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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 en-

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."

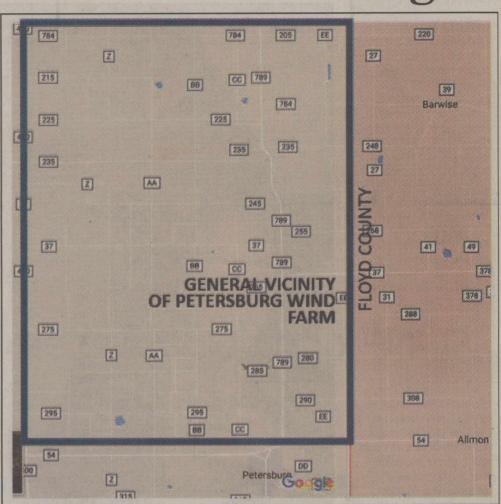
NextEra Energy Resources, will begin construction on the first phase of its massive Hale Wind Energy, LLC, project during the first quarter of 2017. Planned for the Petersburg area, Phase I is expected to generate 478 megawatts of energy using 239 General Electric 2.0MW turbines, according to company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

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 Diamond

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 payed for several kids 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 Ta-mer bles. But instead of holding



"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 it December, the committee every year has a different chose to hold it in the sum- theme, previous years focus-

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



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 Brianna Cherry, an outfielder with the Dallas Charge, the professional fastpitch softball team. See FUMC, Page 7

Floydada's Perez named All-State

By Kay Ellington

The Hesperian-Beacon

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

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.

She was awarded a USS-See STATE, Page 7

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Calahan to hold concert at South Plains Baptist Church Tax Free

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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 Cala-

He is currently serving at Southside Baptist Church in Monahans, Texas as Minster of Music/Education/Senior

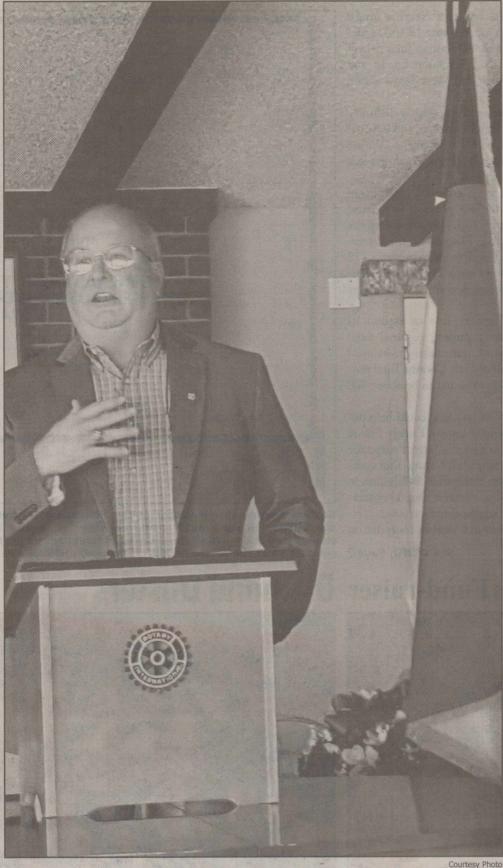
Barry was born and raised in the South Plains com-FLOYDADA - Join us at munity up until 1964 when his dad professed his calling to the pulpit. He has always considered South Plains Baptist Church as the place where his journey with the Lord began.

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

Floydada Rotary



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!

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

It happened to me, but I

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exaggerate - and mean the age part. I'm first chair because I'm the only saxophonist (I use

HANABA MUNN WELCH

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

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 nervy 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

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

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

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 franchise 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

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 look-

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 saxes. 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 "Send her to the moon

and let her play among the

"She can leave her saxophone on Jupiter or Mars." Audiences always ap-

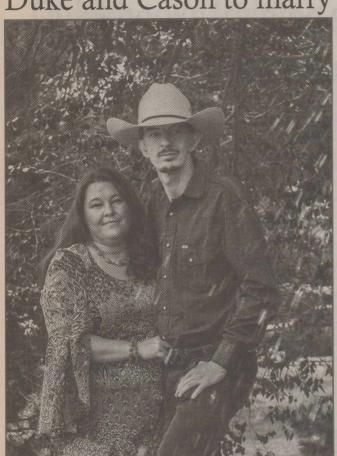
plaud excellence. I'll settle for laughter.

Or maybe just some big smiles.



SOCIETY

Duke and Cason to marry Lockney Ol' Fashion Saturday set for Aug. 27



RANDI DUKE & CHRISTOPHER CASON

Randy & Julie Duke of Floydada, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Randi Duke, to Christopher Cason, son of Robert Cason and Sharon Thursby, Randi is a graduate of Floydada High School. Christopher

is a graduate of Levelland High School. The couple is planning an October wedding.



By Kay Ellington The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY--Lockney Ol' Fashion Saturday is set for Saturday, Aug. 27 on Main Street in Lockney. The Lockney Chamber of Commerce is continuing to meet and finalize plans for the annual festival, according to Brittany Duniven, secretary and treasurer of the chamber.

"We are taking orders for booths," Duniven said. "It's \$75 a booth, unless you're a food vendor, and then it's \$100 a booth. It's a great venue for clubs, organizations, churches, high school groups," she said. To reserve a booth contact Duniven at 817-584-4761.

Among events planned so far for 2016: -- The Ol' Fashion Saturday Sweetheart Scholarship Pageant. This pageant is for incoming freshman through seniors at-

tending Lockney ISD. Last year's winner, Karis Carstensen, received a \$400 scholarship. The first place runner-up received a \$100 scholarship as did Miss Congenialty. The pageant begins at 9 a.m., and the amount of the scholarships depend upon the number of donations. For more information contact Pageant Director Robyn Stevenson at 806-685-8226.

--2016 Lockney Car Show - Road Kings Car Club

Entry fee: \$20.00 cars - \$15.00 motorcycles - Cars will be classed by the judges, and there will be hourly door prizes. For more information, contact Louie Bybee 806-292-5409 - 340 CR 35, Lockney, TX 79241.

--Knockerball Tournament--The First Baptist Church of Lockney will be hosting a Knockerball Tournament with a \$10 entry fee, and prizes for the winners. Contact Brittany Duniven at 817-584-4761.

Katie Kirk with FBC Lockney at (806) 652-3361 to enter.

-- Longhorn Lottery. Main Street will be painted with 500 squares and there will be 500 tickets sold. A longhorn will be brought onto the grid, and whichever square he drops his "cow pie" on will be the

Car Cruise—Details are still being worked out, and it's tentative, but there may be a car cruise down Main Street at the end of the day.

--Street Dance—This year Ol' Fashion Saturday will have a street dance, and the DJ will be Ray Jiminez, president of the Lockney Chamber.

The street dance will start at dusk (after the car cruise, if that occurs). For more information about Lockney Ol' Fashion Saturday, contact

Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

THE ANDREW HANNA FAMILY

Andrew R. Hanna was born in Limestone County Hanna and his mother was Nancy Higginbothem. Ella Pike was born in Pedmont, Alabama on September 23,

They were married December 24, 1890 in Iredell, Bosque County, Texas where they lived about twenty-five years. They came to Floyd County from Shamrock, Wheeler County, Texas in the spring of 1917, after living there twelve years. Wheeler County was certainly not a good farming county so he came to Floyd County pros-

pecting. The crops were good that year and he thought the on March 31, 1869. His land was wonderful so he father was James Marion moved by train, livestock and all. He had two brothers living in Floyd County at that time, W. C. and A. C.Hanna. He bought his first Ford Model-T touring car that year. The farm he bought was nine miles west of Floydada in the Sandhill Community, so the children went to Sandhill to school until they finished grade school, then went into Floydada to finish high school. They were both very interested in the community and school. Mrs. Hanna was very

tion work. She was honored as one of the five winners of the Texas Master Farm Homemaker title of the year of 1931 and was the first to circulate a petition asking for a home demonstration agent in Floyd County. She was the first county council chairman and was president of the first home demonstration club which included Harmony and Sandhill clubs combined. She was also a member of the Floyd County Federation of Women's Clubs.

Her family was one of the early day settlers of Bosque County. Her father was Capt.John Pike and served in the 30th Regiment, Alabama infantry, during the Civil War. He built a beautiflul home, four bedrooms (with no bath) between Meridian and Iredell, hauling the lumber from Waco by cart and oxen. They both lived there as long as they lived. The community was named Pikesville. The house burned in A ugust of this year, 1977.

Andrew and Ella Hanna moved to Lubbock, Lubbock County, Texas in 1949. Ten children were born to them, seven living to adult age and are still living. He died April 19, 1964 and she died March 2, 1966. They were members of the First Methodist Church of Lubbock.

By LuAnn Collins Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - BINGO NIGHT! It will be held on Tuesday, August 23rd at 7 p.m. The Senior Citizens will be hosting a night of Bingo with prizes at the Center. The grand prize will be \$50.00 cash. Other prizes will range from \$10.00 to \$30.00 in value. Refreshments will be available for purchase at the door. Bingo Night is open to anyone age 16 and over. Those who attend may purchase two bingo cards for \$1.00. Mark it on your calendar and join us for a fun activity.

MEMORIALS:

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In memory of Robert "Shorty" Turner -Janet Milam, Mary Shurbet, Bill and Roberta Hardin, Ronald and Alyne Evans, Randy and Connie Bertrand, Troy and Lawana Welch, George and Madelyn Farris, Gary and Emma Pate, Craig and Julie Ellison

In memory of Joyce Williams - Mr. and Mrs. Choice Smith, Mike and LuAnn Collins, Floydada Fire Department, Ronald and

Alyne Evans, Otis and Vickie Smith In memory of Geneva Bennett - Mr. and Mrs. Choice Smith, Bill and Roberta Hardin, Ronald and Alyne Evans

In memory of Joy Assiter - Mike and Lu-

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

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

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

MENU August 8 – August 12 Monday - Cranberry chicken Tuesday - Meatloaf Wednesday - Fried chicken & gravy Thursday - James' Swiss steak Friday - Tacos

(Menus subject to change without notice)

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Now I see the secret of

Thank

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By Renee Armstrong Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

active in home demonstra-

LOCKNEY - Family Night Fish Fry will be August 5th and 19th and Sunday lunch will be August 28th. Please make a note of these changes. The quilting ladies get together every Monday in the back of the library. If you enjoy quilting they would enjoy your company. Be sure and call the Center by 9:30 a.m. if you would like to eat. Our phone number is 652-

Remember Exercise with Dorothy - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8:45 - 9:15 a.m. Coffee time - Monday- Saturday - 9:30-10:30

Thursday night pot luck. Bring a dish and a friend and enjoy games afterwards. 5 - 9 p.m. HAVE A GREAT WEEK!

MENU August 8 - August 12 Monday - Baked potatoes & tuna salad Tuesday - Enchilada casserole Wednesday - Chicken fried steak Thursday - Spaghetti and meat balls Friday - Roast beef (Menus subject to change without notice)

Statement on

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.

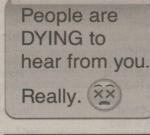
"This fight is not over. The USFWS already announced they are "undertaking a thorough re-evaluation of the bird's status." We encourage the USFWS to remember that ranchers and landowners have already voluntarily implemented successful conservation practices which were largely responsible for the court's decision to delist the LPC in the

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.

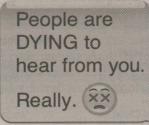
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Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton The Hesperian-Beacon

(Note: all quotes come from Walt Whitman)

After you have exhausted politics, conviviality, and so on - have found that none of these finally satisfy, or permanently wear - what vitality in a few, a class, but remains? Nature remains.

Behold I do not give lectures or a little charity, When I give I give myself.

Have you heard that it was good to gain the day? I also say it is good to fall, battles are lost in the same spirit in which they are

Have you learned the lessons only of those who admired you, and were tender with you, and stood aside for you? Have you not learned great lessons from those who braced themselves against you, and dis-

puted passage with you?

I say to mankind, Be not curious about God. For I, the making of the best perwho am curious about each, sons. It is to grow in the am not curious about God open air and to eat and - I hear and behold God sleep with the earth. what there is in business, in every object, yet understand God not in the least.

> Other lands have their we have it in the bulk of our people.

The genius of the United States is not best or most in its executives or legislatures, nor in its ambassadors or authors or colleges, or churches, or parlors, nor even in its newspapers or inventors, but always most in the common people.

You must not know too much or be too precise or scientific about birds and trees and flowers and watercraft; a certain free-margin, and even vagueness ignorance, credulity - helps your enjoyment of these

OBITUARIES/CHURCH

Obituary



BETTY JO SELF FULLER

Betty Jo Self Fuller, age 83, passed away on Tuesday, July 26, 2016.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m., Saturday, July 30, 2016 at the First Baptist Church in Floydada with Tim Franks and Mike Holster officiating.

Interment followed at the Floyd County Memorial Park in Floydada.

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

Betty Jo was born in Boswell, Oklahoma on September 20, 1932 to Elmer and Della (Witt) Self. It was in Boswell that she met her true love, Wayne Fuller: Wayne and Betty were married February 17, 1950, and were blessed with four children.

Betty was Director for the Floyd County Day Care (Kids Korner) for nearly 30 years. Children were very dear to Betty and she loved all of "her" children. Betty loved to spend time with family, friends and work in her yard. She supported all of her grandchildren's activities and sporting events and followed them all as long as her health allowed.

Cowboys and still would holler for them. At Sunday's dinner and the Cowboys were playing, no one talked to or bothered Granny until commercial's came on for fear she would miss a play or touchdown.

Betty followed her Lord and Savior from a very early age and lived each day as her Lord directed.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne Fuller, her beautiful daughter, Sharon, her parents, two brothers, five sisters.

Betty is survived by three sons, Gary Fuller and wife, Sue of Floydada, Rick Fuller and wife, Cindy of Amarillo, and Ray Fuller and wife, Jeannie of Zavela, Texas; 11 grandchildren; 12 greatgrandchildren; brothers, Calvin Self of Shawnee, Kansas,

Charles Self of Versailles, Missouri; sister, Wynema Vereh of College Station and several nieces and nephews.

Betty will be missed by so many who loved her like fam-

The family would like to say "Thank You" to the entire staff at Good Life Seniors Living where she had resided the past two years. To directors Leaha, Chef Michael, who spoiled her rotten and to her very special favorite, Jessica, who she loved very much. Also to Kindred Hospice of Amarillo, who took such good care of our Mom and Granny, for their compassionate care

In Lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Betty's name to the Floyd County

Betty loved her Dallas Day Care (Kids Korner) or the Floyd County Memorial Park or a charity of your

Bye Mom-Granny Betty, we love you and will miss you.



PATRICIA KAY **PROBASCO**

Patricia Kay Probasco, age 61, of Floydada went to be with her Lord and Savior on July 25, 2016.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., Wednesday July 27, 2016 at the First Baptist Church of Floydada with Brother Tim Franks and Brother Stephen Kelly offici-

Interment followed at the Floyd County Memorial Park of Floydada. Arrangements were under the care of Moore Rose Funeral Home.

Patty was born in Amarillo, Texas on November 24, 1954 to John and Juanita Welch. She married the love of her life, Mitch Probasco on February 7, 1992.

Patty was an incredible role model not only to her family, but also to her community. She loved her church, First Baptist Church of Floydada, especially her Sunday School class and all of the wonderful ladies in it. Patty loved to cook and she had a gift for decorating. She also enjoyed woodworking and quilting.

Patty is survived by her husband Mitch; her sister, Janet Welch of Mesquite, Texas; daughter, Lyndi Hopper and husband, RN of Petersburg, son, Jordan Chaparro of King George, Virginia, son, John Daniel Chaparro of San Diego, California and daughter, Andi Moore and husband, Randy of Post. Patty also leaves behind four grandchildren, Tucker Kidd, Alice Hopper, Carson Hopper, and Charli Moore.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Area Community Hospice of Plainview.



BILLIE JANE (WHITAKER) BISHOP

Billie "Jane" Bishop, age 86 was called home by the Lord on July 31, 2016.

Jane was born October 18, 1929 in Thalia, Texas to Howard Earl (H.E.) Whitaker and Vera l. (Duncan) Whitaker.

For the first part of her life, Jane was a stay at home mother, who raised four children who all loved her so

In 1979 she and her husband Bobby moved to Oklahoma and began a business that to this day still bears her mark. She worked until her health declined, finally retiring in 2013 at the age of 84.

Jane was preceded in death by her Mother and Father, her brother, H. E. (Skeets) Whitaker, her sister, Margaret (Peggy) Warren, first husband, William Ferguson, second husband, Bobby L. Bishop and son, Gary Wayne Ferguson.

She is survived by son, Donald Ferguson and wife, Clare, daughter, Vickie Coleman and husband, Robert, and son, Larry Bishop and wife, Jennifer. Also survived grandchildren, Amie Henry and husband, Gary,

John Ferguson and wife, Cindy, Jennifer Coleman, Kari Harden and husband, Darrell, Shellie Coleman, Ashley Hruby Bishop and Kelsie Bishop and seven great-great grandchildren.

And Death took her up like a baby, And she lay in his icy arms, But she didn't feel no chill. And death began to ride again— Up beyond the evening star, Into the glittering light of glory, On to the Great White Throne. And there he laid Sister "Jane" On the lov-



Engaging

wranglings of our nation and the impassioned babel that passes for discussion these days are of lower actual value, personal interest, and As a child we visited the Arizona actual value, personal interest, and As a child we visited the Arizona actual value, personal interest, and the Gos-

Jesus bought the church with His blood, not the American nation (or country is to me, it is vanity – holany other nation of history). This is a significant observation. We speak of "Christian nation," but the Bible does not. People/individuals can – and should – become Christians (disciples of Jesus, baptized into His possession and Self, living the speak of the missed by Washington and the Sumized by Washington and the sum the sumized by Washington and the sumized by Washington an cannot be baptized - a nation canpeople whom it governs (i.e., legisated morality does not work).

In Psalm 2 "the nations" are said to

rage" and to plot against the heavenly kingdom and the Heavenly King. Governments of this world - even our own - are no friend of God or His people. They never have been, they never will. Governments

ing breast of Jesus. The family will have private

our are never content to be in the back public ground of God's plans for eternity cially when an issue is politically relevant, is not the same as stooping to meddle in politics. When I say "stooping," I imply that the political wranglings of our nation and the discussions, espe- they always struggle for supremacy

eternal significance than the Gos-pel of Jesus Christ and seeing that reminded of the price of such Gospel lived out in Christ's church, freedom. I love our liberty and individually and corporately.

Jesus bought the church with His appreciate those whose sacrifice has secured it. Yet as lovely as this

tians (disciples of Jesus, Daptacet ter that homosexuality is legita-into His possession and Self, liv-ing and loving in community with others according to the Scriptures, a compelling reason to believe that anticipating His return), but a na-tion cannot repent of sin; a nation would enshrine godliness, uphold cannot be baptized – a nation can-not become Christian. Neither can Christians feel defeated today, then a national government enforce or our hope was in the wrong place runs against the conscience of the governments go — "but the word of governments go - "but the word of the Lord endures forever" (I Pet 1:25). In the end, God wins

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

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FROM THE INSIDE

The psalmist wrote, "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." — Psalm 51:10 (KJV)

In the world of musical instruments, the trombone's warm, rich sound is beyond compare — in my opinion, of course! With proper care, a trombone can last a lifetime. Recently, I acquired a neglected trombone that had developed red rot, a corrosion that eats the brass away from the inside. When the corrosion breaks the surface, the trombone must be discarded because the damage cannot be repaired.

While unaffected by red rot, our human bodies are susceptible to a variety of ailments — and sooner or later, we all discover how vulnerable our bodies are. But the apostle Paul tells us that though our bodies may

waste away, our spirits are continually renewed. Through Bible study, daily prayer, and a desire to please God, we cultivate lives of faithfulness and obedience. When we nourish the spirit, we can find eternal life. When we neglect the spirit, it may become "corroded" by the ways of the world.

There is no hope for a corroded trombone. But when our spirit becomes "corroded," we need not despair. God promises forgiveness if we confess our sins with repentant hearts. God can restore our spirits and renew us. (See 1 John 1:9.)

Jacob Schneider (Maryland, USA)

Thought for the Day

Aiken Baptist Church Dennis Butler, Pastor Morning Worship..11 a.m.

Bible Baptist Church 810 S. 3rd, Floydada Darwin Robinson, Pastor 983-2578

Sunday School....10 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:50 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7 p.m.

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 Sty. 983-5805 Sunday School - 10 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wednesday Study - 6 p.m.

New Salem Primitive Baptist Church Floydada Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges

(806) 637-0430 Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship -11 a.m. **Out Reach Harvest**

Pentecostal Church

310 Mississippi

Rev David Ramos, Pastor Ester Ramos, Praise Leader Sunday Bible - 10 a.m. Morning Praise - 11 a.m. Evening Praise 5 - p.m. Wed Worship - 7 p.m.

God renews my spirit each day.

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 Floyada

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

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.

Lockney

Msgr. Nickolas Rendon

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 Luthern 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

Quickbooks training set for August America's Horse in Art Show in Amarillo, September in Lubbock & Sale in Amarillo returns

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 806-677-5600

accounting 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

For more information or to RSVP for either location, contact Jones or Kim Garcia at

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AMARILLO - America's Horse in Art Show & Sale returns to the American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame & Museum in Amarillo with world-renowned Western artists providing pieces for the ninth annual art show and sale. Mark your calendar now for the show's opening August 13 or before it closes October 15.

The signature artist for the ninth annual America's Horse in Art will be Iwona Jankowski of Magnolia, Tex-

"I am honored to announce Iwona Jankowski as the 2016 America's Horse in Art signature artist," said Brent Davison, AQHF chief foundation officer. "The

American Quarter Horse has long been a focus of Western art, and we appreciate having a talented and unique Western artist like Iwona headlining our art show."

As a child, Iwona Jankowski's first art depicted horses. She later graduated from the School of Visual Arts in Gydnia, Poland, and then pursued a career in graphic art to broaden her skills and identify her means of artistic expression.

She captures the uniqueness of life, often paying no attention to exact shapes, textures and colors so that she can emphasize a small fragment to insinuate an idea or feeling. Developed in 2002, her famous "Mottled Horses" series merges abstract and

expressionism with a touch

application process. This new

of realism. Her unique and imaginative approach to the subject has garnered attention and she has been featured in a variety of publications in media, including Who's Who in American Art, The Artist's Blue Book, EQUUS magazine, Art Horse Magazine and many

Each year, the show's signature artist creates a piece of art that becomes the visual representation of the show for that year.

Jankowski's piece will be featured in print and online marketing materials, and also as a print when available.

To learn more about Iwona Jankowski, the 2016 America's Horse in Art featured artist, visit www.artfacade.

Authorities searching for suspects in Garza County Equipment Theft

Southwestern Cattle Raisers a blue 2009 700-series Ya-Association (TSCRA) Special Ranger Dean Bohannon is seeking information on the theft of five saddles, four ATVs, a shop welder and assorted tools from the Drew Kirkpatrick Ranch headquarters located south of Post, Texas on Hwy 669.

According to Bohannon, the theft occurred between 7:00 p.m. on Sun. July 24 and 7:30 a.m. on Mon, July 25.

Authorities reported five different stolen saddles described as a Lane Smith tooled saddle, a Dee Buckner saddle, a Tooter Cannon saddle, a Ryan saddle and a David Barnes saddle.

The suspect(s) also stole a green 2013 Polaris Ranger UTV with a single bench seat, a red 2009 350-se-

By Kay Ledbetter

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Expo Drive, Perryton.

Texas Wheat Producers.

PERRYTON — The 18th annual Wheat-

heart Wheat Conference will be Aug. 11 at

the Ochiltree County Expo Center, 402

The event is hosted by the Texas A&M

AgriLife Extension Service offices in Hans-

ford, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb,

Registration begins at 8 a.m. and there is

a \$10 fee, payable at the door. The program

will conclude with a lunch, sponsored by

Three Texas Department of Agriculture

continuing education units - one general,

one drift and one integrated pest manage-

ment - will be offered to pesticide applica-

Those attending the event will hear edu-

Roberts and Ochiltree counties.

Post, Texas - Texas and ries Yamaha Kodiak ATV, maha ATV and a black 2009 700-series Yamaha ATV. Additionally, a shop welder and assorted tools were stolen from the property.

> Anyone with further information regarding this theft case should contact TSCRA's Operation Cow Thief hotline at 888-830-2333 or call Special Ranger Bohannon at 806-789-9476. A cash reward up to \$2,000 may be paid to individuals who can provide useful information leading to the arrest and indictment of suspect(s). Individuals reporting information may choose to remain anonymous.

> TSCRA has 30 special rangers stationed strategically throughout Texas and Oklahoma who have in

depth knowledge of the cattle industry and are trained in all facets of law enforcement. All are commissioned as Special Rangers by the Texas Department of Public Safety and/or the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation.

TSCRA is a 139-yearold trade association and is the largest and oldest livestock organization based in Texas. TSCRA has more than 17,000 beef cattle operations, ranching families and businesses as members. These members represent approximately 50,000 individuals directly involved in ranching and beef production who manage 4 million head of cattle on 76 million acres of range and pasture land primarily in Texas and Oklahoma, but throughout the Southwest.

USDA will Bring Jobs to Rural Areas'

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

TEMPLE — Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) seeking applications funding to help support the development of advanced biofuels, renewable chemicals and biobased products.

"The bioeconomy catalyst for economic development in rural America, creating new jobs and providing new markets for farmers and ranchers," Vilsack said. "Investing in the businesses and technologies that support the production of biofuels and biobased products is not only good for farm incomes. The whole economy benefits from a more balanced, diversified and consumer-friendly energy portfolio, less dependence on foreign oil and reduced

carbon emissions." Biorefinery, "The Renewable Chemical Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance Program is building the foundation for a clean energy economy and protecting our environment while making America less dependent on foreign and fossil fuels and increasing rural economic growth," said Paco Valentin, USDA Rural Development Texas State Director.

The program now provides loan guarantees of up to \$250 million to develop, construct and retrofit commercialscale biorefineries and to develop renewable chemicals biobased product manufacturing facilities.

For this announcement, USDA will seek applications in two cycles. Applications for the first funding cycle are due October 3, 2016. Applications for the second cycle are due April 3, 2017. Application materials can be found on USDA's Rural Development website.

In October 2015, Rural Development implemented redesigned two-phase

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process helps the Agency identify the projects that have made the most progress in the development stage and have the greatest capacity for implementation and loan closing. The first two application cycles under the new process yielded complete applications from projects producing biogas, biodiesel,

> lubricants and oils, lignin cake and syrup, and fertilizers. Eligible borrowers include corporations, individuals, federally-recognized tribes, units of state or local government, farm cooperatives and со-ор organizations, associations of agricultural producers, national laboratories, institutions of higher

cooperatives, public power

education, rural

cellulosic ethanol, biobased

Entities that receive program financing must provide at least 20 percent of the funding for eligible project costs.

entities - or a consortium of

any of these borrower types.

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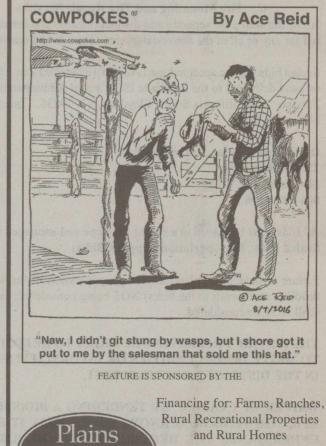
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Wheatheart Wheat Conference Aug. 11 management and marketing, said Scott Strawn, AgriLife Extension agriculture and

natural resources agent in Ochiltree County. The program topics and speakers will be: - Market Outlook and Wheat Marketing

Plan, Dr. Mark Welch, AgriLife Extension grain marketing economist, College Station - Canola Production in the Texas Pan-

handle: How to get started, Dr. Clark Neely, AgriLife Extension state small grains and oilseed specialist, College Station.

- Weed Management in Fallow and 2,4-D Drift Management, Dr. Jourdan Bell, AgriLife Extension agronomist, Amarillo.

- Greenbug and Aphid Management in Wheat, Dr. Ed Bynum, AgriLife Extension entomologist, Amarillo.

- Rust Management in Wheat, Dr. Ron French, AgriLife Extension plant pathologist, Amarillo. For more information, contact Strawn at 806-435-4501 or scott. strawn@ag.tamu.edu.

cational topics related to wheat production ons issue

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN-The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) inspected 7,795 commercial motor vehicles as part of Roadcheck 2016, a national inspection initiative held annually aimed at enhancing commercial motor vehicle safety. The three-day inspection effort spanned from June 7 - June 9, and included DPS Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Troopers, specially trained Highway Patrol Troopers and civilian inspectors.

Approximately 22.5 percent (1,751) of the 18-wheelers, buses and other commercial ve-

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Both non-producing and producing, including

out-of-service violations. drivers were placed out of ser- special emphasis on a category vice. Among the violations were of violations each year. failing to have the proper type of driver license for the vehicle being driven, improper logging * of duty time, and driving over the maximum number of hours.

In all, DPS issued 1,972 ci-

hicles inspected were placed out tations and more than 20,446 of service for a variety of safety warnings. Sponsored by the violations until appropriate re- Commercial Vehicle Safety pairs can be made. Issues with Alliance, Roadcheck is designed brakes and defective vehicle to help reduce commercial lighting were among the most vehicle highway fatalities common infractions that led to through increased vehicle and Additionally, drivers were law enforcement activities checked for compliance with throughout North America. state and federal laws, and 224 In addition, Roadcheck places

driver safety, education and

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SCHOOL NEWS

Kasner, Klein awarded TILF scholarships

By D'Lyn Morris Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

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, dowed funds and has awarded more versity of Texas majoring in Biology.

sociated 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

line 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 Sciis the 3 time 2A State Science Champ.

TILF has over \$11 million in en-

at state shooting sports games

Sporting Clays.

The shotgun and archery events as- along with her father, Tyler Philips, in in Clout. Ryder also competed in the

Ryder Glass and his father, Bill Glass,

also competed in Sporting Clays. Ry-

der also shot archery. In the Intermedi-

ate Recurve Division, he places 3rd in

One Act Play, Editorial and Head- 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

Levi will be attending the Honors ence Championship in May 2016. Jace College of Texas Tech University pursuing a major in Engineering and Jace will attend the Honors College of Uni-

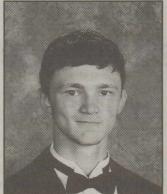
team event. His team place 2nd in the

Rachel Graham competed in the Se-

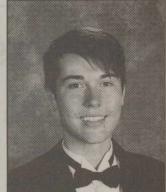
nior 1 Compound Unaided Division.

She placed 1st in 3D, Field, Clout and

Recurve Division.







Texas State 4-H Floyd County 4-H'ers compete Horse Show results



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 CEA-AG/NR

Floyd County

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!



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



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REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Board of Trustees of the Floydada ISD is requesting sealed bids for the following categories of goods and services:

A. The Purchase of Vehicle Fuel

B. The Purchase of Motor Oil and Filters

C. Tire Mounting and Tire Repair Services All of the above are separate and distinct requests and interested vendors may submit a

bid for any or all of the above categories of goods and services. Sealed bids will be accepted until August 18th at 9:00 a.m.. Sealed bids are to be mailed

or hand delivered to the Floydada ISD Central Administrative Office, Attn. Dr. Gilbert Trevino, 226 California Street, Floydada, TX 79235. Interested parties may request a bid packet from:

Dr. Gilbert Trevino, Superintendent 226 California St. Floydada, TX 79235 806-983-3498

All bids must be placed in a sealed envelope and annotated with the following: **Sealed Bids: Transportation Supplies Bid(s)**

Failure to have a bid physically in the possession of the school district by the above deadline shall result in the bid(s) NOT being considered; fax or electronic submissions shall NOT be considered.

THE DISTRICT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS AND TO WAIVE IRREGULARITIES OR INFORMALITIES AS MAY BE DEEMED IN THE DISTRICT'S BEST INTEREST.

WAIVER OF CLAIMS: BY TENDERING A BID(S) IN RESPONSE TO THIS RFB, THE VENDOR ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT HAS READ AND FULLY UNDERSTANDS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMITTING A BID, AND THE PROCESS USED BY THE DISTRICT FOR SELECTING A VENDOR. FURTHER, BY SUBMITTING A BID, THE VENDOR FULLY, VOLUNTARILY AND UNDERSTANDINGLY WAIVES AND RELEASES ANY AND ALL CLAIMS AGAINST THE DISTRICT AND ITS TRUSTEES, OFFICERS, AGENTS AND/ OR EMPLOYEES THAT COULD ARISE OUT OF THE ADMINISTRATION, EVALUATION, OR RECOMMENDATION OF ANY BID(S) SUBMITTED.

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 workstudy 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 cardias 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

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.

Pet Talk is a service of the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University. Stories can be viewed on the web at vetmed.tamu.edu/pet-talk. Suggestions for future topics may be directed to editor@cvm.tamu.edu.

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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

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

Analise has been playing softball since she 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 was six years old and not only loves the sport her grandparents are Daniel and Minerva Diaz and Robert and Barbara Perez all Floydada residents.

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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 premeal entertainment with her piano playing and then the Lord's Prayer was sung Cheryl Edwards prior to lunch.

Guests were entertained by Lou Burleson, 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

* Outstanding principal.

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 Mareen 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 Mareen 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 San-

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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

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.

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.

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.

doval. **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE** Floydada Independent School District will hold a public The FISD Superintendent Meeting Room 6:30 P.M., August 23, 2016 meeting at_ 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.

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	Maintenance & Operations		Interest & Sinking Fund*		<u>Total</u>		Local Revenue Per Student		State Revenue Per Student	
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.17000	\$	0.13669	\$	1.306690	\$	5136	\$	6673	
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance Operations Revenue										
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Proposed Rate	\$ 1.16390	\$	0.06920	\$	1.23310	\$	8696	\$	7743	

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence Last Year This Year Average Market Value of Residences 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 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 r	ate 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 o	f 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:

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			SUPPLEMENT	(1) EMC	YEARLY		
				(2) On Site IT	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	\$ 2,506.3	
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	\$ 3,020.4	
County Tax Assessor	\$ 36,245.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,245.00	\$ 3,020.4	
JP Precinct 1 & 4	\$ 36,245.00	\$ -	\$	\$	\$ 36,245.00	\$ 3,020.4	
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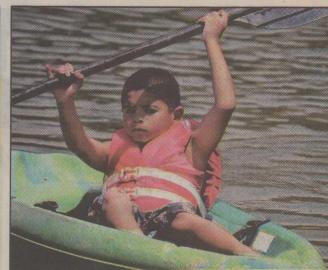




























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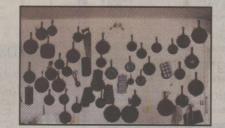
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