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## Zika Virus: The Facts, The Myths

By Jennifer Harbin  
 Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - With the Summer Olympics in Brazil opening in August, which usually fills the world's sports enthusiasts with anticipation, another concern hovers over the world gathering: Zika virus. Many athletes have debated openly whether the trip is worth it, not wanting to expose themselves to undue risk, and their fears have struck a chord with many in the international community who live in the range of the Zika-spreading mosquitoes.

And with the official arrival of summer on June 20, ushered in by a spectacular Strawberry Moon visible in the early morning hours, it heralds more than just fun in the sun and summer vacation, it ushers in the mosquito season as well. It was marked by the first full moon to fall on the June Solstice since 1967, remembered by some as the year of the Summer of Love. But instead of love, many Texas residents worry that it will more likely be a summer remembered by the spread of Zika virus.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the "Zika virus was first discovered in 1947 and is named after the Zika Forest in Uganda. In 1952, the first human cases of Zika were detected and since then, outbreaks of Zika have been reported in tropical Africa, Southeast Asia, and the Pacific Islands. Zika outbreaks have probably occurred in many locations. Before 2007, at least 14 cases of Zika had been documented, although other cases were likely to have occurred and were not reported."

It wasn't until May 2015 that an alert, issued by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), confirmed the first Zika virus infection in Brazil, with the World Health Organization (WHO) declaring the Zika virus a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PAHO) on February 1, 2016.

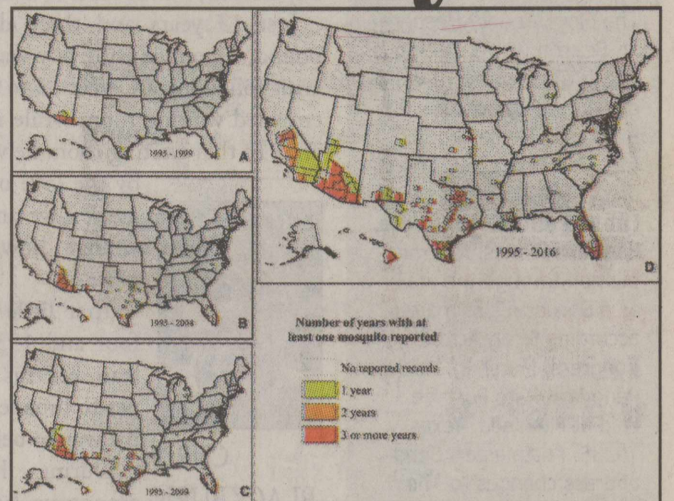
But before panic sets in and everyone strips the shelves of all available bug repellents in Floyd County, take a look at the facts.

### What is Zika Virus?

The bite of an infected mosquito is the primary cause for the spread of Zika virus, and may also be passed from mother to child while in utero. There are also reports of the virus spreading during a blood transfusion and during sexual contact.

"Not all mosquito types transmit the Zika virus. It is primarily transmitted through the bite of an infected Aedes mosquito (*A. aegypti* and possibly *A. albopictus*). These mosquitoes are mainly found in South Texas and along the Texas coast, but are also present in other parts of Texas, especially urban environments. They typically lay eggs in and near standing water in things like buckets, bowls, animal dishes, flower pots and vases. They live indoors and outdoors," the Texas Department of State Health Services website states.

When the panic surrounding the spread of Zika virus first erupted, a map circulated in notable news sources appearing to show that these infected mosquitoes had already moved into North America, consuming most of Texas. However, the map was misleading and further research by the CDC, using records from CDC's mosquito-borne disease database, mosquito control agencies, university researchers and state and local health departments, shows a more realistic, updated version reflecting the long-term presence of these two mosquitoes. To date, no mosquitoes in Texas have tested positive for Zika virus, but as Americans travel to locations with current infections and return home, the risk increases. Should an infected individual return home and then be bitten by a mosquito, the virus could incubate for 7-10 days and be passed on.



Courtesy Photo

The new map, compiled by experts at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, looks at all reports of the two species of mosquito that can transmit the virus: *Aedes aegypti*, also known as the yellow fever mosquito, and *Aedes albopictus*, or the Asian tiger mosquito. Counties shown in yellow had *Ae. aegypti* presence records for 1 year within the specified time period, those shown in orange had 2 years of presence records within the specified time period, and those shown in red had 3 or more years of presence records within the specified time period.

The map highlights the confirmed presence of *Aedes aegypti*, also known as the yellow fever mosquito, and *Aedes albopictus*, or the Asian tiger mosquito, between January 1995 and March 2016 in the United States.

"Between January 1995 and March 2016, 183 counties from 26 states and the District of Columbia reported the occurrence of *Aedes aegypti*, and 1,241 counties from 40 states and the District of Columbia reported the occurrence of *Ae-*

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## Annual 4th of July Bike Parade

By Carol Huggins  
 Special for The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - Lockney will once again be having the annual 4th of July Bike Parade on Monday, July 4, downtown on Lockney's Main Street.

The parade will assemble at the Main Street Church of Christ parking lot and travel down Main Street, around the Nursing Home, and back to the church parking lot where participants will enjoy popcorn and lemonade.

Decorated bikes, wagons, scooters, strollers, golf carts, 4-wheelers are welcome.

Decorate them up if you would like to. We request no pickups, cars, or motorcycles.

Line-up will be in the parking lot at 9:45 a.m. and the parade will start at 10 a.m.

Everyone come out and enjoy this Lockney tradition!

## 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.

### LOCKNEY 4TH OF JULY PARADE

Lockney 4th of July Parade will be at 10 a.m. on Monday, July 4. Line-up will be at 9:45 a.m.

### LOWE'S MARKET 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

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. 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.

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## Lowes Set for 4th 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



Kay Ellington/The Hesperian-Beacon

Music, food, and fun will be right here in Floydada on the Fourth of July. Don't miss the Second Annual Lowes Fourth Celebration.

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## Fireworks, Parade, Festival at Red, White and Moo in Plainview Saturday

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon  
 City of Plainview

PLAINVIEW--The Red, White & Moo Milk Fest, along with various other activities, will be held on Saturday, July 2nd at the Courthouse Lawn on Broadway.

Activities will begin with the Red, White & Moo Freedom parade at 10:00 a.m. The parade will begin at Downtown Centennial Bank (201 W. 6th St.), head north on Austin street, turn right at 9th street going past the library and City Hall and head south on Broadway, ending at the Courthouse.

New for the parade this year will be a theme and prizes for the entries. The theme for this

year's parade is Red, White, Moo and Freedom. Prizes will be given for the Best Decorated Entry and Best Theme Entry as well as a People's Choice Award. Parade watchers will take a photo of their favorite entry and post it on the Red, White & Moo Facebook page (www.facebook.com/Red, White and MOO Milk Fest). All winners will be announced at the Festival.

"We thought it would be a great way to get into the spirit of the day (with a parade contest)," said Melinda Brown, Main Street Manager. "We are most excited about People's Choice Award - this gives everyone an



Courtesy photos/The Plainview Herald

The Plainview Symphony, a parade, and fireworks are just a part of the festivities of the Red, White, and Moo festival held in Plainview for more than seven years.

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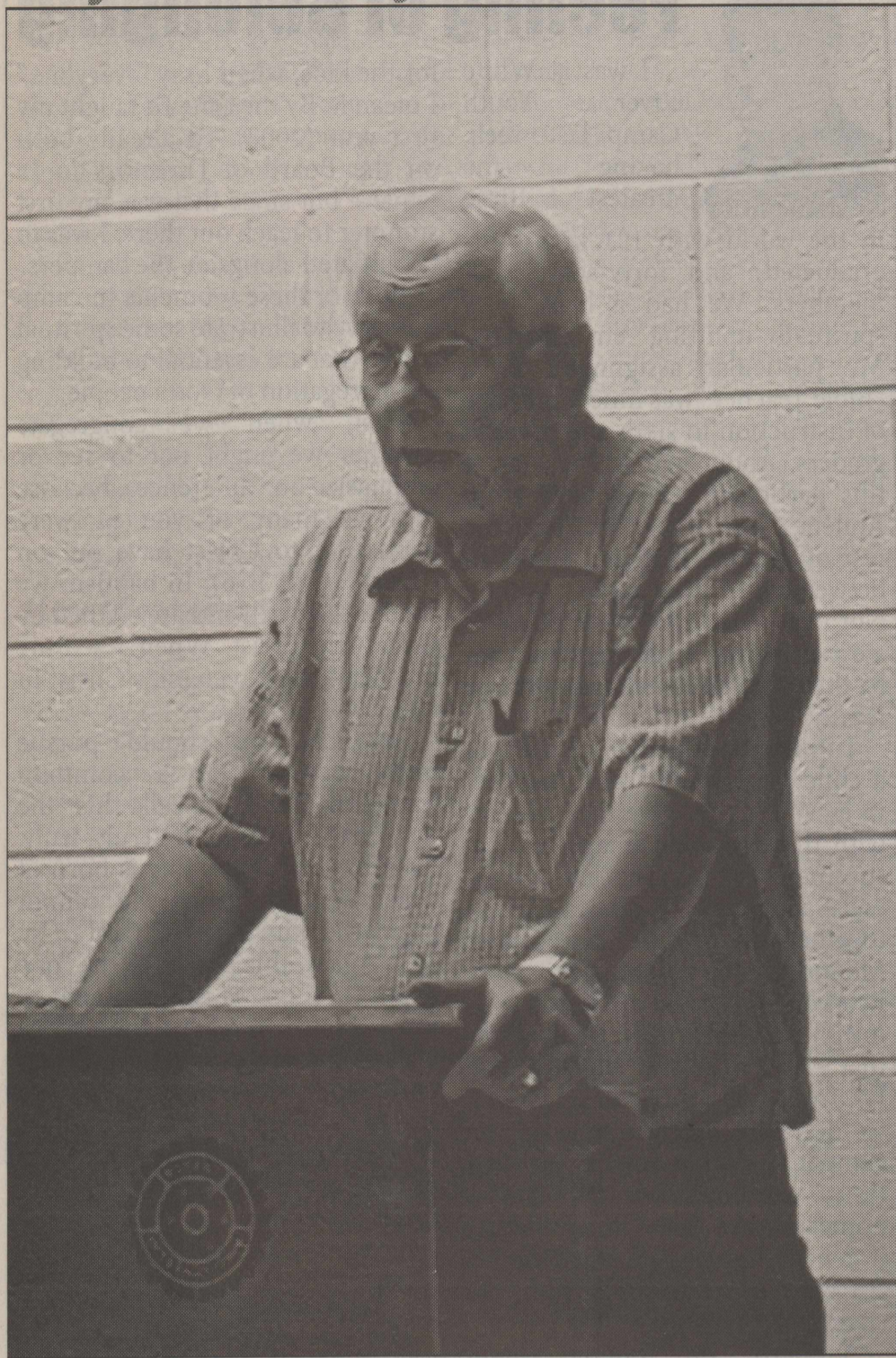
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## Museum Archives

### Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

Andy C. and Ethel Colling

Only the pedalling of my feet on the treadle of my sewing machine could equal the speed of my racing mind as I sewed warm clothing for our five children ranging in ages from 3 to 17 years. At last our dream was coming true. A letter confirming a share crop job for our family had come and we soon would be moving "out west" as so many families here in the Indian Territory of Oklahoma had done in the past few years. How I had dreamed of living in the bountiful West Texas, where even school books were furnished free. Anxiety for this longed-for adventure was interrupted only briefly with the thought of moving to this unfamiliar country and away from our parents. We were young though Andy, 39 and I, 34, so youth and adventure went hand in hand.

Two covered wagons drawn by two teams of horses headed west from Ft. Towson, Oklahoma, early October 21, 1924, carrying all of our worldly possessions and our children; Etta, age 17, Curtis, age 14, Esther, age 11, Mary, age 9, and Dorris, age 3. I drove the lead wagon, where usually the four girls rode with me. Also on this wagon there was a feed box where Jack, our family dog, slept at night. The 2<sup>nd</sup> wagon was driven by Andy and our son, Curtis. Fortunately, the weather was perfect and each day was an adventure as we traveled along the narrow dirt roads, slowly as not to overtax the horses. Each day we would stop before sundown in a conveniently wide place so we could make camp fire and cook our supper, feed the horses and get to bed early. Each wagon was equipped with beds enough for us all to be comfortable, but sometimes in the quiet of the night I'd lie and listen to the distant howl of the coyote,

wondering if we were making the right move, only to awaken to the smell of coffee brewing and bacon frying over the early morning campfire, my courage renewed.

Nineteen days later and approximately 450 miles found us in Floydada, Texas, November 11, 1924. The wagon yard was the lot north across the street from the present Piggly Wiggly Store. Later that day, my husband returned to the family wagons from the courthouse with the information that when we entered the State of Texas, somehow we got on the wrong road and the place we were going in the beginning was almost 500 miles southeast of Floydada. We liked what we saw so we stayed. The first year the children attended school at the McCoy Community School where we sharecropped; the second year we lived in the Starkey Community. We all worked enough the second year to afford such luxuries as an automobile. In 1927 our daughter, Etta, married, and Curtis went back to Oklahoma so the three remaining children and Andy and I moved into the town of Floydada, where it has been our family home ever since. I retired from J. C. Penny Company, in 1955. My husband died May 22, 1959. All of my children are living and have families of their own, living elsewhere, except Mary. She with her husband, Wesley Adams, live near me here in Floydada and make my golden years more golden. I have been very fortunate that I enjoy frequent visits from all of my children, seven grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

(This story was compiled by me as told to me by my mother, Ethel Collins, October 30, 1977) Dorris Collins Tobin

## 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.

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

July 4 - July 8

Monday - CLOSED

Tuesday - Mexican lasagna

Wednesday - Pulled pork

Thursday - Spaghetti & meat balls

Friday - Roast beef

(Menus subject to change without notice)

## Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Floydada Senior Citizens

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA – The Center will be closed on Monday, July 4, so that everyone can enjoy the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.

Floydada Senior Citizen's Center is open to people of all ages. You do not need to be a senior citizen, nor a member to eat with us. However, if you are a member, your meal is \$5.00 instead of non-member price of \$6.00. To become a member, all you need to do is pay a \$25.00 yearly membership fee.

We serve a delicious meal with salad bar at

12 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday. Join us at 925 W. Crockett Street or we will deliver a meal anywhere in town. Call 983-2032.

Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235

### MENU

July 4 - July 8

Monday - CLOSED

Tuesday - not available

Wednesday - not available

Thursday - not available

Friday - not available

(Menus subject to change without notice)

## Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton

The Hesperian-Beacon

(Note: all quotes come from John F. Kennedy)

Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.

Democracy and defense are not substitutes for one another. Either alone will fail.

Forgive your enemies, but never forget their names.

I would rather be accused of breaking precedents than breaking promises.

Let us think of education as the means of developing our greatest abilities, because in each of us there is a private hope and dream which, fulfilled, can be translated into benefit for everyone and greater strength for our nation.

So, let us not be blind to our differences - but let us also direct attention to our common

interests and to the means by which those differences can be resolved.

The great enemy of the truth is very often not the lie -- deliberate, contrived and dishonest, but the myth, persistent, persuasive, and unrealistic. Belief in myths allows the comfort of opinion without the discomfort of thought.

The stories of past courage can define that ingredient—they can teach, they can offer hope, they can provide inspiration. But they cannot supply courage itself. For this each man must look into his own soul.

We stand for freedom. That is our conviction for ourselves; that is our only commitment to others.

The men who create power make an indispensable contribution to the Nation's greatness, but the men who question power make a contribution just as indispensable, especially when that questioning is disinterested, for they determine whether we use power or power uses us.

## Weather Whys

A: Sea breezes occur most commonly during the summer afternoons, when the air over land is hottest, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Because land heats quicker than the ocean, air over the continent becomes unstable and rises to create a relative low pressure at the surface," he explains. "The air at the surface over the ocean is then drawn in toward the lower pressures over land, creating an onshore wind. This sea breeze brings in much-welcomed cooler air to the cities near the coast during the hottest times of the day."

Q: Can sea breezes cause rain and thunderstorms?

A: In many cases, yes, but the effect varies with

location, McRoberts adds. "The incoming sea breeze is cooler than the air over land. This creates a small-scale cold front called a sea-breeze front. Like most cold fronts, sea breeze fronts can create showers and thunderstorms that pop up along the frontal boundary because it lifts the warm air ahead of it, which leads to convection. Because of its long coastline, Florida is known for its sea breezes, which often lead to thunderstorms. Sea breeze storms are also common during the summer in places like Houston or New Orleans. On the West Coast, however, the air is generally too cool to support convection even with the sea breeze front, so a type of fog and drizzle known as the marine layer occurs more often in this region."

## Historical marker placed south of Post

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

JUSTICEBURG — The Garza County Historical Commission placed a historical marker last Saturday in an effort to bring recognition to the Brazos River area and the town itself.

Justiceburg Community Church is the host site for the marker as it is one of a handful of buildings in the area that have served for years.

"Today, Justiceburg consists only of three structures, one empty building,

the church and the old Post Office building which has housed several restaurants over the years," the GCHC says. "The location for a marker is perfect since it is just south of the turnoff of US Highway 84 and Texas FM 2458, which leads to Lake Alan Henry — a destination spot of over 106,000 visitors annually."

The south branch of the Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos River is located 15 miles south of Post.

The town, according to the historical commission, was named after an early

rancher and land owner, Jefferson Davis Justice.

He gave the railroad right of way in 1910 and donated the land for a town-site. A post office operated there from 1902 to 1905 known as LaForest. When the new town-site was platted, the town was renamed Justiceburg. By 1915 the population had grown to 50 residents and was the site of numerous businesses, which included a hotel, grocery store, mercantile and even a train depot and school, according to the commission.

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# 53rd Harmony Plains Set for July 17



Courtesy photos

For more than 50 years, July has been a time of joy and fellowship in Cone. That's when the Harmony Plains Singing School is offered, and anyone interested in learning to sing sacred hymns acapella is invited to attend.

By Kay Ellington  
The Hesperian-Beacon

The 53rd Harmony Plains Singing School is just a couple of weeks away. It will be July 17-22 in Cone.

Harmony Plains Singing School is a week-long summer camp following the faith traditions of the Primitive Baptists. But you do not have to be Primitive Baptist to attend. All are welcome. All attendees do is sing and learn to sing.

Harmony Plains has had fairly large crowds in recent years. They have had an average of 250-300 students each year for the past several years. They divide classes by age group. The same lessons are taught in each class, but the class is geared towards

the learning speed and content for that age level.

- Classes include the following:
- Sunshine
  - Preschool/kindergarten
  - 1st & 2nd
  - 3rd & 4th
  - 5th & 6th
  - Junior high
  - High school/college
  - Adult

Some more experienced adults travel back and forth between the adult class and the high school/college class. The adult class is perfect for those who just love to sing, but don't know a lot about reading or leading yet.

Teachers all volunteer their time and ef-

fort each summer. Several instructors hold undergraduate and graduate degrees in music as well as teaching.

Harmony Plains does not charge tuition. They are run entirely on contributions from students and families. Three meals are provided each day as well as restroom and shower facilities.

HPSS is always held during the week following the 3rd Sunday in July.

Registration will begin in the afternoon on Sunday, July 17. Classes start Monday morning the 18th.

HPSS 2016 will end with the evening services Friday, July 22.

Tent and camper hook-ups are available on both sides of the building. With the growing attendance, campsites are

becoming scarce. So before setting up your campsite and taking more than one site, please check with the site committee (Parker Lowrance, Ronnie Fowler, and other appointees). The electrical hookups are 15 amp, and some 30 amp. The plumbing is gray water only (no black water sewerage).

There are two sets of restrooms available in the building and restrooms and shower house available on the south side of the building.

The song for Harmony Plains 2016 will be "Hark! Ten Thousand Harps," OSH #11, hymn 32. The HPSS theme for 2016 is "Hallelujah! Hallelujah!" Harmony Plains' text for 2016 is Revelation 5:11-13.

For more information visit their website [www.harmonyplains.org](http://www.harmonyplains.org).

## Caprock Canyons



Courtesy photo

At Caprock Canyons State Park, bat tours are now underway and will be every Friday from the months of July through August (weather permitting of course!). Don't miss out on these guided vehicle tours down some of the most scenic portions of the Caprock Canyons Trailway where tour groups will stop at dusk at historic Clarity Tunnel to watch the bat emergence flight. Space is limited so reservations are required. Fees are \$10 per seat. Call the park at (806) 455-1492 to reserve your spot!

## Fishing Report

Conservation and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

**Ellsworth:** Elevation rising, water 71 and murky. Four flood gates are open. Channel and blue catfish are fair on cut bait, shad and punch bait along creek channel and around points.

**Foss:** Elevation 3.5 ft. below normal, water low 80s. Striped bass hybrids are being caught on live bait in deep water early morning. Walleye are fair on live bait. Crappie are slow on jigs. Catfish are fair on Danny King stinkbait. White bass are fair trolling lures.

**Ft. Cobb:** Elevation normal, water 81. Striped bass hybrids and white bass are fair on crawfish and shrimp around points and in the main lake. Channel, blue and flathead catfish are fair on shrimp and cut bait in the main lake and in coves.

**Lawtonka:** Elevation rising, water 70 and clear. Channel and blue catfish are slow on shad and punch bait along creek channels and around points. Saugeye are slow on sassy shad and small lures in the main lake.

**Tom Steed:** Elevation normal, water 70. Blue and channel catfish are fair on punch bait and cut bait at 4 ft.-8 ft. along flats. Striped bass hybrids and saugeye are fair on crankbaits trolling in the main lake.

**Waurika:** Elevation above normal, water 77. Crappie are slow on jigs around brush structure. Blue catfish are good on cut bait and stinkbait in the main lake and along shorelines.

**Alan Henry:** Water clear; 74 degrees; 1.43 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; 0.19 ft. low. No reports on black bass. Crappie are slow on jigs and minnows in the shallows. Catfish are good on worms and

stinkbait.

**Coleman:** Water murky; 78-82 degrees; 0.05 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; 0.29 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; 0.37 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; 1.22 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; 33.48 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; 10.52 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 Worn-Glo) nightcrawlers.

**Possam Kingdom:** Water off color; 74-80 degrees; 0.12 ft. high. 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.

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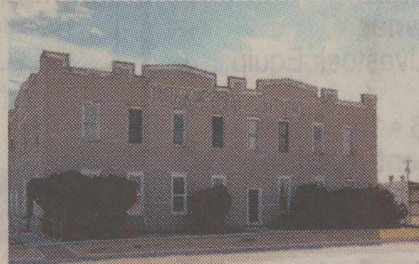
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Storage sale: Furniture, copier, printers, computer misc, desk, chairs, glassware, household goods, art work, tables, many misc items. Location Floydada.

## REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

### THE COVEY

The Covey is a historical marker in Floydada. Today, the hotel serves as a barbecue restaurant with a very good reputation and a well-established clientele. All of the present restaurant equipment will be included with the property. The Commercial Hotel and Covey Restaurant are a fantastic and historic opportunity. Private sale offer.



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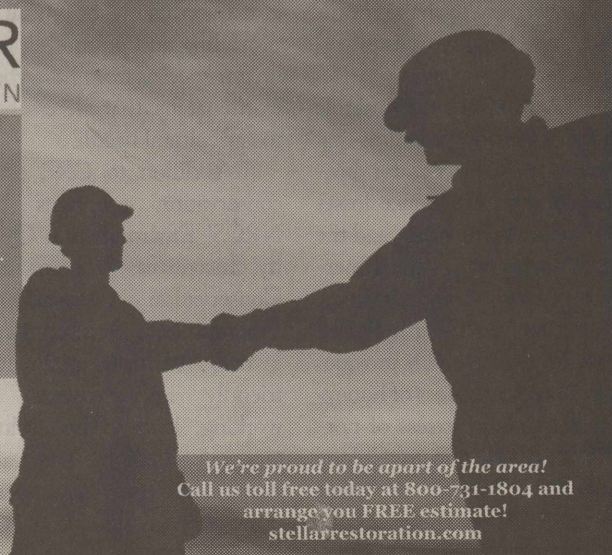
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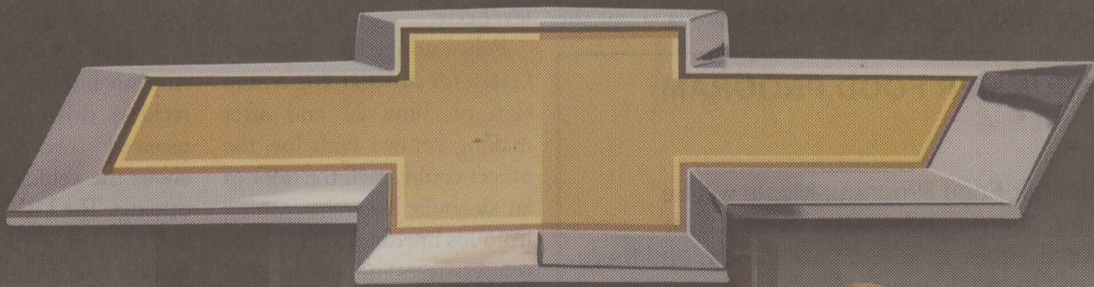


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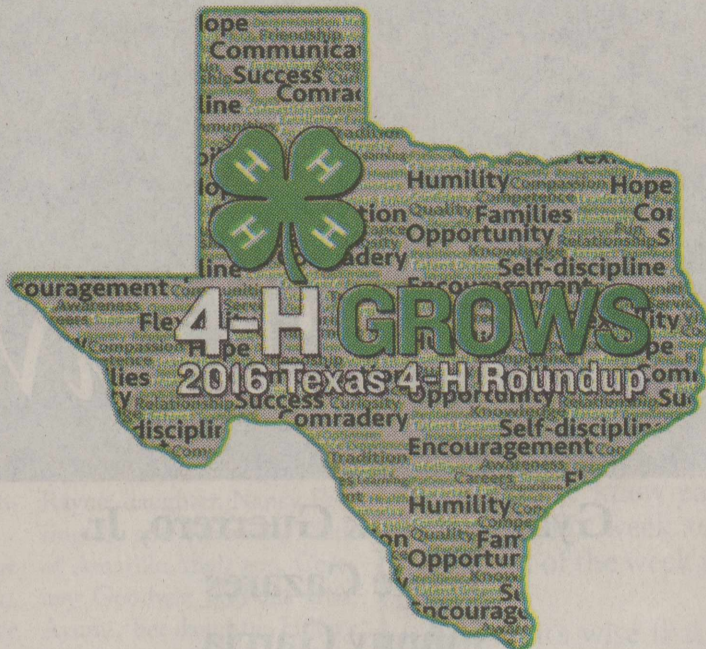
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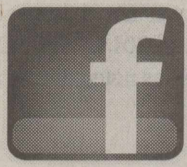
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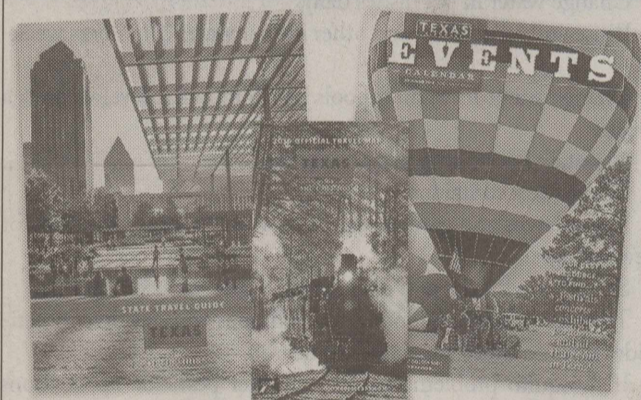
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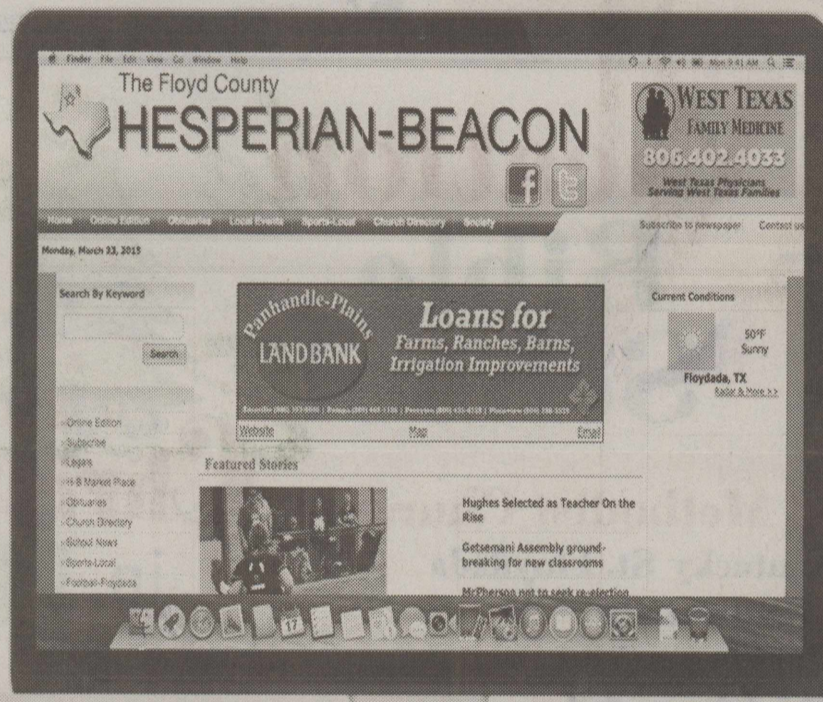
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# Zika: What To Know Before You Travel



## What we know about Zika

\*Zika is primarily transmitted through the bite of an infected *Aedes aegypti* mosquito.

\*Most cases of Zika in Texas are related to travel abroad to places where Zika is being spread.

\*Zika can be spread through sexual transmission and blood transfusions.

\*It is possible for a pregnant mother infected with Zika to pass the virus to her baby. The virus has been linked to birth defects.

\*There have not been any reports of pets or other kinds of animals spreading or contracting Zika.

\*There is currently no vaccine or treatment for Zika.

\*During the first week of infection, Zika can be found in the blood and passed from an infected person to a mosquito when it bites. The infected mosquito can then spread the virus to other people.



## Prevent Zika while traveling

\*The best way to avoid infection is to protect yourself from mosquito bites:

- Cover up with long sleeves and pants.
- Wear an EPA-approved insect repellent when outdoors.
- Keep mosquitoes out with air conditioning and intact window screens, if available.

\*If possible, pregnant mothers should delay travel to areas where Zika is spreading or talk to their doctors first to prevent mosquito bites during the trip.

\*Pregnant mothers and their male partners who travel to places where Zika is spreading should follow the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) guidance to prevent the sexual transmission of Zika found at [www.texaszika.org/prevention.htm](http://www.texaszika.org/prevention.htm).

\*Stay informed about travel information and precautions. For a current list of areas with Zika outbreaks, visit [www.texaszika.org/travelers.htm](http://www.texaszika.org/travelers.htm).

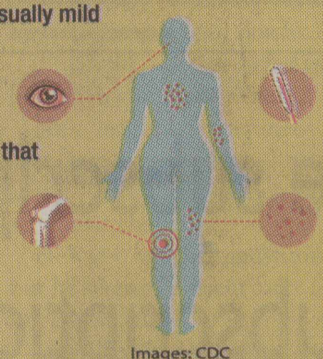
## Symptoms of Zika

About 4 out of 5 people with Zika won't even know they have it. The illness is usually mild with symptoms lasting for several days to a week.

Even if you don't know you're infected, mosquitoes that bite you could transmit the virus to others.

The most common symptoms of Zika are:

- \*Fever
- \*Rash
- \*Joint Pain
- \*Conjunctivitis (red eyes)



Images: CDC

## Prevent Zika when you return

\*To help prevent others from getting sick, people who travel to places where Zika is being spread should:

- Protect themselves from mosquito bites while abroad and for seven days after returning home.
- Eliminate mosquito breeding sites around their homes: remove standing water, get rid of containers that hold water, and cover trash containers.
- Follow the CDC's recommendations to prevent the sexual transmission of Zika.

\*People who experience symptoms of Zika should contact their doctor.



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des albopictus," the CDC's Micah Hahn and colleagues wrote in the Journal of Medical Entomology. "Our findings underscore the need for systematic surveillance of *Ae. aegypti* and *Ae. albopictus* in the United States and delineate areas with risk for the transmission of these introduced arboviruses."

### Symptoms

Most people infected by the virus are unaware that they have contracted it and experience little to no symptoms, which might include fever, rash, joint pain, or conjunctivitis (red eyes). Other common symptoms include muscle pain and headache, the CDC reported, and only last a few days to a week. Once contracted, most people won't be sick enough to be admitted to a hospital and complications are rare. However, there is a probable link between Guillain-Barré syndrome, a condition where your immune system attacks part of your nervous system, and birth defects. If a mother is bitten during pregnancy, the virus can be passed to the child and result in microcephaly, a condition characterized by a small head circumference and developmental delays.

"An increase in Guillain-Barré syndrome was noted during an outbreak of Zika virus in French Polynesia in 2014," the CDC website cited. "An increase in microcephaly was noted during an outbreak of Zika virus in Brazil in 2015."

### The Spread

On February 2, Dallas County health officials announced the first case of Zika virus involving a patient who had sex with someone who had recently returned from Venezuela infected with the mosquito-borne virus, and was later confirmed by the CDC as the first in the continental United States.

They continued, saying that most Texas cases of Zika are related to travel and people were bitten by an infected mosquito while traveling to areas where Zika is being spread and then diagnosed after returning home.

The CDC also recommends that "people who are traveling to areas where Zika is being spread should protect themselves from mosquito bites while abroad and for 21 days after returning home to help prevent themselves from becoming infected, and to keep from spreading the virus to mosquitoes in Texas in case the travelers were exposed to Zika."

To date, there are no confirmed cases of individuals contracting the virus through blood transfusions and blood banks continue to screen individuals by asking travel histories to potential donors. There is also no evidence that animals have contracted or are able to spread the virus. There is currently no vaccine or treatment for Zika virus and your best defense is prevention--from the mosquitoes mating and from being bit.

### Prevent Mosquito Breeding

At least weekly empty or get rid of cans, buckets, old tires, pots, plant saucers and other containers that hold water.

Keep gutters clear of debris and standing water.

Remove standing water around structures and from flat roofs.

Change water in pet dishes daily.

Rinse and scrub vases and other indoor water containers weekly.

Change water in wading pools and bird baths several times a week.

Maintain backyard pools or hot tubs.

Cover trash containers.

Water lawns and gardens carefully so water does not stand for several days.

Screen rain barrels and openings to water tanks or cisterns.

Treat front and back door areas of homes with residual insecticides if mosquitoes are abundant nearby.

If mosquito problems persist, consider pesticide applications for vegetation around the home.

### Protect Yourself from Mosquito Bites

Wear Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered insect repellents. When used as directed, these insect repellents -- including those that contain DEET -- are proven safe and effective even for pregnant and breastfeeding women.

Cover up with long-sleeved shirts and long pants.

Keep mosquitoes out with air conditioning or intact window screens.

Limit outdoor activities during peak mosquito times.

With prevention the key to stopping a Zika virus outbreak, cities in Texas are vamping up their mosquito spraying efforts.

The CDC suggests actions that communities can take to protect citizens from Zika virus include: Initiate or enhance monitoring and surveillance of mosquito activity, accelerate mosquito abatement efforts, encourage people to report illegal dumpsites and standing water, and respond quickly to these complaints, implement efforts to clean up illegal dumpsites and collect heavy trash, keep public drains and ditches clear of weeds and trash so water will not collect, and treat standing water with larvicide when it cannot be drained and the water will be present for more than seven days.

According to Lockney officials, they began spraying in town for mosquitoes in mid-May, and will continue to do so on alternating days, weather permitting.

"We have recently purchased a new spray chemical that is supposed to be much better than what has been used in the past," said Floydada City Manager Jeff Johnston. "It does have a strong scent, but it's just as safe as the old stuff and more potent."

He went on to explain that after a rain they wait seven days for the mosquitoes to hatch and then proceed with aerial spraying, and so far, few mosquitoes have been sighted. Johnston stressed the importance of being proactive, and if anyone sees mosquitoes to report it to City Hall.

For more information on Zika Virus and updated information on its spread, visit [www.texaszika.org](http://www.texaszika.org) or [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).



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*Aedes aegypti*, also known as the yellow fever mosquito, is a tropical mosquito that carries not only Zika, but yellow fever, dengue and chikungunya, and thrives in urban areas and lives close to people, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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