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Petersburg wind farm could be state's largest

By Kay Ellington
 The Hesperian-Beacon

In September of 2013 it was announced that the world's largest wind farm would be erected from the Floyd County line, northeast of Petersburg and would extend across all of Hale County all the way to Abernathy.

According to its parent company, Tri Global Energy, four smaller wind-energy projects — Hale County Wind Farm, CottonWind Farms, Lakeview Wind Farms and East Mound Renewable Energy Project — would come together to comprise the new, larger one. The project was to have the potential to generate 1,100 megawatts of renewable energy.

In September of 2015, Tri Global Energy announced that NextEra Energy, the largest wind and solar renewable-energy power company in North America, would be the development partner for the Hale Community Wind Energy project that encompasses 122,312 leased acres with more than 350 landowners in the eastern half of Hale County.

On Friday, Florida-based NextEra Energy announced a deal to buy Oncor, Texas' largest electric transmission utility. NextEra said it would acquire the Oncor ownership stake from Energy Future Holdings, formerly TXU Corp., which has been mired in a complex and contentious Chapter 11 bankruptcy for more than two years.

According to company press releases, the

\$18.4 billion deal will give NextEra an 80 percent share of Oncor, whose 120,000 miles of transmission and distribution lines deliver power to more than 3 million homes and businesses in North and West Texas within the ERCOT grid.

"We are pleased to have reached a definitive agreement," Jim Robo, chairman and CEO of NextEra Energy, said in a statement. "We are incredibly impressed by Oncor's management team and its employees."

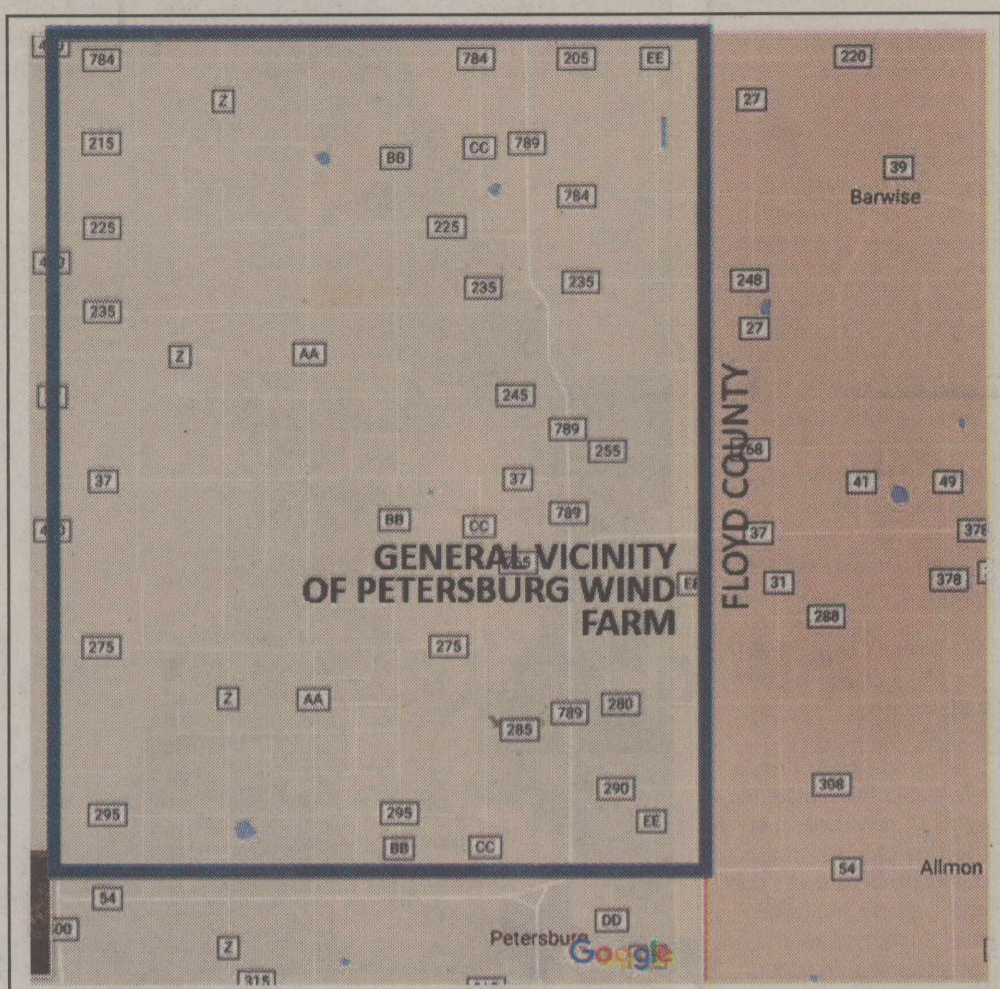
NextEra Energy Resources, will begin construction on the first phase of its massive Hale Wind Energy, LLC, project during the first quarter of 2017. Planned for the Petersburg area, Phase I is expected to generate 478 megawatts of energy using 239 General Electric 2.0MW turbines, according to company announcement.

Ultimately, NextEra plans to expand its Hale Wind Energy project, acquired from Tri-Global, in up to four phases across most of the eastern half of Hale County. Total production capacity is expected to be about 800 megawatts.

If approved, NextEra's deal could help deliver Oncor's parent company, Energy Future Holdings, from one of the largest corporate bankruptcies in American history. That company, saddled with more than \$42 billion in debt, also owns Texas' largest electric generation fleet and its largest electric retailer.

NextEra, which has sizable footprint in

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NextEra Energy, the developer of the Petersburg windmill farm, slated to be under construction in early 2017, made an offer on Texas's largest energy transmission company on Friday. The Petersburg wind farm borders the Floyd County line on the east side, FM 54 on the south, FM 784 on the north, and FM 400 on the east.

FUMC hosts Festival of Tables Fund-raiser

By Jennifer Harbin
 Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY--Tables were decked out, each with its own special decorations, on Saturday for the First United Methodist Church's fifth annual Festival of Tables. The dining room, full to capacity, was filled with joyous laughter as friends gathered to benefit the church's mission fund.

According to parishioner Milton Schaeffer, the mission fund has paid for several kids to go to camp, sent money to missionaries, and covers anything the council thinks will spread the word, "and not necessarily the word of our church, but the word of God."

The Festival of Tables was first introduced to the FUMC when Cindy Huffman took some of her new friends to the Holiday Happening event in Portales, New Mexico.

"I belong to a group called Altrusa International in Portales, which is a service organization. We had a fundraiser when our hospital was being rebuilt...for equipment for the maternity ward, then furnished the chapel and donated money to the Make a Wish Foundation," Huffman explained, who moved from Rogers, New Mexico to Lockney in 2008.

"I invited some people from Lockney to go with me and they enjoyed it and thought it would be neat to try something like that here," Huffman shared.

They then visited with several church members, and the mission committee decided it would be beneficial if they held their own Festival of Tables. But instead of holding it December, the committee chose to hold it in the summer.



"The Blessings of Harvest" table, decorated by Charlotte Mitchell, was adorned in Autumn colors and golden lights.



A sparkling picture frame accents a table called "Celebration of Light" decorated by Andy Ford at Saturday's Festival of Tables. Every piece on the table, from the candlesticks to the centerpiece, was glittery silver.

Huffman explained that every year has a different theme, previous years focus-

ing on the months of the year, a garden party, and Christmas in July, and this year's event

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Diamond Dusters



The Floydada Diamond Dusters fastpitch softball team finished third over the weekend in the Slaton Tournament. Back Row: Ricky Coronado, Eddie Sanchez, Celese Wickware, Arianna Garcia, Alyssa Obregon, Erin Trevino, Ashlyn Green, Gilbert Trevino, Front Row: Marissa Obregon, Kailee Sanchez, Jazmine Coronado, Clarissa Delafuente, Tatum Glasscock, Danielle Zavala, and Madison Havens



Analise Perez of Floydada was selected to the USSSA All-State team in McKinney July 30 and was coached by Brianna Cherry, an outfielder with the Dallas Charge, the professional fastpitch softball team.

Floydada's Perez named All-State

By Kay Ellington
 The Hesperian-Beacon

She was awarded a USSA
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Analise Perez of Floydada played in a USSSA - United States Specialty Sports Association softball tournament on July 8-10 in Frisco where her 10 and under team, the Lubbock G8trz, won first place.

From there all the coaches from that tournament were asked to nominate players to play in the All-Star state tournament in McKinney July 30. She was nominated and selected to play two games as shortstop, pitcher and outfielder and was coached by outfielder Brianna Cherry from the Dallas Charge professional softball team.

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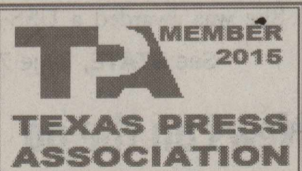
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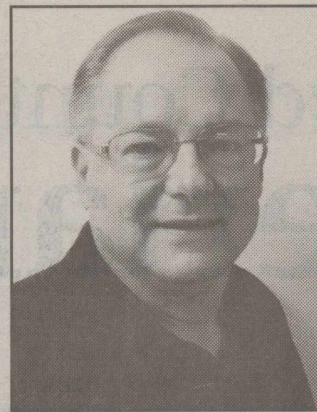
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Calahan to hold concert at South Plains Baptist Church

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - Join us at South Plains Baptist Church on Sunday, August 14th, at 11 a.m. for a concert presented by Barry Calahan, son of H.S. (Junior) and June Calahan.
He is currently serving at Southside Baptist Church in Monahans, Texas as Minister of Music/Education/Senior Adults.

Barry was born and raised in the South Plains community up until 1964 when his dad professed his calling to the pulpit. He has always considered South Plains Baptist Church as the place where his journey with the Lord began.
He is thrilled to have the opportunity to sing praises to his Lord again in his boyhood church and reconnect with family and friends.



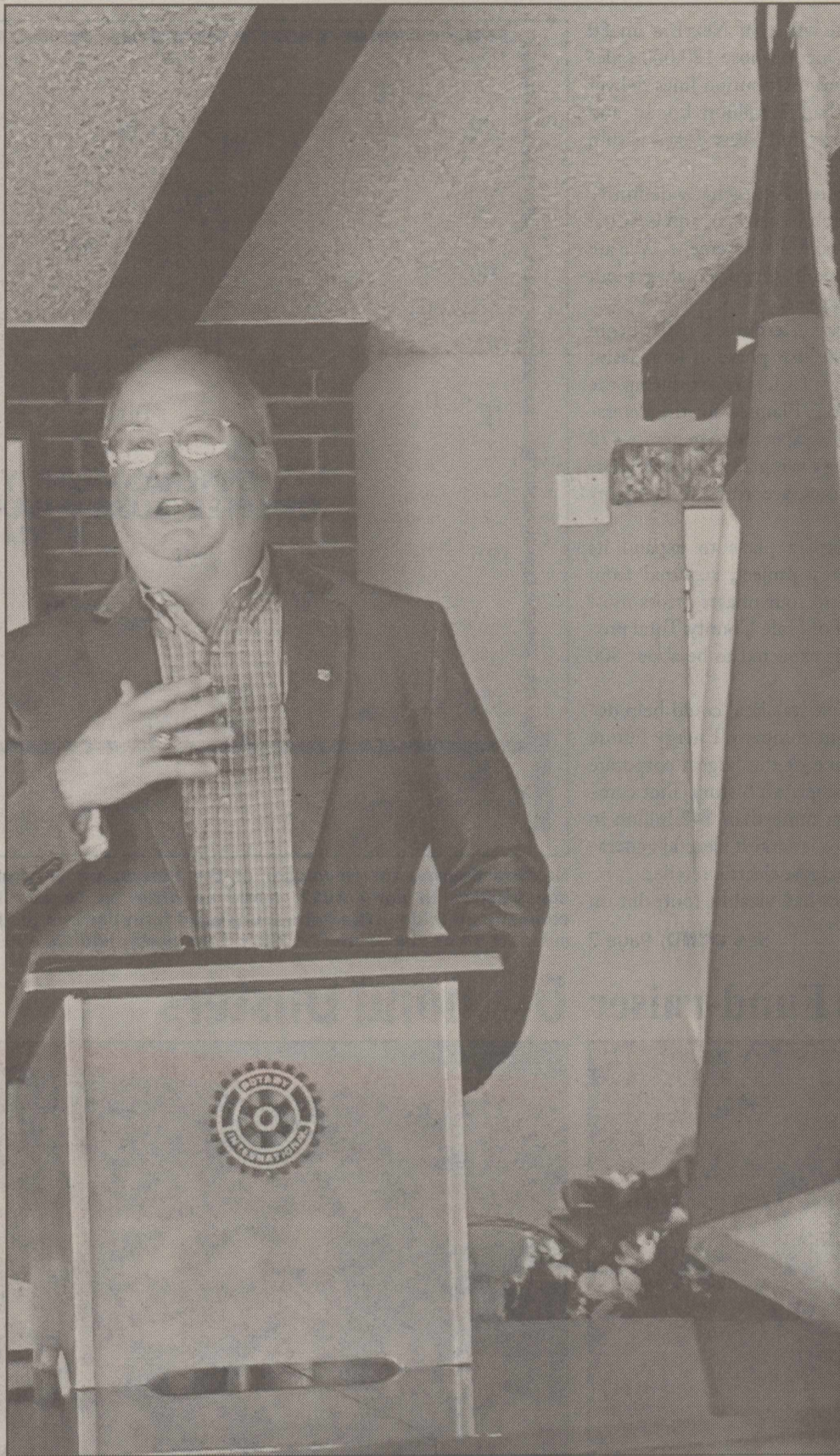
BARRY CALAHAN

Tax Free

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The annual sales tax holiday in Texas has been set for the first weekend in August as children prepare to return to classes. The Texas comptroller's office says the tax-free weekend, for a number of school-related items, will be Aug. 5-7.
The law, as in previous years, exempts most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks priced under \$100 from sales and use taxes.
The tax break for anyone shopping that weekend in Texas would be about \$8 on every \$100 spent. The sales tax holiday includes qualifying items sold online, by telephone or by mail. Shoppers can also use layaway plans.
Sales tax must still be paid on some certain items, such as luggage, purses, wallets and watches.
The Texas tax break weekend has been an annual event since 1999.

Floydada Rotary



Courtesy Photo

The Floydada Rotary Club program on July 27th was presented by Rotarian Jeff Dorman. He invited County Judge Marty Lucke to update the club on County business. He spoke on the county equipment, wind projects, road maintenance, budget process, health care, salaries, prison care and other related matters. Thank you, Judge Lucke!

The 501

Join a band when you're past 65, and you might end up playing first chair.

It happened to me, but I exaggerate - and I don't mean the age part. I'm first chair because I'm the only saxophoneist (I use the term loosely) playing a C-melody sax. If you're old enough to know what one is, you can probably join a senior band too - except it's not a senior band. It's mostly middle school and high school band members plus some aspiring vocalists. I'm



HANABA MUNN WELCH

one of those too. Music is like that. Age doesn't matter. Unless your saxophone is 98 years old. My obsolete sax is the reason I'm in the band. The director likes it. He liked it even before I spent a shameful chunk of change for a new used mouthpiece. Here's a tip just for the musical instrument repair guys at music stores: Raise your eyebrows when someone presents you an instrument for inspection. Show appreciation for whatever it is. Smile. If they offer to let you play it, act like it's the best thing that's happened to you all day. Use your mouthpiece. Make it sound fabulous. Then figure out a way to mention the improvement in sound they might experience if they invested in a

new mouthpiece. Yes, that was the scenario. I have no regrets. Now my sax plays better, despite my lack of skill. I even think it's louder. It was loud already. My fellow-saxophonists - one playing alto and the other tenor - are both accomplished. We present a contrast. The whole experience reminds me of when I played a borrowed alto sax in the band my senior year in college - pretty nerdy of me since I'd never been in a band. During marching season, the goal was to put as many marchers on the football field as possible. That's how I got in. That was before it became apparent I had a hard time staying in step. The director and his assistant used to amuse themselves from

Opinion

OSHA's war on the franchise business model

By Nathan Mehrens

OSHA, and several federal agencies with jurisdiction over employment law have spent years pushing a greatly expanded theory of employer liability known as a joint employer standard.
Newly-released records from the Obama Administration's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) show that they have been right in the middle of this and that they have conducted a large-scale, coordinated effort to expand franchisors' liabilities.
This issue came to light when a draft document containing a questionnaire for use by OSHA investigators was reported in Politico. The ludicrous questionnaire contained exactly zero questions dealing with matters involving health or safety. Instead, the scores of questions demanded information such as "how does the franchisee obtain the franchise," and "does corporate require franchisee to use any specific computer system."
The goal was to be able to establish that both the franchisor and franchisees are the employer of the covered employees and thus are jointly liable when employment law violations occur.
To gain a better understanding of what OSHA is doing, Americans for Limited Government Foundation filed a Freedom of Information Act request (FOIA) with OSHA seeking background information. In response, OSHA released 749 pages of responsive records to us.
From the records released to us we know that OSHA and other Department of Labor personnel have expended a massive number of man hours on this issue. Personnel at many levels across the country have been involved.
The McDonald's corporation was targeted extensively, and spreadsheets tracking information on the company were produced. At one point an agency official noted that a complaint had been filed against Burger King, but decided to not include that information. Apparently that particular complaint didn't fit the narrative they were looking to create.
Also clear from the correspondence is that Labor Department personnel have a friendly working relationship with union-related entities, such as Fast Food Workers Campaign and the large union federation, Change to Win.
The theory of liability that OSHA is attempting to spread is much like the following scenario.
Suppose on your day off you are driving and get pulled over by a deputy sheriff. Instead of the typical "do you know why I pulled you over?" you are asked a series of questions regarding who you work for, how much money you make, the method of payment that is used by your employer to pay you, whether your employer is incorporated and if so, what type of corporation it is, etc.

Surprised, you ask how these questions could possibly be relevant to anything that you are doing. You are told that the locality is looking for ways to increase liability of employers for their employee's actions (even those done outside the course and scope of the employment relationship) and as such officers have been instructed to ask these questions in traffic stops. Their goal, you are told, is to be able to hit the "deeper pockets" of the employer rather than just getting citation money from the individual who speeds.
There is also a second motivation. The attempt to make the employer vicariously liable isn't because the employer has done anything wrong or are in any way culpable. It is instead based on a theory that the "economic realities" of the situation mean that bringing in the employer gives leverage to the agency to obtain a desired outcome, regardless of whether your driving habits are a matter of concern to the employer. In other words, your employer with the power to hire and fire, who really doesn't want to be involved in this situation to begin with, is likely to lean on you to resolve the situation quickly.
Going back to OSHA, what they are doing is similar. Rather than focusing on individual wrongdoers they are looking at alternative ways to obtain what they want. Believing that franchisors have the economic power to bend franchisees to OSHA's will, the agency is pressing hard to get what it wants.
They are attempting to make virtually limitless the types of situations in which a corporate entity could be held liable, as an employer, and in so doing are threatening a business model that has enabled many individuals to start from scratch and become business owners.
If OSHA is even the least bit concerned with the consequences of expanding liability in the way it wants, this is not evident from records they disclosed to us.
It's all about finding the deepest pockets. If that breaks a few things along the way, so be it.

the grandstand watching me. Probably some other people did too. Anyway, I kept playing even through concert season, always last chair, automatically moving down the row when anyone new joined the alto sax section. If I could play the music, I played it. Otherwise, I faked it. It was easy to get lost in the crowd. At least I didn't have to stay in step. Now I can't fake it. I don't blend in. My tarnished silvery instrument matches my hair. The other two players are girls who sparkle. So do their shiny golden saxs. When our section hits a wrong note, the audience will assume it's me. They'll be right. Maybe I'll redeem myself when I sing "Fly Me to the Moon." Maybe not. LIGHT BULB HERE. Idea! I'll change the words: "Send her to the moon and let her play among the stars," "She can leave her saxophone on Jupiter or Mars." Audiences always applaud excellence. I'll settle for laughter. Or maybe just some big smiles.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Kasner, Klein awarded TILF scholarships

By D'Lyn Morris
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The Texas Interscholastic League Foundation in Austin recently awarded Levi Kasner and Jace Klein, 2016 LHS graduates, scholarships in the amount of \$8,000 each for their participation and success in UIL contests.

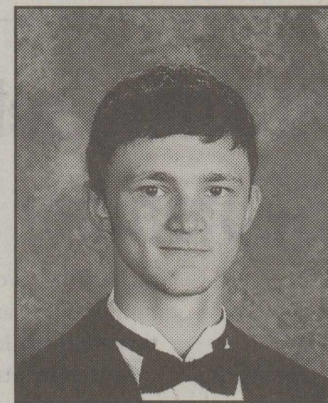
Levi participated in Science, Math, Band and athletics. Jace competed in Science, Current Issues and Events,

One Act Play, Editorial and Headline Writing, Band, and athletics. Both young men are members of the Science team that competed all four years of their high school career at the State Meet under the direction of Mrs. Racheal Kasner and Mrs. D'Lyn Morris. The team earned the 2A State Science Championship in May 2016. Jace is the 3 time 2A State Science Champ.

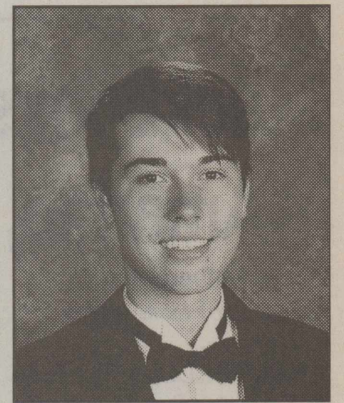
TILF has over \$11 million in endowed funds and has awarded more

than \$28 million since 1958 to more than 19,000 Texas high school students who have competed in the UIL Academic State Meet. In 2015, 351 new and 217 continuing scholarships totaling more than \$1.1 million were awarded.

Levi will be attending the Honors College of Texas Tech University pursuing a major in Engineering and Jace will attend the Honors College of University of Texas majoring in Biology.



LEVI KASNER



JACE KLEIN

Floyd County 4-H'ers compete at state shooting sports games

The shotgun and archery events associated with the State 4-H Shooting Games were held July 17-23 at the National Shooting Complex in San Antonio. Three Floyd County 4-H'ers competed.

Tyann Phillips competed as an intermediate in American Trap, Whizbang and Gunsmoke. She also competed

along with her father, Tyler Phillips, in Sporting Clays.

Ryder Glass and his father, Bill Glass, also competed in Sporting Clays. Ryder also shot archery. In the Intermediate Recurve Division, he places 3rd in Clout, 4th in Field, and 5th in 3D and Mod 600. In the Intermediate Barebow Division, he placed 1st in Wand and 3rd

in Clout. Ryder also competed in the team event. His team place 2nd in the Recurve Division.

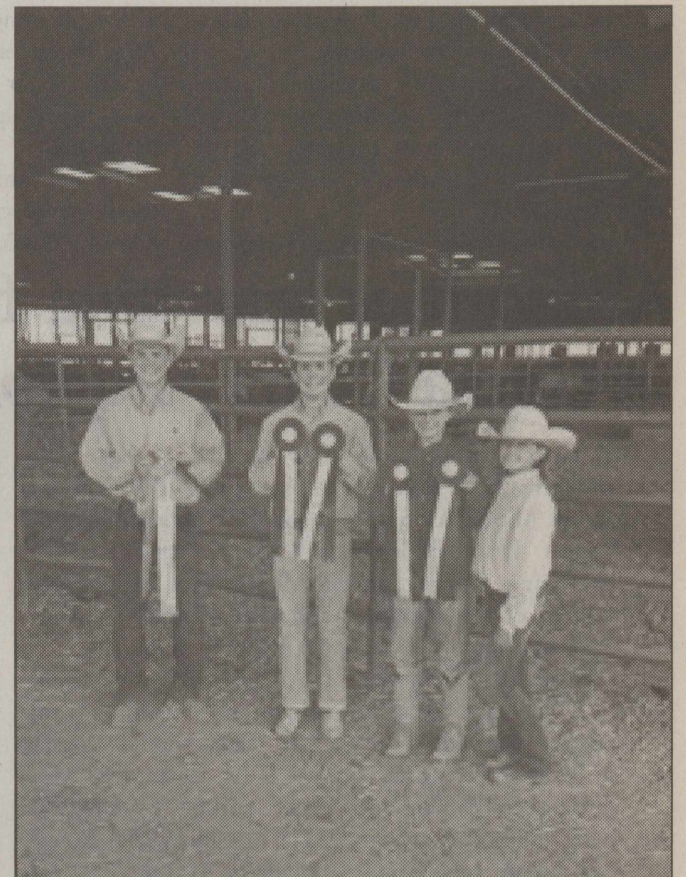
Rachel Graham competed in the Senior 1 Compound Unaided Division. She placed 1st in 3D, Field, Clout and Mod 600 and was 2nd in Wand. Rachel was high overall in the Compound Unaided Senior 1 Division.



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Floyd County 4-H'ers attending State Shooting Sports games in 2016 include (left to right) Rachel Graham, Tyann Phillips and Ryder Glass.

Texas State 4-H Horse Show results



Courtesy Photo

Floyd County 4-H'ers participated in the 2016 State 4-H Horse Show. Shown in the photo are (left to right) Cutter Smith, Ethan Smith, Jack Brooks and Preslie Brooks.

By Cristen Brooks

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Another successful horse show season is in the books for Floyd County's 4-H Horse participants!

The Texas State 4-H Horse Show was held at the Taylor Expo Center in Abilene July 23rd through the 30th.

Exhibitors included Cutter Smith, Ethan Smith, Jack Brooks and Preslie Brooks. They all showed in numerous Stock Horse classes, including pleasure, trail, reining, cow boxing, horsemanship and ranch sorting.

In the Cow Boxing class Cutter Smith placed 9th, Jack Brooks placed 11th, and Ethan Smith placed 15th. Both Ethan Smith and Jack Brooks made it into the finals in ranch sorting as well.

These kids have been working hard all spring and summer with their horses and the hard work showed in Abilene.

Congratulations on a job well done!



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Pet Talk

Fitness and activity monitors have become a useful way for humans to meet their daily health goals. At the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences (CVM), veterinarians are using activity trackers in the form of a collar, to help keep dogs healthy.

The activity monitors the CVM uses contain technology that can accurately monitor canine patients' key vital signs and health indicators, such as resting heart rate, resting respiratory rate, quality of rest, amount and level of activity and expended calories. The monitors can also help identify early indicators of some diseases, such as heart failure and osteoarthritis by alerting the dog's owner and veterinarian when vital signs and health indicators are abnormal. They can also be used to help monitor disease progression and evaluate the efficacy of therapy in a variety of conditions, such as pain management and weight loss management in obese patients.

"The monitors can provide objective data while the dog is at home, meaning the veterinarian can review data from the dog's status in its normal habitat, where they are less stressed than when they visit the veterinarian's office," said Caitlin Conner, DVM student who is involved in a work-study project with activity monitors. "The monitors are incorporated into a comfortable collar that collect data and display it online via a Wi-Fi connection. Based on the dog's previous monitor data and the disease status the dog is being monitored for, parameters, such as respiration rate, can be customized by the attending veterinarian for each individual dog. Anytime the monitor recorded data goes outside the customized parameters, the veterinarian caring for the dog and the owner are alerted so that it can be determined if a follow-up appointment is needed."

Data collected from the monitors can help determine if a treatment plan for a disease is working. For example, the CVM may use the activity monitors to evaluate a dog with heart disease. This evaluation can help better detect early signs of heart disease and prompt timely veterinarian visits to help minimize client and patient stress. These evaluations can also help optimize long-term

therapy and the dog's quality of life.

"In dogs with cardiac disease or heart failure, the monitors are used to collect data, such as resting heart rate and resting respiratory rate," Conner said. "In primary care, the monitors have many potential uses. They can monitor the effectiveness of a pain management plan for the treatment of osteoarthritis by showing if the dog has been more active, is getting adequate uninterrupted rest or has a lower resting respiratory rate. Each of these findings would typically indicate that a dog is more comfortable. In the case of obesity management, the activity monitors can be used to set goals to achieve more activity as well as to provide the owner with notifications of successfully achieving activity goals. The monitors can also be used to monitor heartworm treatment plans by ensuring that the dog is undergoing adequate exercise restriction, which is a critical part of heartworm therapy."

In addition, the activity monitors summarize a dog's data by day, week and month, making it easy for owners to look for and identify long-term changes that could be important clues about a dog's health status.

"These types of monitors are relatively new in veterinary medicine and have the potential to really help veterinarians work with owners to optimize monitoring of wellness and a variety of disease conditions," said Dr. Sonya Gordon, CVM associate professor of cardiology. "They provide one more way to stay in touch with your veterinarian and optimize your dog's personal health care goals."

Gordon is currently working with the monitors in clinical studies to evaluate the clinical value of their use in dogs with heart disease and heart failure. For more information on how activity-health monitors are used at the CVM, contact Dr. Sonya Gordon at sgordon@cvm.tamu.edu.

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WIND

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Texas, said Oncor would keep its name, Dallas headquarters and local management.

The deal also will eliminate all Energy Future Holdings debt hovering about Oncor, NextEra said.

The proposal must be approved by the Delaware judge overseeing Energy Future Holdings' bankruptcy, as well as the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

This deal comes after another bid for Oncor fell apart.

An investment group led by Ray L. Hunt, the Dallas oilman, spent much of this year

wrangling at the Public Utility Commission over its plans to buy Oncor — a deal that sparked backlash from consumer advocates and others who objected to the way investors would profit from federal tax savings.

Regulators ultimately approved that deal, but added a litany of conditions that prompted investors to walk away in May. NextEra's more conventional bid is unlikely to face such fierce resistance, even if the company doesn't offer the Texas roots that some officials might prefer.

STATE

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SA All-Star tournament ring and was named an All-State player.

Analise has been playing softball since she was six years old and not only loves the sport but also loves meeting new friends.

She is a pitcher, catcher, and all around utility player. She's entering fifth grade, but is

already talking about playing high school ball for Floydada!

Her parents are Ray and Erica Perez, and her grandparents are Daniel and Minerva Diaz and Robert and Barbara Perez all Floydada residents.

FUMC

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was "A Joyous Celebration". There were 12 tables total, all the dining area can handle, and each designed around the central theme by a different volunteer. The entrance and hall were decorated by Melanie Ragland, Mackenzy Ragland, and Judy Calloway as well.

According to Huffman, this year Milton and Betty Schaeffer were in charge of meal preparation and served chopped brisket (cooked by Darrell Rasco), twice-baked potatoes and coleslaw with cherry cheesecake for dessert. The meal took 60 pounds of potatoes and seven briskets to complete the two course meal that fed 104 people, according to Schaeffer. Lucy Dean Record provided pre-meal entertainment with her piano playing and then the Lord's Prayer was sung Cheryl Edwards prior to lunch.

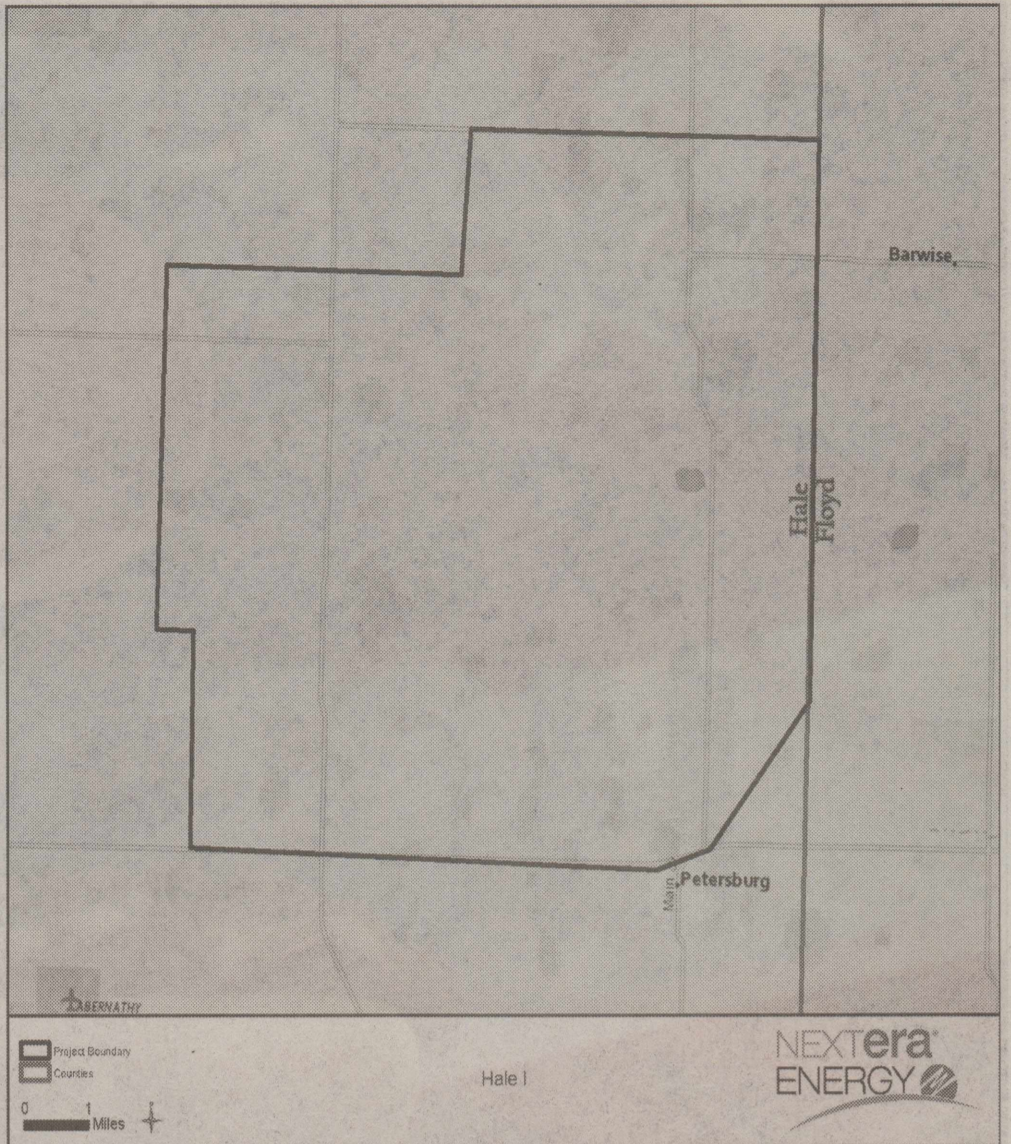
Guests were entertained by Lou Burselson, of Floydada, who has been giving historical renditions for the past 10 years. This Saturday, guests were delighted with her historical performance called *City Gal and Her Cowboy*, detailing the adventures of a city girl from Oklahoma who marries a cowboy and their adventures on a Texas farm.

Each table hostess took turns describing how and why they decorated their tables, followed by a drawing for each table.

Table 1 "The Blessings of Harvest" decorated by Charlotte Mitchell; Table 2 "Graduation" by Betty Schaeffer; Table 3 "A Cup of Joy" by Cindy Huffman; Table 4 "Teal is Real" by Cheryl Edwards; Table 5 "Celebration of Love" by Denise Doucette; Table 6 "Celebration of Family" by Sarah Carstensen; Table 7 "Ring Those Bells" by Gayle Schacht; Table 8 "A Mother's Day" by Cheryl Teeter; Table 9 "A Joyous Celebration of Dedicated Teachers" by Kathy Kellison; Table 10 "Celebrating Forever Love" by Maren Lass; Table 11 "Celebration of the Father's Love" by Melanie Ragland; Table 12 "Celebration of Light" by Andy Ford; and Table 13 (server's table) "Joy of Serving" by Cheryl Edwards.

Door prizes were provided by Maren Lass, Margaret Schacht, Kathy Young, Jean Anne Williams, Shawnda Foster, Andy Ford, Cheryl Edwards, Denise Doucette, Kim Teeter, Gayle Schacht, Cheryl Teeter, Betty Schaeffer, and Cindy Huffman. Milton and Betty Schaeffer were presented with a special present for being in charge of preparing the food and recruiting servers.

Servers included Eddie Teeter, Monty Teeter, Ricky Carstensen, Dani Link, Patrick Doucette, Jordan Nelson, and Kameron Sandoval.



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.

FLOYDADA HOMECOMING

The Floydada Homecoming Planning Committee continues to prepare for the September 9-10 event. The next planning meeting will be held Thursday, August 4th at 5 p.m. at the Floydada Independent School District Administration Office.

LOCKNEY ISD PARKING SPOTS

LHS will begin selling parking spots as follows: Seniors will be Tuesday, August 9th, Juniors will be Wednesday, August 10th and everyone else on Thursday, August 11th. Parking spots are \$10.00.

LOCKNEY ISD NEW STUDENTS

New students to Lockney High School are welcome to come by the office anytime to enroll.

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.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Floydada Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:30 P.M., August 23, 2016 in FISD Superintendent Meeting Room Floydada, Texas.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax \$ 1.16387 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)

School Debt Service Tax
Approved by Local Voters \$ 0.06924572 /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	38.76	% increase	or		% (decrease)
Debt service		% increase	or	0.19	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	37.12	% increase	or		% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 434,047,540	\$ 667,742,620
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 10,202,280	\$ 171,862,760
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 272,451,927	\$ 563,356,672
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 10,202,280	\$ 171,862,760

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).

** "New property" is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17).

*** "Taxable value" is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 4,690,000

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.17000	\$ 0.136690	\$ 1.306690	\$ 5136	\$ 6673
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.0000	\$.006923	\$ 1.06923	\$ 7531	\$ 4515
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.16390	\$ 0.06920	\$ 1.23310	\$ 8696	\$ 7743

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 35,958	\$ 36,549
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 20,428	\$ 21,292
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.31176	\$ 1.239246
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 268	\$ 264
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (4)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.04. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.04.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 6,845,943
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 25,891

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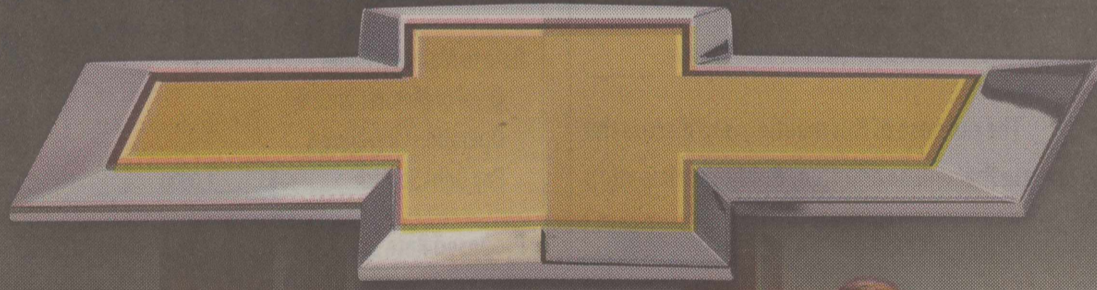
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POSITION	SALARY	TRAVEL	STATE SUPPLEMENT	STIPEND (1) EMC (2) On Site IT	TOTAL YEARLY SALARY	MONTHLY SALARY
County Judge	\$ 36,245.00	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 25,200.00	\$ -	\$ 66,645.00	\$ 5,553.75
County Attorney	\$ 36,245.00	\$ -	\$ 23,333.00	\$ -	\$ 59,578.00	\$ 4,964.84
Sheriff (1)	\$ 56,447.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 58,847.00	\$ 4,903.92
Commissioner Pct 1	\$ 21,576.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,076.00	\$ 2,506.33
Commissioner Pct 2	\$ 21,576.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,076.00	\$ 2,506.33
Commissioner Pct 3	\$ 21,576.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,076.00	\$ 2,506.33
Commissioner Pct 4	\$ 21,576.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,076.00	\$ 2,506.33
County Clerk	\$ 36,245.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,245.00	\$ 3,020.42
District Clerk (2)	\$ 36,245.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 39,245.00	\$ 3,270.42
County Treasurer	\$ 36,245.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,245.00	\$ 3,020.42
County Tax Assessor	\$ 36,245.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,245.00	\$ 3,020.42
JP Precinct 1 & 4	\$ 36,245.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,245.00	\$ 3,020.42
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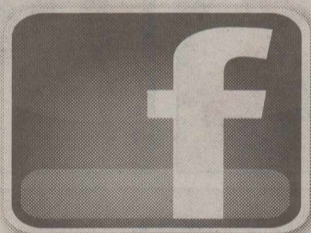


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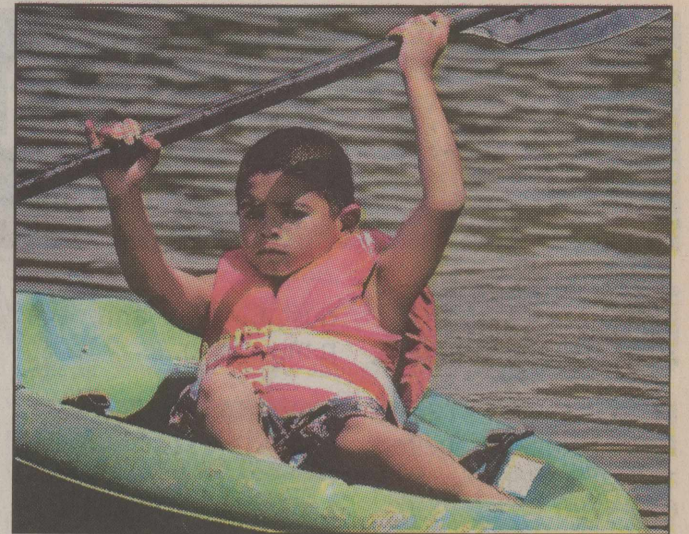
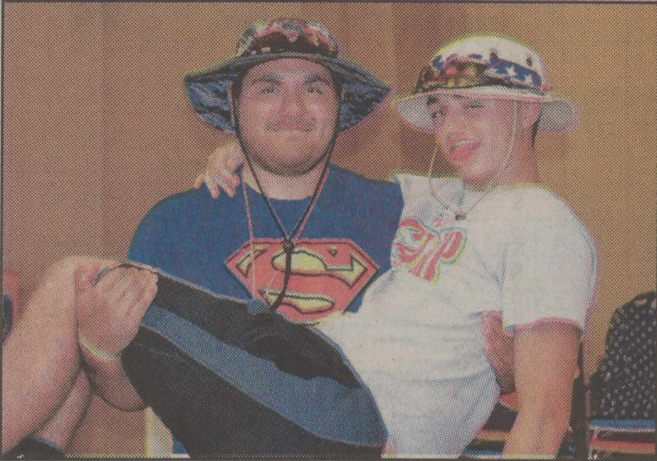
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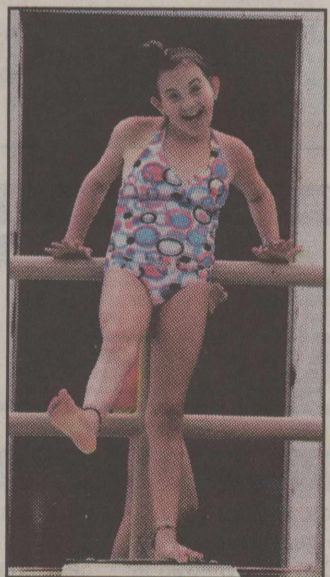
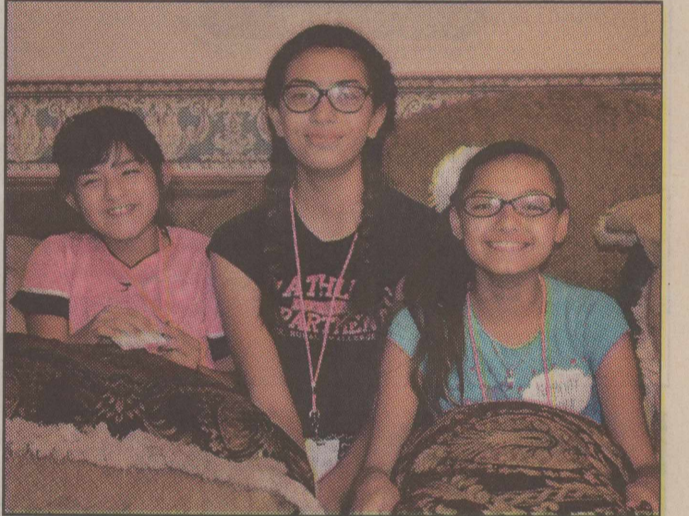
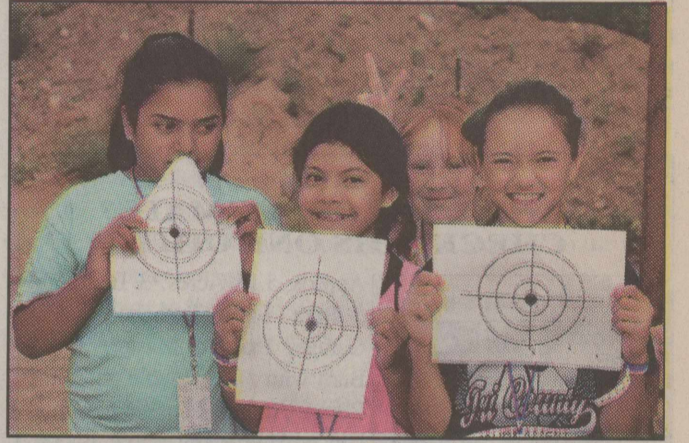
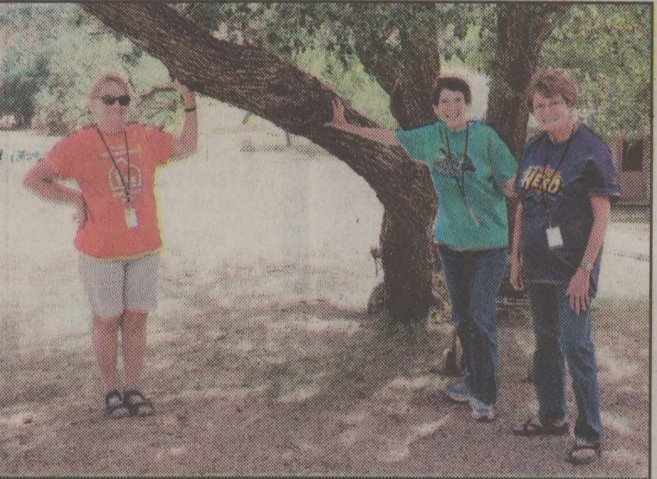
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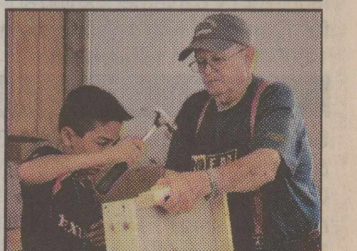
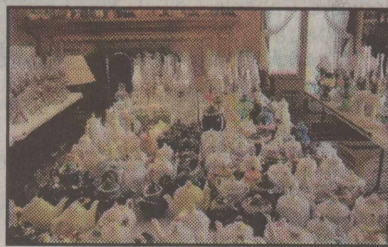
The First Baptist Church of Floydada hosted its 10th Annual Kids Kamp at Plains Baptist Assembly. The 188 campers enjoyed recreation, swimming, Bible study, crafts, music, and worship services during the four day Olympic-themed camp. One hundred and seven adults were on site and an additional 35 volunteers made preparations prior to the event which took place July 28-31. The "Beyond the Gold" theme used the colorful olympic rings to explain the Christian faith, with black representing sin, red the blood of Jesus, blue as faith in Jesus, green for growth, and yellow standing for heaven.



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