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Hardy honored with street sign for local legacy

By Jennifer Harbin
 Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA--You can basically travel the entire United States--from California to Tennessee--without ever leaving Floydada while cruising down the city streets, and now local motorists can "speed" down Don Hardy Motorway. The addition is located on a portion of Missouri Street, stretching from 4th to Wall Streets, in honor of local businessman Don Hardy.

On Friday, May 13, friends, family and employees, gathered at the corner of 5th and Missouri Streets to surprise Hardy with a proclamation read by Mayor Bobby Gilliland, detailing Hardy's accomplishments and local contributions, as well as a street sign named in his honor. His children, Dedra and Donald Hardy, first birthed the idea in late fall of last year, wanting to do something special for the man they both admire.

"We were trying to do something special and out of the ordinary, but something that would be an honor to him in the community," Dedra said about marking the 50th anniversary of Don Hardy Fuel Efficient Engines and her dad's 75th birthday in 2015.

Don Hardy Fuel Efficient Engines, previously known as Don Hardy Race Cars, is located on the 200 block of Missouri Street. Hardy's Classic Cars occupy two buildings on the same street and are referred to as City

Auto and the Hesperian Building by the family, indicating the former businesses that were once there for many years. They both hold a "tremendous amount of cars", according to Dedra, with only some on display that Hardy owns. She explained that some cars he built in the past and others he collected over time.

She first approached Floydada City Manager Jeff Johnston in late fall to look into the matter and see what steps it would take to have a street dedicated to the elder Hardy.

"He's done a lot for the community, him and his wife both," Johnston stated. "If there's any kind of fundraiser, they're usually involved with it...so I was definitely on board for doing something for Don."

The official proclamation read aloud by Mayor Gilliland states:

Whereas, Don Hardy Race Cars was founded in 1965 by Don Hardy located at 202 W. Missouri, then later became Don Hardy Fuel Efficient Engines he expanded his business into the 100 block of Missouri Street; and whereas, Don Hardy, who was recently inducted into the Amarillo Motorsports Hall of Fame, continues to run the business with the tradition of excellent customer service and still maintains the atmosphere of Don Hardy Fuel Efficient Engines, and whereas Don Hardy has contributed not only to Floydada, local economy, and generated state and

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Photo by Jennifer Harbin

Don Hardy, surrounded by friends and family, was surprised on Friday with a proclamation from Mayor Bobby Gilliland and a portion of a street named in his honor. (left to right) Mayor Bobby Gilliland, City Manager Jeff Johnston, Carolyn Hardy, Don Hardy, Dedra Hardy and Donald Hardy.

Lady Horns clinch Regional Quarterfinals

By Charles Keaton
 The Hesperian-Beacon

WOODROW - Lockney scored two runs in the bottom of the sixth to come from behind to defeat the Forsan Lady Buffs 4-3 on Saturday, May 14 and claim the Regional Quarterfinals title. The game, which started on Friday, was played over two days due to weather issues following game one. After four innings with the game tied 2-2, officials and coaches decided since it was nearly midnight, to resume at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday.

In the top of the first, Evans singled with one out for

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Courtesy Photo

The Lockney Lady Horns claimed the Region Quarterfinals Championship in softball by defeating Forsan 12-8 and 4-3. Members of the team include: Back - Mackenzy Ragland, Hannah Kidd, Brittany Jimenez, Karissa Petty, Aleah Jimenez, Shelby Dunbar, Breanna Hernandez, Destiny Soliz, Valerie Hernandez and Front - Brittany DeLeon, Alexandria Chavez, Shelby Coats, Reagan Nuncio, Sarah Garza, Alyssa Barretero, Camryn Diaz.

Lockney outlasts Kress for Area Championship

By Charles Keaton
 The Hesperian-Beacon

PLAINVIEW - Lockney took an early 3-0 lead then held on to take game two of the Area round contest 6-2 over the Kress Kangaroos and claimed the Area Championship on Friday, May 13. The game was delayed twice by lightning, causing it to run late.

In the top of the first, Kress managed to get one runner on base when Navarro walked with one out but the next two batters went down in order. In the bottom of the inning, Lockney crossed the plate with three runs to take the early lead. Isreal Cuellar walked to lead off for the Longhorns then stole second. Trevor Ascensio singled as Cuellar moved to third. Ascensio stole second then Daylen Gatica singled to drive in Cuellar. Gatica stole second



Courtesy Photo

The Lockney Longhorns claimed the Area Baseball Championship by defeating Kress 6-2 and 6-2. Members of the team include: Back - Coach Fortune, Nick Rendon, Justin Suarez, Daylen Gatica, Alex Rea, Bryce Reese, Coach Rehkopf; Middle - Coach Luna, Israel Cuellar, BJ Jimenez; Kneeling - Paul Lopez, Shawn Marquez, Jonathan Rodriguez, Trevor Ascensio, Avian Luna, Ruben Marmolejo, Devin DeLeon.

then Avian Luna hit a sacrifice fly that allowed Ascensio to score. Gatica then stole third before Jonathan Rodriguez grounded out to third allowing Gatica to score and give the Longhorns a 3-0 lead after one inning. Ramirez doubled with two

outs for Kress but was caught stealing third to end the Kangaroos' at bat. Lockney went three up and three down but still led 3-0 after two innings.

In the top of the third, Brunson led off with a walk for Kress but Briones

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Courtesy photos

Scenes from last year's Old Settlers' Day. New events for this year include a barbecue cook-off with the winners announced at 6 p.m., and a street dance featuring the Hogg Maulies, starting at 7 p.m.

Old Settlers' Day features BBQ cook-off

By Kay Ellington
 The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA -The 87th Annual Old Settlers' Day on Saturday, May 28 will feature a variety of new events including a street dance with the Hogg Maulies as the headliner from 7 to 11 p.m. by the pavilion, according to Tanner Smith, president of the Floyd County Pioneers' Association.

Another first for the Settlers' event will be a barbecue cook-off complete with judges, trophies, and prize money.

For more information about the barbecue cook-off, contact Mack Sherman, vice-president of the Floyd County Pioneers Association at 806-685-7502.

For the barbecue cook-off on the day of Old Settlers' turn in will be at 5 p.m., and the winners will be announced at 6 p.m.

Many of the Old Settlers' Day favorite activities return, such as the parade, the car show, and the Masked Rider.

After the parade the Chamber of Commerce will make available an inflatable obstacle course for people of all ages.

Another new and fun event has been put together from the Floyd County 4-H, Floyd County Farm Bureau, and the Floydada Masonic Lodge, a 4-H Fun Shoot with clay pigeons.

If your club or organization is interested in having a booth at the Old Settlers' Day, please contact Lance McHam at (806) 549-1764.

Three Kenneth Wyatt prints can be attained at Old Settlers' Day—one via a raffle and the other two via auction. The raffle print can be viewed at First National Bank, and one auction print can be viewed at Prosperity Bank and the other auction print can be viewed at Happy State Bank.

Tickets for the raffle can be purchased at the museum. The auction prints will be sold under the pavilion starting at 1:15 on the day of Old Settlers'. There will also be Kenneth Wyatt jewelry for auction as well.

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.

TRINITY ASSEMBLY MOVIE NIGHT

Friday night, May 20, Trinity Assembly will be holding their "Christian Movie Night". They will be showing "Grace Card". It is a very good movie! All are welcome and it's FREE! 6 p.m. - Chili dogs and 7 p.m. - Movie.

OLD SETTLER'S ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Old Settler's Association will hold a meeting on Tuesday, May 24th at 6 p.m. in the Community Room at First National Bank of Floydada.

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.

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News on the go



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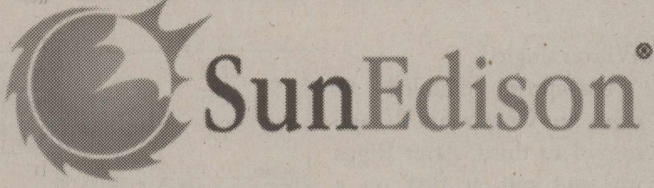
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SunEdison secures \$300 million in new DIP financing Recognition

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MARYLAND HEIGHTS, Mo., April 21, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- SunEdison, Inc. (NYSE: SUNE) has announced that it has commenced a process to restructure its balance sheet and position the Company for the future. To facilitate this restructuring, SunEdison and certain of its domestic and international subsidiaries have filed voluntary petitions for reorganization under chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code in the Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York.



to support the business going forward while focusing on our core strengths. It also will facilitate our continued work towards transforming the Company into a more streamlined and efficient operator, shedding non-core assets as well as taking other steps to help us get the most value out of our technological and intellectual property. As a result of this process, we expect that SunEdison will be in an even better position over the long term to utilize our capabilities in the renewable energy sector in service of our customers, business partners, and employees."

tinuing business operations, minimize disruption to its worldwide projects and partnerships, and make necessary operational changes.

The new financing will support day-to-day operations during the reorganization, including:

Proceeding with work on ongoing projects, both in the U.S. and elsewhere;

Paying wages and benefits for employees;

Continuing to provide services to customers;

Paying vendors and suppliers in the ordinary course for goods and services provided on or after the date of the chapter 11 filing; and

Complying with all regulatory obligations.

SunEdison has made customary filings, including first day motions, with the Court, which, if granted, will help ensure a smooth transition into chapter 11 without business disruption.

SunEdison's publicly-traded yieldcos, TerraForm Power (NASDAQ: TERP) and TerraForm Global (NASDAQ: GLBL), are not part of the filing.

"Our decision to initiate a court-supervised restructuring was a difficult but important step to address our immediate liquidity issues," said Ahmad Chatila, SunEdison chief executive officer. "The court process will allow us to right-size our balance sheet and reduce our debt, providing the opportunity



Courtesy Photo

Floyd County Ag and Natural Resource agent Cristen Brooks was recognized with the District 2 New Agent Award on May 11, 2016. The New Agent Award is presented to the best Extension Agent with 2 years or less of service. Pictured are Michael Clawson, District Extension Administrator for District 2, Cristen Brooks, Ag & Natural Resource Agent for Floyd County and Danny Nusser, Regional Program Director.

As El Nino fades, expect warmer and drier weather

COLLEGE STATION, May 6, 2016 -- The current El Niño that has lasted since summer of 2015 is on its way out and after one of the warmest winters on record in Texas, that could change weather patterns in the next few months, says Texas A&M University professor and State Climatologist John Nielsen-Gammon.

It's believed the El Niño -- warm waters in the central Pacific Ocean -- has been responsible for above-average rainfall over much of Texas and the Southwest the past year, and it's almost certain it will be replaced by a La Niña -- cooler waters in the central Pacific that also influence weather, but in different ways, Nielsen-Gammon says.

"The tropical Pacific temperatures are almost certain to continue to decline," Nielsen-Gammon says.

"A tongue of cooler-than-normal temperatures has been working its way eastward across the Tropics just below the surface of the ocean, and it has now reached South America. Those cooler waters will continue to spread across the surface of the ocean as the warmer water moves westward, back toward New Guinea and Indonesia.

"What that means is that it still seems likely that temperatures will cool enough to reach La Niña territory by late summer or fall. The Climate Prediction Center rates the chances of a La Niña at about 75 percent. By next winter, if La Niña is in place, Texas is likely to experi-

ence a warm and dry winter."

He notes that the past six months were typical for an El Niño in some ways and atypical in others. Although there was a dry stretch in January and February, the six-month period November through April was the 7th wettest November-April on record statewide, with records going back to 1895. The extremely wet October of 2015 in Texas actually makes the October-April period the wettest October-April period on record, his figures show.

But the rainfall was not evenly distributed across Texas. Many parts of west-central, north-central, and northeast Texas received more than double their normal precipitation for November through April, while parts of the Coastal Bend and much of the Texas Panhandle and High Plains received less than normal precipitation.

"Though above-normal rainfall is common during an El Niño, above-normal temperatures are not common," he points out.

"Usually temperatures are below normal during an El Niño, though that effect has been moderated somewhat by global warming. This year, though, many cities across the state, from Amarillo to Brownsville and El Paso to Beaumont, experienced one of their 10 warmest cool seasons (November-April) on record. Midland-Odessa

came closest to setting a record -- their average temperature was 54.8 degrees, second only to the year 2000."

Cold weather was mostly a no-show and winter this year was almost non-existent in many parts of Texas.

"The temperature only got down to 22 degrees in Abilene, 27 degrees in Dallas, 30 in San Antonio, 31 in urban Austin and 40 in Galveston. All of these were new records for mildness, with weather records going back for more than a century in most locations," Nielsen-Gammon explains.

Unlike winter weather in Texas, which is strongly affected by El Niño and La Niña, the weather during the summer is difficult to predict far in advance.

Nielsen-Gammon says the wet weather this winter will help keep summer temperatures on the mild side, especially during the early part of the summer. In late summer, attention turns to the danger of hurricanes making landfall in Texas.

"For hurricanes, the key will be how quickly La Niña develops in the tropical Pacific," he says. "The sooner La Niña forms, the more active the Atlantic hurricane season is likely to be. Even so, Texas is a small target, so an active hurricane season across the entire Atlantic would not necessarily mean one or more landfalls in Texas itself."

Texas drilling permits and completions

AUSTIN -- The Railroad Commission of Texas (Commission) issued a total of 683 original drilling permits in April 2016 compared to 848 in April 2015. The April total included 473 permits to drill new oil or gas wells, 12 to re-enter plugged well bores and 198 for re-completions of existing well bores. The breakdown of well types for those permits issued April 2016 included 209 oil, 36 gas, 403 oil or gas, 25 injection, zero service and 10 other permits.

In April 2016, Commission staff processed 873 oil, 120 gas, 49 injection and five other completions compared to 1,867 oil, 314 gas,

125 injection and one other completions in April 2015. Total well completions for 2016 year to date are 4,499 down from 8,253 recorded during the same period in 2015.

According to Baker Hughes Inc., the Texas rig count as of May 6 was 188, representing about 45 percent of all active rigs in the United States.

For additional drilling permit and completion statistics, visit the Commission's website at <http://www.rrc.texas.gov/oil-gas/research-and-statistics/well-information/monthly-drilling-completion-and-plugging-summaries/>.

Water level measurements indicate average increase

LUBBOCK TX (April 29, 2016) --Annual water level measurements indicate an average increase of + 0.37 of a foot in the groundwater levels of the Ogallala Aquifer within the 16-county High Plains Underground Water Conservation District (HPWD) service area from 2015 to 2016.

Above-average rainfall, which fell in a timely manner, helped increase groundwater levels during 2015-2016. This compares to the average change of - 0.56 of a foot recorded in

2014-2015.

The 10-year district average change (2006-2016) is - 9.29 feet while the five-year district average change (2011-2016) is -5.94 feet.

Water level measurements are made from December to March each year in 1,400 privately-owned water wells completed into the Ogallala/Edwards-Trinity (High Plains) Aquifer.

In addition, the district made water level measurements in 24 wells as part of the newly-established Dockum Aquifer observation

well network.

"We encourage area residents to visit the interactive web map at map.hpwd.org to view charts of water levels as well as the saturated thickness for each of the observation wells in our network. The online tools provided on the district's website can help people understand the variability in saturated thickness and groundwater levels within the district's 16-county service area," said HPWD General Manager Jason Coleman.

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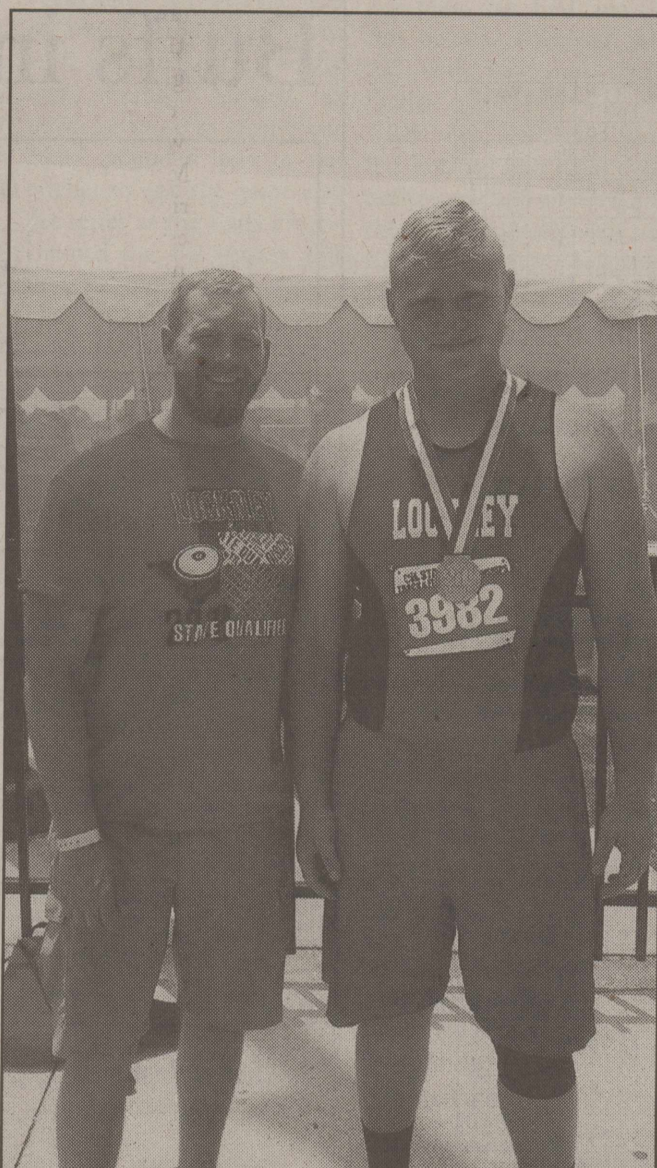
LOCKNEY SCHOOL NEWS

State Discus



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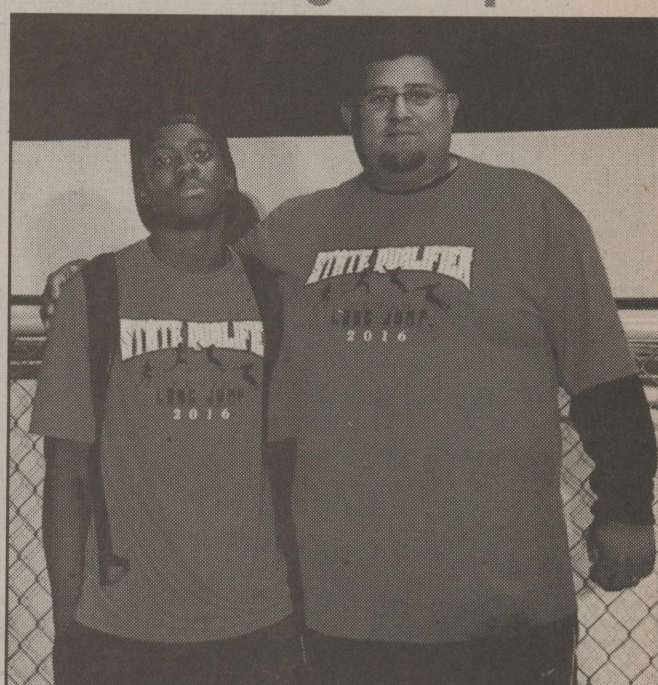
Haley Walker (right) placed second in the discus at the UIL State Track and Field Championship with a throw of 127 feet 9 inches. Richard Jackson (left) is her coach. This was the second year in a row for Walker to place second at state.



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Jaden Walker (right) placed second in the discus at the UIL State Track and Field Championship with a throw of 159 feet 4 inches. Brandon Jackson (left) is his coach.

State Long Jump



Courtesy Photo

Tevin Phillips (left) placed sixth in the long jump at the UIL State Track and Field Championship with a jump of 20 feet 10.5 inches. Adam Zepeda (right) is his coach.

Area Softball/ Baseball Round Up

DISTRICT 2-2A SOFTBALL Regional Semi-Finals Schedule

LOCKNEY vs Windthorst
(1 game 7:30 Friday at Abilene Christian)
Ralls vs Archer City at Abilene Cooper
(2 of 3 5:30 Friday, 2:00 Saturday, 30 minutes after)

Regional Quarterfinal Schedule

Lockney 12, Forsan 8
Lockney 4, Forsan 3

Ralls 10, Ira 6

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

Lockney School canvasses votes

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY — Lockney School Board members met in special session on Thursday, May 12 to canvas the votes for the vacant at-large position. Following the canvas, Kirk Wilson was sworn in as the newest member to the Board. The Board then proceeded to canvas the votes on the two bond propositions, approving the canvassing 7-0. The special session was adjourned.

The Board then convened the regular session meeting. First order of business was to re-organize the Board. Mike Lass was re-elected as Board president, Jimmy Kemp was re-elected as vice-president and Charles Keaton was elected as secretary.

The Board then approved the minutes and also approved the payment of bills and the financial report for \$1,979,814.57. Phil Cotham, superintendent, reported that 99.6 percent of the taxes for 2016 have been collected.

Jim Martin appeared before the

Board in the public forum to discuss the perception of about district as well as bullying and discipline issues. No action was taken.

In other action, the Board approved Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert and Moss, LLP as the auditors for the 2016-2017 school year. The Board also accepted the resignations of Shelby Easley and Kara Estes. A probationary contract for Adrian Alfaro was approved by the Board. Alfaro was hired as then girls' basketball coach to replace Easley.

In the administrative reports, athletic director Malcom Moerbe reported that three students were participating in the UIL State Track Meet. Moerbe said the baseball team had just won their first game against Kress 6-2 with game two on Friday at 5:00 P.M. and game three, if needed, at noon on Saturday. He also reported the softball team would be playing Forsan in a best two out of three series at Lubbock Cooper.

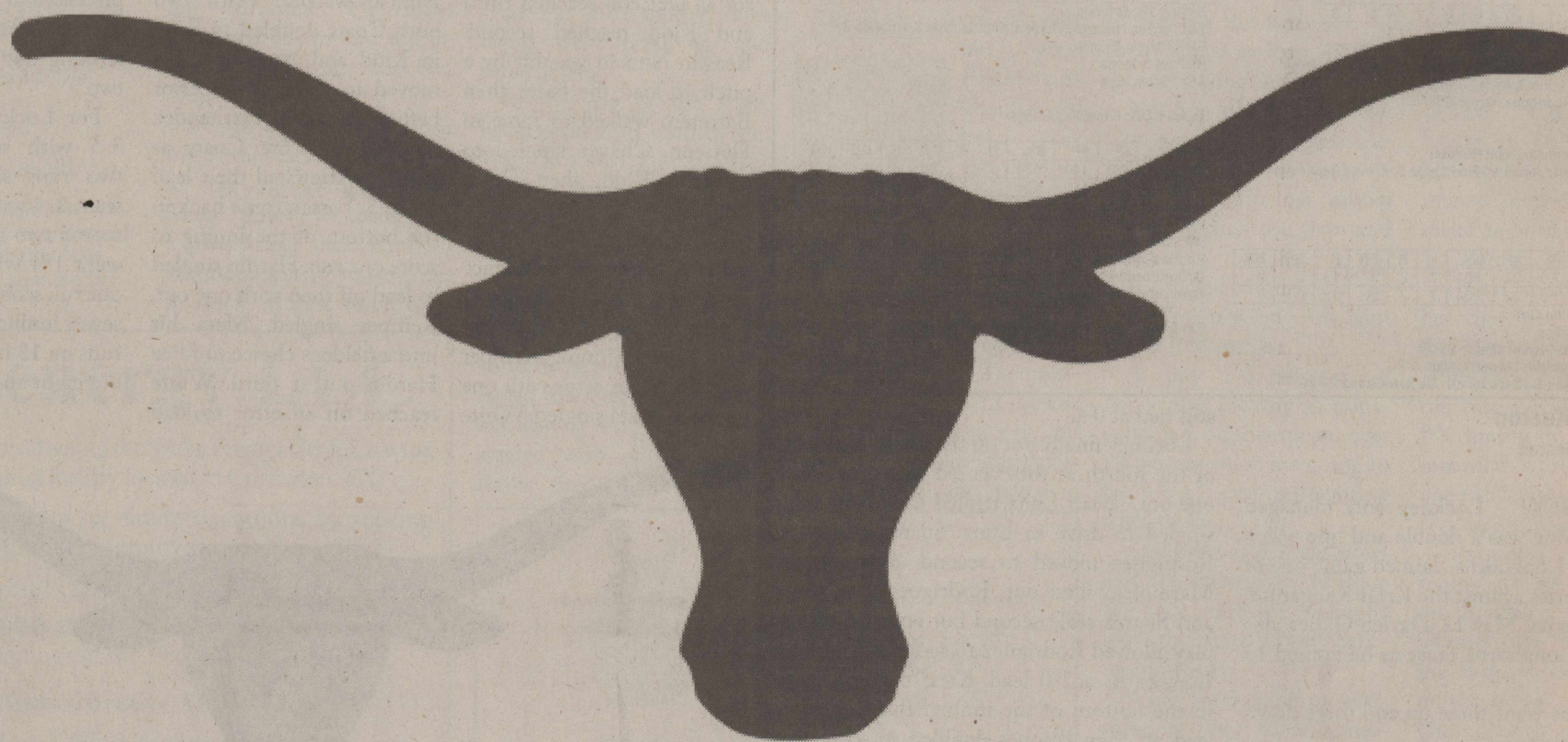
Jean Anne Williams, elementary principal, said that all testing was done and the next two weeks would be busy with

end-of-the-year parties. Junior high principal, Craig Setliff echoed Williams' report that all testing was done and they would be catching up on some overdue REPRESENT trips. Todd Hallmark, high school principal, said they were also done with testing and just waiting for results for some of the seniors. He anticipated that 36 students would graduate on May 27 at the High School Gym. Hallmark told the Board that six students were participating in the UIL State Academic Meet May 23-25. He invited members to the Senior Awards Assembly on Friday, May 20.

Enrollment reports were 247 in elementary, 92 in junior high and 135 in high school for a total of 474 students districtwide.

Cotham reported that he had been reappointed to the UIL State Executive Committee. He also presented preliminary taxable values from the Floyd County Appraisal District.

The next regular session of the Board will be June 9 at 8:00 P.M. at the Board Room.



Go Longhorns
& Lady Horns!

SCHOOL NEWS

SPC workforce development to provide phlebotomy course starting July 6

LUBBOCK – South Plains College's Workforce Development will provide a basic phlebotomy course starting July 6 through Sept. 14. The class will meet from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays in Room 141 at the Byron Martin Technology Center, 3201 Ave. Q.

Registration opened March 31. A minimum of 10 students is required for this class with enrollment limited to 12 students. On-site enrollment will not be accepted for this course. The tuition cost is \$555. The textbook to be used is

"The Complete Textbook of Phlebotomy" fourth edition. The course instructor will be Acencion Garcia, Jr.

Students will discuss theoretical and practical aspects of specimen collection including professionalism, ethics, terminology, quality control and safety. Students will learn to use basic laboratory terminology; identify name and function of laboratory equipment; and explain issues of quality control and safety. This course is designed to prepare students to take National Healthcare Association Certification Test which is included in this program. The National Certification Association requires all participants to have a high school diploma or GED. Participants must provide proof of immunization which includes Hepatitis B Series; 2-MMR's; Tetanus no older than 10 years; Varicella (Chicken Pox) shot or proof of illness; and have a current negative TB test no older than 6 months prior to the first day of class. A flu shot will be required of all students enrolled between Oct. 1 and March 31.

All clinical times will be scheduled during the day. Students will not be allowed to register and pay for the course unless all requirements are completed. Criminal background check will be performed for all students. No refund will be given for criminal background checks.

Participants who satisfactorily complete the course will receive a certificate for 6.0 Continuing Education Units for 60 contact hours of instruction.

For more information, call (806) 716-4906.

Katie Hinton receives degree from McMurry University

ABILENE, TX -- Katie Hinton of Floydada, Texas, has been awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Writing Summa Cum Laude Departmental Honors in English and Writing Graduate of the University Honors Program from McMurry University.

Hinton is one of 194 graduates receiving degrees during the Commencement in Hunt P.E. Center on Saturday, May 7.

DPS plans to assist challenged drivers

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), along with the Texas Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities and Aspergers101, announced initiatives designed to assist Texans who have communication impairments.

In an effort to facilitate effective communication, DPS first reminded Texans of the communication impediment option that drivers may select to be reflected on their driver licenses/ID cards.

DPS also announced that it has recently coordinated with Aspergers101 to allow them to provide training and education to DPS officers about autism spectrum disorders, other disabilities and potential communications challenges associated with those disorders.

In addition, the department announced that it is working with Aspergers101 to develop a *Driving With Autism* camp that will help increase driver confidence and practical skills.

"At DPS, our mission is to serve and protect the people of Texas," said DPS Assistant Director for the Driver License Division Joe Peters. "This optional notice on the driver license and ID card puts important information in the hands of our law enforcement officers, which will help them better serve and protect individuals with a communication impediment."

"Protecting and enhancing public safety for all Texans – on and off the road – is paramount for DPS," said Major Jason Hester, DPS Education, Training and Research Division. "We are pleased to offer these new training initiatives, which will be powerful tools in enhancing understanding of law enforcement as well as help prepare and build confidence in potential drivers."

Individuals diagnosed with certain medical conditions – such as autism spectrum disorders, Down syndrome, stuttering or hearing impairment – who experience challenges when communicating with others, may (but are *not* required to) request a communication impediment notice be placed on their driver license/ID card. Printed on the back of a driver license/ID card, the voluntary designation informs officers of a communication challenge – this awareness can help facilitate better communication during any encounter with the individual.

Our beautiful campus is located on 52 acres in Abilene, Texas, a city of over 118,000 friendly people.

Offering a diverse academic curriculum students can choose from over 45 majors as well as our pre-professional programs in medicine, dentistry, engineering, law, pharmacy, physical therapy and others.

The Servant Leadership Program teaches students about ethics and helps develop leadership qualities.

Working in conjunction with Aspergers101, DPS has expanded trooper recruit training to include segments that raise autism awareness among officers, and advise them on how best to approach and respond to an individual with autism during traffic stops and in other instances.

Once the program is developed and launched (later this year), the *Driving With Autism* camp will feature classroom instruction and hands-on driving practice for eligible drivers with a communication impediment. Camp attendees will also participate in role-play scenarios about what to expect during a traffic stop.

"Our committee is devoted to expanding opportunities for people with disabilities in all areas of life – one of those being transportation freedom," said Ron Lucey, executive director of the Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities. "We commend DPS for these initiatives that will put that opportunity within reach for more individuals within the autism and disability communities."

"These initiatives are truly groundbreaking. I have peace of mind knowing that I'm protected with the communication impediment driver license notice," said Sam Allen, a Texas driver with autism and the son of Aspergers101 Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Jennifer Allen. "The ability for me to drive is a stepping stone toward a life of independence; and I am grateful that initiatives like the ones announced today are changing the way law enforcement interacts with those with autism or other communication challenges."

"Much of my fear about my autistic son driving has been eased thanks to the Texas Department of Public Safety. I deeply appreciate that DPS responded to our efforts to raise awareness and seek meaningful policies that accommodate those with a communication challenge related to autism, Asperger's syndrome, brain injury or other speech impediments," said CEO Jennifer Allen. "These initiatives set the stage for powerful well-rounded programs that other states hopefully will emulate."



Brotherton places second at BPA National Conference

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

BOSTON-The Business Professionals of America National Leadership Conference was May 7-8 in Boston, Massachusetts.

Macee Brotherton placed 2nd place in Admin Support Research Project.

The Website Team consisting of Macee Brotherton, Kaylee Morren and Remington Ricketts placed 10th. Alejandro Pinon went as an alternate. "Boston was an amazing city full of history. I'm "wicked" proud of my kids. They truly represented Floydada in a great way," said Tasha Hughes, advisor.

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

May 23 – May 27

Monday

Breakfast – Kolache, fresh fruit, fruit juice, milk
Lunch – Cheese enchiladas w/rice, ham & cheese subs, salad mix, fresh fruit, salad and vegetable bar, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast – Cinnamon Toast Crunch w/graham cracker, fresh fruit, fruit juice, milk
Lunch – Chicken nuggets w/roll, meatball sub, green beans, fresh fruit, salad and vegetable bar, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast – Chocolate chip muffin, fresh fruit, fruit juice, milk
Lunch – Rotisserie chicken w/roll & rice, cheeseburger, 4 Way mixed vegetables, salad/vegetable bar, fresh fruit, milk

Thursday

Breakfast – Egg & cheese muffin, fresh fruit, fruit juice, milk
Lunch – Pepperoni pizza, cheesy nachos, green beans, fresh fruit, salad/vegetable bar, milk

LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU

May 23 – May 27

Friday

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Monday, May 23

Breakfast – Sausage Kolache, Yogurt or Cereal, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch – Steak Fingers or Breaded Pork Chop, Gravy, Baked Potato, Carrots, Roll, Strawberries and Bananas, Milk

Tuesday, May 24

Breakfast – Cheese Omelet Wrap or Cereal, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch – Spaghetti, Breadstick or Pizza, Salad, Vegetables, Sliced Peaches, Chocolate/Vanilla Pudding, Milk

Wednesday, May 25

Breakfast – Breakfast Pizza or Cereal, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch – SACK LUNCH – 12:00 Noon DISMISSAL

Thursday, May 26

Breakfast – Waffles, Sausage or Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch – SACK LUNCH – 12:00 Noon DISMISSAL

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Floydada Police Report

By Jesse Finley
Public Information Officer

Police are still asking the Citizens of Floydada for help in solving several cases of criminal mischief and an attempted burglary that occurred over the weekend of April 23. The Floydada Police Department will offer a reward of \$500 to anyone with information that will lead directly to the capture of the suspect or suspects involved in the crimes.

Police were called to the 900 Block of Garrison Street in reference to a theft. Some-time between Friday, April 29

and Monday, May 2 a registration sticker was reported stolen from a 1992 Cadillac. No suspects have been identified as no witnesses have come forward.

Police are investigating a case of Criminal Mischief that happened around 12:30 am on Saturday May 7 in the 600 Block of North 10th. The victim reported to police she was awoken by a loud bang.

She walked outside and discovered the back window to her vehicle was broken out. The victim did not see anyone around the area when she went to check on it.

A domestic assault is un-

der investigation that was reported on May 10. Charges are pending on the suspect. Due to the nature of the case, no further details will be released. There were 120 calls for service that were answered between May 1 and May 14, 2016. Police are asking anybody who knows details about the cases described above or any other incidents to please contact Floydada City Hall at (806) 983-2834 at any time and the message will be given to the officer on duty.

Your identity will be kept confidential. The public is the number one tool in solving cases such as thefts and burglaries. Any small detail reported to the Police can be a big break in a case and lead to the arrest of the suspect so they are not able to victimize anyone else.

If you suspect that you have come across property that is possibly stolen, report it to the Police immediately. You will not be charged with a criminal offense by doing so.

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MUSE NEWS

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.

God's Workmanship



The greatest blessing that God gives us is not the forgiveness of our sins (for that acknowledges our failures), but it is the transformation into Christ's likeness (which speaks of consecration, a sweet smell ascending to the nostrils of God). This transformative process is known as discipleship. The disciple - an apprentice - grows to be like his master. Paul describes it this way: "For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son" (Rom. 8:29).

To what degree do you resemble Christ Jesus? Are you looking more like him each day?

"Two steps forward and one step back" seems discouraging, disheartening. Is it really progress into the character and person of Jesus if I'm taking those steps back, if I can't leave failure behind me?

Godly growth is not quick growth, it takes time. Friends, discipleship is a process. For as long as we live on this earth, we are projects in the workshop of God. He's cutting, chiseling, and sanding away parts of ourselves that do not resemble Christ; he's joining and gluing on elements

to our being to make is the very image of Jesus.

God has - in his mind's eye - the picture of what we will become. Until that moment of completion, when we stand before him in glory, we are a "mess of potential." Key words in this process are submission and cooperation - letting God shape us (mind, heart, spirit) and working with him (actions, words, choices).

As Christians "...we rejoice in hope of the glory of God" (Rom. 5:2). Yes, we are excited about the final result, but we must also get excited about the process! As Paul continues, "Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces..." I'm sure the wood would cry out, "Ouch! That hurts!" as it is being carved and formed. However, it's the process that produces the result:

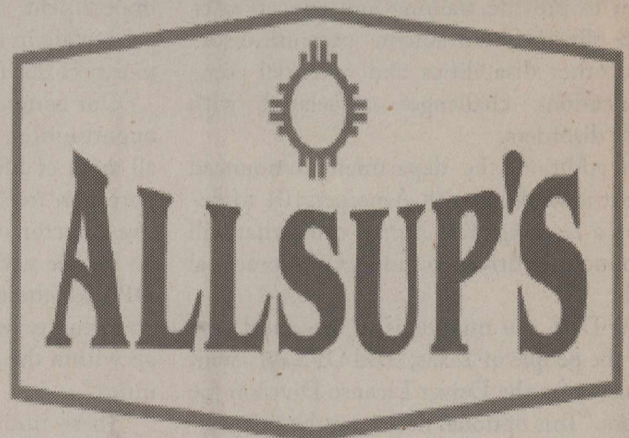
"For we are [God's] workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which [he] prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." (Eph. 2:10)

Levi Sisemore preaches for the 37th Street church of Christ, meeting Sunday for Bible Classes (9:30 AM), Worship (10:30 AM & 6:00 PM), Wednesday for Bible Classes (7:00 PM).
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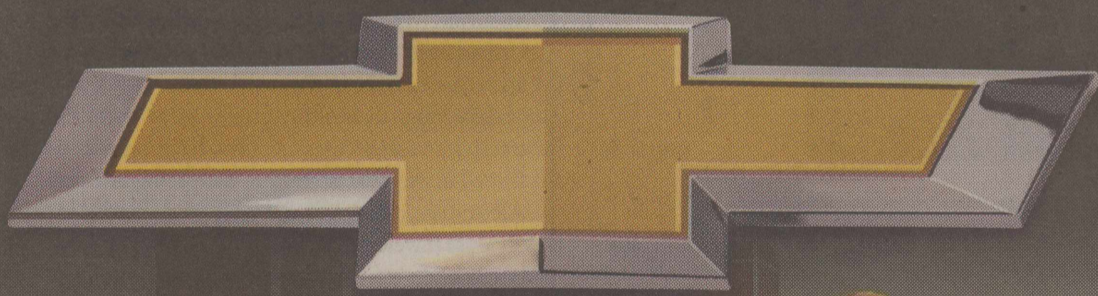
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Sales tax holiday for energy efficient products **Water conservation**

(AUSTIN) — Texas families can save on the purchase of certain water-efficient and water-conserving products and energy-efficient appliances during the state's new Water-Efficient Products and annual ENERGY STAR sales tax holidays. Both take place Saturday, May 28, through Monday, May 30. The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts estimates shoppers will save an estimated \$8.7 million in state and local sales tax during the Memorial Day Weekend sales tax holidays.

"Anyone who has lived through a Texas summer knows that this is the time of year when our state is hit by peak demands for both water and electricity," said Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar. "These two sales tax holidays, both set for Memorial Day weekend, give Texans the opportunity to save some money while upgrading their homes and businesses with energy-efficient appliances and water-conserving products."

The Water-Efficient Products Sales Tax Holiday is new this year, having been approved by the Texas Legislature in 2015. Products that display a WaterSense label or logo can be purchased tax free for personal or business use. These include showerheads, bathroom sink faucets and accessories, toilets, urinals and landscape irrigation controls. The sales tax holiday also applies to water-

conserving products used or planted for conserving or retaining groundwater, recharging water tables or decreasing ambient air temperature to limit water evaporation.

Items that qualify for the exemption include soaker or drip-irrigation hoses; a moisture control for a sprinkler or irrigation system; mulch; and plants, trees and grasses. These items can only be purchased tax free for personal use.

There is no limit to the number of water-efficient or water-conserving products you can purchase. For a complete list of items and more information on the Water-Efficient Products Sales Tax Holiday, go to the Comptroller's website.

During the ENERGY STAR Sales Tax Holiday, the following energy-efficient products that display the ENERGY STAR logo can be purchased tax free: qualified air conditioners priced at \$6,000 or less; refrigerators priced at \$2,000 or less; ceiling fans; fluorescent light bulbs; dishwashers; dehumidifiers; and clothes washers (clothes dryers are not included). Go to the Comptroller's website for more ENERGY STAR Sales Tax Holiday details.

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LUBBOCK - Although there is an opportunity for rainfall this weekend, the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District (HPWD) reminds area residents to use water wisely without waste during late spring and early summer. "Spring 2016 has been dry so far. Because of this, it is important for each of us to be aware of how we use water in our daily lives and to reduce this amount whenever possible. This can help reduce demand upon the region's surface water and groundwater supplies, which are still recovering from 2011 drought conditions," said HPWD Manager Jason Coleman. He added that there are many opportunities to conserve water in the agricultural, industrial, and urban sectors. For example: Agricultural producers can consider irrigation scheduling tools to determine when and how much water to apply to crops. Keeping a close watch on irrigation systems can help reduce instances of irrigation water waste, or "tailwater." Companies may consider replacing or retrofitting existing plumbing fixtures, in-

Home Country

By Slim Randles
Special for The Hesperian-Beacon

I was studying my card when the guys walked in for coffee. "What did you get?" asked Doc. "D-24." "Just one?" "Yeah. The boys caught me when I was kinda short, so I only got the one this year." "They hit me for ten," Doc said. "In E section." Dud looked at us. "I think E section's a pretty good bet. Especially later in the afternoon. The sun will be over there then. Nice and warm. She's liable to go there." It's Cow-a-dunga time again. It's Mr. Shaver's idea. He's the music teacher for all three of our schools here, and he needed a way the kids could raise some money for band trips. "I hear they're using one of Simmons's cows this year," said Dud. "Doc, is there any kind of laxative you can give a cow?" "How should I know? I'm not a veterinarian. Besides, you know they'll keep her identity a secret until Saturday. They know there's people out there just like you who'd like to 'doctor' that cow." We all laughed. No one would think of both-

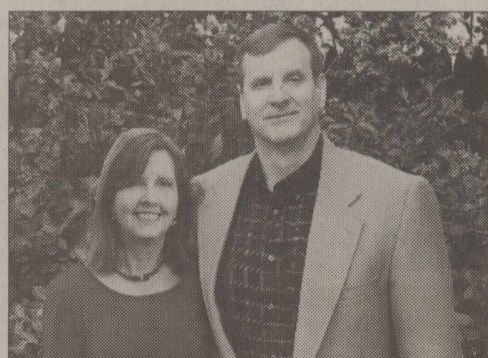
ering the cow, of course, but we'll all spend at least part of Saturday down in the bleachers at the high school football field keeping an eye on that cow. That's the whole fun of Cow-a-dunga, of course. By now, the kids have that acre of grass all crisscrossed with chalk lines, dividing the field up into one-yard squares. Each square sells for a buck. If all the squares sell, that's five grand for the kids. The winner is determined by a cow. On Saturday, a cow will be released onto the field, and watched carefully by a whole bunch of us. When the cow's digestive system causes her to pop a decoration onto the field, the lucky holder of that square gets five hundred bucks. There are, of course, strict rules against arm waving, chowing noises, horn honking and the application of anything that might sway her toward or away from any particular square. "I wonder," said Steve, "if there's any rule against using the evil eye. You know, like if she's heading for Doc's block of squares, I could send her a signal to hold it for a while." "Cheaters never prosper," said Doc. The Home Country radio show will be coming soon to a radio station near you! New, from Syndication Networks.

AgriLife Extension experts inform Texans about Zika

By Paul Schattenberg

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 Conference 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 Columbia." 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 the 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://preventingzika.gndhttps://vitalrecord.tamhsc.edu/zika360>. For more information about mosquito types, biology and control, go to <http://mosquitosafari.tamu.edu/>.



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new Ford Truck, a Model A Ford Coupe, enough second hand furniture to "get by with", a barrel of home-canned fruit, etc. and \$1,700.00 in cash to invest in machinery and to live on until our first crop.

After three days of dusty roads, getting stuck in a mud hole in Oklahoma, August 20 we arrived in Floydada. My first impression was not one of joy--no trees, flowers or lawns and not many paved streets.

We lived in a duplex on East Houston Street (owned by the late Polk Goen's father). We did not get possession of the farm until January 1, 1928.

I was so homesick for Missouri, everything was so different. The only thing I liked was the friendly people. I cried every time the dirt blew (and that was a lot).

For recreation we'd shoot Jack Rabbits and Prairie Dogs on Sunday afternoons, go to Floydada on Saturday to buy groceries and sit in the cars visiting. Maybe a "play" on Saturday night at Campbell or Lakeview Community School. Most every Sunday we'd get together for a big dinner with the W. N. Jones, Lovell Jones, Harry Morckels and the Charley Bollums of the Barwise Community.

Our first child, Marvin, was born in Springfield, Missouri, August 21, 1928. I had told Drs. George and Lon Smith, "I didn't trust these Texas Doctors."

In 1929 we rented the

Henry Kries Section eighth miles east of Floydada, lived there four years. It was here our daughter, Dwina Ann, was born September 3, 1930, attended by Dr. Jacob Rinehart. September 6 we got a hailstorm and lost all our cotton. This was just one of the many disappointments, we survived the dry years, crop failures, depression days and black dusters. There were many good things to enjoy--the waving grain of a good wheat crop, the cool nights, listening to the creak of the windmill and the blackeyed peas and okra!

In 1933 we bought the "Home Place" from J. R. Reidhimer in the Dougherty Community and knew "Texas" was where we wanted to spend the rest of our lives.

October 17, 1936, our third child, Larry Guy, was born. Dr. A. E. Guthrie delivered him.

Our first tragedy struck when Marvin was killed in a car accident April 27, 1945. He was 16 and a graduating student of Floydada High School.

This event prompted Ott to turn the fanning over to his nephew, Howard Drysdale, who moved here from California. We built a new home in Floydada at 711 W. California Street and moved there in May, 1947.

Dwina attended Floydada High, Texas Tech and West Texas State. She was employed five years with Exxon before marrying Arthur Custer of Midland, Texas in 1958. Their three children are David, Susan and Andrew, all living in Midland.

Larry served two years in

the Army, was draftsman with the State Highway Department in Floydada. In 1958 he married the former Sonja Beth Wilson, daughter of Woodrow and Bessie Wilson. He is now living in Grand Prairie, Texas, where he has his home and construction business since 1964. They have three children, Melissa, Christopher and Michael.

February 16, 1968, Ott died in Truth or Consequences, New Mexico.

I am now living in Plainview, Texas and am married to Robert S. Huffman, formerly of South Bend, Indiana.

Wit & Wisdom

By Charles Keaton The Hesperian-Beacon

(Note: all quotes are Anonymous)

A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good.

A friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out.

A man has no more character than he can command in a time of crisis.

Contentment is not the fulfillment of what you want, but the realization of how much you already have.

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.

Stagecoach coming to Matador



Courtesy photo

An authentic 1880 Butterfield Overland Stagecoach will be the centerpiece of a 125th Anniversary celebration Friday, May 20 in Matador. The stagecoach can also be seen Thursday, May 19 in the afternoon/evening in Flomot at the Burleson Rodeo Arena.

By Kay Ellington The Hesperian-Beacon

MATADOR--The stagecoach is coming to Matador!

On Friday, May 20, a fully restored 1880 Butterfield Overland Stagecoach is making the final run of its career, with stops across the Panhandle and West Texas, and its finale will be a stopover at The Historic Jail in Matador.

The coach will arrive by noon on Friday, May 20, and Matador is planning a Western Hoedown to celebrate. A Matador Ranch chuck wagon will be waiting for the arrival with a BBQ and all the trimmings-- serving at about 5:30 p.m. to the first 200 people, followed by a dance at 7 p.m. in the old Spot Cash Grocery, in downtown Matador. Country and Western music will be provided by the Sandbillies. It seems only fitting that Matador--which is celebrating its 125th birthday this year--can have an authentic stagecoach

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that trip was very funny. You have to hear it yourself! They have done the "Hale On Wheels" ride which is 21 miles starting in Plainview, Texas.

They have done more runs and are training for others

from the era of its origins in town for the occasion.

At this family-friendly event you can bring your kids to meet Cowboy Rick Hamby, the Trailboss, and his team of horses. Beware! There may be a Stagecoach Robbery.

Along the way, the stagecoach can be seen at the Burleson Rodeo Arena in Flomot on May 19 and may even deliver mail (letters to schoolchildren) in the Flomot and Matador areas.

After the stagecoach's historic final run through Texas, it will be on display at Silver Dollar City in Missouri. In the 1960s the stagecoach was an attraction available for rides. But this rare stagecoach -- made in the 1880s with forged Austrian steel from Europe and operated through 1905 in southern Arizona-- will be preserved and protected at Silver Dollar City as a display, and it should be well-appreciated as some 2.5 million visitors go through the theme park each year.

coming up.

Stacy helps at the "Sale Barn" in Floydada, Texas and has also done dog grooming. She sells a product called "It Works". Her favorite product is "Green Leaf".

She got started because she works out and had to give up running and jumping because her knees hurt. She couldn't fully exercise. Stacy says, she started using the product and now she can jump and run.

She is active in the Floydada First Baptist Church. She loves working the "Kids Camp" and has done it for eight years. She does sign language in the church services.

Stacy is an animal lover of all kinds. She has started collecting hats. There were quite a few displayed around for us to see. Stacy is married and is a mother. I remember those days of so much energy, but now, I was exhausted at all she does and wishing I still had just a little of her energy. Her enthusiasm was joyful!

Virginia Taylor, our Queen

Mother, called our meeting to order. She acknowledged the ones who are sick and recuperating from surgeries. Virginia and Mary Lou Zinck attended the "Spring Fling" in Dumas, Texas on April 9, 2016 and had a good time. Melinda Collins presented Virginia with a hand made plate that she fired in her kiln after we had signed it at our meeting in April. Also, she received a card as our "Queen Mother" with a gift for Mother's Day. She is the best "Queen Mother" of them all!! Ethelyn Vernon reminded us of the upcoming "Old Settlers Day" and all that will be displayed.

Those attending were Mary Lou Zinck, Joy Turner, Virginia Taylor, Elaine McNeill, Fern Hartsell, Sandy Fuston, Gloria Fannon, Melinda Collins, Virginia Coker, Carolyn Cheek, Sue Daniels, Ethelyn Vernon, Margie Sue, Mary Quattlebaum and Mary M. Carter. Our guests were Stacy Reeves, and Sylvia Murry.

National Ranching Heritage Center hosts Ladies Day

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

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

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

Ladies Day at the Ranch will begin with tours of the 19-acre historical park from 11 a.m. until noon. For those who would rather ride than walk, the center has a new 21-seat trolley with an overhead speaker system. Walking tours with a guide also will be available.

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

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

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

Advertisement for RN's & LVN's Needed in Lubbock, TX. Includes text for available regular rotation (40hrs/week), RN rates (\$40.00/hr), LVN rates (\$30.00/hr), sign up bonuses, and contact info for Critical Health Connection, Inc.

Advertisement for Commercial Hotel. Features a large photo of the hotel and text: "Historic Opportunity in a Booming Community". Includes a historical plaque image and a property description.

Advertisement for Tanner Smith Realtor. Includes the Assiter & Associates logo, contact information (747-1078, 983-2511), and a price point of \$100,000.00.

Advertisement for Hesperian-Beacon. Promotes a free online subscription with a print subscription. Shows a screenshot of the website interface.

Study Club



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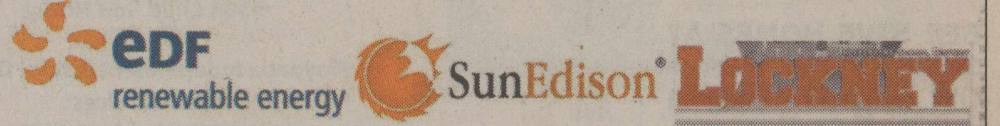
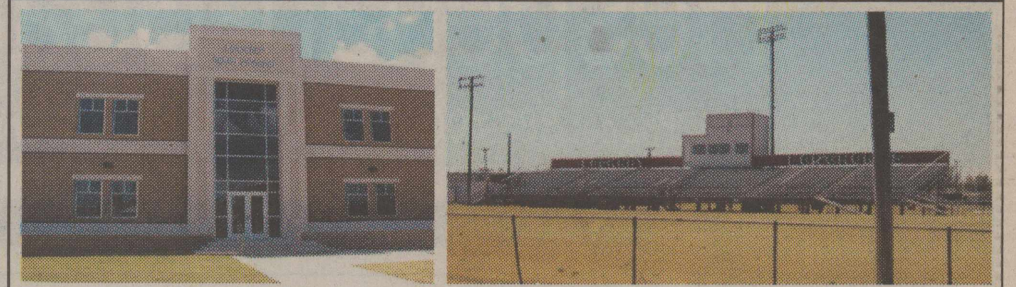
Current members of the 1956 Study Club include (Back) Sheryl Back, Judy Schacht, Snow Payne, Trena Simpson, Janis Julian, Linda Harbin, Linda Matsler, Judy Dunlap, Anne Carthel, Charline Hendrix; (Front) Terry Jackson, Jennisu Smith, Sheree Cannon, Nina Sanders, Virginia Stringer, Kay Dean Smith. Members not pictured include Susan Simpson, Terri Bush, and Janet Lloyd.



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Former members of the 1956 Study Club who joined us for the celebration include (Back) Vickie Terrell, Suzanne Wyrick, Roseanne Bishop, Linda Hinsley, Molly Stringer, Sharon Rainwater, Atha Sue; (Front) Jean Appling, Roberta Hardin (charter club member), Sharon Redden, Edith Muncy, and Beth Pratt.

LISD Bond plans await wind farm taxes



Courtesy photos

Lockney ISD voters approved two bonds in the May 7 election. But action awaits two windmill companies paying their taxes.

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY-The last time Lockney had a bond issue was in August 1963 when LISD built the elementary school and added additional rooms to the junior high. But, despite voters passing two bond issues in the May 7 election, they'll have to wait a little while longer to take action on the next plans.

"We need to wait and see that the wind farm companies pay their taxes," said Phil Cotham, Lockney ISD superintendent. "There have been some concerns with SunEdison filing bankruptcy. However, our legal and financial team have assured us that that will not keep them from paying their taxes."

In addition to SunEdison, EDF Renewable Energy, the company with the Longhorn Project, is operating within LISD boundaries.

The Longhorn Project, spanning 33,000 acres in Floyd and Briscoe counties, is comprised of 100 Vestas V-100 wind turbine generators with a rated capacity of 2 MW each. Renewable Energy Systems Americas Inc. (RES) developed and constructed the project, which utilizes the CREZ (Competitive Renewable Energy Zone) transmission infrastructure to deliver the low-cost renewable generation resources of West Texas and the Texas Panhandle to the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) market. The Longhorn Project became commercial operational May 15, 2015.

Company spokesmen said the following when the Longhorn Project became commercially operational in May 2015,

"Longhorn represents EDF Renewable Energy's fifth project to be placed in service in Texas in the past three years bringing our installed capacity in the state to 872 megawatts," commented Ryan Pfaff, Executive Vice President of EDF Renewable Energy. "We are particularly pleased to be up and running in Floyd and Briscoe Counties, and look forward to working closely with the local community throughout the life of the Longhorn Wind Project."

Andrew Fowler, Chief Operating Officer for RES Americas, added, "RES continues its commitment to growing the Texas economy by creating many jobs with the construction workforce peaking at 250, 14 permanent jobs for operations and maintenance, and spending nearly \$3.5M in the local community during

construction. Longhorn is our 18th completed project in the Lone Star State and marks our first construction project with EDF RE. We look forward to continuing to work with EDF RE to provide secure and sustainable energy solutions in the future."

According to a company press release, Longhorn Wind will generate enough electricity to power approximately 55,000 homes - according to US Energy Environmental Protection Agency methodology - avoiding approximately 375,000 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions per year, the equivalent of the annual emissions from approximately 80,000 passenger vehicles. Longhorn's output is sold to a creditworthy counterparty under a long-term, fixed-price energy purchase agreement.

In addition to the Longhorn Project, SunEdison is in phase one of the South Plains project. Both wind farms will be on the tax rolls. Those two companies alone will pay at least 80 percent of the bond money back while local property owners will pay 20 percent of the money back.

However, homeowners aged 65 and older will not see an increase in property taxes because their rates are frozen.

Any increase in taxes locally are deductible on federal income taxes.

On May 7 LISD voters approved Proposition 1 to ensure the repair of various Lockney ISD building and facilities and purchase new buses and Proposition 2 to see new turf on the football field, and on the baseball and softball diamonds. Rebuilding the school's track and tennis courts also will be on the to-do list.

Proposition 1 will include the issuance of \$3.335 million of bonds. Proposition 2 will also include the issuance of \$3.335 million of bonds.

The issuance will be set at \$6.670 million or 14.44 cents per \$100.

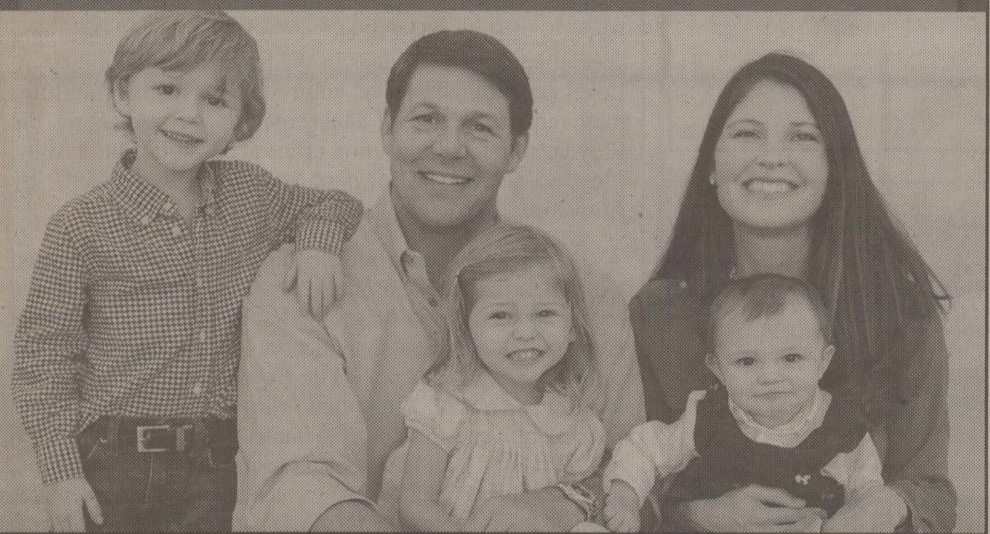
The bond will be issued with a proposed 15-year payoff, but paying off the bond early is a possibility if more property values are added to the tax rolls.

Cotham said, "Like homeowners, the windmill companies' taxes are payable beginning in October and are delinquent after the end of January."

Until then the LISD can look at and talk to architects, but are pretty much in a holding pattern until the windmill companies pay their taxes.

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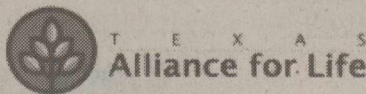
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HARDY

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local tax revenues; but to the world through his expertise development and marketing of a fuel efficient engine when fuel was becoming more expensive. A lot of energy has been saved with his engine; and whereas, his children Dedra and Donald Hardy, along with the City of Floydada, in honor of the 50th anniversary of Don Hardy Race Cars, pays tribute to Don Hardy, who has provided employment opportunities to our citizens, has made donations to various organizations, and contributed to Floydada's economic growth and prosperity for 50 years; and whereas, it is our honor to recognize Don Hardy and name Missouri Street from 4th Street to 8th Street to Don Hardy Motorway, and now, therefore, I, Bobby Gilliland, Mayor of the City of Floydada, Texas, along with the entire City Council, extend to Don Hardy our sincere congratulations on receiving this recognition, and continue to serve and increase your success for many years to come."

Dedra shared that she watched her "daddy" build a business with the honor and loyalty that goes with customer service and treats his customers and employees in



Photo by Jennifer Harbin

City of Floydada Public Works Director Julian Alaniz puts the new street sign into place on Friday as Don Hardy looks on. Don Hardy Motorway will span from 4th to Wall Street along Missouri Street where Hardy's businesses are located.

a way that gives honor. Hardy still does business with a handshake like it used to be, she shared.

"He built his business with that trust and honor...treating people like you would want to be treated," she ex-

plained. "Dad built a business the way I think it should be built, with honor and integrity, instilling that in us, and the business flourished. Dad took a simple concept and turned it into a business that's still going after 50 years."

Military Next Week

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