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## Mangold to no longer delivery babies

By Larry Mullins

W.J. Mangold Hospital Chairman  
Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

Since 1948, WJ Mangold Memorial Hospital has been serving obstetrical patients in Floyd and surrounding counties. Due to a continued decrease in numbers and mandatory state guidelines, the hospital has made a very long and difficult decision to no longer deliver babies.

This means we will no longer have a Labor and Delivery Unit or newborn nursery. With this decision made, we will focus on other areas in order to continually improve the community's health care.

We are informing all ambulance services transporting a pregnant woman with

contractions to bypass or divert from our Emergency Department, if possible. However, in the event of an emergent situation, the Emergency Department staff will be prepared to provide care. If delivery occurs in the ER, the mother and baby (ies) will ultimately be transferred to a larger hospital since our hospital can no longer provide inpatient OB or newborn care.

Covenant Hospital in Plainview and Lubbock, and University Medical Center are aware of our decision and plans are in place to provide care for these patients.

We would like to thank everyone in Lockney and the surrounding communities that we serve for their continued dedication to our facility.



Courtesy photo

In a statement to the Hesperian-Beacon Mangold Hospital has announced that it will no longer offer obstetrics services or deliver infants.

## Arrests made in Floydada Dairy Queen break-in

By Jesse Finley

Public Information Officer

FLOYDADA--The Floydada Police Department would like to thank the Citizens of Floydada for their support during these last few weeks. We do this job to serve you and we are extremely grateful for your appreciation.

Albert Ryan Vasquez was arrested by Floydada Police on July 11 for his involvement in the burglary of Dairy Queen back in June. Rafael Deleon was arrested on the same day by the Floyd County Sheriff's Office for the burglary and Arnold Serato is also wanted but has not been arrested at this time. Arnold is believed to be in Lubbock County.

Robert Lee Luna was arrested for the second time in less than a month for Driving While Intoxicated with a Child Passenger. He was arrested the first time in June and again on July 13 after he was stopped for going 71 miles per hour in a 45 zone. Police arrested Eric Luna on July 15. He was wanted by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for violating his parole.

Police are investigating a case of Indecency with a Child that was reported on



Courtesy photos

Three men have been arrested in conjunction with the June 4 break-in at the Floydada Dairy Queen.

July 18. No further details will be released.

A theft of services was reported on July 14 to the Police Department after it was discovered an electric meter in the 200 block of West Jackson had been tampered with that would cause a false reading. It is a criminal offense to tamper with any device used for measuring water or electrical usage.

Police are investigating a report of criminal mischief

after a Chevrolet Pickup was intentionally scratched on July 15 in the 100 block of East California sometime around 12:00 pm. No suspects have been identified.

A fight in progress occurred on July 15 in the 700 block of East Grover Street. A report was taken and a suspect has been identified.

Money was reported stolen to police on July 19. The victim named a suspect after she observed the offense and

charges are pending.

Police were called to a domestic disturbance in the 600 Block of East California on July 14. Both parties were separated by the time police arrived and charges are pending.

A red and grey welder was reported stolen from a residence on the 400 block of West Grover on July 16. The welder was likely stolen

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### 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.

#### WHIRLWIND FOOTBALL

Whirlwind football will begin promptly at 8 a.m. on Monday, August 1. All high school football players will report to the field house at this time. For more info see the article in this week's Hesperian-Beacon.

#### DUNCAN ELEMENTARY MEET THE TEACHER NIGHTS

Meet the Teacher Nights have been set for Aug. 16, 18 at Duncan Elementary in Floydada. For times and other pertinent info, please see the article on the Floydada School page in this week's issue of the Hesperian-Beacon.

#### COTTON FIBER QUALITY CONFERENCE

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct the Cotton Fiber Quality Conference and Tours Aug. 4 in Lubbock. The educational program will start with registration at 8 a.m. at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 1102 E. Farm-to-Market Road 1294, also known as Shallowater Road. For more info, see the article on the farm page in this week's issue.

#### 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

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## Floyd County girls qualify for State T.A.A.F. meet



FETTE ELIZABETH JACKSON



HALEY CYAN WALKER

By Aimee Jackson  
Special for The Hesperian-Beacon

On July 16, 2016, two local Floyd county girls qualified for the State T. A. A. F. meet. The Texas Amateur Athletic Foundation is a non-profit organization established in 1925 to promote, organize and conduct amateur athletics in the State of Texas.

Haley Cyan Walker, a senior at Lockney High School, qualified in women's discus with a throw of 128.3. She placed first at the regional meet in her division.

Fette Elizabeth Jackson, an eighth grader at Lockney Junior High, qualified in Pole Vault and placed 1st in her division with a jump of 6'6".

Both girls will be traveling

to McAllen, Texas to compete at the State summer games held July 28 through July 31.

Good luck to both girls!

### News on the go



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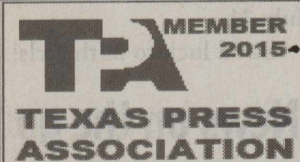
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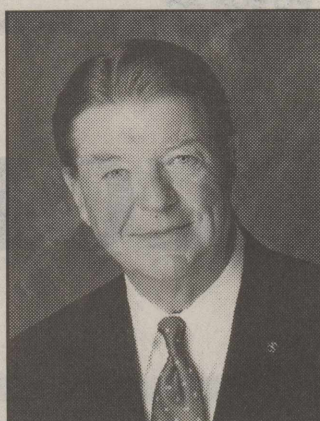
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# Happy State Bank earns Bauer's Top 5-Star Rating



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July 2016: BauerFinancial Inc., Coral Gables, FL, the Nation's Premier Bank Rating Firm, proudly announces that Happy State Bank, Happy, Texas has earned its Highest, 5-Star rating.

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earned \$6.860 million in the first quarter 2016 and \$27.081 million in 2015.

"We've been doing this for a long time", notes Karen L. Dorway, president of BauerFinancial, "We've seen the ups ...and the downs of this industry and the one constant, is that community banks, like Happy State Bank, continue to shine, even in the toughest times. Knowing their customers is the key to making solid investments into the future of the communities they serve."

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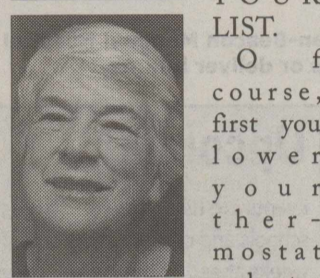
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## The 501

"Five Tips to Beat Summer Heat" was the subject of an email from my health insurance company. They want me healthy.

What do they know that I don't? I decided to write down my tips before reading theirs.

PAUSE FOR YOU TO MAKE YOUR LIST.



HANABA MUNN WELCH

Of course, first you lower your thermostat and stay inside. Duh. But I figured the idea was to come up with inventive ways to stay cool when you're outdoors or if you can't afford to keep your house cool. Who can?

Here's my list:

1. Go to Wal-Mart.

2. Walk though lawn sprinklers every chance you get.

3. Take a dip in an outside tub or lie down in a wading pool with your clothes on.

4. Look for something in the refrigerator that's not there.

5. Go to a different hemisphere.

That last one's a joke. Everyone knows Texans go to Colorado. Same difference.

Don't you love those comments you hear when Texans returning from the Rockies are suddenly back in triple-digit Texas? Example:

"It was 38 degrees this morning when we left Crede (or wherever)."

I never know whether I'm supposed to feel sorry for them or what. (Maybe you can tell we don't have a place in Colorado.)

Back to the competing heat-beating lists. I won. For starters, the first tip from the experts automatically disqualified them from the competition. They said I should protect my skin from the sun's harsh rays. Good idea, but what's sunscreen got to do with staying cool?

I won't bore you with the rest of the official list. Three of the other tips were off-topic too – like how to know if you're having a heat stroke or what you can eat to stave off dehydration.

The very last tip said

drinking smoothies is a way to stay cool. Good idea.

I checked out their smoothie video and learned you can make a green one with kale. I'd rather eat my kale sautéed with yams, bacon and purple cabbage. We digress.

Anyway, the upshot of all this is that the person who compiled the health tips obviously didn't write the headline. Whoever did was more interested in catching my attention than writing a truthful headline.

That's what's wrong with society today – too many irresponsible online misleading headlines. We expect it with supermarket tabloids, but I don't like being exploited in the more subtle ways, yea, even by my health insurance company. Or maybe they just got careless. Either way, that headline writer should be fired.

Enough pontificating. To conclude, here's a beat-the-heat anecdote:

I was heading home from work on a hot day, still wearing my letter carrier uniform.

I stopped at the funeral home to pay my respects to someone who'd died. Suddenly I was off the sidewalk, headed straight for the sprinkler on the front lawn.

I wish I could say I walked right through it. That would make a better story. But I caught myself.

I still think it's a good story, and it's true.

counting program often used by agricultural lenders and producers, Jones said. Participants will learn to enter transactions into the program and analyze costs and profits. No prior computer experience is necessary.

Registration is \$150 and includes computer use and teaching materials.

Couples are encouraged to attend and will be charged only one registration fee if they share a computer.

Class size is limited to 15 people to provide a hands-on experience for all participants.

Those planning to attend should RSVP by Aug. 19 for either session in Amarillo and by Sept. 2 for the session in Lubbock. Payment is due upon arrival on the first day of the course.

For more information or to RSVP for either location, contact Jones or Kim Garcia at 806-677-5600.

## Quickbooks training set for August in Amarillo, September in Lubbock

By Kay Ledbetter  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AMARILLO — The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will offer the Panhandle District QuickBooks Pro Short Course Aug. 24-25 and Aug. 29-30 in Amarillo, and then again Sept. 8-9 in Lubbock.

The two-day trainings will run from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day at the respective Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Centers, located at 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd. in Amarillo and 1102 E. Farm-to-Market Road 1294 north of Lubbock.

DeDe Jones, AgriLife Extension risk management specialist in Amarillo, said through the years, attendees have indicated they've seen thousands of dollars in benefit from what they learned.

QuickBooks Pro is a double-entry business ac-

## The Paperboy

### The DNC and MSM have hurt our country

How bad is our Mainstream Media (MSM)? How corrupt is the Democratic National Committee (DNC)?

Just how deep does the corruption go?

NBC, CBS, ABC, CNN and all of their accompanying cable networks, are in so deep with the Democrats it's ridiculous.

The Wikileaks email dump late last week reveals the collusion that exists between the DNC and MSM. It shows how DNC Chair Debbie Wasserman Schultz, who has already resigned her position as a result of the scandal, made sure that Hillary Clinton never faced a serious challenger.

The leaks exposed racism, xenophobia and misogyny. The exact things Democrat leaders have accused Donald Trump of being.

Concerning the MSM, it is obvious they receive their marching orders from the DNC and most likely, the Obama Administration.

Do you understand what that means? It means that the news has not been covered objectively. And had it been, Clinton is probably not the DNC nominee for president.

Instead, she would be answering serious charges.

And what is the result of all of this corruption? Are we living in some liberal utopia where everything is fair and everyone gets along?

Hell no!  
We are living in a very divisive time where class warfare is the norm and terrorism dominates the landscape.

We have a government who refuses to uphold the law and even rewrites laws concerning illegal immigration.

This country is broke and is a political dumpster fire. Again, this is the direct result of a corrupt MSM and DNC.

Remember when Obama promised the most transparent government in history? Was that the biggest political lie in history or what?

And guess what? There is much more to come according to Wikileaks. And Wikileaks founder Julian Assange says they are even more damaging and expose even more corruption concerning Clinton, The Clinton Foundation and on and on.

So again, we are having to get the truth from hacked emails. All because the MSM is in bed with Democrats and refuses to properly investigate stories.

I personally find this situation terrible for the country. When the dust settles, the level of collusion and corruption between Democrats and the MSM will be even more shocking and it will take years before the majority of the American people have trust in the MSM much less our government.

We have reached a low point in this country. We have reached a point where one party controls the media which makes us no different than some of the countries we've had to fight in world wars.

Ask questions America!

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**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Relationships benefit from a strong harmonious aspect. Things go more smoothly at work. Someone you thought you'd never see again asks for a reconciliation.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A minor distraction interferes with travel plans, but the delay is temporary. Meanwhile, expect to play peacemaker once again for feuding family members.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Keep that positive momentum going on the home front. Arrange your schedule to spend more time with your family. You'll soon have news about that job change.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Control that possessive tendency that sometimes goads you into an unnecessary display of jealousy. You could be creating problems where none currently exist.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) A new project holds some challenges you hadn't expected. But don't be discouraged; you'll find you're more prepared to deal with them than you realized.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Yours is the sign of the celestial Chemist, so don't be surprised if you experience a pleasant "chemistry" betwixt yourself and that new Leo in your life.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You enjoy being fussed over, as befits your "royal" Leonine nature. You also have a strong loyalty to family and friends.

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# SOCIETY

## Local student awarded scholarship

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY--W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital recently provided a scholarship to Alyssa McCarter to be used to pursue studies toward a career in an allied health care profession. Larry Mullins presented the scholarship award, of which W.J. Mangold Memorial provided \$500.00 matching funds for the scholarship to that provided by the Northwest Texas Hospital Association. Alyssa McCarter is studying Hospital Administration at Texas Tech University.

The Northwest Texas Hospital Association established the scholarship program in order to assist smaller communities in the state in their efforts to recruit health care profes-

sionals to work in rural hospitals. The Association awarded a total of \$5,000 this year to students nominated by member hospitals. Each hospital provides the matching scholarship amount for a total of \$500 per student. The Northwest Texas Hospital Association is the oldest association of its kind in the state and is composed of hospitals, businesses, and others interested in health care and continuing access to health care. The membership territory covers the area from the panhandle to the north, to Dallas in the East, El Paso in the West, and Kerrville in the South. The board chairman for 2016-2017 is Dianne Yeager, Administrator of Crane Memorial Hospital in Crane, Texas.

## Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - As of August 1st the Family Night Fish Fry will be the 1st and 3rd Friday each month until further notice.

The August Fish fry will be held on the 5th and 19th Friday. Sunday Lunch will be served on Sunday the 28th. Menu will be listed at a later date.

We are now excepting applications for a part time cook for 20 hours a week. Please pick up an application here at the center.

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.

**THERE WAS NO MENU AVAILABLE AT PRESS TIME!**

## TSCRA Statement on USFWS

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FORT WORTH— Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) president Richard Thorpe, today made the following statement after the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) formally delisted the Lesser Prairie-Chicken (LPC) as a "threatened" species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

"For far too long, many ranchers and landowners have operated under burdensome federal regulations due to the threatened listing of the Lesser Prairie-Chicken," said Thorpe. "TSCRA is pleased the LPC has officially been removed from the Endangered Species list to provide relief for those affected by these unnecessary regulations. This final action comes 10 months after U.S. District Judge Robert A. Junell, of Midland,

Texas, determined USFWS had illegally listed the bird as a "threatened" species. USFWS appealed this court decision but dropped their appeal on May 11, 2016.

"This fight is not over. The USFWS already announced they are "undertaking a thorough re-evaluation of the bird's status." We encourage the USFWS to remember that ranchers and landowners have already voluntarily implemented successful conservation practices which were largely responsible for the court's decision to delist the LPC in the first place. These practices have worked to conserve the LPC's habitat for a long time and more government regulations are not the answer. TSCRA will continue to aggressively monitor future listings and encourages USFWS to keep the LPC off the Endangered Species list," Thorpe concluded.

## Floydada Senior Citizens News

By LuAnn Collins

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - Thank you to the Whittle family for donations of corn and squash. We have served corn on the cob and freshly stewed squash.

Thank you also to Martin and Jill Warren for donation of squash.

Floydada Senior Citizen's Center is open to people of all ages. You do not need to be a senior citizen, nor a mem-

ber 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

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### MENU

- August 1 - August 5
- Monday - Salmon croquettes
- Tuesday - Chili relleno casserole
- Wednesday - Sirloin pattie w/natural gravy
- Thursday - Pork roast w/ gravy & bread
- Friday - Hamburger (Menus subject to change without notice)

## Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

### THE HANDLEY FAMILY

Mother and I do not live in Floyd County now, but we still think of it as home. Two of my children, Mrs Jack(Myrtle) Gibson and Jack Gaskins and their families, live in Lockney. My husband, brother, two sisters and Dad are buried there.

Dad, Daniel Laban Handley, and Mother, Myrtle Mary Sherwood, were married at Childress, January 5, 1913.

They moved to Wheeler County where he farmed. In 1917 they moved to Floyd County bringing with them me and my brother Joe. I do not remember the trip in the covered wagon but I do recall incidental hapenings about the farm that Dad bought three miles east and half a mile south of Floydada on the Matador highway.

During this time Dad decided he just wasn't a farmer. He started operating a dray in Floydada.

Also, he moved houses, built towers and installed windmills. I can remember the beautiful, well trained dray horses he was so proud of. He hauled cotton seed from the gins to load onto box cars. He unloaded and delivered coal, lumber, groceries, and other supplies to the merchants in town from railroad box cars.

I well remember while he was operating the dray, the arrival of the Harley Sadler Shows. Of course, to us it was a great event because Dad had told us about some of the things that had happened while unloading and setting up the show. I'm sure Mom and Dad enjoyed

the stage shows more than we did-but to us it was one of the wonders of our time. But later when Barnum-Baily Circus came to town we thought that the greatest thing ever.

The night before the circus got to town it rained and next morning there were mud puddles everywhere. Dad came home at noon and told us how the elephants helped to get the wagons out of the mud holes and to the lots where the circus was to be located. Naturally we could hardly wait for the first performance to begin.

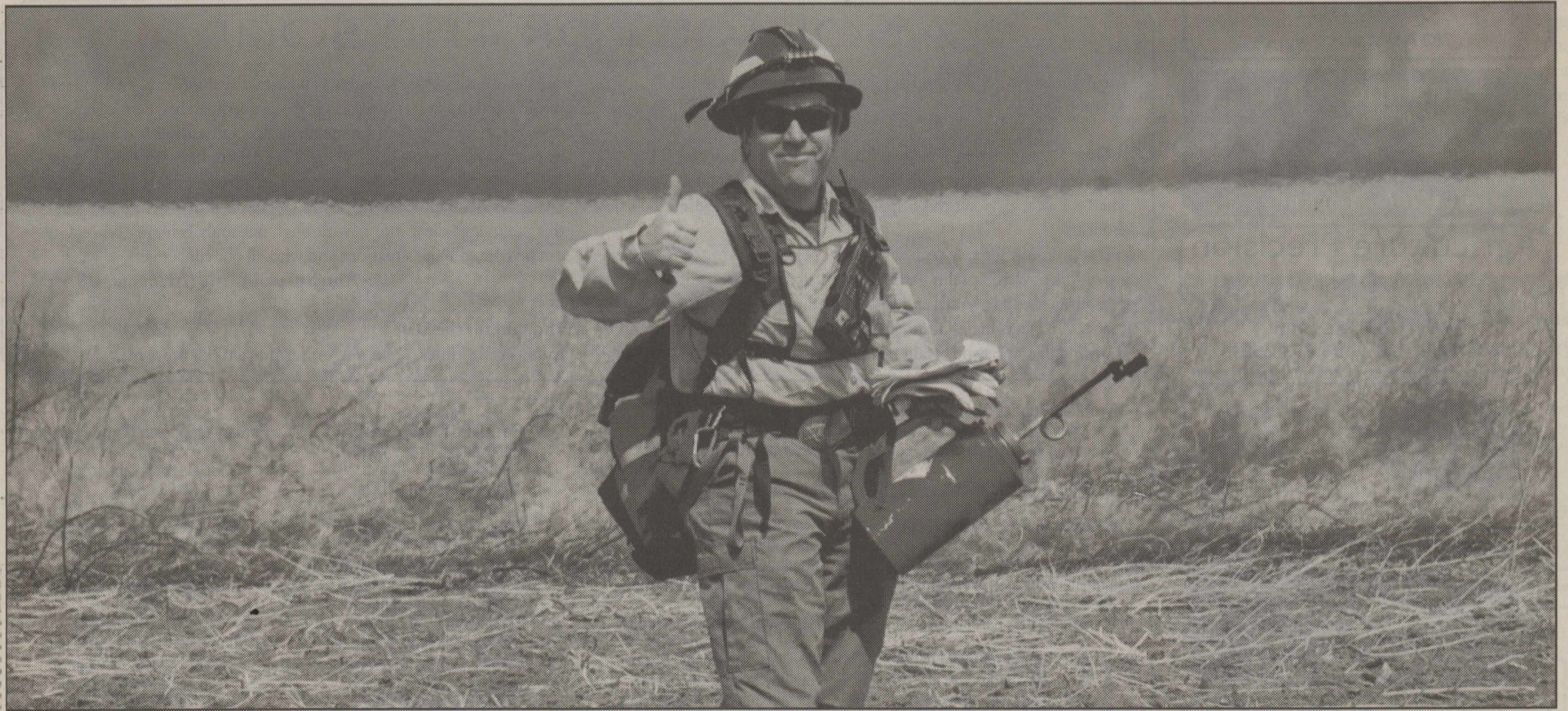
By now the irrigation wells were coming into their own. So the next move was to Lockney. Dad bought a farm west of town and dug an irrigation well powered by electricity as an experiment. There were three sisters now, Eunice Belle, Lochie Mae and Rubylee. The five of us were so happy to be living on a farm and we all tried our hand at farming and doing the farm chores.

By 1935 Eunice Belle (Cricket) and I had flown the nest. The other members of the family moved into town where Dad had started a shop. He was still drilling wells, sold pumps and serviced them, did blacksmith work and welding. Later my brother was his partner.

When Dad died in 1964, he was a minister of the Primitive Baptist Church.

Now there is Mom, Lochie Mae (Goetz) and me, Mary (Gaskins) left of the original family. But this November of 1977 we have many good memories of a family who shared lots of love and many happy activities.

## Fire Seminar



Courtesy photo

On Saturday, Aug. 6 at 9 p.m. Caprock Canyons State Park will host an informative talk, "Fire: Nature's Tool." Join wildland firefighter Derrick Holdstock, as he describes the role of fire in the prairie ecosystem and how prescribed fires are helping to combat evasive plant species. For more information contact Le'Ann Pigg, (806)455-1492, le'ann.pigg@tpwd.texas.gov

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### MARY LOU MURPHY MOMAN

Mary Lou was born in Crocker, Missouri to James Adair and Clara West Murphy and older brother, James (Jimmy) Adair Murphy, Jr.

Mary Lou grew up in Richland, Missouri and became a Christian on February 22, 1951 and was baptized into the membership of First Baptist Church Richland, Missouri.

She graduated from Richland High School in 1959. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri in 1964 and a Master of Arts degree in Music Education from Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Kentucky in 1980.

On September 1, 1963 Mary Lou and Carl Conway Moman were married and blessed with two children, Carl Christopher on April 21, 1968, married to Janette Harding Moman, of Burke, Virginia and Claire Charice on October 25, 1973, married to Mike Williams of Plainview, Texas.

They were later blessed with five grandchildren, Mary Elizabeth Sammann, Craig Christopher Moman, Carl Curtis Moman, Rachel Claire Sammann, and Jonathan Ray Sammann.

Mary Lou taught public school music and with her husband, Carl served churches in St. Louis, Missouri, Richland Missouri, Kansas City, Missouri, Bowling Green, Kentucky, Thayer, Missouri, Camdenton, Missouri, Lockney, Texas, Levelland, Texas, and Brownfield, Texas. Between the years of 1987-2004 they were professors at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, Texas.

Extended family includes: Mrs. Jimmy Murphy (Mary Lou), Mr. and Mrs. Kenny York (Diane), Mr. and Mrs. Brad York and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ted York and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith (Mary Lyn), Mr. and Mrs. Tom Murphy and family, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Arrington (Amanda) and family, Dr. George Oliver and family, Kurt Sammann, father of Mary Elizabeth, Rachel and Jonathan Sammann, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith (Pat) and family, Dr. and Mrs. Michael McCreight (Judy) and family.

Visitation was held Saturday, July 23, 2016, at 12:30 P.M., at First Baptist Church in Richland, Missouri, with funeral service to follow at 2:00 P.M., also at the church.

Burial followed the service at Oaklawn Cemetery, also in Richland.



Levi Sisemore

## Live as Freemen

Borrowing can make is to become submissive words from the (to God).

Declaration of In Exodus 21:1-6, Old Testament Independence, instructions are given regarding it's one thing Hebrew-owned slaves. There is to be set free from "the political a clause that requires slaves be bonds" that "have connected" "one set free in the seventh year of nation" to "another;" it is entirely a their service (for our cultural different thing to go about the task sensitivities, this "slavery" should probably be understood to have been more like indentured servitude). Further down the text says that if the slave recognizes that his life is fuller in his master's household than it would be apart from it, and will "plainly say, 'I love my master,'" then he can submit himself as a freeman to this master and stay his servant forever.

This is our great privilege as freemen - to use our freedom to humbly submit to God. "Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness." (Romans 6:16-18)

Levi Sisemore preaches for the 37th Street church of Christ, meeting Sunday for Bible Classes (9:30 AM), Worship (10:30 AM & 5:00 PM); Wednesday for Bible Classes (7:00 PM). snyder37church@gmail.com

## Weather Whys

Q: Why do some clouds appear to look white in color, while others are gray, black or other colors?

A: The color of a cloud depends primarily on the thickness of the cloud, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "As sunlight passes through a cloud, tiny water droplets that make up the cloud scatter all colors of the light in the same manner, producing a white color. As the cloud gets thicker, less light can pass through to the base of the cloud and it appears darker. Where you are when you're looking at a cloud can also affect what color it will appear to you. If you're standing underneath the base of a tall cloud, it will appear gray because little light can get through the cloud. If you are standing farther away from the same cloud and viewing it from the side, it will appear white because the light is not passing through the cloud before it reaches your eye."

Q: Then why do some clouds look almost black?

A: Very dark looking or black clouds are probably those that contain a lot of rain in them and part of a thunderstorm, McRoberts adds. "In general, the severity of a storm is related to cloud height, which is why dark clouds are usually an indicator of bad weather. Storms moving in from the west during the afternoon and evening hours will appear even darker. This is because the angle of the sun means light must travel a farther distance from the top of the cloud to the base of the cloud."

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### A SOLACE FOR THE SOUL

The psalmist wrote, "When I am afraid, I put my trust in you." —Psalm 56:3 (NRSV)

Over 50 years ago in Sunday school I memorized my first Bible verse, Psalm 56:3. The teacher told our small group of children that when we were afraid, it was important to trust God because God cares about us.

It was not until many years later that I began to learn the true meaning of this powerful psalm. As new parents, my husband and I observed that our first child's hands and legs seemed to move abnormally on occasion. We made an appointment with our pediatrician. I was afraid to know the diagnosis and afraid not to know it. I was afraid of our pres-

ent lack of experience as parents and afraid that what might lie ahead would need the expert experience of seasoned parents. Fear began to overwhelm me. But then I remembered that first Bible verse I had learned so many years ago: "When I am afraid, I put my trust in you."

We may be afraid of many things: health issues, financial concerns, giving birth, or approaching death. Whatever it may be, we can pray this psalm and allow it to flow through our souls, bringing peace. God can be trusted in all situations and with all our concerns.

Le-Ann Splawn Little (Alabama, USA)

#### Thought for the Day

In uncertain times, I can rely on scripture to comfort me.

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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.

Carr's Chapel Service Every Sunday Morning Worship - 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

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.

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.

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.

First Baptist Church Lockney Joseph Tillery, Pastor Chad Cook, Youth Min. Phil Cotham, Music Min.

Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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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.

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.

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.

San Jose Catholic Church Lockney Msgr. Nickolas Rendon Wed. Communion - 8 p.m. Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.

South Plains Baptist Church Joe Weldon, Pastor SuNday School - 10 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. Prayer Meeting - 7 p.m.

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.

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church Floydada Rev. Ike Temporaza 983-5878

Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m. Mon. & Wed. Mass - 6:30 p.m. Confession Sat - 10-11 a.m.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

West Side Church of Christ Floydada 983-2672 Or 470-0950 Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.

# AGRICULTURE

## GRAZE-OUT payments now available to Floyd County Producers

(Floydada, Tx), July 22, 2016 – USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Floyd County Program Technician In Charge Gerry Summers announced that FSA is now accepting applications for 2016 GRAZE-OUT payments for producers who elect to use their acreage planted to wheat, barley, oats, or triticale for grazing by livestock and agree to forgo any other harvesting of the commodity in 2016.

"Producers must request graze-out payments by farm and complete form CCC-633 GRAZING," said Summers. "If multiple producers share in the acreage, all signatures must be obtained before the request is considered complete."

The graze-out payment rate is determined by the amount the applicable commodity loan rate exceeds the CCC-determined value of the commodity for the county where the farm is located.

This is referred to as the Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) rate. The graze-out payment will be based on the LDP rate in effect for the county on the date of request.

Producers may file an application for graze-out any time prior to March 31, 2017.

Summers emphasizes that acres identified on form CCC-633 GRAZING will not be eligible for an indemnity under the Federal Crop Insurance Act or Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP).

Graze-out payments are subject to the same basic eligibility requirements as commodity loans and LDPs including, but not limited to Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) provisions, beneficial interest, conservation compliance, foreign person, payment limitations for crop years 2014 through 2018, together with market loan gains and ARC/PLC.

Before MAL repayments with a market loan gain (MLG) or LDP disbursements can be made, producers must meet the requirements of actively engaged in farming, cash rent tenant and member contribution. The 2014 Farm Bill also establishes payment limitations per individual or entity not to exceed \$125,000 annually on certain commodities for the following program benefits: price loss coverage payments, agriculture risk coverage payments, MLGs and LDPs.

AGI provisions state that a producer whose total applicable three-year average AGI exceeds \$900,000 is not eligible to receive an MLG or LDP. Producers must have a valid CCC-941 on file to earn a market gain of LDP.

For more information and additional eligibility requirements, please visit a nearby USDA Service Center or FSA's website [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov). For an FSA office near you, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

## Cotton Futures move past 70-cent mark, 2016 High Plains crop stressed by heat

By Mary Jane Buerkle  
Plains Cotton Growers

LUBBOCK--The past couple of weeks certainly have been a "good news and not-so-good news" scenario for cotton producers across the Texas High Plains, as markets responded to the most recent World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates report from the U.S. Department of Agriculture by vaulting past the 70-cent mark for the first time in months, but growers and cotton plants alike certainly could use a timely rainfall.

Cotton markets exploded to the upside after the July 12 WASDE report, likely in part due to increased consumption estimates for China and overall adjustments to world stocks. At press time, December futures were trading at just more than 72 cents.

As for the Texas High Plains crop, spotty rains this past weekend gave some fields a boost, but much of the area is relatively dry.

Heat also has been a factor, with many days during the first week of July reaching more than 100 degrees and overnights in the upper 70s. Although temperatures have dropped back to the 90s over the past few days, the high temperatures coupled with the lack of rainfall could affect development in some fields.

"Most of the cotton is between mid-square and the first week of bloom," Texas A&M AgriLife Extension-Lubbock Cotton Specialist Seth Byrd said in the July 21 AgFax Southwest Cotton Report. "The size and quality of the crop still depends on what happens in the next 2 to 3 weeks with rainfall."

Insect pressure has been relatively low, although experts caution to still monitor fields closely. Weed pressure also has been lower than in previous years due to a combination of factors including lower-than-normal rainfall and producer diligence in ensuring that their fields are as clean as possible.

## Local kids invade Lubbock Speedway

By Daniel Shank  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Thanks to the Branding Iron Cowboy Outfitter the second of three kid's bike races saw some 37 kid's race down the front straight away to claim their prize. The youngest racer was 3 years old and he really moved down the dirt. After all the classes were finished, the 8 year old and above got a special surprise TK Thompson allowed to complete the whole track.

We have 196 paid spectators and over 140 kids in attendance. We had over 41 cars that ran in 3 classes.

This is getting to be a repeat but for the 4th time in the season and second in a row the #555 Chevy Camaro driven by David McCurry ran away with an easy vic-

tory in the Street Stock main event. Local favorite Lee Riley #16L had a small fender bender on lap one but came back for a second place finish.

And we saw the Sunset Automotive sponsored #42 drove by Michael McClesley finish in 3rd. While Donnie Applegate #7 had major transmission issues so he was unable to finish the event.

The IMCA I-Stock division seems to be the prize stock of Lubbock speedway this year with only 12 cars showing up and only 8 starting the main event they did not let the fans down.

The #195 of Michael Sheen cruised to an easy victory returning after a few weeks off was the #64 of Cary White to a second place finish. With one of the Corley

brothers (#61 Aaron) finishing in third. While this year point leader Mack Seay #12 of Seminole finished fourth on the bumper of the #61.

Frank Groves #63x took control of a good sport mod race, with only 3 yellow flags. JP Vasquez #17 of Lubbock and Cory Williams #511 of Slaton had early race wreck but both saved there nights with top 10 finishes. While the point leader Dustin Robinson #10 finished second.

Lastly a bit of business to tell you about we will NOT be racing on the 29th of July due to some track issues, BUT we will be running again on Aug 5th which is Fan Appreciation Night when drivers with their sponsors along with the tracks sponsors will be giving away a lot of cool swag.

## Deadline rapidly approaching for cotton ginning cost share program

By Mary Jane Buerkle  
Plains Cotton Growers

Cotton producers should take note of the rapidly approaching August 5 deadline to participate in the Cotton Ginning Cost-Share Program. The program will provide an estimated \$300 million in much-needed assistance to growers across the Cotton Belt.

"Every cotton producer who had a share of the 2015 crop should have received a form in the mail from the Farm Service Agency indicating certified planted acres," Plains Cotton Growers Executive Vice President Steve Verett said. "That form needs to be reviewed, signed and returned to FSA no later than August 5 in order to participate in this program. Producers who hold power of attorney may execute the ginning assistance form on the landowner's behalf."

"This deadline will not be extended, so it is absolutely imperative that producers take care of this before then," Verett said.

Signup for this one-time payment began

Monday, June 20. Any disputed acres must be reconciled in person at the FSA office. Payments will be made periodically as signup takes place.

Qualifying payments will be determined by a producer's 2015 cotton acres reported to FSA, multiplied by 40 percent of the average ginning cost for each production region. Payments to Texas producers will be \$36.97 per acre.

The program has the same eligibility requirements as were used for the 2014 Cotton Transition Assistance Program, including a \$40,000 per producer payment limit, requirement to be actively engaged in farming, meet conservation compliance and a \$900,000 adjusted gross income limit. Producers will not need to have a 2016 AGI certification in place if they already have an AGI form for 2015 that represents tax returns from 2011, 2012, and 2013.

For more on the Cotton Ginning Cost-Share program, visit <http://www.plainscotton.org> or contact your local FSA office.

## Insurance changes expand farm safety net for double cropping

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Acting Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Michael Scuse announced that the federal crop insurance program will provide additional flexibility to farmers.

The modifications center on the practice of growing two crops on the same field at different times of the year, which is known as double cropping.

"We are constantly looking for ways to meet the needs of our farmers and seek out their feedback so we can best provide them with the tools and resources they need to grow and support their operations," Scuse said. "After receiving input from a number of stakeholders, we made these changes to the federal crop insurance program to provide greater flexibility and

better reflect current agricultural practices."

The USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) worked to provide additional flexibility requested by farmers. Double cropping requirements are revised to adequately recognize changes in growing farm operations or for added land.

This change will address both land added to an operation, and account for multiple crop rotations. These changes will be in effective for the 2017 crop year for most crops, starting with winter wheat.

Under the Obama Administration, federal crop insurance programs have been enhanced to ensure that America's farmers and ranchers have the strongest safety net possible that applies to the diverse types and sizes of farms in our country, and the

wide variety of products they grow. USDA federal crop insurance programs provide producers with greater access to financial tools than ever before, at a time when prices are low and access to credit can be difficult. Working with producers, RMA has developed innovative and well-received products to adapt the program to today's diverse farm operations. Special focus has been given to more diversified farms, small farms and beginning farmers and ranchers.

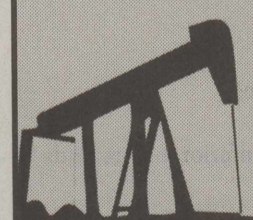
Crop insurance is sold and delivered solely through private crop insurance agents. Contact a local crop insurance agent for more information about these changes.

A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers or online at [www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agent.html](http://www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agent.html).

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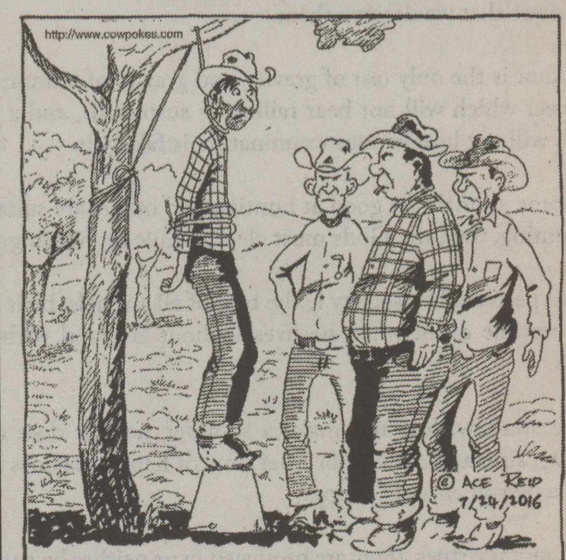
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# FLOYDADA SCHOOL NEWS

## Meet the Teacher Nights set for Aug. 16-18

FLOYDADA --In order to share information and start to create parent-teacher partnerships the Floydada Independent School District has decided to change its traditional Meet the Teacher night.

They will be having two types of informational sessions--general and grade level specific.

Topics for the sessions will be:

- General:
- Attendance
- Discipline

The schedule will be:

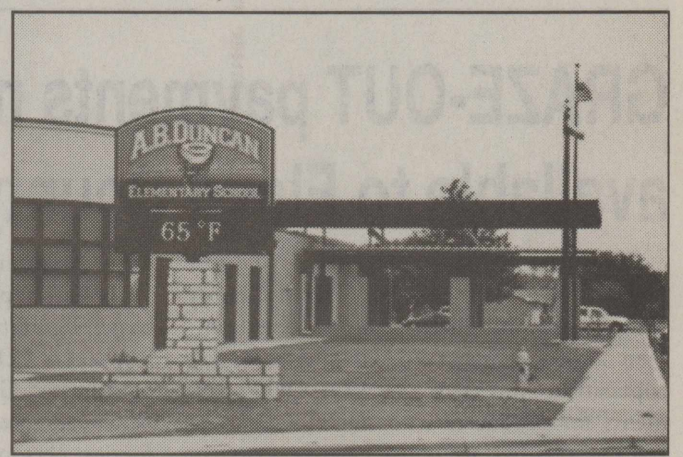
- Tuesday 8/16
- PK/1st - 5:00-6:00
- 3rd/4th - 6:00-7:00

(General session will be for the first 20 minutes in the Cafeteria then you will meet with grade level teachers)

Fundraising and End of Year Field Trip  
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- Grade Level:
  - Classroom procedures and expectations
  - Positive contacts
  - Homeroms
  - Teacher contact information and conference times
- The FISD encourages parents and guardians to attend these sessions with their children.

- Thursday 8/18
- K/2nd - 5:00- 6:00
- 5th/6th - 6:00-7:00



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Meet the Teacher Nights are set for Aug. 16, 18 at Duncan Elementary in Floydada, starting at 5 p.m. and ending at 7 p.m. each night. See story for allotted times for each grade.

## Whirlwind football practice to begin

By Coach Bandy  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Whirlwind football will begin promptly at 8 a.m. on Monday, August 1. All high school football players will report to the field house at this time.

Football practices will begin at 8 a.m. the first week. All medical history and physical forms need to be completed before you report on Monday morning. Family medical in Plainview is charging \$15 for a sports physical until August 1. West Texas

family clinics in Floydada and Plainview will charge \$50 and Covenant in Plainview is charging \$29.

We look forward to seeing everyone Monday morning.

Look for more info about Whirlwind football in the upcoming issues.

## Floydada Homecoming Preparations Continue

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The Floydada Homecoming Planning Committee continues to prepare for the September 9-10 event.

The committee requests anyone who is planning a class gathering to contact Sarah Hinsley at 806-781-2360 so that their group's information can be added to the official flyer which is being finalized.

Committee member Laura Turner stressed their need for volunteers and that many small jobs remain, such as help with registration, etc. To volunteer or for info on planning your own class reunion call Turner at 806-983-3922.

The next planning meeting will be held Thursday, August 4th at the Floydada Independent School District Administration Office, located at 226 West California, beginning at 5 pm.

## Diamond Dusters defeat high schoolers in Hale Center

By Gilbert Trevino  
Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

HALE CENTER--Floydada's Diamond Dusters softball team made up of mostly 11 and 12-year olds played this past weekend (Friday night) in a Round Robin in

Hale Center. The games were against Hale Center's and Lockney's high school summer league teams.

In the first game, Floydada played Hale Center and beat them 11-5. Sophomore sensation from the Lady Winds

team, Hannah Morales, and 5th grader, Analise Perez, helped in both games.

In the second game, they played Lockney and beat them 13-8.

Behind the strong Pitching of Hannah Morales and Erin Trevino and the strong hitting

of all girls on the team, they were able to overcome Hale Center and Lockney's advantage in age and experience.

The girls finally put all facets of the game together and battled two teams of older girls to showcase the bright future of Floydada softball.

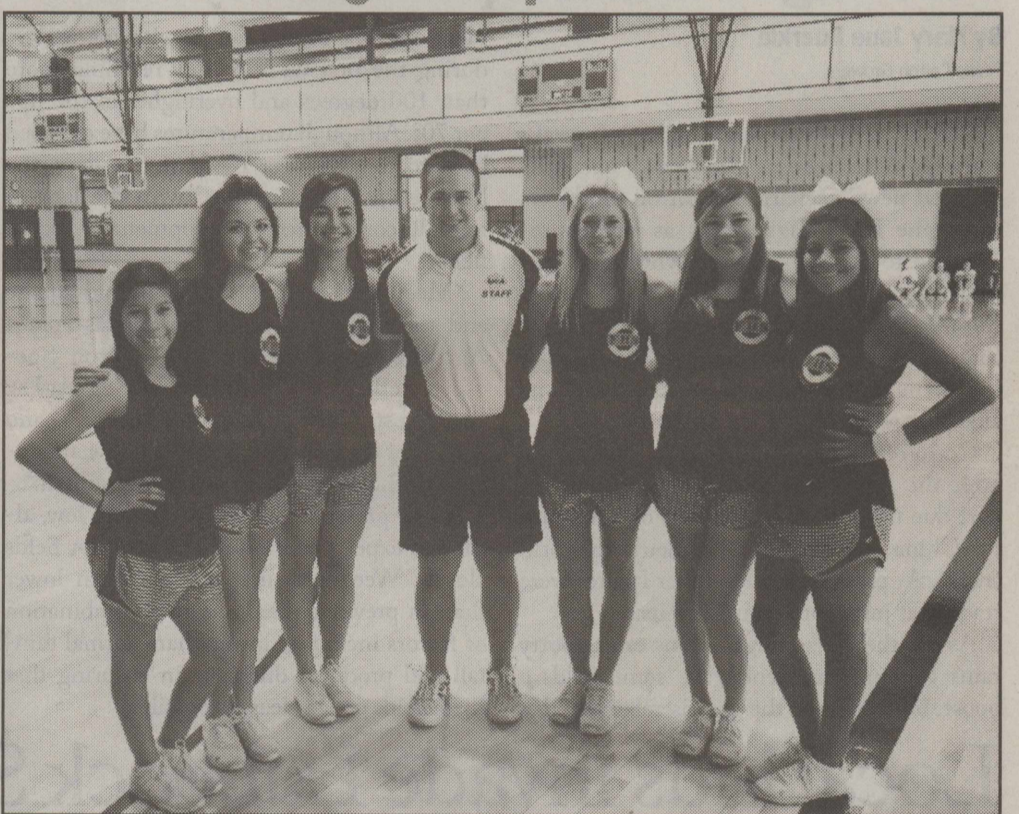
## FFA State Convention



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The 88th Texas FFA State Convention was held in Dallas July 11-15. The following FISD students attended. These are their classification for the upcoming school year. Seniors: Casey Cage, Brayden Campbell and Karley Weems. Juniors: Jacob Chavarria, Stefanni Chavarria and Alex Glass. Sophomores: Allison Orr, Cutter Smith, Ethan Smith, Monty Stambaugh and Andrew Vega.

## Cheerleading Camp



The 2016-2017 FISD Cheerleaders attended the Texas Tech Cheerleading Camp. "We had a great time and learned a lot. I am really excited for this upcoming year," said Head Cheerleader Kaylee Morren. Those who attended the camp were Marissa Valdivia, Valerie Espinoza, Kaylee Morren, Brooke Galvan, Taylor Chavarria and Kortney Campbell.

## Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

(Note: all quotes come from Aristotle)

A flatterer is a friend who is your inferior, or pretends to be so.

All paid jobs absorb and degrade the mind.

Dignity consists not in possessing honors, but in the consciousness that we deserve them.

Humor is the only test of gravity, and gravity of humor; for a subject which will not bear raillery is suspicious, and a jest which will not bear serious examination is false wit.

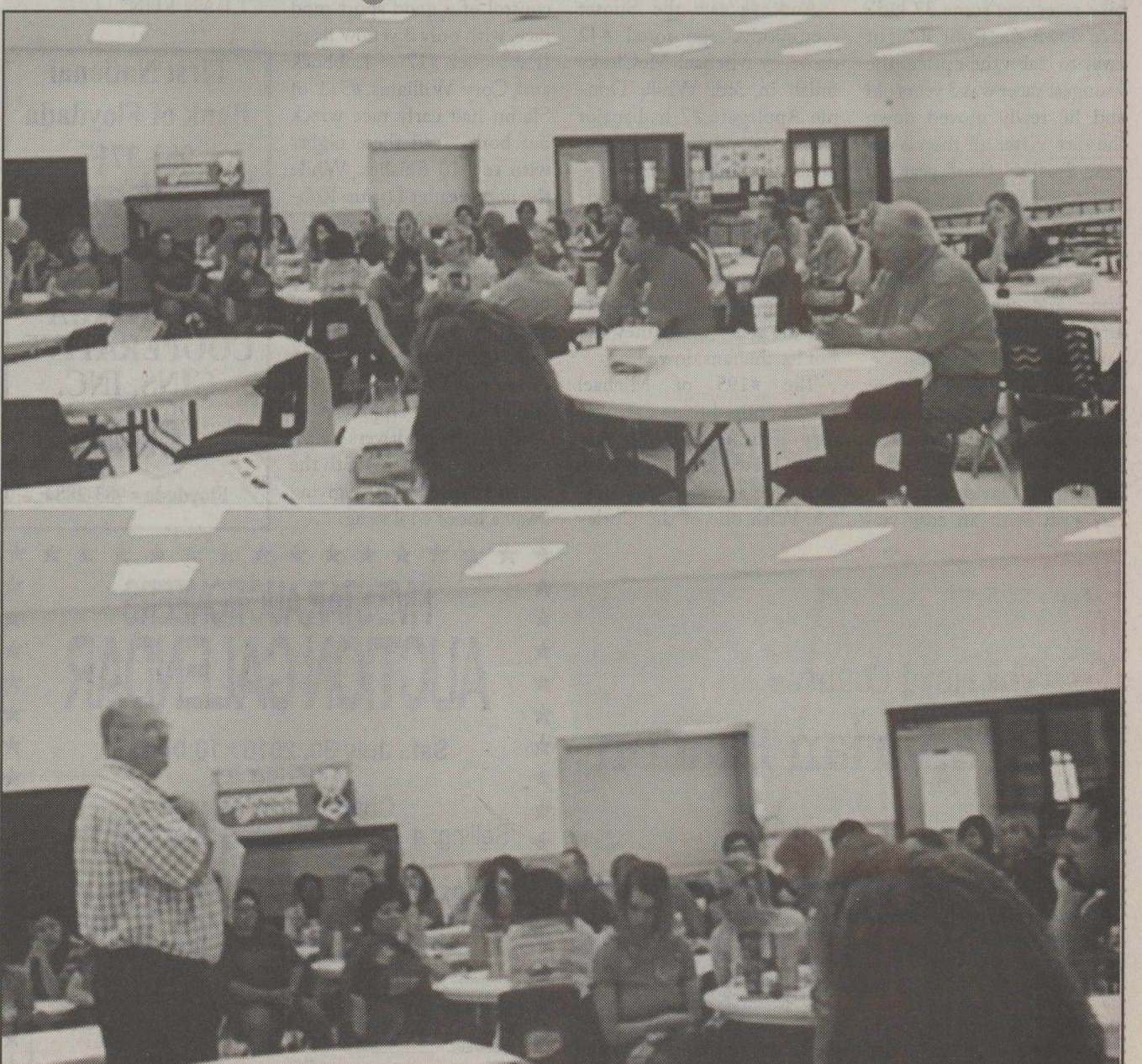
If some animals are good at hunting and others are suitable for hunting, then the Gods must clearly smile on hunting.

Man perfected by society is the best of all animals; he is the most terrible of all when he lives without law, and without justice.

One swallow does not make a summer, neither does one fine day; similarly one day or brief time of happiness does not make a person entirely happy.

The moral virtues, then, are produced in us neither by nature nor against nature. Nature, indeed, prepares in us the ground for their reception, but their complete formation is the product of habit.


## Teacher Training



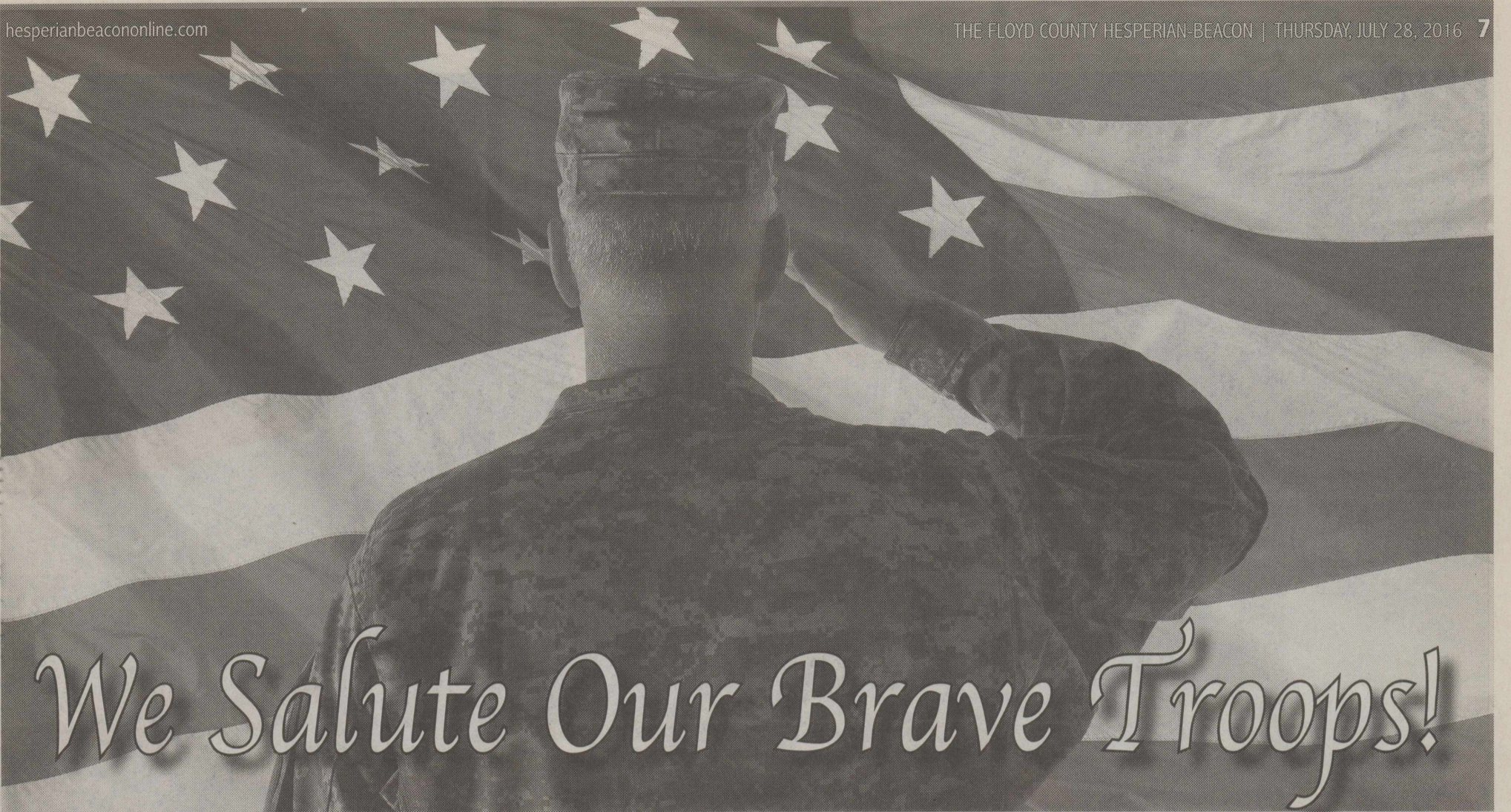
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Last week, Floydada teachers completed T-TESS training. The Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS) is a system designed by educators to support teachers in their professional growth. It is designed to provide a feedback loop for teachers and students.

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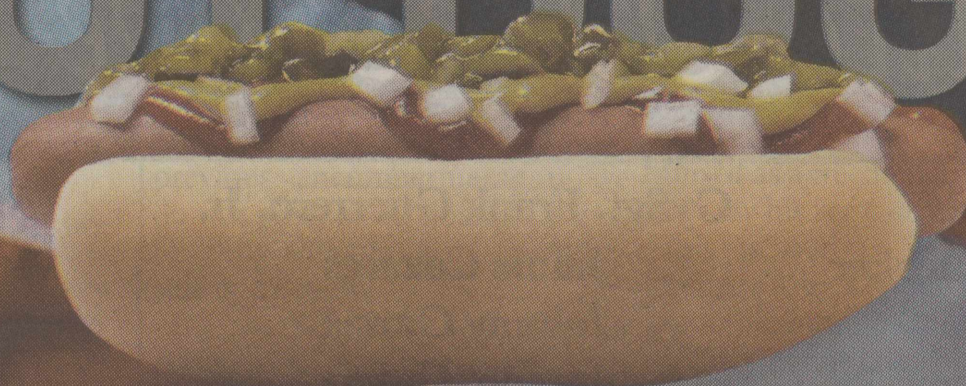
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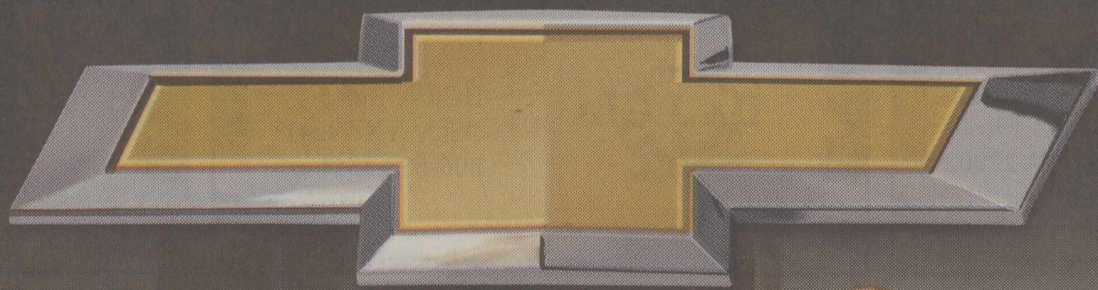
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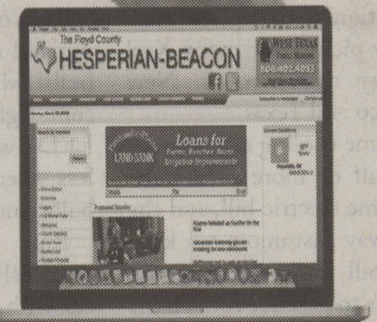
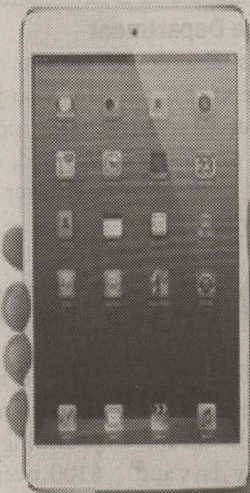
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It is a Class A Misdemeanor to abandon any animal and a \$100 dollar REWARD is being offered for information leading to the arrest of the suspect.

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Turn off unnecessary lighting and replace incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs or LEDs, which use 75 percent less energy than traditional bulbs and last longer.

Run washing machines, dishwashers and clothes dryers with full loads after the heat of the day.

Change air conditioning filters.

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# Floydada City Council discusses power outages, plans to correct

**By Kay Ellington**  
The Hesperian-Beacon

The week of July 11 in Floydada many residents were without power for a few hours due to a surge in demand for air conditioning and electricity. At last week's city council meeting, representatives from McKinstry Direct Energy Team appeared before the city council.

McKinstry works with municipal, medical, educational and commercial industries and has been in operation since 1960 with 1,900 employees and operations in 15 states across the U.S. In Texas they have offices in Dallas and San Antonio.

This was the second appearance by McKinstry before the council. They indicated that they are accustomed to working with cities faced with budget constraints and limited resources who didn't want to further burden taxpayers.

The team recommended that they conduct a detailed energy and water audit and suggested improvement measures that could save the city a significant amount on their energy and water spend and thereby, enable the city to upgrade utilities to lessen the likelihood of outages.

McKinstry gave the city an estimated cost of \$120,000 to conduct the utility audit, but said that electricity and water savings would more than offset the costs.

In discussion after their presentation, city manager Jeff Johnson pointed out to the council that McKinstry's costs were "hard

costs," and that the savings would come over time. Mayor Pro Tem Sam Green said, "We have to do something." He was referencing the power outages.

Johnson recommended that the group discuss the McKinstry recommendations further as part of an overall plan.

In other council action, Jim Finley, Floyd County Appraisal District Chief Appraiser, appeared before the group to discuss 2016 Ad Valorem taxes. He said that for 2016 the effective tax rate would be .39767 and last year's effective tax rate was .400.

According to Finley, "Market values increased to enable tax rates to decrease."

In other agenda items, the council approved \$1,200 in HOT funds for the Ex-Students Association for the Floydada Homecoming.

The council also approved one zoning variance and tabled another.

It approved the addition of a new building at 600 N. 1st Street, and tabled discussion on the building of a new carport at 300 E. Kentucky Street.

Also at the meeting, the mayor was authorized to act on behalf of the city police department for a grant that would assist in the purchase of a new police vehicle.

Discussion continued on the deeding/closing of 8th Street between California and Missouri adjacent to Producer's Co-Op. Karen Houchin, city attorney, indicated that if the land were deeded, it might have to go up for bids. No resolution action occurred on this agenda item.

# Texas Tech to lease part of new Pantex Complex for national defense work

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Texas Tech University is taking a big step forward in research and development for national defense.

Management firm Consolidated Nuclear Security, LLC (CNS) received approval recently from the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) to pursue a lease for a facility that will transform the skyline of the Pantex Plant, the nation's only nuclear weapons assembly and disassembly facility and a key element in the U.S. nuclear security enterprise. Pantex is located 17 miles east of Amarillo.

The new Pantex Administrative Support Complex (ASC), to be built just south of the Pantex Plant, will be a 343,000 square foot, state-of-the-art facility providing office space for up to 1,100 federal and contractor employees. The facility will be developed by Lawler-Wood, LLC.

A portion of the new complex – 16,000 square feet – will be leased to the Texas Tech with visions of optimizing the facility's utility and providing profound service in the national agenda. Texas Tech has been recognized for its commitment to national defense.

"Texas Tech is committed to meeting our national security needs," said interim president John Opperman. "Texas Tech and CNS researchers are

collaborating in the areas of novel 3-D printing technologies, modeling of chemical processes and advanced machining studies. This partnership with CNS is the next step in our ongoing national defense efforts."

In September, Texas Tech and CNS agreed upon areas for collaborative efforts as well as the scope of potential future opportunities. Since then, several contracts have been awarded to Texas Tech to meet research needs at both Pantex and the Y-12 National Security Complex in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, which CNS also operates. Multiple employees from Pantex have enrolled in Texas Tech's Master's of Systems and Engineering Management program.

"CNS and Texas Tech will continue to work closely to broaden and deepen the collaborative efforts that meet our mutual strategic goals," said Guy Loneragan, Texas Tech's interim vice president for research. "The Texas Tech space at the new ASC will serve to further solidify our growing relationship with CNS."

Robert V. Duncan, the university's vice president of strategic research initiatives, said the collaboration benefits Texas Tech alumni as well as current and future students.

"I am delighted we have negotiated this excellent opportunity for Texas Tech

with Pantex and CNS," Duncan said. "This is yet another example of how achieving our designation as a Tier One Highest Research University by the Carnegie Foundation has increased the reputation of Texas Tech worldwide and increased the value of our degrees to our alumni's benefit everywhere."

"This milestone underscores our commitment to address the Pantex Plant's aging infrastructure challenges and to invest in the site to position it for the future," said CNS Deputy Enterprise Manager Michelle Reichert. "The ASC will enhance our ability to attract and retain highly skilled employees to safely perform our national security mission. It will also allow us to be more focused on other critical infrastructure needs at the Plant."

CNS will now begin working with Lawler-Wood, LLC to finalize the project details. Construction is anticipated to begin in August. The new facility will be near the intersection of Farm to Market Road 2373 and Highway 60.

"This announcement is an important milestone in strengthening our continued work with Pantex," Texas Tech University System Chancellor Robert Duncan said. "Nuclear safety and security is paramount to our national defense, and Texas Tech's leadership will help enhance the mission and overall efforts at this facility. We are excited to increase our research and development activities with Pantex and look forward to future collaborations this space will provide as we work together in service to the NNSA."

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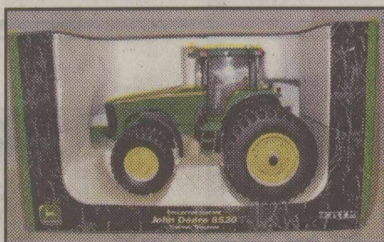
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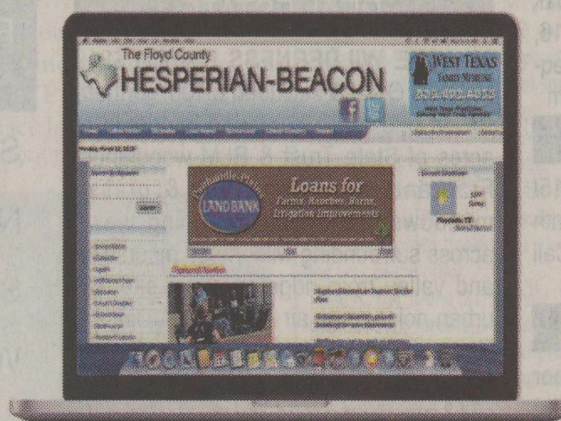
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