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Towery, Former FCHB Owner, Passes



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Cuero Record publisher Jack Howerton (left) and Towery (right) outside the offices of the Cuero Record in 1955 after Towery was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for his groundbreaking news stories surrounding "The Veterans Land Scandal". His journalistic work uncovered corruption all the way up to the Texas Land Commissioner when local Cuero businessmen were paying black veterans to sign over loan applications to buy land under a state program. Texas Land Commissioner Bascom Giles was eventually relieved of his duties and sent to prison.

By Jennifer Harbin
 Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN--Although the former publisher of the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon may be remembered locally for his journalistic endeavors, the life and legacy of Roland Kenneth "Ken" Towery reads more like the tale of a storybook hero who overcomes all obstacles against the harrowing odds. After surviving being a prisoner of war, he enjoyed a successful journalistic career, garnering a Pulitzer Prize for exposing corruption, and held a broad array of political appointments.

On May 4, surrounded by his family, Towery passed away peacefully in Austin, Texas at the age of 93.

His early years were spent growing up on a farm in the Rio Grande Valley, but on the date of his 18th birthday (January 25, 1941), he traded in farm work for fatigues and joined the Army.

In an interview with the Purple Heart Chapter 1919 in Austin, he said, "I wanted to see the world and signed up asking for service as far away from home as the Army could send me."

His wish was granted just two months later when he set sail on the USS Republic, arriving in the Philippines on April 22. Towery was assigned to Battery C, 60th Coast Artillery (Anti-Aircraft) on Corregidor Island in Manila Bay, where he received his basic and

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Courtesy Photo

Roland Kenneth "Ken" Towery was the former owner of the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon, a prisoner of war, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, a political aficionado, and an author. But, of all the titles he bore outside of those associated with his family, "Chow Dipper" brought him the most honor.

Change coming to Lockney

By Kay Ellington
 The Hesperian-Beacon

The voters of Lockney have spoken. They approved liquor sales and a city manager form of government. Both of these ballot options started with a citizen petition, and the voters agreed overwhelmingly. Implementation of these two initiatives will also occur with a new mayor at the helm. The city will swear in the new mayor, Archie Jones, at the June city council meeting.

Interim city administrator Shad Schlueter talked with the Hesperian-Beacon about how

the city will execute these big changes.

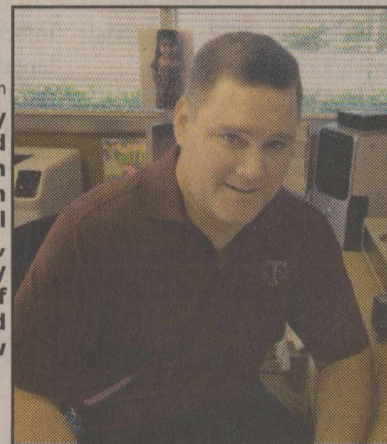
"Legally, we have 60 days to implement the city manager form of government," Schlueter said, "and we'll start taking steps at our next city council meeting May 12." He said that includes looking for a recruiter/headhunter to help the city find candidates for the city manager position.

Schlueter said that Lockney is very fortunate that their city attorney Lanny Voss has already gone through this when Hale Center went from a city secretary to a city manager

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Kay Ellington/The Hesperian-Beacon

Interim city administrator Shad Schlueter talked with the Hesperian-Beacon about how the city will execute big changes, such as a new city manager form of government, legalized alcohol, and a new mayor.



Upcoming

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

LUCY DEAN RECORD RECITAL

Mrs. Lucy Dean Record will present her students in a musical recital at 2 p.m.

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News on the go



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Lockney Softball took home the Area trophy by defeating Van Horn in two games, 10-2 and 12-1. They will now face Forsan this weekend in the Regional Quarterfinal round of the playoffs. All three games, if necessary, will be at Lubbock Cooper. Game one is Friday, May 13 at 5:30 P.M., Game two will be at 1:00 P.M. Saturday, May 14 and if Game three is needed, it will follow Game two by 30 minutes.

Lady Horns defeat Van Horn 10-2

By Charles Keaton
 The Hesperian-Beacon

ANDREWS - Lockney's Shelby Coats limited the Van Horn Lady Eagles to two runs on five hits as they won game one of their Area playoff battle 10-2 on Friday, May 6.

In the top of the first, Lockney put two runners on base with only one out

as Alyssa Barretero was hit by a pitch and Lexi Chavez walked but a fielder's choice that forced Chavez out and a ground out by Breanna Hernandez prevented the Lady Horns from scoring early. Van Horn was also able to get two runners on but with two outs. Tarango was hit by a pitch and Ramirez singled but Ojeda became the first

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The 501 Workplace Bore-Out

It's breaking news. Television reports a guy, maybe in France, is suing his employer because he was bored at work.

I may have some facts wrong, but I can't go online to check. I'm at the farm. Our monthly data allowance is almost depleted.



HANABA MUNN WELCH

THINK PAUSE. We live but once. Why let data costs hinder a quest for knowledge? At the worst we'll owe \$15 for the extra unit of bytes tacked to our bill to convince us we should up our data allowance. We remain unmoved by such tactics. Next month we'll be more careful. There's always next month.

Meanwhile, what about that bored Frenchman? The story intrigues me, partly because I love the French word for boredom. You probably know it too: "ennui." It's one of those foreign words so often used that spell check doesn't blink. Sounds better than boredom. Anybody can be bored. Adolescents are universally bored. Only the sophisticated suffer from ennui.

Moving right along. If I didn't misunderstand the news blurb, the bored guy was working at a fragrance factory. What a stereotypically French place to work!

Was he a fragrance sniffer? It might be fun for about 30 minutes, but I think they said he worked there four years. Whose olfactory receptors wouldn't be bored?

FACT CHECK.
I Googled "bored Frenchman sues employer." Interestingly enough, the bored guy's

name is Frédéric Desnard. Amazing. Ignore the "des" prefix, which just means "from," and you're left with "nard." Remember the woman who used a jar of costly ointment to anoint the feet of Jesus? It was nard, wasn't it?

NARD RESEARCH.
Sure enough, nard is aromatic oil derived from spikenard. It's one of those essential oils I've so far managed to live without. It's available from various sources on the Internet for about \$60 an ounce if you don't pay extra for a fancy bottle. What a name for a guy with a job at a fragrance factory!

Maybe "fragrance factory" is not the right term for Interparfums, described by the "Daily Telegraph" as a "prestigious perfumes company" based, of course, in Paris.

MORE SNIFFING OUT THE STORY.
Just for fun, I put my college French to use and read Léonor Lumineau's story written for "Le Monde." The word "ennui" was right there in the text, but you won't find it in the term the French have coined for the work malady they are introducing to the world. Nope. It's "bore-out" that has made Frédéric Desnard the poster boy for the work-related (or no-work-related) disorder, the opposite of job burnout ("burn-out" in French). Desnard's hearing is set for July 27.

While you await the verdict, ponder why the French have borrowed an English word for a malady now making its debut on their soil. Or do something else. I plan to do something else.

Whatever you do, bore-out is not an option. There are always rabbits to chase. Oddly enough, the French don't seem to have an expression for chasing rabbits. No wonder Desnard got bored.

The Paperboy Oh, you read it on the Internet?

I know many of you probably don't view the word through cynical eyes, but perhaps you should.



CHRIS BLACKBURN

News broke last week that Facebook controls what you see and provides a liberal slant on news.

If you're shocked by this news, you shouldn't be. Why wouldn't an entity, controlled by a billionaire liberal, make sure his own views were what you were forced to absorb.

There are so many little minions being formed by Facebook for the liberal-progressive elite in this country it's sickening. A handful of billionaires controlling the minds of America - who would have thought?

It's bad enough that the Mainstream Media and 90 percent of our college campuses are crawling with their ridiculous PC controlled mindset. Throw in Social Media and 50 percent or more of the newspapers and you've gone a long way in fundamentally transforming this country.

And to what end? What gain is there? Since so few control so much, who really knows what's in it for them?

It sure as hell isn't a better United States of America. If it were, there would be evidence of it somehow. All of the evidence (wages, education, roads, bridges, health care, race relations, etc...) points to the contrary.

Are these people trying to end this country? Some of you may sit there thinking I'm wearing a tin-hat. Am I? Where's your proof?

I challenge any liberal to explain to me why it's okay for a grown man to go into a women's restroom and expose himself. Write me a letter explaining this.

While you're at it, explain to me just how in the world you think taxing businesses more is going to create jobs? There is zero evidence of this happening in the history of this planet, so I would really like a sound explanation because I'm very skeptical on this matter.

Furthermore, how are "we all supposed to get along" when there has been nothing but divisiveness spewed by these outlets to their sheep? Let me know how love is supposed to shine through the hate being preached on Social Media and across college campuses in this country.

We are a country where our own government refuses to follow the law.

We are a country where our own government lies to the American people.

We are a country where our own government takes sides on political issues.

We are a country where the residents act like petulant children waiting on Uncle Sam to toss them a crumb.

We can and should demand better. We should demand the truth and we should hold those in charge accountable for their lies and corruption.

Wake up my fellow Americans and take a look around. The few that are in charge have you under control. It's past time to ask some serious questions.

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Early Voting Primary Runoffs

Monday, May 16, 2016 through Friday, May 20, 2016

Floyd County Courthouse Annex

and

First United Methodist Church - Lockney

Hours: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Primary Runoff Election Day

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Floyd County Courthouse Annex

&

First United Methodist Church - Lockney

Hours: 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Medicare takes aim at diabetes epidemic

By Bob Moos

Diabetes affects as many as one in four older adults with Medicare. It costs hundreds of billions of dollars to treat, and results in the loss of tens of thousands of lives, every year.

If we could better control diabetes, we'd be taking a huge leap toward creating a healthier America.

Diabetes occurs when your body doesn't make enough insulin or doesn't respond to the insulin it does make. Insulin is what your body uses to process sugar and turn it into energy.

When too much sugar stays in your blood, it can lead to serious complications and even life-threatening problems, including heart disease, strokes and kidney damage.

Medicare is committed to fighting the diabetes epidemic.

If you're on Medicare and at risk for diabetes, you're covered for two blood sugar screenings each year at no out-of-pocket cost to you. Risk factors include high blood pressure, a history of abnormal cholesterol and triglyceride levels, obesity or a history of high blood sugar.

If your doctor diagnoses you with the disease, Medicare will continue to cover the two annual screenings, as well as the services and supplies you will need to treat and control it.

Medicare will also help pay for insulin and other anti-diabetic drugs.

Because living with diabetes can pose day-to-day challenges, Medicare covers a program to teach you how to manage the disease.

With a written order from your doctor, you can sign up for training that includes tips for monitoring blood sugar, taking medication and

eating healthy.

If you'd like to learn more about how to control diabetes, visit Medicare's website at www.medicare.gov or call Medicare's 24/7 help line at 1-800-633-4227 and visit with a counselor.

In addition to the 30 million Americans with diabetes, another 86 million live with a condition known as pre-diabetes, where blood sugar levels are higher than normal but not high enough for a diabetes diagnosis.

Pre-diabetes is treatable. But only one in 10 people with the condition will even know they have it. Left untreated, one in three will develop the full-blown disease within several years.

Confronted with those statistics, Medicare is ramping up its efforts to prevent diabetes among the millions of Medicare beneficiaries who are at high risk of developing it.

Medicare partnered with YMCAs nationwide to launch an initiative for patients with pre-diabetes. The pilot project showed that older people could lose weight through lifestyle counseling and regular meetings that stressed healthy eating habits and exercise.

The nearly 7,000 participants shed an average of 5 percent of their body weight, which health authorities say is enough to substantially reduce the risk of full-blown diabetes.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services says the trial program's encouraging results set the stage for Medicare to expand coverage for diabetes prevention to more beneficiaries.

Government officials also hope the pilot's success will give employers and private insurers enough evidence to

persuade them to begin paying for their own diabetes prevention programs.

Diabetes can be a terribly debilitating disease. It can mean a lifetime of tests, injections and health challenges.

Every five minutes in this country, 14 more adults are

diagnosed with it. And in the same five minutes, two more people will die from diabetes-related causes.

If we can prevent more diabetes cases before they even start, we can help people live longer and fuller lives, as well as save money across our health care system.

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.

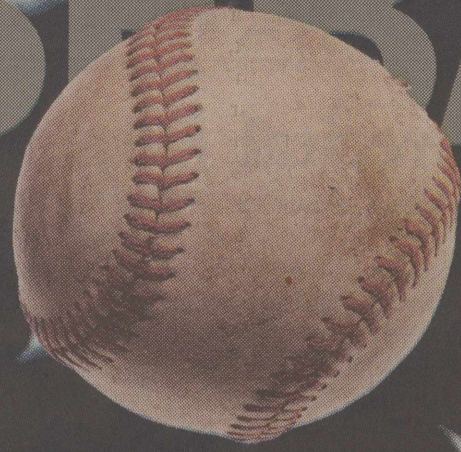
Visitors are welcome at the Museum weekday afternoons from 1 to 5 p.m., or by appointment. To make an appointment, call the museum at 806-983-2415.

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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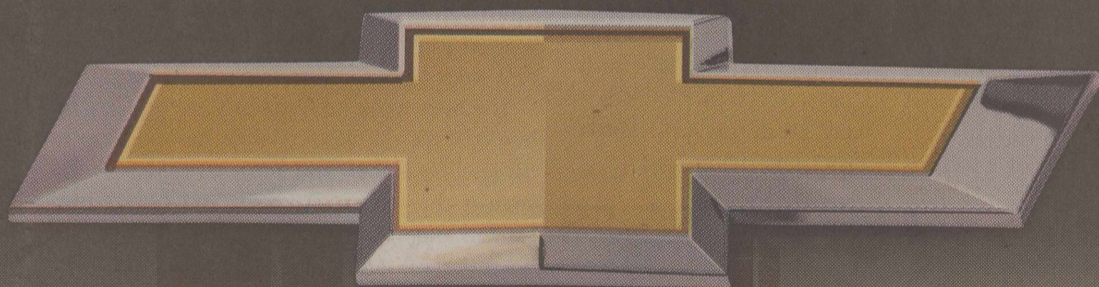


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SOCIETY

Record will hold musical recital Floydada Rotary

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - Mrs. Lucy Dean Record will present her students in a musical recital at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 17, 2015 at the First United Methodist Church in Lockney, Texas. The public is invited.

This is her 70th year of teaching music lessons.

Those playing are Bracken Alexander of

Plainview, Devin Reyes, and Donald Gibbens from Floydada.

Those playing from Lockney are Austin Philips, Makinlee Lemons, Bryce Klein, Hunter Lefevre, Hallie Widener, Deacon Widener, Max Ramirez, and Cassandra Ramirez.

Jace Klein will present his UIL Piano Solo that he will play at the State UIO Contest. He also took from other teachers when Mrs. Record had surgery.

Quilt Show to be held during Old Settler's Day

FLOYDADA — Old Settler's Day is Saturday, May 28, 2016. Something new has been added with the Quilt Show. Along with the quilt competition there will be antique Bonnet entries in the Barrow building west of the Floyd County Historical Museum.

The Quilt Show is for all those who like and appreciate quilts. You may enter a quilt that you purchased and did not make; you may also enter quilts whether they are hand or machine quilted items are welcome.

This year we are having a judge quilt show. There

will be four judged classes: Pieced Quilts, Mixed Technique (Appliqued, Embellished, Art or Embroidered), Youth Quilts for High School age and younger, and Miscellaneous (Wearable, Runners, etc.) The winners will receive ribbons and cash prizes. We will also have a Viewer's Choice and Antique Viewer's Choice category. The winner of these two categories will be receiving the most votes. There will be a prize ribbon and money for the winners of these also.

For those who do not want to enter the competition,

you may bring your quilt or quilted item to display in the "Just for Show" area.

Quilts and bonnets will be accepted for display and entry from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 26. Please bring your quilt to the building on the west side of the museum where the quilts will be hung for our viewing pleasure. It should be a fun time for all. Don't be bashful; let's enjoy those beautiful quilts! Bring your prized quilts or quilted items and share with the community. If you have questions you can contact Ethelyn Garnett at 652-2525.

Local author Stringer holding book signings

By Jennifer Harbin
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA--Local author Molly Stringer, who has published an inspirational book series called *There You Have It*, will be holding three separate book signings in the next three weeks.

Based on first-hand experiences, Stringer's motivational books have a great range of themes - funny, sad, heart-wrenching.

The author makes it clear that this is not another feel good book; it is rather empowering, telling readers to become survivors, to live another day, to build a life, home, family, community, church and ultimately, a country into a better place.

"My desire is," the author says, "that those reading this book will laugh, will identify with, will want to change negative parts of their thinking, and have hope for dark



Molly Stringer

days and be inspired to pick themselves up by their boot straps and continue their journey."

Her upcoming events will be on May 14 at the Art Walk on Broadway in Plainview in front of Horton's

Antiques from 11am-2pm; May 18 at the University book Store in Plainview at Wayland from noon-2pm; and on May 28 at Hardy's Classic Cars, in Floydada on May 28 during Old Settlers Day from 10am-2pm.

Explore the Arts Camp set for July 25-28

LEVELLAND - Looking for a fun way to break up the summer? South Plains College will offer an "Explore the Arts" camp July 25-28 (Monday through Thursday) in the Fine Arts building. The camp is designed for youth who have an interest in the arts and want a fun summer experience.

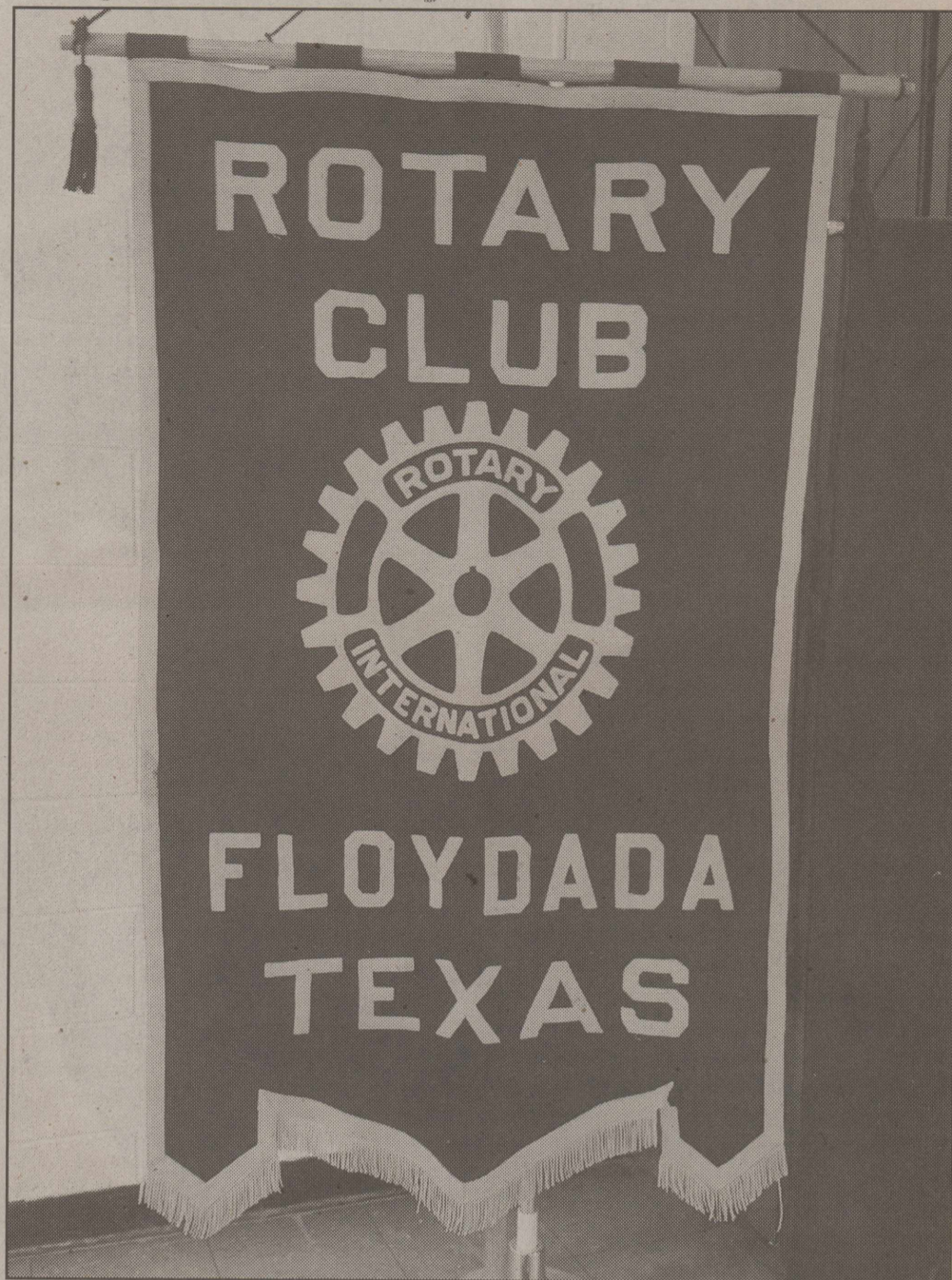
The cost of the camp is \$75 per student, and registration opens May 1. Registration forms are available in the Office of Continuing and Distance Education or call Kasey Reyes, administrative assistant to the Dean of Continuing and Distance Education, at (806) 716-2341. Registration will be accepted through the first day

of the camp.

The four-day camp will feature rotating classes from 9 a.m. to noon for participants. Students will attend theater, visual art, music and photography or creative movement. Participants ages 12-17 can create their own camp schedule by registering for the specific classes they wish to attend.

A closing event will feature all of the participating students and showcase what they have learned or created during the camp.

For more information, call Brent Wheeler, Camp Director, at (806) 716-2023 or email bjwheeler@southplainscollege.edu.



The Floydada Rotary Club would like to thank Cathy Ferguson and Cal Rodgers for repairing our banner. Glad to have it back hanging in the assume Massie Activity Center. Come have lunch with us. The Rotary Club meets on Wednesdays at noon in the MAC.

Museum Archives

Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

J. Blackwell

By Hallie T. Meyers

My father A. J. Blackwell was a cattle man in Greer Co. Oklahoma. He sold off most of his cattle and bought 1 and 1/2 sections of land in Floyd Co. He spent most of 1904 improving and having a house built. It was 10 miles south of Lockney, 8-1/2 miles northwest of Floydada. We moved to the place the first week in November 1905.

The next week he went to Canyon City to buy coal for the winter, while he was gone it came a big snow. The snow drifted so high against the fences, the cows and horses just walked out over the fences. The two older boys, Aubrey and Carl, had stayed in Oklahoma to teach school and Myrtle stayed and went to school at Eldorado, so at 14, I was the oldest one at home. Mother wasn't well and Letha, the youngest girl stayed in the house and helped with the house work. Robert, the youngest, was 7, and he and I did the best we could to take care of the stock. Our hog pen was north of the barn.

They were covered with 4 feet of snow. Their breath kept a 4 inch opening so they were still breathing. We were afraid they would die. The Hammonds were our nearest neighbors. Mother sent me down there to see if I could get some help, so Jim Hamond came and dug the snow off the hogs.

My daddy was very happy with his new home. We were 3 miles from Mickey or Sand Hill, so that is where we went to school.

In October 1907 my mother took typhoid fever and died. Carl was in college at Stillwater, Oklahoma, but came home when she died. There wasn't enough money for him to go back to college, so he and Aubrey were hired to teach the school at Sand Hill. So that was the last school I went to. Carl died with cancer when he was 50 years old, while he was Dean of Agriculture at Oklahoma A & M. Aubrey died when in his 70's. Myrtle has been in a nursing home at Gunter, Texas, for several years. Letha has lived all her married life in Sulphur Springs, Texas. Robert, the youngest, has lived in California.

I married Mason Riley December 20, 1908. He died in 1935. His father and mine both died in 1936. I married W. R. Meyers at Portales, New Mexico, December 23, 1939; later we moved to the Northwest and lived in Idaho and Oregon; and came back to Texas five years ago.

He died 15 months later. I've lived in Grand Prairie since, near my youngest son, Casey, but Dorothy lives about 50 miles from here, near Foreston. Rudy made his home in California until he retired and now lies in Reno. Patty lives in Oregon. I have six grandchildren (5 living) and eight great-grandchildren.

Home Country

By Slim Randles

Dud was down at The Lunker Hole on Lewis Creek before it even turned yellow in the east. He had some thinking to do, and, as everyone knows, there's no better way to think than fly fishing.

And The Lunker (and it's capitalized on purpose) is a good trout to think by. Why? Because everyone also knows you're not going to catch him, so it gives you thinking time.

Just about the time Dud could make out The Lunker's rock at the head of the hole, he had gotten a tiny midge tied on some leader and sent it on its way to the general vicinity of the rock.

It floated slowly downstream without being bothered by piscatorial pirates, and when the line told him he'd reached as far downstream as he could on this cast, he picked it up, waded it dry and cast back up at the rock.

Okay, that was a decent thinking time, so it was well to get started.

It's the book, of course. Dud's worked on it for years now.

Why do I do it? It doesn't make any sense. If I spent that time washing dishes down at the Mule Barn truck stop, I'd make more money. And the title? I like Murder in the Soggy Bottoms, but my friends keep calling it

The Duchess and the Truck Driver. Maybe I should change it?

Okay, pick up the fly and send it back up to that rock again.

And the love stuff ... the truck driver and the duchess are nuts about each other and have a kid in common from when he was in Europe on special assignment the last time. And the language problem. The duchess speaks a couple of European languages and the truck driver is from the South and likes to use air brakes as he comes down the hill past her castle. But if they are so different, how did they have a kid together?

Cast upstream again. Wait. False cast until the fly is dry then ... yeah, like that.

You know, it doesn't make any sense, but some people actually write more than one book!

They have to be cheating somehow... they've GOT to be cheating...

The Home Country radio show will be coming soon to a radio station near you! New, from Syndication Networks.

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Obituaries



ROLAND KENNETH TOWERY

Roland Kenneth Towery (Ken) was born on January 25, 1923 in Monroe County, Mississippi. He passed away peacefully surrounded by his family in Austin, Texas on Wednesday, May 4, 2016, the anniversary of 69 years with his wife, Louise. He was 93 years old.

After his family moved to Texas in 1924, he grew up on a farm in South Texas. Entering the US Army on his 18th birthday, Ken served during World War II in defense of the Philippines where he was captured at the fall of Corregidor and interned as a prisoner of war in China for three and one-half years. Among other decorations, he holds the Purple Heart and Presidential Unit Citation with two Oak Leaf Clusters.

Ken married a Knippa, Texas girl, Louise Ida Cook, on May 4, 1947 in Houston, Texas. In 1955, while Managing Editor for the Cuero Daily Record, he received the Pulitzer Prize for his series of stories exposing fraud and corruption in the Texas Veterans Land Program. In 1956, Towery joined the

Capitol Staff of Newspapers, Inc. in Austin covering state government and politics. From there, he moved to Washington as an aide to Senator John Tower and, later, into other government service.

Towery's government service includes six years as aide to Former Senator John Tower of Texas (most of it as Administrative Assistant) and seven years as Deputy Director and Assistant Director of the United States Information Agency. His service also includes ten years as Board Member of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting where he was twice elected as Chairman of the Board.

Towery was involved in numerous political campaigns including managing two of Senator Tower's reelection bids. He was Deputy Press Secretary in the 1980 Reagan campaign for Presidency during the General Election, managed President Nixon's Texas campaign during the 1968 Presidential campaign, and was involved in the Goldwater campaign for Presidency in 1964. He was also active in management or as consultant in a number of State and Congressional campaigns.

In addition, Towery owned weekly newspapers in North Texas: The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon and the Crosby County News & Chronicle as well as the Belton Journal. He was inducted into the Panhandle Press Association Hall of Fame in 1998 and the Texas Newspa-

per Foundation Hall of Fame in 2015.

Towery wrote his memoirs, "The Chow Dipper", about his experiences as a prisoner of war and his years of involvement in journalism and politics. In the first part of the book, he recalls the siege of Corregidor and his time in a Japanese prison camp. There, his fellow prisoners chose Ken as the chow dipper because they trusted him to fairly apportion their food from the bucket it came in. Ken later wrote, "Nothing in the secular world, the world apart from my family, has approached the honor of being chosen 'Chow Dipper' by starving men" - the Pulitzer Prize was not as meaningful as being the chow dipper. In the second part, he tells his views through experience of the changing faces of journalism, politics, and government during critical stages of American history.

Ken is survived by his wife, Louise; a daughter and son-in-law, Alice and Leonard Gilroy, of Austin; a son, Roland Kenneth Towery Jr., of Baltimore; four grandchildren, Roland Kenneth Towery III and his wife, Jamie, of Savannah, Georgia, Rachel Sines and her husband, David, of Winter Garden, Florida, Athena Towery of Baltimore, Maryland, and Brandon Gilroy of Austin; and three great-grandchildren, Watson Sterner of Baltimore, Maryland and Archer Towery and Ezra Towery of Savannah, Georgia.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother,

Wiley Azof and Lonie Belle Cowart Towery, and seven brothers and two sisters.

The family received friends from 4 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, May 8, 2016 at Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home in Austin, Texas.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 9, 2016, at Weed-Corley-Fish Chapel.

Interment followed at the Texas State Cemetery in Austin.

Obituary and memorial guestbook available online at www.wcfish.com.

Arrangements under the direction of Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home in Austin.

MARGARET ELIZABETH BEAN CALAHAN

Margaret Elizabeth Bean Calahan, 93, of South Plains, Texas died Monday, April 4, 2016 in Lexington, Kentucky.

Margaret was born November 7, 1922 in Lockney, Texas.

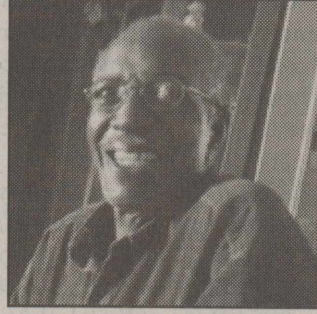
Survivors include her two sons, John and wife, Ann of Stephenville and granddaughter, Shelby Lee, and Jerry and wife, Carol of Canyon and grandson, Michael; a daughter, Beth of Lexington and grandsons, Bradley and Bryan; and grandson, Cameron of Lubbock; and 5 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 14, 2016 at South Plains Baptist Church.

Reverend Nathan Mulder, officiated and Bro. Joe Wel-

don assisted.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to South Plains Baptist Church, South Plains, Texas.



JAMES KING, SR.

James King, Sr. age 75 of Floydada, passed away May 7, 2016 at the Trust Point Hospital in Lubbock.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at the First United Methodist Church with Tim Askew and Kenneth Jackson.

Interment followed at the Floydada Cemetery.

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

He was born on October 10, 1940, to Mary King and Rozell Rice in Bryan, Texas.

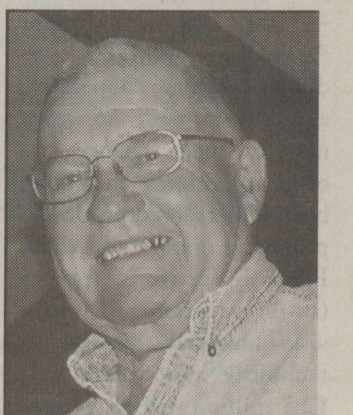
He married Betty King (Coleman) February 15, 1992 in Floydada. He enjoyed watching football games, he was a Dallas Cowboys fan, he loved watching his grandchildren play sports, loved taking family vacations and traveling in the car.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, Lee King, a brother, Charles, two sisters, Ann, Joyce, and Alice Faye.

James is survived by his wife of the home, Betty King; his children, Fleata (William Cook) of Belton, Texas,

Beverly Collins of Floydada, Texas, Nora (Timothy Collins) of Floydada, Texas, James Jr. (Tammy King) of Lubbock, Texas, Terry King of Floydada, Texas, Leonard (Elizabeth King) of Floydada, Texas, O.B. (Tess Smith) of Floydada, Quin Coleman, of Denver, Colorado Sissy Chappell, of Floydada, Texas, Darcus Baker, of Floydada, Texas, and Carlos Baker of Floydada, Texas; a brother, Richard Henry; numerous grandkids, great-grandkids, cousins, nieces and nephews.

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



ROBERT JACK 'BOB' ROSS

Robert Jack "Bob" Ross age 76 of Floydada, Texas went to be with the Lord on May 7, 2016.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at the First Baptist Church in Floydada with Pastor Tim Franks officiating.

Interment followed at the Dougherty Cemetery.

Arrangements were under the care of Moore Rose Fu-

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid... let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. —Matthew 5:14, 16 (NRSV)

When I visited a firefly farm, the owners led my group down a pathway to the river in total darkness. Silently we got into a barge, and the boatman rowed downstream. As we floated past the bushes growing on the banks of the river, we were delighted to see clouds of fireflies lifting up into the darkness. They performed a pirouette and then resettled into the next bush. The fireflies repeated this

display all the way down the river — brightening each area for a few seconds.

In today's reading, Jesus reminds us that, like those fireflies, we are called to let our light shine into the world and into the lives of others. When we encounter someone who feels depressed or discouraged or who has lost hope, we have an opportunity to share the light of Christ's love.

Winifred Montgomery (Gauteng, South Africa)

Thought for the Day
To whom can I bring God's light today?

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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 St. 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 Floyada Rev. Toby Gonzales Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:40 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wed Evening - 7 p.m. *****</p> <p>San Jose Catholic Church Lockney Msgr. Nickolas Rendon Wed. Communion - 8 p.m. Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m. *****</p> <p>South Plains Baptist Church Joe Weldon, Pastor SuNday School - 10 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. Prayer Meeting - 7 p.m. *****</p> <p>Templo Getsemani Assembly of God 701 W. Missouri Joe M. Hernandez 983-5286 (Church) Sunday School English - 9:45 a.m. Spanish - 11 a.m. Worship Spanish - 9:30 a.m. English - 11 a.m. Evening Service 5 p.m. Wednesday 7 p.m.</p>
<p>*****</p> <p>St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church Floydada Rev. Ike Temporaza 983-5878 Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m. Mon. & Wed. Mass - 6:30 p.m. Confession Sat - 10-11 a.m. *****</p> <p>Templo Bautista Salem Lockney Rev. Joe Hernandez Bun Prayer School - 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>		

AGRICULTURE

Solar Power coming to Floyd County?

By Kay Ledbetter

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

In the monthly Floyd County Commissioners meeting this week county Judge Marty Lucke shared with the court that he had received an inquiry from Innovative Solar Systems, LLC, from Asheville, NC about the possibility of a 550-acre solar farm in the southwest part of the county. Their representative said the proximity to the power lines made it perfect for solar. The judge also said that the county earlier this year had received an inquiry about the northern part of the county.

In other energy news the commissioners noted that SunEdison, a wind energy company, who had been involved with Floyd County initiatives for several years had filed for bankruptcy.

And, the county received a certificate that Whirlwind Energy is in compliance.

In other court action commissioners approved an inter-local agreement with Garza County to hold prisoners. According to Sheriff Paul Raissez, Garza County will hold prisoners for \$45 a day, compared to Lubbock's \$60 a day, and Garza County will pick the prisoners up.

Commissioners approved SmartBench

judicial software for inclusion in the 2017 budget by a vote of 3-0 with Lucke and commissioner Mike Anderson abstaining. 110th District Judge Bill Smith was on hand and recommended SmartBench software which costs \$28,000.

The court also unanimously approved a no "exempt" employees policy. This puts the county in compliance with federal statute which states that only elected officials and employees making more than \$50,400 are exempt from overtime.

Also, commissioners unanimously approved taking bids for destruction of the old jail.

Floydada City Manager Jeff Johnston appeared before commissioners' court to discuss property on the east side of Annie Taylor Park. The city is implementing a parks improvement plan through a bond passed by voters in 2013, and part of that plan includes improving the softball fields at Annie Taylor Park. But there is a plot of land next to the park where the county and city are unsure who owns the land. Johnston agreed to do a survey to resolve the matter.

The commissioners also approved the hiring of a new part-time librarian in Lockney.

USDA establishes new partnership

WASHINGTON, D.C.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced cooperative agreements with 55 partners to educate farmers and other producers that have been underserved by USDA programs historically about Farm Service Agency (FSA) programs that provide financial, disaster or technical support. Nearly \$2.5 million will go to nonprofits, associations, universities, and foundations that will provide training and information on agricultural best practices, local networking opportunities, and more.

"We're always working to find new ways for our programs to reach more producers and create more jobs in agriculture," said FSA Administrator Val Dolcini. "The organizations selected

as part of this effort share USDA's priority of helping more Americans build successful farms and ranches."

FSA, which solicited applications last fall, received nearly 100 proposals that requested over \$9 million in funding. Cooperative agreements, encompassing more than 28 states, will be between \$20,000 and \$75,000 each and several involve multi-state or national efforts. A list of awardees can be found at www.fsa.usda.gov/outreach.

FSA also announced today that it is accepting proposals for consideration in the second evaluation period. Applications are due no later than July 11, 2016. Projects not selected during the first evaluation period will be reconsidered during the second period. Additional information on the funding solicitation and the related FSA programs can be found at www.grants.gov using reference number USDA-FSA-CA-2016-001. For nonprofits and public institutions of higher education that are considering participation, a recording of the online informational session held with stakeholders is posted on the web at www.fsa.usda.gov/outreach.

USDA is also helping producers find an entry into farming through urban agriculture opportunities and

the increasing consumer demand for locally-produced items. Under this Administration, USDA has invested more than \$1 billion in over 40,000 local and regional food businesses and infrastructure projects. 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. 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.

Since 2009, USDA has worked to strengthen and support American agriculture, an industry that supports one in 11 American jobs, provides American consumers with more than 80 percent of the food we consume, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for home-grown renewable energy and materials. USDA has also provided \$5.6 billion of disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; expanded risk management tools with products like to Whole Farm Revenue Protection; and helped farm businesses grow with \$36 billion in farm credit. USDA has engaged its resources to support a strong next generation of farmers and ranchers by improving access to land and capital; building new markets and market opportunities; extending new conservation opportunities; offering appropriate risk management tools; and increasing our outreach, education, and technical support including 102,000 direct and guaranteed farm operating and ownership loans. USDA has also provided more than 18,000 microloans totaling over \$406 million since the program began in January 2013. Nearly 89 percent of microloans, or more than \$363 million, were used by new, beginning and underserved farmers to grow their farming operations. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/results.

USDA announces conservation Reserve Program Results

WASHINGTON, May 5, 2016 – Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced the enrollment of more than 800,000 acres in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). Through CRP, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) helps farmers offset the costs of restoring, enhancing and protecting certain grasses, shrubs and trees that improve water quality, prevent soil erosion and strengthen wildlife habitat. Farmers' and ranchers' participation in CRP continues to provide numerous benefits to our nation, including helping reduce emissions of harmful greenhouse gases and providing resiliency to future weather changes.

"The Conservation Reserve Program provides nearly \$2 billion annually to land owners – dollars that make their way into local economies, supporting small businesses and creating jobs. When these direct benefits are taken together with the resulting economic activity, the benefits related to CRP are estimated at \$3.1 billion annually," said Vilsack. "Over the past 30 years, CRP has created major environmental improvements throughout the countryside. The program has removed carbon dioxide from the atmosphere equal to removing nine million cars from the road annually, and prevented 600 million dump trucks of soil from erosion. With today's announcement, USDA is continuing these achievements by maximizing conservation benefits within the limitations provided by law."

This was one of the most selective sign-up periods in CRP's 30-year history, with a record high Environmental Benefits Index cut-off and the lowest percentage of applications accepted. The high bar means that the per-acre conservation benefits are being maximized and that acres enrolled address multiple conservation priorities simultaneously.

A nationwide acreage limit was established for this program in the 2014 Farm Bill, capping the total number of acres that may be enrolled at 24 million for fiscal years 2017 and 2018. At the same time, USDA has experienced a record demand from farmers and ranchers interested in participating in the voluntary program. As of March 2016, 23.8 million acres were enrolled in CRP, with 1.7 million acres set to expire this fall.

Over three million acres have been offered for enrollment this year across the three main categories within CRP, with USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) receiving over 26,000 offers to enroll more than 1.8 million acres during the general enrollment period, and over 4,600 offers to enroll more than one million acres in the new CRP Grasslands program. Coming off a record-setting 2015 continuous enrollment of over 860,000 acres, more than 364,000 acres already have been accepted for 2016 in the CRP continuous enrollment, triple the pace of last year.

FSA will accept 411,000 acres in general enrollment, the most competitive selection in the history of the program, with the acreage providing record high conservation benefits. USDA selected offers by weighing environmental factors plus cost, including wildlife enhancement, water quality, soil erosion, en-

during benefits, and air quality.

The results of the first-ever enrollment period for CRP Grasslands, FSA will also accept 101,000 acres in the program, providing participants with financial assistance for establishing approved grasses, trees and shrubs on pasture and rangeland that can continue to be grazed. More than 70 percent of these acres are diverse native grasslands under threat of conversion, and more than 97 percent of the acres have a new, veteran or underserved farmer or rancher as a primary producer. FSA continues to accept CRP Grasslands offers and will conduct another ranking period later this year. Acres are ranked according to current and future use, new and underserved producer involvement, maximum grassland preservation, vegetative cover, pollinator habitat and various other environmental factors.

Participants in CRP establish long-term, resource-conserving plant species, such as approved grasses or trees (known as "covers") to control soil erosion, improve water quality and develop wildlife habitat on marginally productive agricultural lands. In return, FSA provides participants with rental payments and cost-share assistance. Contract duration is between 10 and 15 years.

CRP is currently protecting more than 100,000 acres of bottomland hardwood trees, nearly 300,000 acres of flood-plain wetlands, and 300,000 acres each for duck nesting habitat and nearly 250,000 acres of upland bird habitat. In addition, CRP is creating economic benefits that include at least \$545 million per year in recreation benefits and water quality benefits from reduced sedimentation of \$587 million per year.

Throughout the Obama Administration, USDA has generated thousands of critical partnerships to conserve and protect our natural resources on working landscapes, while enrolling a record number of acres in conservation programs. Seventy-percent of the nation's land is owned and tended to privately, and America's farmers, ranchers and landowners have willingly stepped up to address the growing impacts of a changing climate. With USDA's support, they work to implement voluntary practices that improve air and water quality, prevent soil erosion and create and protect wildlife habitat.

Since 2009, USDA has invested more than \$29 billion to help producers make conservation improvements, working with as many as 500,000 farmers, ranchers and landowners to protect land and water on over 400 million acres nationwide.

To learn more about FSA's conservation programs, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/conservation or contact a local FSA county office. To find your local FSA county office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

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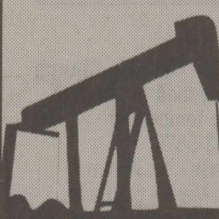
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Lockney VFD to host fund-raiser

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – The Lockney VFD and Floyd County Farm Bureau will be sponsoring a Sunday Fundraiser on May 15. They will be serving a brisket sandwich, chips and drink for a \$5.00 donation. The event will take place from 11:30 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. at the Lockney Fire Hall. This will be a pick up and go fundraiser.

All proceeds will go to the benefit of the Lockney VFD and EMS in support of training and equipment. State and federal mandates require the equipment to be upgraded on a regular basis. Without the support

and contributions of our great community, our fire department would be less able to maintain the safety of the public and our fire fighters.

All firefighting equipment becomes dated on a regular basis therefore bunker gear, helmets, shields, air tanks, mask and/or firetrucks need to be replaced.

Also, many hours are needed to train our members to new firefighting procedures as well as training for EMS. We strive to keep our firefighters trained. With all of this in mind, we continue to have fundraisers to maintain our skills and equipment. We thank the Floyd County Farm

Bureau for their continued support and sponsorship of this Sunday Fundraiser.

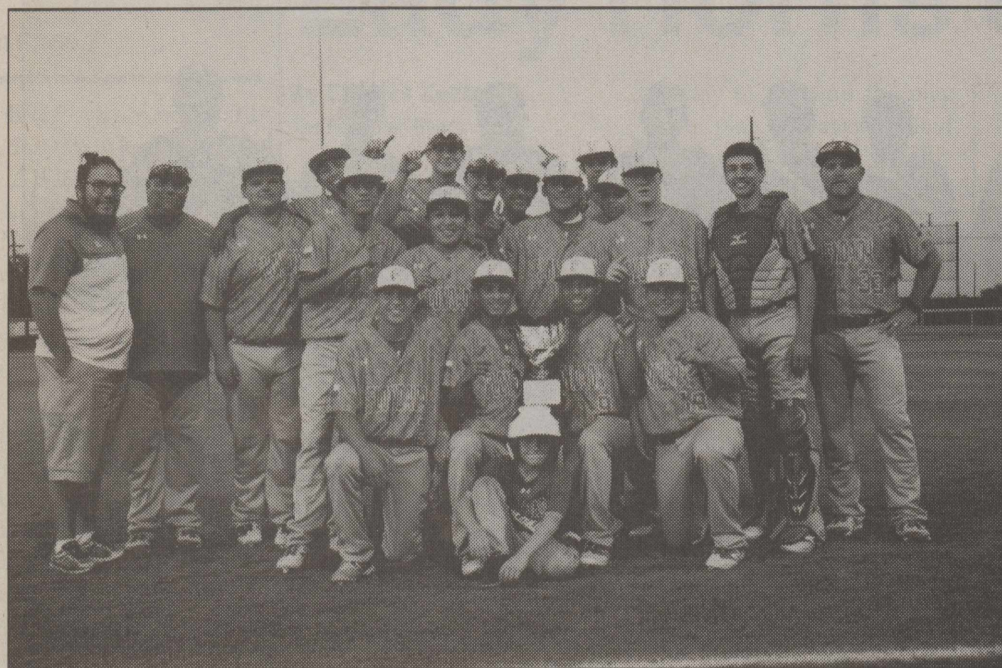
We also appreciate all of the support from the community we serve.

This Sunday, treat your family to brisket sandwiches and support your local fire department. For more information, contact Darrell Rasco at 292-9227 or Donnie McLaughlin at 983-1848



FLOYDADA SCHOOL NEWS

Bi-District



Courtesy Photo

Floydada Baseball claimed the Bi-District trophy by defeating Smyer in two games, 9-4 and 6-1. They will now face Stinnett West Texas this weekend in the Area round of the playoffs.

Floydada 4x400 State



Courtesy Photo

Floydada will be represented at the UIL State Track and Field Meet by the 4x400 Relay. Members of the relay are (l-r) Tyler Saldana, Abraham Perez, Kyi Baker, Rosendo Reyna, Josh Castaneda and Chris Chavarria.

Whirlwinds hold off Smyer, 9-4

Floydada vs Smyer
Game 1 - Bi-District
Friday, May 6

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

Floydada

Lineup	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	K
Alfonso Mendoza	4	1	1	1	0	2
Aaron De La Fuente	4	0	1	0	0	1
Jordan Mendoza	0	1	0	0	0	0
Mark McGowen	4	2	2	3	0	1
Alex Glass	3	0	1	1	0	1
Angel Cervera	0	1	0	0	0	0
Michael Crone	4	1	1	0	0	1
Emmanuel Torres	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jesse Segura	3	1	1	0	1	1
Brayden Campbell	2	0	0	0	0	2
Robert Mora	1	0	0	0	0	1
Abraham Perez	1	1	1	1	0	0
Carson Turner	0	0	0	0	1	0
Lewis Alaniz	2	1	0	0	1	1
Totals	28	9	8	6	3	11

Lineup: Mark McGowen 4, Alex Glass, Michael Crone 3, Abraham Perez, Alfonso Mendoza, Jesse Segura, Aaron De La Fuente
RBI: Mark McGowen 3, Alex Glass, Abraham Perez, Alfonso Mendoza
SF: Alex Glass
ROE: Michael Crone, Aaron De La Fuente
HBP: Robert Mora, Abraham Perez
SB: Abraham Perez 3, Jesse Segura
CS: Aaron De La Fuente, Emmanuel Torres

Smyer

Lineup	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	K
Ramon Lopez	2	2	1	0	0	0
Matthew Lozano	4	1	2	1	0	0
Jarred Fowler	4	0	0	0	0	1
Tye Lozano	3	0	1	1	0	1
Mike Drake	3	0	1	0	0	1
Kole Vedder	3	0	0	0	0	1
Nico Lee	2	0	0	0	0	2
Daniel DeLeon	1	0	0	0	0	0
Adrian Mojica	3	1	1	0	0	1
Brian Drake	2	0	0	0	0	2
Gilbert Sanchez	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	27	4	6	2	0	8

Lineup: Tye Lozano, Matthew Lozano
RBI: Tye Lozano, Matthew Lozano
FC: Jarred Fowler, Mike Drake, Kole Vedder, Matthew Lozano
HBP: Gilbert Sanchez, Ramon Lopez 2
GIDP: Jarred Fowler
CS: Matthew Lozano

Pitching

IP	#P	S%	H	R	ER	K	BB	HR
Jarred Fowler	6.2	130	.592	8	9	8	11	3
Tye Lozano	0.1	1	.000	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	7.0	131	.588	8	9	6	11	3

Pitching L: Jarred Fowler
HBP: Jarred Fowler 2
Pitches-Strikes: Jarred Fowler 130-77, Tye Lozano 1-0
Groundouts-Flyouts: Jarred Fowler 3-5, Tye Lozano 0-0
First pitch strikes-Batters faced: Jarred Fowler 18-34, Tye Lozano 0-0

Team LOB: 5 Fielding E: Kole Vedder, Tye Lozano, Matthew Lozano 3, Brian Drake

Stats Courtesy of GameChanger

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LUBBOCK – Floydada held off the Smyer Bobcats in the first game of their Bi-District series with a 9-4 victory on Friday, May 6. Alex Glass led the way from the mound with eight strike outs of the Bobcats.

Floydada went three up and three down in the top of the first. In the bottom of the inning, M Lozano singled with one out for the Bobcats but was caught stealing then Fowler struck out as the score remained tied 0-0 after one inning.

In the top of the second, the Whirlwinds scored two runs. With one out, Michael Crone tripled then scored on an error. Jesse Segura walked then stole second. With two outs, Abraham Perez singled to drive in Segura as the Whirlwinds took a 2-0 lead. Smyer went three up and three down in the bottom of the second.

Aaron De La Fuente singled with one out in the top of the third for Floydada but was caught stealing before Mark McGowen struck out to end the at bat. In the bottom of the inning Smyer again went three up and three down as Floydada kept their 2-0 lead.

Floydada went three up and three down in the top of the fourth. In the bottom of the fourth, Smyer scored two runs to tie the game. Lopez singled to lead off then moved to second on an error. M Lozano reached on an error as Lopez scored on the play. T Lozano singled with one out to drive in M Lozano and tie the game after four innings at 2-2.

In the top of the fifth, Perez was hit by a pitch with one out but Lewis Alaniz struck out and Alfonso Mendoza flied out to end the at bat. In the bottom of the inning, Smyer went three up and three down as the game remained tied 2-2 after five innings.

The Whirlwinds managed to add two runs in the top of the sixth. De La Fuente reached on an error to lead off stopping at second. Jordan Mendoza came in as a courtesy runner. McGowen tripled to drive in Mendoza then a sacrifice fly by Glass scored McGowen to give the Whirlwinds

the lead again at 4-2. Smyer added a run in the bottom of the inning. Lopez was hit by a pitch to lead off then moved to second on a single by M Lozano. Fowler hit into a double play that took out M Lozano but moved Lopez to third. T Lozano reached on an error that allowed Lopez to score to make it 4-3 after six innings in favor of Floydada.

In the top of the seventh, Floydada added five more runs. With one out, Carson Turner walked then Perez came into run. Perez stole second and moved to third on an error. Alaniz walked then a single by Mendoza scored Perez and moved Alaniz to second. Alaniz moved to third on an error and Mendoza moved to second. After De La Fuente struck out, McGowen singled to drive in Alaniz and Mendoza. Glass singled and McGowen moved to third on an error then Angel Cervera came in to run for Glass. Cervera moved to second on defensive indifference. Crone reached on an error as McGowen and Cervera scored on the play. Segura singled then Robert Mora was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Emmanuel Torres came in to run for Crone but was caught trying to steal home as the Whirlwinds took a 9-3 lead. In the bottom of the inning, Smyer added a run. With one out, Mojica singled then Sanchez was hit by a pitch and Lopez was hit by a pitch to load the bases. M Lozano reached on a fielder's choice as Sanchez was forced out but Mojica scored on the play. Fowler then hit into a fielder's choice that forced M Lozano out at second for the final out of the game as Floydada took Game one 9-4.

For Smyer, M Lozano went 2-4 with one RBI and one run scored. Lopez went 1-2 with two runs scored and Mojica went 1-3 with one run scored. Fowler pitched six and two-thirds allowing nine runs on eight hits while striking out 11 and walking three. T Lozano pitched one-third of an inning. For Floydada, McGowen went 2-4 with three RBIs and two runs scored, Perez went 1-1 with one RBI and one run scored and Mendoza went 1-4 with one RBI and one run scored. Glass pitched seven innings allowing for runs on six hits while striking out eight.

McGowen, Whirlwinds take out Smyer for Bi-District title

Floydada vs Smyer
Game 2 - Bi-District
Friday, May 6

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

Smyer

Lineup	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	K
Ramon Lopez	3	0	0	0	0	1
Matthew Lozano	3	1	0	0	0	0
Kole Vedder	3	0	1	0	0	2
Tye Lozano	2	0	1	1	1	1
Mike Drake	2	0	0	0	1	1
Jarred Fowler	3	0	0	0	0	0
Daniel DeLeon	1	0	0	0	0	0
Nico Lee	1	0	0	0	0	0
Adrian Mojica	3	0	0	0	0	2
Brian Drake	3	0	0	0	0	2
Gilbert Sanchez	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	24	1	2	1	2	9

Lineup: Tye Lozano
RBI: Tye Lozano
ROE: Jarred Fowler, Matthew Lozano, Ramon Lopez
HBP: Daniel DeLeon
SB: Mike Drake
CS: Tye Lozano, Ramon Lopez

Floydada

Lineup	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	K
Alfonso Mendoza	3	1	2	1	1	0
Aaron De La Fuente	3	0	1	0	1	1
Mark McGowen	4	0	0	0	0	3
Alex Glass	4	0	0	0	0	4
Michael Crone	3	0	0	0	0	0
Jesse Segura	2	2	1	0	0	0
Brayden Campbell	1	2	0	0	2	1
Abraham Perez	3	1	2	1	0	1
Lewis Alaniz	3	0	0	0	0	3
Jordan Mendoza	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	26	6	6	2	4	13

Lineup: Abraham Perez 2, Alfonso Mendoza 2, Jesse Segura, Aaron De La Fuente
RBI: Abraham Perez, Alfonso Mendoza
ROE: Jesse Segura, Aaron De La Fuente
HBP: Jesse Segura
SB: Alfonso Mendoza 2, Jesse Segura, Aaron De La Fuente
CS: Tye Lozano, Ramon Lopez

Pitching

IP	#P	S%	H	R	ER	K	BB	HR
Mark McGowen	7.0	94	.649	2	1	0	9	2
Totals	7.0	94	.649	2	1	0	9	2

Pitching W: Mark McGowen
HBP: Mark McGowen
Pitches-Strikes: Mark McGowen 94-61
Groundouts-Flyouts: Mark McGowen 8-2
First pitch strikes-Batters faced: Mark McGowen 19-27

Stats Courtesy of GameChanger

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LUBBOCK – Mark McGowen struck out nine and limited Smyer to two hits as the Floydada Whirlwinds won Game 2 6-1 and claimed the Bi-District crown on Friday, May 6.

In the top of the first, Vedder singled with two outs for the Bobcats but T Lozano struck out to end the at bat. In the bottom of the inning, Aaron De La Fuente singled with one out but McGowen and Alex Glass struck out to end the inning with the game tied, 0-0 after one inning.

With one out in the top of the second, Fowler reached on an error then DeLeon was hit by a pitch but then McGowen struck out Mojica and Drake to end the at bat. In the bottom of the inning, Jesse Segura singled with one out but Brayden Campbell and Abraham Perez struck out as the score remained tied 0-0 after two innings.

Smyer scored one run in the top of the third. M Lozano reached on an error then scored when T Lozano tripled to give the Bobcats a 1-0 lead. In the bottom of the third, Alfonso Mendoza singled with one out then stole second. De La Fuente walked but McGowen and Glass struck out to end the inning with Smyer leading 1-0 after three innings.

In the top of the fourth, Smyer went three up and three down. In the bottom of the fourth, the Whirlwinds scored four runs. With one out, Segura reached on an error then moved to second on the play. Campbell walked then Perez singled to load the bases then Segura scored on an error. After Lewis Alaniz struck out, Mendoza singled to drive in Campbell then Perez was able to score on an error on the play. Mendoza stole third then

scored on a wild pitch to give the Whirlwinds a 4-1 lead after four innings.

Lopez reached on an error for Smyer with one out in the top of the fifth but was caught stealing before M Lozano grounded out to end the at bat. Floydada added two more runs in the bottom of the fifth.

With two outs, Segura was hit by a pitch then stole second and moved to third on defensive indifference. Campbell walked then Perez singled to drive in Segura. Campbell moved to third on passed ball and was able to score on the play to give Floydada a 6-1 lead after five innings.

In the top of the sixth, T Lozano walked with one out but Drake struck out and Fowler flied out to end the at bat. In the bottom of the inning, Mendoza walked to lead off the innig but De La Fuente, McGowen and Glass all struck out as Floydada held on to a 6-1 lead.

For the Bobcats in the top of the seventh, Lee grounded out, Mojica was put out at first on a dropped third strike and Drake fouled out to end the game with Floydada winning 6-1 and taking the Bi-District series.

For Smyer, T Lozano went 1-2 with one RBI and M Lozano went 0-3 and scored a run. Vedder pitched five innings allowing six runs on six hits while striking out 10 and walking three and T Lozano pitched one inning, striking out three and walking one.

For Floydada, Mendoza went 2-3 with one RBI and one run scored, Segura went 1-2 with two runs scored, Campbell went 0-1 and scored two runs and Perez went 2-3 with one RBI and one run scored. McGowen pitched seven innings allowing one run on two hits while striking out nine and walking two.

Floydada advances to take on Stinnett West Texas in the Area round of the playoffs.

Performance indicators identify profitable areas

By Blair Fannin
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FORT WORTH – Viewed as a report card for a cattle operation, key performance indicators, also known as KPIs, can assist beef producers in measuring factors crucial to an operation.

Stan Bevers, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economist, Vernon, discussed KPIs at the 2016 Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Convention in Fort Worth.

"KPIs provide a rancher with an analysis of the operation and detail whether the operation is fulfilling the goals of ownership," Bevers said.

These indicators are especially important in the current weakening cattle market, he said. For example, Bevers said the development cost of a replacement heifer is a KPI. Hay production cost per ton is also a KPI.

"One of the big reasons for doing this, I was working with a big ranch in Montana," Bevers told attendees. "The members of the board were pretty big financial gurus. I shot all of this information about the ranching operation to them and they said it was like getting a drink out of a fire hose. They wanted 10 things in about five minutes. That's where KPIs came into play."

Bevers said when ranchers consider a bull purchase, they focus on expected progeny differences, also known as EPDs.

"The perfect bull in my mind would be one

with an EPD number that is really high for weaning weights, but we can't focus on one number or one performance metric without sacrificing another," Bevers said. "It's the same thing with KPIs."

Other KPIs that Bevers suggests ranchers look at include:

- Revenue per breeding female.
- Nutrition base expense as a percent of total expenses.
- Labor and management expense as a percent of total revenue.
- Operating expense as a percentage of total revenue.
- Net income ratio.
- Cost per hundredweight of weaned calf.
- Total investment per breeding female.
- Debt per breeding female.
- Equity-to-asset ratio or market basis.
- Asset turnover ratio on cost basis.
- Rate of return on assets on market basis.

Bevers said reproduction is the most influencing factor on ranch productivity.

"After all, we have to have cows to produce revenue," he said. "Once we identify an open cow, everything that follows is an expense with no revenue to go against it until she is bred again or sold. The nutrition of that female is paramount to getting her bred. Yet, feed is one of top three expenses on a ranch that also include labor and depreciation."

"Those costs tend to move around a bit. We hear all the time feed is the most expensive

LOCKNEY SCHOOL NEWS

Longhorns defeat Tahoka for Bi-District title

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

RALLS - Lockney scored four runs in the top of the seventh to come from behind to defeat the Tahoka Bulldogs in game two of their Bi-District series 13-12. The win sends the Longhorns to the Area round against Kress.

The Longhorns scored the first two runs of the game in the top of the first. Isreal Cuellar doubled to lead off the game then moved to third on a passed ball and scored on another passed ball. Trevor Ascencio singled but was thrown out trying to advance to second. Daylen Gatica tripled then scored on a single by Jonathan Rodriguez to give Lockney the early 2-0 lead. In the bottom of the inning, J Quinonez led off with a walk. Tipton popped out to the pitcher J Quinonez was doubled off first. R Quinonez lined out to end the inning with Lockney leading 2-0 after one inning.

In the top of the second, BJ Jimenez singled with one out for Lockney but Nick Rendon grounded into a double play. In the bottom of the inning, Rodriguez walked with two outs but Arce flied out to end the inning with Lockney still leading 2-0.

Lockney added two more runs in the top of the third. With one out, Ascencio singled then stole second. Gatica singled as Ascencio moved to third then scored on an error which also allowed Gatica to score. J Rodriguez singled then Avian Luna doubled but a strike out and a fly out end the Longhorns at bat with Lockney now leading 4-0. In the bottom of the third, the Bulldogs went three up and

three down.

The Longhorns scored two more runs in the top of the fourth. Jimenez led off with a double then Rendon doubled. Cuellar hit a sacrifice fly that scored Jimenez and Ascencio hit another sacrifice fly to score Rendon. Gatica doubled but Rodriguez lined out as Lockney now led 6-0. In the bottom of the fourth, Tahoka went three up and three down.

For Lockney in the top of the fifth, Luna doubled to lead off then moved to third on a sacrifice by Justin Suarez. Ruben Marmolejo hit a sacrifice fly that allowed Luna to score as the Longhorns took a 7-0 lead. In the bottom of the fifth, the Bulldogs scored five runs. White led off with a single then stole second and moved to third when Rodriguez grounded out. Arce reached on an error to drive in White. Lockaby walked then Hamilton singled. J Quinonez reached on a fielder's choice that allowed Arce and Lockaby to score. Tipton walked then R Quinonez doubled to score J Quinonez and Tipton to cut Lockney's lead to 7-5 after five innings.

In the top of the sixth, the Longhorns added two more runs. Rendon tripled to lead off then scored on a triple by Cuellar. Ascencio reached on a fielder's choice as Cuellar scored. Ascencio was thrown out trying to advance. Gatica walked then stole second but was out on a fielder's choice that allowed J Rodriguez to reach but he was thrown out trying to reach second. The Longhorns now had a 9-5 lead. In the bottom of the sixth, the Bulldogs scored seven runs to take a 12-9 lead. White reached on an error to



Courtesy Photo

Lockney Baseball claimed the Bi-District trophy by defeating Tahoka in two games, 7-5 and 13-12. They will now face Kress this weekend in the Area round of the playoffs.

lead off then moved to third on a ground out by Rodriguez. Arce tripled to score White then Lockaby walked. With two outs Arce stole home then J Quinonez walked as Lockaby moved to second. Lockaby then scored on an error as J Quinonez moved to third. J Quinonez scored on an error then Tipton singled. R Quinonez singled and Tipton moved to third. Tipton stole home then R Quinonez moved to second on a balk, stole third then stole home. Tekell hit a home run to center then White singled, Rodriguez walked and Arce singled to load the bases before White was picked off at third to end the inning. At the end of six innings, Tahoka held a 12-9 lead.

Lockney scored four runs in the top of the seventh to take back the lead. Luna singled to lead off and advanced to second on the throw. Luna stole third before Suarez popped out. Marmolejo singled to

score Luna then with two outs, Rendon doubled. Marmolejo scored on a passed ball as Rendon moved to third. Cuellar singled to drive in Rendon. Cuellar moved to second on the throw then stole third and home to give the Longhorns a 13-12 lead. In the bottom of the inning, the Bulldogs went three up and three down to end the game with the Longhorns taking the 13-12 victory and the Bi-District crown.

For Tahoka, J Quinonez went 0-3 but had two RBIs and scored two runs, Tipton went 1-3 with two runs scored, R Quinonez went 2-4 with two RBIs and one run scored, White went 2-4 with two runs scored and Arce went 2-4 with two RBIs and two runs scored. There were no pitching stats reported.

For Lockney, Cuellar went 3-4 with three RBIs and three runs scored, Ascencio went 2-4 with two RBIs and one run scored, Gatica went 3-3 with two runs scored and Luna

went 3-4 with two runs scored. Marmolejo pitched five and one-third innings allowing seven runs on four hits while striking out three and walking four. Bryce Reece pitched one-third of an inning allowing five runs on five hits while striking

out one and walking three. Gatica pitched one inning allowing no runs while striking out two and Alex Rea pitched one-third of an inning. Lockney will play Kress in the Area round of the playoffs this weekend.

Lockney vs Tahoka
Game 2 - Bi-District
Saturday, May 7

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Lockney	2	0	2	2	1	2	4	13	19	4
Tahoka	0	0	0	0	5	7	0	12	9	1

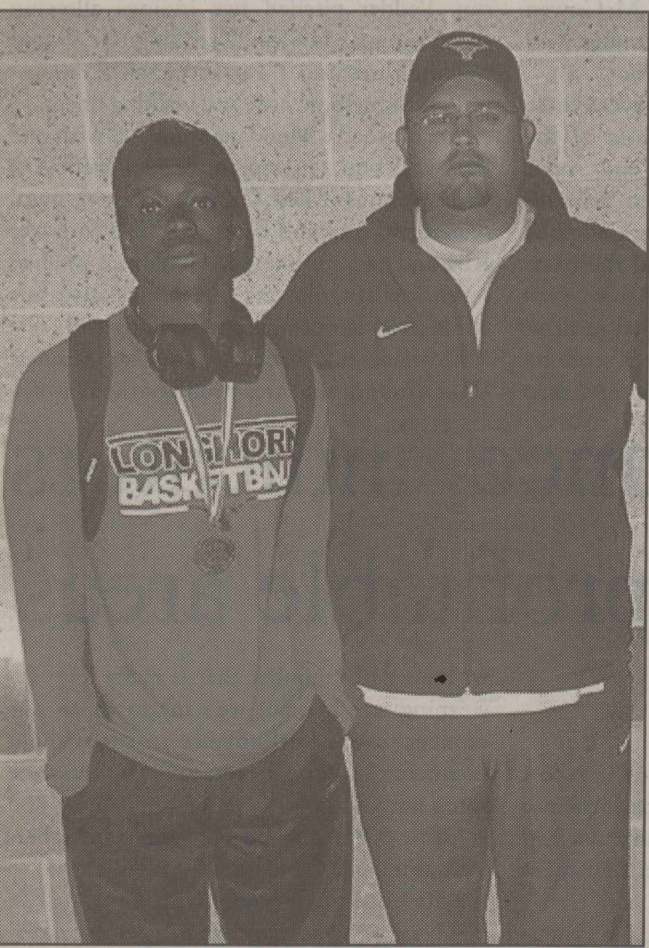
Lockney	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	K
Lineup	4	3	3	3	0	0
Isreal Cuellar	4	3	3	3	0	0
Trevor Ascencio	4	1	2	2	0	1
Daylen Gatica	3	2	3	0	1	0
Jonathan Rodriguez	4	0	2	1	0	0
Avian Luna	4	2	3	0	0	1
Justin Suarez	3	0	0	0	0	1
Ruben Marmolejo	3	1	1	2	0	0
BJ Jimenez	4	1	2	0	0	0
Nick Rendon	4	3	3	0	0	0
Alex Rea	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bryce Reece	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	33	13	19	8	1	3

Tahoka	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	K
Lineup	3	2	0	2	2	1
J Quinonez	3	2	0	2	1	0
Tipton	3	2	1	0	1	0
R Quinonez	4	1	2	2	0	0
Tekell	4	1	1	1	0	0
White	4	2	2	0	0	0
Rodriguez	2	0	0	0	0	0
Arce	4	2	2	2	0	0
Lockaby	2	2	0	0	0	2
Hamilton	4	0	1	0	0	3
Totals	30	12	9	7	3	8

Batting: #10, #15, #4, #2, #1, #8, #4
RBI: #11, #12, #10, #5, #9, #2
ROE: #4, #9
FC: #11
SB: #14, #10, #4, #8
PK: #4
Team LOB: 2

Pitching: IP #P %H R ER K BB HR
 No players with Pitching stats
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 Stats Courtesy of GameChanger

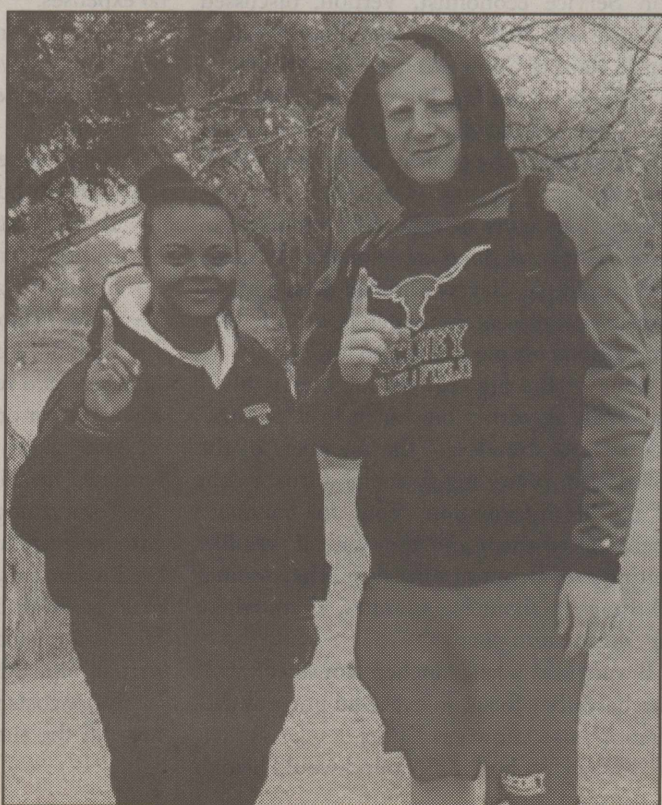
LHS Track



Courtesy Photo

Tevin Phillips (left) will represent Lockney in the UIL State Track meet in Austin this weekend. Phillips will participate in the Long Jump. Adam Zepeda is the track and field coach for Lockney.

Haley Walker (left) and Jaden Butler (right) will represent Lockney at the UIL State Track Meet. Walker and Butler will both participate in the Discus contest.



Longhorns comeback to defeat Tahoka

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

RALLS - Lockney scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth to come from behind to defeat the Tahoka Bulldogs, 7-5, in the first game of their Bi-District contest on Friday May 6.

Tahoka took the early lead with three runs in the top of the first. J Quinonez led off with a walk then Tipton walked. R Quinonez grounded out but J Quinonez and Tipton advanced a base each. Tekell singled to drive in J Quinonez. After Rodriguez struck out, White doubled to drive in J Quinonez and Tipton as the Bulldogs took a 3-0 lead. In the bottom of the first, Daylen Gatica doubled with two outs but Avian Luna grounded out to end the inning with Tahoka leading 3-0 after one inning.

In the top of the second, Tahoka put two runners on bases but were unable to get them across the plate. J Quinonez and Tipton both walked with two outs but R Quinonez grounded out to end the at bat. In the bottom half of the inning, Lockney scored one run. Jonathan Rodriguez reached on an error that allowed him to circle the bases for a score to make 3-1 after two innings.

Tahoka again put two runners on base in the top of the third but were unsuccessful in scoring them. Rodriguez singled and White walked but two straight strike outs end the at bat. The Longhorns came back with two runs in the bottom of the inning. Isreal Cuel-

Lockney vs Tahoka
Game 1 - Bi-District
Friday, May 6

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Tahoka	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	5	5	3
Lockney	0	1	2	1	3	1	7	10	11	1

Lockney	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	K
Lineup	1	2	1	0	3	0
Isreal Cuellar	3	2	2	1	1	1
Trevor Ascencio	4	0	1	0	0	3
Daylen Gatica	3	1	2	1	3	0
Avian Luna	3	0	0	0	0	0
Jonathan Rodriguez	3	1	0	0	0	0
Justin Suarez	3	1	2	0	0	0
Ruben Marmolejo	3	1	2	0	0	0
BJ Jimenez	3	0	1	0	0	1
Devin DeLeon	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nick Rendon	3	0	0	0	0	1
Stevan Marquez	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	28	7	10	2	1	7

Tahoka	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	K
Lineup	3	2	2	1	1	1
J Quinonez	3	2	2	1	1	1
Tipton	4	0	1	0	0	3
R Quinonez	3	0	0	0	0	0
Tekell	3	1	2	0	1	0
White	2	0	1	2	1	1
Rodriguez	0	1	1	0	0	3
Arce	2	0	1	2	1	1
Lockaby	3	0	0	0	0	3
Castillon	3	0	0	0	0	3
Hamilton	3	0	0	0	0	3
Totals	25	5	5	4	6	17

Batting: #4, #11, #15, #2, #34, #4, #2
RBI: #11, #12, #4, #2
ROE: #10
SB: #11, #14, #10, #15
CS: #10
Team LOB: 6 Fielding E: #11, #14, #1
DP: #22

Pitching: IP #P %H R ER K BB HR
 J Quinonez 6.0 103 641 10 7 6 7 1
 Totals 6.0 103 641 10 7 6 7 1
Pitches-Strikes: #11 103-66
Groundouts-Flyouts: #11 5-5
First pitch strikes-Batters faced: #11 12-29

Batting: #10, #15, #4, #2, #1, #8, #4
RBI: #11, #12, #10, #5, #9, #2
ROE: #4, #9
FC: #11
SB: #14, #10, #4, #8
PK: #4
Team LOB: 4 Fielding E: Avian Luna

Pitching: IP #P %H R ER K BB HR
 Daylen Gatica 7.0 146 875 5 5 3 17 0
 Totals 7.0 146 875 5 5 3 17 0
Pitching W: Daylen Gatica
HR: Daylen Gatica
Pitches-Strikes: Daylen Gatica 146-84
Groundouts-Flyouts: Daylen Gatica 2-0
First pitch strikes-Batters faced: Daylen Gatica 13-32
 Stats Courtesy of GameChanger

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cost. But that's not necessarily true. It's labor and depreciation. A lot of times we don't even count or factor in our labor. Now, we are paying twice as much as what we used to for bulls. Depreciation has really jumped up in terms of costs."

With cattle prices already coming down from 2015 levels, Bevers said producers need to continue to watch prices and expenses.

"Expenses won't come down as fast as commodity prices," he said. "Cow-calf expenses won't come down as fast as cow-calf prices. 2016 will have lower calf prices but not to the extent it will affect these higher expenses. During 2017, expenses still will not be coming down, where calf prices will be in their second year of decline. That's what concerns me."

Bevers said if ranchers still need things done in an operation, such as putting in new corrals, new fences, paying down debt or buying a new vehicle, getting it done as quickly as possible is the best time.

"If there is something in the form of a capital asset, get it done quickly," Bevers said. "Going into 2017, cash flow could be an issue as calf prices are anticipated to continue to come down."

Lady Horns claim Area crown

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

ANDREWS - Lockney used seven runs in the fourth and five in the fifth to take a 12-1 victory over the Van Horn Lady Eagles on Friday, May 6. The Lady Horns swept the Area round series 2-0 and will move to the third round of the playoffs for the first time ever.

Van Horn went three up and three down in the top of the first. In the bottom of the first with one out, Alyssa Barretero walked then Lexi Chavez walked but a fielder's choice and a fly out kept the Lady Horns from scoring as the game was tied 0-0 after one inning. In the top of the second for the Lady Eagles, Ciniceros was hit by a pitch with two outs but Rodarte struck out to end the at bat. Lockney went three up and three down in the bottom of the second as the score remained 0-0.

The Lady Eagles went three up and three down in the top of the third. Hannah Kidd led off the bottom of the inning for Lockney by drawing a walk. Kidd stole second and moved to third on a passed ball. Barretero singled, with one out, to drive in Kidd with the first run of the game. Barretero was able to move all

the way to third on the play at the plate. Chavez walked then stole second. Shelby Coats singled to drive in Barretero and Chavez. Breanna Hernandez singled as Coats moved all the way to third on the throw. Camryn Diaz grounded out but Coats scored and Hernandez moved to third. Shelby Dunbar walked then moved to second on a passed ball. Brittany DeLeon singled to drive in Hernandez and Dunbar. DeLeon moved to second on the throw then Hannah Kidd singled to drive in DeLeon and give the Lady Horns a 7-0 lead after three innings.

In the top of the fourth, Van Horn went three up and three down. In the bottom of the inning, Barretero reached on an error to lead off for the Lady Horns. Chavez also reached on an error then Coats walked to load the bases. Hernandez singled to drive in Barretero then Diaz tripled to score Chavez, Coats and Hernandez. Dunbar grounded out to second but Diaz was able to score as the Lady Horns stretched the lead to 12-0.

Van Horn scored their only run of the game in the top of the fifth inning. With one out, Ciniceros reached on an error but was forced out on a fielder's choice. Rodarte also reached on a fielder's choice

Lockney vs Van Horn Game 2 - Area Friday, May 6

	1	2	3	4	5	R	H	E
Van Horn	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	3
Lockney	0	0	7	5	X	12	7	2

Van Horn

Lineup	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	K
C Mendez	3	0	0	0	0	1
K Virdell	2	0	0	0	0	0
J Tarango	2	0	0	0	0	0
A Ramirez	2	0	0	0	0	2
C Ojeda	2	0	0	0	0	1
M Ciniceros	1	0	0	0	0	0
A Rodarte	2	1	0	0	0	1
B Gonzales	2	0	0	0	0	0
C McKee	2	0	1	1	0	1
Totals	18	1	1	1	0	6

Batting TB: C McKee
RBI: C McKee
ROE: B Gonzales, M Ciniceros
FC: C Mendez, A Rodarte
HBP: M Ciniceros
SB: M Ciniceros

Team LOB: 3 Fielding E: K Virdell 2, C McKee

Pitching	IP	#P	S%	H	R	ER	K	BB	HR
C Mendez	4.0	92	.533	7	12	9	0	6	0
Totals	4.0	92	.533	7	12	9	0	6	0

Pitching L: C Mendez
Pitches-Strikes: C Mendez 92-49
Groundouts-Flyouts: C Mendez 6-5
First pitch strikes-Batters faced: C Mendez 15-27

Lockney

Lineup	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	K
Reagan Nuncio	3	0	0	0	0	0
Alyssa Barretero	2	2	1	1	1	0
Lexi Chavez	1	2	0	0	2	0
Shelby Coats	2	2	1	2	1	0
Breanna Hernandez	3	2	2	1	0	0
Camryn Diaz	3	1	1	4	0	0
Shelby Dunbar	2	1	0	1	1	0
Brittany DeLeon	3	1	1	2	0	0
Hannah Kidd	1	1	1	1	1	0
Sarah Garza	1	0	0	0	0	0
Karissa Petty	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brittany Jimenez	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	21	12	7	12	6	0

Batting 3B: Camryn Diaz
TB: Shelby Coats, Brittany DeLeon, Camryn Diaz 3, Breanna Hernandez 2, Hannah Kidd, Alyssa Barretero
RBI: Shelby Coats 2, Brittany DeLeon 2, Camryn Diaz 4, Breanna Hernandez, Hannah Kidd, Shelby Dunbar, Alyssa Barretero
ROE: Lexi Chavez, Alyssa Barretero
FC: Shelby Coats
SB: Lexi Chavez, Breanna Hernandez

Team LOB: 3 Fielding E: Lexi Chavez, Brittany Jimenez

Pitching	IP	#P	S%	H	R	ER	K	BB	HR
Shelby Coats	5.0	61	.754	1	1	0	6	0	0
Totals	5.0	61	.754	1	1	0	6	0	0

Pitching W: Shelby Coats
HBP: Shelby Coats
Pitches-Strikes: Shelby Coats 61-46
Groundouts-Flyouts: Shelby Coats 2-5
First pitch strikes-Batters faced: Shelby Coats 13-19

Stats Courtesy of GameChanger

as Ciniceros was forced out. Gonzales reached on an error as Rodarte moved to second. McKee singled to drive in Rodarte but Mendez hit into a fielder's choice to force McKee out at second and end the game and series as Lockney took the 12-1 victory to claim the Area title.

For Van Horn, McKee picked up the only hit and

drove in the only run as Rodarte scored the only run. Mendez pitched four innings allowing 12 runs on seven hit while walking six.

For Lockney, Diaz went 1-3 with four RBIs and one run scored, Coats went 1-2 with two RBIs and two runs scored and DeLeon went 1-3 with two RBIs and one run scored. Coats pitched five innings allowing one

run on one hit while striking out six.

The Lady Horns will face Forsan in the Regional Quarterfinals. Games one and two will be Friday, May 13 at Lubbock Cooper beginning at 5:30 P.M. with game two 30 minutes after the completion of game one. If a third game is needed, it will take place Saturday at 1:00 P.M.

Lockney School Menu

LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU
May 16 - May 20

Monday, May 16
Breakfast - Sausage Biscuit or Cereal, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch - Lasagna, Ravioli Roll or Chicken Fajitas, Salsa, Salad, Veggie Cup, Fresh Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, May 17
Breakfast - Dutch Waffle, Bacon or Cereal, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch - Asian Bowl with Egg Roll, Brown Rice or Pizza, Carrots with Ranch, Steamed Broccoli, Pineapples, Cookie, Milk

Wednesday, May 18
Breakfast - Breakfast Boat or Cereal, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch - Tex-Mex Stack, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Salsa or Pulled Pork, Chips, Cole Slaw, Tomato Cup, Hot Cinnamon Apples, Milk

Thursday, May 19
Breakfast - Stuffed Bagel, Sausage or Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch - Hamburger with Cheese or Pig-in-a-Blanket, Oven Fries, Western Beans, Diced Pears, Milk

Friday, May 20
Breakfast - Pancakes, Bacon or Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch - Chicken Parmesan or Italian Pasta Bake, Breadstick, Green Beans, Salad, Apple Slices, Milk

Area softball and baseball round up

District 2-2A Softball
Regional Quarterfinal Schedule
Lockney vs Forsan
Ralls vs Ira

Area Results
Lockney 10, Van Horn 2
Lockney 12, Van Horn 1

Ralls 10, Sundown 5
Ralls 11, Sundown 8

Forsan 19, Abernathy 17
Forsan 21, Abernathy 1

Bi-District Results

Lockney 6, Gruver 1
Lockney 18, Gruver 5

Abernathy 8, Clarendon 4
Abernathy 10, Clarendon 9

Ralls 20, Memphis 0

West Texas 12, New Deal 6
New Deal 11, West Texas 10
West Texas 15, New Deal 9

District 3-2A Baseball
Area Schedule
Lockney vs Kress
Floydada vs Stinnett West Texas

New Deal vs Clarendon
Abernathy vs Gruver

Bi-District Results
Lockney 7, Tahoka 5
Lockney 13 Tahoka 12

Floydada 9, Smyer 4
Floydada 6, Smyer 1

New Deal 17, Morton 4
New Deal 15, Morton 5

Sundown 2, Abernathy 0
Abernathy 21, Sundown 1
Abernathy 12, Sundown 2

Floydada School Menu

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU
May 16 - May 20

Monday
Breakfast - Breakfast pizza, fresh fruit, fruit juice, milk
Lunch - Mini corndogs, crispy chicken tacos with rice, potato wedges, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Tuesday
Breakfast - Breakfast pizza, fresh fruit, fruit juice, milk
Lunch - Popcorn chicken w/roll, cheesy beef & bean to-stado, green beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Wednesday
Breakfast - Blueberry muffin, fruit juice, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch - Corndog, beef ravioli w/meat sauce & roll, charro beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Thursday
Breakfast - Kolache, fresh fruit, fruit juice, milk
Lunch - BBQ chicken sandwich, hotdog, potato wedges, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Friday
Breakfast - Pancakes w/blueberry glaze, fresh fruit, fruit juice, milk
Lunch - Beef fingers w/roll, spaghetti w/meat sauce & breadstick, mixed salad, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk



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A.B. DUNCAN ELEMENTARY NEWS

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)

Obituaries..

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neral Home of Floydada.

Bob was born to the late Jack and Lillian Rose on April 18, 1940 in Ralls, Texas. The family moved to the Dougherty community in 1942. He attended school in both McAdoo and Floydada. He married his beloved Glenna Blasingame Ross on September 8, 1962. Bob served on many public boards and farmed in the Dougherty area until he retired.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, and two brothers, James and Sam Ross.

He is survived by his wife, Glenna; son, Tom Ross and wife, Lori of Floydada; son, Mitch Ross of Floydada; his grandchildren, Kelsey Ross, Nelson Stegall, Tucker Ross, Taylor Ross, and Shani Jordan and husband, Taylor; two great-grandchildren, Presley Stegall, and Hadley Jordan; many nieces, nephews, and a brother. He is also survived by his brother, Bill and wife, Georgetta.

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



DONNA SAMS

Donna Sams, age 58, of Lockney passed away Sunday, May 2, 2016 in Lubbock.

Funeral services were held 2 p.m., Thursday, May 5, 2015 at the First Baptist Church of Lockney.

Visitation was held at 9

a.m. to 8 p.m., at Moore Rose Funeral Home in Lockney.

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

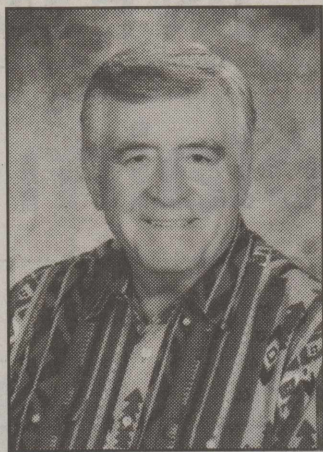
Donna was born on January 5, 1958 to Marvin and Rosezell (Bonds) Sams.

She lived most of her entire life in Lockney and attended Lockney schools. Donna was an all-around fun person. She enjoyed spending time and playing with her grandchildren. Almost equally she enjoyed spending time with her fur babies.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents.

Those left to cherish her memory include her children, Jason Peralez and his wife, Michelle of Victoria, Texas, Jeffery Peralez and his wife, Eliza Peralez of Victoria, Texas, and Susie Peralez and her husband, Eddie Longoria of Lockney; 12 grandchildren, Zaidence Peralez, Arabella Peralez, Messiah Peralez, Katelynn Longoria, Emily Longoria, Samantha Longoria, Edward Longoria, Jason Peralez, Jr. Bryanna Luna, Jesse Luna, Nicholas Peralez, and Alan Peralez; oned great-grandson, Landon Luna, two sisters; Lani Brandmire of Knoxville, Tennessee and Valerie Wilson of Chicago, Illinois.

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



JOHN EVERETT PERRY, JR.

John Everett Perry, Jr., 83, of Amarillo passed away on Friday, April 29, 2016.

A memorial visitation was held from 5 to 7 p.m., Friday, May 6, 2016, in the Kornerstone Funeral Directors Chapel.

Cremation arrangements were under the care of Kornerstone Funeral Directors of Plainview.

John was born on a small farm near Floydada on November 12, 1932, to Everett and Helen (Tinnin) Perry. He attended schools in Floydada and graduated from Floydada High School in 1950. He attended college at West Texas State where he played football before marrying his high school sweetheart, Christine Jones, who was also born and raised in Floydada. Two years after marriage, John was drafted into the U.S. Army and served during the Korean conflict as an MP. After his discharge, John and family lived in Plainview for 10 years. They then moved to Petersburg in 1964 where they owned and operated "The Buff" restaurant.

John later worked with his father, Everett, and brother, Jerry, in the John Deere dealerships in Petersburg, Floydada, and Lockney. It

was during that time that he served on the City Council and also as the Mayor of Petersburg. He was also a member of the Chamber of Commerce and served as the announcer for the annual Petersburg Day for many years. John was honored as the "Man of the Year" in 1978 for those services.

It was during those years in Petersburg that John started writing columns for the Petersburg Post newspaper and did so until he moved to Plainview in 1991. He worked at the John Deere dealership in Olton for seven years and also wrote a weekly column for the Olton Enterprise.

Due to health reasons, John retired and devoted his time to writing and volunteer work. He wrote a weekly column for the Plainview Daily Herald for many years.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and was a volunteer cook for their weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast. He was a volunteer with Meals on Wheels, Faith in Sharing, and RSVP. He also served as Santa Claus for many years for the annual Christmas Breakfast with Santa.

John and Chris were dedicated supporters of their children's school and community activities, spending many hours cheering during football, basketball, and baseball games. John was beloved by his children and grandchildren for fishing trips, horse-shoe pitching contests, and his gourmet "sugar pies." He was a wonderful cook who shared his talents with family and friends.

In later years, John wrote three fictional novels depicting the history of the staked plains and the Llano Estacado. The novels were a tribute to the trials and tribulations endured by both early settlers and native Americans during the latter years of the 19th century. The novels were titled, The Winter Moon, followed by A Time for the Crawfish, and finally The Whispering Prairie.

John was preceded in death by his parents, granddaughter, Cammye Louise Thompson, and a son-in-law, Neill Thompson.

He is survived by his "first" and only wife, Chris Perry of Amarillo; son, Mike Perry and wife, Judy of Olton; three daughters, Debbie Perry of Amarillo, Becky Thompson of Roysce City, Texas, and Janice Luscombe and husband, Jimmy of Amarillo; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to BSA Hospice of the Southwest or any of the Veteran Charitable organizations.

Online condolences can be made at www.kornerstonefunerals.com

SW Oklahoma and Texas Panhandle Fishing Report

SW Oklahoma and Texas Panhandle fishing report

Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Ellsworth: Elevation above normal, water 67. White bass are good on crawfish, spinnerbaits and small lures below the dam and along shorelines. Channel catfish are fair on chicken liver and stink-bait below the dam and along channels.

Foss: Elevation 4 ft. below normal, water high 60s and clear. Walleye are good on worms near rocks along the dam. Crappie are fair on jigs around fishing docks. Striped bass hybrids are fair on live bait drifting in deep water. Catfish are fair on stinkbait and cut bait. White bass are fair in the river.

Lawtonka: Elevation above normal, water 66. Smallmouth and largemouth bass are good on bill baits and lipless baits along riprap and shorelines. Blue catfish are good on crawfish and shrimp along channels and the main lake.

Tom Steed: Elevation above normal, water 56. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs at 8 ft.-10 ft. along rocks. Blue and channel catfish are good on cut bait and stinkbait at 5 ft.-10 ft. along creek channels and flats.

Waurika: Elevation normal, water 60. Blue and channel catfish are good on cut bait and stinkbait in the main lake. Crappie are slow on jigs around brush structure.

Alan Henry: Water clearing main lake, stained up river; 68-70 degrees; 2.77 ft. low. Black bass are good on topwaters, worms, spinnerbaits and crankbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs in 1 ft.-12 ft. Catfish are good on cut bait, perch and goldfish.

Arrowhead: Water fairly clear; 65-70 degrees; 0.01 ft. high. No reports on black

bass. Crappie are slow on jigs and minnows in the shallows. Catfish are good on worms and stinkbait.

Coleman: Water murky; 62-66 degrees; 0.46 ft. high.

Black bass are slow. Hybrid striped are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

Ft. Phantom Hill: Water murky; 64-69 degrees; 0.61 ft. high.

Black bass are fair on chatterbaits, swimbaits and Texas rigs.

Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair to good on cut bait.

Hubbard Creek: Water off color; 66-72 degrees; 8.87 ft. low. Black bass are fair on shallow running crankbaits, weightless flukes and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and prepared bait.

Nasworthy: 65-71 degrees; 1.34 ft. low. Black bass are fair to good on jigs, Texas rigged lizards and weightless flukes. No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

O.H. Ivie: Water stained; 65-71 degrees; 44.09 ft. low. Black bass are fair on Senkos, chatterbaits and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs fished shallow. Catfish are fair to good on live bait.

Oak Creek: Water stained; 66-70 degrees; 12.78 ft. low. Black bass are fair on drop shot rigs, spinnerbaits and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs in the shallows. Catfish are fair on chartreuse (use Worn-Glo) nightcrawlers.

Possum Kingdom: Water off color; 64-70 degrees; 0.04 ft. low. Black bass are fair on medium running crankbaits, Texas rigs, drop shot rigs and split shot weighted flukes. Crappie are fair to good on chartreuse jigs and live minnows.

White bass are fair to good on Road Rooster Tails. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

USDA seeks applications for broadband grants

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

TEMPLE — Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced today that USDA is soliciting applications for grants to establish broadband in unserved rural communities through its Community Connect program. Community Connect is administered by USDA's Rural Utilities Service and helps to fund broadband deployment into rural communities where it is not economically viable for private sector providers to provide service.

"Through Community Connect and our other telecommunications programs, USDA helps to ensure that rural residents have access to broadband to run businesses, get the most from their education and benefit from the infinite services that fast, reliable broadband provides," Vilsack said. "USDA is committed to supporting America's rural communities through targeted investments in our bioeconomy and renewable energy, local and regional food systems, conservation initiatives and rural development."

"Many rural communities in Texas do not have access to broadband service," said Texas State Director Paco Valentin. "USDA's Community Connect Grant Program offers opportunities to rural residents to gain global access to quality economic, social and educational

opportunities."

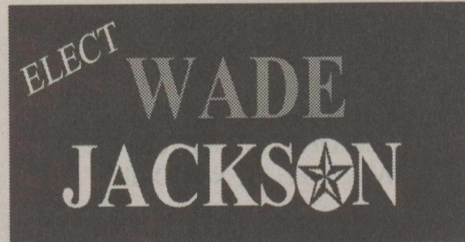
USDA plans to award up to \$11.7 million in grants nationally through the Community Connect grant program. The grants fund broadband infrastructure to help foster economic growth by delivering connectivity to the global marketplace. The grants also fund broadband for community centers and public institutions.

The minimum grant is \$100,000 for FY 2016. The maximum award is \$3 million. USDA announced new rules in 2013 to better target Community Connect grants to areas where they are needed the most. To view the rules and how to apply, go to <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-04-18/pdf/2016-08931.pdf>.

Prior Community Connect grants cannot be renewed. However, existing Community Connect awardees may submit applications for new projects, which USDA will evaluate as new applications.

USDA, through its Rural Development mission area, administers and manages housing, business and community infrastructure and facility programs through a national network of state and local offices.

These programs are designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America.



**Republican for District Attorney
Floydada Resident
4th Gen. Floyd County Native**

- The district attorney prosecutes felony cases. Victims of these upper-level crimes deserve an experienced person to guide them through the criminal justice system. I have passionately spoken for victims for the past twenty-two years as a prosecutor. I have the experience and skill to help bring justice and closure for victims of crime and their families.
- The prosecution's case is only as good as the law enforcement officer's investigation. I have teamed with law enforcement officers throughout every phase of their investigations. In particular, I have assisted officers in the search and seizure of controlled substances in hundreds of cases. Also, I have taught many classes to officers concerning search and seizure issues.
- I have been the First Assistant District Attorney for Lubbock County for over ten years. In this role, I have gained invaluable experience in the administration of a district attorney's office.
- I have represented the State of Texas in jury trials and forced defendants to be accountable for their crimes of theft, burglary, drunk driving, drug possession, drug dealing, robbery, rape, child molestation, aggravated assault, and murder.

Victims of crime deserve an experienced, skilled prosecutor. I would be honored to represent you as your next district attorney. I am asking for your vote during early voting Monday May 16th through Friday May 20th and on election day, Tuesday May 24th.

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Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

On May 20th we will host a bake sale for the Special Olympic team from Plainview. The team is composed of kids from Lockney, Floydada, Tulia and Plainview. The bake sale will begin at 7:30 a.m. and will be all day through the Friday night fish fry. Please come by and get some goodies. There will be cookies, cakes, pies and homemade bread. All proceeds will benefit the team, to help with travel expenses when they go to different events.

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

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

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

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

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

MENU

May 16 - May 20

Monday - BBQ on bun

Tuesday - Enchiladas

Wednesday - Meat loaf

Thursday - Chicken & dumplings

Friday - Pulled pork

(Menus subject to change with notice)

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.

Joyce Williams attended evening services at City Park Church of Christ on Sunday, May 1. A tall, slender, dark-haired young man introduced himself as planning to move of his family into the old R.C. Andrews building.

Betty Baker and Joyce Williams attended morning and evening services respectively at City Park of Christ on Sunday, May 1, wearing warm coats on the 40-50 degree days.

Nancy Lawson, Virginia Pyle, Iantha Pyle, and Bud Henderson attended Sunday school at First Baptist Church on Sunday, May 1.

Faye Bertrand attended the First United Methodist Church services on Sunday.

Jerrold Vinson was the only man at the men's table at the Center on Monday. Did the other men have too much Bob Will's Day weekend, the diners wondered. Bud Henderson was present at the Center to keep the ladies laughing and happy on May 2.

Have any readers heard anything about the plans for development of R.C. Andrews building as a business? We at Senior Citizens would appreciate any actual plans if you hear of any.

Monday, May 2 has been cold and sunny and we were served a tasty meatloaf lunch with a variety of cooked vegetables as well as several cold raw vegetables and salads at the salad bar. Plenty of cornbread and butter to hold everything together for all of us that thrive on southern style cooking.

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 16 - May 20

Monday - Taco salad

Tuesday - Chicken & dumplings

Wednesday - Lasagna

Thursday - Chicken fried steak

Friday - Loaded baked potato & tuna sandwich

(Menus subject to change without notice)

Caprock Canyons State Park offers wide variety of recreation in May

By Le'Ann Pigg
Texas Parks & Wildlife

QUITAQUE -- Come join in all the fun activities at Caprock Canyons State Park during the month of May.

--On May 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., join us for our Sixth Annual Frontier Days. Visit 19th century encampments of buffalo hunters, Native Americans, pioneer women and much more. This year, Charles and Mary Ann Goodnight will even be here. View authentic artifacts and visit with our living history re-enactors where we're bringing history to life! This is an all-day event and it's free with your paid park entrance fee, so don't miss it.

--On May 21, join us for a Beginners Photography Workshop at 1 p.m. If you love photography, professional photographer Derrick Birdsall will show you some of the best techniques for nature photography right here in Caprock Canyons State Park where nature abounds! An optional hike later on in the day will follow where Derrick will take you out to put those techniques to practice so be sure to bring your camera. Our evening will end with a Full Moon Hike beginning at 8:45 p.m.

Our newest program is all for the birds. Join Texas Master Naturalist Drew Harvey on the kickoff day of our first Monthly Bird Walks. Meet up with Drew in the Visitor's Center Parking Lot at 9 a.m. to spot some of our feathered friends in the park.



Courtesy photo

On May 14 Caprock Canyons State Park will be celebrating its sixth annual frontier days with reenactors of 19th Century encampments, Buffalo soldiers, and native American heritage.

Later on in the evening beginning at 8 p.m., join photographer Melany Serafis for a Light Painting Workshop. But, don't bring a paintbrush, bring your camera. Melany will show you a technique for taking pictures illuminated in light.

A DSLR camera is required for this program. Participants will need a wide angle lens with an F2.8 aperture, a tripod, intervalometer, and headlamp with a red light.

May is a great month for night sky viewing and Arthur Schneider will return for Constellations in the Canyons on May 28. Enjoy viewing some constellations, planets, stars and more with Arthur's large telescopes beginning at 9:30 p.m. Bring some comfortable lawn chairs

with you. Program is free and is subject to cancellation due to weather.

Our last program for the month of May will end up bugging you. Literally. Join scientist Barry Lombardini on May 29 at 8:45 p.m. as he enlightens us on the wonderful world of moths and butterflies! His presentation, The Butterflies of West Texas & a bit of West Texas History, will discuss some of the species you are likely to see here in our area.

Park admission: adults, \$4; seniors, \$2; children 12 and under, free. Camping is available, along with hiking, biking, fishing, and many other outdoor and recreational opportunities. All programs are free with paid park entrance fee. For more information, please call 806-455-1492.

Xcel Energy ready for spring storms

AMARILLO, Texas - Spring storms bring needed rain to Xcel Energy's Texas and New Mexico communities, but also an increased chance of power outages and property damage.

A basic understanding of the region's power grid and the ways in which Xcel Energy keeps it working can be beneficial to customers who might be affected by an outage.

"We enjoy extremely high reliability on our system, but when we do experience a power outage, we have a finely tuned process that ensures customers won't be inconvenienced for long," said David Hudson, president of Southwestern Public Service Company, an Xcel Energy company. "With each passing year we gain more knowledge of ways to prevent outages, and we employ more effective response processes when they do occur."

Xcel Energy routinely stages employees and supplies in key locations ahead of storms when possible, and has invested hundreds of millions of dollars in upgraded power systems in the past five years to improve reliability and provide more options to reroute power on the expanded network, Hudson said.

In the event of a power outage, customers should report their outage online at xcelenergy.com or call 1-800-895-1999.

Xcel Energy relies on customer reports to determine what equipment is out of service. The information is transmitted to a central dispatching center, where automated reports assist dispatchers in determining the scope of the outage based on the number and location of reported outages. Dispatchers then radio line and service personnel to initiate a restoration process.

Hudson said Xcel Energy customers understand

that storms can cause outages, but they may become frustrated from a lack of information if the outage is long in duration. That is why the company now posts outage locations and estimated restoration times on the Xcel Energy outage map found at xcelenergy.com. The estimates are based on the amount of time it should take to restore an outage given the equipment that is out of service. Customers may also opt to receive emails, texts or phone calls with updated outage information by going to "My Account" at xcelenergy.com or by calling 1-800-895-4999.

Outages affect different parts of the system, and some can take longer to restore based on the origin. Some common types of outages include:

Transmission Line - The high voltage network is made up of transmission lines that move power from generating plants to large concentrations of customers, such as towns or industrial areas. A transmission outage can affect thousands of customers, who can be restored quickly when the fault is cleared

or when power is rerouted around the fault.

Substation - The transmission network feeds into substations where voltage is stepped down to a distribution voltage and sent over the lines that run along major roads and up and down alleys.

An equipment malfunction in a substation can also affect a large number of customers, but power can often be rerouted around the disabled substation and power restored to affected customers even before the substation repairs are made.

Distribution Feeders and Taps - Distribution lines are broken into feeder lines and tap lines. A feeder line supplies power onto multiple tap lines. Feeder outages can also affect a thousand or more customers, while tap line outages can affect anywhere from 40 to 400 customers.

When outages occur on the feeder and tap lines, linemen are first dispatched to patrol the lines to check for faults or damage. If the line is clear, a breaker can be closed back to start the flow of power again. If damage is found, the damaged area can be isolated

through switches and power can be rerouted into the area from another direction to restore the bulk of the affected customers.

Transformer and Service Level - Outages that occur at the transformer or service line level affect smaller numbers of customers. Overhead transformers are bucket-shaped devices mounted on a pole and typically serve 10 to 12 customers. Service line outages are generally caused by impacts to the overhead line running from the alley to the customer's meter box. If a storm affects a large number of transformers and service lines, the restoration can take longer since service personnel have to make many stops to get everyone back into service.

Hudson pointed out that outages caused by spring storms can also present hazards to Xcel Energy employees and the public. Customers should be aware of their surroundings at all times, and assume that any downed lines are energized. Electricity is extremely hazardous if not handled properly by a trained professional. Never touch any

electrical power line or device. Also, be safe when digging by calling 811. Xcel Energy service personnel will locate underground lines and mark where it's unsafe to dig.

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"Safety has to be the top priority, and once we've established a safe zone in which to operate, we can move very quickly to restore power," Hudson said. Xcel Energy (NYSE:

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EARLY VOTING PRIMARY RUNOFFS

Early Voting for the Primary Runoffs will be held Monday, May 16, 2016 through Friday, May 20. Polling places are the Floyd County Annex and the First United Methodist Church. Hours: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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

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.

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form of government. When asked what were the benefits of a city manager form of government, Schlueter said, "It's good for the city to have one point of contact for all city departments. Right now, every council member has to keep up with their departments." He noted that having a city manager streamlines processes and workflow. "It's better for the city to

have one person who's looking out for it in terms of growth and opportunity," he said.

New mayor Archie Jones said he hopes the new city manager will be able to work on city initiatives during times when he will not be able to. Jones is employed full-time by Atmos Energy.

On alcohol, Schlueter said, state regulations through the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission will determine much of how Lockney transitions to being a wet city.

"Businesses who want to sell liquor will have to get a license from the TABC," Schlueter said, and he added that two individuals were in the process of doing that.

According to the TABC website, it takes 45 to 60 days for a business to get a permit to sell liquor. Also, The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code permits city councils or county commissioners' courts to adopt local ordinances prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages within 300 feet of a public or private school, church and/or public hospital. The distance from a school can be increased to 1000 feet under certain circumstances. Cities and counties can also adopt ordinances requiring a 300-foot distance between certain types of permits and day-care centers or child-care facilities.

Cities and counties are not required to have these ordinances and are free to grant variances as they see fit. If the city or county has not adopted such an ordinance, then there is no requirement that a location selling alcoholic beverages must be any specific distance from a church, school, public hospital, day-care center or child-care facility. Schlueter said, "All of that will be on the May 12 city council agenda as well."

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Floyd voters cast ballots for change

By Kay Ellington The Hesperian-Beacon

In Lockney voters approved the sale of alcohol, two school bond elections, picked a new mayor and chose to implement a city manager form of government.

Lockney's new mayor is Archie Jones, who has worked at Atmos Energy for more than 25 years, who received 230 votes to Tina Graves' 143 votes. Jones served with the Lockney Chamber for five years, and was Citizen of the Year in 2013.

Jones spoke with the Hesperian-Beacon about his election and his priorities. "I want to thank each and every person who voted for me," he said. "I'll try to make a difference. I'd really like to get things cleaned up, potholes repaired, and drainage issues fixed."

Jones will be sworn in

at the June Lockney City Council Meeting.

Voters within the Lockney Independent School District boundaries passed two school bonds for the improvement of LISD campuses and other properties.

With a vote of 345 "for" and 140 "against" Lockney approved the issuance of \$3.335 million of bonds by the District for the construction, acquisition, renovation and equipment of school buildings and facilities, excluding athletic facilities; and the purchase of new school buses.

With a vote of 288 "for" and 198 "against" Lockney approved the issuance of \$3.335 million of bonds for the construction of improvements to and equipment of the district's athletic facility, including the installation of artificial field turf, scoreboards and lighting.

Next week, the Hesperian-

Beacon will be featuring a story with LISD officials on next steps in implementing the voters' decision on the bond elections.

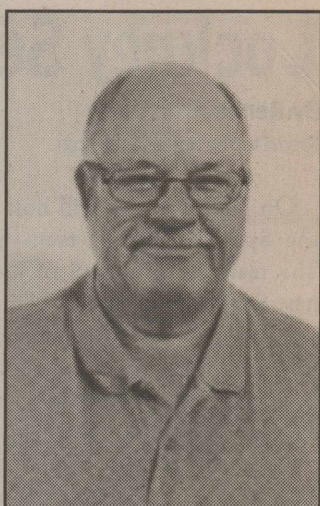
Also Kirk Wilson gained a seat on the school board with 255 votes over Joe Smith and his 208 vote.

Lockney voted "wet" as the city voted 221 "for" and 157 "against" the sale of all alcoholic beverages, including mixed drinks.

The vote will also legalize package sales as well as the availability of beer, wine and mixed drinks in restaurants, taverns and bars.

Finding a new city manager is also in the plans for Lockney as with a vote of 271 in favor and 93 against, citizens decided to switch from a city secretary system to a city government operated by a city manager.

Floydada voted for change in its city election. Challenger Corey Speed received 81



Archie Jones, employed by Atmos Energy for 25 years, president of the Lockney Chamber of Commerce for five years, and Lockney Citizen of the Year in 2013, was elected the new mayor and will be sworn in at the June Lockney City Council meeting.

votes to incumbent Gabriel de la Fuente's 73 votes. Sam Green received 134 votes.

Green and Speed were elected to the two at-large seats.

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strike out victim of Coats as the teams remained tied, 0-0.

Lockney again put two runners on base with only one out. Shelby Dunbar and Brittany DeLeon both walked but a strike out by Hannah Kidd and a fly out to center by Reagan Nuncio left two runners on base. The Lady Eagles were able to plate two runs in the bottom of the second. With one out, Ramirez was hit by a pitch then moved to second on a passed ball. Gonzales singled to drive in Ramirez for the first run of the game. Gonzales moved to second on an error then scored when Mendez doubled to left field to make it 2-0 after two innings in favor of Van Horn.

For the third straight inning, the Lady Horns put two runners on base as Barretero led off with a walk then Chavez walked but Coats popped up, Hernandez grounded out and Camryn Diaz grounded out to end the at bat. For Van Horn in the bottom of the third, they went three up and three down but still led 2-0.

The Lady Horns managed to finally score in the top of the fourth. Dunbar singled to lead off then stole second. With two outs, Dunbar moved to third on a passed

ball. Nuncio was hit by a pitch then stole second. Barretero reached on a fielder's choice that allowed Dunbar to score to make it 2-1 in favor of Van Horn. In the bottom of the inning, Gonzales was hit by a pitch for Van Horn with two outs but McKee grounded out to end the inning as the Lady Eagles maintained their 2-1 lead.

Lockney took the lead in the top of the fifth as they scored three runs. Lexi Chavez led off with a single then Coats walked. With one out, Diaz tripled to drive in Chavez and Coats. Dunbar grounded out to second but Diaz was able to score. DeLeon and Kidd walked but Nuncio struck out with Lockney leading 4-2. Tarango doubled with two outs for the Lady Eagles but Ramirez struck out to end the threat with Van Horn now trailing 4-2.

In the top of the sixth, the Lady Horns plated five runs to expand their lead. Barretero led off with a single then Chavez singled. After Coats flied out, Hernandez doubled to score Barretero and Chavez. After Diaz flied out, Dunbar singled to drive in Hernandez. DeLeon singled then Kidd singled as Dunbar

Scoreboard table for Lockney vs Van Horn, Game 1 - Area, Friday, May 6.

Player statistics table for Lockney vs Van Horn, Game 1 - Area, Friday, May 6.

and DeLeon scored on an error to give the Lady Horns a 9-2 lead. Van Horn went three up and three down in the bottom of the sixth.

Lockney added one more run in the top of the seventh. With two outs, Coats walked then moved to second and third on a passed ball and scored on an error to make it 10-2 in favor of the Lady Horns. For Van Horn in the bottom of the seventh, Gonzales reached on an error then stole second.

Mendez singled to move Gonzales to third. Mendez stole second then Virdell flied out. Tarango walked to load the bases but Ramirez struck out to end the game as Lock-

ney took the game one win, 10-2 over the Lady Eagles.

For Van Horn, Mendez went 2-4 with one RBI and Gonzales went 1-2 with one RBI and one run scored. Ramirez pitched seven innings allowing 10 runs on nine hits while striking out five and walking nine.

For Lockney, Chavez went 2-3 with two runs scored, Dunbar went 2-3 with two RBIs and two runs scored, Hernandez went 1-5 with two RBIs and one run scored and Diaz went 1-4 with two RBIs and two runs scored. Coats pitched seven innings allowing two runs on five hits while striking out 11 and walking only one.

Experts inform Texans on protecting from Zika

By Paul Schatenburg Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

SAN ANTONIO — Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service entomologists are informing Texans on how to protect themselves from the mosquito vectors that spread Zika and other diseases. "The ongoing outbreak of the Zika virus has spread throughout most of South America, Central America and the Caribbean," said Sonja Swiger, AgriLife Extension entomologist, Stephenville. "The effects this virus will have on the United States are not entirely known, but experts are concerned about the possibilities."

According to health officials, more than 350 travel-associated cases of Zika have been confirmed in the U.S., with 27 to date being in Texas. All of these cases occurred when the affected individual traveled to an endemic location and was bitten by an infected mosquito.

"The primary means of contracting Zika virus is through the bite of an infected mosquito, but it can also be transmitted sexually through semen," Swiger noted.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention officially confirmed Zika virus as the cause of the increased cases of microcephaly in newborns that have been occurring in Brazil and other countries since fall 2015.

"Microcephaly is a condition affecting unborn children where the baby's head is much smaller than expected," said Swiger, who recently coordinated the North Texas Mosquito Education Confer-

ence in Grapevine and is conducting workshops throughout Texas. "This occurs due to the decreased development of the baby's brain while infected with the virus. Microcephaly can occur under other conditions but a significant increase of cases has been seen in Brazil since fall of 2015 and new cases are now being reported in Colombia."

Swiger said the CDC is instructing pregnant women or women who plan to become pregnant to not travel to endemic outbreak areas at this time. The CDC's website also has tips for men who plan to visit endemic areas at http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/page/zika-travel-information.

"Thus far, Zika is not here in the Texas mosquito populations, but what the future holds for Zika in the U.S. is not entirely known," Swiger said.

Previous diseases have entered the U.S. by means of travelers bringing them in, but have failed to infect the local mosquito populations long term, she said.

"The Aedes aegypti mosquito is the main vector of the Zika virus, as well as dengue and chikungunya," said Molly Keck, AgriLife Extension entomologist, Bexar County. Keck recently presented mosquito education programs in Bexar, Comal and Atascosa counties.

"Health professionals have established a strong connection between the Zika virus and Guillain-Barré syndrome and microcephaly, as well as an autoimmune disease with neurological symptoms similar to multiple sclerosis," Keck said.

"And while media reports tend to emphasize the risk to pregnant women, the virus holds potential dangers for people of all ages."

Houston, Dallas, San Antonio and Brownsville have been identified by the National Center for Atmospheric Research as some of the highest-risk cities in Texas for Zika. According to public health officials, if it does enter Texas it will likely begin as small "pockets" of locally acquired human cases that are the result of infected travelers returning from countries where the disease is endemic.

"Currently the chances are slim for anyone in Texas to get a disease such as Zika or chikungunya, but there is a possibility these could become endemic through transmission by the Aedes aegypti, which is prevalent in this state," Keck said.

She explained chikungunya was recently brought to the U.S. by travelers returning from places where the disease is endemic. Its symptoms include fever and joint pain, headache, muscle pain and swelling.

Keck also noted the hundreds of cases of another mosquito-borne disease — West Nile virus — in Texas during recent years. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in 2013 there were 183 human cases of West Nile in Texas. In 2014, there were 379 cases, and in 2015 there were 252 cases.

"The common denominator in each of these diseases is there is a mosquito vector that transmits them," she said.

Both Keck and Swiger said this

best means to defend against any mosquito-borne illness is to eliminate the vector or, if that is not possible, to defend against it using what they call the "four Ds."

The Ds are to dress in long, loose-fitting, light-colored pants and shirts; drain any standing water from containers, ponds, tires, gutters, etc. around the home; reduce outdoor activity during dusk and dawn; and defend using a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency or CDC-approved insect repellent.

Keck recommended homeowners "attack the mosquitoes at the larval stage" by removing standing water and using mosquito dunks in areas where they might breed. "Homeowners should apply their efforts to draining and removing the items that might make for a good mosquito breeding ground and/or putting mosquito dunks into any pools of standing or stagnant water," she said. "A mosquito dunk is a small, brown donut-looking object that floats on water and slowly dissolves, releasing a bacterium that kills mosquito larvae."

Keck said generally it's a waste of time, money and effort for the average homeowner to try and control mosquitoes at the adult stage. "The best you can do when they're at the adult stage is try to avoid them. If that's not practical, be sure to wear a good repellent when outdoors."

Additional information on Zika can be found at these websites of the Texas A&M University System: http://preventzika.org and https://vitalrecord.tamhsc.edu/

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advanced individual training and served as a member of the crew of a 75mm anti-aircraft gun. During his service in World War II, Towery suffered injuries and was eventually captured at the fall of Corregidor and held as a prisoner of war in China for three and one-half years.

In a poignant interview published in 2013 with John Coppedge, known for his thought-provoking writings on Texas judicial elections, Towery shared memories about life as a prisoner of war in Manchuria. An excerpt follows detailing the duty that became an honor:

"Huddled in the filthy, cramped and frigid huts of a Japanese POW camp in Manchuria, American GIs lived for the time the guard would deliver the buckets of slop that passed as their meal for the day. The prisoners were expected to divide it among themselves, and these starved men were understandably anxious to get as much of the meager ration for themselves as they could. One prisoner would be selected as the 'chow dipper' to dole out the meal into each man's cup as he passed through the line. Fights would break out among the desperate men over the amounts of their servings. Chow dippers usually didn't last long in the job.

That changed the day a quiet Texan was chosen to dole out the slop and exhibited in that duty the character, wisdom and fairness that earned him the respect he has been accorded throughout his life. As the chow dipper, Ken Towery filled his own cup first and placed it next to the serving bucket. Then, as each man came through the line he would fill their cup. If any man complained he was being shorted, Towery would invite them to take his cup and replace it with theirs. None ever took him up on his offer. He remained chow dipper for the rest of the war."

Towery later wrote, "Nothing in the secular world, the world apart from my family, has approached the honor of being chosen as chow dipper for starving men."

For his service and bravery during abominable circumstances, Towery holds the Purple Heart and Presidential Unit Citation with two Oak Leaf Clusters, among other decorations.

After his return home, Towery battled parasitic diseases, malnutrition, and tuberculosis he contracted while imprisoned. Time was spent in and out of hospitals after his return, spanning a period of 10 years. Despite poor health, he attended college at Texas A&M where he met his future bride Louise Ida Cook. In Houston on May 4, 1947, the two were married, and she remained by his side for 69 years until his death on their anniversary this past Wednesday. But his battle

with tuberculosis continued, ending his school career, and he soon joined his wife who was staying with his mother in Cuero after his release from the hospital.

It was in Cuero that his journalism career sprouted and he immersed himself in the job. And in 1955, while the managing editor of the Cuero Daily, Towery uncovered the story of a lifetime revealing a scandal that led to the indictment of 20 people, including Texas Land Commissioner Bascom Giles. For his series of stories, he was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for local reporting for exposing fraud and corruption in the Texas Veterans Land Program.

His tuberculosis returned soon afterward and his family, having grown with the birth of two children, moved to Austin where he took on political reporting with the Capitol Staff of Newspapers, Inc. Towery's reporting and first-hand experience with Texas politicians drew the attention of Senator John Tower and his family was soon on another adventure, this time moving to Washington D.C. Throughout his career in D.C., he spent six years as an aide to Senator Tower and seven years as Deputy Director and Assistant Director of the United States Information Agency. He also spent 10 years as a Board Member for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and elected twice as Chairman of the Board.

As reported by Coppedge, "Towery eventually left Tower's staff but remained a trusted advisor and a major behind-the-scenes player in Republican politics in Texas and America over the next 20 years."

His involvement in political campaigns that spanned several decades included running Tower's reelection bid to the Senate twice, serving as Deputy Press Secretary in the 1980 Ronald Reagan campaign for presidency, and he managed President Richard Nixon's Texas campaign during the 1968 Presidential campaign. In 1964 he was involved in the Barry Goldwater campaign for presidency which ultimately ended in a loss to Lyndon B. Johnson.

For a time in his career, he also served as assistant to the Chancellor of the University of Texas System and was in a business partnership with Blythe, Nelson, Newton & Towery, a political consulting firm, according to a history given in Purple Heart War Stories featuring Towery.

In the mid-90s, Towery and his family returned to Texas and he resumed his career in the business he enjoyed so much by purchasing three newspapers--The Floyd County Hesperian, the Lockney Beacon, and the Crosby County News-Chronicle. His daughter, Alice Gilroy, eventually acted as editor and pub-

lisher for 20+ years, until the paper was sold in June 2008 to Blackburn Media Group, Inc., owned by Chris Blackburn.

After his retirement, Towery penned an autobiography appropriately entitled "The Chow Dipper", published in 1994 by Eakin Press in Austin. His book, "a personal and political odyssey", is broken into three sections detailing his early life and time as a prisoner of war, his journalism career and Pulitzer Prize, and lastly, his 40 years in the field of Texas and U.S. politics. It was met with the accolades of journalists and politicians, alike, as well as serving as a tribute to military heroes past, present and future.

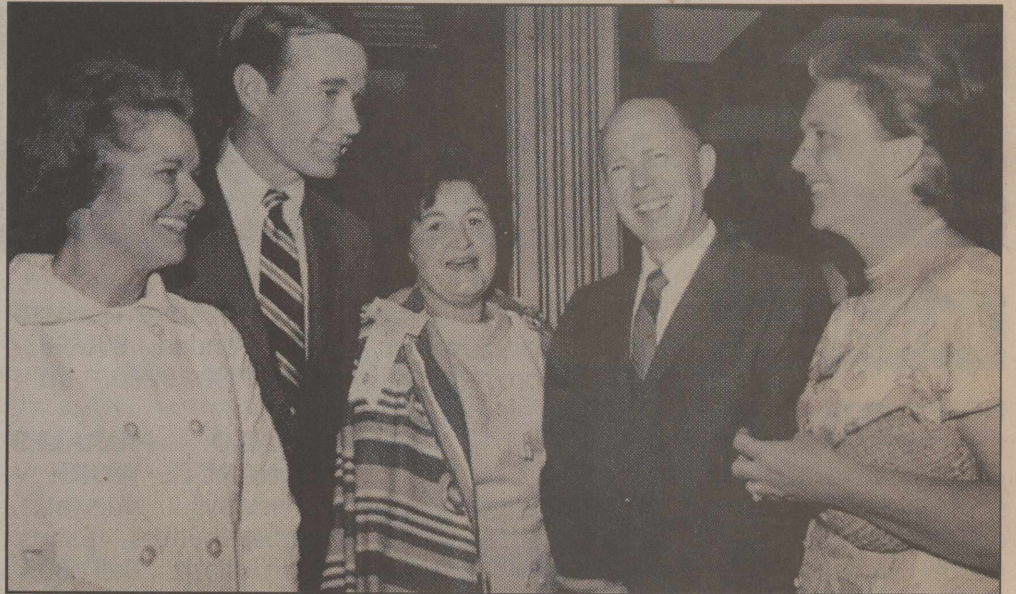
Since his passing on May 4, news agencies across the nation have paid homage to the Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, POW, and political aficionado, along with an outpouring of affection for the man many are calling a Texas hero.

On May 9, Texas Land Commissioner and Chairman of the Texas Veterans Land Board, George P. Bush, issued the following statement on the passing of Texas hero Ken Towery:

"Ken Towery was a heroic figure both in times of war and peace. He served with great honor as a member of the U.S. Army during WWII, where he was wounded and held for over three years in horrific conditions as a prisoner of war at the hands of the Japanese. Upon his return home to Texas he became a first class newspaper reporter and broke the VLB land loan scandal in the 1950s. His efforts not only earned him the Pulitzer Prize, but helped to save an agency which continues to this day serving our Texas veterans. Years later he donated all of his records and notes from that ground-breaking story to our extensive archives. All of us here at the General Land Office and Veterans Land Board mourn his passing and extend our sincere condolences to his family and all who knew him well. Texas is a better place because of the life he led."

In honor of the life of Ken Towery, the Texas General Land Office will make his donated records and notes available for public viewing in the GLO Reading Room on the first floor of the Stephen F. Austin Building. Additionally, those interested in learning more about the historic events uncovered by Mr. Towery may visit <http://www.glo.texas.gov/towery/> to explore "Accountable: Ken Towery & the Veterans Land Board Scandal."

In his later years, Towery lived in a quiet neighborhood with his wife, Louise, just south of downtown Austin, always downplaying his role in American history, according to his book and the numerous interviews published about his life.



Towery's 40-year political career involved work with figures such as Senator John Tower, Ronald Reagan, Nixon, and Goldwater. He often played a major role in both Texas and national politics. Ken (right) and Louise Towery (left) with Vice-president George and Barbara Bush in Dallas in the early 1980s.



Towery, along with other former POWs, traveled to Washington, D.C. on April 24, 2012 to lay a wreath at the Bataan and Corregidor stone at the World War II Memorial. He later said that the only reason he made the trip was to honor his comrades. Pictured with him are his wife, Louise Towery (right) and daughter, Alice Towery Gilroy (left).

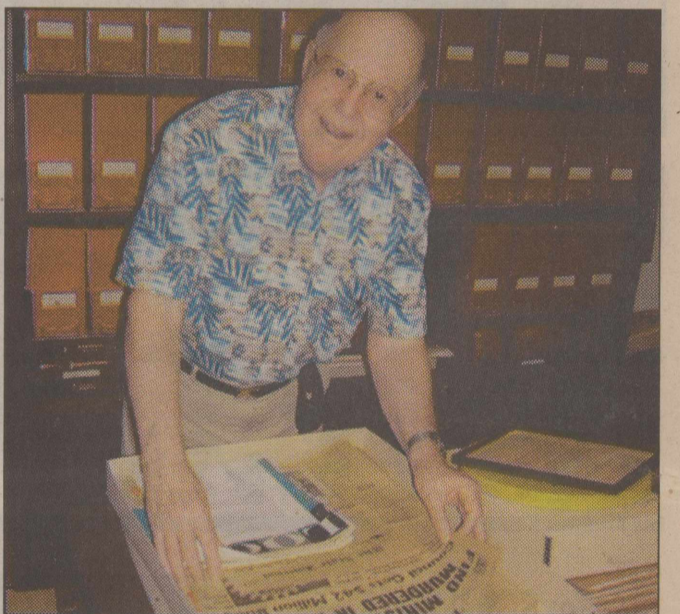
Seventy years after the fall of Bataan and Corregidor, Towery and other former POWs were given the chance to travel to Washington D.C. to lay a wreath at the Bataan and Corregidor stone at the World War II Memorial. He later said that the only reason he made the trip, despite his advanced years and health, was to honor his fallen comrades.

Before his passing, he selected his future resting place in the Texas State Cemetery, along with a tombstone reading "Chow Dipper".

Towery's funeral services were held on Monday, May 9, at Weed-Corley-Fish Chapel followed by interment at the Texas State Cemetery.

Towery is survived by his wife, Louise; a daughter and son-in-law, Alice and Leonard Gilroy, of Austin; a son, Roland Kenneth Towery Jr., of Baltimore; four grandchildren: Roland Kenneth Towery III and his wife, Jamie, of Savannah, Georgia, Rachel Sines and her husband, David, of Winter Garden, Florida, Athena Towery of Baltimore, Maryland, and Brandon Gilroy, of Austin; and three great grandchildren: Watson Sterner, of Baltimore, Maryland, and Archer Towery and Ezra Towery of Savannah, Georgia. He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Wiley Azof and Lonie Belle Cowart Towery, and seven brothers and two sisters.

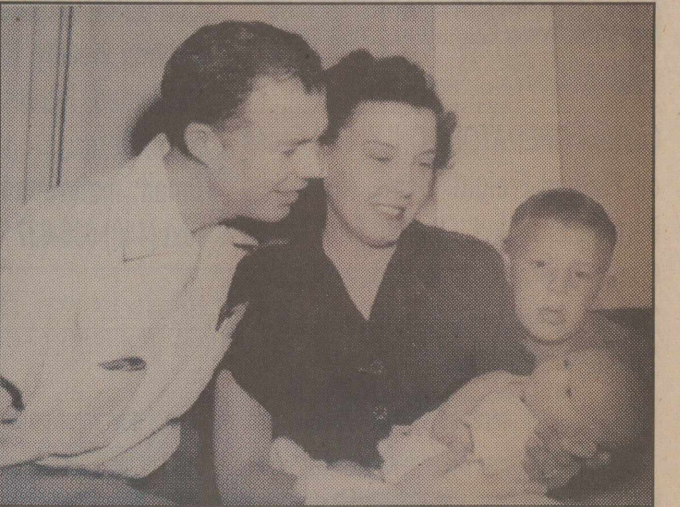
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Towery donated his archives to the General Land Office in 2003 concerning the articles he wrote exposing fraud and corruption in the Texas Veterans Land Program. His story earned him a Pulitzer Prize in 1955 while writing for the Cuero Record.



Ken Towery in uniform, Philippine Islands, August 8, 1941. In May 1942, Towery and his comrades were captured and spent three and a half years in a Japanese POW camp in Manchuria. It was in captivity that he earned the title "chow dipper", drawing on his upbringing to be a fair distributor of the "slop" they were served once a day.



A family portrait taken while living in Cuero to record the birth of their daughter Alice Ann in 1955. (Left to Right) Ken, Louise, Roland and Alice.

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