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Lockney's FUMC hosting Paul's Journey concert April 10

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Paul's Journey will be at the First United Methodist Church in Lockney on Sunday, April 10, at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Entertaining, uplifting and "ministry-minded" are words often used to describe a Paul's Journey event.

Paul's Journey, a Chapel Valley Music recording artist on the "Inspire" label, is an award-winning group based in Houston. The ministry of Paul's Journey is in its 38th year and they have garnered many Top 40 Radio hits and awards through the years including the 2007 SGM FanFair Group of the Year.

In 2012, Paul's Journey was nominated for Horizon Group of the Year and in 2013, 2014 and 2015 the group was chosen by Southern Gospel Music fans as one of the Top 5 New Traditional Quartets in the country.

Throughout its history, the powerhouse group has become known for its unique style and blend. The group performs at 200 dates per year across the United States and abroad.

Paul's Journey is comprised of Rod Treme, Matthew Esquivel, Brad Davis and Jamie Streetman. From up-tempo songs to heartfelt ballads, audiences of all generations, denominations and walks of life are recognizing the refreshing sound of Paul's Journey. Their high-energy performances and enthusiasm are captivating, contagious and spiritually uplifting.

They will perform at the First United Methodist Church in Lockney at both 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, April 10.

For information on the performance, contact 806-652-2193. For information on Paul's Journey and its ministry visit www.paulsjourneyonline.com or contact The Victory Agency, 936-689-1732.



Courtesy photo

Paul's Journey, an award-winning Christian recording group based in Houston, with many hits on Christian radio stations will appear this Sunday in Lockney.

LHS One-Act Play advances to Area April 9



Courtesy photo

The Lockney High School One-Act Play will compete at the Area UIL Competition Saturday, April 9 at Wayland Baptist University.

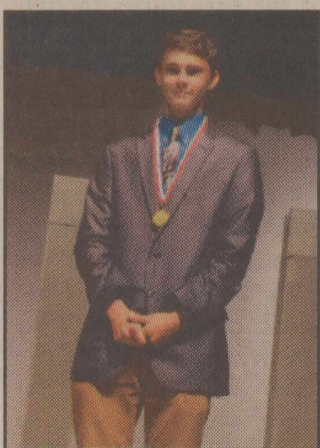
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The Lockney High School One-Act Play production of "The Boys Next Door" was chosen to advance in Area UIL competition from bi-district on Saturday, April 2 at Boys Ranch.

Luke Kasner was again chosen as Best Actor for his portrayal of Lucian P. Smith. Seattle Jackson earned All Star cast honors, and Jake Moore was selected as an Honorable Mention All Star Cast member. Becky Stout is the LHS OAP director, and D'Lyn Morris is the UIL Academic Coordinator. This amazingly talented group of students.

Farwell and New Deal also advanced.

The area UIL One-Act Play contest will be held April 9 at Wayland Baptist University. The competition begins at 2 p.m. in Harrell Auditorium, and there will be six schools competing.



Courtesy photo

Luke Kasner was chosen as Best Actor at bi-district for his portrayal of Lucian P. Smith.

Floyd County Library announces new hours

According to Mary Jane Cisneros, librarian, the Floyd County Library has set new hours effective immediately.

The new hours are: Monday 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., closed for lunch from noon to 1 p.m.
 Tuesday 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., closed for lunch from noon to 1 p.m.
 Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
 Friday 8:30 a.m. to noon

Unity Gala to feature Little Texas



Courtesy photo

Seven-time platinum recording artists and three-time Grammy nominees, Little Texas, will be the featured entertainment at the 21st Annual Floyd County Friends Gala Saturday, April 23 at the Unity Center in Muncy.

By Segayle Foster

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

The 21st Annual Floyd County Friends Gala will be Saturday, April 23 at the Unity Center in Muncy. The doors open at 5:15 p.m., and the gala begins at 6:00 p.m.

New and exciting features include a catered prime rib dinner by Bradley Price with beer and wine available for purchase. Individual tickets are \$75, a reserved table for 8 is \$750 and the VIP tables for \$1,000 are already sold out.

Our entertainment features live music from Steve Burrus

and The High Plains Drifters and seven-time platinum and three-time Grammy nominee, LITTLE TEXAS. All ticket holders will be eligible for the \$1,000 giveaway sponsored by Reagor-Dykes, Live and Silent auctions, as well as Gold Strip coffee bar sponsored by Happy State Bank.

The tickets are available at

D&J Gin in Lockney and Nick Long Insurance in Floydada.

For more information about the 21st Annual Floyd County Friends Gala, call Shawnda Foster at (806) 983-7222.

Tickets are on sale until April 15, so don't miss out on this exciting event right here in Floyd County.

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.

DUNCAN HEALTH & SAFETY FAIR

There will be a Health and Safety Fair sponsored by Floydada ISD School Health Advisory Committee at Duncan Elementary on April 7, 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. Students will go through the Health Fair during school. If you

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News on the go



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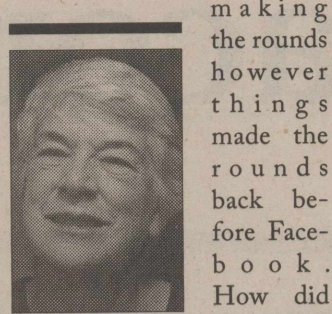
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The 501

"I take pen in hand to type you this letter."

That's a line I remember from a joke letter that was



HANABA MUNN WELCH

making the rounds however things made the rounds back before Facebook. How did they? Not only did we not have the Internet. We didn't have printers. Most copies were carbon copies. I don't like to think about carbon copies.

We digress anyway. I wouldn't even be thinking about the vanishing art of writing in longhand or typing with a typewriter or practicing any combination thereof if my trusty laptop hadn't required hospitalization. My backup computer is coming apart at the seams, literally. The trackpad is stuck; I'm using an old plug-in mouse. I'm feeling primitive.

But only briefly did I seriously contemplate writing this week's 501 words and dashes by hand. Counting the words would have been the hardest part, especially maintaining a running total. I like running totals. We're at 153 now, 348 to go.

It's enough to make me think about the time circa-eighth grade when some of my classmates (you know who you are) and I had to write 500-word essays on why we should not shoot paper wads at the substitute teacher. Seems like it was 500. For sure it was more than I wanted to say on the topic. Feeling defiant, I

counted the words as I wrote and noted the running total above every third or fourth word, hoping to make the whole thing harder to read, assuming it would actually be read. Indeed, the very disciplinarian who meted out that assignment may be reading my words right now. Was it you Dr. Craighead? Or was it Mr. Whaley? Either way, here I am writing every week, punishing myself and readers I don't even know with the same amount of words I was assigned to write way back when, plus one.

Hmmm. Maybe that long-ago writing assignment, onerous though it was, somehow lodged in my subconscious and led me to my avocation as a word-count columnist, if that's what you call someone who pays strict attention to the length of a column, if not the depth. Length I'm good at.

You want depth too? I'll try. Thought:

Experiences in childhood and adolescence can set the direction of a life whether or not we realize it.

Interestingly enough, I eventually worked a while for a PhD statistician who shot paper wads. He livened up the workspace. Picture lots of cubicles. I didn't join in, having been cured. I think maybe he was expressing the idea that most of us take ourselves too seriously.

If I had that paper wad essay to write over again, that thought would be my thesis statement.

As for that poor substitute teacher - a high school girl assigned to our classroom for just an hour - she survived. I found her on Facebook and LinkedIn. She became a teacher.

I'm thinking my classmates and I helped launch her career. After she survived us, what could be worse? No doubt she found out.

The Paperboy

I found the following interesting concerning the study of pollution in two major cities - Houston and Beijing, China.

China is the world's most polluted country as it is home to 16 of the 20 most polluted cities. And the damage the air does to residents is staggering.

Burning fossil fuels releases black carbon particles into the air, commonly called soot. Researchers - including several from Texas A&M University - have now pinpointed how much these particles impact air quality and climate in Beijing and Houston.

Texas A&M teamed up with colleagues from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Peking University, the University of California-San Diego to have their work published in the current issue of PNAS (Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences).

The team studied particulate matter over Houston and Beijing to learn how the properties of black carbon particles change.

Without getting too technical, the scientists found that Beijing's pollution is far more deadly than Houston's.

Beijing has much more black carbon in the air compared to the Houston's main pollutant: ozone.

The scientists said Houston was selected, because the "air there is also fairly polluted, but the main pollutant is ozone, not particulate matter. The many petrochemical plants in the Houston area directly contribute to the ozone pollution.

"Beijing's pollution, on the other hand, is mainly due to particulate matter that is typical of conditions in a rapidly developing country that has many industrial factories, power plants, along with congested traffic. Ozone is not a major problem there. The two cities make a strong contrast."

Another recent study shows that Beijing is so polluted, that breathing the air their does as much damage to a person's lungs as smoking 40 cigarettes a day. That adds up to two packs a day!

Air pollution in China kills 4,000 people every day, which accounts for about 17 percent of all deaths in China.

I guess that's why we commonly see the Chinese wearing face masks. In fact, face masks have become so common, that the companies who manufacture them are among the most profitable in the entire country.

We often hear about China's growth and huge economy. But their major cities, which

are far larger than ours in terms of population, are deathtraps.

The U.S. has made strides over the past several decades as air quality in our major cities has improved dramatically. Countries like China and India are where we were probably 40 years or more ago. That's a good thing except for the fact that while our air gets cleaner, theirs gets dirtier, as it does in Mexico, the Middle East, Russia, Africa and parts of Europe.

I guess that's why I fail to see why our politicians want to penalize American companies and industries through their pocketbook. The U.S. could produce zero pollution and would not reduce the total pollution of the world. In fact, it would continue to get worse.

So in reality, our government is using the pollution in other countries, which we cannot control, to grab money from American companies.

The way I see it, before we get suckered into this Climate Change money grab, China, Russia and India had better get on board or nothing will ever change regarding overall pollution. The solution for pollution is simple, build a better and cheaper lightbulb. Fortunately, our government is not in the inventing business and they should not be. This endeavor will be led by ingenuity. So if our government were really interested in helping to change the planet for all residents, it would get out of the way and let that ingenuity take place in the private sector.

But that's not the political climate here. The braniacs in Washington have decided to punish American companies and have given corporations a bad name, as if the vast majority of major employers of this country are bad at all. When you punish success, it slows growth. It also hampers those who want to grow and expand.

What we have now is a government who is painting some of this country's greatest employers as the bad guys while the scope and reach of the government has expanded and government workers and contractors have gotten filthy rich.

That is not the American way. Americans have been doing it right and continue to work on that better lightbulb despite having one hand tied behind their back by Uncle Sam.

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UPCOMING

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want to attend the Health Fair with your child you may do so. Just come according to the times shown. Grades 5th & 6th - 1:00-1:30; Grades 3rd & 4th - 1:30-2:00; Grades 1st & 2nd - 2:00-2:30; Grades Pre-k & K - 2:30-3:00.

LOCKNEY HOMECOMING MEETING

Lockney Homecoming Meeting April 19 at 7:00 p.m. at Lockney Elementary. If your address has changed since last Homecoming, please send a Facebook message to Zach Cummings or D'Lyn Morris.

LOCKNEY BOY SCOUTS

Boy Scout Troup 259 of Lockney is conducting a community service project of retiring American Flags. If you would like your old flag to be retired with respect, take the flag to Davis Lumber of Happy State Bank in Lockney.

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.

FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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

Pet Talk

By Callie Rainosek
Texas A&M CVM

Being familiar with the signs of common skin irritations and diseases in your feline companion is important for your cat's health. Certain skin problems could be sign of a more complicated underlying issue, such as physical pain, discomfort or infection.

According to Dr. Alison Diesel, clinical assistant professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, the most common skin conditions that appear in cats include ringworm, fleas and flea allergy dermatitis, ear mites and bacterial skin infections. In addition, cats can have allergic reactions to ingredients in their food, such as fish, chicken and milk, or to things in the environment such as various pollens and dust.

Both food and environmental allergies can manifest with itching and/or hair loss from over-grooming. Cats can also develop nodules on the skin of their abdomen from mycobacterial infections, which are caused by organisms commonly found in soil and water.

Finally, feline chin acne, caused by plugged hair follicles that can occasionally become infected with bacteria, is another common skin condition that can be found in cats of any age—

not just adolescents.

"Ringworm is one of the most common causes of hair loss in cats and is one of the first things to consider if a cat is losing hair. This is an infectious fungal disease that is zoonotic, meaning it can affect other animals and people," Diesel said. "With regards to itch, fleas and flea allergy dermatitis are two of the most common problems, particularly in areas of the country and world where fleas are prevalent. Ear mites, which are common in young cats, are caused by a parasite that can be transmitted to other mammals but not people. In addition, cats can develop bacterial skin infections that may cause lesions with red itchy plaques, ulcers on the lips, excessive grooming and small pinpoint crusts that may be easier to feel than see."

Cat owners may also notice alarming skin masses or skin lesions on their feline friends. In this case, Diesel recommended consulting a veterinarian.

"If an owner notices a concerning lesion, they should have their cat evaluated by a veterinarian," Diesel said. "Different diagnostics will help determine what the cause of the skin lesion or mass is. This may include testing for parasites, evaluating what type of cells, infectious organisms, bacteria or fungal infections are present or

collecting a skin biopsy in the case of a mass."

Diesel also reminded cat owners that there are numerous causes of skin lesions and masses in cats, so testing to determine the underlying cause of the skin problem is important to help your veterinarian determine the appropriate treatment.

Shedding is common in cats, but excess shedding could be a sign of another problem, such as an itch, pain, discomfort or even a hormone imbalance.

"Excessive shedding is often a sign of itch in cats," Diesel said. "It is important to determine whether the hair is being groomed out, or if it is falling out on its own. Depending on where over-grooming is occurring on the body, this may also be a sign of underlying pain or discomfort. For example, a cat that over-grooms solely over the belly may be experiencing abdominal or bladder pain. However, if the hair is falling out, this may be a sign of skin disease or an internal illness such as hormone imbalances, metabolic changes or even potentially cancer. It is important to monitor your cat's grooming habits and overall health status and discuss this with the veterinarian if excessing grooming or shedding is noticed."

Unlike dogs, most cats can groom themselves and do not need to be bathed

regularly; however, cat owners may notice when their furry friend's coat is no longer healthy, shiny and dander-free. Cats who are older or overweight may no longer be able to properly groom themselves and may benefit from periodic bathing or application of moisturizing sprays, such as those containing essential fatty acids.

Brushing your cat's coat may also be beneficial to distributing the normal oils throughout the hair coat and helping to minimize dander and excessive shedding.

"If cat owners notice a change in the cat's normal hair coat appearance, particularly if hair loss or excessive dander is seen, they should have their cat evaluated by a veterinarian," Diesel said. "This will help determine whether an underlying illness may be a cause for the change in appearance."

Certain skin problems may be common in cats, but no skin problem should go ignored. Be sure to consult your veterinarian if you notice any changes in your cat's skin.

Pet Talk is a service of the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University. Stories can be viewed on the Web at vet.med.tamu.edu/pet-talk. Suggestions for future topics may be directed to editor@cvm.tamu.edu.

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To all our friends, family and all of Caleb's friends. He's no longer with us but in a better place. Heaven had a plow reserved for him and he's so very happy and free of pain. He is greatly missed.

—The family of Caleb Sims Randall and Lois Reeves

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SOCIETY

Look Who's New



BRAELYNN PAIGE EMERT

Jennifer and Zach Emert of Floydada are proud to announce the birth of their first daughter, Braelynn Paige Emert.

Braelynn was born March 24, 2016 at 7:20 p.m. at Covenant Women's and Children's Hospital in Lubbock, Texas. She weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces and was 21.5 inches in length.

Grandparents are John and Dee Leatherman and Roger and Dianne Emert, all of Floydada.

Great-grandparents are Martha and Jerry Leatherman of Floydada, the late Toby and Jean Williams, the late Burt Lee and Dolly Emert, and the late Jean and Bud Law.

Floydada Rotary Club



Courtesy Photo

Canine Deputy Matthew Arguello and Dutch were the guests of Rotarian Bill Smith this past Wednesday. Dutch demonstrated his search skills to the Rotary Club by finding marijuana hidden in the Massie Activity Center. The drug was deliberately planted for the demonstration by Deputy Speed. Additional guests were Sheriff Paul Raisse, Deputy Cory Speed, and Eddy Houchin.

The South Plains Hobby Club

By Mary M. Carter

The South Plains Hobby Club met at the "Post Historical Museum" in Post, Texas for lunch at 11:00.

At first we were led on a tour of the museum by Linda Puckett. It is very worth while to see the different collections and single items. They have items from WWI, WWII, Korean, and Desert Storm. They also have things on display of the Post Office and Indian artifacts. Also, the history of "Bear 2 Claws". When you go to the museum be sure to have them tell you his story. Ranch history and the people who worked on them and the jobs done, women and men. Equipment such as Saddles, bridles, and etc.

Kitchen and cooking items. There is much more.

Lunch was served on the second floor. Yes, they have an elevator. Very handy. Pat Cruse cooked the meal and it was very good.

Our guest speaker, Pat Cruse, was introduced by our president, Virginia Taylor. Pat told the story of Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad. She was dressed as Harriet. Harriet Tubman was born a slave in Eastern Maryland. She worked in the house until she was old enough to work in the fields of the plantation. She always wanted to escape out of bondage to freedom. Her daddy told her to follow the North Star or birds (Geese) flying north. She learned the codes of quilts and songs. They told the clues to follow of the Underground Railroad to escape for the next step of the journey to freedom. The blocks of the quilt would have clues to which way to travel to their next destination. Pat showed us quilts, she had made, and explained what each pattern block meant. Harriet used her daddy's advice and traveled at night using the North Star.

The destination was Canada to be free and safe. They were very glad to come upon a home so they could have food and get clothes. This allowed them to get out of their slave clothes. It was very dangerous to all. To the slaves and the people that helped them along the way.

There was one quilt that was very important. It was the main quilt. It was called the "North Star Quilt". When they saw "that

quilt" it eased them. It meant they were north and safe. They had made the complete journey to freedom.

Harriet Tubman was quite a woman. She led many freedom trips and was very "strict" on her trips. She carried a gun and was very good at hiding and using disguises. She had a \$40,000 bounty on her life, but she was never caught. Harriet got a job as a laundry person to earn the money to make her trips to help the other slaves. Nicknamed "Moses" and making nineteen trips bringing 300 slaves to freedom including her family. She suffered headaches due to injury as a slave. At times passing out on trips and they would wait until she would wake up. Harriet believed in God and always carried her Bible. It was important to her. She had children but never got to keep them. Born in 1883 and lived until she was 93 years old.

There is a Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Monument in Dorchester County, Maryland. Established in 2013. On the Eastern Maryland Shore, were Harriet was born, there is a preserves that protects the area where she came back many times to start her trips of freedom. There will be a Harriet Tubman National Park in Fleming, New York with more historical sites.

Pat Cruse made it all come to life. Thank you, Pat. She is married and has three children. She is at the museum if you have questions or would like her to come to share her program.

Virginia went through our business. She announced the benefit on April 2, 2016 for Cross View Christian Camp. Tickets are \$25.00. She thanked Lou Burleson and Mary M. Carter for telephoning members.

We thank our hostess, Virginia Taylor. Enjoyed every minute.

Our next meeting will be in Silverton, Texas at the Briscoe City Market. Lunch is at 1:30 P.M. Program by Connie Johnson and a preview of her new book.

Those in attendance: Helen Teeple, Virginia Taylor, Peggy Roberts, Ethelyn Vernon, Carolyn Marble, Margie Young, Brenda Walls, Janis Julian, Sue Daniels, Mary M. Carter. Our guests were Margaret Jones and Juanita Chappell.

SPC Workforce Development to offer Pharmacy Tech Test Preparation Class April 26

LUBBOCK – South Plains College Workforce Development will offer a Pharmacy Tech Test Preparation course from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting April 26 through June 16 at the Byron Martin Advanced Technology Center, located at 3201 Ave. Q.

Registration opened March 31. Amanda Andrews will be the instructor. This is a test preparation review course for pharmacy technicians who will be taking the Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam. The course is designed to augment on-the-job training or provide an individual who has extensive knowledge with the tools to successfully complete the national exam. This is an introductory course where highly motivated individuals willing to spend a significant amount of outside class time in memorization and other study techniques can also benefit. Subjects covered include pharmacology, safety, terminology, packing, dispensing, distribution, inventory management, pharmacy law, reading prescriptions, pharmacy math including aliquots, ratios

and proportions, calculating percentages, ratio strengths, business math, calculating IV flow rates and other related topics. The Pharmacy Technician Certification Board Exam (PTCB) is available throughout the year. There are further costs that are not included in the price of this course. There is a fee of \$62 to receive a Pharmacy Technician in Training License which the student will be responsible for paying www.tsbp.tx.state.us directly. There is a fee of \$50 for fingerprinting which the student will be responsible for paying www.identogo.com directly. Students must have their trainee license before the last class. PTCB requires that examinees have a high school diploma or GED and have never been convicted of a felony. The meeting dates for this class are subject to change by the instructor. The \$140 exam fee must be paid by students directly to PTCB. Criminal Background checks will be performed on all students and are included in the tuition of \$361. For more information, please call (806) 716-4906.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Floydada Senior Citizens
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Find us on Facebook "Floydada Senior Citizens". Give us a like. Will have menu and activities posted regularly.

We were welcomed back after Easter by smell of spice and apple crisp.

Keith Stansell said he at his Easter egg at Senior Citizen's and stayed home for the holiday. Faye Bertrand had Easter Saturday with Connie and Randy Bertrand. She said Connie sent her enough food to last over Sunday including pork chops.

Betty Baker's children, Donna and Larry Brand and David, all of Colorado, talked on the phone about all the snow that had fallen. Chuck, Danna, and Garrett Baker of Charlotte, North Carolina called Betty to tell of the rain there in North Carolina.

Kent Covington said all the wind recently blew so hard there was roof damage to his house.

A cold Sunday morning but a warm after-

noon was just right for hunting Easter eggs.

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. 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

April 11 – April 15

Monday – Creamy mushroom steak

Tuesday – Tacos

Wednesday – Chicken spaghetti

Thursday – Roast beef w/gravy

Friday – Randy Bertrand's fried fish

(Menus subject to change without notice)

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

to eat. Our phone number is 652-2745.

is \$12 a plate...all you can eat!!! Let us do the dishes.

MENU

April 11 – April 15

Monday – Baked potatoes

Tuesday – Enchilada casserole

Wednesday – Chicken fried steak

Thursday – Spaghetti

Friday – Hamburger steak

(Menus subject to change with notice)

Remember Exercise with Dorothy - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8:45 - 9:15 a.m. Coffee time - Monday-Saturday - 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Our yearly fundraiser is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, June 26. Auction items and menu will be announced at a later date.

Be sure and call the Center by 9:30 a.m. if you would like

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

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Obituaries



MILDRED SMITHERMAN

Mildred Smitherman of Floydada, Texas traded her earthly home for heaven on April 1, 2016. She was met by her loving parents and brother, Walter, with great smiles and open arms. No more pain or suffering, only joy and happiness!

Funeral services were held at First Baptist Church in Floydada, Monday April 4, 2016 at 2 p.m.

Interment followed at the Floyd County Memorial Park in Floydada.

The family held visitation at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada from 5 p.m.-7 p.m., Sunday, April 3, 2016.

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

Mildred was born to J.K. and Susie Bean on March 24, 1936. She grew up on the family farm with her three older brothers Kenneth, Walter and Donald outside of Silverton, Texas. Mildred attended school in Silverton graduating as valedictorian.

Mildred married Philip Smitherman on April 2, 1953. Together they reared two sons, Marc and Monty,

on their own family farm in South Plains, Texas. Being a loving mother and wife was her greatest joy. She was a huge sports fan and delighted in watching her two sons-play ball.

Mildred and Philip moved to Floydada where they made their home for the last 43 years. Mildred worked for many years in the cotton industry, keeping books and selling cotton for various gins in the Floydada area. She took great pride in trying to get the best price possible for 'her' farmers.

Mildred was preceded in death by her parents, J.K. and Susie Bean, her brother, Walter Bean, and daughter-in-law, Bobbie Smitherman.

Those left to cherish her memory are husband, Philip Smitherman; son, Marc and his wife, Michele Smitherman of Maryville, Tennessee; son, Monty Smitherman of Silverton and her grandson, Jake Smitherman of Knoxville, Tennessee.

The family would like to extend a special word of thanks to the staff and nurses at the Hale Center Health and Rehab Center and the wonderful ladies of Hospice.

LOIS MARIE KEMP
Lois Marie Kemp, 88, of Plainview, passed away on Saturday, April 2, 2016.

Graveside services were at 10 a.m. on Wednesday April 6, 2016 in Parklawn Memorial Park in Plain-

view.

Friends were invited to pay their respects to Mrs. Kemp at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney on Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Arrangements were under the care of Lemons Funeral Home.

Lois Marie Tyler was born May 21, 1927 in Altus, Oklahoma to Horace and Stella (Underwood) Tyler. She was a graduate of Mangum High School.

She met the love of her life, T.W. Kemp, in Lubbock and they were married on September 12, 1948.

She was preceded in death by her husband, T.W. in 2004.

Survivors include her two sons, Jimmy Kemp and wife, Jami of Lockney and Larry Thomas Kemp and wife, Melody of Arlington; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch or the Children's Home of Lubbock.

On-line condolences may be made at www.lemonsfunerals.com

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Lockney First Baptist Church to conclude 'Turn Your Heart Towards Home' events

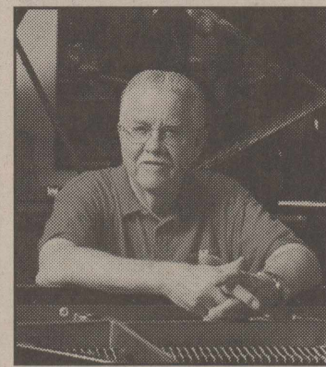
By Pastor Joseph Tillery
Special for The Hesperian-Beacon

Recently Lockney's First Baptist Church started its yearlong celebration of ministry to Lockney and Floyd County since 1890.

During this year's homecoming, September 23, 24, 25, we will conclude our "Turn Your Heart Towards Home" events.

Previously Jim Hamblen kicked off the 125 year celebration with a city wide, country/gospel concert March 5, along with area artist Zelda Ellison.

Hamblen, born in Dallas, grew up in a musical family with everyone singing and playing different instruments.



JIM HAMBLÉN

A major influence in Jim's life was his Uncle, Stuart Hamblen, who made movies and wrote and recorded numerous songs including "This Ole House", "I Won't Go Hunting With You Jake", "Remember Me", "Texas Plains", "Until Then" and "It Is No Secret", which has been translated into over 100

languages. The "Hamblen Family Music and Ministry Story" really began, however, with Jim's Grandfather, Dr. J.H. Hamblen, Abilene, Texas, who founded The Evangelical Methodist Church and started a fire for Jesus in the Hamblen family that still burns brightly today!

Starting in April - June, Pastor Joseph Tillery will be preaching about the Family and Home, emphasizing different practical helps that will bless your family, from preschooler to grandparents, married and singles.

April 24 will be Senior Adult Day with the Senior Choir from First Baptist Lubbock presenting a musical, under the direction of Jim Tillinghast, at 6 p.m.

2nd Annual Cops and Kids Event in Plainview

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participating in the events.

The 2nd Annual Cops and Kids Event, sponsored by the Plainview Police Department, will be held on Saturday, April 9th from 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Running Water Draw (Kidsville) Park.

There will be basketball goals and volleyball nets set up for games as well as an obstacle course, rope climbing, tug-of-war, kickball and baseball. Hot dogs, chips and other goodies will be available as well as a drawing for 20 bicycles of different ages given away.

"We had a very successful event last year and we are looking forward to this year," said Julio De La Garza, Patrolman/School Resource Officer and event chair. "It is a great time for the community and the police force to not only get to know one another but just to have some fun."

They will also have the Swat vehicle with equipment displayed, Mobile Command Unit and Aero Care is scheduled to make an appearance. The Sheriff's department is also

Event sponsors include Wal-Mart, Amigo's, Frito Lay, Crimestoppers, Apex Collision, Bill Wells Chevrolet, Elks Lodge, Brandon Brownlee Racing, Kiwanis Club, Cornerstone Funeral Directors, Vista Bank, McCoy's, Graphic Zone, West Texas Cooling Towers, J Pat Manning, Central Plains Center, MHMR and Crisis Center of the Plains.

"We are continuing to receive donations daily and are grateful to our sponsors for making this event happen," said DeLaGarza. "Because of their generous support, we are able to create relationships not only with the kids but with the whole community by encouraging cooperation between the cops and our citizens."

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

The Rock Redeemed

In [Jesus Christ] we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace. —Ephesians 1:7 (NIV)

One of the most emotional passages in the Gospels is the passage above that details Peter's denial of Christ. Following Jesus' arrest, Peter — the man Jesus had proclaimed would be the rock upon which he would build his church — three times disavowed any knowledge of our Lord. (See Matt. 16:18.) But rather than being appalled by Peter's actions, I find that my heart goes out to him. It's easy for me to imagine the fear he must have felt and to identify with his shame. We've all been faced with the dilemma of knowing we should stand

up for what's right but being too afraid to do so. Regret always follows. If Peter's story ended there, it would be a very tragic one. But Jesus knew all that would happen that day (Luke 22:34), and he had already forgiven his disciple. Peter would go on to become the rock that Jesus said he would be. He played a vital role in the early days of a movement that would ultimately lead untold millions to salvation through Christ.

Peter's story is one of fear, shame, and, ultimately, redemption. That's not the outcome we might have expected. But it's a perfect illustration of the truth that with God's grace, all things are possible.

Dan Busha (Florida, USA)

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Aiken Baptist Church
Dennis Butler, Pastor
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.

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.

Calvary's Cornerstone Fellowship
Floydada
Armando Morales, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Bible Study - 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening - 7 p.m.

Carr's Chapel
Service Every Sunday
Morning Worship - 9 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Church of Christ
West College & Third
Lockney
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Afternoon Worship - 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service - 7:30 p.m.

City Park Church of Christ
Matthew Benfield, Minister
Floydada
Sunday Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study - 7 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Floydada
Tim Franks, Pastor
Logan Lamb, Min. Students
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Lockney
Joseph Tillery, Pastor
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.

First United Methodist Church
Floydada
Rev. Ken Peterson, Pastor
Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School - 10:50 a.m.
Youth (Sunday) - 6:30 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
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Rev. Ricky Carsensen, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service - 6 p.m.
Wed. Jr. High - 5:30 p.m.
Wed High School - 6:30 p.m.

Grant Chapel Church of God in Christ
Joe Bennett, Pastor
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday - 8 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

Main Street Church of Christ
Lockney
James Blair, Minister
Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
Floydada
Rev. Timothy Askey
401 N 12th St. 983-5805
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wednesday Study - 6 p.m.

New Salem Primitive Baptist Church
Floydada
Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges
(806) 637-0430
Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.

Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church
310 Mississippi

Floydada
Rev David Ramos, Pastor
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader
Sunday Bible - 10 a.m.
Morning Praise - 11 a.m.
Evening Praise 5 - p.m.
Wed Worship - 7 p.m.

Power of Praise Full Gospel Church
Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor
704 B Main, Lockney
Sunday Services - 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 5 p.m.
Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.

Primera Iglesia Bautista
Lockney
Jesus Caballero, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 11 a.m.
Discipleship - 5 p.m.
Wed. Service - 7 p.m.

Primera Iglesia Bautista
Floydada
Rev. Toby Gonzales
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed Evening - 7 p.m.

San Jose Catholic Church
Lockney
Msgr. Nickolas Rendon
Wed. Communion - 8 p.m.
Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.

South Plains Baptist Church
Joe Weldon, Pastor
SuNday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting - 7 p.m.

Templo Getsemani Assembly of God
701 W. Missouri
Joe M. Hernandez
983-5286 (Church)
Sunday School
English - 9:45 a.m.
Spanish - 11 a.m.
Worship
Spanish - 9:30 a.m.
English - 11 a.m.
Evening Service 5 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
Floydada
Rev. Ike Temporaza
983-5878
Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.
Mon. & Wed. Mass - 6:30 p.m.
Confession Sat - 10-11 a.m.

Templo Bautista Salem
Lockney
Rev. Joe Hernandez
Sun Prayer Service - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed. Meeting - 7 p.m.

Templo Bethel Spanish Assembly of God
Washington And 1st St.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 5 p.m.
Wed Service - 7 p.m.

Templo Nueva Vida
Rev. Herman Martinez
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Evening Worship - 5 p.m.
Tuesday - 7:30 p.m.
Thursday Service - 7:30 p.m.

Trinity Assembly
500 W. Houston
Tom Ross, Pastor
983-5499
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 6 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church
Providence Community On Fm 2301
293-3009
Rev. Peter W. Harrington, Minister
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11 - a.m.

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

AGRICULTURE

Texas Parks Commission approves 2016-2017 deer hunting regulations

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN — The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission adopted a suite of changes to this year's deer hunting regulations, which includes expanding white-tailed deer hunting into 14 counties across the western Panhandle, and creating additional deer hunting opportunities in East Texas.

The Commission adopted the following changes to the 2016-2017 Statewide Hunting Proclamation, the details of which will be incorporated into this year's Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Outdoor Annual.

Antlerless deer changes include the elimination of the Antlerless and Spike-buck Control Permit due to lack of demand; define "unbranched antlered deer" to clarify what

constitutes a legal buck across seasons and to alleviate confusion among hunters, and replace the "Special Late Antlerless and Spike-buck Season" with a "Special Late Season" to accommodate the inclusion of "unbranched antlered deer" in the bag limit; allow the take of antlerless deer without a permit on certain U.S. Forest Service Lands during youth-only seasons; clarify that white-tailed antlerless deer harvest during the archery-only season does not require a permit and harvest of antlerless deer during youth seasons is restricted to persons 16 years of age and younger, including on properties issued Level 1 Managed Lands Deer (MLD) Permits; and implement both a general and special archery-only season for white-tailed deer in Andrews, Bailey, Castro, Cochran, Gaines,

Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Parmer, Terry and Yoakum counties, with a bag limit of three deer (no more than one buck and no more than two antlerless), which is identical to adjoining/nearby counties that currently have a season.

Implement both a general and special archery-only season for white-tailed deer in Winkler County, with a bag limit of three deer (no more than one buck and no more than two antlerless, with the take of antlerless deer restricted to the archery-only season or properties issued MLD antlerless tags). The new season is identical to adjoining-nearby counties that currently have a season.

Establish four "doe days" (time periods in which antlerless deer may be taken without a permit in parts of the state where antlerless

harvest regulations are conservative) in Bell (east of IH35), Burleson, Ellis, Falls, Freestone, Kaufman, Limestone, Milam, Navarro and Williamson (east of IH35) counties;

Increase the number of doe days to 16 in Anderson, Brazos, Camp, Gregg, Grimes, Henderson, Lamar, Leon, Madison, Morris, Red River, Robertson and Upshur counties.

Implement a muzzleloader-only late season in Anderson, Bell (East of IH 35), Brazos, Burleson, Comal (East of IH 35), Delta, Ellis, Fannin, Falls, Franklin, Freestone, Grimes, Hays (East of IH 35), Henderson, Hopkins, Hunt, Kaufman, Lamar, Leon, Limestone, Madison, Milam, Navarro, Rains, Red River, Robertson, Smith, Titus, Travis (East of IH 35), Van Zandt, Williamson (East of IH 35), and Wood counties.

Wasserman, Langley to speak at PCG annual meeting April 8

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David Wasserman, House Editor for The Cook Political Report, will present "An Insider's Guide to the 2016 Election" at Plains Cotton Growers' 59th Annual Meeting on Friday, April 8, 2016 in the Banquet Hall of the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. The keynote presentation is sponsored by Farmers Cooperative Compress.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with registration, and the program will start promptly at 9 a.m. The meeting is held in conjunction with the Texas Cotton Ginners' Association Annual Meeting and Trade Show, April 7-8, 2016, in

Lubbock. For more information on the TCGA Annual Meeting and Trade Show, visit <http://www.tcga.org/>.

Wasserman is responsible for handicapping and analyzing U.S. House Races for The Cook Political Report. He has served as an analyst for the NBC News Election Night Decision Desk in 2014, 2012, 2010, and 2008, and has appeared on NBC Nightly News, ABC World News, C-SPAN Washington Journal, CNN, and NPR. He is a frequent contributor to FiveThirtyEight.com and his commentary on House races has been cited in numerous print and online publications including Politico, The New York

Times, The Washington Post, USA Today, The Wall Street Journal, The Economist, and RealClearPolitics.com.

Reece Langley, Vice President of Washington Operations at the National Cotton Council, also is scheduled to update attendees on the NCC's activities. Langley is responsible for coordinating the Washington activities of the Council, including working with Congress and the Administration, with the overall mission of helping each of the U.S. cotton industry's seven segments compete effectively and profitably in a global market.

Current PCG president Shawn Holladay will pre-

side over the meeting and PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett will report on the status of PCG operations and activities.

The program also will feature an announcement about the 2016 Celebrate Cotton Game, and both candidates for U.S. House District 19, Jodey Arrington and Glen Robertson, will speak briefly at the meeting.

The meeting also will be broadcast live on All Ag, All Day at 900 AM KFLP, (Floydada-Lubbock) 800 AM KDDD (Dumas-Amarillo), and at <http://www.allagnews.com>.

There is no charge to attend and no RSVP is necessary. Additional informa-



David Wasserman, House Editor for The Cook Political Report and Reece Langley, Vice President of Washington Operations at the National Cotton Council will appear at the annual Plains Cotton Growers meeting in Lubbock April 8.

tion about PCG and the Annual Meeting can be found at <http://www.plainscotton.org>.

For more information

contact: Mary Jane Buerkle, Director of Communications and Public Affairs maryjane@plainscotton.org, (806) 792-4904

Be a part of Texas Law Enforcement Legend Applications now being accepted for 61st game warden cadet class

Texas — Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is building its next generation of elite state law enforcement officers with application to the 61st Texas Game Warden Cadet class now open through April 30.

"We are excited for the opportunity to welcome and train the next generation of Texas game wardens, and we encourage everyone who is interested to apply," said Col. Craig Hunter, TPWD Law Enforcement

Director. "Since 1895, Texas game wardens have protected the people of Texas through professional law enforcement services that include land, water and air patrols; search and rescue; and tactical operations, all while working to conserve and protect the natural resources of our state."

Applicants must be 21 years old prior to entering the academy in January 2017 and have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college

or university prior to Sept. 1, 2016. Applicants must also undergo a preliminary interview, background investigation and physical skills tests focusing on agility and swimming. Persons interested in strengthening their swimming skills should contact the American Red Cross to take a swimming course.

All cadets are required to live at the Game Warden Training Center near Hamilton, Texas, for the

duration of the 30-week training period.

After graduation, new game wardens will be assigned to vacant stations throughout Texas with the responsibility of protecting the state's natural resources. Game wardens also protect lives by enforcing the Water Safety Act and conducting standard peace officer duties. Candidates can apply online. Applications are due April 30. For more information, check

the Game Warden website or contact Texas game warden recruiters Lt. Kevin Malonson at kevin.malonson@tpwd.texas.gov and game warden Eric Howard at eric.howard@tpwd.texas.gov, or call 877-229-2733.

Locally, if you'd like more information about this topic, or to schedule an interview with J. Aaron Sims, then please call at 806-773-3946, or e-mail Aaron at aaron.sims@tpwd.texas.gov

Texas oil and gas statistics January 2016

AUSTIN -- Production for January 2016 as reported to the Railroad Commission of Texas (Commission) is 76,063,179 barrels of crude oil and 612,602,068 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of total gas from oil and gas wells. These preliminary figures are based on production volumes reported by operators and will be updated as late and corrected production reports are received. Production reported to the Commission for the same time period last year, January 2015, was: 68,949,268 barrels of crude oil preliminarily, updated to a current figure

of 88,816,120 barrels; and 607,631,634 Mcf of total gas preliminarily, updated to a current figure of 733,123,911 Mcf.

The Commission reports that in the last 12 months, total Texas reported production was 1.014 billion barrels of crude oil and 8.3 trillion cubic feet of total gas. Crude oil production reported by the Commission is limited to oil produced from oil leases and does not include condensate, which is reported separately by the Commission.

Texas preliminary January 2016 crude oil production averaged 2,453,651 bar-

rels daily, compared to the 2,224,170 barrels daily average of January 2015.

Texas preliminary January 2016 total gas production averaged 19,761,357 Mcf a day, compared to the 19,601,020 Mcf daily average of January 2015.

Texas production in January 2016 came from 182,212 oil wells and 89,559 gas wells.

For additional oil and gas production statistics, visit the Commission's website at <http://www.rrc.texas.gov/oil-gas/research-and-statistics/production-data/texas-monthly-oil-gas-production/>.

SW Oklahoma and Texas Fishing Report

Ellsworth: Elevation above normal, water murky. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs around brush structure and docks. Channel and blue catfish are slow on cut bait, dough bait and shad around points and rocks.

Foss: Elevation 4.5 ft. below normal, water mid-50s and clear. Striped bass hybrids are fair on live bait in deep water. Crappie are fair near the fishing docks on the south side. White bass are fair on live bait in the river. Walleye are slow to fair on worms. Catfish are slow on stinkbait and liver.

Ft. Cobb: Elevation normal, water 56. Striped bass hybrids are fair on crawfish and shrimp around points. Crappie are slow on jigs and small lures around brush structure and docks. **Lawtonka:** Elevation above normal, water clear. Crappie and white bass are slow on minnows and jigs around brush structure, docks and along the dam.

Tom Steed: Elevation normal, water 52. Blue and chan-

nel catfish are fair on cut bait and stinkbait at 5 ft.-10 ft. along flats and in the main lake. White bass and Saugeye are fair on minnows and jigs at 5 ft.-10 ft. around rocks, points and creek channels.

Waurika: Elevation normal, water 50s. Crappie are fair on jigs around brush structure. Striped bass hybrids are slow on flukes along shorelines. Blue and channel catfish are fair on cut bait and stinkbait around points and along shorelines.

Alan Henry: Water fairly clear; 58-62 degrees; 2.68 ft. low. Black bass are fair to jigs, Texas rigged lizards and flukes. Crappie are fair on live minnows in the shallows. Catfish are fair on live bait.

Coleman: Water murky; 58-62 degrees; 3.74 ft. low. Black bass are good on watermelon soft plastic worms and lizards and on small crankbaits. Hybrid striper are fair on live shad. Crappie are slow. Channel catfish are fair on shrimp. Yellow catfish are slow.

Ft. Phantom Hill: Water

murky; 59-65 degrees; 0.25 ft. high. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs, spinnerbaits and Senkos. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows around shallow cover. Catfish are fair to good on cut bait.

Hubbard Creek: Water off color; 61-69 degrees; 14.47 ft. low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs, jigs and small swimbaits. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and split shot weighted minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and prepared bait.

Nasworthy: 59-65 degrees; 1.38 ft. low. Black bass are fair to good on jigs, Texas rigged lizards and weightless flukes. No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

O.H. Ivie: Water stained; 59-67 degrees; 46.32 ft. low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs fished shallow. Catfish are fair to good on live bait.

Oak Creek: Water stained; 58-66 degrees; 15.18 ft. low. Black bass are fair on jigs, Sen-

kos and Texas rigged creature baits. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs in the shallows. Catfish are fair on chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

Possum Kingdom: Water off color; 58-67 degrees; 0.06 ft. low. Black bass are fair on chatterbaits, Texas rigs, drop shot rigs and Senkos. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows. White bass are fair to good on slabs. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

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FLOYDADA SCHOOL NEWS

Apex Clean Energy, FISD reach agreements in March meeting

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

Wind energy, contracts, and summer school were among the topics of the March meeting of the Floydada Independent School District board meeting held Tuesday, March 22.

Board members present were Lyle Miller, Roger Hughes, Kay Brotherton, William Dean, Gracie Diaz, Beverly Collins, and Eric Smith. There was a quorum present.

The board recognized the following students and educators of the month: AB Duncan Elementary Students of the Month: Luke Morales Grade- kinder, Amareah Taylor Grade- kinder, and Raul Carado Grade -kinder Educator of the Month: Kami Wilbanks FJHS/FHS FJH/ FHS Student of the Month: Zeke Torres Grade- 12, Joe Johnston Grade -11, Destiny Cabello Grade-12, Jacob Degollado Grade -12, Cassandra Cervera Grade -10, Donald Gibbens Grade -10, Kailee Jackson Grade -11, Kaylee Morren Grade-11, Brooklyn Smith Grade -11, James Gibbens Grade -09, Dusty Prisk Grade -10, Chris Chavarria Grade- 12, Brayden Campbell Grade-11, Emmily Britt Grade-12, Angela Vega Grade- 08, and Lewis Alaniz Grade -11 The elementary educator selected this month was Kami Wilbanks who teaches 2nd grade at A.B. Duncan Elementary. The secondary educators of the month were Justin Ogden, Band Director and David McCoun, Assistant Band Director.

There were no public comments.

Roger Hughes made the motion to approve the following items of consent. Gracie Diaz seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. A. Approved the Minutes from February 11, 2016 Regular Meeting and February 23, 2016 Board Work Session B. Approve April Board Meeting for April 19, 2016 C.

The board reviewed payment of February 2016 Bills D. Accepted Resignation: Tina Zuniga -5th Grade Math E. Approve employment personnel: Melissa Garcia - Cafeteria F. Administrators' reports.

Business Manager Alicia Bice presented the tax report and cash flow statement. M&O Current Tax Roll \$3,135,568.90 Net Collections \$3,031,949.19 I&S Tax Roll \$366,325.47 Net Collections \$354,219.68 Percent of Current Roll Collected 96.70% Taxes Collected as of March 31, 2014 96.26%

William Dean made the motion to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value between the District and Cotton Plains Wind I, LLC, as presented, thereby modifying the Limitation on Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value dated September 8, 2015; and authorize the Board President, or other available board officer, to execute Amendment No. 1 on behalf of the District and to take such other action as may be required under Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code or the Comptroller's related rules. Eric Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Trustees held a discussion on Application

of Old Settler, Wind, LLC, for a Limitation on Appraised Value on Qualified Property, Pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code.

Kay Brotherton made the motion to approve the Resolution, adopting Findings of Fact relating to the Application Old Settler Wind, LLC, for a Limitation of Appraised Value on Qualified Property, that such Findings, as presented, be executed by the Board President and made a part of the Minutes of this meeting, and that Old Settler Wind, LLC's Application be approved, all in accordance with Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code. Hughes seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Smith made the motion to approve the Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operation Taxes, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code, with Old Settler Wind, LLC, authorize the Board President to execute the Agreement on the District's behalf, and direct the Superintendent to take such other action as may be required under Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code or the Comptroller's related rules. Diaz seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Hughes made the motion to (1) accept for consideration Pumpkin Farms 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 is the third application from Apex Clean Energy;(3) set the application fee for this Application at \$70,000; 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. Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

William Dean made the motion to certify that the district meets all requirements for using the instructional materials allotment and that all instructional materials satisfy all TEKS requirements.

Beverly Collins seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The trustees held a discussion of summer school, summer food programs, and summer work hours/days.

Dean made the motion to accept the winning bid on the 2004 Chevy Suburban for \$3000.00 and the 1995 Chevy minibus for \$1502.10. The bids on the 1999 and 2001 53 passenger buses were rejected. Brotherton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The board held a discussion of certified personnel contracts for the September 1, 2016- August 31, 2017 school year.

Hughes made the motion to approve all certified personnel contracts for the September 1, 2016 - August 31, 2017 school year as presented. Dean seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

FHS FFA Ag Mechanics Team places 4th at WTAMU

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The Floydada High School Ag Mechanics team placed 4th at the WTAMU FFA Contest on Friday, April 1. The team consisted of Brayden Campbell, Jordon Moore and Logan Everett. Logan Everett placed 9th as an individual.



Courtesy photo

FHS's Logan Everett placed 9th in the individual competition of the FFA Ag Mechanics contest at West Texas A&M Friday, April 1.

Whirlwinds need extra innings to defeat Owls

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - Floydada needed an extra inning to defeat the Hale Center Owls in a District 3-2A contest. After taking a 6-0 lead after three innings, the Whirlwinds scored one run in the bottom of the eighth to defeat the Owls 7-6 on Saturday, April 2.

The Owls went three up and three down in the top of the first before the Whirlwinds added a run in the bottom of the inning. Alfonso Mendoza walked to lead for Floydada then after Abraham Perez struck out, Mendoza stole second. Mark McGowen walked then Alex Glass singled to load the bases. Michael Crone reached on a fielder's choice that forced Glass out at second and allowed Mendoza to score. Crone moved to second on defensive indifference then Jesse Segura walked but they were left stranded when Brayden Campbell grounded out to end the inning with the Whirlwinds having a 1-0 lead.

In the top of the second for Hale Center, James Martinez was hit by a pitch to lead off then was forced out as DJ Dunn hit into a fielder's choice, Jake Martinez singled then Dunn was picked off at second. Dillon Johnson

Box score for Floydada vs Hale Center Saturday, April 2. Includes batting lineups, team statistics, and individual player stats for both teams.

struck out to end the Owls at bat. In the bottom of the inning, the Whirlwinds added six runs. Angel Cervera reached on an error to lead off. After Kyi Baker struck out, Mendoza was hit by a pitch then Perez singled to load the bases. McGowen singled to left to drive in Cervera and Mendoza. Glass delivered a two run triple as Perez and McGowen scored. Lewis Alaniz came in as a courtesy runner for Glass then scored as Crone walked and stole second but Campbell grounded out to end the inning with Floydada leading 6-0.

Hale Center went three up and three down in the top of the third. For Floydada in the bottom of the inning, Cervera reached on an error. Baker popped out then Cervera moved to second on a passed ball and Mendoza walked. Perez reached on a fielder's choice as Cervera was forced out at third. McGowen reached on an error to load the bases but Glass flied out to end the inning with the Whirlwinds holding onto a 6-0 lead after three innings.

In the top of the fourth, Josh Castillo was hit by a pitch to lead off for the Owls. After Trey Buxton flied out, James Martinez reached on an error but Dunn popped out. Jake Martinez was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Johnson singled to drive in

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Nine run first leads to Lady Winds victory

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

CROSBYTON - Floydada used a nine-run first inning to take a large lead over the Crosbyton Maidens and held on to a 14-8 District 2-2A victory on Tuesday, March 29.

With one out in the top of the first, Angela Suarez doubled then scored when Kylie Ricketts doubled. Thalia Villa singled to move Ricketts to third then Ricketts stole home. Shi De-Los Santos doubled to move Villa to third. Villa stole home then Hannah Morales walked. Makenzie Ramos followed with another doubled to score De Los Santos and move Morales to third. Karley Weems walked to load the bases then MKayla Collins singled to drive in Morales. Jacque Barrera grounded out to first but drove in Ramos on the play. Weems stole home and Collins stole third. Suarez hit her second double of the inning to drive in Collins. Ricketts singled and moved Suarez to third. Ricketts stole second then Villa singled to score Suarez, giving Floydada a 9-0 lead. In the bottom of the first, Saron Hayes led off with a double, then Katerina Pesina struck out, Hayes was thrown out trying to steal third then Emily Rodriguez walked before Kameryn Stanaland grounded out to end the inning with the Lady Winds leading 9-0.

Floydada went down in order in the top of the second then Crosbyton added two runs in the bottom of the inning. Esperanza Flores reached on an error to lead off for Crosbyton then stole second and moved to third on a ground out by Isabell Perez. Kayla Rodriguez doubled to drive in Flores then Audrey Marquez reached on an error that moved K Rodriguez to second. After Emily Reyna struck out, Hayes singled to load the bases. K Rodriguez stole home, Marquez stole third and Hayes stole second but Pesina struck out to end the inning with the Lady Winds leading 9-2.

In the top of the third, Floydada added two more runs. With one out, Collins singled then stole second and third before scoring on a double by Barrera.

With two outs, Barrera stole third then stole home to give the Lady Winds an 11-2 lead.

Box score for Floydada vs Crosbyton Tuesday, March 29. Includes batting lineups, team statistics, and individual player stats for both teams.

The Maidens added a run in the bottom half of the inning. Flores reached on an error with two outs then moved to second on a single by Perez. Flores stole third and scored when K Rodriguez reached on an error to make it 11-3, Floydada.

Floydada added another run in the top of the fourth. De Los Santos led off with a single then with one out moved to second on a single by Ramos but was picked off at second. Ramos was replaced with courtesy runner Selenia Espinoza who moved to second on a single by Weems. S Espinoza stole third and Weems stole second then Collins singled to drive in S Espinoza and give Floydada a 12-3 lead. Crosbyton went three up and three down in the bottom of the fourth.

In the top of the fifth, with two outs Villa walked and stole second but De Los Santos grounded out to end the at bat for the Lady Winds. E Rodriguez led off with a walk for the Maidens then moved all the way to third as Stanaland reached on an error. Stanaland ended up at second then moved to third when E Rodriguez stole home. Stanaland also stole home but Flores, Perez and K Rodriguez all grounded out to end the inning with Floydada leading 12-5.

Floydada added two runs in the top of the sixth. With one out, Ramos reached on a dropped third strike and was replaced with a courtesy runner, S Espinoza.

Weems singled to move S Espinoza to second. S Espinoza stole third and Weems stole second then Collins flied out. S Espinoza stole home and Weems stole third. Barrera walked then Weems stole

home to give the Lady Winds a 14-5 lead. Crosbyton added three runs in the bottom half of the inning. With one out, Reyna singled, stole second and moved to third on a ground out by Hayes. Pesina drew a walk then Reyna scored when E Rodriguez reached on an error that allowed Pesina to move to third. Pesina stole home and E Rodriguez stole home to make it 14-8 in favor of the Lady Winds after six innings.

In the top of the seventh, Ricketts singled to lead off but was tagged out at second as she tried to advance following a single by Villa. De Los Santos fouled out then Villa stole second and third but Camryn Diaz flied out to end the at bat. In the bottom of the inning, with one out, K Rodriguez singled but was caught trying to steal second. Marquez reached on a dropped third strike but Reyna lined out to end the game with Floydada claiming the 14-8 victory.

For Crosbyton, K Rodriguez was 2-4 with one RBI and one run scored and E Rodriguez went 0-2 but scored twice. Stanaland pitched seven innings allowing 14 runs on 18 hits while striking out six and walking five.

For Floydada, Ricketts was 3-4 with one RBI and one run scored, Villa was 3-4 with one RBI and one run scored, Collins was 3-4 with two RBIs and two runs scored and Suarez was 2-4 with one RBI and two runs scored.

Morales pitched seven innings allowing eight runs on seven hits while striking out eight and walking three.

The win moved Floydada to 3-4 in district at the time and Crosbyton dropped to 0-7.

SCHOOL NEWS

Lady Winds outlast Lady Owls 29-19

WINDS

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By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

Castillo then Ryan Sandoval walked to force in James Martinez. Jake Martinez was forced out at home when Brandon Castillo hit into a fielder's choice to end the inning with the Owls trailing 6-2. Floydada went three up and three down in the bottom of the inning but still led 6-2 after four innings.

Hale Center picked up two more runs in the top of the fifth. Anthony Barajas was hit by a pitch to lead off then B Castillo doubled. Buxton hit into a fielder's choice as the Whirlwinds threw out Barajas at home. James Martinez singled to left to load the bases then Dunn hit a sacrifice fly that allowed B Castillo to score. Jake Martinez singled that allowed Buxton to score but Johnson grounded out as the Owls closed the Whirlwinds lead to 6-4. In the bottom of the inning, Cervera led off with a single for Floydada then with one out Mendoza singled to move Cervera to second. On the throw Cervera moved to third and Mendoza moved to second but Perez and McGowen struck out to end the inning with Floydada still leading 6-4.

The Owls managed to tie the game in the top of the sixth with two runs. With one out, J Castillo walked then Barajas singled. J Castillo moved to third on a passed ball then scored on an error as Barajas moved to second. Barajas moved to third on an error and scored on a double by B Castillo that tied the game at 6-6. In the bottom of the sixth, Glass tripled to lead off and was replaced by Alaniz as a courtesy runner. After Crone struck out, Alaniz was caught trying to steal home. Segura walked, stole second and moved to third on an error but Campbell struck out with the score tied at 6-6.

In the top of the seventh, Dunn reached on an error, stopping at second. Jake Martinez reached on a fielder's choice as Dunn was thrown out at home. Johnson singled and was replaced with courtesy runner Ricky Franklin. Steven Martinez came in to bat for Sandoval and reached on an error to load the bases. C Martinez struck out then Jake Martinez was forced out at home on a fielder's choice hit by Barajas to end the inning. In the bottom of the seventh, Floydada went three up and three down to force extra innings with the game tied 6-6.

Hale Center could not score in the top of the eighth despite Buxton getting on with a double. In the bottom of the inning, Perez walked to lead off then stole second. Glass walked then Crone doubled to drive in Perez and give the Whirlwinds a 7-6 victory.

For Hale Center, B Castillo went 2-4 with one RBI and two runs scored. Buxton pitched four and one-third innings allowing six runs on six hits while striking out five and walking five and Dunn pitched two and two-thirds innings allowing one run on two hits while striking out seven and walking two.

For Floydada, Crone was 1-4 with three RBIs, Glass was 3-4 with two RBIs and McGowen was 1-3 with two RBIs. Glass pitched seven innings allowing six runs on eight hits while striking out four and walking two and Jesse Segura pitched one inning allowing only one hit.

FLOYDADA - Floydada overcame nine fielding errors by stealing 40 bases as they outlasted the Hale Center Lady Owls in a District 2-2A battle 29-19.

Hale Center jumped out to an early lead in the top of the first as they scored four runs to start the game. With one out, Kaitlen Lemons reached on an error and moved to second when Jaci Garcia singled. Natalie Jimenez was hit by a pitch to load the bases then Johanna Ortiz walked to force in Lemons. J Garcia stole home, Jimenez stole third and Ortiz stole second. Jimenez then stole home and Ortiz stole third before Gracie Quintero struck out. Jewel Mancias reached on an error then Ortiz stole home and Mancias stole second as Ariel Ramon walked before Mancias was caught trying to steal third to end the Lady Owls' at bat. The Lady Winds added five runs in the bottom of the inning including a lead-off home run by Jaque Barrera. Valerie Espinoza walked and moved to second on a ground out by Shi De Los Santos. Thalia Villa walked then Kylie Ricketts tripled to drive in V Espinoza and Villa. Ricketts stole home then Angela Suarez walked and stole second. Suarez then stole third and home to give Floydada a 5-4 lead after one inning.

In the top of the second, Hale Center added five runs. Camren Garcia led off by reaching on an error then stole second and advanced to third as Kelly Davalos reached on an error. Lemons doubled to drive in C Garcia and Davalos. J Garcia singled as Lemons moved to third. Jimenez reached on an error to load the bases before Lemons stole home. Ortiz grounded out as J Garcia moved to third and Jimenez moved to second. Quintero ground out allowing J Garcia to score. Jimenez stole

home but Ramon struck out as the Lady Owls claimed a 9-5 lead. Floydada re-took the lead with six runs in the bottom of the inning. Stephanie Chavarria was hit by a pitch to lead off and was replaced by McKayla Collins as a courtesy runner. Barrera walked then V Espinoza walked to load the bases. De Los Santos singled to drive in Collins then Villa grounded out to score Barrera. Ricketts walked then V Espinoza stole home, De Los Santos stole third and Ricketts stole second. Suarez walked then De Los Santos stole home, Ricketts stole third and Suarez stole second. Karley Weems singled to drive in Ricketts and was replaced by Selena Espinoza as a courtesy runner. Suarez stole home to give the Lady Winds an 11-9 lead.

In the top of the third, Hale Center came back with six runs. C Garcia led off with a single then Davalos and Lemons walked to load the bases. J Garcia reached on an error that allowed C Garcia to score. Davalos stole home as Lemons moved to third then Lemons stole home and J Garcia stole second. Jimenez walked then Ortiz hit a home run to center to score J Garcia and Jimenez. The next three batters went three up and three down but the Lady Owls regained the lead at 15-11. In the bottom of the inning, the Lady Winds also added six runs. With one out, V Espinoza walked then stole second and moved to third when De Los Santos singled. V Espinoza stole home and De Los Santos stole second and third. Villa was hit by a pitch then De Los Santos stole home and Villa stole second. Villa then stole third and scored when Ricketts singled. Ricketts stole second then Suarez was hit by a pitch. Ricketts stole third and Suarez stole second. Ricketts then stole third and Suarez stole second. Ricketts scored when she stole home and Suarez stole third. Allison Orr walked then Suarez stole

home and Dora Cervera came in to run for Orr. Cervera stole second and moved to third when Ramos grounded out. Collins singled to score Cervera and give Floydada a 17-15 lead after three innings.

Hale Center got their first two batters on base in the top of the fourth but could not manage to score them. C Garcia led off by reaching on a dropped third strike then stole second. Davalos walked but the next three batters went down in order as Floydada held on to a 17-15 lead. In the bottom half of the inning, V Espinoza walked to lead off then stole second and third before stealing home. De Los Santos was hit by a pitch then Villa singled. De Los Santos stole third and Villa stole second before Ricketts singled to drive in De Los Santos. Ricketts stole second and Villa stole home. Ricketts then stole third and home before Suarez walked. After Orr popped out, Suarez stole second, third and home. Ramos singled, stole second but was caught trying to steal third. Collins singled but Barrera grounded out to end the inning with Floydada regaining the lead at 22-15.

In the top of the fifth, the Lady Owls added three runs. Ortiz singled to lead off then Quintero reached on an error. Ortiz stole third, Quintero stole second then Ortiz stole home and Quintero stole third. Mancias grounded out but Quintero scored. After Ramon struck out, C Garcia singled, stole second, third and home. Davalos reached on an error and Lemons walked before J Garcia grounded out to end the at bat with Floydada still leading, 22-18.

The Lady Winds added a run in the bottom of the inning. V Espinoza walked to lead off then stole second, third and home. De Los Santos walked and Villa singled before Ricketts flied out and Suarez grounded out. De Los Santos was caught trying to steal home

Floydada vs Hale Center Saturday, April 2. Box score table with columns for inning, runs, hits, errors, and player statistics.

18 but the Lady Winds had a 23-18 lead after five innings.

The Lady Owls managed to add a run in the top of the sixth. Jimenez singled to lead off then Ortiz reached on an error. Quintero grounded out to advance the runners then Mancias grounded out to drive in Jimenez before Ramon struck out. V Espinoza doubled to drive in Chavarria. De Los Santos singled as V Espinoza moved to third. De Los Santos stole second before Villa flied out. Ricketts doubled to drive in V Espinoza and De Los Santos then Suarez doubled to drive in Ricketts and give the Lady Winds a 10-run rule win, 29-19.

For Hale Center, Ortiz went 2-4 with four RBIs and three runs scored, Lemons was 1-3 with two RBIs and three runs scored, J Garcia went 2-5 with one RBI and three runs scored and C Garcia went 2-4 with three runs scored. Jimenez pitched five and two-thirds innings allowing 29 runs on 18 hits while striking out three and

walking 13. For Floydada, Ricketts went 4-5 with six RBIs and five runs scored, De Los Santos went 3-4 with one RBI and four runs scored, V Espinoza was 1-1 with one RBI but drew five walks and scored six runs and Suarez was 1-2 with one RBI but drew three walks and scored four runs. Morales pitched two innings allowing 13 runs on four hits while striking out two and walking four and Orr pitched four innings allowing six runs on four hits while striking out six and walking three.

With the win, Floydada moved to 4-4 in district play, just one game out of a playoff spot with four games left to play. Hale Center dropped to 1-7 in district. Floydada was scheduled to play New Deal on Tuesday, April 5 and will play Abernathy on Saturday, April 9 before having an open date on April 12. They close out their season against district leader Ralls on April 16 and Lockney on April 19. The Lady Owls had an open date on April 9, 5 then play Ralls on April 9, Lockney on April 12, Crosbyton on April 16 and finish with Abernathy on April 19.

Four teams advance out of district. Currently, Ralls is first, Lockney second and New Deal and Abernathy are tied for third.

Whirlwinds outlast Chiefs in run-fest

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

CROSBYTON - Floydada used 14 hits to score 19 runs as they defeated Crosbyton 19-13 on Tuesday, March 29 in a District 3-2A contest.

The Whirlwinds jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the top of the first. Alfonso Mendoza led off with a doubled then moved to third on a passed ball before scoring the first run on a single by Abraham Perez. Perez stole second and moved to third on a single by Mark McGowen. McGowen was picked off at first then Perez scored on a passed ball. With two outs, Aaron De La Fuente walked then stole second. Jesse Segura walked then Brayden Campbell doubled to drive in De La Fuente and Segura to give the Whirlwinds a 4-0 lead. In the bottom of the inning, Tanner Clark walked to lead off for the Chiefs but the next three batters went down in order.

In the top of the second, the Whirlwinds added eight runs. Lewis Alaniz led off by drawing a walk then moved to second on defensive indifference. Mendoza walked then Perez reached on an error to load the bases. McGowen stepped to the plate and on the first pitch, sent a line drive over the left field fence for a grand slam, scoring Alaniz, Mendoza and Perez in front of him. Glass then walked, stole second and moved to third on a passed ball. Segura walked then Glass scored and Segura moved to second on a balk. Campbell singled to drive in Segura then

moved to second on a passed ball. Angel Cervera walked then Campbell moved to third on a wild pitch and Cervera moved to second. After Alaniz struck out, Campbell scored on a passed ball and Cervera moved to third before scoring on a passed ball. Mendoza singled then Perez walked but McGowen grounded out to end the at bat with Floydada leading 12-0. In the bottom of the inning, Crosbyton jumped back in the game as they scored five runs. Matthew Quintero reached on an error then with one out, stole second and scored when Chris Gutierrez reached on an error. With Gutierrez on second, Matthew Johnson was hit by a pitch. Gutierrez moved to third on passed ball and Johnson moved to second. Gabriel Garcia singled to drive in Gutierrez as Johnson moved to third. Garcia stole second then with two outs, Zane Zundt wangled to drive in Johnson and Garcia. On consecutive passed balls, Zundt moved all the way to third then scored when Ashton Morales singled to make it 12-5 in favor of Floydada after two innings.

In the top of the third inning, De La Fuente singled with one out, moved to second on an error then moved to third on an error. Segura struck out then De La Fuente scored on a passed ball before Campbell struck out to end the at bat. In the bottom of the third, Crosbyton stormed back with five more runs. Quintero reached on an error to lead off and advanced all the way to

third. Elliot Rios grounded out but drove in Quintero. Gutierrez walked then Tyler Guerrero was hit by a pitch. Gutierrez moved to third on a passed ball and Guerrero moved to second. Garcia singled to drive in Gutierrez then stole second. Kenley Henn replaced Garcia as a courtesy runner. Zundt singled to score Guerrero and Henn. After Zundt stole second, Morales singled then moved to second on an error that allowed Zundt to score and make it a 13-10 game in favor of Floydada after three innings.

Floydada added a run in the top of the third. Cervera singled to lead off then Robert Mora came in as a courtesy runner. Mora stole second then Alaniz flied out. Mendoza was hit by a pitch. With two outs, Morea stole third then scored on a passed ball and Mendoza moved to second on the play. McGowen walked then Mendoza moved to second on a passed ball. Carson Turner was hit by a pitch to load the bases but De La Fuente grounded out as the Whirlwinds led 14-10. In the bottom of the third, Nosh Rubelcado walked to lead off. With one out, Rios was hit by a pitch but the next two batters left down in order to leave Crosbyton trailing 14-10 after four innings.

In the top of the fifth, Floydada added three more runs. Segura was hit by a pitch to lead off then stole second. Campbell singled and Segura moved to third. Cervera grounded out but Segura

Floydada vs Crosbyton Tuesday, March 29

Box score table for Floydada vs Crosbyton, March 29. Includes pitching and batting statistics for both teams.

scored and Campbell moved to third. Alaniz then singled to score Campbell. Alaniz moved to third on an error then scored on a passed ball. Mendoza walked but was caught stealing and Perez grounded out to end the Whirlwind at bat. Crosbyton added two runs in the bottom of the inning. Garcia was hit by a pitch then stole second. Clark walked and Zundt singled to load the bases. After Morales popped out, Garcia scored on a wild pitch as Zundt moved to second. With two outs, Clark scored on a passed ball and Zundt moved to third. After Quintero walked, Zundt was caught trying to steal home to end the inning with the Chiefs trailing 17-12 after five innings.

In the top of the sixth, McGowen led off with a double then Glass singled to drive in McGowen. With two outs, Jordan Moore singled to drive in Glass giving Floydada a 19-12 lead. Crosbyton, in the bottom of the sixth, added another run. Rios walked to lead off, moved to third on an error and

scored on a single by Gutierrez. After Johnson struck out, Garcia reached on an error as Gutierrez was forced out at second. Henn came in to run for Garcia. Clark walked but was out at third on force out when Zundt hit into a fielder's choice to end the inning with Floydada leading 19-13.

In the seventh inning, both teams went three up and three down giving the Whirlwinds the 19-13 victory.

For Crosbyton, Zundt was 3-5 with four RBIs and two runs scored, Garcia was 2-3 with two RBIs and two runs scored and Gutierrez was 1-3 with one RBI and two runs scored. Rubelcado pitched one and one-third innings allowing 10 runs on five hits while striking out two and walking six and allowing one home run, Quintero pitched three innings allowing seven runs on six hits while striking out five and walking four and Zundt pitched two and two-thirds innings allowing two runs on three hits while striking out six.

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Floyd County Appraisal District Reminds

Businesses to Render their Taxable Property by April 15

If you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income, you must file a rendition with the Floyd County Appraisal District by April 15.

A rendition is a report that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on Jan. 1 of this year. Property includes inventory and equipment used by a business. Owners do not have to render exempt property, such as church property or an agriculture producer's equipment used for farming.

The last day to file a rendition or report of decreased value is April 15. A 10 percent to 50 percent penalty may be imposed if a rendition is filed late, incomplete or not at all. Property owners who need more time to file their renditions may file a written request with the chief appraiser on or before April 15 to receive an automatic extension to May 15 or the next business day. The chief appraiser may also grant an additional 15 days after the postponed deadline, if necessary.

For more information about rendering property, deadline extensions, penalties and rendition forms, taxpayers may contact the Floyd County Appraisal District at PO Box 249, 104 E California, Floydada, TX 79235 or call 806-983-5256. Information is also available from the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division's website at comptroller.texas.gov/taxinfo/proptax/.

04/07/16

LEGAL NOTICES

at 3:30 o'clock P.M.
MAR 18 2016

FLOYD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLISHING
AND POSTING OF NOTICE OF ESTRAY

Date: 3/13/2016
CASE #: 2016-E3
Estray #: 16-003

DEPUTY SHERIFF
Morgan
STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF FLOYD

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Matthew S. Arguello who after being by me duly sworn deposes and says:

After the herein described estray was impounded, I made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in the county where said estray was found. The search did not reveal the owner of said estray(s).

ESTRAY(S) NOT BRANDED

I did then advertise the impoundment of said estray on the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon, listed under public notices, in the county where said estray was found, at least twice during the fifteen (15) days after the impoundment of said estray. The dates of such advertisement were 03/23/03/30 2016, and a duly verified printed copy thereof is returned herewith.

I also posted a copy of the NOTICE OF ESTRAY and the NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT OF ESTRAY on the public notice board of the courthouse of the county in which the estray was found.

See Estray Supplement Sheet

Description of Estray(s):

Kind of Animal: Calf
Breed: Angus Cross Color: Black & Dark Brown
Sex: Male Age: 1+ years Size: 300+ LBS

Bands, Marks, Identifying Characteristics:
Black with dark brown under coat

Description of Estray(s):

Kind of Animal: Color:
Breed: Sex: Age: Size:

Bands, Marks, Identifying Characteristics:

WITNESS my hand, this the 18TH day of, March, 2016

Paul Raissez
SHERIFF OF FLOYD COUNTY

Matthew S. Arguello
DEPUTY

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CITY OF FLOYDADA TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM CONTRACT #7214161 FINAL PUBLIC HEARING

City of Floydada will conduct a final public hearing on its 2014 Texas Community Development Block Grant, on April 19, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. The meeting will be held at Floydada's City Hall, 114 W. Virginia, in Floydada, Floyd County, Texas. Topics to be discussed are the completion of water improvements and expenditure of grant and local funds. The City encourages recipients of the project as well as other interested citizens to participate in the hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and comments to Jeff Johnson, City Manager, 114 W Virginia, Floydada, Texas 79235, (806) 983-2834.

Handicapped individuals that wish to attend this meeting should contact Selia Arellano, City Secretary, to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact Selia Arellano, City Secretary at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Ciudad de Floydada llevará a cabo una audiencia pública final sobre su 2014 de Texas Comunidad para el Desarrollo de Subsidios Grant, el 19 de Abril, 2016 a 18:30. Si alguien está interesado en asistir a la audiencia pública requiere un traductor, póngase en contacto con Selia Arellano, Secretario de la ciudad en (806) 983-2834 antes de la audiencia pública para que los arreglos se pueden hacer.

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Computer training classes by South Plains College and the Floydada Economic Development Corporation wrapped up in March with beginning Microsoft Word and Excel. In April the EDC and South Plains will offer intermediate Word and Excel classes. Shown here successfully completing the first set of classes are: instructor Erica Johnston, Kathy Mulder, Mona Anderson, and Joe Falcon. For more information about April classes call 806-983-3318.

School Menus

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU April 11 - April 15

Monday

Breakfast - Breakfast on a stick, fresh fruit, fruit juice, milk
Lunch - Creamy chicken Alfredo, hamburger, mixed salad, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast - Sugar Coco Puffs, fresh fruit, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch - Pepperoni pizza, cheesy chicken quesadilla, green beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast - Kolache, fresh fruit, fruit juice, milk
Lunch - Popcorn chicken w/ roll, BBQ chicken sandwich, mixed salad, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Thursday

Breakfast - Fruit Loops w/ graham crackers, fresh fruit, fruit juice, milk
Lunch - Cheesy chicken fajita tacos, grilled cheese sandwich, green beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Friday

Breakfast - WG mini cinnamon rolls, fresh fruit, fruit juice, milk
Lunch - Cheese pizza, oven baked rotini / breadstick, potato wedges, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU Apr. 11 - Apr. 15

Monday, Apr. 11

Breakfast - Chicken & Waffles or Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch - Steak Fingers or Breaded Pork Chops, Gravy, Salad, Paked Potato, Glazed Carrots, Roll, Strawberries and Bananas, Milk

Tuesday, Apr. 12

Breakfast - Breakfast Club or Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch - Spaghetti Bowl, Breadstick or Pizza, Salad, Vegetables, Sliced Peaches, Chocolate & Vanilla Pudding, Milk

Wednesday, Apr. 13

Breakfast - Texas Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage or Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch - Mexican Plate (Taco, Tamale), Spanish Rice, or Chicken Quesadilla, Salad, Charro Beans, Mexicali Corn, Salsa, Cinnamon Applesauce, Milk

Thursday, Apr. 14

Breakfast - Oatmeal Muffing Square or Sausage Kolache, Yogurt or Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch - Teriyaki Beef Sandwich, Baked Potato Chips or Chili, Cornbread, Salad, Broccoli Bites, Orange Smiles, Milk

Friday, Apr. 15

Breakfast - Breakfast Pizza or Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch - Popcorn Chicken, Roll or Sloppy Joe Sandwich, Sweet Potato Fries, Cucumber Dippers, Seasonal Fruit, Salad, Cookie, Milk

Museum Archives

Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

Life on the T-M Ranch

By Glen Hartsell

After my dad had the crops under control in the summer of 1923, he gave me permission to apply for a job at the Montgomery Ranch (also known as the T-M Ranch since that was the irons that they used to brand their cattle with at that time). Since our farm joined the ranch on the corner, I rode one of Dad's horses over there on a Saturday in the last part of July to apply for my first job. After some pretty severe questioning, I was told to report for work on Monday, August 1 at 5:00 A.M.

When I reported for work, I found that our first job was working the calves. Mr. Tom (Mr. Montgomery) was overseeing everyone. Mr. Massey was branding; Dr. Huskey (a horse doctor and horse trader from Floydada) was castrating and doing the ear markings; The Huskey Brothers (Dr. Huskey's sons who were also from Floydada) were roping and dragging the calves; and I was throwing and holding the calves. I was a stout 14-year old, but by the time that day was over I knew I was going to earn my \$30.00 per month. We branded and worked the whole crop of calves (which weighed from 200 to 550 pounds each), as they only branded once a year.

After the branding was over we got all the cows spread back out and mated up with their calves, work settled down to a slow pace. Mr. Massey and I did most of the riding-checking the water and the fences. Water was not really a problem as the White River ran through the entire length of the ranch. There were two or three sections on the west side of the canyon and there was a windmill up there. Mr. Massey (who was 76 years old) would be pretty well rode down. After unsaddling and feeding our horses, we would go back to the ranch house. Mr. Montgomery would give me a bucket and send me to hunt guinea nests for the eggs until sundown.

The ranch house had three rooms on the top level with a porch all the way across the west side and stairs at both ends of the porch. The bottom of the house was dug out of the side of a hill and the complete back wall was dirt and rock. One room was my bedroom and the other part was used for feed storage. My bedroom was a shade

airy as mice, centipedes, spiders, and one rattlesnake paid me a visit.

The only transportation on the ranch was saddle horses and one wagon with a pair of very lazy old mules. Therefore when Mr. Montgomery (who was 76 years old) wanted to go to town, he wrote to someone in town and had them send a car for him and he would meet them at his gate on the road south of the Lakeview Community.

While I worked on the ranch Mr. Tom bought ten Hereford bull yearlings from a ranch at Stamford, Texas and had them sent by rail to Spur, Texas. He got a farmer who was about 45 years old (I think his name was Mr. Pins) to go with me to Spur to drive the bulls home. We started toward Spur early on a Monday morning on fresh horses. We didn't take any lunch with us as there was a country store south of McAdoo on the Crosbyton-Dickens road which we reached by noon. A couple of hours after lunch we were off the caprock and Mr. Pins asked me if I would lead his horse if he flagged down a car and went on to Spur to check on the cattle. I agreed and he flagged down a car and left. That was when my trouble started because his horse wouldn't lead. After struggling with him for a while I decided to change horses and I found that my horse wouldn't lead either, so I fashioned a hackamore out of my lariat and put it on the horse. That was a very long afternoon. I would drag one horse until the one I was riding gave out then I would change horses and drag the other one. I got into Spur just as it was getting dark. I found Mr. Pitts sitting in a rocking chair with his feet propped up on the front porch of the Spur Inn. After stabling our horses in the wagon yard, we ate dinner and retired in a bed at the hotel. I was so tired that I tossed and tumbled all night. According to Mr. Pitts, I kept him awake all night. This really didn't bother me much though, as I figured that he was partly the cause of me being so tired. We started home early the next morning and I think it took us three days to make the trip home. I think I had my fifteenth birthday on that trip.

When my month was up, I had to go back home to wind up the farming and get ready for school.

U.S. Department of Education names committee members to draft proposed regulations

The U.S. Department of Education today named committee members who will draft proposed regulations in two areas of Title I, Part A of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). This is the latest step in the process of implementing ESSA.

"We look forward to working with the committee to promote equity and excellence for all students by providing states and school districts with timely regulations so that they can plan ahead and support students and educators," said Ann Whalen, senior advisor to the secretary, delegated the duties of the assistant secretary for elementary and secondary education.

ESSA replaces the outdated No Child Left Behind law and expands on the work this Administration, states, districts and schools across the country have already started. The new law will help build on key progress that we've made in education over recent years—including a record high school graduation rate of 82 percent, significant expansion of high-quality preschool, and a million more

African American and Hispanic students enrolled in college than in 2008, when President Obama took office.

ESSA promotes equitable access to educational opportunities in critical ways, such as asking states to hold all students to high academic standards to prepare them for college and careers and ensuring action in the lowest-performing schools, high schools with low graduation rates, and in schools that are consistently failing subgroups of students. Maintaining effective, high-quality assessments and ensuring that all states and districts know how to meet the updated "supplement not supplant" requirement are crucial to achieving these objectives.

The Department hosted public forums, held meetings with stakeholders and received hundreds of written comments on how to best support states, districts and schools in the transition to the new law, which informed the negotiated rule-making process that is now underway.

The negotiators and alternative negotiators announced today represent the constituencies that are significantly affected by the topics proposed for negotiation, including state and local education administrators and board members, tribal leadership, parents and students, teachers, principals, other school leaders, and the civil rights and business communities. Negotiators were selected to represent all of the geographic regions of the country. In addition, the Department selected negotiators who would contribute to the diversity and expertise of the negotiating committee.

The committee will draft proposed regulations in the following two areas of Title I, Part A of ESSA: (1) the requirement that federal funds supplement, not supplant, non-federal funds in high-need schools and (2) assessments. The selected

negotiators and their alternates have received background materials to help prepare for their discussions, including issue papers on key areas identified by the Department in the notice announcing formation of the committee. Those areas are:

1. Supplement not supplant
2. Assessments
- *Computer adaptive testing
- *The exception for advanced mathematics assessments in 8th grade
- *Locally selected, nationally recognized high school assessments
- *The inclusion of students with disabilities in academic assessments
- *State administration of alternate assessments based on alternate academic achievement standards for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities, subject to a cap of 1 percent of students assessed in a subject
- *The inclusion of English learners in academic assessments
- *The inclusion of English learners in English language proficiency assessments
- *Updating existing regulations to reflect statutory changes

In some issue papers, the Department included draft regulatory language intended to facilitate discussion among the negotiators. The committee has ultimate authority over the content of its final recommendations to the Department and may use the materials as guides. To access the materials provided to the committee, please see our website: <http://www2.ed.gov/policy/elsec/leg/essa/index.html>.

The committee will convene March 21-23 and April 6-8 with an optional session April 18-19 at its discretion. These meetings are open to the public, and more information on the time, location and other logistics for the meetings will be distributed at a later date.

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