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The Great Texas Wheat Harvest



Photo by Jennifer Harbin



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Mike and Garrett Mathis took to the fields Wednesday, June 15, to harvest Barbara Mathis' wheat crop southeast of Providence. So far, 2016 has proven to be a promising year for farmers across the nation with high yields.

Lowe's Announces 4th Upcoming of July Celebration



By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA --A Fourth of July tradition continues in Floydada.

The Lowes Market Fourth of July Celebration will be Monday, July 4 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the grocery store parking lot at 220 S. 2nd Street.

Greg Maldo, a country music singer from Lubbock, will headline the event. Maldo's music is known as being influenced by George Strait, Merle Haggard, George Jones and Waylon Jennings. For nearly 15 years the

Lowes Market 4th of July Celebration featured music, food and booths under the direction of store manager Johnny Summers.

But then for eight years, the event didn't happen. Then, last year, Lowes brought its 4th of July celebration back.

Teddy Summers, Johnny's son, has been with Lowes Markets for nine years, and for a little over three years he has been the manager in Floydada.

"I've always wanted to bring it back, as soon as I got back to Floydada," Teddy

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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

Trinity Assembly will hold their "Christian Movie Night" on Friday, June 24. The movie will be "Son of God". At 6 p.m. chili dogs will be served and movie will start at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited! Trinity Assembly is located at 500 West Houston (across from Dairy Queen).

FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

The fundraiser has been postponed and will not be held on Sunday, June 26 as previously reported in the Floydada Senior Citizens Center's article.

MOLLY STRINGER'S BOOKS

Molly Stringer has two of her books titled "There you have it" and "That's the way it is" that are available for purchase at Payne's Pharmacy in Floydada. She will have a new book coming out next month titled, "That's how it seems". She currently

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Partners Brian Sanders, Jeff Prisk, and David Turner, of Sanders Harvesting, ride side-by-side while harvesting Cleo Whittle's land on the South Ralls Highway on Tuesday, June 14. After their work in Floyd County is complete, Sanders Harvesting will move their operations to Hereford and then to Kansas and Nebraska.

By Jennifer Harbin
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

When the golden wheat begins to sway in the West Texas wind at the beginning of June, usually the combines are not far behind. This year's wheat harvest, although just midpoint, is proving promising and bringing in record yields since Texas was first stricken with drought in October 2010.

Sanders Harvesting, jointly owned by Brian Sanders, David Turner, and Jeff Prisk, began the wheat harvesting season at the beginning of May in Pearsall, southwest of San Antonio, moving to San Saba and are currently cutting in Floyd County. After they have finished, they travel to Hereford, continuing on to Kansas, Nebraska and possibly Montana, with predictions of finishing in September.

"We started out fighting the rain down south and got a little behind, so we're almost back on schedule and working really hard to make up ground and get that caught up to be ready to go to Hereford," Sanders shared during a brief break while harvesting south of Floydada.

"Last year's harvest was good quality and yield," according to Sanders, who says the weather has been holding out and been a blessing. "This year I think it's going to be in the 30-40 bushel yield per acre (range). We've got 30-40 average so far, with test weights running 62.5."

Test weight refers to the average weight of wheat as measured in pounds per bushel and is an important predictor of milling yields. USDA's official weight per bushel for the highest grade for wheat is 60 pounds per bushel.

"Wheat is supposed to weigh 60 and it's coming in heavier, which is good," he shared.

"That's kind of normal for a decent crop."

Interesting fact: The name "bushel" is an anglicization of the Old French boissiel and buissiel, meaning "little box". The modern American or US bushel is a variant of this, simplified to a measure of exactly 2150.42 cubic inches, about one part per ten million less.

According to the U.S. Drought Index, 2011 was the driest year ever for Texas, with an average of only 14.8 inches of rain. The low rainfalls and high summer temperatures devastated the land as well as river and lake levels. The last time the entire state of Texas was drought-free was April 27, 2010, according to the US Drought Monitor, and 98% of Texas is currently experiencing no drought effects.

A representative at the U.S. Agricultural Office in Floydada said that the drought hasn't officially ended but we haven't been in drought status for awhile, and it would appear that the recent improvements in rainfall and timely rains are evident in recent harvests.

The United States Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service report, as of June 2016, ranks Texas as third among projected total wheat producers in 2016 (between Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas) bringing in an estimated 89.6 million bushels of wheat. Their website states that that number is down 16 percent from last year. The yield per acre is expected to average 32.0 bushels, up 2 bushels from 2015. Harvested acreage for grain, at 2.8 million acres, is down 21 percent from the previous year.

According to Seth Stephens, General Manager & CEO of Producers Co-operative Elevator Floydada, dry land yields are averaging low to mid 20s and irrigated land are yielding 40 to 60 bushels per acre.

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Fast-Pitch Team Builds on State Bid



Courtesy photo

Bottom Row: Celese Wickware, Erin Trevino, Ashlyn Green, Arianna Garcia, Alyssa Obregon, Katy Hobbs Back Row: Jazmine Coronado, Clarissa DelaFuente, Kailee Sanchez, Tatum Glasscock, Danielle Zavala, Marissa Obregon

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA--The Diamond Dusters youth fast-pitch softball team from Floydada will be busy this summer playing in USSSA and ASA tournaments in Lubbock, Brownfield, Levelland, Slaton, and Amarillo. The team is made up of 11 and 12-year old players mainly from Floydada.

The girls play in a USSSA tournament July 8-10 in Amarillo, July 29-31 in Amarillo, and in a Midnight Madness Tournament in Levelland August 5-6.

Many members of this team were on the Floydada All-Star softball team that advanced to the state tournament last year. Fundraising and sponsorships will continue to help the team play through the month of November.

The experience of playing in USSSA and ASA tournaments continues to improve the skill level for each girl. The girls devote countless hours in the hot summer sun and give up many weekends to play the game they love and to build a bright future for Floydada Softball. The Diamond Dusters would like to thank the community and all sponsors for their support.

Roster
Erin Trevino
Kailee Sanchez

Shortstop/Pitcher
2nd Base

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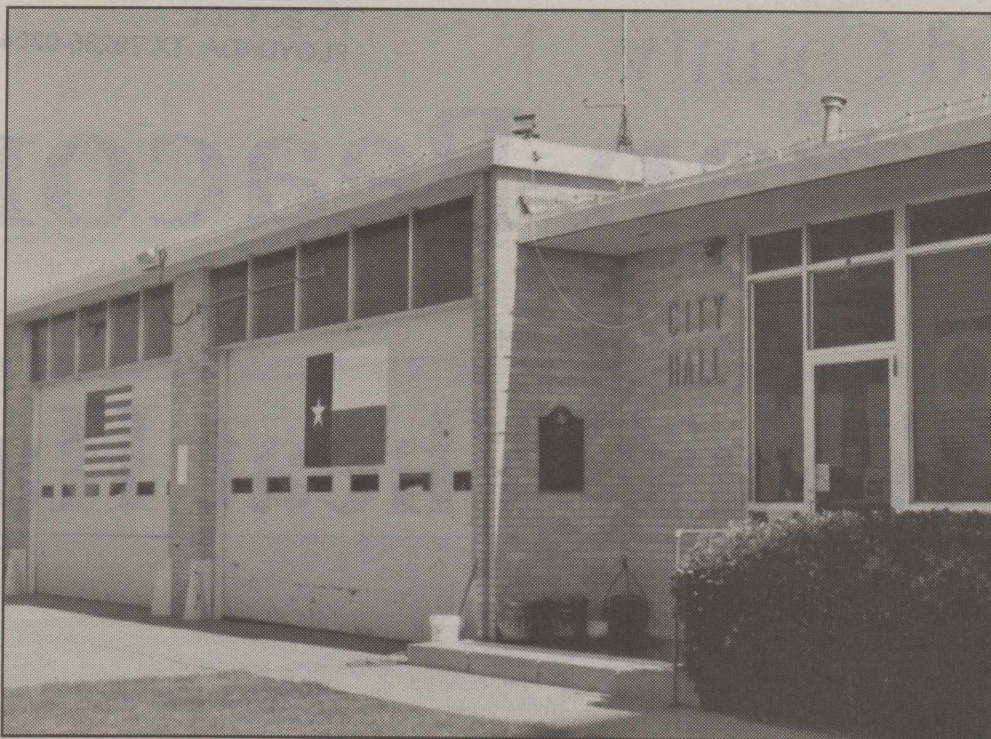
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Lockney Continues Toward City Manager Plan



By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

In the May city election, Lockney voters passed a ballot initiative to move from a city secretary form of government to a city manager form of government.

Upon voters' approval, Texas law requires that the city has 60 days following the date the election results are canvassed to implement the new form of government.

According to Lockney city attorney Lanny Voss, "We're proceeding systematically with plans to convert to a city manager form of government."

However, additional time beyond the 60 day period is

normally required in these situations to post the job description for the position, receive applications and resumes, and interview selected applicants for the position."

He said that in a few days the city will be posting a job description listing on the Texas Municipal League career site for a city manager.

"The City will likely employ a qualified person as interim city manager," Voss said. "That will enable us to meet the 60-day deadline, but then allow the City the time needed to post the position, receive applications and resumes and interview candidates leading to hiring of a city manager."

The Paperboy Misinformation causes fear in government

In the wake of the Orlando massacre, government officials, who are guarded by men with guns, decided to try and make some laws which would make guns harder to purchase for some people.

As Democrats attempted to spin the tragedy caused by an Islamic terrorist into an issue of gun violence, the measures were defeated Monday.

Of course, if we didn't live in such a politically correct environment caused by President Obama's ridiculous foreign and domestic policies, we could probably catch a few more of the bad guys.

Furthermore, not one of the proposed laws voted on Monday would have stopped the terrorists in any of the attacks on our soil during Obama's seven years in office.

And the fact that Democrat leadership and members of the ultra liberal mainstream media tried to make this tragedy about white Christians despite the fact the killer was a registered Democrat and had pledged his allegiance to ISIS, made the whole gun-grab attempt stink to high heaven.

Again the U.S. has suffered a terrorist attack. Again, the Obama Administration blames everyone else and fails to look in the mirror when it comes to his failings.

What the hell country do we live in?

I've got news for the government: Want to know why guns and ammo sales have skyrocketed during Obama's years in office? Many Americans fear the government.

The main reason these high-powered guns are so popular is because many Americans genuinely fear government action against them at some point in the future.

Liberals/Progressives/Socialists - our friends on the left - would have you believe that there is nothing to fear. I contend that IRS witch hunts, massive corruption, the killing fields of our major

cities, etc... paint a very different picture of this country than the one painted by pundits on the left.

This country is not secure. We are not defeating ISIS. And frankly, we are not safe here on our own soil.

The ruling political class and the media elite travel our streets with body guards. Ironically, those protectors are armed to the hilt. Yet they want our guns?

I'll tell you what, when all those morons in Washington decide to give up their security detail, then maybe the average American will think about disarming.

Now do any of you actually think these people would go 10 feet without protection? Me neither.

I'll make one last point on this rant: When our military pulls out of a region, we leave behind weapons and equipment. You may not know this, but ISIS and many other bad guys are using our stuff. They are using our guns, ammunition, rocket launchers, trucks, etc...

Maybe the government should get the guns out of the hands of those guys before hitting up law-abiding Americans for guns.

The bottom line is this country is divided and will likely remain so for some time. That usually happens when half of the population is continuously denigrated by "leaders" and lives in fear of government tyranny.

Obama promised to fundamentally change America. I'd say he's right on course and those changes have divided us into so many groups it's sad.

We are the Divided States of America and until there is some common sense leadership, we're going to stay that way.

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CHRIS BLACKBURN

The 501 Flipping Fridges

Ever burp a refrigerator?
It's harder than it sounds.

Think it's like burping a baby? Wrong. You don't pat it on the back. You turn it upside down. I don't make these things up.



HANABA MUNN WELCH

By the way, don't try this at home.

Burping is only for RV refrigerators (the kind that run on propane and electricity) - not regular refrigerators. You do it when the cooling unit develops a blockage and the ammonia and stuff quits circulating in the tubes and reservoirs and such. It happens.

More than you wanted to know? Me too.

The worst part of the burping scenario is that it doesn't usually work. Next you spend hundreds of dollars for a replacement cooling unit.

RV stuff costs more than it should. Quote me.

If burping does work, it may work just long enough for you to put the refrigerator back where it goes, not all that easy if rivets and caulk are involved. In two days you're back where you started. That's the other worst-case refrigerator-burping scenario.

Why not just buy a new fridge? Glad you asked.

The refrigerator in our little RV is like a boat in a basement. It can't be removed unless it gets chopped into pieces (something that has crossed my mind). To install a new one, we'd have to saw a big hole in the fiberglass body of the trailer (which also has crossed my mind).

Fiberglass trailers are superior RVs. They keep their value nicely - unless you cut a big hole in the side.

If you've read this far, you're wondering if a moral to this story is remotely possible.

Odds are against it, but it could happen. And that refrigerator may run just fine when I set it back right side-up. Sometimes it helps to be a little naive and believe things really might work out, no matter the odds.

Wow! There we have it -- the pivotal truth around which all thoughts expressed thus far revolve:

If you aren't gullible enough to try something like refrigerator burping, you'll never know if such a crazy solution just might not work.

If you prefer pithy, let's just say "nothing ventured, nothing gained." Bare axioms are like clothes hangers - better when you hang something on them. Refrigerator wrestling is the venture. The gain remains in question.

Incidentally, where's my wise and capable spouse when he's the obvious choice to flip a refrigerator? Not here at the farm. He's stuck with tedious office work (and World Cup soccer) at our urban residence, able only to commiserate and advise. Good timing.

But he believes in me. That's what counts. He cheers me on.

Cheer and shout, freeze 'em out,
Tip that refrigerator upside down!
Burp it right! Fight! Fight! Fight!
Hope it works when it comes back on!

Yes, I'm the one who writes the cheers too. But when it comes to refrigerator tackling, cheer writing is the easiest part. If that's not a moral, it's at least a truism. Even better, it's a conclusion.

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July 28-31, 2016

For kids who have just completed 1st through 6th grade. Worship with a Praise Band and guest speaker ~Bible Study~Swimming. Crafts~Music~Group recreation~Free T-shirt~Fun~Excitement.

Register at First Baptist Church, 401 S. Main, Floydada
You must bring health insurance information.

Deadline for registration and \$10 is June 30, 2016

Register and pay before June 23 for a chance to win a \$50 gift card!

SOCIETY

Recent donations made by Museum Archives the Martha Cogdell Trust

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Connie Cogdell Clark, chairman of the board of the Martha Ann Cogdell Trust, announces that donations were recently made to the following entities: City of Turkey Ambulance Fund, City of Quitaque Ambulance Service, Caprock Hospital District Ambulance Fund, Hall County EMS Ambulance Service, Silverton Voluntary Ambulance Service, Briscoe County Clinic Association and Swisher Memorial Hospital District - Tulia Rural Health Clinic.

For many years the Martha Ann Cogdell Trust has purchased ambulances for various cities and hospital districts in this area, including the Caprock Hospital Dis-

trict Ambulance Fund, the City of Wayside Emergency Team, the City of Claude Volunteer Ambulance Service, the City of Turkey Ambulance Fund, the City of Quitaque Ambulance Service, the Silverton Voluntary Ambulance Fund, the City of Lockney Ambulance Fund and the Motley County Ambulance Fund. In addition, many thousands of dollars have been made in annual gifts to these various ambulance services to assist in operation expenses. The Trust has also built clinics in Floydada, Lockney and Silverton. The members of the board of directors of the Martha Ann Cogdell Trust are Connie Cogdell Clark, Gaylon Clark, Bette Cogdell, Billy Rank Cogdell and Norma Birdwell.

Cogdell Trust makes donation to Hospice Special Charitable

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The Martha Ann Cogdell Trust made a generous donation of \$20,000 to Hospice Special Charitable, a division of Hospice Hands of West Texas, Inc. is locally owned and has served the area for twenty years taking care of the terminally ill.

Hospice Special Charitable is a 501c3 non-profit, the funds are used to provide medication, equipment, for terminally ill patients who have no insurance or other

hospice benefits, bereavement and education. Hospice Hands provides the nursing, aide, spiritual and social service for these patients.

Hospice Special Charitable and Hospice Hands of West Texas will be able to continue our mission of caring for anyone in need of hospice service due to this sizeable donation through their generosity.

Hospice Hands along with assistance of Hospice Special Charitable has never turned down a terminal patient.

Hospice Hands Charitable

is solely operated by donations, memorials and two annual fundraisers, one in the spring in Lockney, and one in the fall in Silverton and occasionally at Christmas with a Nativity showing. All are on donation only.

Hospice Special Charitable is overseen by the Advisory Board consisting of the following: Margaret Schacht, Elaine LaBaume, Anne Messer, Elsa Cooper, Dale McWaters, Clar Schacht, Colleen Baxter, Bettye King, Larry May, Rosie Rendon and Nell Schur.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Floydada Senior Citizens

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - The fund raiser for the Center has been postponed.

Lightening, thunder and rain fell from the north sky on Saturday evening up to Highway 70. But not much fell in Floydada south of 70.

We hear of Ladies Night at the new swimming pool but have no details other than NO KIDS on Ladies Night.

Former Floydada business owners, Lou and Lon Whilby of Matador lunched Sunday at Nielson's.

Many former customers greeted them recalling the Texas Burgers they sold from the window of their big café-trailer.

City Park Church of Christ held a "Beginning of Summer" hot dog and ice cream supper after evening worship services Sunday.

Weather over 100 degrees was predicted for all of this week.

Faye Bertrand ate lunch with Jill and Martin. On Sunday night went to church with Nancy and watched a real good movie

"Risen".

Charlene Norrell took Nancy Lawson for popcorn, pizza and cold drinks at the First Baptist Church Sunday evening and watched the movie "Risen".

Cob Gilly's daughter, Cathy, of near Kennedy, visited this weekend.

Bud Henderson attended a high school reunion at Paducah, Texas over the weekend.

A good beef steak lunch was served for lunch at the Center on Monday.

Floydada Senior Citizens' 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

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In memory of Jerry Gray - Janet Milam

In memory of Ed Neff - Tracy and Laura Turner, Margaret Soudelier

In memory of Kenneth Poole - Charlene Norrell, Darrell and Nancy Mayo

In memory of Bob Ross - Charlene Norrell, Darrell and Nancy Mayo

In memory of Nancy Myrick - Peggy Turner

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Friendship Class of First Baptist Church of Floydada

Adult Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church of Floydada

MENU

June 27 - July 1
Monday - Hamburger casserole

Tuesday - Chili dogs
Wednesday - Fried chicken w/gravy

Thursday - Pork roast
Friday - Fish fry

(Menus subject to change without notice)

By Mrs. Sam Hale

The Pioneers are the greatest people of our age-their courage and perseverance have made them famous in other counties as well as in our own. Those of us, born of them and raised on the Plains of West Texas are privileged, having received first hand these interesting stories of pioneer life. They are among our prized possessions.

This is a story-old but true-that has been told so many times that it has become a part of history of the South Plains. It has to do with the first settlers of Floyd County-Judge and Mrs. Arthur B. Duncan, and with their home-which was the first built in Floyd County. This was a dugout built of native timbers and dirt and was situated in Blanco Canyon eight miles from the celebrated "Old Rock House" former home of Uncle and Aunt Hank Smith- who were themselves the first settlers of Crosby County.

"Twas in the summer of 1886-two years after the coming of the first settlers and four years before the Floyd County was organized-that word was passed far and wide among the homesteaders that a protracted meeting was to be held in Blanco Canyon-near the Duncan House. All were overjoyed at the prospect of meeting and mingling with others again-so plans were made at once. A little grape arbor was built especially for the occasion, down by the river-spring seats from the wagons were arranged under its shade.

Here it might be said. That no lovelier spot existed. It was midsummer, and Mt. Blanco was resplendent in full dress. Grasses were knee high, made a thick green carpet covering the entire canyon-fall stately trees of native woods, hackberry, cottonwood, and weeping willow, cast their lovely shadows across the mirrored surface of White River; red plums, blue currents and purple grapes, in their luscious ripeness, filled the air with their pungent sweetness, while birds sang their merry songs against a sky of blue. Twas a primitive landscape, picturesque and lovely-perfect as the Master Artist left it-and not yet desecrated by the hands of man.

Twas the first camp meeting to be held on the Plains-and a large crowd of thirty people came. Some from Crosby, Dickens, and Mot-

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - 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.

Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton

The Hesperian-Beacon

(Note: all quotes come from Theodore Roosevelt)

A man who has never gone to school may steal from a freight car; but if he has a university education he may steal the whole railroad.

It behooves every man to remember that the work of the critic is of altogether second-

Camp Meeting in the 80's

ley counties and Quakers from their colony at Estacado. Thomas Duncan, a Methodist Circuit rider did the preaching. There was much joy and a great outpouring of Spirit as they all joined in singing old hymns. Between services the men would collect in groups, eager to swap experiences, and to learn what they could of the outside world. The women were happy to just to be together. They laughed and chattered gaily while gathering the wild fruits along the creek bank.

One incident occurred during this meeting which left an indelible impression on all who attended. It happened that the Duncans in their eagerness to extend hospitality to the visitors had almost overstepped their capabilities. It was almost time for their semi-annual trip to Colorado, where the wool would be taken to market and a six months store of provisions brought home and food was running low.

On this special morning, the young wife had prepared breakfast for her guests and had put forth her very best efforts to make the meal a pleasing one. All in readiness, she turned to invite them in, when dirt was seen falling from the top of the dugout directly above the table; then a whole cascade descended and completely covered the meal. Well, after the dust had cleared a bit, the whole hind leg of a steer was seen protruding through the hole in the roof. He was a stray, having wandered down the caprock and onto the top of the dugout.

Of course, the breakfast was completely ruined and little food which to replenish it, "Twas a sickening experience for the young wife. However there was nothing to do but face the situation as they had had to face countless others. In true West Texas Style "All hands got busy with shovels, while others, rescued the steer and repaired the roof." After awhile, they could all laugh about it, and soon the whole episode was lost in hazy memory.

That must be why life is so beautiful at its close-for memory has gathered only the bright spots from our lives and bound them into a bouquet of pleasing color, discarding the dark and withered petals of yesterday, disappointments and failures.

Our tribute to all Pioneers-"A bouquet of lovely memories."

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

June 27 - July 1

Monday - Baked potatoes

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OBITUARIES/CHURCH

Obituaries



CLARA MCCAIN

Clara McCain, age 88, of Lockney, passed away on Monday, June 13, 2016.

Graveside service were held at 11 a.m., Thursday, June 16, 2016 at the Lockney Cemetery. Visitation was held from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. on Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney.

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

Clara was born November 27, 1927 to JA Ziegler and Hattie Seay in Silvertown. She married Larnce A. McCain June 8, 1945 in Tulia.

She loved her family and enjoyed visiting everybody. Clara was an avid reader. She is an active member of the First Baptist Church in Lockney.

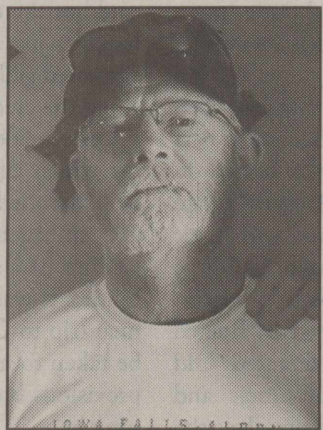
She is preceded in death by her husband, Larnce A. McCain, one brother, two sisters and three grandbabies.

She is survived by one daughter, Sheryl Rigby and husband, Rodney; two sons, Larry McCain and wife, Debbie, and Timothy McCain and wife, Rhonda; six

grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made in Clara McCain's name to the Hospice Hands of West Texas, P.O. Box 1118, Lockney, Texas 79241

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



DUNCAN HAROL WOODY

Duncan Harol Woody, age 54, Goldsboro, North Carolina, formerly of Floydada, Texas, lost his courageous four-year battle with cancer on June 15, 2016, with his beloved wife, Sherri, by his side.

Duncan was born December 20, 1961 to C.O. and Rilla Sue Duncan Woody.

He graduated from Floydada High School in 1980 and attended Tarleton State University. Being the oldest of four children and having three younger sisters, Duncan was the typical "big brother", always feeling the need to protect his little sisters, even during his sickness.

Duncan worked in the Farming and Agriculture field his entire life, and loved being outdoors. He was an

avid hunter and fisherman and up until the last few weeks could be caught outside tinkering on his boat.

On February 11, 1989, Duncan married Sherri Lambert and they have two children, Keith and Kellie, whom he adored, and his faithful weimaraner, JoJo.

He is survived by his wife and children of Goldsboro, North Carolina, and three sisters, Carrie Summers of Henderson, Nevada, Pam Meador of Gatesville, and Zora Woody of Floydada, and their families.

Duncan was preceded in death by his parents and infant son, Kody C.O.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, July 2, 2016 at 10 a.m., at Carr's Chapel cemetery. After the service the family invites friends and family to meet at the Wayne Russell RV Park pavilion in Floydada for visitation.

Donations can be made in Duncan's memory to the American Cancer Society or your favorite charity.



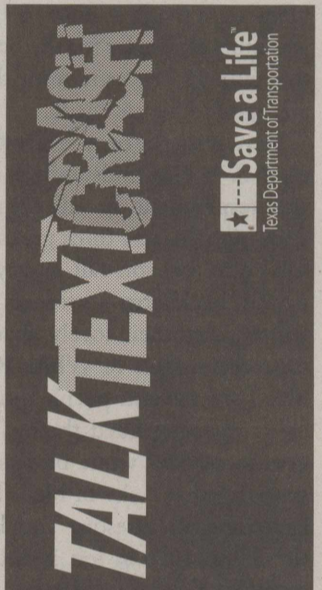
Levi Sisemore

Built Up in Faith

How many questions do you have? Questions about life, death, and everything in-between (and for people of faith, we have questions about the hereafter). Christians should never fear questions or questioning. If what we believe is true, we should welcome investigation from any quarter. I believe that preaching and teaching should answer questions rather than raise them, settle issues rather than disturb them, and quiet scoffers, rather than embolden them. If the preaching and teaching in your church leaves you with more questions of doubt and confusion than Bible answers, there's something wrong with the teaching and preaching. I'm not kidding myself into thinking that we can know everything about God (for He is awesome and beyond our comprehension, Ps. 111:9; Is. 55:8) or that every question has a simplistic, black-and-white answer. What I am saying is that that Christian teaching should be edifying.

"To edify" means "to build up." Our personal faith is built on a foundation of the person and work of Jesus Christ ("himself being the cornerstone," Eph. 2:20). The facts and spiritual realities about him, his accomplished work, his God and Father, his holy family (the church), and the Holy Spirit who indwells the church - all these form what the Bible calls "the faith" (Jude 3; Acts 6:7). The difference between "the faith" and "my faith" is that "the faith" originates with God and should be the foundation and pattern for "my faith." "The faith" is worth contending for, it's worth believing in, it's worth taking a stand on: It is no less than the gospel of God, the good news of his redemption and in our own lives. Not all "religious activities" nor all "religious teachers" are known for building up people of faith. In fact, some "Christian" teachers take shots at the reliability of the Bible, the historicity of the Christ, and the plain teachings of Scripture. While "the faith" remains eternally steadfast whether you and I trust in it or not, it's not worth making shipwreck of your personal faith by abandoning the holy foundation which has been laid for it. In I Timothy 1:19, Paul warned about that kind of teacher and leader who abandoned sound doctrine and whose life lost its quest for uprightness and holiness: "By rejecting [the faith and a good conscience], some have made shipwreck of their faith..." Don't be like those people! Don't be influenced by those people! Don't make shipwreck of your own faith! Be part of a church that turns to the Bible for its teachings and not to any other source! Hold to "the faith" as taught in the Scriptures!

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



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CHURCH DIRECTORY

LESSONS FROM A VIOLET

After returning from a long vacation, I retrieved my African violets from a friend. Three of the four plants had lovely purple flowers and deep green leaves. The fourth had soft, yellow leaves and no blooms. I was surprised, but then I recalled that I hadn't seen blossoms on that plant for at least two years.

Patiently, I continued to water all my violets, even the fourth plant. Gradually, its leaves turned from pure yellow to a pretty shade of yellow-green, but it remained flowerless. Eventually a tiny purple flower appeared! It seemed to be hiding under the leaves — just waiting to be discovered. Then, more blooms popped up among the now-green leaves. Each day brought me joy as I checked for more flowers.

What spiritual life lessons this hardy little plant provided! God is with us, even when we least expect it. Patience, persistence, faith, and prayer will bring us blessings. How many of us have found our prayers answered after we had already given up hope! We may encounter people and situations that turn out to be just the answer to our prayers. Like the unexpected bloom, situations like these remind us that God is working in our lives.

Linda Kinde (Florida, USA)

Prayer

Dear God, help us to be hopeful and to trust you. May we always expect your nearness, protection, guidance, and love. Amen.

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

Carstensen wins \$1,500 America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders Scholarship

LOCKNEY, TX – Lockney High School student Karis Carstensen from Lockney has been awarded a \$1,500 scholarship from America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund. Carstensen will study agricultural communications at West Texas A&M University.

Karis is the daughter of Ricky and Kristi Cartensen of Lockney.

"Karis is a very well-rounded student. She serves as our FFA chapter president, but she also participates in band, softball, basketball, and competitive power lifting," said Shane Sherrill, FFA advisor at Lockney High School. "She has the willingness and ability to be a leader and to talk about agriculture with her school and across the community," Sherrill said.

The future of agriculture relies on talented young people like Carstensen to fill thousands of jobs in a variety of fields, such as plant science, engineering, communications, finance and more. Grow Ag Leaders encourages rural youth to remain in the agriculture industry and provides 352 scholarships nationwide to support students' post high school ag education.

Grow Ag Leaders scholarships, administered by the National FFA Organization, are available to high school seniors and college students pursuing degrees in ag-related fields. To be considered, each applicant is required to receive endorsements from at least three local farmers. Both FFA members and non-FFA members are eligible to apply. With support from the Monsanto Fund, more than \$1.1

million in scholarships has been awarded to students since Grow Ag Leaders piloted in 2014. For more information, visit GrowAgLeaders.com, and follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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KARIS CARSTENSEN

In season weed control options

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The topic of weeds in cotton is one that hits very close to home for all producers not only in our region and state, but across the nation. Resistant weeds and new weed control measures have become a hot topic and I hope I can pass along some information that will help you better understand the methods and measures you can take to try and control them.

Dr. Peter Dotray, Extension Weed Specialist and Professor at Texas Tech University publishes a document called "Weed Management in Cotton in the Texas High Plains." I highly encourage you to get your hands on a copy of this, as it has very helpful and unbiased information regarding weed control options for 2016. It is a working document and he updates it as the season progresses so make sure you have the latest addition. Please call the Floyd County Extension Office for a copy of this document at 806-983-4912.

In the latest version, Dr. Dotray gives recommendations for early and mid-post-emergence over-the-top options. We already know it's important to start with a clean field, so now we will discuss what you can do once the cotton is up.

There are multiple options you can use over the top of the cotton and some of it depends on which variety you planted. Here is a list of possibilities with some brief information about each. For the full list and extensive explanation please pick up a copy of the weed control document.

Roundup PowerMax® (glyphosate): Use 22 to 32 oz per acre to control emerged weeds. Common over-the-top tank mix partners include Dual Magnum (and other metolachlor formulations), Warrant, Prowl (and other pendimethalin formulations), Staple (and other pyriithiobac formulations), and several grass-inhibiting herbicides such as Select

(and other clethodim formulations).

Liberty® 280 SL: In LibertyLink cotton, three (3) 29 oz applications may be made per season for a seasonal max of 87 oz/A. Should environmental conditions prevent a timely application, a single application up to 43 oz/A may be made. If more than 29oz/A is used in any single application, the seasonal total may not exceed 72 oz/A. To maximize control, do not cultivate from 5 days before application to 7 days after an application.

Staple® LX: Apply Staple LX at 2.6 to 3.8 fl oz/A to young, actively growing weeds. The greater rate may be needed for arid growing conditions or where weed infestations are severe.

Envoke®: Apply Envoke at 0.10 to 0.15 oz/A to actively growing weeds at weed heights specified on the label when cotton has reached 5 true leaves. Use a quality non-ionic surfactant (NIS) at 0.25% volume/volume (V/V).

Dual Magnum®: may be used post-emergence for its soil residual activity. Since Dual Magnum has no post-emergence activity, control weeds mechanically or by using another herbicide in tank mix with Dual Magnum such as glyphosate or Liberty.

Warrant®: If weeds have emerged, apply a labeled post-emergence herbicide with this product to control emerged weeds.

Prowl® H2O: at 1 to 2 pints per the soil texture may be applied post-emergence over-the-top after cotton reaches the 4-leaf stage of growth, but not after the 8-leaf stage of growth. Over-the-top applications made before the 4-leaf stage or after the 8-leaf stage may result crop injury and/or yield loss.

Once again, this is only a very brief description of each herbicide and the recommendations on how to use it. This article is just a guide to give you some ideas on possible weed control options. Please contact the extension office for the full weed control document.

Farm Service Agency County Committee Nomination Period Begins June 15

WASHINGTON, June 14, 2016 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced today that the nomination period for farmers and ranchers to serve on local Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees begins Wednesday, June 15, 2016.

"Through the county committees, farmers and ranchers have a voice. Their opinions and ideas get to be heard on federal farm programs," said FSA Administrator Val Dolcini. "I encourage all eligible farmers and ranchers across the spectrum of American agriculture, to get involved in this year's elections. We have seen an increase in the number of qualified nominees, especially among women and minorities, and I hope that trend continues."

To be eligible to serve on a FSA county committee, a person must participate or cooperate in an FSA administered program, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the local administrative area where they are nominated.

Farmers and ranchers may nominate themselves or others. Organizations representing minorities and women also may nominate candidates. To become a candidate, an eligible individual must sign an FSA-669A nomination form. The form and other information about FSA county committee elections are available at www.fsa.usda.gov/elections2016.

nomination forms must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on Aug. 1, 2016.

FSA will mail election ballots to eligible voters beginning Nov. 7, 2016. Ballots must be returned to the local county office via mail or in person by Dec. 5, 2016. Newly-elected committee members and alternates will take office on Jan. 1, 2017.

Nationwide, there are approximately 7,800 farmers and ranchers serving on FSA county committees.

These individuals make decisions on disaster and conservation programs, emergency programs, commodity price support loan programs, and other agricultural issues. Committees consist of three to 11 members that are elected by eligible producers, and members serve three-year terms.

To learn more about county committees, contact your local FSA county office or visit <http://offices.usda.gov> to find a county office near you.

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 homegrown renewable energy and materials. USDA has also provided \$5.6 billion in disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; expanded risk management tools with products like Whole Farm Revenue Protection; and helped farm businesses grow with \$36 billion in farm credit. The Department 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; and extending new conservation opportunities. USDA has developed new markets for rural-made products, including more than 2,500 biobased products through USDA's BioPreferred program; and invested \$64 billion in infrastructure and community facilities to help improve the quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/results.

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Conservation Assistance Just a Click Away

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

TEMPLE, Texas, May 26, 2016 - The USDA now has an online web application, Conservation Client Gateway, that allows individual landowners and land users the secure ability to request conservation technical and financial assistance from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). "Conservation Client Gateway will save Texas producers time and money by not having to drive to our office to obtain a map or sign a document," says NRCS State Conservationist Salvador Salinas. "This information will now be available to them at their convenience and on their schedule."

Producers can log on to the website 24/7 from their home office computer or laptop.

They can apply for conservation program assistance, manage applications, review and sign documents, access conservation plans, maps and other documents through Conservation Client Gateway.

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Conservation Client Gateway is an additional way to work with NRCS via the Internet as a supplement to in-person support.

"It is a matter of being more responsive to producer's needs and providing the assistance that works best for that particular producer, their schedule, their operation and their natural resource goals," says Salinas.

Enrollment in Conservation Client Gateway is voluntary, and producers are encouraged to sign up and give it a try.

For more information, fact sheets, FAQs and a how-to video, visit www.nrcs.usda.gov/clientgateway. Producers can also contact their local USDA Service Center to get started. Service Center locations can be found at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov

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Morren honored



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The Floydada Independent School District was honored for three top awards in Region 17 last year, including Region 17 TASSP (Texas Association of Secondary School Principals) Secondary Principal of the Year, Wayne Morren, Region 17 Superintendent of the Year, Gilbert Trevino, and the Region 17 School Board of the Year. Principal Wayne Morren received his award last week at a TASSP meeting.

SPC honors local students named to President's Honor List

LEVELLAND – South Plains College recently recognized students achieving academic excellence by naming them to the President's Honor List for the spring 2016 semester.

"Earning recognition on the President's list reflects the students' commitment to hard work and personal investment in their education," said Robin Satterwhite,

vice president of Academic Affairs. "We commend them for their academic excellence."

Students named to the President's Honor List earned a 4.0 grade point average while enrolled in at least 12 college credit hours. Local students recognized were Linda Moralez of Lockney and Donnie Prather of Lockney.

SPC honors local students named to 2016 Dean's List

LEVELLAND – South Plains College recently recognized students achieving academic excellence by naming them to the Deans' Honor List for the spring 2016 semester.

"Earning recognition on the Dean's list reflects the students' commitment to hard work and personal investment in their education," said Robin Satterwhite, vice president

of Academic Affairs. "We commend them for their academic excellence."

Students named to the Deans' Honor List earned at least a 3.25 grade point average with no failing grades while carrying at least 12 credit hours.

Floydada students recognized are Matthew McGowen, Pablo Ramirez, Tammy Sanchez, and Brandon Wickware.

Floyd County 4-H'ers compete at District horse Show

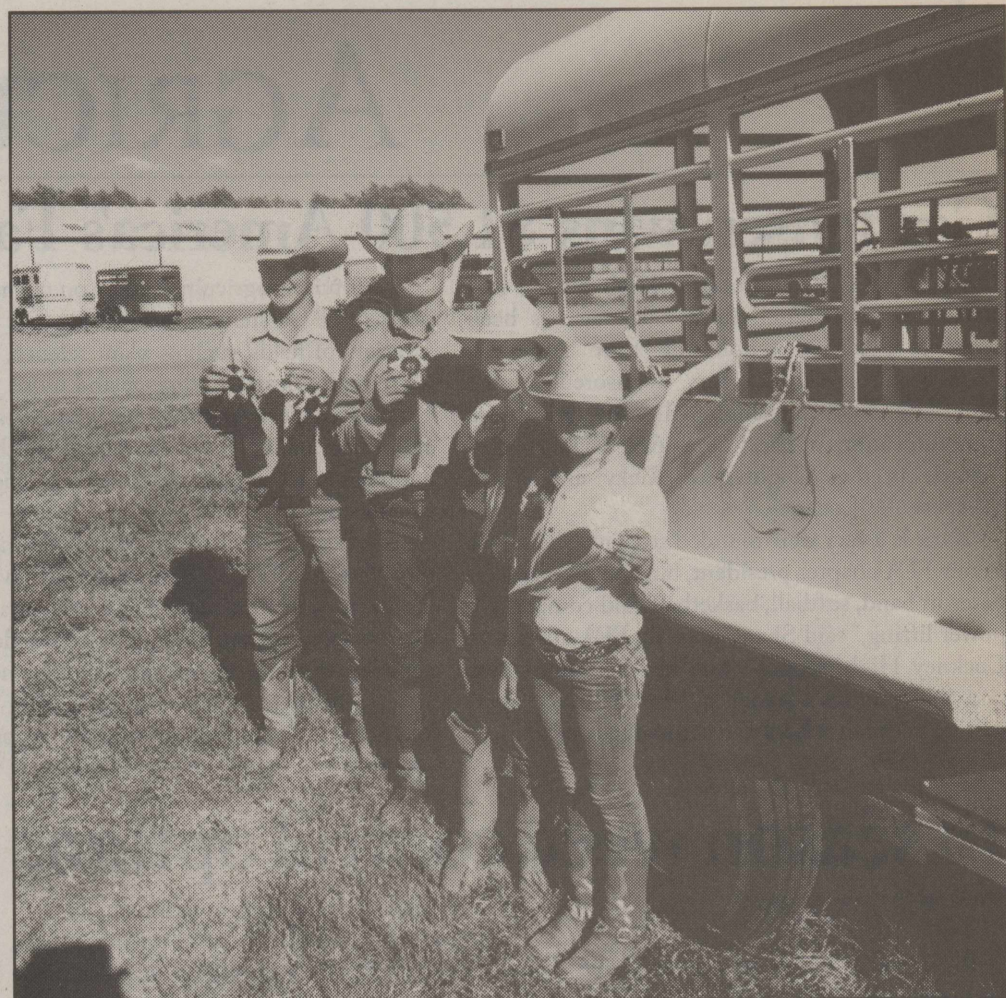
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Congratulations to Cutter Smith, Ethan Smith, Jack Brooks and Preslie Brooks for their success at the 2016 District 4-H Horse Show! The show was held at the Texas Tech Equestrian Center on Tuesday, June 14th.

Everyone showed in multiple classes, including Stock Horse Pleasure, Trail, Horsemanship, Reining, Working Cow Boxing and Western Pleasure.

Cutter received three 7th places and a 4th place, Ethan received a 7th place and a 10th place, Jack received a 4th place and Preslie received two 10th places.

These kids have been practicing long hours on their horses and the work is not over yet. All four competitors will go on to compete at the State Horse Show in Abilene the last week of July.



Courtesy Photo

Floyd County 4-H'ers participating in the District 2 4-H Horse Show on June 13 and 14th were (left to right) Cutter Smith, Ethan Smith, Jack Brooks and Preslie Brooks.

South Plains College to offer beginning archery

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LEVELLAND – South Plains College's Continuing and Distance Education department will offer a beginning archery clinic from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on July 11-13 in the Physical Education Complex. Space is limited and early sign up is encouraged.

The cost of the clinic is \$125, and it is open to anyone ages 12 and older. Steve and Audra

Dyer, National Archery in the Schools Program instructors, will teach the clinic.

Genesis Bows and Easton arrows will be supplied for student use. Participants will learn archery safety, proper stance, rules of archery as well as mock competition.

For more information, contact Kasey Reyes, administrative assistant to the Dean of Continuing and Distance Education, at (806) 716-2341.

SPC Natatorium announces summer swim schedule

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LEVELLAND – Registration is being accepted for swimming classes from noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the South Plains College Natatorium. Payments are due with registration.

Enrollment is limited for each class.

Any parent who is unsure of his or her child's swim level is advised to dress the child in a swim suit and attend registration where the child can be tested. Swim classes will cost \$60 per person.

Classes will meet Monday through Thursday for two weeks. Classes that may be cancelled due to bad weather such as lightning will be made up on Fridays. Mike Harrison, swim instructor and director of the Natatorium, will teach the classes.

Students enrolling in **Beginner Swimming** must be at least 6 years-old. They will be taught swimming on their front, back and floating. Times and dates are:

June 20 – June 30 - 10 - 10:50 a.m.
June 20 – June 30 - 11 - 11:50 a.m.
July 11 – July 21 - 11 - 11:50 a.m.
July 25 – Aug. 4 - 11 - 11:50 a.m.

Advanced Beginner is for students who have passed beginner swimming. Students will learn elementary back strokes, diving and improve crawl strokes.

June 20 – June 30 - 9 - 9:50 a.m.
June 11 – July 21 - 10 - 10:50 a.m.
July 25 – Aug. 4 - 10 - 10:50 a.m.

Intermediate Swimming is for students who have passed advanced beginner. Students will learn breast and side strokes.

July 11 – July 21 - 9 - 9:50 a.m.

Swimmer classes are for students who have passed intermediate. Students will learn starts and flip turns for competitive swimming.

July 25 – Aug. 4 - 9 - 9:50 a.m.

Parent/child class is for young children ages 6 months to 6 years. Non potty-trained youngsters must wear rubber pants or swim diapers. Adults must accompany each child in the water. The emphasis of the class is water adjustment and interaction between parent and child. Older children will be progressed through swim skills. Classes are three weeks and meet on Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday for 30 minutes. Cost is \$30.

Monday and Wednesday June 20 – July 6 - 1 - 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday June 21 – July 7 - 1 - 1:30 p.m.
Monday and Wednesday July 11 – July 27 - 1 - 1:30 p.m.

Adult Beginner class is for anyone 14 years of age or older who wants to learn to swim. Learn the basic skills for survival.

Tuesdays and Thursdays July 12 – July 28 - 7:10 – 8 p.m.

The Natatorium also offers Community Classes for \$60 and register the day of the class.

The **Early Bird Swim**, non-instructional for lap swimmers only, meets from 6:30 to 7:15 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays through Aug. 12;

Shallow/Deep Water Aerobics, non-instructional, from 7:15-8 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays through Aug. 12;

Arthritis from 8 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday through Aug. 12;

Water Aerobics from 5 to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays through Aug. 11 and 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays through Aug. 11.

The pool will remain open through Aug. 18. The pool will be closed July 4. To swim at the SPC Natatorium during open swim, everyone must be a member or a guest of a member.

Open swim will be Monday through Friday from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Lap swim times are from noon to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday as well as 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Membership rates are for individuals – \$75 for summer or \$150 year; couple (husband/wife only) \$100 summer or \$200 year; family (mom/dad/two children) \$150 summer/\$300 year - \$25/\$50 each additional child; SPC Staff is free; SPC family is \$75 year; Hockley County seniors and Fitness Center members are free; and guest fee is \$5- limit 2 and must be with a member.

Private parties also can be arranged. Contact Harrison at 716-2449 for more information.

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11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

June 1 – June 30, 2016
&
July 5 – July 21, 2016

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A.B. Duncan Elementary
June 1 – June 30, 2016
&
July 5 – July 21, 2016

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

We will not have summer food program on Fridays.

MENU

MONDAY

Beef Spaghetti, Garden Salad, Baby Carrots, Breadsticks, Fruit, Milk

TUESDAY

Pizza, Salad, Veggie Cup, Fruit, Milk

WEDNESDAY

Crispy Tacos, Pinto Beans, Rice, Salsa, Fruit, Milk

THURSDAY

Homemade Beef/Bean Burritos, Salsa, Baked Beans, Cucumber & Tomato Cup
Fruit, Milk

FRIDAY

NO SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM ON FRIDAYS

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Additional Safety measure comes to Lubbock Speedway

By Daniel Shank
Special for The Hesperian-Beacon

This Friday is what Lubbock is always waiting for the summer's first fireworks show. Lubbock Speedway presents; **The Firecracker Shootout** at 8pm. We will be having a West Texas fireworks show after all main events. We will also be running the IMCA Modified and the Outlaw Legends along with all four regular classes. So come out and see what all the excitement is all about.

Last week we got a surprise for the drivers every racer had a chance to try the newest in safety gear, the "Flipr" simulator! This simulator show the drives the effects of a flip in their car, it also allows them to understand how it disorients them when upside down. "Paul Lapaire cares about each and every one of us and our safety and travels a long way to ensure that another driver isn't lost due to not knowing how to get out of an upside down racecar!" stated, Lee Riley. Paul is also the safety tech at Aztec Speedway in New Mexico. He makes the drive to local speedway free of charge. Many drives respect and owe a lot to Paul. Street Stock veteran Andy Miller was the first to test out this cool simulator.

Racing, Motorcycles, and Fireworks go together that is why Wild West Harley Division will be out in full force. Come out and see the newest bikes and a full wrapped pace car: The new Harley Division pick-up truck. Along with many other great give a ways all night by an awesome list of sponsors.

The newest sponsor at the track is "The Fountain" on FM 87.7 has brought the voice of Lubbock Speedway across the airways Pastor Scott Bailey can be heard every weekday morning 7am-9am also on the web. Fridays will be special as he invites his racing family in the studio to talk. First guest were Lee Riley and JP Vasquez, and what a pair they were. Tune in this week for the best Christian music and Speedway talk.

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Street Stocks:

1	29	Steven Smallwood	Lubbock
2	117	Michael Maraschick	
3	21	Jason Lester	Lubbock
4	50	Chris Newton	
5	555	David McCurry	

IMCA I Stocks:

1	64	Cary White	Lamesa
2	195	Michael Sheen	Midland
3	131	Mack Lord	
4	12	Mack Seay	Seminole, Tx
5	61	Aaron Corley	Odessa, Tx

IMCA Sport Mods:

1	1	Willy Reeves	Lubbock
2	15	Ryan Thomas	Lubbock
3	54	Tanner Stansell	Lubbock
4	27	Michael Germany	
5	17	JP Vasquez	Lubbock



Fishing Report

Ellsworth: Elevation rising, water 70 and murky. Channel and blue catfish are good on cut bait and shad along creek channels and around points.

Foss: Elevation 3.5 ft. below normal, water 80 and clear. Striped bass hybrids are slow to fair on live bait drifting in deep water. Walleye are fair on minnows. White bass are fair. Catfish are slow.

Ft. Cobb: Elevation normal, water 77. Saug-eye are fair on crankbaits, worms and jigs along shorelines and in the main lake. Channel, blue and flathead catfish are fair on chicken liver and cut bait in the main lake and in coves.

Lawtonka: Elevation rising, water 70 and clear. Saug-eye and white bass are fair on sassy shad and small lures around points and in the main lake.

Tom Steed: Elevation normal, water 68. Blue and channel catfish are good on juglines baited with cut bait, punch bait and shad at 5 ft.-10 ft. along flats.

Waurika: Elevation normal, water 65. Crappie are slow on jigs around brush structure. Blue catfish are slow on cut bait and stinkbait in the main lake, along shorelines and around points.

Alan Henry: Water clear; 74 degrees; 1.47 ft. low. Black bass are fair to good early on Yellow Magics, later switching to wacky worms and Texas rigs on points. Crappie are fair. Catfish are fair on perch and goldfish.

Arrowhead: Water fairly clear; 73-79 degrees; 0.01 ft. low. No reports on black bass. Crappie are slow on jigs and minnows in the shallows. Catfish are good on worms and stink-bait.

Coleman: Water murky; 78-82 degrees; 0.40 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; 72-78 degrees; 0.51 ft. high. Black bass are fair on topwaters, chatterbaits and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair to good on cut bait.

Hubbard Creek: Water off color; 74-80 degrees; 0.33 ft. low. Black bass are fair to good on buzzbaits and Pop-Rs early, later switching to Texas rigs, Carolina rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers and live shad.

Nasworthy: 73-79 degrees; 0.99 ft. low. Black bass are fair to good on Zara Spooks early, later switching to Texas rigs, jigs and wacky rigs. No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

O.H. Ivie: Water stained; 73-80 degrees; 33.36 ft. low. Black bass are fair to good on weightless flukes, jigs, medium running shad pattern crankbaits and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair to good on live bait.

Oak Creek: Water stained; 72-78 degrees; 10.58 ft. low. Black bass are fair on topwaters early, later switching to Texas rigs, crankbaits and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs in the shallows. Catfish are fair on chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

Possum Kingdom: Water off color; 74-80 degrees; 0.01 ft. low. Black bass are fair on wacky rigs, Texas rigs, jigs and drop shot rigs. Crappie are fair to good on split shot weighted 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 cur bait.

Texas Beef Council announces launch of new campaign

AUSTIN, TX – The Texas Beef Council (TBC) is proud to announce the launch of BEEF Loving Texans - a consumer-driven campaign created to share unique recipes, stories, cooking and shopping tips, and expert nutrition information.

The BEEF Loving Texans campaign celebrates the pride and values deeply rooted in Texans through family, community and tradition. BEEF Loving Texans aims to tell the story of the benefits of beef in a way that's meaningful to Texans and connecting shared Texan values, nostalgia, and pride to the passion Texans have for beef.

"We're exploring the special place beef has in the hearts of so many Texas families and communities and how our state's pride shines through in so many ways," said Linda Bebee, vice president, domestic marketing for TBC. "Texans love beef, and launching our BEEF Loving Texans campaign is a great way to connect and tell those stories. We encourage everyone throughout Texas to join our efforts and look out for the campaign online, on TV, radio, billboards, and at retail stores and events near you." Bringing the campaign to life, TBC will use its new interactive website BEEFLovingTex-

ans.com to showcase families, led by older millennial parents, who strive to meet the every day challenges of getting flavorful, nutritious dinners on the table while teaching their children how to have a positive relationship with the food they eat. Dinners will focus around beef recipes passed down through generations and adapted to each family's lifestyle, mealtime challenges and unique tastes. "As a stakeholder in both the national and state beef checkoff programs in Texas, I'm beyond proud and excited about the BEEF Loving Texans brand and advertising launch here in Texas," said Katsy Cluck, chair of the TBC domestic marketing committee, feedyard owner and rancher from Boerne. "The check-off programs in Texas have one clear mission in mind: to conduct demand building programs and enhance cattle producers' profitability. We believe this campaign will do just that." Whether celebrating Texas pride through family, community or tradition, the BEEF Loving Texans campaign is designed to capture and showcase the untold stories about beef, and reach consumers with compelling information that ultimately sets the table with delicious, convenient and quality ways of life.

Dogs have been man's best friend at least twice

Special to TheHesperian-Beacon

COLLEGE STATION — It may never be known if cavemen called their canine companions Fido, but new findings show that dogs became man's best friend earlier than believed and have been domesticated at least twice in different locations, according to a study from an international team that includes a Texas A&M University researcher.

Anna Linderholm, assistant professor of anthropology who also directs the BIG laboratory (bioarchaeology and genomics) at Texas A&M, and colleagues from universities throughout the world have had their work published in the latest issue of Science magazine. The study shows that early man and dogs were best buddies as early as 15,000 years ago, and dogs were domesticated at least twice in different locations - in Asia and Europe.

The team examined DNA from an inner ear bone from a dog that is believed to have died about 4,800 years ago in Ireland plus another 59 bones from dogs that lived between 3,000 and 14,000 years ago across Europe, these were then compared to modern dogs.

They found a "genetic split" between two distinct dog populations from eastern Asia and Europe, meaning the dogs were domesticated at different times in the two continents.

At some point, the team concludes, dogs

were first domesticated from different wolf populations, and after their domestication, the Eastern dogs associated with migrating humans into Europe where they mixed with dogs of that region.

"Most dogs today look like Eastern dogs, this has led to a misconception that the dogs were all domesticated in the East," Linderholm explains.

"With this new study, we can start to argue that it happened more than once, and that the Western dogs have at some point been replaced by Eastern ones. We need much more data from historic times to fully understand how this happened," explains Linderholm, who is currently examining more than 1,000 dog DNA samples to add to the understanding of this complex process.

"Most of my work was getting the ancient DNA extracted and analyzed. This study answers a lot of questions regarding how dogs were domesticated, and also how many times this occurred.

"We still have some questions we need answered, so this work is not finished," she adds. "We need more data on what actually happened."

During the domestication process, over many centuries it eventually led to different breeding procedures, producing everything from poodles to Great Danes that exist today.

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To: THE HEIRS AT LAW OF RUTH RENDON A/K/A LOLLA RUTH RENDON, DECEASED

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

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

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Issued at the request of: Keith A. Taylor
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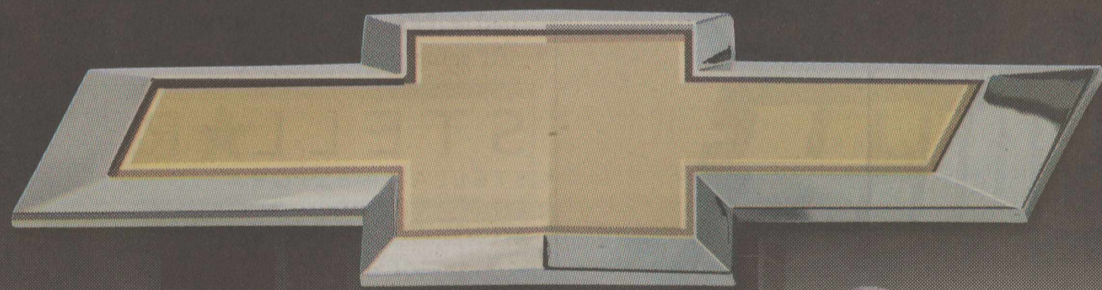
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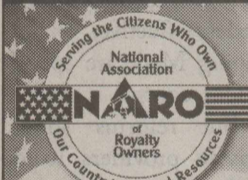
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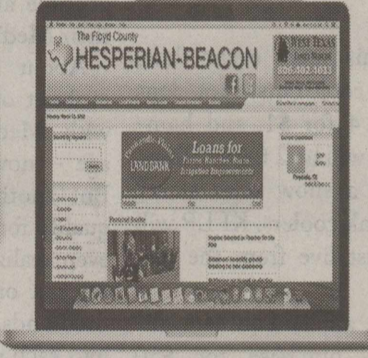
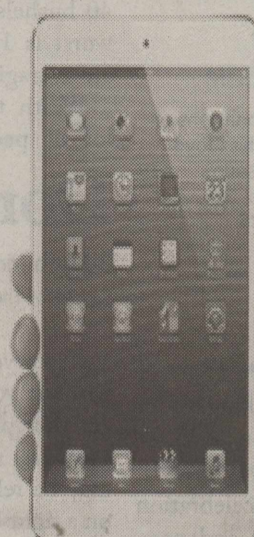
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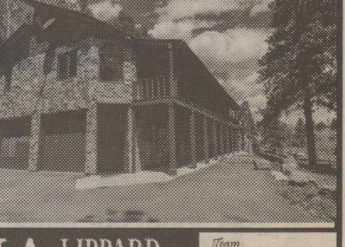
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writing her fourth book, "That's what I'm talking about".

FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

The Floydada Senior Citizens Center will be having a fund raiser on Sunday, June 26th. It will be a sack lunch type event. We are brown bagging hamburgers with chips, drink and ice cream. We are asking for donations with minimum donation of \$5.

FLOYD COUNTY VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

If you would like to have a name added to the Floyd County Veteran's Memorial please go by the Floyd County Historical Museum and pick up an application.

FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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

LOWES
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Summers said, talking about the 4th celebration. And he did. Last year Lowes brought its 4th of July celebration back to Floydada and continues the tradition this year as well.

At this year's event there will be cook-outs. Hot dogs will be 4 for \$1, and hamburgers will be 2 for \$1. There will be a snow cone stand, and drink coolers. KFLP will broadcast live from the festivities.

There are 12 booths available to purchase for \$50 apiece, first come, first served. For more information or to reserve a booth, call 806-983-3669.

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"The quality is looking really good and the test weight is averaging 60.5 to 61. The moisture is looking good... and drying down nicely," Stephens claimed. "They've already surpassed what I was expecting. Pre-harvest I was anticipating between 250-350K bushels, but as of now, we've taken in well over 400K bushels--closer to 450 now--and we still have a way to go."

To put it in perspective, in 2014 Producers took in only 60K of wheat total.

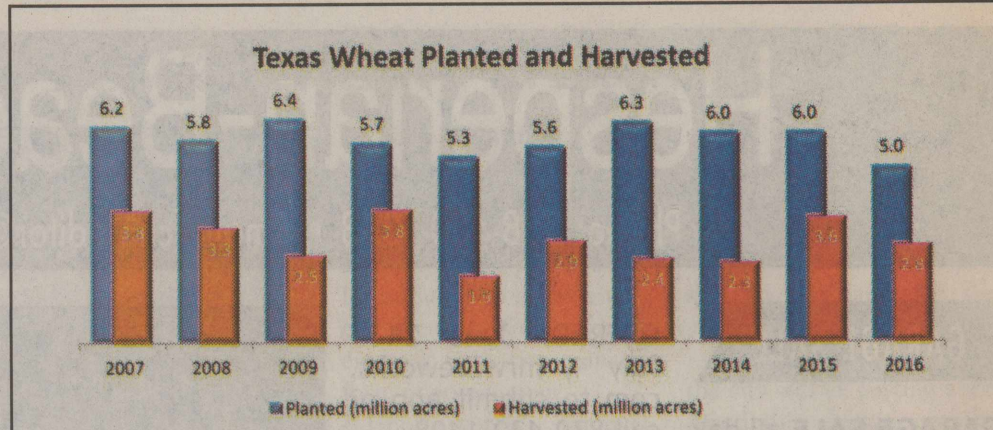
Paul Ross, General Manager and President of Muncy Elevator Inc., shared that the best they have seen so far is 40 bushels per acre and the worst is 15, but most crops are averaging 25-30 bushels.

"With the hail storms, a lot of people had damage

and it will hurt their yields," he said, guessing their total yield of 250,000 bushels might be a little high.

He contends the drought is over, but much rain is needed to gain back what farmers lost. According to Ross, 2010 it rained 36" at Muncy and so far this year it has only rained 6.57 inches. If it continues to rain like it has, it would take 10-12 years of average rain to get back to how it was, he predicts. Glen Graves, General Manager of Providence Farm Supply Inc., agrees that the yields have been healthy, citing one irrigated farm bringing in 60 bushels an acre and dry land averaging in the 40s.

"In 2007, when we had our big crop, we had 52 (bushels per acre), and right now it's in the 40s. Normally on dry



land (the past several years) if you make 10-20 bushels you're lucky and now we're seeing 40-50s," he shared. "The kernels aren't shriveled up, they're big fat kernels. A lot of times when you don't have rain they're shriveled up but these are good, healthy kernels."

The only bad thing, Graves observed, is the price of wheat.

In recent years, wheat has brought five to seven dollars per bushel, but as of Thurs-

day, it's bringing \$3.82/ bushel.

"You just can't make any money like that. We finally made a good crop--here and in Oklahoma-- we're having record yields. There's so much wheat it has brought the price down," he said. "We're at close to half a million bushels and we may not be half full, we don't know, we've been running hard for 10 days and we still don't know where the end is."

Although Stephens pre-

dicts that, as of last year, the drought has most likely broken and that the recent rains are "game-changing and very beneficial", it is apparent that this year's harvest is anything but normal.

"When we get these rains the moisture helps the cotton crops and wheat crops. It has really pumped some life into this business and hopefully into the farmers. Nobody is getting rich right now, but at least they're not putting up blanks."

Don't miss out on these savings on your prescription drugs

By Bob Moos
Special for The Hesperian-Beacon

If you've ever gone a day without your medications or cut your pills in half to make them last a little longer, there may be relief for you. People on a tight budget can get help paying for the premiums, deductible and co-payments in their Medicare drug plan.

About 10 million people -- about one in three people with Medicare drug coverage -- now enjoy the break. But another 2 million may qualify for the help yet don't even realize it. They're missing out on hundreds, maybe thousands, of dollars in savings each year.

Recent changes in the law make it easier than ever to qualify for the "extra help" program. Even if you applied and didn't qualify before, you

may be eligible now. The amount of additional assistance you'd receive depends on your income and resources.

If you qualify for full help, you'll pay no more than \$2.95 for a generic drug and \$7.40 for a brand-name drug. If you qualify for partial help, you'll pay no more than 15 percent of the cost of your drugs.

The program is estimated to save someone \$4,000 a year on average.

So, if you're having difficulty affording your prescriptions, it's worth checking out.

To get the subsidy, your resources can't be more than \$13,640 if you're single or \$27,250 if you're a married couple living together.

Medicare Part B Reimbursement Cuts Are Backdoor Rationing

By Sally C. Pipes
Special for The Hesperian-Beacon

Imagine being denied treatment for cancer because Washington bureaucrats decided that a cutting-edge new therapy that could cure you just wasn't "cost effective."

That's already happening in Britain under its government-run health-care system, the National Health Service. And Medicare officials are poised to bring similar policies here. The NHS's "Cancer Drugs Fund" restricts physicians'

ability to prescribe half of all oncology medicines. If a medicine doesn't extend the average cancer patient's lifespan by a set length of time, which varies according to the medicine's price, doctors can't prescribe it for general use -- even if it would be the most effective treatment option.

In February, the NHS announced it would review existing general-use drugs to tighten prescribing restrictions. After the review, the number of off-limits drugs will rise. Patient groups predict the move will deny treatment to 22,000 cancer suf-

ferers and "set cancer treatment back by a generation."

A new proposal from the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation could similarly tie American doctors' hands. CMMI plans to slash physician reimbursements for medications administered in a doctor's office under Medicare Part B. Doctors buy these medications up-front and receive reimbursement from Medicare.

The proposed scheme will prevent many doctors from breaking even on the most advanced, most expensive treatments. Essentially, CMMI will cut Medicare spending by forcing doctors to resort to cheaper drugs and second-tier treatments -- or run the risk of having to close their practices.

Currently, Medicare reimburses physicians for chemotherapy and certain other medications at the drug's average sales price (ASP) plus 6 percent.

That add-on accounts for the fact that some doctors pay more than the average price. It also covers expenses associated with handling, storing, and administering the drugs. Often, that 6 percent makes the difference between a viable medical practice and one drowning in red ink. Under CMMI's proposal, Medicare would reduce reimbursements to ASP plus 2.5 percent, along with a flat fee of \$16.80 per day. The formula makes generic drugs more economical to administer compared to pricier, cutting-edge treatments. Most doctors already don't receive ASP plus 6 percent.

In 2013, "sequestration" budget cuts effectively lowered reimbursements to ASP plus 4.3 percent. Those cuts crippled many doctors' ability to care for Medicare patients. Eighty percent of oncologists at community cancer clinics reported that their practices were affected by the cuts. Fifty percent had to send Medicare patients elsewhere -- often to distant hospitals -- for chemotherapy.

whom you think might benefit, reach out to them. Helping them save money on their prescriptions is one of the best things you could do for them.

There are three ways to sign up for extra help:

Visit the Social Security website, socialsecurity.gov/extrahelp. The online application offers step-by-step instructions and lets you work at your own pace.

Call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, to apply over the phone or request an application. Ask for Form SSA-1020, fill it out and return it by mail.

Go to your local Social Security office and request help.

It's not hard to complete the form. But you'll need

your Social Security number and information about your bank balances, pensions and investments. Social Security will review your application and send you a letter within a few weeks letting you know whether you qualify.

When you sign up for extra help, Social Security can also assist you in applying for state-run programs that pay for some of your other Medicare costs.

Those are called Medicare Savings Programs, and depending on your resources and income, they can help cover the out-of-pocket costs for other parts of Medicare.

Get in touch with Social Security today and make sure you're not missing out on these savings.

Now, analysts predict CMMI's proposal will bring the effective reimbursement rate down to ASP plus 0.86 percent and a daily flat fee of \$16.53. If sequestration cuts forced doctors to turn away cancer patients, the new CMMI cuts could outright bankrupt many clinics. At minimum, many doctors will feel pressure to stock and prescribe cheaper treatments, even if they're less-effective.

Keeping Medicare spending under control is important. But reforms should incentivize providers to do so while improving care -- which sometimes means paying more for higher quality treatments. CMMI's proposal relies on the mindless bureaucratic logic that Britain's NHS and other socialized medical systems use: good care is expensive -- let's ban it. Medicare might be ailing. But CMMI's reimbursement scheme isn't what the doctor ordered.

It will tie the hands of physicians and make them choose between running a profitable practice and providing the best care for their patients. Sally C. Pipes is President, CEO, and Thomas W. Smith Fellow in Health Care Policy at the Pacific Research Institute.

Her latest book, *The Way Out of Obamacare* (Encounter), was released in January.



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