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Severe weather dampens turnout, but not enthusiasm, for Lighthouse Electric's 77th Annual Membership Meeting

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A health fair, meal, entertainment for youngsters, door prizes, visiting with friends and neighbors, and learning more about their electric business—all served as the draw for more than 500 members and guests – down significantly from last year's 650 – who braved the severe thunderstorms in the area to attend Lighthouse Electric Cooperative's annual membership meeting April 28.

Lighthouse EC President Gaylord Groce called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the co-op's 77th annual meeting. Members of Lockney's Boy Scout Troop 259 presented the colors and led the pledge of allegiance at the meeting's start. After the invocation by

Tim Franks, Pastor of Floydada's First Baptist Church, Lighthouse General Manager Bill Harbin introduced special guests in attendance.

The business meeting was punctuated with three separate drawings for more than 75 door prizes. Members of the LEC annual meeting planning committee presented the prizes after committee members Steven Walker and Kember Rainwater drew the numbers of the lucky winners. Committee members Ty Heflin, Garrett and Linsie Mathis, and Matthew Rainwater, assisted by presenting the prizes to the winners, and Brittany Walker served as committee secretary, noting names and numbers of winners. Mark Hegi of Petersburg served as emcee for this

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Photo by Jennifer Harbin

(Left to Right) General Manager Bill Harbin, Ronald Mullin, President Gaylord Groce, Secretary Sandy Thornberry, Vice President John Dunlap, Kreis McIntosh, Dean Yarborough, Mark Appling, and Robert Nixon. (Paul Schacht not pictured). Guests enjoyed dinner, catered by Danny's Fins and Hens, an array of door prizes and re-elected Gaylord Groce, Robert Nixon, and Sandy Thornberry to the board of directors.

PBA Camp Expanding, Renovating for New Era Upcoming

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

If you haven't been out to the Plains Baptist Assembly near Blanco Canyon in awhile, you might not recognize the place.

"We're building a new recreation pavilion large enough to house two indoor basketball courts," said PBA executive director Wayne Davis. "The building will have roll-up side doors, so it can be an open air facility, if desired."

PBA has plans to renovate all dorms as well and will be building a new conference room facility in the fall.

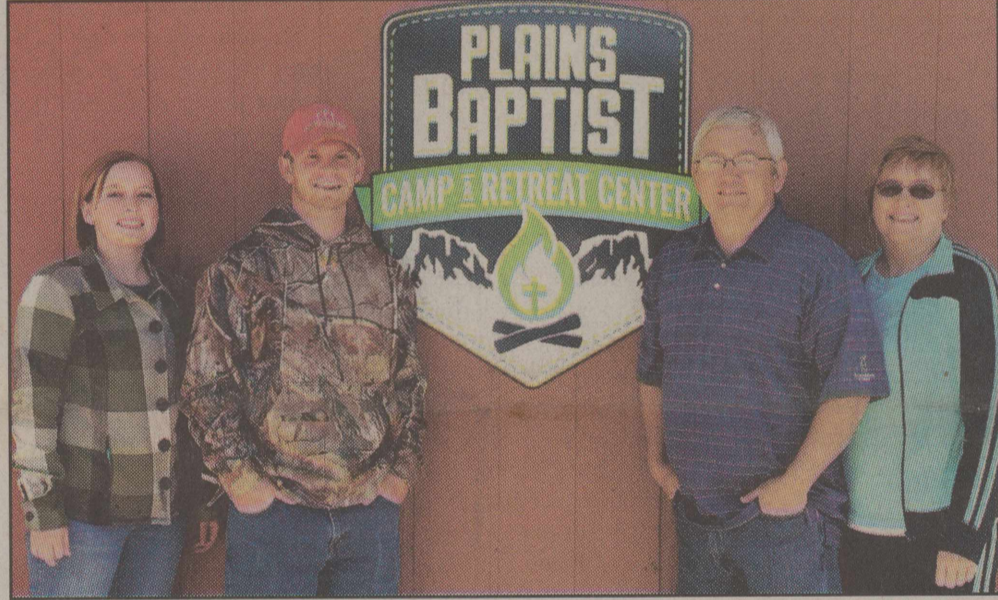
Over the past few years, PBA has been adding a variety of new features for children of all ages including one of the state's largest zip lines which comes off the canyon and measures 1,200

feet. They've also added an acre and a half recreation lake with a 40-foot slide. They're currently finishing up an Adventure Course, which is sort of like a ropes course, but it's self-guided. A ropes course requires assistance from below.

"We just see the additions and the renovations as part of an ongoing effort to offer the best facilities we can," Davis said. He noted that PBA's main target group is churches in West Texas, and added that you don't have to be Baptist to take advantage of their facilities. "Only about half of our groups are Baptist," he said, "we work with churches of all faiths."

He mentioned that PBA also works with the public schools to complement STAR testing with skills being

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Courtesy photo

The team at Plains Baptist Assembly is gearing up for camps and are hiring for summer workers. If you're 17 or older, visit their website at www.pbacamp.org to apply. Staff shown includes Alissa Johnson, Patrick Hart, Wayne Davis and Penny Davis.

Post office to honor Graham

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA – Rachel Graham will be honored by the Floydada Post Office with a special cancellation stamp according to Postmaster Alti Nelson.

Graham won a national championship with her educational presentation at the National Western Stock Show in January after she placed first with her "Think Pink" presentation at State 4-H Roundup.

She is also a Shooting Sports Ambassador for Texas 4-H and participates in numerous 4-H events including food and nutrition, public speaking, photography, shooting sports and clothing and textiles.

According to Nelson, the cancellation stamp represents Graham's activities and community service in 4-H as well as recognizes her national championship.

The cancellation stamp will be available from May 10 to July 10. On May 10, from 2:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M., Graham will be honored with a reception at the Post Office.



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Postmaster Alti Nelson (left) presents Rachel Graham with a print of the special cancellation stamp that will be used from May 10 until July 10 to honor Graham for her National Championship Educational Presentation as well as her other 4-H activities. Graham will be honored with a reception from 2:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M. on May 10 at the Floydada Post Office.

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Rachel Graham will be honored with a special cancellation stamp at the Floydada Post Office from May 10 until July 10. The Rachel Graham Station stamp represents Graham's accomplishments and activities in 4-H including winning a National Championship at the National Western Stock Show in Denver in January.



Rachel Graham Station
Floydada, TX 79235
May 10, 2016

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1956 STUDY CLUB 60th ANNIVERSARY

The 1956 Study Club will be celebrating its 60th anniversary on Tuesday, May 10 at the First Baptist Church Parlor. All past club members will be honored as special guests during the celebration

FLOWER SHOW OLD SETTLER'S DAY

The annual Floyd County Old Settlers Day Wildflower Show will be on Saturday, May 28th in the Barrow Building on the corner west of the Museum.

Entries will begin at 9 a.m. with the judging at 11 a.m. So bring your choice wildflowers arranged in a container with water.

FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE

The Old Settlers weekend begins on Friday, May 27th with Open House in the Museum from

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Lockney, Floydada voters face choices Saturday

By Kay Ellington
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Voters in the Lockney city limits and the Lockney Independent School District boundaries head to the polls Saturday, May 7.

Residents in the city of Lockney will be voting on two ballot options as well as the mayor and District 4 council positions.

Lockney voters will decide whether to allow alcohol sales within the city limits and will also choose whether to change to a city manager form of government.

Also on the ballot, incumbent Tina Graves and challenger Archie Jones are running for the mayor's position, and incumbent George Villareal and challenger Velia Martinez are vying for the District 4 city council position.

Lockney ISD has one at-large position open as Lenny Hooten is stepping down. Kirk Wilson and Joe Smith are running for that position.

LISD is also conducting a bond election with two proposals on the ballot. 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, 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

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1 to 5 p.m. Museum Board members, staff and volunteers will be on hand to greet visitors. Refreshments will be served throughout the afternoon. The special event for the day will begin at 4 p.m. with Fonty Carthel presenting the story of his ancestor, Alphonso Steele, as recalled in Steele's memoirs which were presented to the Texas Legislature.

FLOYD COUNTY OLD SETTLER'S DAY

Floyd County Old Settler's Day will be held Saturday, May 28. There will be food vendors, craft vendors, music and more. A street dance will be held by the pavilion from 7-11 p.m. with Hogg Maulies as the headliner. There will also be a barbecue cook-off. For more info about the cook-off call Mac Sherman at 806-685-7502. For more info about having a booth or info about the events, contact Lance McHam at 806-549-1764.

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 HISTORIAL MUSEUM

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

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The 501
A toast to hoaxes

If you haven't heard the hoax about the see-through parasites in a particular brand of bottled water, believe it. Otherwise, the stuff wouldn't be on sale everywhere. I'm



HANABA MUNN WELCH

buying — not the hoax but the water. It's usually too pricey for me. The water was sale-priced both at my favorite big service station and also at the supermarket. I feel somewhat sorry for the company victimized by the falsehood, but not that sorry. They're huge. This is just a little blip for them and a buying opportunity for me. I picked up 24 bottles.

My standards aren't that high. As long as it doesn't taste like our well water, I'm happy.

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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 of the previous year's taxes.

Lockney voting will be at the First Methodist Church, 120 W. Poplar Street, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

In Floydada, the At-Large City Council seat is being contested in the May 7 election. Corey Speed, deputy with the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, has filed to run for this position. Incumbents Sam Green, a farmer, and Gabriel de la Fuente, previously with the Walmart Distribution Center, are also running for the two at-large positions.

Voting will be at Massie Activity Center, and election day hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

All registered voters must bring a photo identification to cast a ballot.

See Page 14 for all of the City of Floydada, City of Lockney and Lockney ISD candidate profiles and pictures.

After my purchase, I checked into the hoax (wanting to be sure the water really is safe to drink) and learned a lot. Per Snopes, the hoax finder-outers, the fake news site that posted the hoax in the first place also showed pictures of the transparent "parasites" — clear-bodied except for their eyes. Creepy.

If you're gonna perpetrate a falsehood, pictures help.

Of course, you can make something look real when it isn't. Thank you technology. But the clear worm-looking things really do exist and have a name: leptocephali. They are eel larvae, essentially transparent except for their eyes. You wouldn't want to meet one in a dark alley.

Second truism (in case you missed the first):

When a story is a hoax, accompanying pictures are probably not what they claim to be either.

Meanwhile, did you know eels come from larvae? I didn't. I thought they came from eels.

It's enough to give me second thoughts about caviar. Maybe it's fish larvae and not fish eggs?

CAVIAR AND LARVAE RESEARCH PAUSE.

Not to worry. Fish lay eggs. Caviar really is fish eggs, just not yet laid. As for larvae, the word can mean more than baby insects. Larvae can also be immature beings in metamorphosis, like a tadpole on its way to froghood.

Nevertheless, those pictures of the little eel larvae looked pretty much like big eels to me — like worms. The metamorphosis must be that they lose their transparency. Don't quote me.

The whole story and all my new and refreshed knowledge leaves me wondering if we shouldn't try bottling and selling well water from our farm. We could market it as the opposite of mainstream bottled water. We could list some parasites on the label plus some bacteria, notably E. coli, plus the fancy name for gypsum — hydrated calcium sulfate.

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If you like hoaxes, you're gonna love the water from Fargo Wells. Believe me.

The Paperboy
Celebrating Cinco de Mayo

Like other days of celebration, Cinco de Mayo has grown to a party across the country. Ever wonder what we are celebrating?



CHRIS BLACKBURN

The following is from history.com in regards to the Mexican National Holiday of Cinco de Mayo:

During the French-Mexican War, a poorly supplied and outnumbered Mexican army under General Ignacio Zaragoza defeats a French army attempting to capture Puebla de Los Angeles, a small town in east-central Mexico.

Victory at the Battle of Puebla represented a great moral victory for the Mexican government, symbolizing the country's ability to defend its sovereignty against threat by a powerful foreign nation.

In 1861, the liberal Mexican Benito Juarez became president of a country in financial ruin, and he was forced to default on his debts to European governments.

In response, France, Britain, and Spain sent naval forces to Veracruz to demand reimbursement.

Britain and Spain negotiated with Mexico and withdrew, but France, ruled by Napoleon III, decided to use the opportunity to carve a dependent empire out of Mexican territory.

Late in 1861, a well-armed French fleet stormed Veracruz, landing a large French force and driving President Juarez and his government into retreat.

Certain that French victory would come swiftly in Mexico, 6,000 French troops under General Charles Latrille de Lorencez set out to attack Puebla de Los Angeles.

From his new headquarters in the north, Juarez rounded up a rag-tag force of loyal men and sent them to Puebla. Led by Texas-born General Zaragoza, the 2,000 Mexicans fortified the town and prepared for the French assault.

On the fifth of May, 1862, Lorencez drew his army, well-provisioned and supported by heavy artillery, before the city of Puebla and began their assault from the north.

The battle lasted from daybreak to early evening, and when the French finally retreated they had lost nearly 500 soldiers to the fewer than 100 Mexicans killed.

Although not a major strategic victory in the overall war against the French, Zaragoza's victory at Puebla tightened Mexican resistance, and six years later France withdrew.

The same year, Austrian Archduke Ferdinand Maximilian, who had been installed as emperor of Mexico by Napoleon in 1864, was captured and executed by Juarez' forces.

Puebla de Los Angeles, the site of Zaragoza's historic victory, was renamed Puebla de Zaragoza in honor of the general.

Today, Mexicans celebrate the anniversary of the Battle of Puebla as Cinco de Mayo, a national holiday in Mexico.

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Lockney Fan
And I'm Along for The Ride

By Applejack Aimee Jackson

Memories to last a lifetime have been created this last month, and more memories will be created as Lockney students advance to State Competition in UIL Academics and Athletics. Facebook and Twitter accounts are abuzz with smiling kids, congratulations, and best wishes. Lockney has earned her bragging rights, and as everyone knows, when there is success it seems everyone wants to jump on that bandwagon. That's perfectly ok, it's a great place to be and a fun place to hitch a ride.

You know, when AppleJack was maybe five years old my family took a vacation down to the Big Bend. Camping was just something we did; it was affordable for MadMary, her husband and us seven kids. This trip we had decided to float the Rio Grande!

Being the youngest, I was generally underfoot and al-

ways in everyone's way. I suppose at some point floating down that river I had worn out my welcome in the raft with my brothers and sisters and they got the bright idea of slapping a life vest on me, tying a rope to it, and tossing me overboard. They were, as I imagine it, greatly relieved to be shed of a pestering kid. I, on the other hand, was in hog heaven. I was literally floating down the Rio Grande. Tethered securely to the raft ensured that I was along for the ride. Without intending to, my family created memories for me that, 40 years later, still make me grin like a Cheshire cat. Whether the citizens of Lockney realize it or not, when they line up to send our kids off with car horns and whistles and waves, they are creating memories for our Lockney kids. And if Lockney folks put their minds to it, they can tether themselves to a few Longhorns, and make sure they get to experience the ride of a lifetime too.



Wayland opts out of Senate Bill 11

PLAINVIEW — The Wayland Baptist University Board of Trustees voted unanimously to endorse the recommendation of Dr. Paul Armes to opt out of Senate Bill 11 which allows firearms to be carried on college campuses by licensed individuals.

Wayland will continue with its current policy that prohibits individuals from carrying firearms on campus. It does, however, allow students, faculty and staff to store firearms in their vehicles or, for Plainview campus students, in a designated safe. Senate Bill 11, as passed by the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas, authorizes concealed handgun license or license to carry holders to carry a concealed handgun while on the campus of public or private colleges and universities. There is a provision that gives private universities three options based on the fact that private schools are located on private property, not state property.

Private universities have the right to:

1. Accept and incorporate the law in its entirety
2. Restrict areas on campus in which concealed carry is permitted
3. Continue with current policies

Armes said he and other members of the administration had polled, surveyed and/or conducted discussion sessions with faculty, staff and students at each of Wayland's Texas campuses located in Plainview, Lubbock, Amarillo, Wichita Falls and San Antonio. He said while a small majority of traditional students on the Plainview campus were in favor of the new law, the overwhelming majority of non-traditional students, faculty and staff throughout the system were in favor of maintaining the current policy.

Armes said he made his recommendation based on the survey and poll results as well as the notion that there are too many unknown variables and liabilities that may come into play. He said, however, that there may be opportunity in the future to revisit the policy.

"We don't have all the answers," Armes told the Board of Trustees. "At some point in the future, if they will permit us to procure additional training for individuals who have licenses, you might look more favorably on some acceptance of the law. At this time the law doesn't allow us to do that."

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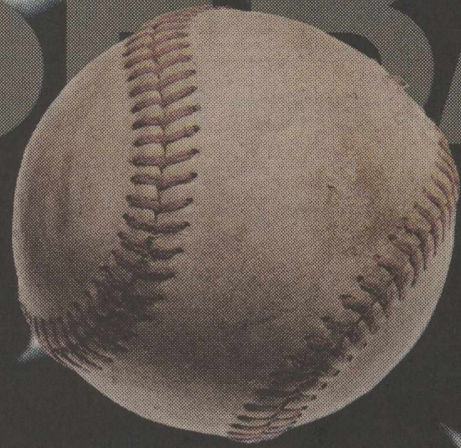
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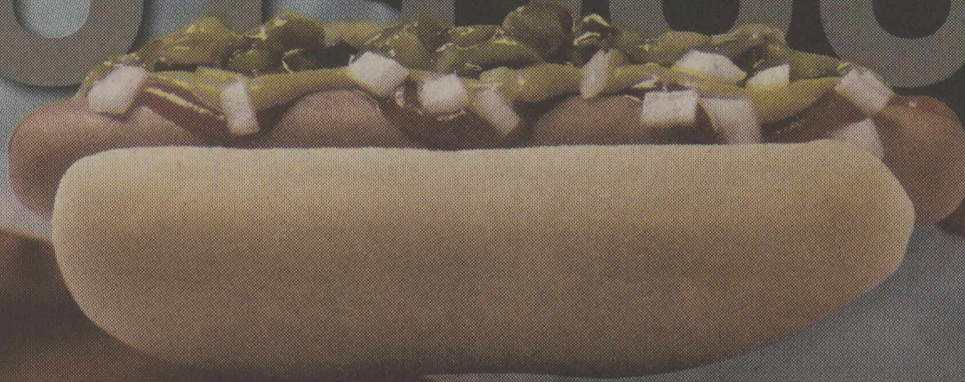
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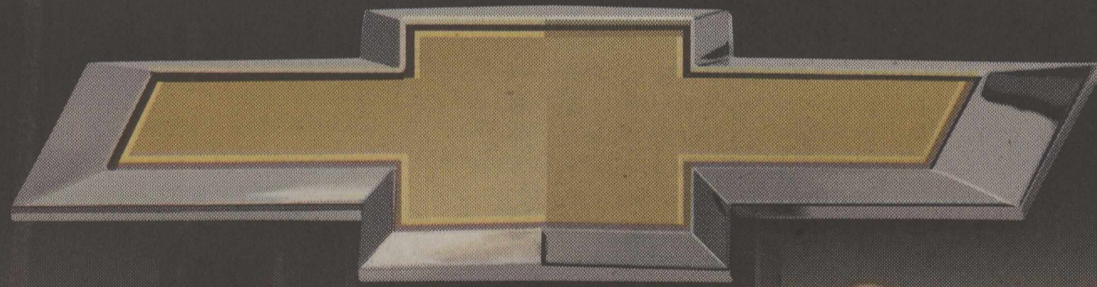


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SOCIETY

Jason Nutt and Highway 70 to open for Bart Crow Concert, fund-raiser

Compiled from media reports

Mark Marley's go BIG or Go Home BBQ Bash including a Bart Crow concert sponsored by Plainview's Convention & Visitor's Bureau will be held Friday and Saturday, May 6 and 7, at Running Water Draw Park in Plainview.

One of the featured events includes a State-Sanctioned Barbecue Cook-off. The event will begin on Friday with a Steak Cook-off, Kid's Q and a Margarita Mix-Off. Saturday Cook-off includes four categories (pork spare ribs, chicken, pork or brisket) as well as an optional Cook's Choice category, Jackpot Beans category and a CASI Chili Cook-off. Entry fees for each event vary between \$15 - \$150 and no association memberships are required to enter. Contact Brandy Pierce at 806.292.5581 for entry forms.

"Having a State-Sanctioned Barbeque Cook-off in Plainview draws a great crowd of participants," said RaeAnne King, event chair.

"People enjoy participating in our event to not only hone their skills but also to compete for a qualifying spot at the American Royal in Kansas City."

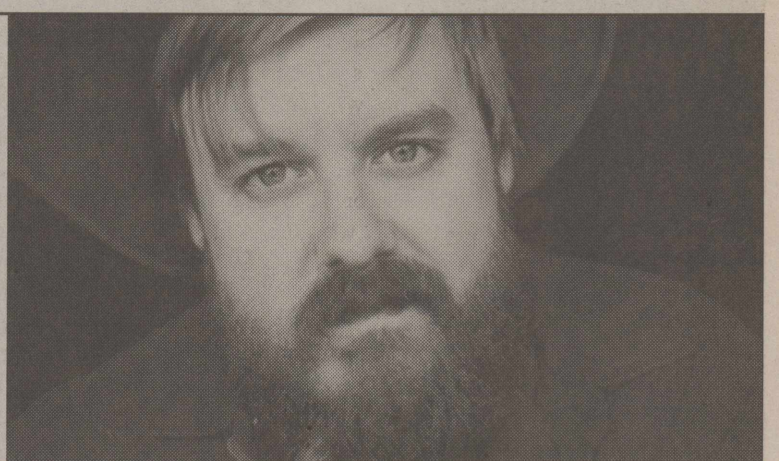
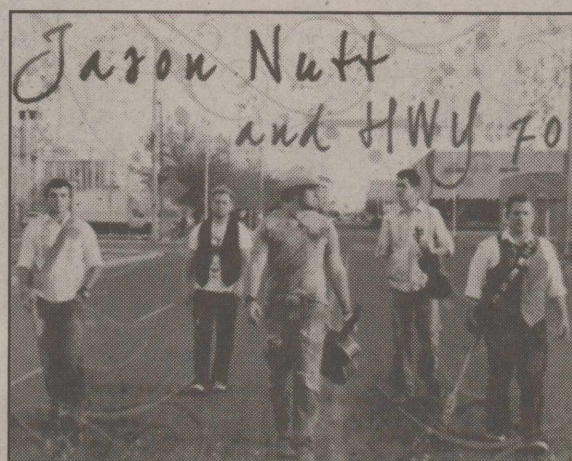
As well as the cook-off, a doubles horseshoe tournament will be held that Saturday beginning at 10:00 a.m.

The double elimination bracket is \$30.00 per team, belt buckles will be awarded to the top three teams and the tourney pits meet NHPA regulations.

"We are so excited to have regulation pits in Plainview," said Melissa Slack, horseshoe tournament chair. "As the first tournament, we are excited to see how we can do more of them in Plainview."

For more information or to sign up, contact Melissa Slack at mcbevill@hotmail.com or call 806.292.1069.

Saturday night will feature a concert by Bart Crow beginning at 9:30 p.m. Dubbed as one of Texas's premier Honky-Tonkers and named one of Rolling Stones top new country acts to follow, Crow has positioned himself



Floydada's Jason Nutt and Highway 70 will be one of the opening acts for Bart Crow this weekend in Plainview at the Mark Marley's go BIG or Go Home BBQ Bash, a barbecue cook-off, concert, and cancer fundraiser.

for the breakthrough his fans have long known was coming. His songwriting skill, vocal prowess and blue-collar believability have made him a mainstay in one of the country's most demanding and respected proving grounds.

Bart began taking songwriting seriously while at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas, as he took his first real steps as a performer.

Since that time, he has played in Stephenville, Austin and now tours all around the country singing his mu-

sic. Some tops songs include "Life Comes at You Fast," "If I Go, I'm Goin'," "Loving You's a Crime" and "Dandelion."

"Plainview is looking to organize events that not only are fun for our citizens but also for those from surrounding areas," said Melinda Brown, CVB Coordinator. "Bart Crow is a great musician and along with all the other things happening that day, we expect many people to come enjoy this great event."

Friday night headliner band is Corey Mangum and the Damn Outlaws. Saturday's lineup will also include

opening act Jason Nutt and Highway 70 from the Floyd County area.

The Plainview Elks Club 1175 will be cooking barbeque for participants to purchase as well as many vendors will be offering food and other items. Budweiser products will also be available for those with the appropriate wristband.

Gates open at Friday night (5/6) at 7:00 p.m. and tickets are \$10.00. On Saturday (5/7), gates will open at 8:30 a.m. and tickets are \$20.00 for age 21 and over and \$10 for those under 21.

Tickets include access to

the vendors, cookers, horseshoe tournament, concerts and beer. Sponsors for the event include Mark Marley Family, Chromatin, Bud Light, Vista Bank, Tye Roofing, Higher Power Electrical, Hatch Farms and County Services. All money raised goes to the American Cancer Society in memory of Mark Marley.

For more information about the Mark Marley Go BIG or Go HOME event, find us on Facebook at Mark Marley's Go Big or Go Home Barbeque Bash or contact RaeAnne King at 806.292.3288 or rking@countyserv.com.

XIT Arts and Crafts Show looking for vendors

By Kay Ledbetter

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

DALHART — The XIT Arts and Crafts Show will be hosted Aug. 6 by the Texas Extension Education Association in Dallam County during the 80th annual XIT Rodeo and Reunion in Dalhart.

"We are inviting exhibitors now to start planning and come show off their skills and wares and be a part of this exciting event the first weekend in August," said Kay Rogers, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service family and consumer sciences agent for Dallam and Hartley counties.

The Dallam Extension Education Association, a volunteer organization supporting AgriLife Extension, hosts the show annually to raise funds for youth and adult educational programs and scholarships for graduating high school seniors, Rogers said.

About 10,000 people attend the weeklong event annually, which culminates on Aug. 6 with a barbecue and rodeo performance, Rogers said. The arts and crafts show will be in Veterans Memorial Park at the intersection of 7th Street and Rock Island Street.

The booth fee is \$75. For more information, contact Rogers at 806-244-4434 or club member Jan Meador at 806-654-0045.

Hall named finalist in Wayland presidential search

PLAINVIEW — The presidential search committee at Wayland Baptist University has named Bobby Hall, Ed.D., the lone finalist to succeed current president Dr. Paul Armes, who is retiring at the end of June. Hall's appointment is pending a campus review as well as approval of the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees will hold its annual spring meeting on April 28.

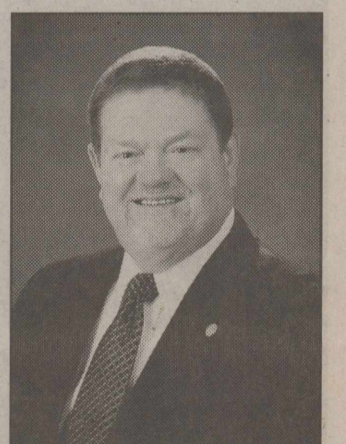
According to search committee chairman Rick Breeden, Dr. Hall was among seven candidates interviewed by the committee. He will participate in a campus review on April 22 that will enable him to share his vision for Wayland with the campus community and its constituents.

Dr. Hall has been associated with Wayland for more than 30 years, serving currently as the Executive Vice President and Provost, a position he has held since 2008. He has served in many capacities at Wayland, including assistant executive vice president, director of institutional research and effec-

tiveness, director of graduate services, executive director of university relations, assistant to the president for institutional advancement, director of public relations, and director of career planning and placement.

Dr. Hall holds a bachelor's degree in business administration (1982) and a master's degree in management (1985) from Wayland. He earned his Doctor of Education degree in higher education administration at Texas Tech University in 1994. He is also a 2015 graduate of The Council for Independent Colleges' Executive Leadership Academy.

During Hall's time as Executive VP and Provost, Wayland has created new degree programs, developed a comprehensive online program, established new teaching sites in multiple states, created WBU's first doctoral program, implemented a system-wide digital imaging system, and explored international opportunities for Wayland in Japan, Mexico, China, and Brazil. He is also a faculty member in the School



BOBBY HALL

of Business. While a full time faculty member he earned the rank of professor of business. He received the university Distinguished Faculty Service Award and Faculty University Service Award.

He was instrumental in beginning Wayland's chapter of Students in Free Enterprise (now Enactus), and he has written, spoken, and served as a consultant on topics including higher education administration, institutional effectiveness, economic development, and marketing.

National Ranching Heritage Center hosts Ladies Day

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A popular event will return to the National Ranching Heritage Center (NRHC) Tuesday, May 24 with the revival of Ladies Day at the Ranch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the McCombs Gallery.

"A few years ago this event was so popular that it was always sold out," said NRHC Executive Director Carl Andersen. "We had to discontinue it for a time due to building construction, but we are reviving this wonderful tradition and hope to

make it an annual event."

Ladies Day at the Ranch will begin with tours of the 19-acre historical park from 11 a.m. until noon.

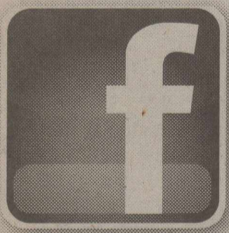
For those who would rather ride than walk, the center has a new 21-seat trolley with an overhead speaker system. Walking tours with a guide also will be available.

After tours in the historic park, guests will be treated to a luncheon in the McCombs Gallery followed by a program presented by Andersen and Helen DeVitt Jones Director of Education Julie Hodges. The program will highlight exciting new

plans at the center and upcoming exhibits.

"We'll have a beautifully catered lunch of pecan-crusted chicken," Hodges said, "and the Cakery has graciously donated dessert."

Because seating for the event is limited, advance purchase of tickets is required. Tickets are \$25 each and may be purchased online at ranchingheritage.org/ladiesday/ or in person at the NRHC gift shop between 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. For further information, contact Shelby Schwartz at shellyschwartz@ttu.edu or call (806) 742-0498.



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Museum Archives

Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

William McGehee Family

William McGehee was born in Salado, Bell County, February 24, 1872. His father was James Herman McGehee and mother was Josephine Aiken. Katie Mae Nichols was born in Limestone County, May 6, 1876. Her father was Washington C. Nichols and her mother was Tibitha Ann Cameron. They were married May 10, 1896. The ceremony was in the Christian College in Lockney. All friends and neighbors were invited. William took a \$20.00 bill to Floydada to buy the license. It could not be changed so he got the license and paid later. They went to Matador in a covered wagon for their honeymoon. The material for her wedding dress was ordered from Montgomery Ward, was made by Mrs. Daff Griffith.

Their first house was a one-room dugout, with shingle roof and glass windows. The floor was 12 inch boards. The well had a tower and wheel. The water would run through the milk trough to an earthen tank, where the stock drank. When the wind stopped blowing, a rope would be tied to the wheel and pulled by hand. Later all of this was replaced with a three-roomed house, an over-head tank and water piped to outside the kitchen. There was still the shelf with the water bucket dipper.

In 1908, the family moved to Lockney to be near the church and school, taking an active part in both, also, helping to build an electric plant for the town, and helping to get the right of way for the two railroads. On a farm south of Lockney, he built the first silo and irrigation well. In 1935,

they moved to Hereford, pioneering in drilling wells, and selling pumps.

Now, memories go back to when he was commissioner. He would go in a wagon to Floydada, take his food and feed for the horses, then sleep in the wagon yard.

As a Stock fanner, he would grow his feed, thrash and grind it using horses for power. When the cattle were ready for market, they were driven to Amarillo, then, go by train to Kansas City. Sometimes this took three weeks.

Hog killing time, when neighbors came to help. After all the hard work, the meat was hung in the smoke house to cure. Lard was rendered in the iron pot out doors. Later soap was made in the same pot and the pot was used to heat water on wash day.

1907-We saw our first train in Plain view. Rode it to Mineral Wells. Spent our first night in a hotel and saw our first automobile in Mineral Wells.

This is only a part of the life of William and Katie McGehee and their three children.

He died and was buried in Hereford, Texas, January 1963. The rest of the family are living.

This was written from memories of Katie Nichols McGehee and daughter, Helen Stark, at this date, August 1976.

Katie Nichols McGehee, Hereford, Texas; Helen McGehee Stark, Hereford, Texas; Wallace Lane McGehee, Kansas City, Missouri; Lucy McGehee Hupp, Seal Beach, California; four grandsons, six great grandsons.

OBITUARIES/CHURCH

Obituaries



JOY KEETER ASSITER
1932-2016

Joy Keeter Assiter, 84, of Floydada, died Friday, April 29, 2016.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 4, 2016 in the First United Methodist Church of Floydada.

Burial followed in the Floyd County Memorial Park Cemetery.

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

Joy was born January 3, 1932, in Erick, Oklahoma to Claude Keeter and Fannie Wolf Keeter.

Joy started school in Quitaque, Texas and graduated from Lockney High School as Miss Lockney High. She married the love of her life, Tommy Assiter, on December 25, 1949, in Portales, New Mexico.

Joy enjoyed raising her three children and later became the branch manager of Plainview Savings and Loan in downtown Floydada. Joy and Tommy were the third of four generations of Assiters that lived on the same sections of land south of town.

Joy and Tommy started the Assiter "Punkin" Ranch that became her pride and

joy. Generations of families have started their fall traditions with an Assiter "punkin" making the "big red barn" on the Ralls Highway their destination.

Joy was proud to be a part of the Floyd County Community and showed her support by participating in many organizations. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Red Hat Society, Lockney 49ers, and First United Methodist Church.

Joy is survived by her sons, Tim Assiter and wife, Michelle, and Tom "Spanky" Assiter and wife, Amy; her daughter, Darla Carthel and husband, Jack; her grandchildren, Memori Jackson and Kenneth, Bandy Assiter, Kelsey Deerinwater and Steven, Nic Roy, Helena Roy, Ali Kranz and Robert, Brittany Sparks, Julia Sparks, Careese Wood and Josh, Candice Himelrick and Tadd, and Colton Carthel and Madison; 19 great-grandchildren; and her twin brother, Joe Keeter.

The family suggests memorials be made to the First United Methodist Church, 203 W. Kentucky Street, Floydada TX, 79235; Spirit of Sharing, 619 E. Houston Street, Floydada, TX 79235; or a favorite charity.

Visitation was held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at the funeral home.

GLORIA CUEVAS

Gloria Cuevas, age 75 of Floydada passed away April 27, 2016.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m., Saturday April 30, 2016 at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church with Father

Ike Temporanza officiating.

Burial will followed in the Floydada Cemetery. The Rosary was recited at 7 p.m., Friday, April 29th at Moore-Rose Funeral home.

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

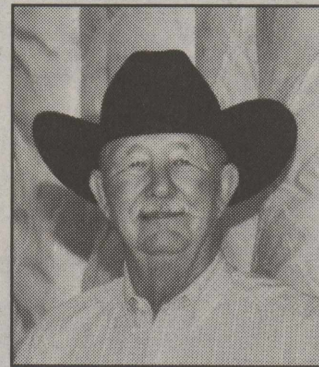
Gloria was born on July 17, 1940 in Asherton, Texas to Mariano and Inocencia (Ruiz) Guerrero. She was proud to tell everyone that she met her husband in the cotton fields in 1959 where it was love at first sight. Gloria and Bonifacio Cuevas were married on January 1, 1960 in Lubbock. They were long time faithful members of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church.

Gloria was very family oriented. She enjoyed having her daughter Corina paint her nails and style her hair. Another passion was having her grandbabies and great-grandbabies dance on her lap.

Those left to cherish her memory include her husband of 56 years, Bonifacio of the home; three daughters, Margie Hernandez and husband, Gilbert of San Antonio, San Juana Dallas and husband, Andrew, and Corina Lee Ann Melchor, all of Floydada; seven grandchildren, Joseph Cuevas of El Paso, Stephen Cuevas of El Paso, Alicia Cuevas of El Paso, Robert Cuevas of Arlington, Rebecca Segovia of Houston, Elizabeth Fry of Arlington, and Jordan Cuevas of Floydada; two great-grandchildren, Matthew Bonifacio Cuevas of El Paso and Julissa Valerie Mazariegos of Houston.

Online condolences may

be made at www.moore-rose.com



LAWRENCE GALE MCPHERSON

Lawrence Gale McPherson passed away on April 30, 2016.

He was born on July 24, 1933 in Branson, Colorado to Henry Houston McPherson and Lela Nettie Terry McPherson.

When the family moved to Texas, they homesteaded in Briscoe County and Gale attended Silverton High School. He enlisted in the Navy and on November 29, 1953 while in the Navy, he married his hometown sweetheart, Julia Gay Merrell. Gale received an honorable discharge after his four year stint and he and Gay moved to Floyd County to farm and raise their family.

Gale's passions were his work and family. He also loved sailing, golfing and traveling with Gay. He was a Deacon at the New Salem Primitive Baptist Church in Floydada for thirty eight years.

He is survived by a son, Steven Dale and wife, Becky; a daughter, Dar Lee and husband, David Foster; four grandchildren, Matt and wife,

Megan McPherson, JW and wife, Stephanie McPherson, Addie and husband, Jason Powers and Will and wife, Rachael Foster; and four great-grandchildren. He is also survived by a brother, Robert McPherson of Amarillo. He was preceded in death by his parents, his beloved wife, Gay, a son, Willard Dee McPherson, a grandson, Luke Foster, a son-in-law, Bobby Pool, two brothers, Henry and Donald McPherson and a sister, Hope McPherson Reves.

The family suggests memo-

rials be made to the Lockney Volunteer Fire Department, the Lockney Library or the Silverton Cemetery.

Services for Gale were held on May 3, 2016 at 2 p.m. in the New Salem Primitive Baptist Church in Floydada.

Visitation was held at the Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney on May 2, 2016 from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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

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

Wake Up!



Levi Sisemore

Since Friday or Saturday I've had a head cold. That's what happens when you have a two-year-old: they get sick then you get what they got. I've felt pretty lousy all weekend, but there are enough medications in our bathroom cabinet to mask the symptoms so that I can function - even if I don't feel like it. Most of these medicines are without significant side effects, too, which is a great advantage. For me, though, the worst time is at night when I'm trying to get some much-needed rest and sleep. Friday night I was up till about 3:30 am, tossing and turning, trying to get some rest. Then I was reminded: take some Benadryl, it'll take care of the stuffiness and help you sleep ... and sleep ... and sleep.

I'm pretty susceptible to the drowsiness from antihistamines. Even after getting seven or eight hours' sleep, I'm still groggy. Yes, I slept; no, I can't wake up! What's frustrating is that I can't do what I know I ought to be able to do, at least not up to my expectations. "Wake up," I tell myself, "wake up!"

Are we spiritually groggy or sleeping? Anticipating judgment, Jesus says, "Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come ... Therefore stay

awake - for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning - lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake." (Mark 13:33,35f).

When he left the disciples to pray one night and returned to find them sleeping he said, "... are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak" (Mark 14:37-39).

When we're spiritually sleeping, we're not prepared and we're leaving ourselves open to temptation. We need to splash some cold water on our faces and snap out of it! "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you" (Eph. 5:14).

"Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light" (Rom. 13:11f).

Levi Sisemore preaches for the 37th Street church of Christ, meeting Sunday for Bible Classes (9:30 AM), Worship (10:30 AM & 6:00 PM); Wednesday for Bible Classes (7:00 PM). snyder37church@gmail.com

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Saying Yes to God

Paul wrote, "I pray that the eyes of your heart will have enough light to see what is the hope of God's call, what is the richness of God's glorious inheritance." —Ephesians 1:18 (CEB)

After our wedding, my husband and I moved to a new country. During my first church service there, I found an announcement asking for articles for the local church magazine. The thought of writing something lingered with me for a few minutes, but then I forgot about it.

The next week when we came to church, the same announcement appeared in the pew sheet. Then the pastor announced that if the Holy Spirit led anyone to write, their contribution would be welcomed. I had never written about the gospel before; I didn't know if I could offer any wisdom to spread God's word.

But I listened to the Holy Spirit's call and wrote for the magazine. My articles received praise from the pastor and other members of the congregation.

God has beautiful ways of working in our lives and of drawing us closer. God created every life on earth to fulfill a divine purpose. We do not know our full potential, but our Creator does. God waits patiently for us to discover and say yes to that purpose.

Deepika Sagar (Rajasthan, India)

Thought for the Day

I can participate in God's creativity.

Prayer

Dear Lord, give us hearts willing to follow whenever we hear your call. Amen.

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

Co-op meeting



The Floydada Co-op Gin held its annual meeting April 21 at the Unity Center and named new board members. Shown are Board of Directors for Floydada Co-op Gin (left to right) Jon Jones, Danny Nutt, Brian Teeple, Kerry Pratt (Retiring from the Board), Mark Sanders, Victor Smith, Rob Everett, Gregg Bishop, and Manager Aaron Hendricks.

Cattle producers should seek every pound of gain

By Blair Fannin

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FORT WORTH — In a high or low cattle market environment, capturing the most pounds per calf affects a producer's bottom line, said a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economist.

Mac Young, AgriLife Extension economist in Corpus

Christi, told attendees at the recent Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association convention in Fort Worth that beef producers have obviously enjoyed the record-high prices they've received the past couple of years.

However, purchasing replacement females has been an expensive proposition, he said. "Prices for 2016 are obviously higher than 2012. That's great if you are selling, but not so great if you are buying replacement heifers or cows," he said. "We've seen those record-high prices come down a bit since late last year and you need to do everything you can to put as many pounds on your calves as possible."

Young said Texas beef cow inventory was at 4.3 million head at the beginning of 2016 with approximately 134,000 farms averaging 32 cows per farm. Beef cattle inventory continues to rebound after the

devastating drought of 2011-2013.

Young emphasized even though beef numbers in Texas herds are gradually increasing, an all-calf management program can help produce extra dollars in an operation. A 2014 AgriLife Extension study led by the Farm Assistance program revealed that an all-calf management program could dramatically increase income, he said.

"With all-calf management, you are attempting to produce as many pounds as possible," he said. "What is important whether you have low or high prices, you need to maximize the number of calves you get out of your herd and improve the quality to increase the prices you receive. Even when you have high prices or whether you have a low-price scenario, it does affect your bottom line."

The Farm Assistance study focused on a 2,000-acre ranch consisting of 1,800 acres of native pasture and 200 acres of established Coastal Bermuda grass used for grazing only. Under normal stocking rates, the cowherd included 200 cows or a stocking rate of one animal unit to 10 acres and eight bulls, or one bull to 25 cows.

The study took in consideration production inputs, yields, costs and overhead charges

based on typical rates for the region. In 2014, hunting income for the ranch was \$10 an acre. Assets, debts, machinery inventory and scheduled equipment replacements for the projection period were the same in all management scenarios.

With no selected calf management practices, average net cash farm income was \$76,970 a year or \$385 a cow per year and \$428 a calf per year. An all-calf-management program of clostridial vaccinations, castration/implants and deworming led to net cash farm income of \$89,360, representing \$477 a cow per year and \$496 a calf per year.

"This reflects a 16.1 percent increase or \$12,390 increase versus no calf management practices," Young said. "All of these practices help produce more dollars when selling calves. The worst thing you can do is have a cow out there that isn't having a calf. That's cutting into your profits."

"The points I'm trying to make is you are going to have good market prices and you are going to have bad market prices. That's why as a producer you need to produce as many pounds as possible. To me, it's a hedge. You are trying to increase your volume of calves, which in the end will help your bottom line."

USDA offers new portable farm storage and handling equipment loans

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

COLUMBUS, Ohio — USDA will provide a new financing option to help farmers purchase portable storage and handling equipment.

Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Val Dolcini and Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Administrator Elanor Starmer announced changes to the Farm Storage Facility Loan (FSFL) program recently during a local and regional food roundtable in Columbus, Ohio. The loans, which now include a smaller microloan option with lower down payments, are designed to help producers, including new, small and mid-sized producers, grow their businesses and markets.

"As more communities reconnect with agriculture, consumer demand is increasing for food produced locally or regionally," Dolcini said. "Portable handling and storage equipment is vital to helping farmers get their products to market more quickly and better maintain product quality, bringing them greater returns. That's why we've added this type of equipment as a new category for our FSFL program."

The program also offers a new "microloan" option, which allows applicants seeking less than \$50,000 to qualify for a reduced down payment of 5 percent and no requirement to provide three years of production history. Farms and ranches of all sizes are eligible.

The microloan option is expected to be of particular benefit to smaller farms and ranches, and specialty crop producers who may not have access to commercial storage or on-farm storage after harvest. These producers can invest in equipment like conveyers, scales or refrigeration units and trucks that can store commodities before delivering them to markets. Producers do not need to demonstrate the lack of commercial credit availability to apply.

"Growing high-value crops for local and regional markets is a common entry point for new farmers," Starmer said. "Since they often rent land and have to transport perishable commodities, a loan that can cover mobile coolers, or even refrigerated trucks, fills an

important gap. These producers in turn supply the growing number of food hubs, farmers markets or stores and restaurants interested in sourcing local food."

Earlier this year, FSA significantly expanded the list of commodities eligible for FSFL. Eligible commodities now include aquaculture; floriculture; fruits (including nuts) and vegetables; corn, grain sorghum, rice, oilseeds, oats, wheat, triticale, spelt, buckwheat, lentils, chickpeas, dry peas, sugar, peanuts, barley, rye, hay, honey, hops, maple sap, unprocessed meat and poultry, eggs, milk, cheese, butter, yogurt and renewable biomass. FSFL microloans can also be used to finance wash and pack equipment used post-harvest, before a commodity is placed in cold storage.

AMS helps thousands of agricultural food producers and businesses enhance their marketing efforts through a combination of research, technical services and grants. The agency works to improve marketing opportunities for U.S. growers and producers, including those involved in specialty crop production and in the local and regional food systems. Visit www.ams.usda.gov to learn more about AMS services.

Today's announcement will further advance the efforts of USDA's Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food initiative, which coordinates the Department's work to develop local and regional food systems. USDA is committed to helping farmers, ranchers and businesses access the growing market for local and regional foods, which was valued at \$12 billion in 2014 according to industry estimates. Under this Administration, USDA has invested more than \$1 billion in more than 40,000 local and regional food businesses and infrastructure projects. More information on how USDA investments are connecting producers with consumers and expanding rural economic opportunities is available in Chapter IV of USDA Results on Medium.

To learn more about Farm Storage Facility Loans, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/pricesupport or contact a local FSA county office. To find your local FSA county office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

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FLOYDADA SCHOOL NEWS

FHS holds national honor society induction

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

National Honor Society Inductions were held on the evening of April 28 at Floydada High School.

National Honor Society (NHS) is a national organization that seeks to honor students who demonstrate excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service and character. Students are eligible to be inducted into NHS in the 10th through 12th grade, and this is done through a formal induction ceremony in the spring.

"We are so pleased to be able to induct these outstanding 12 students. They will each be an asset to our chapter," said Dana Crossland, advisor. Below is a list of those 12 students.

dents.

Cassandra Cervera, Jacob Chavarria, Donald Gibbens, Alex Glass, Rachel Graham, Catharine Kemp, Angela Longoria, Angel Lorenzo, Delaney Lucke, Keenan Nixon, Alejandro Pinon, Remington Ricketts.

Listed below are the current National Honor Society members:

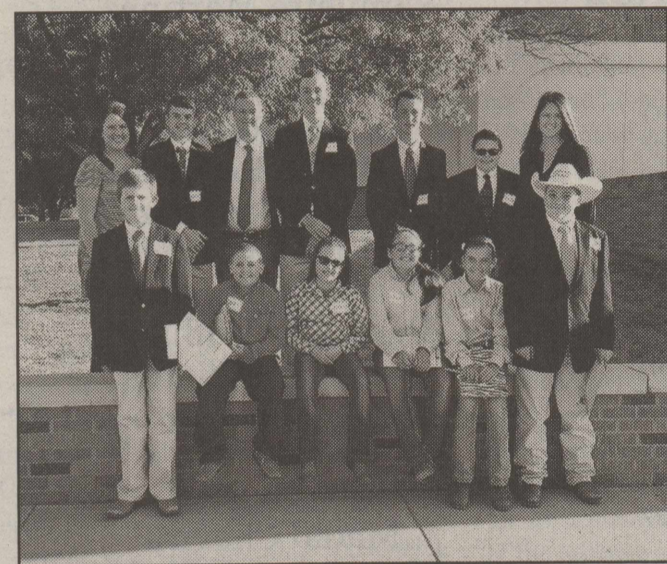
Macee Brotherton, Cassandra Cervera, Christian Chavarria, Jacob Chavarria, Roxy Chavarria, Allie Cisneros, Brooke Galvan, Donald Gibbens, Alex Glass, Rachel Graham, Reagan Hughes, Catharine Kemp, Angela Longoria, Angel Lorenzo, Delaney Lucke, Rita Martinez, Alfonzo Mendoza, Kaylee Morren, Keenan Nixon, Kirby Nixon, Alejandro Pinon, Remington Ricketts, Montana Williams.



Courtesy photo

Members of the 2015-2016 Floydada High School National Honor Society include Macee Brotherton, Cassandra Cervera, Christian Chavarria, Jacob Chavarria, Roxy Chavarria, Allie Cisneros, Brooke Galvan, Donald Gibbens, Alex Glass, Rachel Graham, Reagan Hughes, Catharine Kemp, Angela Longoria, Angel Lorenzo, Delaney Lucke, Rita Martinez, Alfonzo Mendoza, Kaylee Morren, Keenan Nixon, Kirby Nixon, Alejandro Pinon, Remington Ricketts, and Montana Williams.

Floyd County 4-H



Courtesy photo

Floyd County 4-Hers participating in the District 2 Livestock Judging contest, held at Texas Tech University on Saturday, April 23, 2016. Shown are (Front Row, l-r) Jack Brooks, Haygen Lefevre, Brinley Lefevre, Makenlee Lemons, Preslie Brooks, Braylen Lemons; (Back Row, l-r) Segayle Foster (Coach), Cutter Smith, Kaleb Cook, Kirby Nixon, Keenan Nixon, Hunter Lefevre, and SyAnn Foster (Coach).

4x400m Relay finishes third at Regional Track Meet; Still Has Shot at State

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

The Regional Track Meet was held April 29 and 30 in Odessa.

The Floydada High School 4 x 400m Relay of Josh Castaneda, Rosendo Reyna, Tyler Saldana and Abraham Perez placed 3rd and possibly could end up the Wild Card team that will advance to State.

The State Track Meet will be May 13 and 14 in Austin.

FHS had a number of students who advanced to the regional tournament. "Our athletes competed well against top competition. Our region is the toughest region in the state based on times, distances and heights. So, that makes it even more amazing that we are taking kids and compet-

ing against that kind of competition," said Coach Pake Freeman.

Those who competed at the Regional Track Meet are listed below:

Kylie Ricketts - 8th in Women's High Jump. Ricketts is a freshman who started high jumping only a few weeks ago.

Miguel Pena - Competed very well in Men's High Jump.

Tyler Saldana - Competed well in the windy 400m.

Keenan Nixon - Competed in the 800m leaving him well prepared to have another successful season next year.

Abraham Perez - 5th in the 100m and 6th in the 200m.

The 4 x 200m Relay consisted of Zeke Torres, Jordan Mendoza, Chris Chavarria and Rosendo Reyna.

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

HALE CENTER - Mark McGowen scattered seven hits and struck out seven Hale Center Owls as he guided the Floydada Whirlwinds to an 8-2 victory in the final regular season game for both squads on Tuesday, April 26.

In the top of the first for Floydada, Alfonso Mendoza was hit by a pitch to lead off the game but was caught in a double play when Aaron De La Fuente grounded to short. McGowen then struck out to end the top of the first. In the bottom of the inning, Hale Center went three up and three down.

Floydada exploded for six runs in the top of the second. Alex Glass reached on an error to lead off then stole second. Michael Crone singled to drive in Glass as Crone moved to second on the throw. Robert Mora came in as a courtesy runner for Crone. Jesse Segura grounded as Mora moved to third. Brayden Campbell tripled to drive in Mora then Abraham Perez singled to drive in Campbell. Perez stole second then Lewis Alaniz walked. Perez stole third then Alaniz stole second. De La Fuente tripled to drive in Perez and Alaniz as the Whirlwinds went up 6-0. In the bottom of the second, Hale Center went three up and three down.

In the top of the third, the Whirlwinds went three up and three down. For Hale Center in the bottom of the third, King reached on catcher's interference with two outs but Barajas grounded out to end the inning with Floydada still leading 6-0.

Floydada went three up and three down again in the top of the fourth. In the bottom of the fourth, Hale Center plated their first run. Castillo walked to lead off then Gonzales came in as a courtesy runner. Buxton grounded out allowing Gonzales to move to second. Martinez singled to drive in Gonzales. Castillo singled to center but stole second. Michael Crone singled to drive in Glass as Crone moved to second on the throw. Robert Mora came in as a courtesy runner for Crone. Jesse Segura grounded as Mora moved to third. Brayden Campbell tripled to drive in Mora then Abraham Perez singled to drive in Campbell. Perez stole second then Lewis Alaniz walked. Perez stole third then Alaniz stole second. De La Fuente tripled to drive in Perez and Alaniz as the Whirlwinds went up 6-0. In the bottom of the second, Hale Center went three up and three down.

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Floydada vs Hale Center												
Tuesday, April 26												
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E		
Floydada	0	6	0	2	0	0	0	8	7	2		
Hale Center	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	7	1			

Floydada												
Lineup	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	K						
Alfonso Mendoza	2	1	0	0	1	1						
Aaron De La Fuente	4	1	2	3	0	0						
Mark McGowen	4	0	0	0	0	2						
Alex Glass	4	1	0	0	0	2						
Michael Crone	4	0	2	2	0	1						
Robert Mora	0	2	0	0	0	0						
Jesse Segura	3	0	1	1	0	1						
Brayden Campbell	3	1	1	0	2	3						
Abraham Perez	2	1	1	1	1	0						
Lewis Alaniz	2	1	0	0	1	1						
Jordan Mendoza	-	-	-	-	-	-						
Totals	28	8	7	8	3	10						

Hale Center												
Lineup	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	K						
Anthony Barajas	3	0	0	0	1	1						
Brandon Castillo	2	0	1	1	2	0						
EJ Gonzales	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Trey Buxton	4	0	0	0	0	3						
James Martinez	4	0	2	1	0	1						
Josh Castillo	3	0	2	0	0	0						
Dillon Johnson	3	0	1	0	0	1						
DJ Dunn	3	0	0	0	0	0						
Steven Martinez	3	0	0	0	0	1						
Beau King	2	1	1	0	0	3						
Ryan Sandoval	-	-	-	-	-	-						
Totals	27	1	7	2	3	7						

Pitching												
IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP
Mark McGowen	7.0	84	649	7	2	1	7	3	0			
Totals	7.0	84	649	7	2	1	7	3	0			

A.B. DUNCAN ELEMENTARY NEWS

STAAR TESTING DATES

Monday, May 9th -

3rd grade - Math, 4th grade - Math, 5th grade - Math

Tuesday, May 10th

3rd grade - Reading, 4th grade - Reading, 5th grade - Reading

Wednesday, May 11th

5th Grade - Science

- *Students are permitted to bring WATER only into classroom.
- *Breakfast and snack will be provided to students who are testing.
- *Make sure your children go to bed early the night before testing.
- *Make sure your child is on time the day of testing.

HEADSTART (PK) ROUND-UP

Tuesday, May 17th

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at A.B. Duncan Elementary

You must bring:

- *Birth Certificate
- *Immunization Record
- *Proof of income, W-2 or Tax Return
- *Medicaid or Private Insurance
- *Social Security card

AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, May 24th -

(Schedule to follow)

FUN DAYS

Friday, May 6th

Popcorn and Pickles \$1.00

GO WHIRLWINDS

LOCKNEY SCHOOL NEWS

Lady Horns defeat Gruver in game 1

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

STINNETT – Weather and the pitching of Lockney's Shelby Coats gave the Lady Horns a weather-shortened 6-1 five inning victory over the Gruver Lady Hounds in game one of their Bi-District series on Thursday, April 28.

Lockney took the early lead when Lexi Chavez doubled with two outs in the top of the first then scored when Coats doubled to give the Lady Horns a 1-0 lead. In the bottom of the inning, Grimes drew a walk to lead off for the Lady Hounds then stole second and third before scoring on an error to tie the game. With two outs, Pritchard singled and stole second but Ayala struck out to end the inning with the game tied 1-1 after one inning.

In the top of the second, Lockney went three up and three down.

In the bottom of the inning, Gruver went also went three up and three down.

In the third inning, both squads again went three up and three down.

Lockney added two runs in the top of the fourth. Chavez reached on an error then moved to second on a passed ball. After Coats flied out, Breanna Hernandez reached on an error before Camryn Diaz struck out. Chavez stole third then scored when Shelby Coats doubled to give the Lady Horns a 3-1 lead. In the bottom of the inning, Ayala reached on an error with two outs but was left stranded when Jines struck out with the Lady Hounds trailing 3-1.

Lockney vs Gruver Game 1 Thursday, April 28										
	1	2	3	4	5	R	H	E		
Lockney	1	0	0	2	3	6	6	2		
Gruver	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	2		

Lockney										
Lineup	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	K				
Reagan Nuncio	3	1	1	0	0	2				
Alyssa Barretero	3	0	0	0	0	1				
Lexi Chavez	3	3	2	1	0	0				
Shelby Coats	2	0	1	2	0	0				
Breanna Hernandez	3	1	1	1	0	0				
Camryn Diaz	3	0	0	0	0	1				
Shelby Dunbar	2	0	1	0	0	1				
Brittany DeLeon	2	0	0	0	0	1				
Hannah Kidd	1	1	0	0	1	1				
Totals	22	6	6	5	1	6				

Gruver										
Lineup	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	K				
B Grimes	1	1	0	0	1	0				
C Briones	2	0	0	0	0	0				
S Cimco	2	0	0	0	0	0				
M Pritchard	2	0	1	0	0	0				
C Ayala	2	0	0	0	0	1				
R Jines	2	0	0	0	0	2				
J Borunda	2	0	0	0	0	2				
M Book	2	0	0	0	0	1				
L Hernandez	0	0	0	0	0	1				
K McLennon	1	0	0	0	0	1				
K Anderson	1	0	0	0	0	1				
Totals	17	1	1	0	1	8				

Hannah Kidd led off with a walk for Lockney in the top of the fifth then moved to second when Reagan Nuncio singled. After Alyssa Barretero flied out, Chavez singled to drive in Kidd.

Nuncio and Chavez advanced on the throw then Nuncio scored on a sacrifice fly by Coats. Hernandez drove in Chavez on a singled before Diaz lined out with Lockney leading 6-1. In the bottom of the inning, Coats struck out all three Lady Hounds to keep Lockney leading 6-1.

At this point in the game, lightning, rain and hail set in causing the game to be called at this point.

Lady Horns win Bi-District with 2-0 sweep of Gruver

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

SHALLOWATER – Lockney completed a 2-0 sweep of the Gruver Lady Hounds in their Bi-District series as the Lady Horns won game two 18-5 on Saturday, April 30.

In the top of the first, Gruver went three up and three down. In the bottom of the inning, Lockney's Alyssa Barretero reached on an error with one out. Lexi Chavez walked then Shelby Coats hit a three-run home run over the left field fence. Breanna Hernandez doubled then Camryn Diaz singled to drive in Hernandez. After Shelby Dunbar grounded out to move Diaz to second, Brittany DeLeon singled to drive in Diaz. DeLeon moved to third on an error then scored when Hannah Kidd singled. Reagan Nuncio singled then Barretero reached on an error to load the bases but Chavez flied out to end the at bat with the Lady Horns leading 6-0.

Gruver again went three up and three down in the top of the second. Lockney added four more runs in the bottom of the second. Coats led off with a walk then Hernandez singled to move Coats to third. Hernandez stole second and Coats scored on an error.

Diaz singled to drive in Hernandez. Dunbar singled as Diaz moved to third. Dunbar stole second then DeLeon grounded out that allowed Diaz to score. Kidd then reached on an error that allowed Dunbar to score. Nuncio singled but was out as Barretero hit into a fielder's choice then Chavez flied out to end the inning with Lockney leading 10-0.

In the top of the third, with two outs McLennon reached on an error for Gruver but Grimes struck out to end the at bat. In the bot-

tom of the inning, the Lady Horns added six more runs. Coats led off with a single then Hernandez singled and Diaz singled to drive in Coats. Dunbar singled to drive in Hernandez and Diaz. Dunbar advanced on the throw then scored when DeLeon reached on an error. Kidd singled to drive in DeLeon. After Nuncio grounded out, Barretero was hit by a pitch. Chavez hit a sacrifice fly to drive Kidd as the Lady Horns took a 16-0 lead after three innings.

Gruver finally broke through with four runs in the top of the fourth inning. Briones reached on an error, ending up at second. After Olmos lined out, Briones moved to third on an illegal pitch. Prichard walked the stole second. Borunda grounded out but Ayala reached on an error to score Briones. Jines singled to drive in Prichard and Ayala. Book singled to drive in Jines as the Lady Hounds now trailed Lockney 16-4. In the bottom of the inning, Lockney added two more runs. Coats singled to lead off then Hernandez doubled to drive in Coats. Diaz then singled to plate Hernandez as Lockney took an 18-4 lead after four innings.

In the top of the fifth, Grimes walked to lead

off then stole second and moved to third on an illegal pitch. Briones grounded out to score Grimes but Olmos grounded out and Pritchard struck out to end the Lady Hounds season as Lockney posted an 18-5 bi-district victory.

For Gruver, Jines went 1-2 with two RBIs and one run scored, Briones went 0-3 with an RBI and a run scored and Book went 1-2 with an RBI. Pritchard pitched four innings allowing 18 runs on 18 hits while striking out one and walking two.

For Lockney, Hernandez went 4-4 with one RBI and four runs scored, Diaz went 4-4 with four RBIs and three runs scored, Coats went 3-4 with three RBIs, four runs scored and a home run, Dunbar went 2-3 with two RBIs and two runs scored and Kidd went 2-3 with three RBIs and a run scored. Coats pitched five innings allowing five runs on two hits while striking out five and walking two.

Lockney will now face Van Horn in the Area round of the playoffs. The teams will square off in Andrews for two games on Friday starting at 4:30 P.M. and then at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday if a third game is necessary.

Lockney vs Gruver Game 2 Saturday, April 30										
	1	2	3	4	5	R	H	E		
Gruver	0	0	0	4	1	5	2	7		
Lockney	6	1	8	2	1	18	18	3		

Gruver										
Lineup	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	K				
B Grimes	2	1	0	0	1	2				
C Briones	3	1	0	0	0	0				
S Cimco	3	0	0	0	0	0				
M Pritchard	2	1	0	0	1	1				
J Borunda	2	0	0	0	0	0				
C Ayala	2	1	0	0	0	0				
R Jines	2	1	1	2	0	0				
M Book	2	1	1	1	0	1				
K McLennon	2	0	0	0	0	1				
Hannah Kidd	1	1	0	0	1	1				
Brittany Jimenez	1	0	0	0	0	1				
Sarah Garcia	1	0	0	0	0	1				
Totals	33	18	18	16	2	11				

Lockney										
Lineup	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	K				
Reagan Nuncio	4	0	2	0	0	0				
Alyssa Barretero	3	1	0	0	0	0				
Lexi Chavez	2	1	0	1	0	0				
Shelby Coats	4	4	3	3	1	0				
Breanna Hernandez	4	4	1	0	0	0				
Camryn Diaz	4	3	4	4	0	0				
Shelby Dunbar	3	2	2	2	0	0				
Karissa Petty	1	0	0	0	0	0				
Brittany DeLeon	4	2	1	2	0	0				
Hannah Kidd	3	1	2	3	0	0				
Brittany Jimenez	1	0	0	0	0	1				
Sarah Garcia	1	0	0	0	0	1				
Totals	33	18	18	16	2	11				

LOCKNEY HONOR ROLLS

Lockney Junior High "A" Honor Roll

- 6th grade**
Gabriella Cervantes
Damion Gonzales
- 7th grade**
RyAnn Castillo
Hunter Lefevre
- 8th grade**
Anahi Ascencio
Diego Azua

Brianna Rodriguez
Miranda Sarinana
Taylor St. Dennis

7th Grade
Justus Abbott
Sandi Ascencio
Yanellie Bernal
Bryanna Brush
Joshua Cienfuegos
Kalebh Cook
Jessica Hernandez
Fette Jackson
Jadin Lara
Miguel Lara
Matthew Martinez
Yamilette Martinez
Dylan Morgan
Cole Poole
Audrey Rexrode
Janae Reyes
Cristal Sanchez
Kristina Sanchez
Vanessa Tijerina
Alexander Williams
Andrue Williams

Lockney Junior High "A/B" Honor Roll

- 6th Grade**
Mireya Ascencio
Aidan Bustillos
Nathan Ceniceros
Juan Cobos
Taylor Egnew
Hunter Flick
Julius Guerrero
Quinten Johnson
Pablo Morales
J'Ann Pena
Caleb Pritchard
Austin Rodriguez

8th Grade
Madai Chavira
Jerry Franklin
Edwin Martinez
Brett Moore
Clay Moore
Tyra Rosales
Joshua Short
Keanu Villarreal
Hailee Widener
Mikayela Williams

Lockney High School "A" Honor Roll

- 9th Grade**
Lyndee Setliff
Maykala Hernandez

Lockney High School "A/B" Honor Roll

- 10th Grade**
Ryann Araujo
Alyssa Gutierrez
Aleah Jimenez
Karissa Petty
Nohelia Salazar
- 11th Grade**
Lizzie Belt
Tabetha Bigham
Emiliee Encizo
Seattle Jackson
Tavien Walrath

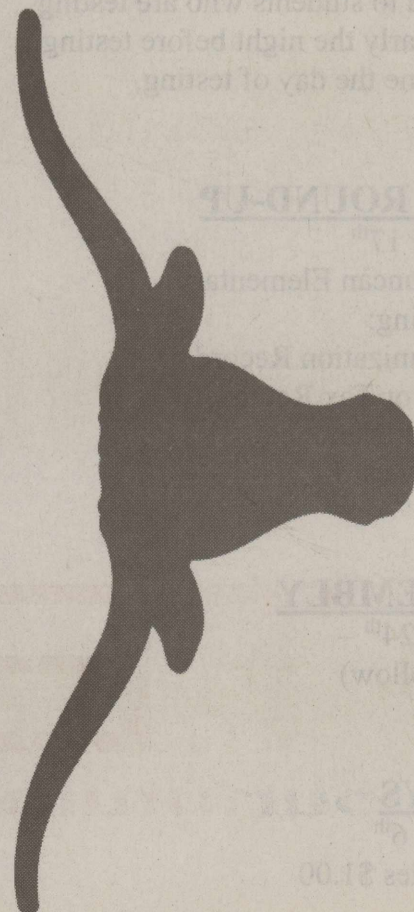
9th Grade
Austin Ascencio
Nicolas Derda
Tyrell Egnew
Jose Felan
Bryson Hallmark
Sierra Martinez
Ryder Race
Haley Sanchez
Fernando Valdez
Bryson Walker

- 12th Grade**
Camryn Diaz
Daylen Gatica
Lissa Hernandez
Levi Kasner
Jace Klein
Ozzy Mondragon
Jake Moore
Liz Salas
Stephen Setliff

10th Grade
Desiree Alaniz
Alyssa Barretero
Ricky Cuellar
Julio Lara
Alma Mendez
Nimsi Perez
Mackenzey Ragland
Austen Rexrode
Bethany Salazar
Destiny Soliz

11th grade
Calvin Borunda
Filomena Felan
Luke Kasner
Haley Walker

12th Grade
Shelby Coats
Brittany Deleon
Anissa Guerrero
Breanna Hernandez
Scott Lass
Lena Luna
Alex Rea
Andrew Rodriguez
Salvador Ruiz
Justin Suarez



Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Due to a conflict of schedules with John Robison and Matt Ernst we will reschedule our annual fundraiser. They will get with me on a date they can come, and we can get a date on the calendar. This year is our 30th Anniversary and we hope to have a great fundraiser. We will serve fajitas with all of the trimmings.

Preparing flowers for Wildflower Show Arrangements

By Willa F. Finley
Special for The Hesperian-Beacon

Want to win a prize at the Wildflower Show? Want to win the hearts of your friends and neighbors by taking them a fresh and glowing bouquet of wildflowers?

It's simple and fun to do by following these few basic guidelines.

First, let's talk about harvesting the flowers.

Pick the flowers the day before the show. Pick them in the morning, preferably before 10 am before the summer sun has begun to zap their freshness.

Walk around the group of plants you want to harvest from, and visually select the nicest looking specimens. Choose flowers that are not fully bloomed, since they won't last long.

Get a small bucket (one to two gallons) and fill it a third full with water. Get your garden clippers or a very sharp butcher knife or pocket knife. Take the bucket of water and your clippers right to the flowers you are about to harvest.

*** This section has stars to tell you that this is the most crucial part in the process:

Clip the stem so that the stem is long enough plus a couple of inches for the arrangement you have in mind. IMMEDIATELY put it in the water! There should be a lag time of no more than 5 seconds between the snip and the baptism of the cut stem end in the water.

Now you're back home, or on the porch, ready to arrange them.

Get the flowers out of the sun into a cool place as quickly as possible.

Add some plain water, or preservative-containing water, to your vases, up to about half the height.

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

MENU

May 9- May 13

Monday - Hamburger steak
Tuesday - Enchiladas casserole
Wednesday - Chicken fried steak
Thursday - Salmon
Friday - BBQ

(Menus subject to change with notice)

Select from your bucket the stem you want to start with, strip off the leaves so that there will be no submerged leaves in the arrangement, remove any remaining leaves that are unattractive, and THEN clip the stem to give the height you want, and IMMEDIATELY put it in the vase. You can move it around later, but don't leave any time between that snip and getting it in the water.

From this point on, it's just a matter of select, snip, and insert, over and over, until your vision of the arrangement has been fulfilled.

When you've finished, add water to cover the shortest stem end by one or two inches.

Cut wildflowers are thirsty drinkers. You'll need to add some water every day.

Now you've got them all ready, and there's just one more thing to do:

Be sure they are in a cool, dark, and humid place to spend the night.

Here are a few more points and pointers: Don't arrange flowers in the sun. Work in the shade for your sake and theirs.

Buds, or very young/immature blooms, will often wilt and stay wilted. Use flowers that are still young but a bit more open.

Some wildflowers do not lend themselves for use in arrangements. This is especially true of the milkweeds and the poppies, including prickly poppy, California poppy, and others. You can try this: cut the stem, hold the stem upside down, burn/char/cauterize the end of the stem to stop the sap from running. It may wilt anyway after all this effort.

Use native Texas wildflowers. If you're not sure whether it qualifies, search for it at <http://www.wildflower.org/explore.php>

Practice these techniques ahead of time, and use them often for the delight and enjoyment of your friends and family!

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.

Lori brought her three grandbabies from Lubbock to visit her parents, Belle and Jerrold Vinson.

Bud Henderson was in Weatherford this past week and visited with former Floydada resident. We all at the Center send Freida greetings.

Joyce Williams and other City Park Church of Christ people attended gospel music singing and supper Sunday evening at Petersburg Church of Christ.

Nancy Lawson attended church Sunday and enjoyed reading and resting all evening.

Faye Bertrand went to church on Sunday morning then came home and cook a nap.

Cob Gilly.

Salmon croquettes, tartar sauce and mac and cheese were on Monday menu at the

Center.

Wendy Kemp, Lu Ann Collins, and Margaret Soudelier attended the 110th Ben E. Keith food show in Amarillo on Tuesday, April 19 and Wednesday, April 20. They sampled food from various vendors.

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

May 9 - May 13

Monday - Baked chicken w/gravy
Tuesday - Spaghetti w/meat sauce
Wednesday - Salisbury steak
Thursday - Fried chicken
Friday - BBQ sandwich
(Menus subject to change without notice)

MUSE NEWS

(Info taken from the Muse News newsletter)

FLOYD COUNTY OLD SETTLER'S REUNION

The Floyd County Old Settlers Reunion will be held Saturday, May 28th in Floydada with traditional activities on the square. Booths will offer arts, crafts and food items. The Wildflower and Quilt Show will be held in the Barrow Building on the corner next to the Museum. Rope making will also be conducted with Museum volunteers providing instruction and assistance.

MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE FRIDAY

The Old Settlers weekend begins on Friday, May 27th with Open House in the Museum from 1 to 5 p.m. Museum Board members, staff and volunteers will be on hand to greet visitors. Refreshments will be served throughout the afternoon. The special event for the day will begin at 4 p.m. with Fonty Carthel presenting the story of his ancestor, Alphonso Steele, as recalled in Steele's memoirs which were presented to the Texas Legislature. The history will relate Steele's memories as a young militiaman in the Battle for Texas Independence at San Jacinto. Steele's story of the battle, which occurred 180 years ago, will be brought to life by his descendant, Fonty Carthel.

ARCHIVES BENEFITS RESEARCHERS

The Mary Lou Bollman History and Genealogy Center continues to provide helpful information to the visitors and to written requests as the interest in family history increases across the nation.

Visitors are welcome at the Museum weekday afternoons from 1 to 5 p.m., or by appointment. To make an appointment, call the museum at 806-983-2415.

Please mail membership dues, contributions or memorials to:
Floyd County Historical Museum P. O. Box 304 Floydada, Texas 79235
Phone Number - 806-983-2415.

Membership dues are as follows: Students - \$1.00; Adults - \$5.00; Family \$10.00; Contributing - \$25.00; Benefactor - \$250.00; Life - \$500.00.

Memorial contributions will be acknowledged with cards to the family members.

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- ✓ Investing in our children = Investing in **OUR** Community
- ✓ If you are over 65, you will pay **NO** additional taxes on your home as a result of this bond program
- ✓ Every student is a precious gift. No matter if there are 10 students in the school or 1000, **WE** are responsible to take care of each one.
- ✓ If the wind companies fulfill their contracts they have with the school and the bond does not pass, the community cannot fully capitalize on this new source of revenue. If the wind companies do not fulfill their obligations, the school is not required to follow through with the program. They will not spend money until they are assured it will be paid by the wind companies.
- ✓ The wind companies will pay approximately 80% of the bond. The cost for local taxpayers will be approximately 20%.
- ✓ This is a very small bond program compared to many other schools in the area.
- ✓ State law limits bond money to be spent only on:
 - ✓ Buses
 - ✓ Renovations
 - ✓ New Facilities
- ✓ It **cannot** be spent on salaries or supplies for the classroom
- ✓ The projects proposed in the bond will greatly reduce maintenance costs for many years. Most of the projects are renovations that will provide a more permanent repair than the patches that have been applied over the past few years.
- ✓ The school has a 99 year lease on the city owned baseball field. The new FFA ag facility will be built next to the current site or at a site that is available. All rights for whatever property it is built on will be secured ahead of any construction.

VOTE YES
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SCHOOL NEWS

Lockney captures District Championship

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - Lockney came from behind in the four runs total in the fifth and sixth innings to claim a 10-6 district victory over the Ralls Jackrabbits and an outright district championship on Tuesday, April 26.

Ralls jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the top of the first. Vallin singled to lead off then Salazar singled as Vallin moved to third. Van Gundy doubled to drive in Vallin and Salazar. Harris followed with a single but after Martinez sacrificed Van Gundy and Harris up a base, Reyes and Humphries struck out to end the at bat. In the bottom of the inning, the Longhorns scored three to take the lead. Isreal Cuellar walked to lead off but was forced out on a fielder's choice by Trevor Ascensio. Ascensio stole second then moved to third on a single by Daylen Gatica. Avian Luna doubled to drive in Ascensio and Gatica. Luna moved to third on the throw then

scored on an error as Lockney took a 3-2 lead after one inning.

In the top of the second, Ralls went three up and three down. In the bottom of the second, Cuellar singled with two outs then Ascensio walked but Gatica flied out to end the inning with the Longhorns still leading 3-2.

Ralls added four runs in the top of the third. With one out, Van Gundy singled and moved to second when Harris reached on an error. Martinez singled then Van Gundy scored on the throw and Harris scored on an error. Reyes singled as Martinez moved to third. Reyes stole second then Humphries drove in Martinez with a sacrifice fly. Yocom singled as Reyes moved to third. Yocom stole second and Reyes scored on an error as the Jackrabbits took a 6-3 lead. For Lockney in the bottom of the inning, Jonathan Rodriguez walked with two outs but was forced out at second on a fielder's choice by Justin Suarez. Ruben Marmolejo lined out as the Longhorns trailed 6-3.

In the top of the fourth, with one out, Salazar walked for Ralls. Van Gundy singled as Salazar moved to second. Harris was called out on a thrown bat. Salazar moved to third and Van Gundy moved to second on a passed ball. Martinez walked to load the bases but Reyes struck out as the Jackrabbits held on to the lead at 6-3. Lockney tied the game in the bottom of the fourth. With one out, Alex Rea singled and was replaced by courtesy runner Nick Rendon. Cuellar singled then Ascensio hit a three-run home run to right field to drive in Rendon and Cuellar. With two outs, Rodriguez singled but was caught stealing to end the inning with the score tied 6-6 after four innings.

Ralls went down in order in the top of the fifth. Suarez led off with a single then stole second and moved to third on a passed ball and scored on the play. Marmolejo walked then and Rendon was hit by a pitch with one out. After Cuellar struck out for the second out,

Ascensio singled to load the bases but Gatica hit into a fielder's choice to end the inning as Lockney took a 7-6 lead after five innings.

In the top of the sixth, Van Gundy singled with two outs but Harris struck out to end the at bat. For Lockney, Luna led off getting hit by a pitch then moved to second on a passed ball in the bottom of the sixth. Rodriguez walked then Luna moved to third on a passed ball and Rodriguez advanced to second on the error and to third on the play as Luna scored. Suarez singled to drive in Rodriguez and moved to third on the throw to the plate. Suarez then scored on a passed ball to give the Longhorns a 10-6 after six innings.

Martinez walked to lead off for the Jackrabbits but the next three batters went down in order to give the Longhorns the 10-6 victory.

For Ralls, Van Gundy went 4-4 with two RBIs and one run scored. Humphries pitched four and one-third innings allowing seven runs on eight hits while striking

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Ralls	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	6	10	4
Lockney	3	0	0	3	1	3	X	10	10	3

Lineup	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	K
Ralls	4	1	1	0	2	1
Isreal Cuellar	3	1	1	0	1	0
Trevor Ascensio	3	2	2	3	1	0
Daylen Gatica	3	1	1	0	0	0
Avian Luna	3	2	1	2	0	0
Jonathan Rodriguez	2	1	1	0	2	0
Ruben Marmolejo	3	0	0	1	2	0
Justin Suarez	4	2	2	1	0	0
Alex Rea	4	0	0	0	1	1
Nick Rendon	2	0	1	0	0	0
Shawn Marquez	1	1	0	0	0	1
Totals	28	10	10	6	5	5

Lineup	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	K
Lockney	4	1	1	0	2	1
Isreal Cuellar	3	1	1	0	1	0
Trevor Ascensio	3	2	2	3	1	0
Daylen Gatica	3	1	1	0	0	0
Avian Luna	3	2	1	2	0	0
Jonathan Rodriguez	2	1	1	0	2	0
Ruben Marmolejo	3	0	0	1	2	0
Justin Suarez	4	2	2	1	0	0
Alex Rea	4	0	0	0	1	1
Nick Rendon	2	0	1	0	0	0
Shawn Marquez	1	1	0	0	0	1
Totals	28	10	10	6	5	5

out one and walking four and Martinez pitched one and two-thirds innings allowing three runs on two hits while striking out four and walking one.

For Lockney, Ascensio went 2-3 with three RBIs, two runs scored and one home run, Luna went 1-3 with two RBIs and two runs scored and Suarez went 2-4 with one RBI and two runs scored. Gatica pitched seven innings allowing six runs on

10 hits while striking out 13 and walking three.

Lockney captured the district championship with a 13-1 record while Ralls fell to 4-10. Lockney will take on Tahoka, the fourth place team out of District 4-2A. Game one will be in Ralls on Friday, May 6 at 6:00 P.M. Game two will take place in Ralls on Saturday, May 7 at 12:00 P.M. and if necessary, game three will take place 30 minutes after game two.

South Plains College to offer alignment workshop in June, July

LEVELLAND - South Plains College Automotive Technology program will offer four summer courses for automotive technicians. The classes will meet at 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on June 6-8 in the Automotive Technology building, located on J.V. Morton Drive.

The first course provided by Hunter Engineering is "Fundamental Alignment Level I." The cost of the course is \$175 and it is limited to 10 students. This course will be taught by Hunter Engineering Equipment Certified instructor Gary Ham using the latest Hunter Alignment Equipment.

This course is designed for the new or less experienced individual in fundamental four-wheel alignment theory, equipment operation and the common OEM adjustment methods found on domestic and imported passenger cars and light trucks. It also includes an overview of suspension and steering systems with detailed instruction in performing proper inspection procedures. Course consists of a combination of classroom lectures and hands-on shop training. Hands-on/Lab modules are structured to provide the student in-depth skills relating to alignment equipment operation in combination with additional opportunities

to perform actual vehicle alignment processes. The amount of actual vehicle alignments will vary with each class.

By the end of the course, the participant will be able to:

- Describe camber, caster, toe, and thrust angle and the related effects these angles have on tire wear and vehicle handling.

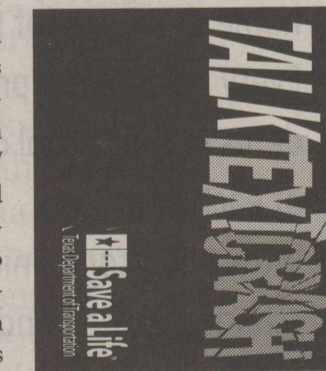
- Perform proper pre-alignment inspection of the suspension and steering systems.

- Set-up the aligner and accurately measure the adjustable angles.

- Perform a four-wheel alignment using the most common OEM adjustment methods found on today's vehicles using SLA and strut suspension systems.

- The class will be presented again June 27-29; July 11-13; and July 25-27.

- For more information or to register, contact Kasey Reyes at (806) 716-2341 or email her at kreyes@southplainscollege.edu.



Regional Track Results

Team	Points
Lockney Boys	Team - 8th 27 points
	Long Jump Tevin Phillips 2nd
	Triple Jump Jaden Rosales 4th
	Shot Put Jaden Butler 4th
	Discus Jaden Butler 2nd
Floydada Boys	Team 13th 15 points
	100 Abraham Perez 5th
	200 Abraham Perez 6th
	1600 Relay 3rd
Lockney Girls	Team - 16th 15 points
	Shot Put Haley Walker 6th
	Discus Haley Walker 2nd
	800 Reagan Nuncio 3rd
	1600 Relay 6th

LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU

May 9 - May 13

Monday, May 9

Breakfast - Waffles, Sausage or Cereal, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch - Chicken Sandwich, Oven Fries or Beef and Bean Burrito, Salsa, Corn, Veggie Cup, Mandarin Oranges, Milk

Tuesday, May 10

Breakfast - Scrambled Eggs, Biscuit or Cereal, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch - Nachos, Refried Beans, Salsa or Grilled Cheese, Soup, Tomato Cup, Lime Sherbet, Pears, Milk

Wednesday, May 11

Breakfast - Cinnamon Roll, Bacon or Cereal, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch - Corn Dog or Stuffed Potato, Roll, Baked Beans, Broccoli, Apple-Pineapple D'Lite, Milk

Thursday, May 12

Breakfast - Sausage, Egg and Cheese Pretzel Sandwich or Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch - SACK LUNCH - WATER DAY

Friday, May 13

Breakfast - Breakfast Burrito or Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch - Pizza or Hot Dog, Corn Chips, Carrots with Ranch, Broccoli Salad, Fresh Grapes, Cookie, Milk

District Baseball

District 3-2A Baseball (thru April 30)

P=Playoff	W	L
P=Lockney	13	1
P=New Deal	11	3
P=Abernathy	11	3
P=Floydada	7	7
Crosbyton	5	9
Ralls	4	10
Hale Center	4	10
Olton	1	13

SCHEDULE:

Floydada: Opponent, Date, Time to be Announced

Lockney: Bi-District vs Tahoka

Game 1 Fri., May 6 6:00 PM @ Ralls

Game 2 Sat., May 7 12:00 PM @ Ralls

Game 3 if needed 30 minutes after end of Game 2

THANKS FOR READING!

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Floydada Police offer reward for vandalism spree

By Jesse Finley,
Public Information Officer

Police are asking the Citizens of Floydada for help in solving several cases of criminal mischief and an attempted burglary that occurred over the weekend of April 23.

The Floydada Police Department will offer a reward of \$500 to anyone with information that will lead directly to the capture of the suspect or suspects involved in the crimes. The details of these crimes can be found in this week's Floydada Police Report.

Floydada Police Report

By Jesse Finley
Public Information Officer

Police responded to an attempted burglary in the 500 Block of West Kentucky in the early morning hours of April 24. The victims stated they were woken up to glass breaking in the living room of the residence. The suspects did not make entry to the residence and were unable to be found when police arrived a couple of minutes later. While police were patrolling the area looking for the suspects involved in the attempted burglary, the officer observed a back window to a vehicle in the 500 Block of West Georgia broken out with a piece of cinder block. There was also a window broken out in a car on the 1000 Block of South Third Street at around the same time as the attempted burglary; however the victim did not notify police to the incident until the next day. A window to a pickup in the 300 Block of West Georgia was reported to have been broken with a cinder block the same night as the previous cars were damaged. A window to the press box at the High School softball park was broken out, likely by the same suspects. During the same weekend, the windows to a travel trailer in the 500 Block of South Ninth Street were broken out. Although police have not identified the suspects, they are believed to be less than 20 years of age and they were more than likely on foot when they committed the crimes.

that evening. Police found the owner and a citation was issued for allowing dogs to roam freely.

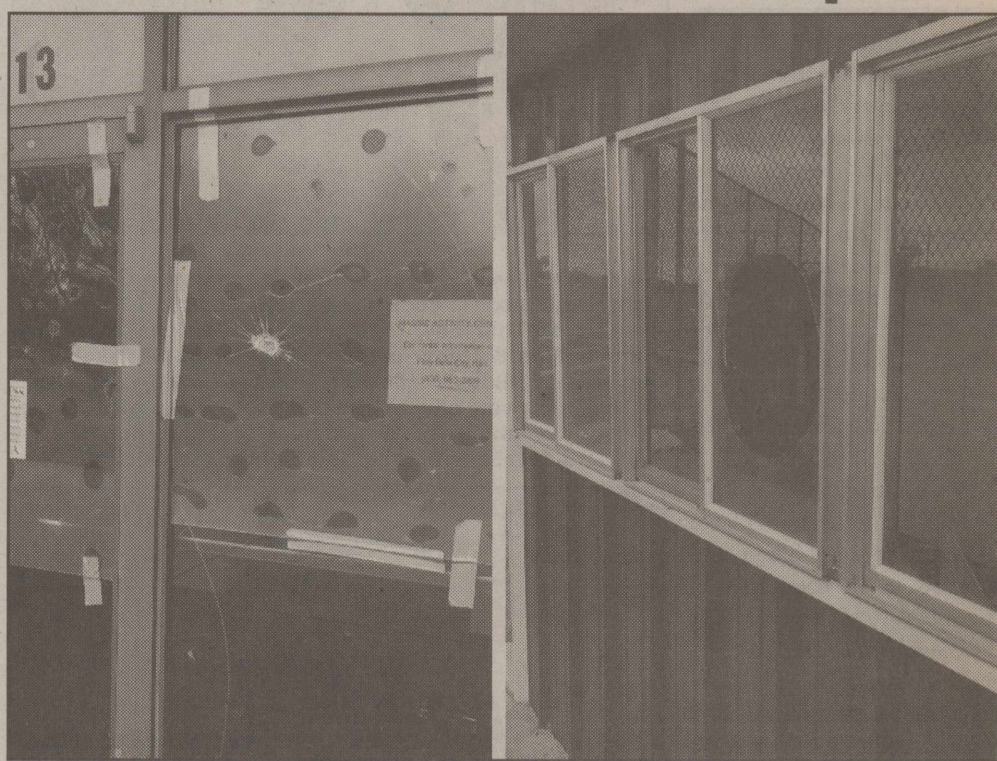
A juvenile was reported as a run-away on April 18 after leaving their residence the night before. The juvenile returned to school at about 1:00 pm and was taken to the Parent Adolescent Center (PAC) by police.

A theft was reported on April 20 in the 200 Block of North Second. A bed headboard, some clothing, and some children's toys were stolen around 2:00 pm that day. A suspect was identified and admitted to taking the items.

Police were called to the 300 Block of East Hallie after a known white male entered a residence without permission and supposedly assaulted an elderly woman. The victim provided a statement to police and charges are pending.

Police assisted Floydada EMS on April 23 at Dairy Queen with a woman who was unresponsive after she struck a vehicle from behind in the drive-through. The woman said she did not know her name when asked after waking up, so police looked for her driver's license or other identification in her vehicle. While looking for the identification, the officer found three marijuana cigarettes in a sealed container from a dispensary in Colorado. The woman was not arrested as there were concerns for her health. She was taken to a hospital and charges are pending.

There were several fights in progress at Allsup's Convenience Store on Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30. Floydada Police were assisted by Deputies from the Floyd County Sheriff's Office to restore order and investigate the incident. However, all of the victims in the incidents refused to file charges, which severely limits what police can do to help. After a fight on the night of April 30, a loaded pistol was found on the ground outside of Allsup's and is believed to have been dropped by one of the parties involved. The pistol was collected and will be processed for fingerprints to try to determine the owner of the weapon. Floydada Police answered a total of 159 calls for service between April 17 and April 30. Police are asking anybody who knows details about the cases described above or any other incidents to please contact Floydada City Hall at (806) 983-2834 at any time and the message will be given to the officer on duty. Your identity will be kept confidential. The public is the number one tool in solving cases such as thefts and burglaries. Any small detail reported to the Police can be a big break in a case and lead to the arrest of the suspect so they are not able to victimize anyone else. If you suspect that you have come across property that is possibly stolen, report it to the Police immediately. You will not be charged with a criminal offense by doing so.



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Floyd County Sheriff's Report

03/1/2015-04/25/2015
REPORTS TAKEN

03/02/2016- Deputies responded to 102 SW 8th St., Lockney, in reference to a theft. Item that was taken was a black and blue air tank.

03/07/2016- Deputies responded to 2461 FM 1958 in reference to a burglary, the items taken are as follows: Stihl weed eater, Samsung 60" LED TV and a 51" Plasma TV.

03/08/2016- Deputies responded to 410 SW 4th, Lockney, in reference to harassment. A report was taken.

03/08/2016- Deputies responded to 115 W. Thornton, Lockney, in reference to an assault domestic violence.

03/17/2016- Deputies responded to the Sheriff's Office to meet a complainant in reference to a theft from the Floyd County Fair Board Association. A report was taken for theft of money.

03/20/2016- Deputies stopped a vehicle at 4th and Kentucky, Floydada, for a traffic stop, subject was arrested for possession of marijuana.

03/23/2016- Deputies responded to 991 CR 110 in reference to animal cruelty. A report was taken.

03/23/2016- Deputies responded to 108 J.B. Ave., Floydada, in reference to a theft. The items taken were vehicle and vehicle parts taken to Galban for scrap. A report was taken and property recovered.

03/28/2016- Deputies stopped a vehicle six (6) miles east of Floydada. Subject was arrested for possession of marijuana.

03/29/2016- Deputies responded to 411 CR 50 in reference to Burglary. Items taken are as follow: Mossberg 500 12 gauge, Stanley tools in a Stanley tool box, Sanyo 52" TV, Fishing tackle with multiple lures and an unknown break-over pellet gun.

03/29/2016- Deputies responded to the 500 block of Lee, in Floydada. A subject was arrested for possession.

03/31/2016- Deputies responded to 516 SE 5th, Lockney, in reference to a theft. The item taken was the tailgate for a 1972 GMC pickup.

04/09/2016- Deputies responded to 607 E. Ollie, Floydada, in reference to a theft. Upon speaking with victim, the theft occurred at Lowes in Floydada. All items were in the purse that was taken out of a basket. The items taken are as follows: Cheetah print purse, blue ladies wallet, bracelet, "L" charm, "2 birds"-charm, Pavement charm, "little dog"-charm, "little bear"-charm, "butterfly"-charm, \$46 dollars in currency, Capital One credit card that is green with a ladybug, Happy State Bank debit card and 15 Happy State Bank checks. Sheriff Raissez took the report.

04/10/2015- Deputies responded to the 3200 block of CR 231 in reference to criminal mischief. A wind turbine was damaged when a pivot was turned on without the farmers' permission.

04/14/2016- Deputies responded to the 1400 CR 113 in reference to illegal dumping. A report was taken.

04/14/2016- Deputies responded to 300 W. Mississippi, Floydada, in reference to warrant service. Subject was arrested and also was in possession of an illegal narcotic at the time of the arrest.

04/19/2016- Deputies responded to 608 N. Main, Lockney, in reference to theft. The item taken was a John Deere air compressor, model AC1-5GH and serial number 37-0736-020614.

If anyone is seen hauling material that looks to be trash and anyone sees them stop on a county road, please contact Floyd County Sheriff's Office

at 806-983-4901.

CRASH REPORTS

03/08/2016- Around 4:15am, Deputies responded to several vehicles that have crashed in the 1200 block US Hwy 70

03/20/2016- Around 5:00pm, Deputies responded to a crash in the 1500 block of Hwy 207.

03/26/2016- Around 4:00am, Deputies responded to the 3000 block of Hwy 207 in reference to a crash.

03/28/2016- Around 5:55am, Deputies responded to 2200 block FM 97 for a crash

04/06/2016- Around 3:55pm, Deputies responded to 200 block of S. Main, Lockney, for a crash

04/21/2016- Around 3:26pm, Deputies responded to the 800 block of SW 1st, Lockney, for a crash.

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To: THE HEIRS AT LAW OF RUTH RENDON AKA LOLLA RUTH RENDON, DECEASED

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the 110th Judicial District Court of Floyd County, Texas in the Courthouse in the City of Floydada, Texas at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. Monday, the 13 day of June, 2016, being the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after this citation is issued, and you are hereby required then and there to appear and file written answer to the Plaintiff's Original Petition, filed in said Court on the 4th day of February, 2016, in suit numbered 10720, on the docket of said court, wherein Selene Finance, LP, Plaintiff, sued Ruth Rendon a/k/a Lollla Ruth Rendon and Pat Rendon and the Heirs at Law of Ruth Rendon a/k/a Lollla Ruth Rendon, Deceased, Defendants.

The Petition seeks an order to foreclose the lien on the property and assert a claim to the property located at 701 West Locust Street, Lockney, Texas 79241, and legally described as: ALL OF LOT NUMBERS ONE (1) AND TWO (2), AND THE NORTH ONE-HALF (N/2) OF LOT NUMBER THREE (3), IN BLOCK NUMBER THREE (3), BYARS ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF LOCKNEY, FLOYD COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP, PLAT AND/OR DEDICATION DEED THEREOF, RECORDED AT VOLUME 21, PAGE 639, DEED RECORDS OF FLOYD COUNTY, TEXAS.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT at Floydada, Texas this 2 day of May, 2016.

Issued at the request of: Keith A. Taylor
Address: 13105 Northwest Freeway, Suite 1200, Houston, Texas 77040

(Clerk info) /s/ Patty Davenport
Floyd County District Clerk
105 S. Main, Room 207
Floydada, TX 79235

CO-OP
From Page 1

year's meeting.

After the first prize drawing, Board Secretary W.D. "Sandy" Thornberry conducted the roll call, reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, and the reading of the notice of meeting. Cooperative attorney Gary McLaren then presented the Nominating Committee Report, introduced the nominees for the three director slots up for election, and conducted the director elections.

In his report to the membership, auditor Brad Willis of Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert and Moss, gave the cooperative a "thumbs up". He reported that the co-op's total assets at year-end 2015 were \$84.5 million. Operating revenue was \$25 million, while 2015 expenses totaled \$23.5 million. Thanks to more than \$1.2 million allocated in capital credits from LEC's power provider, Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, along with other capital credits and interest from non-operating margins, Lighthouse EC ended the year with a net margin of \$1.4 million. "In 2013, Lighthouse returned \$1 million in capital credits," the auditor told members.

General Manager Bill Harbin began his operations report by reminiscing about his years with Lighthouse. "I am happy to be here tonight to help you celebrate the cooperative's 77th annual meeting. This is my 29th," he said. "I look at all those years and wonder where they went. I also look at them with a sense of gratitude that I have had the opportunity to spend them working with a dedicated team of employees and awesome board of directors."

After recognizing all Lighthouse employees, their families, and retired employees, Harbin called Lighthouse lineman Todd Williams to the stage to recognize him for his 35 years of service to



Courtesy Photos

(Top Photo) Over 500 guests that hail from the 12 counties Lighthouse Electric Coop serves attended the 77th Annual Meeting on Thursday, enjoying the traditional fare from Danny's Fins & Hens--catfish, chicken, and brisket with the usual "fixins". (Bottom Photo) Martin Stoerner, of Lockney, won one of the 75 door prizes given away Thursday evening at the Annual Meeting donated by suppliers, local businesses, and Lighthouse Electric.



the cooperative. He then introduced the directors of the cooperative and their spouses, and thanked them for their dedication and hard work. "Your directors and employees are what make Lighthouse the wonderful organization it is," he said.

Harbin briefly summarized the past year's events as they affected the cooperative business. "Sales of electricity were down 19.8% last year, primarily due to a 38.5% reduction in sales to irrigation because of the good rains we had over a large part of our system. While sales were down, the fixed costs of investment to serve our load is still the same, which resulted in a higher per KWH cost in 2015."

"The good news," he continued, "is that fixed costs in both the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) and Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) are projected to be lower this year, and Golden Spread has positioned its members to take advantage of these opportunities."

"Another challenge your

cooperative faced last year was the ice storm that began right after Christmas. I want to thank all our members for your encouragement, your assistance in helping our crews, your thoughts, your prayers, and your patience during that difficult time," Harbin said. "I also want to commend my fellow employees and our contractors for their tremendous effort during that trying period to get the lights back on. As a result of the damage, most of the counties we serve were declared disaster areas. Because of that declaration, we are eligible for federal funds through the Federal Emergency Management Agency to help pay for a portion of the costs we incurred due to the storm. We have a very good team working on this, but I especially want to thank Tonnette Perkins for spearheading the effort."

Harbin also announced that the Lighthouse board had authorized payment of capital credits in the amount of \$750,000. "We have your checks here tonight, and

that's 3/4 of a million reasons it's good to be a member of Lighthouse."

John Eichelmann, VP of Member Services of Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, introduced a video report on what has been happening at the Generation & Transmission (G&T) cooperative, including the current construction on the Antelope Elk Energy Center near Abernathy, through which Golden Spread will have the ability to switch generation assets between the two power grids they serve in, SPP and ERCOT, to take advantage of market conditions to keep power to its members reliable and cost efficient.

Member Services Assistant Amanda Stapp introduced the members of the advisory committee who helped plan and carry out the annual meeting, Steven and Brittany Walker of Crosbyton, Matthew and Kember Rainwater of Floydada, Ty and Jenna Heflin of Floydada, Brady and Randi Ramsey of Quitaque, Garrett and Linsie Mathis of Lockney, Chance and Kristi Willis of Petersburg, and Taylor and Jordan Beedy of Floydada.

Manager of Member Services Larry Ogden then recognized the youngest and oldest members present, Bethany Miller of Floydada, and C.L. "Cob" Gilly, 94 years young, of Floydada.

LEC attorney Gary McLaren announced results of the director's election. Incumbent directors Gaylord Groce, Robert Nixon and W.D. Thornberry were returned to their respective district 6, 7 and 9 board seats.

Following the third prize drawing, all tickets were returned to the hopper for the grand prize drawing for \$750, won by Bobby Byrd of Petersburg.

During the business meeting, the Floydada High School band hosted an activity program for the youngsters in the adjoining meeting room as a fund raising activity.



Courtesy photo

Plains Baptist Assembly is expanding and offering new facilities in 2016. Under construction is a recreation pavilion large enough to house two indoor basketball courts.

PBA
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taught including archery, riflery, and assorted outdoor adventures. PBA even has 35 adult motel rooms for use in retreats and group counseling opportunities.

Currently the camp is gearing up for summer. Normally, they have a staff of nine, but that expands to 24 in the summer, and they are

currently hiring. Applicants 17 and older can apply on their website at www.pba-camp.org

The first camp for 2016 starts the first weekend in June, and they have camps going all the way to the second weekend in August. Then, retreats begin. Plains Baptist Assembly is open 50 weeks out of the year.

For more information visit www.pbacamp.org or call 1-806-983-3954.

Weather Whys

Q: What's the most amount of rainfall in the United States in one day?

A: Those who remember Tropical Storm Claudette that hit the Texas coast in 1979 will likely know the answer to this question, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Tropical Storm Claudette produced the greatest amount of rain in a 24-hour period in U.S. history," he says. "From July 24-25, an amazing 43 inches of rain fell at Alvin, Texas and other parts around Houston. The winds were not that bad, clocking in at just over 50 mile per hour, but its heavy flooding produced losses at more than \$1 billion in today's dollars. Claudette was one of three bad storms during the 1979 hurricane season."

Q: What about other rainy states?

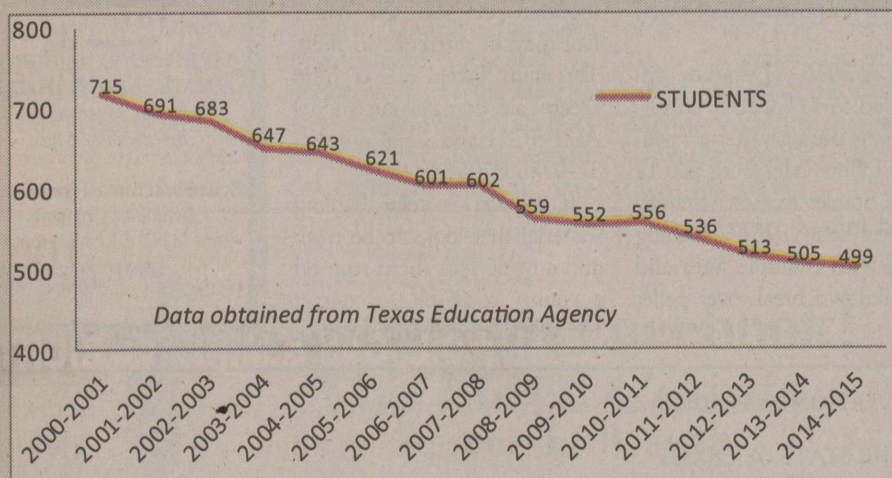
A: Usually the island of Kauai in Hawaii boasts some of the wettest places on Earth, McRoberts says. "The rains in Kauai often set several records. Waialeale means "rippling water" or "overflowing water" in Hawaiian and is the one of the wettest spots on earth, receiving about 450 inches of rain each year. The greatest 24-hour rainfall amount in the world is nearly 72 inches at La Reunion Island, an island located in the Indian Ocean off the east coast of Madagascar, on Jan. 7-8, 1966. The rain was caused by a tropical cyclone churning nearby."

Lockney ISD Bond Election
Proposed Expenditures



THINGS TO CONSIDER

◆ Lockney ISD enrollment has dropped over 30% in last 15 years. Fewer students, more spending, and greater debt. This makes no sense!



- ◆ The agricultural economy is facing the **worst downturn** since the 1980's.
- ◆ **Sun Edison has filed for bankruptcy!** Who will make up the difference if the owner/owners of the wind farm don't pay or can't pay their portion of the tax obligation that will be created if this bond election is successful? **This could become a critical situation for the Lockney taxpayers!!**
- ◆ Where will the money to **maintain** these new facilities come from?
- ◆ **Upgrades and Repairs ARE** necessary and needed, **BUT** a more sensible bond should be considered.
- ◆ When looking at the list of expenditures, ask yourself, how many of them are related to **"educating our kids"**? How many of them make our kids smarter, more productive or give them the skills and knowledge to obtain a job or enter college? **Very few of them do!**
- ◆ We believe that most taxpayers would support a reasonable bond. A **bond that funds "needs" and not "wants"**. There is a big difference!
- ◆ Lockney ISD **DOES NOT** own the land where the ag pens and the baseball field are located. It is not a good idea to spend \$1,640,000 to **IMPROVE property that is not owned!**
- ◆ This is not a **"one time"** chance, as many have said, and now is not the time to spend **\$6.67 million. Vote AGAINST BOTH BONDS** and let's start over with something that is reasonable and affordable.
- ◆ Visit Our Facebook page at: **Lockney Citizens For A Sensible School Bond**

Bond Election 1 Projects

Ag Farm Renovation	\$700,000
Activity Buses	\$320,000
Ag Shop Renovation	\$40,000
Elementary Gym Floor Repair	\$10,000
Roof Repairs	\$40,000
Carport	\$10,000
Activity Bus Barn	\$25,000
Track Barn	\$15,000
Concession Restroom Facility /Baseball Field	\$45,000
Repair and Seal Coat Existing Lots	\$35,000
Additional Paving throughout the District	\$340,000
Kitchen and Cafeteria Renovations	\$240,000
Renovate Elementary School	\$440,000
Renovate Jr. High, Band Hall, Home Ec Building & Annex	\$440,000
Technology Upgrades	\$130,000
Administration/Board Room Renovation	\$20,000
Gym Renovations	\$20,000
Upgrade HVAC Systems	\$175,000
School-Wide Phone System	\$30,000
Contracted Services	\$60,000
Cost of Issuance	\$100,000
Fencing Throughout District	\$100,000
TOTAL	\$3,335,000

Bond Election 2 - Projects

Turf Football Field, Scoreboard, General Improvements	\$835,000
Turf Baseball Field, Scoreboard, General Improvements	\$940,000
Turf Softball Field, Lights, and General Improvements	\$580,000
New Tennis Courts	\$430,000
Complete Rebuild of Track	\$450,000
Cost of Issuance	\$100,000
TOTAL	\$3,335,000

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Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or appraised value of your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of the property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board (ARB) that applies to and adversely affects you.

Informal Review
(Insert description of appraisal district's informal review process, if any, then give name and telephone number of person taxpayer should contact.)

Informal reviews are encouraged by the appraisal district before filing a protest. Please call Jim Finley at 806-983-5256.

Review by the ARB
If you cannot resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the ARB.

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You will receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening or on a Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD plans to introduce at the hearing to establish any matter at issue. The law provides that before a hearing on a protest or immediately after the hearing begins, you or your agent and the CAD shall each provide the other with a copy of any materials – whether in paper or electronic form – intended to be offered or submitted to the ARB at the hearing. (Multiple copies of these materials typically must be brought to the hearing so that each ARB member has a copy of all the materials to review.) To the greatest extent practicable, the hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative

will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. In most cases, the CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented.

In certain protests, the chief appraiser has the burden of proving the property's value by clear and convincing evidence. You should review ARB hearing procedures to learn more about evidence and related matters. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office or from the Comptroller of Public Accounts at comptroller.texas.gov/taxinfo/taxforms/50-132.pdf.

You should not try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they have not talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court, an Arbitrator or SOAH
After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you are not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 60 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. In certain cases, as an alternative to filing an appeal in district court, you may file, not later than the 45th day after you receive notice of the ARB order, a request for binding arbitration with the county appraisal district. In certain cases, you may appeal to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). An appeal to SOAH is initiated by, not later than the 30th day after you receive notice of the ARB's order, filing with the chief appraiser of the county appraisal district a notice of appeal. Appeals to district court, binding arbitration, or SOAH all require payment of certain fees or deposits.

Tax Payment
You must pay the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute, the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken or the amount of taxes due in the previous year.

More Information
You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at (insert appraisal district name, address, telephone number).

Floyd County Appraisal District
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Floydada, TX 79235
806-983-5256

You can get additional information on how to prepare a protest from the Comptroller's publication, *Property Tax Basics*, available on the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division's website at comptroller.texas.gov/taxinfo/proptax/pdf/96-1425.pdf.

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB*

Usual Deadline
On or before April 30 for residence homesteads and May 31 for all other property (or within 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are not allowed after the ARB approves the appraisal records for the year.

Special Deadlines
For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was delivered to you.

* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or legal, state or national holiday.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change did not result from a protest you filed), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the change was delivered to you.

(You may insert deadline for protests concerning omitted property if doing so would avoid taxpayer confusion.)

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually Feb. 1) or no later than the 125th day after the date you claim you received a tax bill from one or more of the taxing units that tax your property. The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

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Candidate Profiles

CITY OF FLOYDADA ELECTION AT LARGE MEMBER



CORY SPEED

FAMILY & EDUCATION:

I have one son, Caleb, who is nine years old. I graduated from Slaton High School. After high school, I went to South Plains College in Levelland for two years. After college, I moved to the Dallas area and attended Navarro College Police Academy. After graduation, I began my career in law enforcement.

WHY DO YOU WANT THIS OFFICE?

I believe I can work with other council members and the city manager to make sure the city is within the budget from year to year. I would be a new face and voice with fresh ideas. I would be at the meetings and I would voice my opinion with that of which I believe in.

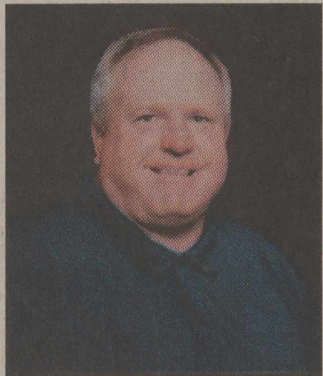
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO 'DO' OR 'CHANGE' IF YOU ARE ELECTED?

I want to bring new and nice things to Floydada, I would like to see downtown running with businesses. I would work hard with EDC to see if there was anything that could be done to have new businesses come to downtown Floydada. We need to make the city better in every way possible.

WHAT ARE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE JOB?

I have worked for communities for over 18 years. I love Floydada and believe I can help the town. I have been on several boards and know how to speak my mind. While working at the sheriff's office as the Chief Deputy, I have worked together with Sheriff

Raissez and he has shown me how to make a budget work and how to save money in the business. As a member of Floydada Lodge 712, I know what it takes to be better and know I can help make Floydada a better place to live, work and also for travelers to visit.



SAM GREEN

FAMILY & EDUCATION:

I am the proud father to two daughters, and grandfather to four grandchildren.

WHY DO YOU WANT THIS OFFICE?

My family has been in Floydada since 1890, this is the only home I know. I would want to continue to make an impact upon the community that is an important part of who I am.

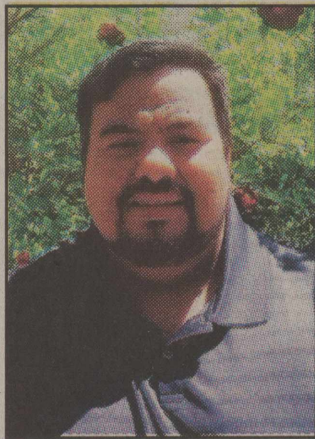
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO 'DO' OR 'CHANGE' IF RE-ELECTED?

If re-elected I want to continue to improve and build upon Floydada's infrastructure including electrical, water and sewage upgrades; electrical being my priority.

WHAT ARE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS?

The qualifications I possess is that I am self-employed, conservative proactive with experience in finance and budget.

LOCKNEY ISD SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION



JOE SMITH

FAMILY & EDUCATION:

My family includes my wife Gloria Smith (formerly Gloria Torrez of Lockney) and three children Aidan age 12, Andrew age 11 and Azailey age 9, all of Lockney ISD schools. My education includes a high school diploma from Clovis NM High School, attended classes at the College of Southern Nevada in Las Vegas Nevada, and credits from the College of the Air Force.

Also attended several classes in leadership and mentor-ship while on active duty in the Air Force.

WHY DO YOU WANT THIS OFFICE?

Having three children in the Lockney Schools and becoming part of Lockney itself has made me aware of the needs of the children in Lockney and their education and well being in the schools.

Being part of the committee to determine what the schools need to enhance the overall experience and the education needs of these children has made me want to become part of the board to further help in these decisions.

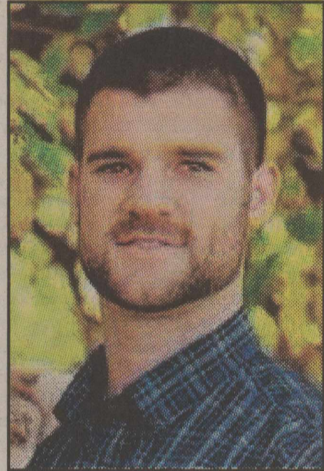
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO 'DO' OR 'CHANGE' IF YOU ARE ELECTED?

My primary focus is the fact that there is a lot of bullying in the schools. This HAS to change. There has to be some way or changes made to resolve this issue. There has to be different programs or disciplinary actions set in motion to keep this matter from being an issue. Just

being there for the teachers and aides, coaches and anyone else part of the school system is what we need to focus on as well and not just the children.

WHAT ARE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS JOB?

Having three children in the local education system gives me a viable reason to try and enhance their needs while in school. I have worked with the local Boy Scout chapter and with the youth at the San Jose Catholic Church. I was the Parrish Council President and Vice President for the church for three years and a member for five. I am currently working with the Parent Adolescent Center (PAC) in Floydada and have been there for 2 years. I am an Air Force veteran of 14 1/2 years and was in a leadership role throughout my active duty career.



KIRK WILSON

FAMILY & EDUCATION:

My parents are Aaron and Karen Wilson of Lockney, my brother is Brance Wilson, and my sister is Bethany Miller. I am married to Brittney Wilson and have two daughters, Jillian Rae Wilson (5 years old) and Alexandria Jane Wilson (1 year old).

I am a graduate of Lockney High School. I am a Texas Tech University graduate and received my Bachelor's degree of Arts and Sciences in Exercise and Sport Science with a minor in Education.

I received my Master's degree in Educational Administration/Leadership from Lubbock Christian University.

WHY DO YOU WANT THIS OFFICE?

I have a vested interest in the success of Lockney School district. My family has attended Lockney schools for generations and my children will continue this tradition. Lockney is full of great people and they deserve strong representation on the school board.

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO 'DO' OR 'CHANGE' IF YOU ARE ELECTED?

I want to make the necessary adjustments needed to ensure that the district is operating on a balanced budget. I also want to make teacher pay more competitive.

WHAT ARE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS JOB?

I have years of first-hand experience in education as a teacher, coach, and intern assistant principal in the Lubbock Independent School District. My years of course work in higher learning institutions has led me to understand the intricacies of how a school district operates and actions that can be taken to improve them.

CITY OF LOCKNEY ELECTION - MAYOR



TINA GRAVES

FAMILY & EDUCATION:

My name is Tina Graves, I am married to Glen and we have 3 boys: Ryan of Lockney, Chase and Trey both of Lubbock. I have three grandchildren: Falyn, Duke and Sophie of Lockney.

I have worked at the same job for over 38 years, I am the office manager at Western Cattle Feeders in Lockney.

WHY DO YOU WANT THIS OFFICE?

My roots are very deep in this little town, I am the third generation to make Lockney my home and I love Lockney.

I have been involved in the community most of my life. I have served on Chamber of Commerce for several years, been involved with the many different activities such as Little League Baseball, Little Dribblers, Athletic Boosters especially when my boys were in school.

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO 'DO' OR 'CHANGE' IF RE-ELECTED?

I have served on the City Council since 1995 and served as the Mayor the last few years. Sometimes it is a thankless job but I continue to serve because I care about our town and want it to be successful.

WHAT ARE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS JOB?

We have worked really hard as long as I have been on the Council to try to do what we thought was right for the city. We might not always be right on something but we always have had good intentions.

I have worked with some wonderful people over the years on the council and hope to continue to work for the city.

WHY DO YOU WANT THIS OFFICE?

I can't make any promises, but would love the chance to make some changes in our town. It needs so much.

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO 'DO' OR 'CHANGE' IF YOU ARE ELECTED?

I want to clean up our town streets, work on drainage problems and street repair and also work on saving water we will need later.

WHAT ARE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS JOB?

Life-long residents of Lockney. I have been president of Lockney Lions Club for 6 years and was president for Lockney Chamber of Commerce for 5 years. I enjoy being involved in the community. Was also Citizen of the Year in 2013.

South Plains College to host NRA women's pistol clinic on May 28

LEVELLAND - NRA Women On Target Instructional Pistol Shooting and Learn-to-Shoot Pistol Clinic is set for 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on May 28 in the Law Enforcement Building. The cost is \$80. Pre-registration and pre-payment is recommended.

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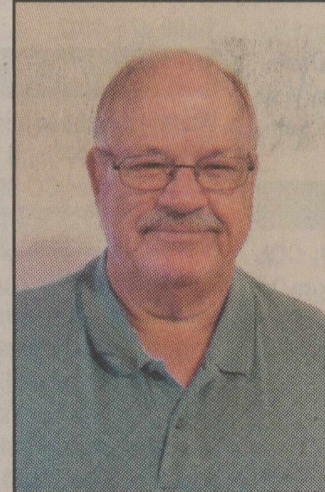
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ARCHIE EUGENE JONES

FAMILY & EDUCATION:

I am married to Glenda. We have two children, my son, Adam Jones and his wife, Whitney and their son, Easton and my daughter Ashleigh Jones of Lockney.

I graduated from Lockney High School in 1975. I've worked for Atmos Energy for 25 years.

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