SCHOOL NEWS

## Cubs rout Whirlwinds, 16-9 Congrats!

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

**BROWNFIELD** – Brownfield used an 11 run fourth inning to defeat the Floydada Whirlwinds 16-0 on Tuesday, March 8 as the Whirlwinds drop to 1-9 on the year.

Alfonso Mendoza led off the game with a single to left but was forced out as Robert Mora hit into a fielder's choice. After Mark McGowen struck out, Brayden Campbell singled but Carson Turner struck out to end the top half of the first with the score still 0-0. In the bottom of the first, Isias Morin walked to lead off for the Cubs then stole second. After Michael Madrigal struck out, I Morin stole third but Kris Florez and EJ Cantu both flied out to end the Brownfield threat with the score still 0-0.

With two outs in the top of the second, Lewis Alaniz singled for the Whirlwinds but was picked off at first to end the Floydada at bat. In the bottom of the second, Brownfield scored three runs to take the lead. Xavier Franco led off by reaching first on a dropped third strike then moved to second on a sacrifice by Dakota Oliver. Antonio Pauda reached on an error, advancing Franco to third and Pauda moved to second on the play. Ryan Trevino reached on a fielder's choice allowing Franco to score as Pauda advanced to third. Trevino was thrown out trying to move up on the play. Ryan Jacquez was hit by pitch then moved to second on defensive indifference. Pauda scored on a passed ball to give the Cubs a 3-0 lead after two innings.

In the top of the third, Jordan Mendoza singled to lead off. After A Mendoza struck out, Robert Mora singled allowing J Mendoza to move to second. J Mendoza stole third and Mora stole second but McGowen grounded out

Floydada vs Brownfield Tuesday, March 8												
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Floydada	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	4			
Brownfield	0	3	1	11	X	15	8	2				

Floydada												
Lineup	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	K						
Alfonso Mendoza	3	0	1	0	0	2						
Robert Mora	2	0	2	0	0	0						
Mark McGowen	2	0	0	0	0	1						
Brayden Campbell	3	0	1	0	0	1						
Carson Turner	2	0	0	0	0	1						
Jesse Segura	2	0	0	0	0	2						
Abraham Penez	2	0	0	0	0	0						
Lewis Alaniz	2	0	1	0	0	0						
Jordan Mendoza	1	0	1	0	0	0						
Aaron De La Fuente	1	0	0	0	0	0						
Jacoco Chavanna	1	0	0	0	0	0						
Totals	19	0	6	0	0	7						

Brownfield												
Lineup	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	K						
Isias Morin	4	2	0	0	0	0						
Michael Madrigal	4	2	1	0	0	1						
Kris Florez	4	2	1	2	0	0						
EJ Cantu	3	2	1	1	0	0						
Xavier Franco	2	1	0	0	0	2						
Jonathan Burris	2	2	2	0	0	0						
Dakota Oliver	1	1	1	1	1	0						
Trent Roten	1	0	0	0	0	1						
Antonio Pauda	3	2	2	0	0	0						
Ryan Trevino	2	0	0	0	0	0						
Ryan Jacquez	1	2	0	0	0	0						
Totals	24	15	8	4	0	4						

Pitching HBP: Carson Turner												
IP	BP	W	L	R	ER	K	BB	HR				
Alfonso	3.1	0	0	3	0	3	6	0				
Mendoza	0.2	16	0	8	2	3	0	1				
Carson	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0				
Turner	4.0	101	554	8	15	8	4	6				
Totals												

Pitching HBP: Alfonso Mendoza												
IP	BP	W	L	R	ER	K	BB	HR				
Carson	10.0	0	0	10	10	10	0	0				
Turner	10.0	0	0	10	10	10	0	0				
Mendoza	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Totals	20.0	0	0	20	20	20	0	0				

Pitching Pitches-Strikes: Kris Florez 64-51												
IP	SP	SH	R	ER	K	BB	HR					
Florez	5.0	64	32	4	0	0	0					
Totals	5.0	64	32	4	0	0	0					

Pitching Pitches-Strikes: Kris Florez 93-4												
IP	SP	SH	R	ER	K	BB	HR					
Florez	3.0	93	47	4	0	0	0					
Totals	3.0	93	47	4	0	0	0					

Pitching Pitches-Strikes: Kris Florez 14-19												
IP	SP	SH	R	ER	K	BB	HR					
Florez	1.0	14	7	1	0	0	0					
Totals	1.0	14	7	1	0	0	0					

Stats Courtesy of GameChanger

and Campbell struck out to end the threat. Brownfield added another run in the bottom of the third. With one out, Cantu walked then I Morin stole second and moved to third on a passed ball. Dakota Oliver walked and stole second. Pauda singled to drive in Cantu to give the Cubs a 4-0 lead.

In the top of the fourth, the Whirlwinds went three up, three down. Brownfield then exploded for 11 runs in the bottom of the fourth. With one out, I Morin walked then Madrigal singled as I Morin moved to second on the throw. Florez reached on a fielder's choice as I Morin scored and Madrigal moved to third. Cantu singled to drive in Madrigal and advance Florez to third. Jonathon Burris singled to drive in Florez and Cantu. Burris advanced to second on defensive indifference. Oliver doubled to right to drive in Burris then Pauda singled to drive in Oliver. Pauda moved to second on the throw and advanced to third on a wild pitch. Trevino walked then Pauda scored on a passed ball and Trevino advanced to second. Jacquez was hit by a pitch. I Morin reached on a fielder's choice as Trevino was forced out at third. Jacquez moved to third on the throw and I Morin moved to second

on an error. Madrigal reached on an error as Jacquez scored. Florez doubled to drive in I Morin and move Madrigal to third. Cantu reached on an error as Madrigal scored and Florez moved to third. Burris singled to center to drive in Florez as Cantu moved to second and give the Cubs a 15-0 lead after four innings.

Floydada went three up, three down as Brownfield claimed the 15-0 victory. For Brownfield, Burris was 2-2 with three RBIs and one run scored, Pauda was 2-3 with two RBIs and two runs scored and Florez was 1-4 with two RBIs and two runs scored. Florez pitched five innings allowing no runs on six hits while striking out seven.

For Floydada, Mora went 2-2 at the plate. Mendoza pitched three and one-third innings allowing 12 runs on 6 hits while striking out three and walking six and Carson Turner pitched two-thirds of an inning allowing three runs on two hits while striking out one. Floydada dropped to 1-9 on the year.

They were scheduled to open district play against New Deal on Saturday, March 12 then play Abertnethy on Tuesday, March 15. They will travel to Olton on Friday, March 18 before hosting Ralls on Tuesday, March 22.



Courtesy Photo

FLOYDADA LADY WINDS SOFTBALL TEAM 2nd Place at the Ralls Tournament

## Ralls capitalizes on Lady Winds errors for 12-2 victory

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

**RALLS** – Ralls took advantage of eight fielding errors to defeat the Floydada Lady Winds 12-2 on Saturday, March 5 during the Ralls tournament. Lady Jackrabbits' pitcher, Mariela Sanchez limited the Lady Winds to just six hits to take the victory.

Floydada led off the top of the first as Makenzie Ramos walked. With two outs, Thalia Villa singled, moving Ramos to second. Ramos stole third but Villa was caught trying to steal second to end the Lady Winds at-bat. In the bottom of the first, Ralls crossed the plate three times. Isabell Lara led off with a double, then stole third. Payton Calderon was hit by a pitch. Jadeny Arthur then hit a triple to drive in Lara and Calderon. With two outs, Breighdyn Jones singled to drive in Arthur giving the Lady Jackrabbits a 3-0 lead after one inning.

Floydada vs Ralls Saturday, March 5												
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Floydada	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	6	8			
Ralls	3	3	0	0	3	3	12	13	0			

Floydada												
Lineup	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	K						
Makenzie Ramos	3	0	1	0	0	1						
Jaque Barrera	2	0	0	0	0	1						
Dora Cervara	2	0	0	0	0	1						
Shi De Los Santos	3	0	0	0	0	3						
Thalia Villa	2	1	2	1	0	0						
Hannah Morales	2	0	1	0	0	1						
Angela Suarez	2	1	2	0	0	0						
Maria Lira	2	0	0	0	0	2						
Stephanie Chavarria	1	0	0	0	0	2						
Valerie Espinoza	3	0	0	0	0	3						
Ariana Diaz	1	0	0	0	0	0						
Totals	22	2	6	2	5	13						

Ralls												
Lineup	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	K						
Isabell Lara	4	1	1	0	0	1						
Payton Calderon	2	3	2	0	1	0						
Jadeny Arthur	4	3	4	0	0	0						
Brianna Hill	4	2	2	1	0	1						
Lexi Palmer	3	1	2	1	0	2						
Breighdyn Jones	4	1	2	0	0	2						
Grace Cavazos	3	0	0	0	0	2						
Mariela Sanchez	4	0	0	0	0	0						
Makendall Smith	0	1	0	0	0	0						
Kathryn Sanchez	2	0	1	1	0	0						
Frankie Torres	1	0	0	0	0	0						
Totals	30	12	13	9	1	6						

Pitching HBP: Isabell Lara												
IP	BP	W	L	R	ER	K	BB	HR				
Thalia Villa	5.0	0	0	5	2	6	1	0				
Totals	5.0	0	0	5	2	6	1	0				

Pitching HBP: Stephanie Chavarria, Hannah Morales												
IP	BP	W	L	R	ER	K	BB	HR				
Stephanie	4.0	0	0	4	0	3	1	0				
Arthur	4.0	0	0	4	0	3	1	0				
Totals	8.0	0	0	8	0	6	2	0				

Pitching HBP: Mariela Sanchez												
IP	BP	W	L	R	ER	K	BB	HR				
Mariela	6.0	106	584	6	2	13	5	1				
Sanchez	6.0	106	584	6	2	13	5	1				
Totals	12.0	212	1168	12	4	26	10	2				

Pitching W: Mariela Sanchez												
IP	SP	SH	R	ER	K	BB	HR					
Mariela	106.3	113	602	13	12	10	6	1				
Totals	106.3	113	602	13	12	10	6	1				

Pitching W: Mariela Sanchez												
IP	SP	SH	R	ER	K	BB	HR					
Mariela	106.3	113	602	13	12	10	6	1				
Totals	106.3	113	602	13	12	10	6	1				

Pitching W: Mariela Sanchez												
IP	SP	SH	R	ER	K	BB	HR					
Mariela	106.3	113	602	13	12	10	6	1				
Totals	106.3	113	602	13	12	10	6	1				

Pitching W: Mariela Sanchez												
IP	SP	SH	R	ER	K	BB	HR					
Mariela	106.3	113	602	13	12	10	6	1				
Totals	106.3	113	602	13	12	10	6	1				

Stats Courtesy of GameChanger

In the top of the second, Hannah Morales was hit by a pitch to lead off the inning. Angela Suarez then singled and Marie Lira drew a walk to load the bases with no outs but Sanchez struck out the next three Floydada batters to end the Lady Winds threat. In the bottom of the second, Ralls added three more runs to stretch their lead. M

Sanchez led off with a single, then Makendall Smith came in as a courtesy runner for M Sanchez. Kathryn Sanchez sacrificed Smith to second. With two outs, Smith stole third, then Calderon drew a walk. Arthur hit her second triple of the game to drive in Smith and Calderon. Arthur

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## Lady Winds win high scoring contest at Hale Center

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

**HALE CENTER** – Hale Center and Floydada combined for 41 runs on 39 hits in a wild slugfest as they Lady Winds and Lady Winds opened district play on Tuesday, March 8. Floydada returned home with a 22-19 victory despite committing 10 errors in the field.

The Lady Winds jumped out to a quick 5-0 lead in the first inning. After Makenzie Ramos grounded out leading off the game, Jaque Barrera walked, stole second and advanced to third on a single by Shi De Los Santos. Barrera stole third then scored on a single by Thalia Villa. Hannah Morales was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Angela Suarez drew a walk that forced in De Los Santos. Villas stole home, Morales stole third and Suarez stole second then Kylie Ricketts grounded out which allowed Morales to score. Suarez stole third then Karley Weems doubled to score Suarez and give Floydada the 5-0 lead. In the bottom of the first, Kelly Davalos drew a lead-off walk for the Lady Winds but Morales set the next three batters down to maintain the 5-0 lead for Floydada.

In the top of the second, the Lady Winds again scored five runs. After Ramos led off with a pop out, Barrera walked, stole second and third then scored on a single by De Los Santos. Villa walked and Morales stole third to load the bases. De Los Santos stole home, Villa

Floydada vs Hale Center Tuesday, March 8												
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Floydada	5	5	1	4	3	3	22	25	10			
Hale Center	0	1	3	5	2	4	14	19	14			

Floydada												
Lineup	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	K						
Makenzie Ramos	6	2	2	0	0	1						
Jaque Barrera	3	4	1	2	3	0						
Shi De Los Santos	5	1	3	1	0	0						
Dora Cervara	0	1	0	0	0	0						
Thalia Villa	4	4	4	1	2	0						
Hannah Morales	5	2	1	0	0	1						
Selena Espinoza	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Angela Suarez	2	2	2	3	0	0						
Kylie Ricketts	6	2	5	4	0	0						
Karley Weems	6	0	4	4	0	0						
Valerie Espinoza	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Ariana Diaz	1	0	0	0	0	0						
Totals	41	22	25	17	10	2						

Hale Center												
Lineup	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	K						
Kelly Davalos	6	1	1	0	0	3						
Ariel Ramon	4	3	2	1	2	2						
Jaci Garcia	4	2	1	0	0	2						
Nicole Valencia	6	2	4	4	0	0						
Marissa Rodriguez	6	1	0	0	0	3						
Beka Ortiz	5	2	2	0	0	0						
Makayla Payne	5	2	1	0	0	0						
Natalie Lemons	5	2	1	1	0	1						
Natasha Jimenez	4	3	0	3	1	1						
Totals	45	19	14	11	4	11						

Pitching HBP: Beka Ortiz, Makayla Payne, Nicole Valencia												
IP	BP	W	L	R	ER	K	BB	HR				
Beka Ortiz	2.0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0				
Makayla Payne	2.0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0				
Nicole Valencia	2.0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0				
Totals	4.0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0				

Pitching HBP: Jaque Barrera												
IP	BP	W	L	R	ER	K	BB	HR				
Barrera	2.0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0				
Totals	2.0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0				

Pitching HBP: Hanna Morales												
IP	BP	W	L	R	ER	K	BB	HR				
Hanna	7.0	166	820	14	19	8	11	4				
Totals	7.0	166	820	14	19	8	11	4				

Pitching HBP: Hanna Morales												
IP	BP	W	L	R	ER	K	BB	HR				
Hanna	166.3	820	14	19	8	11	4					
Totals	166.3	820	14	19	8	11	4					

Pitching HBP: Hanna Morales												
IP	BP	W	L	R	ER	K	BB	HR				
Hanna	166.3	820	14	19	8	11	4					
Totals	166.3	820	14	19	8	11	4					

Pitching HBP: Hanna Morales												
IP	BP	W	L	R	ER	K	BB	HR				
Hanna	166.3	820	14	19	8	11	4					
Totals	166.3	820	14	19	8	11	4					

Pitching HBP: Hanna Morales												
IP	BP	W	L	R	ER	K	BB	HR				
Hanna	166.3	820	14	19	8	11	4					
Totals	166.3	820	14	19	8	11	4					

Pitching HBP: Hanna Morales												
IP	BP	W	L	R	ER	K	BB	HR				
Hanna	166.3	820	14	19								

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then stole home to give Ralls a 6-0 lead after two innings.

Floydada managed to score a single run in the top of the third as Villa hit a two-out home run to right field. In the bottom of the third, Ralls was unable to take advantage of a lead off hit by pitcher on Lexi Palmer but still led after three innings, 6-1.

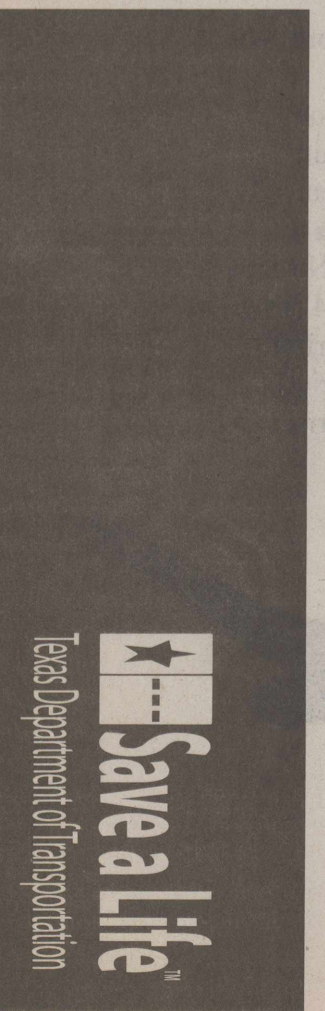
The Lady Winds added their second run in the top of the fourth as Suarez led off with a single then moved to second when Stephanie Chavarria drew a walk. With two outs, Ramos doubled to right field to drive in Suarez and move Chavarria to third but was then picked off at second to end Floydada's at bat. Ralls was unable to add any runs in the bottom of the fourth but had a 6-2 lead after four innings.

In the top of the fifth, the Lady Winds managed to load the bases with two outs as Villa walked, Morales singled then Suarez walked before Lira struck out to end Floydada's at bat. In the bottom of the fifth, Ralls added three more runs. Brianna Hill led off with a double then Palmer reached first on a dropped third strike as Hill moved to third. Palmer stole second then Jones singled to drive in Hill. After two outs, Palmer stole home then K Sanchez singled to drive in Jones, giving Ralls a 9-2 lead after five innings.

Chavarria was hit by a pitch to lead off the sixth inning for the Lady Winds but three straight outs ended the inning with Chavarria stranded at second. The Lady Jackrabbits went to work in the bottom of the sixth, adding three more runs to claim the 10-run rule victory. Calderon led off with a triple, then stole home. Arthur tripled to left and scored on a double by Hill. Hill moved to third on a ground out by Palmer then Jones lined out. Grace Cavazos was hit by a pitch then M Sanchez singled to drive in Hill and give the Lady Jackrabbits the 12-2 victory.

For Ralls, Arthur went 3-4 with four RBIs and three runs scored, Jones was 2-4 with two RBIs and one run scored and Calderon was 2-2 with three runs scored. M Sanchez pitched six innings allowing two runs on six hits while striking out 13 and walking five batters.

For Floydada, Villa was 2-2 with one RBI and one run score on her home run and Suarez was 2-2 with one run scored. Morales pitched five and two-thirds innings allowing 12 runs on 13 hits while striking out six and walking one.



## 2016-2017 Floydada Whirlwind Cheerleaders

**VARSITY**  
Kortney Campbell, Marissa Valdivia, Taylor Chavarria, Kaylee Morren, Valerie Espinoza, and Brooke Galvan.

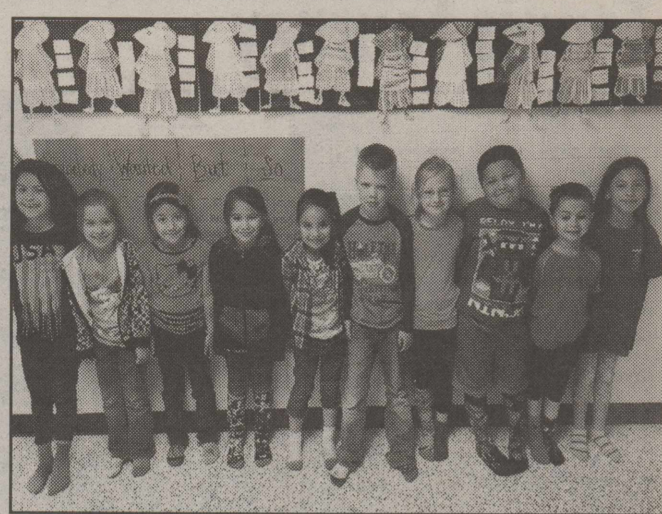
**JUNIOR VARSITY:**  
Azalea Garza, Allison Muniz, Kylie Ricketts, and Hannah Morales

**8TH GRADE**  
Rickily Terry, Mercedes Alaniz, Natalee Romero, and Kaylea Britt

**7TH GRADE**  
Clarissa Delafuente, Erin Trevino, Caitlyn Campbell, and Kailee Sanchez



## Dr. Seuss Week



Courtesy Photo  
Dr. Seuss Week at Duncan Elementary School started off with Sock Day on Monday. Lots of crazy socks at Duncan!! "P.J. Day" was held Tuesday and "Mismatched, backward, inside out Day" was Wednesday. The kids had so much fun!

## Floydada loses second game to Sundown 4-3

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

**LEVELLAND** - Meeting for the second time on Saturday, March 5 during the Levelland tournament, the Sundown Roughnecks came from behind in the seventh inning to defeat Floydada 4-3.

Floydada got two men on in the top of the first but was unable to push across any runs. With one out, Robert Mora singled to left then Mark McGowen singled to center. Aaron De La Fuente grounded out to advance Mora to third and McGowen to second but they were stranded when Carson Turner grounded out to end the inning. Sundown was also unable to push any runs across in the bottom of the first. Garza singled with two outs, stole second and moved to third on an error but Berry struck out to end the threat with the score tied at 0-0.

In the top of the second, Jesse Segura walked to lead off the inning then stole second and scored on a single by Brayden Campbell. Jacob Chavarria reached on

an error and was replaced by Josh Gonzales as a courtesy runner. Lewis Alaniz singled to first to load the bases then Abraham Perez singled to center to score Campbell and move Gonzales to third but Alaniz was thrown out advancing to second. Perez stole second then Mora singled to load the bases with McGowen struck out and De La Fuente grounded out to end Floydada's at bat with the Whirlwinds leading 2-0. In the bottom of the second, as Rodriguez walked with one out then stole second and advance to third on a single by Jimenez. Rodriguez scored on an error as Jimenez moved to second but Green lined out to end the inning with Floydada leading 2-1.

Floydada added another one in the top of the third as Turner got hit by a pitch to lead off the inning. Turner moved to second on a ground out by Segura. Campbell singled to right to drive in Turner to give the Whirlwinds a 3-1 lead. In the bottom of the third, Sundown added a run. With two outs, Garza sin-

gled to center then scored when Berry singled to right to make it 3-2 in favor of Floydada.

In the top of the fourth, Perez singled, stole second and moved to third on a ground out by Mora but was stranded there when McGowen struck out to end Floydada's at bat. In the bottom of the inning, Sundown went three up, three down as the score remained 3-2 in the Whirlwinds' favor. Floydada went three up, three down in the top of the fifth. For Sundown, Hernandez singled and stole second with one out but was stranded at third after Nichols and Garza grounded to end the inning with the Whirlwinds holding a 3-2 lead.

In the top of the sixth, J. Johnson singled with two outs but Perez flied out to end Floydada's at bat. In the bottom of the sixth, Berry singled to lead off, moved to second on a Wilkes ground out then moved to third on a ground out by Rodriguez. Thomas grounded out to end the inning with the score still 3-2.

McGowen reached on an

**Floydada vs Sundown Saturday, March 5 Game 2**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Floydada	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	9	3
Sundown	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	4	8	2

Floydada					Sundown								
Lineup	AB	R	H	BB	BB	K	Lineup	AB	R	H	BB	BB	K
Abraham Perez	4	0	2	1	0	0	Hernandez	4	1	2	0	0	1
Robert Mora	4	0	2	0	0	0	Nichols	4	0	1	0	0	0
Mark McGowen	4	0	1	0	0	2	Garza	4	1	3	1	0	0
Aaron De La Fuente	4	0	0	0	0	0	Berry	3	0	2	1	0	0
Carson Turner	3	1	0	0	0	1	Wilkes	3	0	0	0	0	0
Jesse Segura	2	1	0	0	0	1	Rodriguez	2	1	0	0	1	1
Brayden Campbell	3	1	1	2	0	0	Hingosa	2	0	0	0	0	2
Jacob Chavarria	3	0	0	0	0	0	Thomas	1	0	0	0	0	0
Josh Gonzales	0	0	0	0	0	0	Jimenez	2	1	1	0	0	1
Lewis Alaniz	2	0	1	0	0	1	Green	3	0	0	0	0	0
J. Johnson, #28	1	0	1	0	0	0	Swinn	-	-	-	-	-	
Jordan Mendoza	-	-	-	-	-	-	Totals	28	7	8	3	2	8
Totals	30	3	9	3	1	4	Batting TB: Hernandez 2, Garza 3, Berry 2, Jimenez						

Lineup: Robert Mora 2, Lewis Alaniz, Mark McGowen, Abraham Perez 2, Brayden Campbell 2, J. Johnson, #28  
 RBI: Abraham Perez, Brayden Campbell  
 HBP: Carson Turner  
 SB: Abraham Perez 2, Jesse Segura

Team LOB: 8 Fielding E: Abraham Perez, Jacob Chavarria, Jordan Mendoza

Pitching	IP	#P	%	H	R	ER	K	BB	HR
Jesse Segura	7.0	91	.648	8	4	2	6	2	0
Jesse Segura	7.0	91	.648	8	4	2	6	2	0

Pitching L: Jesse Segura  
 Pitches-Strikes: Jesse Segura 91-69  
 Groundouts-Flyouts: Jesse Segura 9-9  
 First pitch strikes-Batters faced: Jesse Segura 17-30

Pitching	IP	#P	%	H	R	ER	K	BB	HR
Nichols	7.0	97	.680	9	3	3	4	1	0
Totals	7.0	97	.680	9	3	3	4	1	0

Pitching W: Nichols  
 HBP: Nichols  
 Pitches-Strikes: Nichols 97-66  
 Groundouts-Flyouts: Nichols 10-5  
 First pitch strikes-Batters faced: Nichols 17-32

Stats Courtesy of GameChanger

## Sundown prevails in 5-4 win over Floydada

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

**LEVELLAND** - Sundown used a three-run fifth inning to defeat the Floydada Whirlwinds at the Levelland tournament on Saturday, March 5. The Whirlwinds took an early lead but was unable to keep the Roughnecks from making a late inning comeback.

Floydada scored twice in the top of the first after Lewis Alaniz singled with one out then scored on a double by Mark McGowen. Aaron De La Fuente singled to move McGowen to third. De La Fuente stole second then with two outs, Sundown's pitcher, Swinn, was called for a balk that allowed McGowen to come home and give the Whirlwinds an early 2-0 lead. In the bottom of the second, Hernandez walked to lead off then Nichols was hit by a pitch. Nichols was forced out as Garza hit into a fielder's choice that moved Hernandez to third. After Garza stole second, Berry grounded out to second to score Hernandez and move Garza to third. Wikes struck out to end the inning with Floydada leading 2-1.

Floydada went three up, three down in the top of the second. In the bottom half of the inning, Rodriguez walked to lead off then with one out, Jimenez walked and with two outs, Hernandez walked to load the bases but Nichols grounded out to end the inning with Floydada still leading 2-1.

In the top of the third, the Whirlwinds again went three

up, three down. In the bottom of the third, Wikes drew a two-out walk but Sundown could not take advantage of it so the score remained 2-1 in favor of Floydada.

The Whirlwinds added two more runs in the top of the fourth. With one out, Carson Turner singled then Brayden Campbell reached on a fielder's choice as Turner moved second. Turner advanced to third on an error and Campbell stole second. After Josh Gonzales struck out, JP Segura singled to drive in Turner and Campbell, giving Floydada a 4-1 lead. In the bottom of the inning, the Roughnecks added a run as Thomas led off by reaching on an error then stole second. With two outs, Thomas stole third and scored on a passed ball to make it 4-2, Floydada after four innings.

In the top of the fifth, Floydada went three up, three down. Sundown added three runs in the bottom half of the inning. With one out, Berry singled to center then stole second and third. Berry scored on a ground out by Wikes. Rodriguez and Thomas both reached on dropped third strikes. On a passed ball, Rodriguez moved to third and Thomas moved to second. Jimenez singled to left to score Rodriguez and move Thomas to third. On an error, Thomas scored and Jimenez moved to third to give Sundown a 5-4 lead after five innings.

In the top of the sixth De La Fuente singled to lead off but was stranded at third as the next three batters all grounded out. For the Roughnecks, Hernandez reached on an error

but a pop out, a fly out and line drive end the sixth inning with Sundown still leading 5-4.

Floydada was set down in order in the top of the seventh to give Sundown the 5-4 victory.

For Sundown, Berry was 1-4 with one RBI and one run scored and Jimenez was 1-2 with one RBI. Swinn pitched seven innings allowing four runs on six hits while striking out five batters.

For Floydada, McGowen pitched five innings allowing only three hits but allowing five runs while striking out five and walking six. Jordan Mendoza pitched one inning without allowing a hit or a run.

**Floydada vs Sundown Saturday, March 5 Game 1**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Floydada	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	6	3
Sundown	1	0	0	1	3	0	1	5	3	1

Floydada					Sundown								
Lineup	AB	R	H	BB	BB	K	Lineup	AB	R	H	BB	BB	K
Jesse Segura	4	0	0	0	0	1	Hernandez	1	1	0	0	3	0
Lewis Alaniz	3	1	1	0	0	0	Nichols	3	0	0	0	0	0
Mark McGowen	3	1	1	1	0	0	Garza	4	0	1	0	0	0
Aaron De La Fuente	3	0	2	0	0	0	Berry	4	1	1	0	0	0
Carson Turner	3	1	1	0	0	1	Wilkes	2	0	0	1	1	1
Brayden Campbell	3	1	0	0	0	0	Rodriguez	2	1	0	0	1	1
Josh Gonzales	3	0	0	0	0	1	Thomas	3	2	0	0	0	2
JP Segura	2	0	1	2	0	0	Jimenez	2	0	1	1	1	1
Abraham Perez	1	0	0	0	0	1	Green	3	0	0	0	0	0
Jordan Mendoza	2	0	0	0	0	1	Swinn	-	-	-	-	-	
Robert Mora	1	0	0	0	0	0	Totals	24	5	3	3	6	5
Jordan Moore	-	-	-	-	-	-	Batting TB: Garza, Berry, Jimenez						
Totals	28	4	6	3	0	5	RBI: Berry, Wikes, Jimenez						

Lineup: Robert Mora 2, Mark McGowen 2, Carson Turner, Aaron De La Fuente 2, JP Segura  
 RBI: Mark McGowen, JP Segura 2  
 FC: Brayden Campbell  
 SB: Aaron De La Fuente, Brayden Campbell, JP Segura

Team LOB: 3 Fielding E: Carson Turner, JP Segura, Josh Gonzales

Pitching	IP	#P	%	H	R	ER	K	BB	HR
Mark McGowen	5.0	118	.559	3	5	2	5	6	0
Jordan	1.0	15	.600	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jordan Mendoza	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	6.0	133	.564	3	5	2	5	6	0

Pitching L: Mark McGowen  
 HBP: Mark McGowen  
 Pitches-Strikes: Mark McGowen 118-66, Jordan Mendoza 15-9  
 Groundouts-Flyouts: Mark McGowen 8-3, Jordan Mendoza 0-3  
 First pitch strikes-Batters faced: Mark McGowen 17-27, Jordan Mendoza 2-4

Pitching	IP	#P	%	H	R	ER	K	BB	HR
Swinn	7.0	99	.685	6	4	4	5	0	0
Totals	7.0	99	.685	6	4	4	5	0	0

Pitching W: Swinn  
 HBP: Swinn  
 Pitches-Strikes: Swinn 99-61  
 Groundouts-Flyouts: Swinn 8-8  
 First pitch strikes-Batters faced: Swinn 13-28

Stats Courtesy of GameChanger

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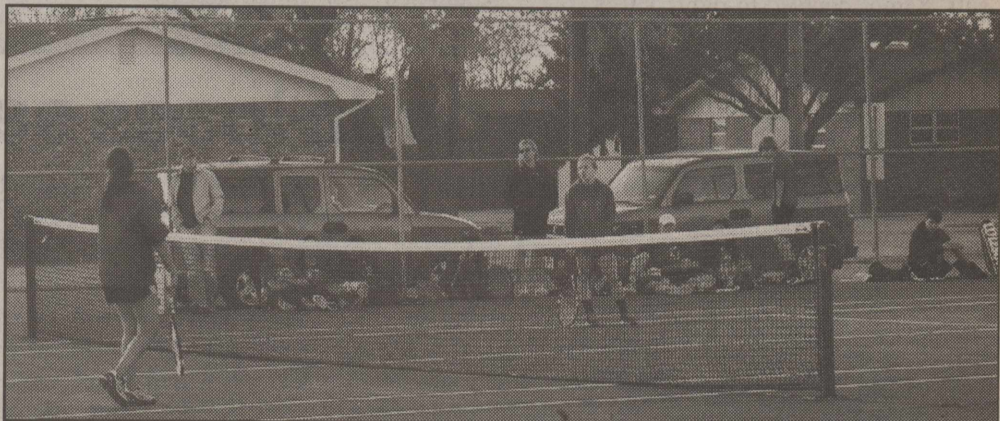
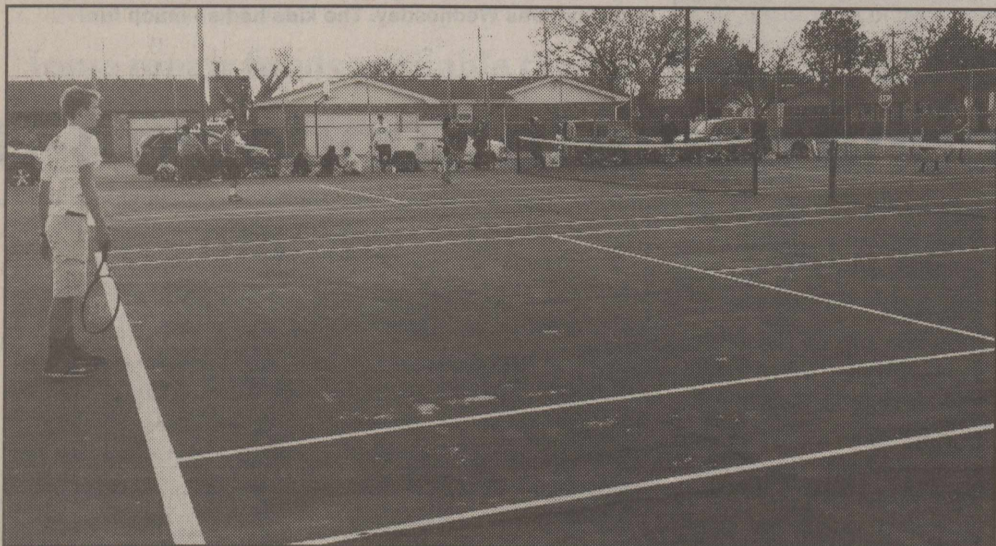
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# SCHOOL NEWS

## Tennis tourney



Charles Keaton/The Hesperian-Beacon

Lockney hosted Plainview Christian in a dual practice tennis meet on Thursday, March 10 at the Lockney tennis courts. Twenty-eight players participated in the meet as both schools prepare to begin the tennis season. Lockney's first meet will at Sundown on March 23.

# Lady Horns hold on for 7-6 victory over Ralls

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY — Lockney jumped out early on the Ralls Lady Jackrabbits then held off a late rally to take home the victory, 7-6, in the first district game on Tuesday, March 8.

In the top of the first, Ralls got two runners on as Jadeyn Arthur singled with two outs and Brianna Hill reached on a dropped third strike before Lockney's Shelby Coats struck out Lexi Palmer to end the threat. In the bottom of the inning with one out, Desiree Alaniz was hit by a pitch then moved to second on a single by Lexi Chavez. Shelby Coats doubled to right to score Alaniz then Breanna Hernandez grounded out to short but Chavez was able to score from third. Camryn Diaz singled to right to score Coats but af-

ter Shelby Dunbar singled, Brittany DeLeon grounded out to end the inning with the Lady Horns having a 3-0 lead after the first inning.

In the top of the second, Grace Cavazos singled for the Lady Jackrabbits but Ralls could do nothing else. In the bottom of the inning, Reagan Nuncio lead off with a walk but the Lady Horns were unable to generate any offense but still had a 3-0 lead after two innings.

Arthur hit a two-out single for Ralls, in the top of the third, but was unable to capitalize. In the bottom of the inning, Lockney added a run. With one out, Hernandez singled to center then Diaz singled to right and on an error Hernandez was able to scamper home to give the Lady Horns a 4-0 lead after three innings.

Ralls finally pushed across a run in the top of the fourth.

Frankie Torres singled with one out and moved to second on a ground out by Cavazos. Mariela Sanchez singled to center scoring Torres to make it 4-1 in favor of Lockney. In the bottom of the inning, Lockney added one run. With two outs, Alaniz singled, Chavez walked and Coats singled to drive in Alaniz, giving the Lady Horns a 5-1 lead.

In the top of the fifth inning, Payton Calderon tripled to right then scored on a passed ball to make it 5-2, Lockney. The Lady Horns were unable to score in the bottom half of the inning.

In the top of the sixth, Palmer singled to left then advanced all the way to third on a passed ball. M Sanchez reached on an error that allowed Palmer to score to make it 5-3. In the bottom of the inning, Nuncio drew a leadoff walk but was

out on a fielder's choice to shortstop by Alyssa Barretero. Alaniz singled to center. Barretero moved up to third on a passed ball and Alaniz moved to second. Chavez walked to load the bases then Coats singled to center to drive in Barretero and Alaniz and give the Lady Horns a 7-3 lead after six innings.

In the top of the seventh, Calderon, leading off, reached base on an error ending up at second. Arthur doubled to center to drive in Calderon. Arthur moved to third on a ground out by Brianna Hill. Palmer then hit a two-run home run to left, driving in Arthur but Torres popped out and Cavazos grounded out to end the game with Lockney winning 7-6.

For Ralls, Arthur was 3-4 with one RBI and one run scored and Palmer was 2-4

Lockney vs Ralls Tuesday, March 8												
		T	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Ralls	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	8	9	1		
Lockney	3	0	1	1	0	2	7	10	2			

Ralls										
Lineup	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	K				
I. Llera	4	0	0	0	0	0				
P. Calderon	4	2	1	0	0	0				
J. Arthur	4	1	3	1	0	0				
B. Hill	4	0	0	0	0	2				
L. Palmer	4	2	2	0	0	2				
F. Torres	4	1	1	0	0	1				
G. Cavazos	4	0	1	0	0	0				
M. Sanchez	3	0	1	1	0	1				
K. Sanchez	2	0	0	0	0	1				
B. Jones	1	0	0	0	0	0				
Totals	33	6	9	4	1	8				

Lockney										
Lineup	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	K				
Alyssa Barretero	4	1	0	0	0	0				
Desiree Alaniz	3	3	2	0	0	0				
Lexi Chavez	2	1	1	0	2	0				
Shelby Coats	4	1	3	4	0	0				
Breanna Hernandez	4	1	1	0	0	0				
Camryn Diaz	4	0	2	1	0	0				
Shelby Dunbar	3	0	1	0	0	2				
Brittany DeLeon	3	0	0	0	0	0				
Reagan Nuncio	1	0	0	0	2	0				
Hannah Kidd	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Totals	28	7	10	6	4	2				

Pitching										
IP	BP	SH	H	R	ER	K	BB	HR		
Shelby Coats	7.0	115	609	9	6	3	6	1		
Totals	7.0	115	609	9	6	3	6	1		

Pitching W: Shelby Coats										
IP	BP	SH	H	R	ER	K	BB	HR		
Shelby Coats	7.0	115	609	9	6	3	6	1		
Totals	7.0	115	609	9	6	3	6	1		

Pitching L: M Sanchez										
IP	BP	SH	H	R	ER	K	BB	HR		
M Sanchez	0.0	98	592	10	7	6	2	4		
Totals	0.0	98	592	10	7	6	2	4		

Pitching E: F Torres										
IP	BP	SH	H	R	ER	K	BB	HR		
F Torres	0.0	98	592	10	7	6	2	4		
Totals	0.0	98	592	10	7	6	2	4		

Pitching E: M Sanchez										
IP	BP	SH	H	R	ER	K	BB	HR		
M Sanchez	0.0	98	592	10	7	6	2	4		
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Totals	0.0	98	592	10	7	6	2	4		

while striking out six and walking one.

Lockney moves to 8-0 on the season and 1-0 in district. The Lady Horns were scheduled to play Abernathy on Saturday, March 12 then will play Crosbyton on Friday, March 18 and Hale Center on Saturday, March 19.

with two RBIs and two runs scored. M Sanchez pitched six innings allowing seven runs on 10 hits while striking out two and walking four.

For Lockney, Coats was 3-4 with four RBIs and one run scored and Alaniz was 2-3 with three runs scored. Coats pitched seven innings allowing six runs on nine hits

## LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU Mar. 21-25

### Monday, Mar. 21

**Breakfast** – Sausage Kolache, Yogurt, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk  
**Lunch** – Country Fried Steak or Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Strawberry Cup, Roll, Milk

### Tuesday, Mar. 8

**Breakfast** – Cheese Omelet Wrap, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk  
**Lunch** – Meat and Cheese Tostada or Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Salsa, Garden Salad, Refried Beans, Applesauce, Milk

### Wednesday, Mar. 9

**Breakfast** – Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk  
**Lunch** – Chicken Spaghetti, Breadstick or Pizza, Salad, Veggies, Apple Slices, Milk

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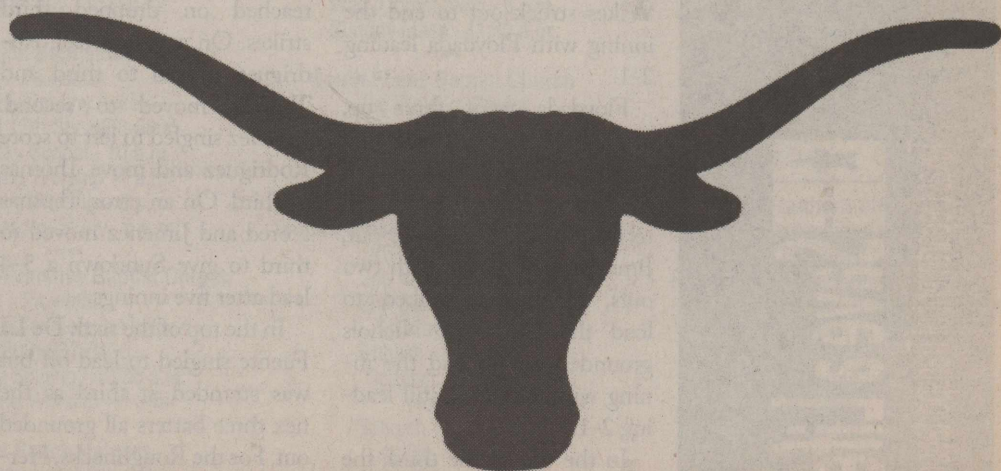
# Lockney Longhorns Baseball Summary

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

Editor's Note: We received access to the Longhorns baseball season results too late to get any stories submitted. We will begin providing stories for all the district games beginning in the March 24 Hesperian-Beacon.

Overall record 6-0; District record 1-0

- March 1 Longhorns 16, Morton 1
- March 4 Longhorns 9, Dimmitt 5
- March 4 Longhorns 13, Hale Center 11
- March 5 Longhorns 8, Tulia 6
- March 8 Longhorns 12, Valley 0 (No-hitter)
- March 12 Longhorns 5, Abernathy 4 (District)
- March 15 at Crosbyton (District)
- March 19 Hale Center (District)
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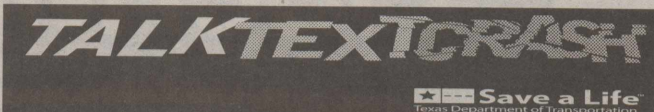
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Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Golden Spread") on behalf of itself and its member distribution cooperatives listed below (the "Participating Members") hereby gives this first amended notice of their intent to file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") requesting approval of a proposed Joint PURPA Implementation Plan ("Joint Plan") to jointly implement their respective obligations under Section 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. § 824a-3) ("PURPA") and under Part 292 of the FERC's Regulations.

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