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Grant, donations reignite hope as changes come to Bonton



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One of the obstacles they faced when preparing the land for planting was rocks--lots of rocks. But as the Bible parable of the sower says, seed must be planted in good soil to yield a crop.

A Continuation in a Series on Life and Hope Coming to a South Dallas Neighborhood

By Jennifer Harbin

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Walking outside it is hard to deny that spring's arrival has brought with it a much-needed change to the landscape of West Texas, showcasing fresh leaves and newly-budded trees. The freshly-tilled soil of future gardens brings a sense of anticipation of things to come. And in the south Dallas neighborhood of Bonton, that has seen many seasons of darkness, the seedlings at Bonton Farms aren't the only thing growing.

Since last year several local farmers and businessmen--24 total--from Floyd County

have joined forces to assist the fledgling urban farm in any way they can. One of the men who has been inspired by the goings-on at Bonton from the beginning is Brian "Slick" Sanders, a local trucker for Sanders Harvesting and Trucking who hauls various agricultural products throughout Texas and other states. Sanders and his companions, with an entourage of trucks carrying tractors, a compost spreader, a dump truck, just to name a few, pulled into Bonton in the evening hours the first weekend in March.

Bonton Farms got its humble beginnings when Daron Babcock, just as much in need of God's healing, left his job and large house in Frisco to minister to the people of Bonton. The neighborhood, plagued by poor nutrition

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Courtesy photo

On a recent trip to Bonton Farms, located in south Dallas, Brian Sanders and several West Texas volunteers helped prepare the newly donated land for sowing. Sanders and his father, Curtis, have spent many hours refurbishing Farm equipment and raising funds to support urban missionary Daron Babcock and the people of Bonton as they change the landscape and hearts.

Floydada Clinic has new FNP

Upcoming

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

Jennifer Haterius is the new Family Nurse Practitioner at West Texas Family Medicine at the Cogdell Clinic in Floydada at 901 West Crockett Street.

A native of the Austin area, she received her undergraduate degree from Texas Tech, and worked at UMC as a registered nurse for six

years. Then she received her master's degree from Texas Tech in 2013.

She says she loves rural healthcare and wanted Floyd County residents to know that they could come to West Texas Family Medicine in Floydada for "just about everything. We're here for all ages to tend to your primary care medical needs." From infants to the elderly, they can assist with allergy shots,

flu shots, diabetes, cholesterol, injuries, pap smears and illness.

"Even with specializations like cardiology," she said, "we can make referrals."

Haterius said she's happy to be in Floydada and is looking forward to getting to know her Floyd County neighbors.

"And," she added, "I want everyone to know that even though I grew up around

Austin, I'm a Red Raider fan through and through."

For more information about West Texas Family Medicine visit their website at www.westtexasfamilymedicine.com or give them a call at (806) 402-4033.

Kay Ellington/The Hesperian-Beacon

Jennifer Haterius, FNP-C, is now taking appointments at West Texas Family Medicine at Cogdell Clinic in Floydada.



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.

BOOK SIGNING

Connie Johnson is coming to the Floyd County Library in Floydada on April 18 at 5 p.m. for a book signing on her new book. The book signing is being sponsored by the Floydada Friends of the Library and refreshments will be served.

Armstrong named Citizen of the Year at Lockney Chamber Banquet



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Renee Armstrong (left) was recognized as Citizen of the Year at the annual Lockney Chamber of Commerce banquet on April 9. Chamber President Ray Jimenez and last year's Co-Citizen of the Year, Glenda Jones presents Armstrong with her award.

By Charles Keaton

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LOCKNEY - Celebrating the 1940s and honoring all of those that served in military was the focus of the annual Lockney Chamber of Commerce banquet held April 9 at the Lockney Elementary

School Cafeteria to celebrate the accomplishments of the citizens, organizations and the Chamber during 2015. This year's banquet was dedicated to the memory of Kay Martin.

Renee Armstrong was recognized as the Citizen of the Year by one of last year's recipients, Glenda Jones. Glenda Jones read the letter of nomination



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Davis Lumber was recognized as the Business of the Year at the annual Lockney Chamber of Commerce Banquet. Ricky Griffith (left) accepts the award from Chamber President Ray Jimenez and Chamber Secretary Brittany Duniven.

which discussed Armstrong's willingness to volunteer and assist anyone and everyone while also serving as the director of the Senior Citizens.

Business of the Year was present to Davis Lumber by Chamber President, Ray Jimenez. Ricky Griffith accepted the award on behalf of the business.

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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

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Floydada Police Report

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Sunday night there was a sting of vehicle burglaries on the west side of town. There have also been several others throughout the city, and the suspects are targeting vehicles that are left unlocked.

PLEASE KEEP YOUR VEHICLES LOCKED SO YOU DO NOT BECOME THE NEXT VICTIM.

The suspects are going around late at night and checking vehicle doors, and if they are unlocked they will get in and steal whatever is in the vehicle. The suspects did not break any windows to gain entry into the vehicle. Among the items stolen are several tool sets, an Apple iPad, and loose cash.

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BONTON

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and illnesses resulting from their diet, desperately needed access to fresh food. And the H.I.S. Bridgebuilder Director of Urban Missions delivered more than just the first inner city garden; he brought hope.

The original 1.2-acre farm increased in size when 18 acres of land was donated by Dallas businessman Fred Treffinger, owner of Collins Concrete, after he and his wife visited Bonton Farms. The couple has also offered to donate the concrete for the foundation of a new building that will be built in the near future. Before work begins each morning, the men who work the farm have a Bible devotional and pray together in Babcock's house, which the group has since outgrown. This addition will serve as a new meeting place for prayer time among other things.

In an update on the farm in a December issue of the Hesperian-Beacon, Babcock shared that despite the abundance and success they had experienced, the funds had run dry. But in the face of scarcity, he maintained his faith that God would provide for them. And, that's exactly what happened, Babcock says, concerning the changes that have taken place since their pockets first went empty.

In March, United Way of Metropolitan Dallas announced that Bonton Farms was one of their newest GroundFloor Fellows. According to United Way's website, the GroundFloor invests in and mentors social entrepreneurs as well as entrepreneurs working to make an impact in North Texas in the areas of education, income, and health. With it comes \$85,000 that Babcock says will be used to start development on the 18 acres.

"In addition, the community from Floydada and other West Texas locations collectively worked to raise money, acquire needed farm implements. And a group of men, led by Big Daddy and Slick (Curtis and Brian Sanders), refurbished the equipment and brought it to us and spent a weekend with us working to get the new location to take some shape," he added. "Because of their help and our new equipment they brought us, we have now planted about an acre of the new site with peppers, tomatoes, corn and okra."

But the land needed a lot of work before it got to that point according to Sanders. The main obstacle they faced before any seeds could go into the ground were rocks, and lots of them.

"I plowed it six or eight times several different ways just to break it up," he shared. "Once we plowed, the rocks would surface and there would be just piles of rocks. Hundreds of piles."

They divided the 18 acres and concentrated on a three to four acre patch of land first according to Sanders. Allen Schilling, director and vice president of South Plains Compost of Slaton, brought a small compost spreader along with a tractor. The compost was piled up and the two different kinds were blended and spread. Sanders started plowing the "patch of grass" next to it, picking up more rocks along the way.

"The more you plowed the more the rocks came up. But, the more I plowed the smoother the soil became and perfect for planting," he said, commenting that the rows were soon in place and cowpeas planted.

Not all the work was done by the West Texas farmers, though.

"Everything that we did—whether it's sowing the peas, listing the rows or running the cultivator—we did the majority of it, but we had Daron do it, too. so they could

do it themselves. Our whole agenda is to help them help themselves." Sanders went on to explain, "We have a heart for Bonton people and if we can share what talents, occupations or know-how that we have to farm and help them learn—cause who else is going to teach them? It's not about us getting in the paper or getting the credit; it's all about them and helping them become something."

Babcock revealed his hopes for the future of Bonton Farms, "We are working to get five acres productive this year...and bringing the remaining land into productivity will gradually take place over time. But to do that we will need more financial support and many more volunteers to come help us get it ready. In the next six months, we hope to have 1.5 acres producing vegetables, have 50 new fruit trees planted, have 1.5 acres in pasture-raised egg production and 1.5 acres in pasture-raised broiler (chicken) production. In addition, we need to build and put in place all facilities and services like water, electrical, barns and outbuildings."

And help continues to come to the farm. Babcock shared that every kind of group—from churches, Sunday school classes, Boy Scouts, sports teams to businesses—find Bonton Farms a great place to volunteer, but he had a special word for Floydada.

"It seems to me like we have the support of the entire community of Floydada. It has really been amazing to see. We are so encouraged to see how the people of Floydada have rallied to support the work God is doing in Bonton."

Although the farm is the vehicle that is being used to reach the men of Bonton, Babcock never loses sight of the ultimate goal.

"We have three new men that have entered the program and are fighting to turn their lives around through the restorative program offered at the farm. There are currently seven men in that program. Alecia "Chocolate" Watson has joined me as a missionary in the Bonton community working to reach the women of Bonton... she is a walking miracle and evidence of a great and living God!"

He continued, "God continues to challenge me and I am encouraged that I can see His promise to complete the work he has begun in me. He doesn't relent in challenging me to draw closer to Him and submit more and more of me. At times, it feels like too much, but that is only because there are still parts of me that live and He calls me to die to myself, so that He can manifest through me. I am still a work in progress, but He is a good and patient God. One thing that I have learned for sure is that whatever you give up and surrender to Him will feel like you are giving up something important... something you may feel like you can't let go of, but when you do, you will see what He means when he said 'He came so that we can have life and live it to the full.' For example, I don't make much money anymore, but I truly feel like the richest man in Dallas because God has blessed me with real wealth...things that man can't take away and things that no amount of money can buy."

Sanders, reflecting on why he continues to go to Bonton said, "Just to see it transform and the spark in those guys' eyes, and work right beside them and sweat with them—you can't describe the blessing it is to us to see them blessed. The blessing is bigger for us. They're in the trenches working every day, but we come down for a few days and they're still there on their hands and knees picking up rocks after we're gone. To receive a blessing is to bless some-



Courtesy photo

Daron Babcock learns the ins and outs of farming with the help of his friends from West Texas. This March the group of men, with several trucks loaded with equipment, travelled to Bonton to help prepare the land for planting.

one else."

Sanders and his father Curtis laugh when they think about all the rocks that had to be moved before seeds could be planted, and that what is going on at Bonton reminds them of the Bible parable about the sower.

It states, 'A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the plants withered because

they had no moisture. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown.'

Jesus unpacked the meaning of the parable to his Disciples and concluded by explaining that 'the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.'

And that's exactly what

they're doing at Bonton.

To join the network of supporters that contribute to Bonton Farms and their relentless mission of growing hope through agriculture, visit www.bontonfarms.org and become a "Friend of the Farm". Bonton Honey is available locally at Producers Co-op and Ace Hardware, and other goods can be purchased from Bonton Farms' online store. To volunteer at the farm, contact them at (214) 263-5806.

Lockney schools to hold bond meeting

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – Phil Cotham, Superintendent of Lockney Schools, will hold a meeting at the Lockney Senior Citizens Center at 9:30 A.M. on April 20.

Cotham will present information about the upcoming bond election and answer questions regarding the propositions and the impact on property owners' taxes.

Lockney ISD will be holding a bond election to vote on two propositions on Saturday, May 7.

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

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

The price tag for each proposal is \$3,335,000 or 7.22 cents of tax per \$100. The combined total would be \$6,670,000 or 14.44 cents per \$100.

The bond would be issued with a proposed 15 year payoff but could be paid off sooner if additional property values were added to the tax rolls during the life of the bond.

Homeowners 65 and older will not see their taxes increase on their homestead since their taxes are limited to the amount their previous year's taxes.

The 501

Tree Houses Aren't What They Used To Be

Tree houses have arrived. They even have their own television show, or so I've heard. Maybe even their own channel. My architect husband, master of the remote, skips over all tree house programming as well as ordinary house building, house flipping and house renovating shows -- all fluff to him. I miss a lot.

Nevertheless, I'm sure tree houses are trending. A friend told me. She watches what she wants on television, unless her granddaughter has the remote, which isn't all the time. She told me the famously prolific Duggar family (I saw their show once when I was at her house) just built a grand tree house for their younger children. I don't know how many children and grandchildren will enjoy the Duggar project, but just one child is reason enough for a tree house. I was once my father's reason.

As for me and my husband, we have three good reasons – three grandchildren now, counting the one born today. Welcome to the world, little Emily Marie. I hope you like tree houses.

How hard can it be to build one, especially since today's hippest tree houses don't even sit on tree limbs? You barely need trees. Google "tree houses," including the Duggars', and you'll see they're mostly fixed to poles.

Yes, you just erect poles, build what-

ever and nestle at least part of the structure amid some branches or up against a trunk or two. Then you call it a tree house. Simple.

But instead of asking my husband for one, I've suggested we need a "cow-viewing platform." We have the poles. He hasn't said no. He hasn't said yes either, but he has to think about things.

I pitched the project to son Ryan as a "shooting platform." He's into distance shooting. He picked a place on the farm where trees exist but don't block the view. As they grow, we should end up with a tree house of sorts eventually – a natural way to mesh with the greenery.

Meanwhile, my husband, usually right, thinks setting the poles in the holes will be the tough part, whatever we build.

So I go to sleep at night thinking how we'll lift big 25-foot chain-girded poles up and into holes in the ground. It beats worrying about terrorists. That said, in case of terrorists, Ryan will be able to deal with them from his shooting platform, best-case scenario.

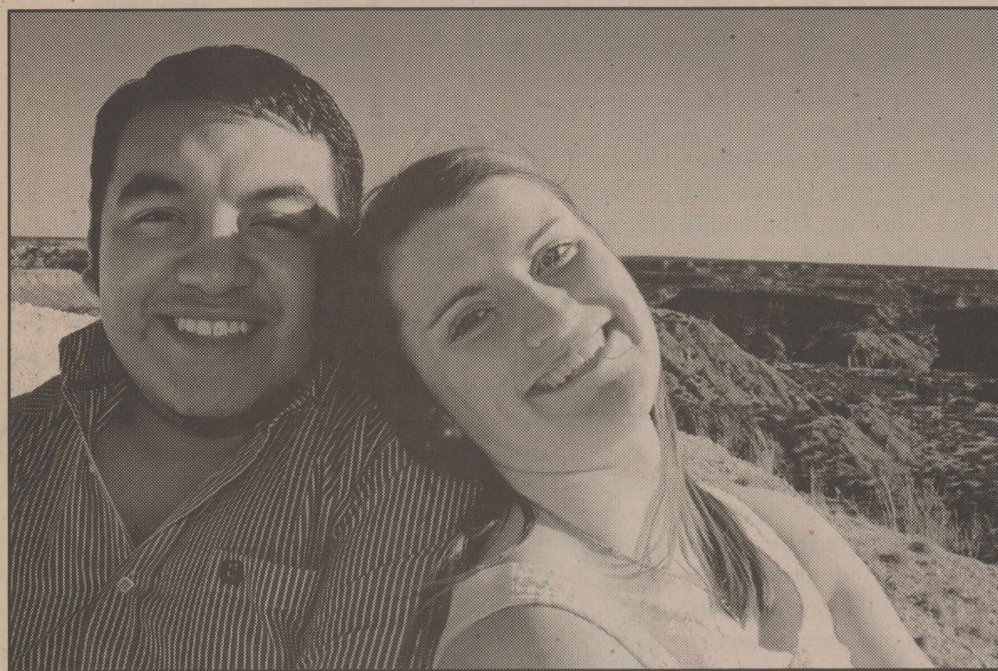
Or I drift off thinking about what sort of curtains we'll have on our elevated house. Lace as a counterpoint to rustic lumber? Or painters' canvas drop cloths that will somehow shift into place as a roof in case of a light rain on a summer afternoon?

Except tonight is different. I'm dreaming that three years from today granddaughter Emily and I will celebrate her birthday, sipping imaginary tea from tiny cups in a playhouse far above the ground. We'll count cows too. And we'll shoot water guns at everyone down below, hitting all our targets.

Reason enough for a tree house.

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QUINN JACKSON AND JON-PAUL CHAVARRIA

Jackson and Chavarria to wed

Boyd and Shanna Jackson of Lubbock announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Quinn, to Jon-Paul Chavarria, son of Adolfo and Mita Chavarria of Floydada.

Grandparents of the bride-elect are Leslie and Carolyn Richardson of Godley, Texas, the late Keith Jackson, and Gayle and Paul Schacht of Lockney.

Grandparents of the prospective groom are Albert and Delores Chavarria and Adolfo and Irma Garcia, all of Floydada.

Quinn is a 2012 graduate of Lockney High School, and a 2015 graduate of West Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. She is a registered nurse in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Jon-Paul is a 2013 graduate of Floydada High School, and is currently studying agriculture education at West Texas A&M University.

The couple plan a June 9 wedding in Palo Duro Canyon.



MASON LIPHAM AND ERIN O'LEARY

Lipham and O'Leary to wed

Tim and Angie Lipham of Floydada announce the engagement of their son, Mason Lipham to Erin O'Leary, daughter of Denise O'Leary and the late Richard Patrick O'Leary of Laurel, Mississippi.

Mason is the grandson of Michael and Linda Hinsley of Floydada, and Joyce Lipham and the late Julian Lipham of Texarkana. He is the great-grandson of Wynell Hinsley and the late Lonnie Hinsley, and Wanda Williams and the late Aldine Williams, all of Floydada.

Erin is the granddaughter of Dr. Richard Gibson O'Leary and Mrs. Jeanne Witte O'Leary of Winterhaven, Florida, and Mrs. Mary Walker Pryor and the late Mr. John Theron Pryor of Mississippi.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Floydada High School and Covenant School of Radiology. He will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Sciences from Midwestern State University in May. Mason is currently employed at Crosbyton Hospital as a Radiologic Technologist.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Wilkinson County Christian Academy in Mississippi, the University of Southern Mississippi and Jones County Junior College with an Associate's Degree in Radiologic Technology. Erin is currently studying Radiation Therapy at Amarillo College.

The couple will wed on May 20, 2016 in Lubbock, Texas.

1950 Study Club

By Margaret Jones
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The 1950 Study Club met in the home of Billie Jordan on April 5th at 4 p.m.

Refreshments were served by Carolyn Cheek

and Margaret Jones.

The table was centered with yellow wild flowers in an antique blue vase which sat atop a yellow handmade doilie made by Margaret's mother-in-law and flanked by blue and yellow pin-

wheels as well as glittered multicolored flowers scattered along the blue table runner.

The program was presented by Carolyn Cheek which featured thoughtful poems, articles and quotes and sometimes comical writings taken from an interesting book about the attributes of friendship and fellowship.

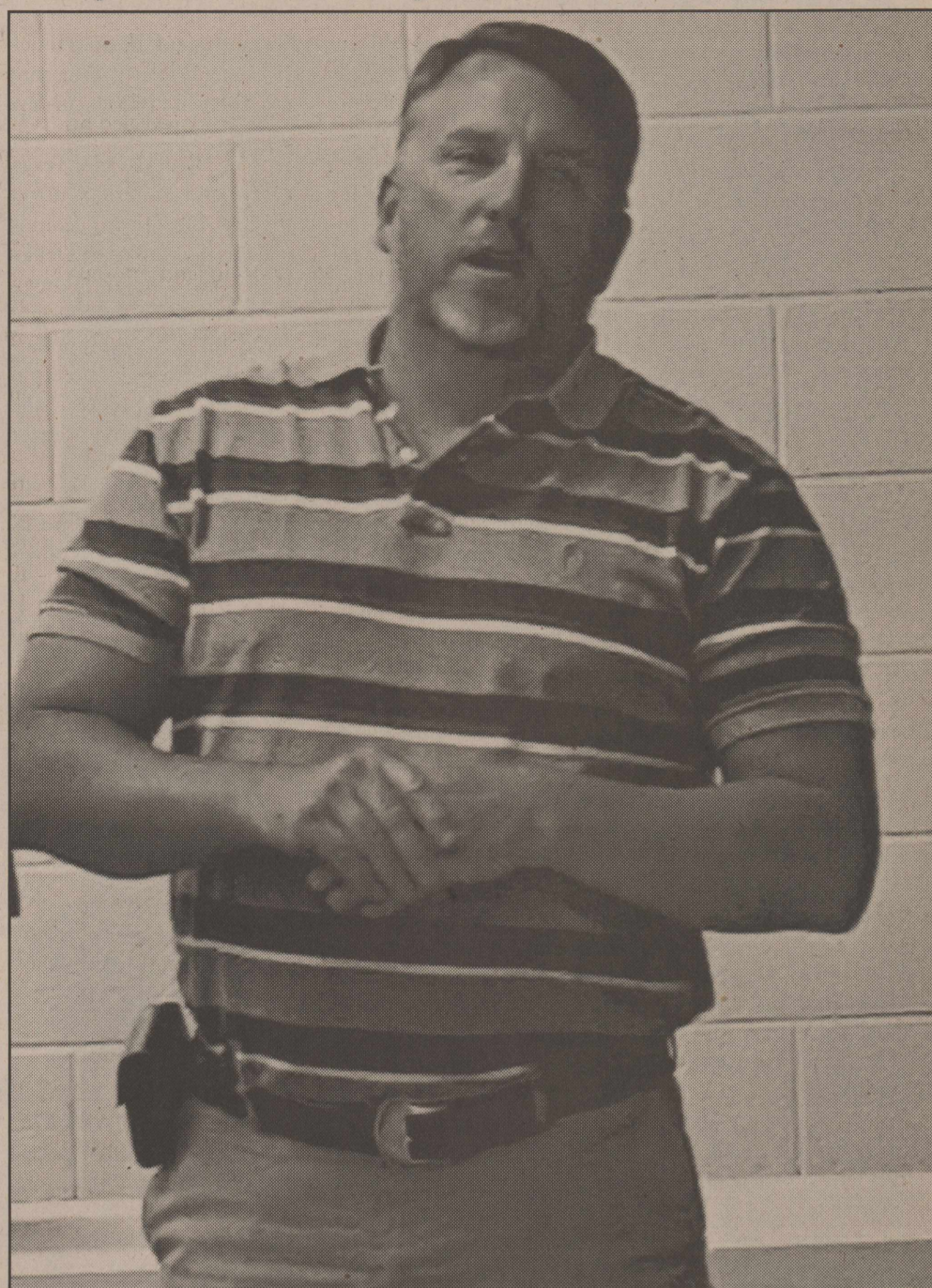
President Shirley Morton led a short business meeting with the discussion of selecting new officers for the coming new club year.

Members present enjoyed playing games of Bingo and choosing prizes.

The Bingo set is a gift to the 1950 Study Club from Bill Ferguson who was a member of the 1934 Study Club.

For the next meeting, members will gather in the home of Billie Jordan on May 3rd at 5 p.m. Hostesses will be Sandy Forehand and Mary Quattlebaum.

Floydada Rotary Club



Courtesy Photo

Floydada City Manager Jeff Johnston presented the program on April 6th at Rotary Club. He spoke on city accomplishments this past year and future plans for the City. The City will be opening the new pool when school adjourns for the summer. Plans are underway for rebuilding softball fields with dirt moving to start soon. Remodeling of the Massie Activity Center is in the works too. Thank you to Rotarian Clar Schacht for bringing this program.

21st Annual Benefit Gala features Little Texas April 23



By Segayle Foster
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

With anticipation and excitement the Floyd County Friends Board of Directors would like to invite you to our 21st Annual Benefit Gala which will be held on Saturday, April 23 at the Unity Center in Muncy. The doors open at 5:15 p.m. and the gala begins at 6 p.m. With this being the 21st Annual Gala, the board has implemented new and exciting changes to make this event even better.

We could not be more excited for this year's entertainment. The opening band that evening will be Steve Burrus and The High Plains Drifters. They have local ties to Floyd County and will be fantastic. The headliner is seven-time platinum and three-time Grammy nominee, LITTLE TEXAS. As part of the Young Country movement of the early '90s, Little Texas was responsible for shaking up the country music world with a new, energetic sound that fused the look and attitude of modern rock music with traditional country themes and styles, bringing a much appreciated bolt of life into the genre. For their efforts, country fans the world over richly rewarded the band, buying up over seven million of their albums, while critics showered them with three Grammy nominations plus

honors from both the Academy of Country Music (Vocal Group Of The Year) and the Country Music Association (Album Of The Year). Their first radio release in 1991, "Some Guys Have All The Love," became a Top-10 hit, as did their next single, "First Time For Everything." After the album First Time For Everything was released, five singles reached the top of the charts. The second album, Big Time, truly was the big time for Little Texas. The sophomore release, which has sold more than three million copies to date, spawned three No. 1 singles - "What Might Have Been," "God Blessed Texas" and "My Love" and captured the group's first CMT Award, a Billboard award, a Radio & Records award and their first Grammy nomination.

We will also have a Prime Rib dinner catered by Bradley Price. The prime rib will be served with a salad, loaded mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, rolls, along with a dessert. This year we have three different ticket pricing levels for this awesome event. The first level which is already SOLD OUT is the VIP reserved tables for 8 at a cost of \$1,000. With that costs VIP ticket holders will be receiving a private VIP entrance into the gala and an escort to your table which has Premier Seating. Also at

your table you will be treated to your Prime Rib meal being served and unlimited beer and wine. The next 2016 level will be Reserved Tables for 8 at a cost of \$750. These reserved table holders will get to enjoy the wonderful entertainment, the 3 course Prime Rib meal served buffet style and will receive 2 beer/wine tickets per person. Your seating will be behind the VIP reserved table section. The final 2016 level is tickets only which will cost \$75 per ticket. These ticket holders will enjoy the wonderful entertainment and the delicious buffet style Prime Rib Meal. Also, the reserved tables and the individual ticket holders will have the opportunity to purchase \$10/ticket or a \$25 wristband for unlimited beer and wine if they choose to do so.

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.

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Obituaries



JOE CUNYUS

Joe Cunyus passed peacefully in his sleep into the arms of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ during the morning of April 7, 2016.

A Celebration of Life Service was held Monday, April 11, at 2 pm at the West College and Third Street Church of Christ in Lockney.

Visitation was held in the home of Joe Cunyus, 215 Southwest Second Street, from 5 to 8 pm Sunday afternoon, April 10.

A tribute of Joseph's life may be found at www.memorialdesigners.net, where you may leave memories and expressions of sympathy for his family.

Joe was born in Prairie Chapel, Texas, a small community north of Lockney in the winter of 1934 to Betha Anna Cunyus and Frank Allen Cunyus. He began his lifelong love of farming prior to graduation from Lockney High School in 1951. Joe started farming a quarter section of land north of Lockney owned by his mother, Betha Carthel Cunyus, located near the original Carthel Family homestead,

settled in the early 1900's. Joe met the one and only love of his life, and future wife of 63 years, Barbara Mullins, while attending Lockney High School. Joe and Barbara married on December 25, 1951, in Lockney. They lived their entire lives in Lockney.

Joe loved farming, his family, the Texas Tech Red Raiders, and watching his children and grandchildren play competitive sports. He loved teaching any kid how to play any type of sport. Joe spent many hours in the driveway of his home teaching kids how to shoot a basketball correctly!

A lifelong sports enthusiast, Joe took his children, grandchildren, and many neighborhood children to numerous Texas Tech football and basketball games from the 1950's through the 2015 football season at Jones Stadium.

He was a proud member of the Red Raider Club for most of his life.

Joe was a lifelong member of the Lockney West College and Third Street Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Barbara Dawn Cunyus, who passed on September 16, 2015; his mother, Betha Anna Carthel Cunyus; his dad, Frank Allen Cunyus; one sister, Martha Summers, and two brothers-in-law, Ewell Kelly of Dimmitt, Texas, and Jimmy Houck of Deland, Florida.

He is survived by two sisters, Nell Cunyus Kelley of

Dimmitt and Bette Houck of Eustis, Florida; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Danny and Marita Cunyus of Van Alstyne, Texas, Larry and Linda Cunyus of Amarillo, Texas, Ronnie and Susan Cunyus of Dallas, Texas, and Jackie Cunyus of Amarillo, Texas; eight grandchildren, four great-granddaughters, numerous nephews and nieces and his beloved Boston Terrier, Rosie.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations to West College and Third Street Church of Christ in Lockney, TX, P.O. Box 217, Lockney, TX 79241.



BETH ANN MARLJAR

Beth Ann Marljar passed away Thursday, March 31, 2016.

Family and friends gathered to celebrate her life of 73 years on Monday, April 4, 2016, at 2 p.m. at Lorenzo Baptist Church.

A tribute of Beth's life may be found at www.memorialdesigners.net, where you may leave memories and expressions of sympathy for her family.

Beth was born October 1, 1942 in Little Rock Arkansas to the late Horace and Cora Norman. The family soon after moved to Lorenzo, Texas where she resided until 2013.

She was an active member of First Baptist Church Lorenzo for many years where she led various bible studies, Sunday school classes and ministries.

Beth enjoyed a variety of careers and activities including child care provider, licensed massage therapist, baker, cake decorator, life coach, and author.

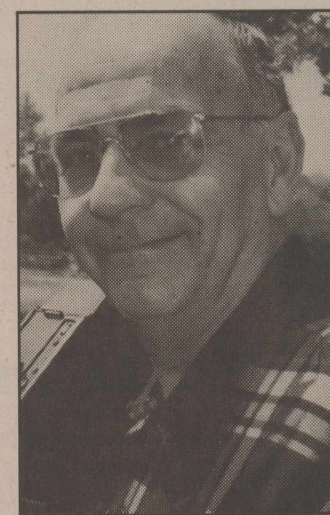
Her most treasured activity was spending time with her family and friends. She loved to make people laugh and many lives have been positively influenced by her faith and spiritual guidance and encouragement.

Survivors include her three daughters, Toni Marljar Robertson and Andy Bouchard, Pamela Ricketts and husband, Tony, and Robbie Pond and Christy Jaresh; six grandsons, Jeremy Robertson, Nathan Robertson and wife, Cecilia, Kaleb Robertson and wife, Courtney, Brayden Pond and wife, Kaylee, Remington Ricketts and Christopher Jaresh; two granddaughters, Kylie Ricketts, and Katie Jaresh; great-grandchildren, Colton, Weston and Avery Robertson, and Sebastian Pond; two sisters, Jan Bownds and Nita Hamilton; and a brother, Sam Norman.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Horace and Cora Norman, husband,

Bobby Marljar, and brother, Bobby Norman.

Memorials can be sent to First Baptist Church Lorenzo 221 Tyler Lorenzo, Tx 79343 and Heart of Texas Foundation Faith-Based Prison Ministry PO Box 110 Bellville, Tx 77418.



KENNETH DEAN ROBERTSON

Kenneth Dean Robertson, age 77 of Alvin, Texas passed away Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at Laurel Court Nursing Facility in Alvin.

Kenneth was born April 29, 1938 in Floydada, Texas to Joe and Alta Robertson. He worked alongside family as they owned and operated a cotton gin in Dougherty, Texas, for many years.

Kenneth was a proud member of the Floydada Masonic Lodge and will be dearly missed by all that knew him.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Alta Robertson; daughter, Hope Robertson-Wakefield; sister, Glenna Walls; brothers, Joe Robertson Jr., Bob Rob-

ertson, Earl Robertson and James Robertson.

Kenneth is survived by his daughter, Holly Wakefield; sons, Haney Robertson and wife, Kim, and Heath Robertson and wife Kathy; sisters, Pat Goss, Patsy Dunn and Karen Pratt; brothers, Melvin Robertson and Jerry Robertson; grandchildren, Crystal, Cayla, Cori, Kelsey, Kolton, Kaedon, Kevin, Kaitlyn, Kyler and Cody; great-grandchildren, Presley, Hollie, Chelsie, Preston, Kaleb, Travis, Alyssa, Cassie, Scout and Emma; along with numerous other relatives and friends.

The Robertson family would like to thank Laurel Court Nursing Facility and Heart To Heart Hospice for all their dedication, kindness, and support they have given over the years.

A Memorial Service for Kenneth will be held at a later date in Floydada, Texas.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Scott Family, 1421 East Hwy 6, Alvin, Texas 77511. www.scottfuneralhome.net

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God's Generosity

[Give] joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. —Colossians 1:12 (NIV)

I was shocked and saddened to hear last year of my cousin's sudden death at age 64. I was even more shocked when I found out that I was named among a group of five people to receive a small inheritance.

I could understand why the two friends would be included in his will; they had been close friends for decades. And the two other cousins had a much closer relationship with him; they did more to help him when he was ill. I hadn't had the same type of relationship. I felt unworthy of such a gift. Why did he choose me, not only to

receive his gift but to have an equal share in it?

When I questioned the executor of the will I was told that my cousin loved me and wanted me to have a share.

I see a reminder of Christ's relationship with humans. God loves us and sent Jesus to show us the way to salvation. Our inheritance isn't determined by how long we have traveled with Christ. Even when we feel like we don't deserve it, we are all entitled to equal shares in God's kingdom.

Lenore Warton (New South Wales, Australia)

Thought for the Day

I have an equal share in God's amazing love.

Prayer

I have an equal share in God's amazing love.

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| <p>Aiken Baptist Church
Dennis Butler, Pastor
Morning Worship..11 a.m.
*****</p> <p>Bible Baptist Church
840 S. 3rd, Floydada
Darwin Robinson, Pastor
983-2578
Sunday School...10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wednesday - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Calvary's Cornerstone Fellowship
Floydada
Armando Morales, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Bible Study - 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Carr's Chapel
Service Every Sunday
Morning Worship - 9 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
*****</p> <p>Church of Christ
West College & Third
Lockney
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Afternoon Worship - 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service - 7:30 p.m.
*****</p> <p>City Park Church of Christ
Matthew Benfield, Minister
Floydada
Sunday Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study - 7 p.m.
*****</p> <p>First Baptist Church
Floydada
Tim Franks, Pastor
Logan Lamb, Min. Students
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.
*****</p> <p>First Baptist Church
Lockney
Joseph Tillery, Pastor
Chad Cook, Youth Min.
Phil Cotham, Music Min.</p> | <p>Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.
*****</p> <p>First United Methodist Church
Floydada
Rev. Ken Peterson, Pastor
Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School - 10:50 a.m.
Youth (Sunday) - 6:30 p.m.
*****</p> <p>First United Methodist Church
Lockney
Rev. Ricky Carsensen, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service - 6 p.m.
Wed. Jr. High - 5:30 p.m.
Wed High School - 6:30 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Grant Chapel Church of God In Christ
Joe Bennett, Pastor
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday - 8 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Main Street Church of Christ
Lockney
James Blair, Minister
Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Mt. Zion Baptist Church
Floydada
Rev. Timothy Askey
401 N 12th Sty. 983-5805
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wednesday Study - 6 p.m.
*****</p> <p>New Salem Primitive Baptist Church
Floydada
Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges
(806) 637-0430
Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship -11 a.m.
*****</p> <p>Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church
310 Mississippi</p> | <p>Floydada
Rev David Ramos, Pastor
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader
Sunday Bible - 10 a.m.
Morning Praise - 11 a.m.
Evening Praise 5 - p.m.
Wed Worship - 7 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Power of Praise Full Gospel Church
Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor
704 B Main, Lockney
Sunday Services - 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 5 p.m.
Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Primera Iglesia Bautista
Lockney
Jesus Caballero, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 11 a.m.
Discipleship - 5 p.m.
Wed. Service - 7 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Primera Iglesia Bautista
Floydada
Rev. Toby Gonzales
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed Evening - 7 p.m.
*****</p> <p>San Jose Catholic Church
Lockney
Msgr. Nickolas Rendon
Wed. Communion - 8 p.m.
Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.
*****</p> <p>South Plains Baptist Church
Joe Weldon, Pastor
SuNday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting - 7 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Templo Getsemani Assembly of God
701 W. Missouri
Joe M. Hernandez
983-5286 (Church)
Sunday School
English - 9:45 a.m.
Spanish - 11 a.m.
Worship
Spanish - 9:30 a.m.
English - 11 a.m.
Evening Service 5 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.</p> | <p>*****</p> <p>St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
Floydada
Rev. Ike Tempozara
983-5878
Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.
Mon. & Wed. Mass - 6:30 p.m.
Confession Sat - 10-11 a.m.
*****</p> <p>Templo Bautista Salem
Lockney
Rev. Joe Hernandez
Bun Prayer Service - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed. Meeting - 7 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Templo Bethel
Spanish Assembly of God
Washington And 1st St.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 5 p.m.
Wed Service - 7 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Templo Nueva Vida
Rev. Herman Martinez
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Evening Worship - 5 p.m.
Tuesday - 7:30 p.m.
Thursday Service - 7:30 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Trinity Assembly
500 W. Houston
Tom Ross, Pastor
983-5499
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 6 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Trinity Lutheran Church
Providence Community On Fm 2301
293-3009
Rev. Peter W. Harrington, Minister
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11 - a.m.
*****</p> <p>West Side Church of Christ
Floydada
983-2672 Or 470-0950
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.</p> |
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AGRICULTURE

PCE hosts 73rd Annual meeting

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

MUNCY – Producers Cooperative Elevator hosted their 73rd Annual Meeting on Tuesday, April 5 at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center. Over 120 members and families showed up to enjoy the catered meal of catfish and chicken with all the trimmings from Denny's Fins and Hens in Lubbock.

Board President Jon Jones called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. and called on Stephen Kelly, music and education minister at First Baptist Church to lead the invocation. General Manager Seth Stephens introduced the guests in attendance and Kerry Pratt, board secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting.

Steve Lloyd, reporting for the nominating committee, nominated Jerry Chappell, Jon Jones, Kerry Pratt, Marty Covington, Tate Greer, Zach Nutt and Kevin Smith to run for four places on the Board.

Jones, in his president's report, cited three things that helped make 2015 a successful year at the Coop. First, he commented about the good year with all the rain during 2015 that helped everyone out. Second, he said it takes everyone to make the Coop work. Third, he talked about how thankful he and the Board were for Stephens and all the Coop

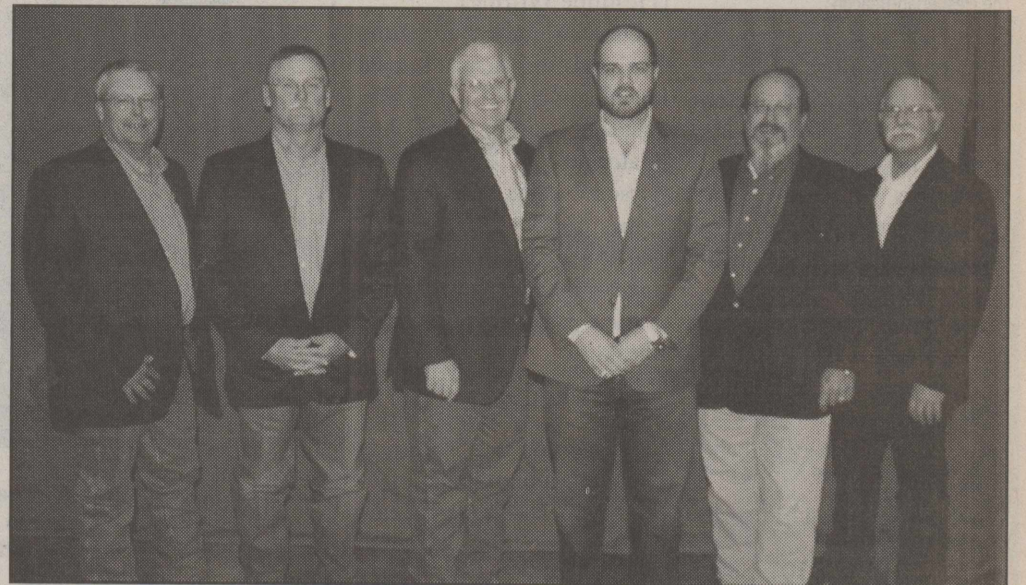
employees and for their work and dedication to the Coop.

Greg Taylor of D. Williams & Co., PC, gave the audit report. Taylor noted that because of the good rainfall, the Coop showed a good profit, primarily from the grain operation but also from the store operations. He reported an overall profit of over \$364,000 for 2015.

Stephens, in his report, first, thanked the staff and board of the Coop, his wife and the members. He talked about the growth in 2015 especially with the elevator running more efficient and the increase of fuel sales during the year. Stephens said that some of the growth is from the wind companies and because of the growth, they were able to add a second fuel truck and improve the seed conditioning plant.

"We had our best year in a long time," Stephens said. "Remember, you own this business and it is our pleasure, as employees, to serve you and work for you. Please tell your friends and neighbors about us, so that we can continue to grow and prosper."

Lloyd reported that Chappell, Covington, Jones and Pratt were all re-elected to the Board. Door prizes were awarded throughout the evening and after the final prizes were drawn and with no old business or new business to discuss, Jones adjourned the meeting.



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Members of the Producers Cooperative Elevator Board of Directors and Management are (left to right): Rick Hefflin; Marty Covington, vice president; Jon Jones, president; Seth Stephens, general manager; Kerry Pratt, secretary; and Jerry Chappell.

Commissioners discuss wind energy, court e-filing

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

Wind energy and e-filing for the county's courts, dockets and judges dominated much of the discussion in April's monthly commissioners meeting.

Bristi Cure from Invenergy Clean Energy was on hand at the meeting. Invenergy is developing the Wake Wind Energy project which extends across Floyd and Crosby counties.

Cure was at the meeting to ensure that commissioners ratified an amendment to a tax abatement agreement from 2013. Invenergy had reviewed previous minutes from commissioners' meetings, and could not locate the documentation either. Commissioners took a vote and ratified the amendment unanimously.

Cure also noted that Floyd County would be getting more turbines than had originally been anticipated with the Wake Wind project. It would now be getting 84 turbines out of the 150 turbine project.

In other wind energy developments, County Judge Marty Lucke said that SunEdison had sent a construction completion certificate on the South Plains wind energy project.

The judge said that Apex Clean Energy has also indicated that it might have additional opportunities in Floyd County as well.

In other court action, the judge reported that he is working on finding medical volunteers for county health officer and infection control officer. He said that the county health officer can also be the infection

control officer, but then, the infection control officer would need a designated back-up. In discussion Lucke explained to commissioners that in the event of an outbreak of highly infectious diseases, it would be important to have someone in these positions.

The court also approved the resignation of the part-time clerk at the Lockney library, and authorized the rehiring and advertising for a new clerk for the Lockney library and advertising for a part-time employee

for precinct 2.

110th District Judge Bill Smith met with the court to discuss software for judges, dockets, and courts. The state has mandated that county clerks and district clerks e-file by June 1.

In counties across the state judges are reviewing the software options for judges and court cases. Although the court discussed several options of software, any decision regarding software was tabled for a future meeting.

SPC Basic Firefighter Academy seeks applicants

LUBBOCK – South Plains College Fire Academy is accepting applications for the 2016-17 Basic Firefighter Academy now through June 10, 2016. The academy will meet from fall 2016 through spring 2017 (late August through early May). The academy meets from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Monday through Thursday, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every other Saturday.

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

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

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

This course is designed for anyone interested in a career as a firefighter in the municipal, state or federal fire service.

After the completion of the academy and additional medical training, students will be eligible to test for state firefighter certification.

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

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

Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

The less their ability, the more their conceit. – Ahad HaAm

Great ability develops and reveals itself increasingly with every new assignment. – Baltasar Gracian

The trick of it, she told herself, is to be courageous and bold and make a difference. Not change the world exactly, just the bit around you. Go out there with your double-first, your passion and your new Smith Corona electric typewriter and work hard at ... something. Change lives through art maybe. Write beautifully. Cherish your friends, stay true to your principles, live passionately and fully well. Experience new things. Love and be loved if at all possible. Eat sensibly. Stuff like that. – David Nicholls

It is a great ability to be able to conceal one's ability. – Francois de La Rochefoucauld

Martyrdom... is the only way in which a man can become famous without ability. – George Bernard Shaw

Acting is all about honesty. If you can fake that, you've got it made. – George Burns

Talk low, talk slow, and don't talk too much. – John Wayne

Area showing strong sales growth

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hager last Wednesday reported that local states tax allocations for the state in general grew just 2.6 percent from April 2015.

This month's allocations, totaling \$591.4 million, are based on sales made in February by businesses that report tax monthly.

"The cities of Dallas, Austin, Sugar Land and Fort Worth saw substantial increases in sales tax allocations that helped stop a four-month streak of declining sales tax allocations for the state overall," Heger said. "Energy-centric cities such as Houston and Midland continue to see decreases in sales tax allocations."

Floydada set the pace for the greater Floyd County area in growth. Floydada had 47 percent, Abernathy 40 percent, Kress 28.6 percent, Petersburg

21.8 percent, Olton	19.2 percent, Tulia	10 percent	1.53%
Current sales tax payments and change from April 2015 for area taxing entities include:			
--Abernathy, \$16,984,			--Hart, \$2,648, 8.87%
40.00%			--Kress, \$821, 28.55%
--Floydada, \$35,522, 47.01%			--Lockney, \$9,128, 1.26%
--Hale Center, \$6,257,			--Olton, \$12,380, 19.17%
-0.69%			--Petersburg, \$3,506, 21.77%
--Hale County, \$119,023,			--Plainview, \$321,450, 6.24%
			--Silverton, \$3,588, -26.34%
			--Swisher County, \$10,973,
			6.93%
			--Tulia, \$25,180, 10.04%

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1- John Deere 4555 MFWD Diesel Tractor, AC, Htr, Radio, 18.4R42 Rear, 380-85R30 Front Rubber, Front & Rear Wts, 3 Remotes, Quick Hitch, SN 1744	1- Big 12 Module Builder, Stripper Model, 700-15 Rubber, Cab, Front & Rear Expanded Metal, New Style Locking System on Rem, Recent New Chains 1- Caldwell Boll Buggy, Single Dump, 11.00-16 Rubber	
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FLOYDADA SCHOOL NEWS

FHS wins 3rd Place at District UIL, 17 advance to regionals

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

Forty-nine Floydada High School students competed at District UIL Wednesday, April 6 in Ralls. A number of students will be advancing to Regionals which will take place in Odessa April 22 and 23.

Floydada ended up 3rd Place overall at District.

Qualifying and competing at Regionals are:

1st place -Destiny Cabello (Computer Apps)

3rd place -Reagan Hughes (Computer Apps)

1st place -Delaney Lucke (Ready Writing)

2nd place -Macee Brotherton (Ready Writing)

1st place -Macee Brotherton (News Writing)

1st place -Alejandro Piñon (Headline Writing)

Other Members attending Regionals as first alternate include:

Jade DeOchoa (Calculator Apps)

Alyson Perez (Computer Apps)

Alfonzo Mendoza (Feature Writing)

Alex Glass (Informative Speaking)

Ally Cisneros (News Writing)

Kaylee Morren (Science)

Donald Gibbens (Science)

The Social Studies Team has been selected as the Wild Card and will also compete.

Team members are:

Michael Riojas
Adolfo Trevino
Donald Gibbens
Jared Orr



Courtesy photo

Alfonzo Mendoza (4th place feature writing), Karley Weems, Destiny Cabello (1st place computer apps), Alyson Perez (4th place computer apps)



Courtesy photo

Jared Orr (6th place Social studies), Adolfo Trevino (5th place Social Studies), Alejandro Pinon (1st place headline writing), Roxy Chavarria, Jacob Chavarria, Michael Riojas (Regional qualifier social studies team)

Floyd County 4-H Rifle Team advances to state

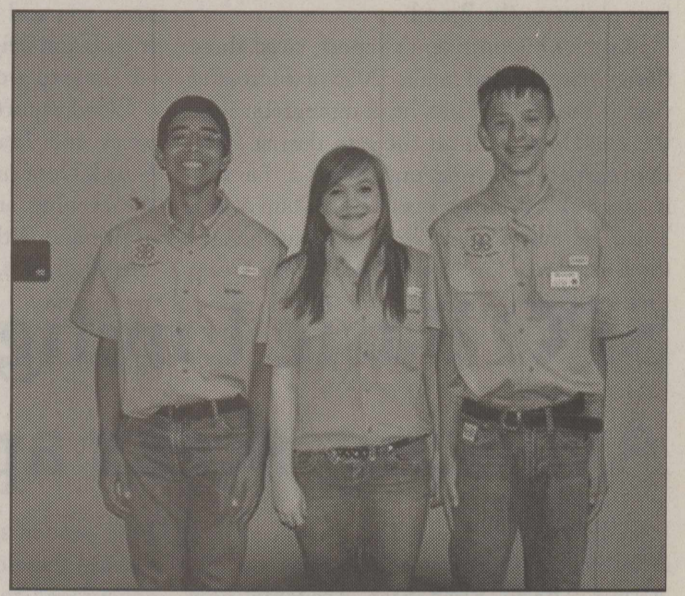
By Patty Davenport
Parent/Leader

On Saturday, April 9, the Floyd County 4-H Senior Rifle Team competed in the District 2 Indoor Rifle Match. This match is a qualifying event. The top 3 teams and the top 3 individuals advance to the State Indoor Match which will be held June 4 and 5 in Victoria. The Indoor Match is a 3P (position) match; meaning shooters shoot from 3 different positions; standing, prone and kneeling. Teams may have either 3 or 4 team members. The highest 3 scores per team in each position are used to tally the team total.

The Floyd County team

consists of Mason Esty, Rachel Graham and Arnie Martinez. Arnie scored the highest overall in standing and Mason was 2nd overall in kneeling and 3rd in prone. It took all 3 members combined scores to secure 2nd place as a team and advance the team to the State Match. Congratulations on a job well done!

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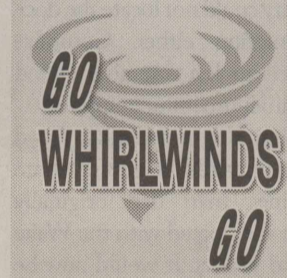
abilities for all meetings. We request that you contact the Floyd County Extension Office as soon as possible to advise us of any auxiliary and/or services needed

Fashion Show



Courtesy Photo

Floyd County 4-H'ers compete in 2016 District 4-H Fashion Show held at Christ the King School in Lubbock on April 5. Senior Rachel Graham placed 3rd in Buying-Business/Interview Attire and Intermediate Lindee Miller placed 2nd in Construction - Dressy. Thank you representing Floyd County so well and making us proud.



Lady Winds fall to New Deal Lady Lions

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

NEW DEAL - New Deal scored four times in the fourth and fifth innings to take an 8-3 District 2-2A softball victory over the Floydada Lady Winds on Tuesday, April 5. The Lady Lions took advantage of three errors and two steals of home to score their eight runs.

In the top of the first, Floydada was unable to take advantage of a two out triple by Shi De Los Santos when Thalia Villa flied out to end the at bat. In the bottom of the inning, Johnson walked with two outs for New Deal but Valdez struck out as the game remained tied 0-0 after one inning.

Floydada took a one run lead in the top of the second when Kylie Ricketts singled to lead off. Ricketts then stole second and third before Makenzie Ramos grounded out and driving in Ricketts to give the Lady Winds a 1-0 lead. After Ward drew a lead-off walk for the Lady Lions, the next three batters failed to reach base and the Lady Winds lead 1-0 after two innings.

In the top of the third, Angela Suarez picked up a two-out single but De Los Santos fouled out to end the at bat. For New Deal in the bottom of the inning, they went three up and three down as Floydada held on to a 1-0 lead.

The Lady Winds added two more runs in the top of the fourth. Villa singled to lead off. Ricketts then singled to move Villa to second. Villa then stole home but Ricketts was thrown

Floydada vs New Deal Tuesday, April 5											
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Floydada		0	1	0	2	0	0	3	10	3	
New Deal		0	0	0	4	4	0	0	8	10	0

Floydada										
	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	K				
Linsey	4	0	1	0	0	0				
Jacque Barrera	4	0	1	0	0	0				
Angela Suarez	4	0	2	0	0	0				
Shi De Los Santos	4	2	0	0	1	1				
Thalia Villa	3	1	1	0	0	0				
Kylie Ricketts	3	1	2	0	0	0				
Makenzie Ramos	3	1	1	0	0	0				
Hannah Morales	3	0	1	0	0	1				
Valerie Espinoza	2	0	0	0	0	2				
Dora Cervera	1	0	0	0	0	0				
Karley Weems	2	0	0	0	0	0				
Mikayla Collins	1	0	0	0	0	0				
Marie Lira	1	0	0	0	0	0				
Totals	30	3	12	0	1	4				

New Deal										
	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	K				
Mendez	4	0	0	0	0	3				
Brittany Mares	4	0	1	0	0	1				
Johnson	3	1	0	0	1	0				
Valdez	4	1	2	0	0	1				
Chavez Ward	3	2	1	1	1	0				
Tori Roberts	3	2	2	0	1	1				
Cicelle Bushell	3	2	2	1	0	0				
Samantha Romero	3	0	2	1	0	0				
Devyn Coronado	3	0	0	0	0	1				
Totals	30	8	18	5	2	7				

Pitching										
	IP	BP	%	H	R	ER	K	BB	HR	
Johnson	7.0	0	77.7	10	3	3	4	0	0	
Totals	7.0	0	77.7	10	3	3	4	0	0	

Pitching Pitches-Strikes										
	IP	P	S	%	H	R	ER	K	BB	HR
Johnson	7.0	108	68	63.0	10	3	3	4	0	0
Totals	7.0	108	68	63.0	10	3	3	4	0	0

sixth. For New Deal, Mares and Valdez reached on singles but were left stranded on base with the Lady Lions leading 8-3 after six innings.

With two outs in the top of the seventh, Jacque Barrera singled then Suarez singled but De Los Santos grounded out to end the game with the Lady Lions capturing the 8-3 victory.

For New Deal, Roberts was 2-3 with two RBIs and two runs scored, Bushell was 2-3 with one RBI and two runs scored and Ward went 1-3 with one RBI and two runs scored. Johnson pitched seven innings allowing three runs on 10 hits while striking out four.

For Floydada, Ricketts went 2-3 with one run scored, Ramos went 1-3 with one RBI and one run scored and Villa went 1-3 with one run scored. Morales pitched six innings allowing eight runs on 10 hits while striking out seven and walking two.

Floydada fell to 4-5 in district and New Deal improved to 6-3.

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

NEW DEAL - New Deal scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth to come from behind to hand the Floydada Whirlwinds a 6-4 loss in District 3-2A baseball action on Tuesday, April 5. A solid outing by pitcher, Jesse Segura, was hampered by five errors in the field caused in part by the windy conditions.

Alfonso Mendoza led off the top of the first for Floydada by drawing a walk. Abraham Perez and Mark McGowen each struck out while Mendoza was caught stealing during the McGowen at bat. In the bottom of the inning, Jaxon Durham singled with one out for the Lions but was caught in an inning-ending double play as Cipriano Barajas lined out to end the inning with the score knotted at 0-0.

In the top of the second, Michael Crone reached on an error with one out but a fly out and a ground out end the Floydada at bat. New Deal pushed across one run in the bottom of the inning. Jett Whitfield led off by reaching on an error then stole second and third. Layton Reed walked with one out but was caught trying to steal second as Whitfield scored on a steal of home to give the Lions a 1-0 lead after two innings.

Floydada went three up and three down in the top of the third. For the Lions, Johnny Gutierrez was hit by a pitch with one out the stole second but was tagged out when Brandon Coronado hit into a fielder's choice. Durham grounded out for the third out with New Deal still leading 1-0.

The Whirlwinds tied the game in the top of the fourth when Perez reached first on a dropped strike to lead off the inning. Perez

stole second then McGowen walked. Alex Glass singled but Perez was ruled out due to offensive interference. McGowen stole third and Glass stole second before Crone hit a sacrifice fly to drive in McGowen and tie the game at 1-1. In the bottom of the inning, New Deal added two more runs. With two outs, Brandon Hernandez reached on an error then Reed singled but an error on the play allowed Hernandez to move to third and Reed to move to second. Cooper reached on fielder's choice that allowed Reed to score. Deandre Rios was hit by a pitch but was force out at second when Gutierrez hit into a fielder's choice. Coronado flied out to end the inning but New Deal had a 6-4 lead after six innings.

Floydada added a run in the top of the fifth as Brayden Campbell led off the inning with a single then moved to second on a passed ball. Angel Cervera reached on an error as Campbell moved to third. After Kyi Baker struck out, Mendoza hit a sacrifice fly that allowed Campbell to score.

Perez and McGowen drew walks to load the bases but Glass lined out to right field to end the at bat. New Deal was unable to score in the bottom of the inning. Coronado singled with one out but was caught stealing then Durham grounded out to end the inning with New Deal still leading 3-2.

The Whirlwinds took the lead with two runs in the top of the sixth inning. With one out, Segura walked then was replaced by courtesy runner Robert Mora. Campbell reached on an error then Mora and Campbell moved up a base on a balk by the New Deal pitcher. Cervera hit a sacrifice fly to score Mora and then Campbell scored on an error. Baker and Mendoza singled but Perez flied out to end the at bat with

the Whirlwinds leading 4-3. New Deal scored three runs in the bottom of the inning as Barajas reached on an error to lead up and ended at second on the play. Whitfield singled to move Barajas to third then Barajas stole home and the bottom of the inning. Reed singled to move Hernandez to third but Hernandez was caught trying to steal home. Reed stole second then moved to third on a passed ball. Cooper reached on fielder's choice that allowed Reed to score. Deandre Rios was hit by a pitch but was force out at second when Gutierrez hit into a fielder's choice. Coronado flied out to end the inning but New Deal had a 6-4 lead after six innings.

Leading off the top of the seventh, McGowen singled and moved to second on an error, however, three straight ground outs ended the game with the New Deal Lions winning 6-4.

For New Deal, Cooper went 1-3 with two RBIs, Reed went 2-2 with two runs scored and Whitfield went 1-3 with two runs scored.

Durham pitched five and one-third innings allowing three runs on two hits while striking out six and walking five and Whitfield pitched one and two-thirds innings allowing one run on three hits.

For Floydada, Campbell went 1-3 and scored two runs, McGowen went 1-2 and scored one run and Mendoza went 1-2 with one RBI. Segura pitched six innings allowing six runs on seven hits while striking out four and walking one.

LOCKNEY SCHOOL NEWS

UIL Academic District Meet 2016

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

RALLS - 37 LHS students competed at the District Academic Meet in Ralls Wednesday April 6 and earned the District Championship. The results of each contest are as follows:

In Accounting, Liz Salas placed 2nd and Ozzy Mondragon placed 3rd and will advance to the Regional Meet in Odessa April 23. Scott Lass placed 5th and Tavien Walrath placed 6th for a 2nd place team honor. Pam Fulton is the coach of this team.

In Calculator, Jake Moore placed 2nd, Seattle Jackson 6th and Bryson Hallmark 14th and finished 3rd as a team. Jake will advance to the Regional meet.

The Computer Science team placed 1st with Levi Kasner taking 2nd, Ozzy Mondragon and Seattle Jackson tied for 3rd and Scott Lass 9th. They will advance to the Regional meet. Racheal Kasner is their coach.

In Current Issues, Jace Klein placed 1st, Stephen Setliff 2nd, Karissa Petty 3rd, and Valerie Hernandez 4th to take the 1st place team. D'Lyn Morris coaches this team. Haley Sanchez, Bethany Salazar and Sierra Martinez are also on the team. They will advance to the Regional meet.

Jace Klein won 1st in Editorial Writing and Emilee Encizo placed 2nd and will advance to the Regional meet. Destiny Soliz is also an Editorial Writer. They are coached by Sarah Clement.

Emilee Encizo placed 2nd qualifying for Regional and Mackenzy Ragland finished 5th in Feature Writing.

In Headline Writing, Emilee placed 4th and Jace Klein finished 6th. Mackenzy is also in Headline

Trevor Ascencio and Mackenzy Ragland competed in News Writing.

These writers placed 1st as a Journalism team and are coached by Sarah Clement.

Alex Rea won 2nd in Lincoln Douglas debate and will compete at the Regional meet. He is coached by Melanie Ragland.

The Literary Criticism team placed 1st with Jake Moore winning 1st, Lyndee Setliff 3rd, Lizzie Belt 4th and Karissa Petty 5th. Sierra Martinez and Haley Sanchez are other team members. They are Regional Qualifiers

and are coached by Melanie Ragland.

Jake Moore placed 1st in Mathematics and Fernando Valdez placed 11th. Jake will advance to the Regional meet.

In Number Sense, Jake Moore placed 1st, Seattle Jackson 4th, Skyler Dunn 5th, Tristan Schlueter 8th to win as the 1st place team. Freddie Bueno is the other team member and they are coached by Pam Fulton and will advance to the Regional meet.

Stephen Setliff won 2nd in Persuasive Speaking, is a Regional qualifier and is coached by Melanie Ragland.

Mrs. Estes' Speech team placed 2nd with Luke Kasner winning 1st in Prose and Lyndee Setliff finishing 3rd. Shelby Dunbar competed in Poetry and Josh Cruz competed in Prose. Luke and Lyndee will advance to the Regional Meet.

Emilee Encizo and Nic Rendon competed in Ready Writing with Emilee earning a 6th place finish. They are coached by Melanie Ragland.

The Science team placed 1st and will advance to the Regional meet for the 4th consecutive year. Jace Klein placed 1st, Levi Kasner placed 2nd, Seattle Jackson 3rd and Tabettha Bigham 7th, Luke Kasner 9th and Tristan Schlueter 13th. Austen Rexrode is the other team member. Levi was the Top Biology Score, Jace was alternate Top Biology. Jace was Top Chemistry score and Levi was alternate Top Chemistry. Jace was also Top Physics score and Seattle was alternate Top Physics. They are coached by Racheal Kasner and D'Lyn Morris and will advance to the Regional meet.

Kathy Azua's Social Studies team competed with Julio Lara placing 9th. Stephen Setliff, Camryn Diaz, Tyrell Egnew are the other team members.

Ryann Araujo, Shelby Coats, Alyssa Gutierrez and Destiny Soliz competed in Spelling and Vocabulary. They are coached by Becky Stout.

In all 22 students will compete at the 4AA Regional Academic Meet at Odessa College April 21-23.

Congratulations to all these dedicated students and coaches. Thank you for representing your school and community so exceptionally well.



Charles Keaton/The Hesperian-Beacon

Lockney One Act Play members participated in the Class 2A Region 1 Area 1 contest on Saturday, April 9. Lockney was named the Alternate play. West Texas, Wellington and New Deal were selected as advancing plays.



Charles Keaton/The Hesperian-Beacon

Lockney High School claimed the District UIL Academic Championship as 37 students participated at the district contest in Ralls on April 6. Twenty-two students qualified to participate at the regional meet in Odessa on April 22-23.

Lockney's Chavez signs to play softball Eagle Scout

By SKIP LEON

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon/The Plainview Herald

Lexi Chavez took a liking to softball from the first time she played, in a league in Plainview when she was in the second grade.

She enjoyed it so much that she began playing on summer league teams. And she especially liked the fact that she met people and made a lot of friends through the sport.

Now, the Lockney High School senior will have a chance to continue playing the sport she loves and making new friends after high school.

Chavez has signed a letter of intent to play at Frank Phillips College in Borger next season. A signing ceremony was held in the Lockney High School library Thursday afternoon with coaches, family and friends attending.

Getting the chance to play in college means a lot to Lexi, so much that she became emotional and shed a few tears while describing how the opportunity came about.

Chavez has played two years on the varsity at Lockney. She is a catcher and third baseman. Last year, as a junior, she was the all-district designated hitter.

It was through her summer-league team, the West Texas Blitz based in Amarillo, that Lexi came to the attention of Frank Phillips College head coach Lucas Grider. He was contacted by West Texas Blitz coach LaDonna Hardegree.

"My summer league coach, LaDonna, knows junior college coaches," Chavez said. "In the summer we played a lot of junior colleges and she



just talked about me to the college coach. She was telling me how Frank Phillips was looking for a catcher and, being a coach, she was telling him how I did well."

Grider said he saw Chavez play with the West Texas Blitz in a tournament during the fall. After talking with Hardegree, Chavez tried to get in touch with Grider. Her dad, Adam, sent numerous e-mails that went unanswered. The e-mails were not getting through to Grider.

"Her father was trying to e-mail me," Grider said. "I don't know how many e-mails they tried to send me. But I ran into her coach at a high school tournament in Amarillo."

Hardegree asked Grider if he was getting e-mails from Chavez and his reply was, "Who is Chavez?"

But after he had been alerted to the attempted contact, Grider got it worked out and began a dialogue with Lexi through e-mails. She went to the college for a workout during spring break and did well.

"Since it was during spring break, all the girls had left," Chavez said. "He had another girl just soft-toss to me, inside, outside, to see if I could hit the ball to left and right. And he said that I could compete at that level."

Grider said that in Lexi he saw a player who he thought could compete at the college level. "She's got a pretty good work ethic," he said. "We're pretty familiar with the summer program that she plays with and work with them a lot in the summer. We know some of the stuff that she's being taught in the summer. She just came in and had a really good day. She has a really good attitude. Everybody I've talked to says she's a high-character kid. That's really what we're looking for."

Chavez reminisced Thursday about her first encounter with softball. She was in the second grade. She really liked playing, but she wasn't very good at it the first time she took the field. "The first time I played I was so scared of the ball, I would jump back and dance in the (batter's) box," she said with a laugh. "I was like, 'I hope she walks me.' But eventually I did swing and it went pretty far. And I was like, 'It's not that hard.'"

Chavez said she has had the support of her family throughout her athletic endeavors.

"I want to say thank you to my parents for pushing me and to not give up on me," she said. "And I want to thank my sister, Bethany,

because I looked up to her."

Bethany is four years older than Lexi and played softball at Plainview High School. Lexi said the sisters had a friendly rivalry when they were growing up. "We would have these competitions," Lexi said. "We would hit to see who could hit the ball better. She knew I could hit better than her. But I knew she was faster than me, so that evened it out. She was faster than me so she could get farther than me."

Throughout the years, Lexi has worked hard to improve her softball skills.

"It's just one of those things when you work at it, you get better and better," she said. "You're not going to start out being the best, so you just have to work at it."

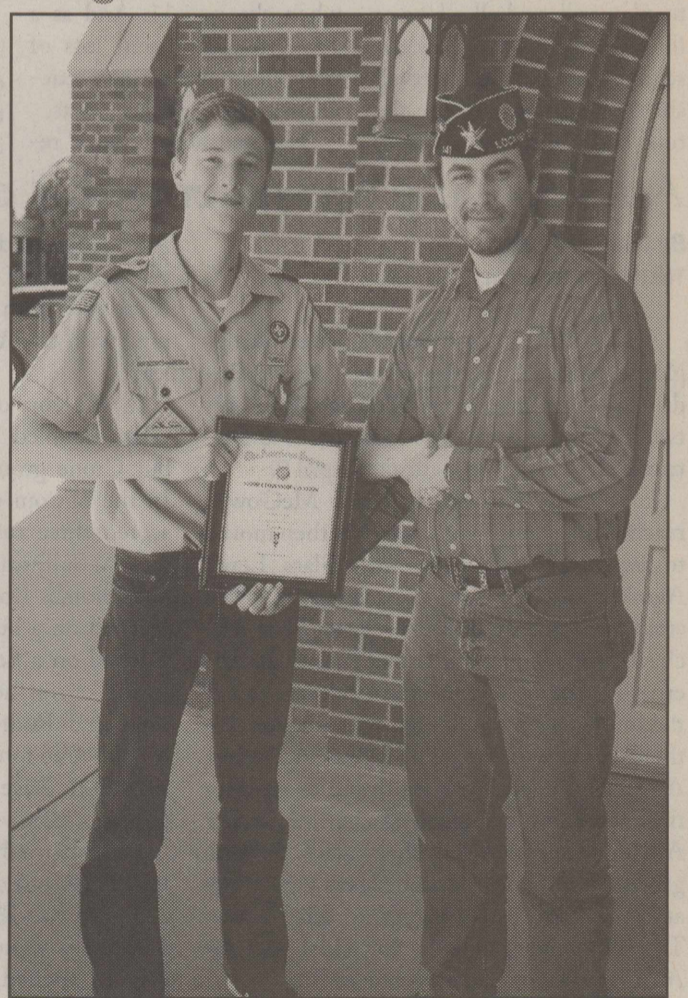
And then there's the social aspect of playing softball.

"I just like meeting the new people that you're going to meet and just becoming friends with a lot of people," Lexi said. "You make a lot of friends. I also go to clinics. I've met people from Mexico and the (Rio Grande) Valley."

In fact, Lexi said, she has a friend who she played with on her summer league team that's going to play at Western Texas College in Snyder. So, the two will play against each other when Western Texas College plays Frank Phillips College.

Chavez said she sees herself as a role model for younger players who have dreams of playing softball in college like she has had for nearly a decade. "I want to motivate another little kid to say they can do it," Chavez said.

Asked what advice she might give a youngster who wants to play softball in college, she replied, "Just never



Courtesy Photo

John O'Connell, Vice Commander American Legion Post 141, Lockney presents Jake Moore with the American Legion Citizenship Award. The presentation was made at the conclusion of Jake Moore's Eagle Scout Court of Honor that was held on Sunday, April 3 at the First United Methodist Church in Lockney. Eagle Scout is the highest award a Boy Scout can achieve. At the ceremony each parent is presented with a pin to acknowledge their efforts in his achievement. Jake is the son of Sam and Dr. Shari Moore, Scout Master of Boy Scout Troop 259. His grandfather, the late Sam Moore, Jr., was a member of Post 141. Ed Marks, Post Commander commented, "We have watched Jake develop into a fine young man. The American Legion is proud to support the Boy Scouts."

give up and always try your hardest. Listen to your coach, even though...

"They're right most of the time. Don't be stubborn. I was stubborn when I was little. You just have to work at it and it will come naturally."

Lexi said she wants to be a forensic anthropologist, which will mean taking a lot of science classes in college. She said she is taking

a forensics class at Lockney High School and has enjoyed it. She knows making the jump to college competition will be a challenge. But she's prepared for it. "It's going to be difficult," she said. "And since it's college, I'm going to have to work as hard as the sophomores that are already there to show the coach that I can play up to their level. I know I can."

SCHOOL NEWS

Lockney's Coats to play softball at Eastern New Mexico

By SKIP LEON
Special to the Hesperian-Beacon/
The Plainview Herald

Those who compete in sports in college are called student-athletes. For Lockney's Shelby Coats, the emphasis is on 'student.'

But by a quirky turn of events, the Lockney High School senior will get the chance to explore the 'athlete' portion of that moniker.

Coats, who is in her second year as Lockney's pitcher, signed a letter of intent in November to play softball at Eastern New Mexico University.

It was not something she had planned on at the beginning of her senior year of high school.

Coats, who was Lockney's shortstop as a sophomore before becoming the pitcher, wasn't thinking about her athletic career as she looked for a college choice.

She was focused on getting her education. She decided to look into attending Eastern New Mexico, where she hopes to major in Education.

So, in September, Coats went on a tour of the school. Playing softball there wasn't even in her thoughts.

"I went because I really liked the school," Coats said. "I wasn't going to play softball."

On her visit, Coats wore a Lockney softball shirt. It just so happened that the ENMU student who gave her the tour had a sister who plays on the college's softball team.

Noticing Coats' shirt, the student guide asked if she might be interested in playing softball in college.

"It just kind of happened," Coats said of the opportunity to play college ball. "I went for a college visit to view the school and I had on a softball shirt. The girl giving me the tour had a sister who played

softball. And she was like, 'Hey, I'll introduce you to the coach.'"

Coats figured why not? So, she met the coach, who invited her for a tryout in November.

"I did everything at the tryout," Coats said. "I struggled with fielding, but I pitched really well and so she really liked that."

And within a short time, Coats had signed on to play for the Zias.

Coats said she had toyed with the idea of playing softball in college, but didn't want to go through the process. Her education was foremost in her mind.

"I thought about it here and there," she said. "But I didn't want to go and try out and do the whole chasing them. I was like, 'If it happens, it happens. If it doesn't, I'll go to school and get an education.'"

Coats has been playing softball for more than a decade. She began as a 6-year-old in the Optimist League in Plainview. At first, she wasn't exactly the star of the team.

"I was the roly-poly they put in the outfield," she recalled with a laugh. "I batted ninth. They didn't want me to play at all. They were like, 'please don't hit it to her, please don't hit it to her.'"

Eventually, Shelby became the catcher.

The pitcher on the team was her current Lockney teammate Lexi Chavez, who recently signed to play softball at Frank Phillips College. Now, Shelby is the pitcher and Chavez is the catcher.

Coats said she began to play summer league softball when she was 11. And as a youngster, she spent lots of time in her backyard practicing with her dad, Jay Coats. "My dad and I had a re-



ally good connection through softball," Shelby said. "I pitched to him. He would help me with stuff. We did pretty much everything together. I would bounce the ball off the back of the house and hit it. We had a brick wall and I'd throw the ball up and I'd hit it off the wall."

And, with the help of her dad, Shelby had a great desire to become a better softball player.

"I just always wanted to be better at it," she said. "And so I kept practicing and kept practicing and once you get pretty good at it, it's a lot of fun."

Shelby said perseverance is important if one wants to play softball at the high school level and into college.

She said there have been many ups and downs on the softball field during her career.

And she has advice for youngsters who want to play into their high school and maybe college years.

"Don't get so hard on yourself," she said. "It's okay, you have bad days. Just put the glove down for a few minutes, realize that it's okay to mess up, and just pick yourself up. Just keep going."

And if you do that, as Shelby has, there's no telling what opportunities might present themselves - even if you're not focused in that direction.

Lockney out hit Antelopes in 11-5 win

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

ABERNATHY - Lockney used three big innings enroute to an 11-5 victory over Abernathy in District 3-2A on Tuesday, April 5. Daylen Gatica struck out 11 and scattered three hits but three walks, six hit batters and two fielding errors allowed Abernathy to stay close. Eight of Lockney's 11 hits came from the top four in the order to lead the Longhorns to the win.

Isreal Cuellar led off the game for the Longhorns by reaching base on an error but the next three batters went down in order, leaving Cuellar stranded on base. For the Antelopes, Bender led off by drawing a walk but a fly out and two strike outs kept the game scoreless after the first inning.

In the top of the second, Jonathan Rodriguez led off with a single but was picked off at first. Ruben Marmolejo struck out and Justin Suarez fled out to end Lockney's at bat. In the bottom of the second, the Antelopes got two runners on with two outs. A Rodriguez and Carlisle were both hit by a pitch but Barron struck out to end the threat with the score still 0-0.

Lockney got on board with three runs in the top of the third. With two outs, Cuellar doubled the scored on a single by Trevor Ascensio. Gatica walked then Ascensio stole third and scored on a single by Avian Luna. Gatica scored on an error on the play that allowed Luna to end up on third. A strike out by J Rodriguez end the top of the inning with Lockney leading 3-0. The Antelopes came back with two runs in the bottom of the inning. Bender led off with a walk then stole second. Anderson reached on an error that allowed Benders to score and Anderson to move to second.

After Fernandez grounded out and moved Anderson to third, Sullivan singled to drive in Anderson. A fielder's choice by A Rodriguez forced Sullivan out then Teal grounded out to end the inning with Lockney still leading 3-2.

The Longhorns jumped on Abernathy for four runs in the top of the fourth. With one out, Suarez walked then BJ Jimenez reached on an error that allowed Suarez to move to third

Lockney vs Abernathy Tuesday, April 5										
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Lockney	0	0	3	4	0	3	1	11	11	2
Abernathy	0	0	2	0	0	3	3	5	3	6

Lockney										
Lineup	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	K				
Isreal Cuellar	5	3	3	3	0	0				
Trevor Ascensio	4	2	2	1	0	1				
Daylen Gatica	4	2	2	0	1	0				
Avian Luna	2	1	1	1	1	1				
Jonathan Rodriguez	4	0	2	3	0	1				
Ruben Marmolejo	3	0	0	0	1	1				
Justin Suarez	1	1	0	1	3	0				
BJ Jimenez	3	1	0	0	1	2				
Nick Rendon	4	1	1	1	0	2				
Shawn Marquez	1	0	0	0	0	1				
J Stone	1	0	0	0	0	1				
Totals	30	11	11	10	7	8				

Abernathy										
Lineup	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	K				
T Bender	2	1	0	0	2	1				
D Anderson	4	2	0	0	0	0				
Fernandez	3	1	1	0	0	1				
J Sullivan	2	1	1	0	1	1				
A Rodriguez	4	0	1	2	0	0				
K Teal	3	0	0	0	0	1				
J Rodriguez	2	0	0	1	1	2				
K Carlisle	3	0	0	0	0	2				
V Barron	2	0	0	0	0	2				
C Zayas	1	0	0	0	0	1				
J Stone	1	0	0	0	0	1				
Totals	28	6	3	4	11	18				

and Jimenez to stop at second

Nick Rendon singled to drive in Suarez and another error allowed Rendon to move to second. Cuellar singled to drive in Jimenez and Rendon. After Ascensio struck out, Gatica singled then Luna walked to load the bases. J Rodriguez was hit by a pitch that allowed Cuellar to score. Marmolejo fled out but Lockney stretched their lead to 7-2. The Antelopes went three up and three down in the bottom of the fourth with Lockney holding the lead at 7-2.

In the top of the fifth, Lockney threatened but was unable to score. Suarez walked to lead off then Jimenez walked. After Rendon struck out, Suarez and Jimenez moved up a base on a passed ball. Cuellar lined out then Suarez was caught trying to steal home to end the Longhorns' at bat with Lockney still leading 7-2. In the bottom half of the inning, Fernandez singled with two outs for the Antelopes. Sullivan was hit by a pitch but A Rodriguez fled out to end the inning with Lockney ahead 7-2.

Lockney scored three more runs in the top of the sixth. Ascensio was hit by a pitch to lead off then moved to second on an error. Gatica singled to move Ascensio up to third. Gatica stole second then Luna was hit by a pitch to load the bases. A single by J Rodriguez scored Ascensio and Gatica. Marmolejo walked to load the bases again then Suarez walked to force in Luna. Jimenez struck out then Rendon grounded into a double play as Rodriguez was forced out at home to end Lockney's at bat with the Longhorns leading 10-2. In the bottom of the inning,

Antelope batters and keep the Longhorns ahead 10-2.

In the top of the seventh, Cuellar led off with a home run for the Longhorns. Ascensio singled but was doubled off first when Gatica fled out. Luna was hit by a pitch and moved to second on a balk but J Rodriguez grounded out to end the at bat with Lockney leading 11-2. Abernathy tried to rally but could only score three runs in the bottom of the inning. With two outs, Anderson reached on an error, Fernandez and Sullivan were hit by pitches to load the bases. A Rodriguez singled to drive in Anderson and Fernandez. Teal was hit by a pitch to load the bases then T Rodriguez walked to force in Sullivan but Carlisle struck out to end the game with Lockney claiming the 11-5 victory.

For Abernathy, Sullivan went 1-2 with one RBI and one run scored, Fernandez went 1-3 with one run scored and A Rodriguez went 1-4 with two RBIs. Teal pitched six innings allowing 10 runs on nine hits while striking out eight and walking seven and Sullivan pitched one inning allowing one run on two hits, one a home run.

For Lockney, Cuellar went 3-5 with three RBIs and three runs scored, Ascensio went 2-4 with one RBI and two runs scored, Gatica went 2-4 with two runs scored, Luna went 1-2 with one RBI and one runs scored, and J Rodriguez went 2-4 with three RBIs. Gatica pitched seven innings allowing five runs on three hits while striking out 11 and walking three. The win moved the Longhorns to 7-1 in district and dropped Abernathy to 5-3.

Antelopes use two-hitter to shut out Whirlwinds

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

ABERNATHY - Floydada hitters struggled against Abernathy pitcher Aaron Rodriguez as he limited the Whirlwinds to only two hits as the Antelopes took the 10-0 District 3-2A victory on Saturday, April 9.

In the top of the first, Mark McGowen reached on an error with two outs then moved to second on a single by Alex Glass. Lewis Alaniz came in to run for Glass. McGowen stole third and Alaniz stole second but Michael Crone struck out to end the at bat. Abernathy plated four runs in the bottom half of the inning. Trey Bender led off with a double then scored on a single by Dillon Anderson. Anderson ended up at third due to an error then scored on a single by Isaiah Fernandez. A Rodriguez doubled then Nate Sullivan grounded out and Fernandez was tagged out at home. With A Rodriguez on third, Kason Teal hit a home run to center field to give the Antelopes a 4-0 lead after one inning.

Floydada went three up and three down in the top of the second. In the bottom of the inning, the Antelopes scored three more runs. Kole Carlisle reached on a bunt single then stole second. Valencia Barron drew a walk then Bender doubled to drive in Carlisle. Anderson singled to score Barron and Bender, giving Abernathy a 7-0 lead after two innings.

In the top of the third, Alfonso Mendoza was hit by a pitch with one out but Abraham Perez and McGowen struck out to end the Whirlwinds at bat. Abernathy went three up and three down in the bottom of the inning with the Antelopes still leading 7-0.

In the fourth inning, both teams went three up and three down.

With two outs for Floydada in the top of the fifth, Kyi Baker reached on an error but Mendoza grounded out to end the at bat. For

Abernathy, Anderson was hit by a pitch but was picked off first then Fernandez and A Rodriguez both grounded out to end the inning with the Antelopes holding on to a 7-0 lead.

In the top of the sixth, with two outs, Glass doubled and was replaced by Alaniz but Crone grounded out to end the at bat. In the bottom of the inning, the Antelopes scored three runs to claim the 10-run victory. Sullivan singled to lead off. With one out, Thomas Rodriguez singled then Carlisle reached on a bunt to load the bases. Barron reached on a fielder's choice as Sullivan was forced out at home. Bender drew a walk to force in T Rodriguez then Anderson was hit by a pitch to force in Carlisle. Fernandez then singled to drive in Barron and give the Antelopes a 10-0 victory over the Whirlwinds.

For Abernathy, Anderson went 2-2 with four RBIs and one runs scored, Bender went 2-3 with two RBIs and two runs scored and Fernandez went 2-4 with two RBIs. A Rodriguez pitched six innings allowing just two hits while striking out 12, walking none and hitting one batter.

For Floydada, Glass went 2-3 and pitched five and two-thirds innings allowing 10 runs on 11 hits while striking out three and walking two.

The loss dropped Floydada to 3-6 in district play and Abernathy improved to 6-3. Floydada was scheduled to play Olton on April 12, Ralls on April 16, Lockney on April 19, Crosbyton on April 23 and Hale Center on April 26. Abernathy has Crosbyton, Olton, Hale Center, Ralls and New Deal left to play in district. The Whirlwinds are currently in a four-way tie for the fourth playoff spot with Crosbyton, Ralls and Hale Center. The Antelopes are currently in sole possession of the third playoff spot, two games behind Lockney and three games behind New Deal.

Lady Horns fall to Abernathy

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

ABERNATHY - Abernathy scored four runs in the bottom of the sixth to take an 8-5 District 2-2A softball victory over the Lockney Lady Horns on Tuesday April 5.

Lockney jumped on the board for three runs in the top of the first. Alyssa Barretero led off by drawing a walk then Reagan Nuncio singled and Lexi Chavez walked to load the bases. Shelby Coats singled to drive in Barretero and Nuncio. After Breanna Hernandez fled out, Camryn Diaz singled to drive in Coats and give the Lady Horns an early 3-0 lead. In the bottom of the inning, the Lady Lopes scored three runs to tie the game. With one out, Sullivan tripled the scored on a single by Cortez. Perez walked then, after McClenny fouled out, Ramirez was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Aguirre singled to drive in Cortez and Pierson walked to force in Perez and tie the game at 3-3 after one inning.

In the top of the second, Brittany Jimenez led off with a single for the Lady Horns. With one out, Nuncio singled to move Jimenez to second but the next two batters were unable to bring the runners home. In the bottom of the inning, Abernathy went three up and three down as the game remained tied 3-3.

Hernandez led off with a single in the top of the third for Lockney but the next three batters went down in order to end the Lady Horns' at bat. Abernathy added one run in the bottom of the inning. Perez walked to lead off then McClenny reached on a fielder's choice as Perez was forced out at second. Ramirez doubled then Aguirre singled to drive in McClenny and give the Lady Lopes a 4-3 lead.

Lockney added another run in the top of the fourth. With one out, Barretero reached on an error then moved second on a single by Nuncio. Chavez reached on fielder's choice but Barre-

tero was out at third. Coats doubled to drive in Nuncio and move Chavez to third. Chavez was caught trying to steal home to end the at bat with the game tied 4-4. Cortez singled with two outs for Abernathy but Perez struck out to end the inning as the game remained tied, 4-4.

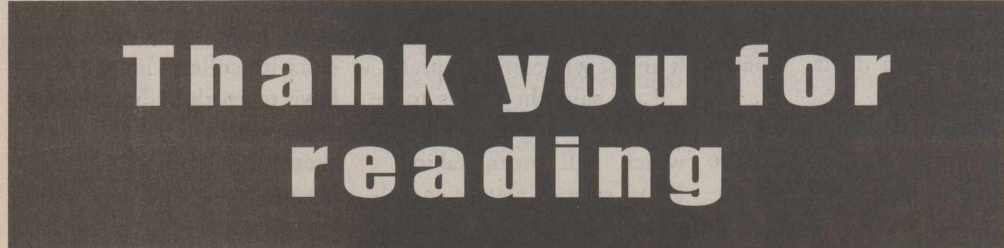
Lockney went three up and three down in the top of the fifth. Abernathy could not add any runs, leaving two runners on base. McClenny singled to lead off and Aguirre was hit by a pitch with one out but Pierson struck out and Martinez lined out and the game remained tied at 4-4.

In the top of the sixth, the Lady Horns again went three up and three down. In the bottom of the inning, the Lady Lopes added four more runs. Vasquez singled to lead off then moved to second when Sullivan reached on an error. Cortez doubled to score Vasquez and Sullivan. With one out, McClenny singled as Cortez scored on the throw and McClenny moved to third. Ramirez walked the Aguirre reached on an error that allowed McClenny to score giving Abernathy an 8-4 lead. Lockney managed to add a single run but it was not enough to catch the Lady Lopes. Nuncio singled to lead off then with two outs, Nuncio moved to second on a passed ball. Hernandez reached on an error that allowed Nuncio to score but Diaz grounded out to end the game and give the Lady Lopes an 8-5 victory.

For Abernathy, Cortez went 3-4 with three RBIs and two runs scored, McClenny went 2-4 with two runs scored and Aguirre went 2-3 with three RBIs. Perez pitched seven innings allowing five runs on 10 hits while striking out one and walking two.

For Lockney, Nuncio went 4-4 with three runs scored and Coats went 2-4 with three RBIs and one run scored. Coats pitched six innings while allowing eight runs on 10 hits while striking out nine and walking four.

The loss dropped Lockney to 5-3 in district and Abernathy improved to 6-3.



Six run fourth propels Longhorns to win

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – Lockney used a six run fourth inning then held on to defeat the Crosbyton Chieftains 7-4 in a District 3-2A baseball contest on Saturday, April 9. Lockney only needs one win in their last five games to secure a playoff spot. New Deal has already clinched a spot. Abernathy holds a three game lead over Floydada, Crosbyton, Ralls and Hale Center for the last two sports.

Big inning secures win for Lady Horns

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – Lockney used a 25-run fourth inning to complete comeback and capture a 26-7 District 2-2A victory over the Crosbyton Maidens on Saturday, April 9.

Crosbyton jumped out to the early lead by scoring five runs in the top of the first. With one out, Reyna reached on an error then stole second before E Rodriguez walked. Stanaland was hit by a pitch to load the bases. With two outs, Perez reached on an error that allowed Reyna and E Rodriguez to score. K Rodriguez reached on an error that allowed Stanaland to score. Marquez doubled to score Perez and Rodriguez to give Crosbyton a 5-0 lead. In the bottom of inning, Desiree Alaniz reached on an error then moved to second on a single by Lexi Chavez. Shelby Coats flew out and Breanna Hernandez struck out to end the Lady Horns' threat and Crosbyton leading 5-0 after one inning.

In the top of the second, Crosbyton went three up and three down. Camryn Diaz led off with a single for the Lady Horns in the bottom of the inning. With one out, Brittany DeLeon reached on an error as Diaz moved to second but Reagan Nuncio lined out and Alyssa Barretero popped out to end the inning with Lockney still trailing 5-0.

Crosbyton added two more runs in the top of the third. Stanaland led off with a single then stole second and scored on a double by Flores. Perez singled and an error on the play allowed Flores to score. The next three batters went down in order as the Maidens stretched their lead to 7-0. Lockney added a run in the bottom of the third. Alaniz led off with a walk but was forced out for the second out on a fielder's choice hit by Coats. Hernandez singled to drive in Coats but Diaz grounded out with the Lady Horns trailing 7-1 after three innings.

In the top of the fourth, Crosbyton went three up and three down. Lockney exploded for 25 runs in the bottom of the fourth. With one out, DeLeon singled then moved to second on a single by Nuncio. Barretero doubled to drive in DeLeon and Nuncio scored on an error on the play and Barretero moved to third. Alaniz stole second then Chavez reached on an error that allowed Barretero to score and Alaniz to move to third. Coats singled to load the bases then Hernandez walked to force in Alaniz. Diaz singled to drive in Chavez and Coats. Shelby Dunbar singled to drive in Hernandez with the go-ahead run as Diaz moved to third and Dunbar moved to second on the play. DeLeon singled to drive in Diaz and Dunbar then Nuncio singled. Barretero was hit by pitch to load the bases. DeLeon

Crosbyton put the first run on the board in the top of the first. Clark walked on four pitches to lead off the game then stole second and moved to third on a passed ball.

A single by Garcia drove Clark across the plate. The next three batters went down in order but the Chieftains had a 1-0 lead. The Longhorns tied the game in the bottom of the inning as Isreal Cuellar led off with a walk then scored on a triple by Trevor Ascensio. The next three batters went down in order leaving the game tied, 1-1 after one.

scored on a passed ball as Nuncio and Barretero moved up on the play. Alaniz singled to drive in Nuncio then Chavez doubled to score Barretero and Alaniz. Coats singled then stole second. Chavez scored on a passed ball as Coats moved to third. Hernandez was hit by a pitch and Diaz walked to load the bases.

Another passed ball allowed Coats to score and Hernandez to move to third and Diaz to move to second. Dunbar grounded out while Hernandez scored on the play and Diaz moved up to third. Aleah Jimenez singled to score Diaz. Jimenez moved to second on a passed ball then Nuncio singled as Jimenez moved to third then scored on the throw with Nuncio taking second. Barretero singled to score Nuncio and Barretero moved to second on the throw.

Barretero moved to third on a passed ball then scored on a double by Alaniz. Chavez singled as Alaniz moved to third. On the throw, Chavez moved to second. Coats singled to drive in Alaniz and Chavez as Coats moved to second on the throw. Coats moved to third on a passed ball and scored on the play. Hernandez singled then Diaz doubled to score Hernandez.

Diaz moved to third on a passed ball then scored on an error. Dunbar struck out to end the inning but Lockney now held a 26-7 lead after four innings.

In the top of the fifth, with two outs, Perez singled for Crosbyton but Rodriguez struck out to end the game as Lockney claimed the 26-7 victory.

For Crosbyton, Perez went 2-3 with one run scored, Stanaland went 1-2 with two runs scored, Flores went 1-3 with one RBI and one run scored and Marquez went 1-2 with two RBIs. Stanaland pitched three and one-third innings allowing nine runs on nine hits while striking out three and walking two and E Rodriguez pitched two-thirds of an inning allowing 17 runs on 14 hits while striking out one and walking one.

For Lockney, Chavez went 3-5 with three RBIs and three runs scored, Diaz went 3-4 with three RBIs and three runs scored and Coats went 3-5 with two RBIs and four runs scored. Every batter for the Lady Horns had at least one hit and one runs scored and all but one had at least one RBI. Coats pitched five innings allowing seven runs on five hits while striking out six and walking one.

The win moved Lockney to 6-3 in district play and dropped Crosbyton to 0-9. Lockney was scheduled to play Hale Center on April 12 and will play New Deal on April 16 and Floydada on April 19 to close out the regular season. Crosbyton was scheduled to play Abernathy on April 12 and will play Hale Center on April 16 and New Deal on April 19 to end the regular season.

In the top of the second, Crosbyton added a run. Garcia reached on an error then stole second. Gutierrez was hit by a pitch then Johnson singled to load the bases.

Vega reached on a fielder's choice as Garcia scored and Gutierrez was forced out at third. Clark reached on a fielder's choice as Johnson was forced at third then Garcia walked to load the bases but Morales struck out to end the at bat with the Chieftains leading 2-1. Lockney went three up and three down in the bottom of the inning to keep the score in Crosbyton's favor at 2-1.

Rubalcado singled to lead off the top of the third for Crosbyton but the next three batters went three up and three down, keeping the score 2-1 in favor of Crosbyton. Lockney again went three up and three down in the bottom of the third as the score remained 2-1 in favor of the Chieftains.

In the top of the fourth, Johnson reached on an error to lead off the inning. Vega hit into a fielder's choice as Johnson was forced out at second. Clark also reached on a fielder's choice that forced Vega out before Garcia grounded out to end the at bat. In the bottom of the inning, the Longhorns jumped on Crosbyton pitching for six runs to take the lead.

Avian Luna led off with a double then Jonathan Rodriguez was hit by a pitch. After Ruben Marmolejo struck out, BJ Jimenez singled to drive in Luna and Rodriguez. Justin Suarez walked then Devin DeLeon came in to run for

Jimenez. Shawn Marquez singled to drive in DeLeon. Marquez stole second then Nick Rendon walked to load the bases. Suarez scored on a passed ball as Marquez moved to third and Rendon moved to second. Cuellar walked to load the bases then Ascensio was hit by a pitch to force in Rendon but Rodriguez hit into a double play to end the inning with Lockney taking a 7-2 lead.

For Lockney, Ascensio went 1-3 with two RBIs, Jimenez went 1-2 with two RBIs and Marquez went 2-3 with one RBI and one run scored. Luna pitched one inning allowing two runs on one hit while striking out one and walking one, Marmolejo pitched five and two-thirds innings allowing two runs on seven hits while striking out four and walking three and Alex Rea pitched one-third of an inning.

The win moved the Longhorns to 8-1 in district play and the loss dropped Crosbyton to 3-6. After Saturday, the Longhorns were one game behind New Deal for first place, two games ahead of Abernathy and five games ahead of Floydada, Crosbyton, Ralls and Hale Center in the race for one of four playoffs spots.

Lockney was scheduled to play Hale Center on April 12, will play New Deal on April 16, play Floydada on April 19, play Olton on April 23 and finish the district race with Ralls on April 26. Crosbyton is currently tied for fourth with Floydada, Ralls and Hale Center. They still have to play Abernathy, Hale Center, New Deal, Floydada and Olton.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Floydada

Request for a zoning variance and height restrictions for construction of a new telecommunication tower in a residential area at the following described property:

**Lots 1-4, Block 3, Original Town
329 W. Price St.**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLOYDADA WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2016 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT FLOYDADA CITY HALL IN REGARD TO A REQUEST FOR A ZONING VARIANCE AND HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW TELECOMMUNICATION TOWER AT THE PROPERTY LISTED ABOVE. PERSONS WHO NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE WISHING TO ATTEND THIS MEETING SHOULD CONTACT CITY HALL AT 983-3834 AT LEAST 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE.

WANTED:



LIFEGUARDS

FLOYDADA CITY POOL IS LOOKING FOR LIFEGUARDS FOR SUMMER 2016

REQUIREMENTS ARE : MUST POSSESS CURRENT LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION, FIRST AID, AND PROFESSIONAL RESCUER CARDIOPULMONARY (CPR) UPON EMPLOYMENT. APPLICANT MUST BE WILLING TO WORK DAYS, EVENINGS AND WEEKENDS AND MUST BE WILLING TO PRACTICE SAFETY AND MONITOR ALL ACTIVITIES IN THE POOL TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS OR DROWNING.

FOR INFORMATION OR FOR APPLICATION PLEASE CONTACT CITY HALL AT 806-983-2834 OR CONTACT MARTHA GARZA AT CALL 806-685-0862.

Purpose of Classification:

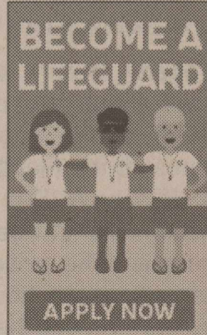
Oversees the aquatic complex, ensuring the safety of the patrons in the swimming area.

Duties:

- Monitors activities at the pool to prevent accidents.
- Rescues swimmers in danger of drowning.
- Administers First Aid.
- Cautions swimmers regarding unsafe practices and safety hazards; enforces and adheres to pool rules and regulations.
- Follows emergency action plan and procedures established in the event of an emergency.
- Maintains order in the pool and adjoining areas.
- Inspects facilities for cleanliness; completes general pool cleaning and maintenance duties.
- Responsible for the availability and safekeeping of emergency equipment (rescue tubes, backboard, signs and other equipment).
- Determines chlorine content and pH value of water, using water testing kit, and record readings.
- Provides general information on pool operation to patrons.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Knowledge of pool equipment and maintenance.
- Knowledge of lifesaving methods and procedures, including first aid and standard resuscitation measures.
- Knowledge of rules and regulations governing conduct of the public at pools.
- Knowledge of swimming pool sanitation and chlorination systems.
- Skilled in the application of lifesaving techniques.
- Skilled in swimming.
- Ability to react quickly and calmly in emergencies.
- Ability to perform rescue actions, administer first aid and CPR.



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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)

To the registered voters of the City of Floydada, Texas:
(a los votantes registrados del Ciudad de Floydada, Texas):

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 7, 2016 for voting in a general election to elect 1 Councilmember, District 1; 1 Councilmember, District 4; and 2 Councilmembers, At Large (Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales citadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 7 de mayo de 2016 para votar en la Elección General para elegir 1 Miembro del Concejo, Distrito 1; 1 Miembro del Concejo, Distrito 4; y 2 Miembros del Concejo, En General)

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES
(DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES) Massie Activity Center
513 W Georgia St
Floydad, TX 79235

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at
(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en)

City Hall, 114 W Virginia St, Floydada, TX 79235
(location) (sitio)

Recommended but not required

between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. beginning on (entre las 7 de la mañana y las 7 de la tarde empezando el April 25, 2016 25 de abril de 2016)
(date) (fecha)

and ending on (y terminando el) May 1, 2016 3 de mayo de 2016
(date) (fecha)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a:)

Selva Arellano * Apr 25 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.
(Name of Early Voting Clerk) * Apr 26 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
(Nombre del Secretario(a) de la Votación Adelantada) * Apr 27 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.
* Apr 28 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.
114 W Virginia St * Apr 29 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
(Address) (Dirección)
Floydada, TX 79235 * May 2 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.
(City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Zona Postal) * May 3 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el)

April 26, 2016 26 de abril de 2016
(date) (fecha)

Issued this the 19 day of January, 2016
(Emitted este día 19 de enero, 2016)

Bobby Belle
Signature of Mayor (Firma del Alcalde)

UPCOMING

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or D'Lyn Morris.

MOVIE NIGHT

Christian Movie Night Friday, April 22 at Trinity Assembly. Movie - "War Room". There will be hotdogs at 6 p.m. Movie at 7 p.m. FREE!

TRINITY ASSEMBLY

EARLY VOTING

Deferred Property Tax Payments

Texans who are age 65 or older or who are disabled as defined by law may postpone paying current and delinquent property taxes on their homes by signing a tax deferral affidavit at the Floyd County Appraisal District office.

Once the affidavit is on file, taxes are deferred — but not cancelled — as long as the owner continues to own and live in the home. Taxes accumulate with 8 percent interest per year. The law extends the tax deferral to the surviving spouse of the person who deferred taxes on the homestead if the surviving spouse was at least 55 years old when the deceased spouse died.

A filed tax deferral affidavit keeps homeowners from losing their homesteads because of delinquent property taxes. A pending sale to foreclose on the homestead's tax lien will also cease as a result of filing a tax deferral affidavit. In addition, no taxing unit can start or continue a lawsuit to collect delinquent taxes once an affidavit is filed. There are no penalties on delinquent taxes during the deferral period; however, a tax deferral does not cancel penalties that were already due.

All deferred taxes and interest become due when the homeowner or surviving spouse no longer own and live in the home. If the tax debt remains unpaid at that time, penalties may be imposed and taxing units may take legal action to collect the past due amount.

For further details about property tax deferral, contact Floyd County Appraisal District at PO Box 249, 104 E California, Floydada, TX 79235, or call 806-983-5256. Information is also available on the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division's website at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/.

Texas Comptroller's Office Helps Property Taxpayers Stay Informed of their Rights with Updated Publication

The Texas Comptroller's office has released the publication Property Taxpayer Remedies, a reference guide for property taxpayers which addresses property tax basics, providing a step by step guide on preparing for a protest hearing and what they can do if they are dissatisfied with an appraisal review board's decision.

"As a taxpayer, you should know your rights and understand the options available to you under the law," said Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar. "The Property Taxpayer Remedies publication is a resource of information for a sometimes complicated process."

Property Taxpayer Remedies also provides key dates so property owners know what they must do and when they are required to act to exercise their right to protest.

Property Taxpayer Remedies is available from the Floyd County Appraisal District at PO Box 249, 104 E California, Floydada, TX 79235 or call 806-983-5256. The publication is also available from the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division's website at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/.

Property Owners Should Soon Start Receiving Appraisal Notices for the 2016 Tax Year

If your property value increased in the last year, you will soon receive an appraisal notice from the Floyd County Appraisal District. Your city, county, school district and other local taxing units will use the appraisal district's value to set your 2016 property taxes.

Under Texas law, county appraisal districts are required to notify property owners about changes in their property's value. The notice contains important information about the property's location, ownership and property tax exemptions that have been applied to the property. It must also include an estimate of 2016 taxes by local taxing units.

Property owners who disagree with the appraised value of their property, the exemptions or any other action by the appraisal district have the right to appeal to the Floyd County Appraisal Review Board (ARB). The ARB is an independent panel of citizens responsible for hearing and settling property owner protests. The notice of appraised value includes instructions on how and when to file a protest, a protest form and the Comptroller's Property Taxpayer Remedies. The deadline for filing a protest with the ARB is May 31, 2016 or 30 days after the appraisal district mailed your notice of appraised value, whichever is later.

The Comptroller's publication, Property Taxpayer Remedies, explains in detail how to protest your property appraisal, what issues the ARB can consider and what to expect during a protest hearing. The publication also discusses the options of taking your case to court, the State Office of Administrative Hearings or binding arbitration if you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your ARB hearing.

Property Taxpayer Remedies is available from the Floyd County Appraisal District at PO Box 249, 104 E California, Floydada, TX 79235, or call 806-983-5256. The publication is also available on the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division's website at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/.

Early voting for the City of Floydada election will begin April 25th through May 3rd at the City Hall located at 114 W. Virginia Street.

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

CHAMBER

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Darrell Rasco was presented Fireman of the Year by Casey Lambert.

The evening began with emcee Dan Shaeffer calling upon Ed Marks to have the Lockney American Legion Post present the colors. Robyn Stevenson rang the National Anthem. The American Legion Post then showed how to properly fold the flag while explaining what each of the folds meant as the flag was folded.

Archie Jones welcomed everyone to the banquet and called upon First Baptist pastor, Joseph Tillery to lead the

invocation.

Attendees were served a dinner of chicken fried steak and all the trimmings from Danny's Fins and Hens Catering. Peach Cobbler, donated and prepared by Armstrong, was served by members of the Lockney High School Student Council and National Honor Society.

Jimenez gave an update of the Chamber activities during 2015 and recognized special guests. Jimenez and Archie Jones drew for door prizes throughout the evening. Door prizes were donated by local and area businesses.

Dinner music was performed by Lucy Dean Record. Stevenson also provided the entertainment for the evening with songs from the 1940s. Between songs, Record played the anthems of the different military branches to recognize those in attendance from each branch.

Brooklyn Golden, assisted by her parents Clay and Heather Golden, auctioned off four briskets that were donated by Atmos Energy and cooked by Archie Jones and a wooden cross. The proceeds went to assist the Chamber with expenses for the banquet. Ricky Carstensen of First United Methodist Church gave the benediction.

Chamber member Jenifer Walberg decorated the cafeteria. Mrs. Evelyn Ulmer provided the mannequin, Don and Carolyn Hardy provided a 1940 Ford Standard Car and Greg Patridge provided a Navy uniform for display. The America Legion Post provided the giant American flag used as a backdrop on the stage as well as numerous other flag displays.

Comptroller's Office Encourages Homeowners to Take Advantage of Homestead Exemptions

One of the easiest ways a homeowner can lower his or her property tax bill in 2016 is to file a homestead exemption. A homestead is generally the house and land used as the owner's principal residence on Jan. 1 of the tax year.

Homestead exemptions reduce the appraised value of your home and, as a result, lower your property taxes. To apply for an exemption on your residence homestead, contact the Floyd County Appraisal District.

Available homestead exemptions include:

- **School taxes:** All homeowners may receive a \$15,000 homestead exemption for school taxes.

- **County taxes:** If a county collects a special tax for farm-to-market roads or flood control, a homeowner may receive a \$3,000 homestead exemption for this tax.

- **Age and disability exemptions:** Individuals 65 or older or disabled as defined by law may qualify for a \$10,000 homestead exemption for school taxes, in addition to the \$15,000 exemption available to all homeowners. Also, any taxing unit may offer a local optional exemption of at least \$3,000 for taxpayers age 65 or older and/or disabled. Older or disabled homeowners do not need to own their homes on Jan. 1 to qualify for the \$10,000 homestead exemption. They qualify as soon as they turn 65 or become disabled.

- Taxing units may offer a **local option exemption** based on a percentage of a home's appraised value. Any taxing unit can exempt up to 20 percent of the value of each qualified homestead. No matter what percentage of value the taxing unit adopts, the dollar value of the exemption must be at least \$5,000.

- **Partial disabled veteran exemptions:** Texas law provides partial exemptions for any property owned by veterans who are disabled, spouses and survivors of deceased disabled veterans. This includes homesteads donated to disabled veterans by charitable organizations at no cost to the disabled veterans. The amount of exemption is determined according to the percentage of service-connected disability.

- **100 Percent Residence Homestead Exemption for Disabled Veterans:** A disabled veteran who receives from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (1) 100 percent disability compensation due to a service-connected disability; and (2) a rating of 100 percent disabled or of individual unemployability is entitled to an exemption from taxation of the total appraised value of the veteran's residence homestead. Surviving spouses are also eligible upon the veteran's death with certain restrictions. The residence homestead application must be filed if this exemption is claimed.

- **Surviving Spouses of Members of the U.S. Armed Services Killed in Action:** The surviving spouse of a member of the U.S. armed services who is killed in action is allowed a total (100 percent) property tax exemption on his or her residence homestead if the surviving spouse has not remarried since the death of the armed services member.

For more details on homestead exemptions, contact the Floyd County Appraisal District at PO Box 249, 104 E California, Floydada, TX 79235 or call 806-983-5256. The homestead exemption application is available online at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxforms/50-114.pdf>.

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.

2016 Senior Citizen dues are due this month. They are \$25 for the year. Those who pay their dues will \$5 for their meals instead of \$6.

Bud Henderson delivered a car to Albuquerque, New Mexico on Friday.

Nancy Lawson went to Boys Ranch Saturday to watch the One-Act Play that Caitlyn Bishop, daughter of Mike and Rozanne Bishop competed in the UIL event and winning first at Hale Center. Congratulations students.

Faye and Jill planned a trip to Plainview Friday to shop for flower plants for Faye's yard.

Jerrold Vinson says he and other players are trying to start weekly or bi-weekly domino games. Let Jerrold Vinson know if you are interested. Also can tell President Keith Stansell. Also quilters have requested a quilting room. Come join us.

Kent Covington says he's trying to stay out of trouble but may play jokers. His grandkids are still here visiting and recent-

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

On Sunday, April 24 we will open for lunch. The menu will be posted at a later date.

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 to eat. Our phone number is 652-2745.

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

ly he went to Lubbock with them to have a family portrait taken. Dustin and Mallory Covington and two children are missionaries in India from the Methodist Church.

Wanda Williams and Cob Gilly spent Easter at Linda and Michael Hinsley's house with all their grandchildren and hunted Easter eggs.

Vivian and Harold are going to Lockney for physical therapy.

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 18 - April 22
Monday - Chicken strips w/ gravy
Tuesday - James' swiss steak
Wednesday - CLOSED
Thursday - Chicken & dressing
Friday - Chicken fried steak
(Menus subject to change without notice)

urday - 9:30-10:30 a.m.

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

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

MENU
April 18 - April 22
Monday - Cheeseburgers
Tuesday - Tacos
Wednesday - Meatloaf
Thursday - Salmon
Friday - Baked ham
(Menus subject to change with notice)

Property Taxes on Farms and Ranches Could be Reduced with Productivity Appraisal

Texas farmers and ranchers can be granted property tax relief on their land. They may apply to the Floyd County Appraisal District for agricultural productivity appraisal and for a lower appraisal of their land based on how much they produce, versus what their land would sell for in the open market.

The Texas Constitution authorizes two types of agricultural productivity appraisals, 1-d-1 and 1-d, named after the section in which they were authorized. For 1-d-1 appraisal, property owners must use the land for agriculture or timber but the lands use must meet the degree of intensity generally accepted in the area. Owners must also show that the land is being used for at least five of the preceding seven years. 1-d-1 appraisal does not restrict ownership to individuals and does not require agriculture to be the owner's primary business. Most land owners apply for the 1-d-1 appraisal.

Under 1-d appraisal, the land needs to be in use for at least three years and the owner must be an individual versus corporations, partnerships, agency or organization. The land must also be the owner's primary source of income.

Penalties in the form of rollback tax, or the difference between the taxes paid under productivity appraisal and the taxes that would have been paid if the land had been put on the tax roll at market value, will be imposed if qualified land is taken out of agriculture or timber production.

A rollback tax occurs when a land owner switches the land's use to non-agricultural. These rollback taxes under 1-d-1 are based on the five tax years preceding the year of change. Under 1-d appraisal, the rollback extends back for three years.

Texas law also allows farmers and ranchers to use land for wildlife management and still receive the special appraisal, but the land must be qualified for agriculture use in the preceding year. Land under wildlife management must also meet acreage size requirements and special use qualifications.

The deadline to apply for productivity appraisal is April 30. If the last day for the performance of an act is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal state or national holiday, the act is timely if performed on the next regular business day. Owners of land qualified as 1-d must file a new application every year. Owners of land qualified as 1-d-1 need not file again in later years unless the chief appraiser requests a new application.

For more information about productivity appraisal and application forms, contact the Floyd County Appraisal District at PO Box 249, Floydada, TX 79235, or call 806-983-5256. Information is also available on the state Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division's website at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/.

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Ginger Morgan, Election Official

Aviso público DE PRUEBA DE EQUIPOS DE tabulación automática

se da aviso de que el equipo de tabulación automática que se utilizará en la ciudad de Floydada elección celebrada el 7 de mayo de 2016 será probado en Lunes, Abril 18, 2016 a las 2:00 p.m. en el Floyd County Courthouse en la habitación 208, para cerciorarse de que no se precisa el recuento de los votos emitidos para todas las oficinas, y en todas las medidas.

Ginger Morgan, Oficial

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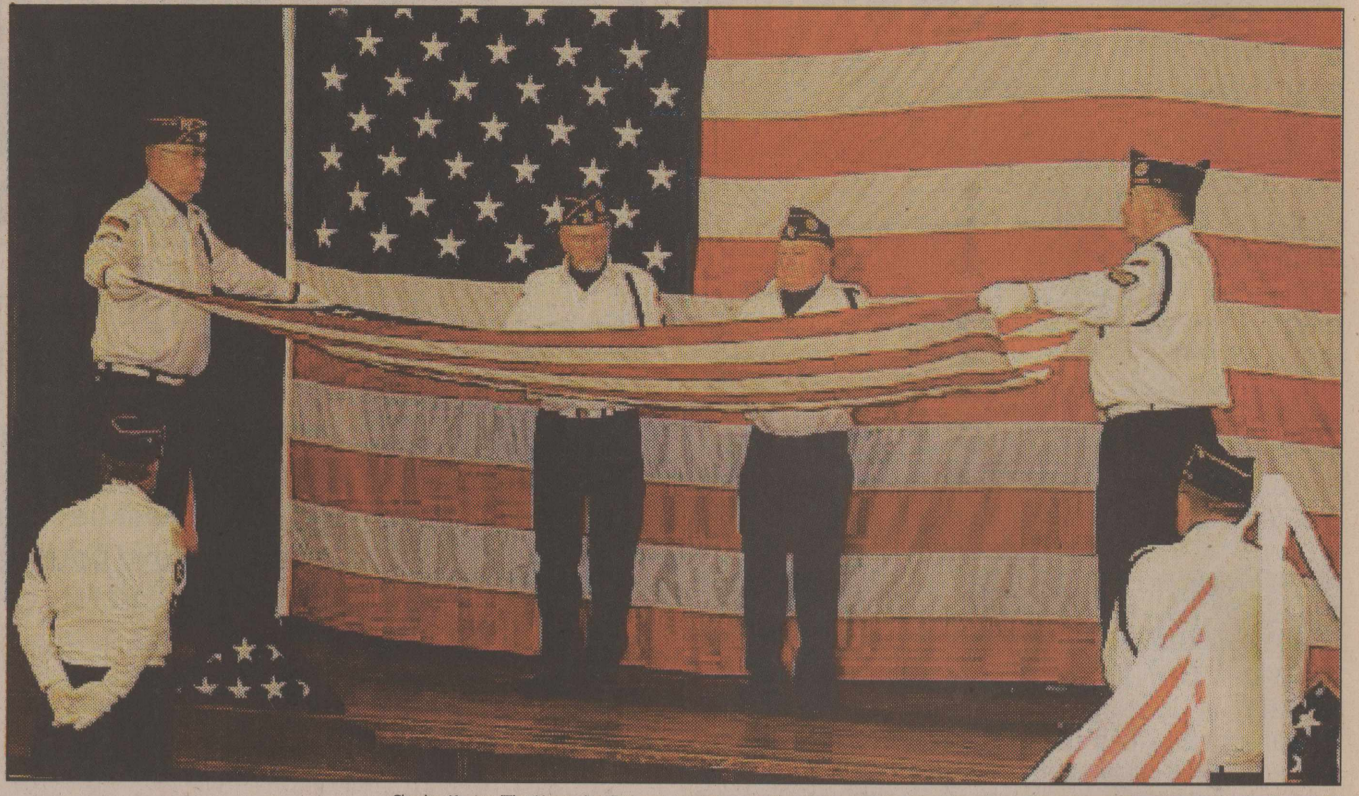
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Lockney Chamber of Commerce Banquet



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Brooklyn Golden used her auctioneering skills to help the Lockney Chamber of Commerce raise funds at the annual Chamber Banquet on April 9 at the Lockney Elementary School cafeteria.



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Members of the American Legion Post of Lockney explained and demonstrated the proper way to fold the American Flag and what each fold represents at the annual Lockney Chamber of Commerce banquet.

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Robyn Stevenson provided the entertainment for the evening at the annual Lockney Chamber of Commerce banquet. Stevenson sang songs from the war years as the Chamber celebrated veterans, especially those from World War II.



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Lucy Dean Record assisted with the entertainment at the annual Lockney Chamber of Commerce banquet. Record provided music during the meal and then assisted Robyn Stevenson in the may entertainment.



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Darrell Rasco (left) was presented as Fireman of the Year by Casey Lambert at the annual Lockney Chamber of Commerce banquet on April 9.

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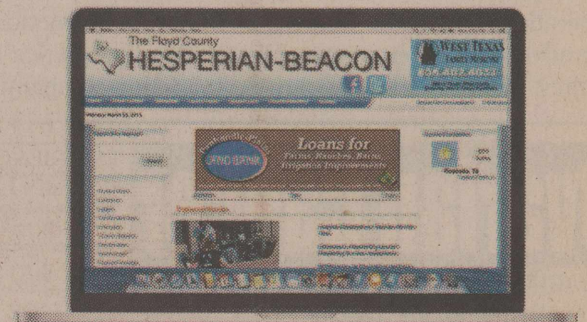
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