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## Teachers fed more than food at breakfast

By Jennifer Harbin  
 Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA--Floydada Independent School District staff members shared breakfast and received supportive words at their annual back-to school breakfast and convocation on Friday, August 12. The one hundred fifty-five member staff, along with school board members, administrators, and special guests, enjoyed a breakfast prepared by Neilson's Restaurant followed by personal messages from Former Speaker of the House Pete Laney and Pastor Charles Johnson in preparation for the 2016-2017 school year.

Superintendent Dr. Gilbert Treviño introduced the first speaker, Laney, who was a member of the Texas House of Representatives from 1973 to 2007 and served as House Speaker from 1993 to 2003. The native West Texan, who was known for demonstrating principle, integrity, and character in his leadership of the House, delivered a light-hearted and sincere message more reminiscent of a trusted friend than a politician.

"Education is the most important tool we have for the future of Texas," he declared, encouraging teachers to be involved in the political process and vote for pro-education representatives. "It's important that you involve yourself in the legislative process by voting, but it is also important that you involve yourself with the

knowledge of what that person stands for."

He lent his years of experience to warn against elected officials who don't listen to their constituents, who he reminds are only temporary, and beware of systems like the voucher program geared toward taking money from the public school system.

Laney reminded the teachers that their involvement shouldn't end after the election, but continue on by giving input to their elected officials. The results and the state of Texas are dependent on how active they are, he claimed.

He continued, "Your involvement is what's going to make this state...and this nation great, because your influence is not just in the classroom. Your influence goes through (the student's) life. And that's why all of us who have been involved in public education all these years appreciate you very much."

Pastor Charles Johnson, executive director of Pastors for Texas Children (PTC), an organization that stands up for children, families and Texas communities, offered words of encouragement as well as words that inspired courage.

He began by thanking "Speaker Laney" for the powerful words he candidly spoke and for sharing his heart with the group.

"I don't think there's any-one more important in a community than a teacher,

because you're doing God's work," Johnson stated, adding what a privilege it was to spend the morning with Floydada teachers and school employees. "We believe teachers build the rule of God. You do that in every thing you do in your classrooms."

In his powerful message, he married the role of teachers with Biblical texts as proof of the value of their chosen professions, stating, that of all the titles Jesus could have claimed, he chose Rabbi (teacher). Johnson painted a picture for the audience of his favorite teacher, Mrs. Pompadour, who read from The Iliad and The Odyssey every day. He said she looked inside of him and saw more than he saw himself. It is from her that he received the love of story, and when he read the Old Story, he couldn't wait to read what Jesus did next. The narrative power she taught him is a skill every preacher uses.

"You may plant seeds that plant a bumper crop down the road," he cheered, reminding them that everything they do can have an impact.

According to Johnson, it was when he talked with Texas House and Senate members while sitting on the Coalition of Public Schools board that he learned of the current injustices and devaluation of teachers. From that experience he became convicted, he said, and felt led to take the message of God's



Photo by Jennifer Harbin

Rev. Charles Johnson, executive director of Pastors for Texas Children, delivers a moving speech to the 155 staff members in attendance on Friday, encouraging teachers to get involved in the legislative process and stand up for those without a voice.

gift of education to the people, particularly pastors and educators.

Johnson and PTC's vision for the future of public education has him asking teachers, like the ones at Friday's breakfast, questions like, "What if we could create a minister-educator dynamic duo, where every single one of you has a priest or a pastor or a preacher to stand right by your side...so that if you need something for your children you're not spending a \$1,000 a year out of your own pocket at Walmart. You're going to your Sunday school class and your pastor is saying 'Ms. Johnson, we're going to get those school supplies for you.' What if we formed that partnership and what if that pastor and that educator walked into that House member's office together? That Sena-



Photo by Jennifer Harbin

Superintendent Dr. Gilbert Treviño (left) and Former Speaker of the House Pete Laney (right), both originally from Hale Center, share a love of the Texas public educational system and its educators.

tor and that Representative might devalue, ignore and denigrate you, but they're not going to ignore the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Floydada."

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### Upcoming

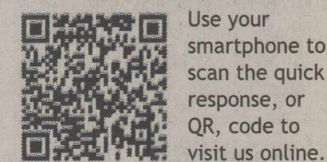
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### LOCKNEY ISD MEET THE TEACHER

Lockney Elementary will host Meet the Teacher on Thursday, August 18 from 2 - 4 p.m. Students and parents

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### News on the go



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With seven offensive and eight defensive starters returning, Floydada fans have high hopes for 2016. Last week Coach Todd Bandy was interviewed on KCBD's Pete's Pigskin Preview, and Meet the Whirlwinds Night was held Friday night.

### Meet the Whirlwinds kicks off '16 season

By Kay Ellington  
 The Hesperian-Beacon

Football kicked off in Floyd County Friday night with the Floydada Whirlwinds varsity and junior varsity squads scrimmaging the Wellington Rockets.

Friday was also Meet the Whirlwinds night, an opportunity for boosters and fans to meet the 2016 line-up.

Coach Todd Bandy and the Floydada Whirlwinds were re-

cently featured on the Pigskin Preview of KCBD Lubbock and during that interview Bandy noted that some of this year's players have been with the team for four years.

According to MaxPreps, this year's 'Winds' roster has a wealth of experience—15 seniors, and Dave Campbell's Texas Football has predicted that Floydada could be a dark house surprise in 2-2A D1 post-season play. The venerable statewide football magazine

### Lockney back to school family movie night Aug. 19



Courtesy photo

Friday night, August 19, the Lockney Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Back to School Movie Night at the Lockney Elementary playground for free. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and be a part of this community event.

By Kay Ellington  
 The Hesperian-Beacon

On Friday night at the Lockney Elementary School, families and children will be able to connect with friends old and new in anticipation of an exciting new school year.

The Lockney Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Back to School Family Movie Night. Admission will be free.

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to the elementary school playground. The movie will be *Home*, a 2015 ani-

mated film, loosely based on Adam Rex's 2007 children's book *The True Meaning of Smekday* and stars the voices of Jim Parsons, Rihanna, Steve Martin, Jennifer Lopez, and Matt Jones.

Popcorn will be available for sale. Bring your own candy.

Movie will start around 9 p.m. or dark. Please parents, NO UNATTENDED CHILDREN.

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# Comptroller Distributes \$769 Million in Monthly Sales Tax Revenue

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(AUSTIN) —Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced last he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$769.3 million in local sales tax allocations for August, 1.2 percent more than in August 2015.

These allocations are based on sales made in June by businesses that report tax monthly, and sales made in April, May and June by quarterly filers.

"The cities of San Antonio, Austin, Fort Worth, Arlington, Plano and Irving saw noticeable increases in sales tax allocations," Hegar said. "Energy-centric cities, such as Houston and Midland, continue to see decreases in sales tax allocations."

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Floydada	1.750%	32,807.17	55,578.41	-	279,399.67	301,536.30	-7.34%
Lockney	1.500%	10,266.72	10,919.66	-5.97%	87,370.70	74,305.85	17.58%
County/City	Current Rate	Net Payment This Period	Comparable Payment Prior Year	% Change	2016 Payments To Date	2015 Payments To Date	% Change

Lockney's monthly sales tax revenue was \$10,266.72, down -5.97% from 2015's \$10,919.66. Floydada's monthly sales tax revenue \$32,807.17, down -40.97% from prior year. For the year-to-date totals, Floydada is at \$279,399.67 down -7.34% from last year's year-to-date numbers, and Lockney is at \$87,370.70 up 17.58% from last year's \$74,305.84 numbers.

## The 501 Watermelons belong in pre-nups

You may think you know somebody, but not until you marry that person does the truth emerge. My big shock came when I learned my new husband didn't like watermelon.



HANABA MUNN WELCH

He doesn't like onions either. I knew that already. But I didn't know he didn't like watermelon. It felt sort of like I'd married an alien.

If we'd had pre-nuptial counseling, would the truth have come out? Would I have married him anyway? I think so.

But when you grow up thinking watermelons are quintessential summer fare, it's hard to survive the summer with someone who doesn't.

OK. I exaggerate. He eats a little watermelon - cubed pieces that end up in fruit salads. But consume a whole melon? No way.

Why not? He gave me two reasons: First, they're too sweet. No argument there. Yum.

Second, he told me he might eat a little from the heart but he's not about to fool with all those (adjective) seeds.

That tells you how long it's been since he's cut one in half.

"Hugh, they don't even have seeds anymore!" I told him. "There's no heart."

Maybe you can tell I've finally decided to be me and eat melons without him. I do it on the sly at the farm when he's not there. Since my mother is no longer around to help me finish the whole thing, I buy small seedless

ones. Do they make small ones with seeds? I sort of miss the seeds.

It's easy for me to get nostalgic about watermelons. I'm thinking about buying a big one soon to see if they still have hearts and seeds.

My parents' marriage was stable. They had no watermelon issues. When I came along, I was obviously their child.

Sometimes we grew our own. One year Daddy planted about 40 acres of melons. We peddled them. I remember taking a load to a railroad camp in Oklahoma. They were glad to see us.

But mostly we bought our melons from Jim Hamilton, father of my classmate Joe. I think we paid a dollar for three. Jim would throw in an extra. We'd stay, at his insistence, and eat one while we were there. Joe and I both knew the adage about what happens if you swallow a seed. Vines will grow out your ears. We were skeptical.

My paternal grandfather grew watermelons too. One year he took some of his big black diamond melons and my father to the photography studio.

Barefoot Daddy, perched on a melon and dressed in short pants, kerchief and jaunty cap, must have been about 3, making the year 1908 or 1909.

The photographer caught the celebratory spirit. He put his own two daughters in one picture. We have it too.

In one shot, there's a knife in one melon. In another, it's been cut. It still looks good enough to eat, even in black and white.

I'll bet they all ended up eating it. Who doesn't like watermelon?

Hint: He's not in the picture.

# Zika virus cases rise in Texas

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Texas health officials tracking the Zika virus have reported at least five new cases around the state since the beginning of August.

The total number of Zika cases in Texas rose to 93 after three new cases were reported.

A list of counties in the state with confirmed cases shows that there have not been any reports of Zika in East Texas.

NETHealth CEO George Roberts said fighting Zika starts with getting rid of standing water and using a mosquito repellent with DEET. He added that

wearing long sleeves and avoiding the outdoors between dusk and dawn will also reduce mosquito bites. Roberts explained the elevated risk to pregnant women and babies from a public health perspective.

"Zika is the first mosquito-borne illness that is known to cause birth defects and it's the first actual virus known to cause birth defects since German measles, so this really is a game changer," Roberts said.

In a release from Texas Medicaid officials, the department said it will cover two cans of mosquito repellent per month for women between the ages of 10 and

45 or who are pregnant as a way to combat the Zika virus.

Roberts added that the risks associated with the virus make it even more important to take precautionary measures.

"Remains in the system 21 to 28 days that's the typical transmission pattern, but it could remain longer," Roberts said.

A CDC travel advisory remains in effect for areas where local transmission of Zika through mosquitoes has been found including an area of South Florida where at least 15 cases have been reported by state health officials.

## The Paperboy Olympics are a celebration of achievement

For the most part, the Olympics has been a welcome break from the presidential campaign. Thankfully, football will be here in a week or two to distract even more.

I'm proud of our American men and women! They have really excelled.

When I was a kid, the Soviet Union was our enemy and often got the better of us. But times have changed. The U.S.A. reigns supreme over the planet in many events and overall.

One of the coolest things about the Olympics are the memories you can make with your family. I remember watching Carl Lewis, the Dream Team, Michael Johnson and Mary Lou Retton with family members and I hope my children will remember watching Michael Phelps and Simone Biles compete at the highest level when they're older.

In addition to the awesome Americans, the Olympics brings us the opportunity to witness the best from other countries and sometimes the greatest ever. Watching Usain Bolt win another 100 gold medal was incredible.

The history of the Olympics is amazing. Whether it's Wilma Rudolph overcoming childhood paralysis to become the fastest woman alive or Jessie Owens raining on Adolph Hitler's parade, dramatic story lines have developed during the games.

Often the Olympics have been used to push a political agenda. This year's statement has been man made climate change. Today, I'm going to refrain from sounding off on the topic and keep the focus where it needs to be during the games: the athletes.

Once upon a time, we got the Olympics on one network and they'd televise the games all day long.

Now, as in NBC's case, the Olympics are spread around on NBC's other channels to let the viewer watch they're interested in. These games, we've found ourselves watching the main NBC broadcast so the wife can get her fill of gymnastics. It's been fun admiring such greatness.

Leading up to the Rio games, there were plenty of worries. Overall, I think the games have surpassed what many thought would be a disaster. It's really been a blessing that they've been so smooth. There's been enough bad news and bloodshed around the globe to last us all awhile, we don't need it in the Olympics.

It's always been a dream of mind to one day attend the Olympics. That continues to be the case. Like the athletes who dream of competing for their country, I dream of being there for history and cheering on my country.

I'll keep dreaming the dream. I believe the 2020 games are in Tokyo. I've never been to Japan...

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## Raider Red Meats Schedules Annual Barbecue and Ribeye Championship

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The event is once again sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbecue Society.

The annual Raider Red Meats BBQ & Ribeye Championship will be held Aug. 26-27, giving cooks locally and nationwide the opportunity to square off against each other.

The cookoff will take place on the southwest side of the Department of Animal and Food Sciences building in the C12 and C14 parking lots on the Texas Tech University campus. Raider Red Meats is a part of the Meat Science and Muscle Biology program.

"I'm really excited that Raider Red Meats BBQ & Ribeye Championship has grown to include some of the county's biggest names in barbecue," said Tate Corliss, director of Raider Red Meats. "We're proud to host this event to promote barbecue, Raider Red Meats, Texas Tech and the College of Agriculture Sciences & Natural Resources."

Offering \$12,000 in cash and prizes, the Kansas City Barbecue Society (KCBS)-sanctioned event is the Texas State Championship. The event begins at noon on Friday (Aug. 26) with cook team check-in and meat inspection. At 7 p.m. there will be a KCBS cooks meeting for those competing in the KCBS portion of the program.

Saturday's festivities begin at 9 a.m. with a steak cooks meeting for those cooking in the Steak Cookoff Association program. At 10:30 a.m., there will be a KCBS judges meeting.

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# SOCIETY

## Floydada Senior Citizens News

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.

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 22 – August 26  
Monday – Broccoli beef  
Tuesday – BBQ ribs  
Wednesday – Spaghetti  
Thursday – Roast beef w/  
brown gravy  
Friday – Chicken Teriyaki  
(Menus subject to change  
without notice)

## Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – Just a reminder for those of you that have not paid your membership dues, They are due! Please come by the Center to take care of that. Cost is \$20 a year per person.

The Board of Directors will meet, August 17th after lunch. If you have any questions or concerns that need to be addressed, please come to this meeting.

Our Sunday lunch will be on Sunday, August 28th – 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. We will serve turkey and dressing with all the trimmings.

There has been some confusion on our Friday Family Night Fish Fry. It will be the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month.

The Senior Citizens will host the hospitality room during the football game for Homecoming on Friday, September 23rd. If you wish to come and visit, please feel free to do so.

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 652-2745.

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

Thursday night pot luck. Bring a dish and a friend and enjoy games afterwards. 5 – 9 p.m.

Remember NO fish fry this Friday night. The next one will be Friday, August 19th.

HAVE A GREAT WEEK!

### MENU

August 22 – August 26  
Monday – Baked potatoes  
Tuesday – Tacos  
Wednesday – BBQ  
Thursday – Chicken & dumplings  
Friday – Ham  
(Menus subject to change  
without notice)

## Home Country

By Slim Randles  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

You have to hand it to Windy. When Alphonse "Windy" Wilson chooses to speak, it is a bombastic sampling of creativity. Windy has yet to find a word he can't make better through his own unique methods.

Well, what got him fired up the other day was a meeting of the ladies of the garden club down at the nursery. Windy's been helping Dewey with his manure business on the one day a week he spends helping others.

Today wasn't a helper day, but he couldn't pass up the audience.

They hadn't gotten through old business when Windy stood, smiled, and spoke.

"Dear ladies," he said, "what an opera-tune moment this is, finding you all coagulated here in an effort to beatify the yards of our fair town. And what, you may ask, brings me to this conflagration? It's the latest thing in gardening. Our chairman of the board refers to it as 'cow pasture tea' and it nutritionalizes plants right down to bedrocks. As Dewey says, the only way to improve on cow manure is to liquidize it. Well, he hasn't said it yet, but he will.

"Now what exactly is cow pasture tea you're un-

doubtedly asking yourselves at this moment. It's a varietal combination of composted cow manure, water, and some acid we put in there to matriculate it properly into the life-giving succulence we require. Then we put it in a drum and pull the drum behind a tractor-like conveyance that looks an awful lot like an old riding lawn mower. We spray this on your lawn, and in ninja-seconds, this liquor of life perambulates deep into the rootiness of the grass and makes it want to grow."

He smiled at the group and noticed a lot of them were giggling in appreciation of his talk. He puffed up and continued.

"And what does the Dewey Decker Manure Combine charge for this incompartmental service? A mere \$10 for an average-sized lawn. Think about that, ladies. Ten dollars. Twenty fifty-cent pieces. Why you'd spend more than that on a wedding dress or a trip to the Bermudas!"

A number of the ladies clapped at that, thinking that might satisfy him, and it did. He smiled and sat.

He could get used to this corporate life. Maybe it wasn't too late to climb the ladder to success.

Brought to you by The Complete Cowboy Bucket List. See it at LPDPress.com.

## Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

By Bernice Barker

Emmette and Bell were married in Cane Hill, Arkansas in 1882. They came to Harrold, Texas, a small town near Vernon, Texas on their honeymoon in a covered wagon. They brought all their possessions with them as they wanted to go west to seek their fortune.

Emmette worked a few months in Harrold; then they moved to Floyd County, near the little town of Della Plain, (no longer in existence), where they lived for several years. Emmette farmed, planting small grains as millet, kaffir, and cane to feed their cattle and horses.

Each year after the fall rains he would go back to Harrold and sow wheat, and in the spring, would go back for harvest. Wheat was the money crop around Harrold. Some years later, oil was discovered on this very land and it became one of the biggest oil fields in Texas. While living in Della Plain five children were born to Emmette and

E. C. AND BELL ROSS HENRY

Bell... Beatrice Henry Smith, deceased; Ross Henry, deceased; Bernice Henry Barker; Marie Henry Baker, deceased; and Kenneth Henry.

While Emmette was away in the fall planting wheat, Bell was alone much of the time. However, she had a nice gentle pony, Gypsy. Late in the afternoon, Bell would hitch Gypsy to a two-wheel cart and drive to the nearest neighbor, three miles away, to spend the night. Emmette and Bell lived in one room on top of the ground with steps going down into a half-dugout. It was called a half dugout because half of it was below ground with windows for air, light, and some sunshine. They had a wooden floor and the walls boarded up to the windows. The room was cozy and warm. Cowboys rode by, often stopping for coffee or cold buttermilk. The milk was kept cool by water running through a pipe into a shed where Bell kept milk, eggs, and butter in crocks in a trough with the water running through day and

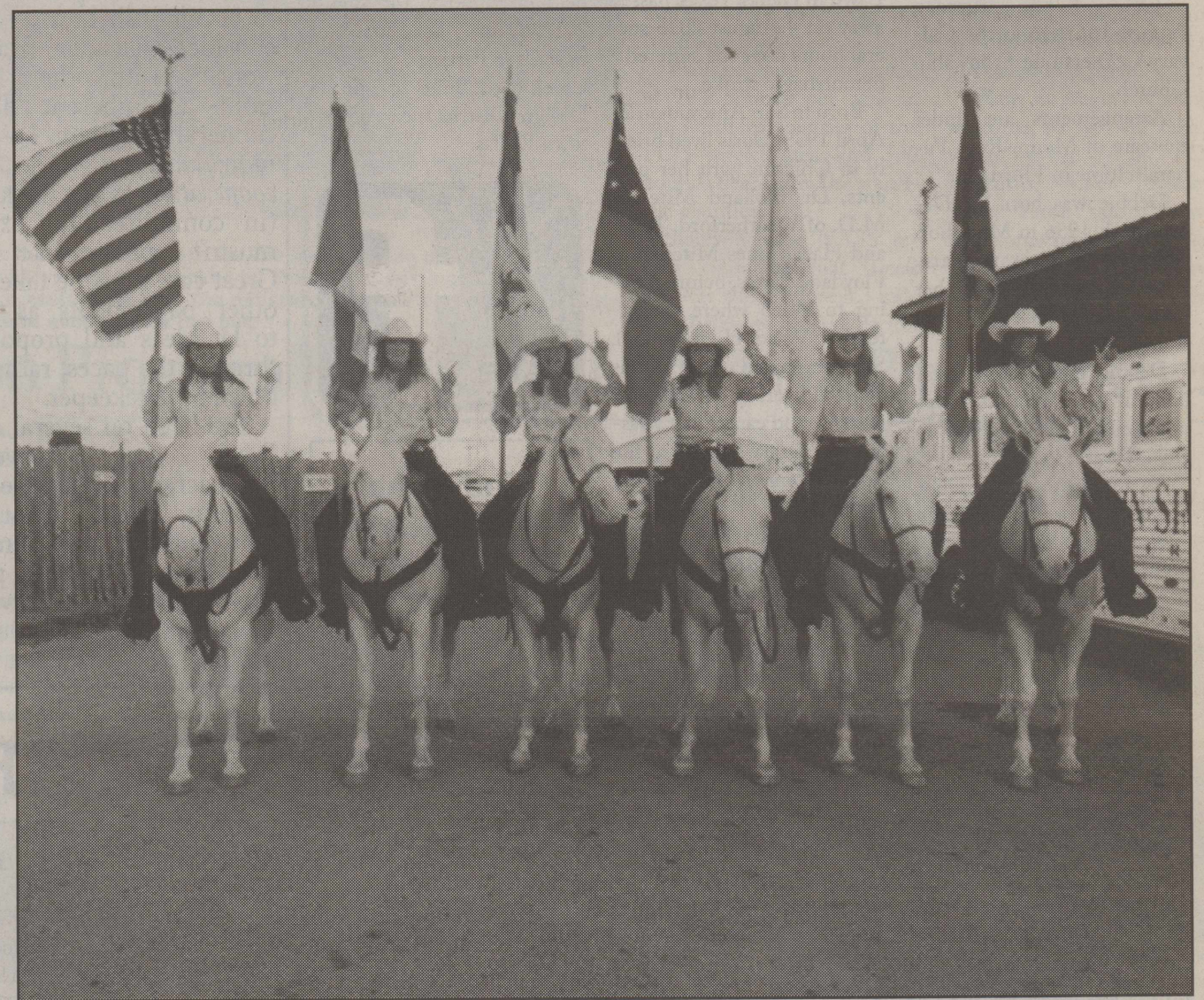
night.

Emmette and Bell had one unusual experience; late one afternoon they noticed a low cloud which seemed to be moving slowly toward their house. As it came closer they discovered it was grasshoppers. One piled on top of the other, eating every tender green leaf or blade of grass, and of course their garden which was just coming up.

The farmers were often plagued with prairie fires-sometimes burning several sections before it could be controlled, and sometimes it would burn to the caprock. Their only fire equipment was a wet burlap sack.

Emmette Henry was elected sheriff and tax collector of Floyd County in 1898. When the family moved to Floydada, 1907, they built a home in the northwest corner of the town section-living there until Emmette passed away in 1926. They house still stands in Floydada. Bell lived in Floydada until her death in 1956.

## Petersburg Day features HSU's Six White Horses



Courtesy photo

Hardin-Simmons University's riding team highlight is one of the highlights of the Petersburg Day celebration this year. Called Six White Horses, it is made up of six beautifully matched horses ridden by Hardin-Simmons students.

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### PETERSBURG

Hardin-Simmons University's riding team highlight is one of the highlights of the Petersburg Day celebration this year. Called Six White Horses, it is made up of six beautifully matched horses ridden by Hardin-Simmons students.

The drill team will perform in the annual Petersburg Day parade, at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, as well as at the Community Center at 11:30 a.m. Also featured during the community homecoming celebration will be several members of the undefeated Lubbock Christian University Women's Basketball Team which won the national championship this year.

Not only will the Lady Chaps be in the parade, but they also will be available at the Community Center to visit with folks and sign autographs.

Petersburg Day will kick off with a Veterans Ceremony at 9 a.m. honoring and celebrating those among the community who have bravely served this country. At 10:30, the parade will begin at Main Street and Avenue A, at the north end of Main. Once again Don Castleberry will carry on a tradition of leading the parade. Carrying the flags this year will be Cory and

Brook Castleberry. They are the fifth generation of Castleberrys with Petersburg roots.

The parade will include motorcycle clubs from towns around the area, the Kiva Go Karts, several vintage car clubs, antique cars and tractors, horse groups and horse-drawn carriages and so much more.

Lots of candy and free pizza coupons will be gathered by folks watching the parade.

Following the parade, everyone will move to the Petersburg Community Center at Avenue E and East First Street. Many civic organizations will be selling food and drinks. A children's area will be set up with water games, bounce houses, a maze and water balloons. Vendors from the community and across the area attend. Live music is provided by Judge Bill Coleman and the Justice Brothers.

Inside the Community Center, the Legacy Quilt Show will feature quilts made by the early pioneer women of the area, their daughters and granddaughters. Embroidered pieces will be displayed too. Also inside will be more vendors, a cakewalk game, and a video telling the story of shops, businesses and people of the community from the early 1920s through 1960s. The Softball Tournament starts at 1 p.m. at

the school ball field on the west side of town at Avenue D. and West Fourth Street. Food trucks will be on hand to quench any non-alcoholic thirst and satisfy any appetite. In addition, the Catholic Church is holding its Summerfest from 3-9 p.m. There will be more children's games, all kinds of authentic Mexican food and fun for people of all ages. The church is just north of the ball field at the corner of Highway 54 and West Fourth Street.

At 6 p.m., back at the Community Center, the FFA will provide a supper of barbecue, beans and potato salad with a drink for \$6. At 7 p.m., Tra-

vis Williams and Deanne Roberts will kick off the country dance. Entry is \$5 per person. The dance will conclude about 10 p.m. Both performers are well-known and well-loved musicians in this area.

For more information or to participate contact:

Parade: Dustee Sollis at 806-983-6228; dusteesollis@hotmail.com

Vendors: Cheryl Martin @ 806-667-3582; cmartin@vistabank.com

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# OBITUARIES/CHURCH

## Obituaries



**DEBBIE LEE FIPPS**

Debbie (Wyman) Fipps, age 59, of Floydada, passed into glory before our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Friday, August 12, 2016.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Thursday, August 18, 2016 at the Calvary Cornerstone Fellowship Church in Floydada with Marty Fipps officiating.

Interment will follow at the Floydada Cemetery.

Visitation was held from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at the Calvary Cornerstone Fellowship Church.

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

Debbie was born on December 1, 1956 in Muleshoe, Texas to Thomas and Patsy Wyman, and raised by her grandparents, Jack and Dora Eaks.

Debbie married her husband of 42 years, Tom Fipps on January 26 in 1974 in Bula, Texas.

As a native of Texas Debbie raised her four children and always enjoyed neighborhood children in her home. She also had a love and passion for animals. Her greatest ambitions besides her family were riding horses.

Debbie is survived by her husband, Tom Fipps, three sons, Marty and Aimee Fipps, Quinn and Kimberly Fipps, and Justin and Patsy Fipps; a daughter, Casey and George Romero; 17 grandchildren and her six horses.

Online condolences may be made to [www.moore-rose.com](http://www.moore-rose.com)



**DORIS JEAN MITCHELL**

Doris Jean Mitchell, a long-time resident of Oak Lawn in Dallas, Texas, passed away on 4 August 2016 several hours after she suffered a hemorrhagic stroke.

Born in San Antonio on 23 April 1939, Doris lived briefly in Chicago with her parents, Dr. Holland Mitchell, M.D. of Weatherford, Texas, and Hazel Jones Mitchell of Floydada, Texas, before moving to Waco where she attended Waco High School. She graduated from Texas Tech University in Lubbock in 1960, and earned her Masters in Library Science at the Texas Women's University in Denton.

Doris began her working life as a librarian at Jesuit High School in Dallas, but it was at the newly opened Richardson Public Library in 1970 that she spent over four

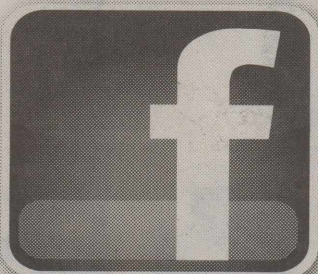
and a half decades as a Reference Librarian, ending her long career this past April at the age of 77.

Known and respected widely for her easy laugh, inquisitiveness and vast store of knowledge, and especially for her willingness to help her patrons and fellow workers, Doris will be remembered by many for her attachment to her cats, her Halloween costumes, and her love of gentle people of all shades and hues of the rainbow.

Doris was preceded in death by her parents and by her brother, William Nelson Mitchell, of Reno, Nevada.

She is survived by her cousins, Lovene Moore and Sharon Decker Henson, both of Waco, Texas, and Charlotte Decker Sutton, of Auburn, Alabama.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, 14 August 2016, from 3 to 6 p.m., at Seven for Parties, 150 Turtle Creek Blvd, Suite 107, in the Design District near downtown Dallas.



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## Decision Making

You've probably heard the joke: "For God so loved the world that he didn't send a committee..." If we follow that up with the folk wisdom, "If you want something done right, do it yourself," and the attitude, "How can I soar with the eagles if I'm surrounded by turkeys?" then living life together - and especially group decision-making - has got to take its toll on you! Yet we live in smaller communities and from time to time, we're all asked to serve on various committees. *C'est la vie!*

For all of the presumed wisdom in the above statements, I think they reveal something of a self-centered approach. It's an American trait to be so fiercely independent (and that's only magnified when you toss in being Texans!) that we would take our own council rather than seek wisdom and input from others. Working with others is so much trouble, we'd rather accomplish less alone than put up with others to accomplish more. I'd like us to consider that our frustrations in working with others don't come from an inherent flaw in the cooperative system, but rather from individuals not giving themselves to cooperation. When working together (in committee, for example), we mustn't operate like individuals. Great care must be taken to respect other participants as equals and to let ideas and proposals be run through the paces, rather than shot down by gatekeeper.

I've been on several committees. I've seen over-abundant bureaucracy, unqualified members pooling their ignorance, and individualistic members - I know how those things bring productivity crashing down. However, I would suggest that any group decision making group pledge themselves

to some ground rules (*the first of which should be Christlikeness on your part!*). Depending on your experience and pet peeves, your copy of the rule book might be longer than mine, but I'd suggest two things for every decision making group:

First, never let the first response to an idea be negative. Always consider the *positives* and the *potential* before looking for "why not's." The first one to speak in a meeting after a proposal has been made will influence the rest of the conversation. To shoot an idea down right out of the gate - without conversation - is a disrespect to the person bringing the idea and a loss of any potential good that might come from the discussion and proposal.

Second, be dedicated to your group. There's nothing graceful about the "nuclear option" that some people put into play: "If you don't do it my way, I'll take my marbles and go home." Withdrawal from a committee over controversy is no more an option than divorce is in a troubled marriage - work it out! If people know you're dedicated - and you acknowledge it, too - the relationship can be much more productive, spending its time on finding solutions rather than walking around on eggshells.

"Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety" (Pro. 11:14).

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

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

### THE LEAST OF THESE

The LORD says, "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: ... to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter ...?" —Isaiah 58:6, 7 (NIV)

Margarita Barrientos grew up in the mountains, herding goats and living in a humble adobe dwelling with her seven siblings. At mealtime, her mother always placed an extra plate at the table. When asked why, she responded, "It's for God." One day a hungry traveler showed up and was invited to their table; they all understood their mother's teaching.

When she was older, Margarita went to the city to escape poverty, only to land in a charity house — like many others before her. Margarita is now a social activist and does volunteer work in Buenos Aires at

one of the charity houses that minister to children and adults living in extreme poverty.

Through all these experiences, Margarita has continued to follow her mother's example, to live with compassion and do all things for God. The kingdom of God is built by people like Margarita. Following her example, we can pray to be filled with the Holy Spirit and to mirror the actions of Jesus to serve the "least of these."

Hugo N. Urcola (Buenos Aires, Argentina)

#### Prayer

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Morning Worship...11 a.m.  
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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.  
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**Calvary's Cornerstone Fellowship**  
Floydada  
Armando Morales, Pastor  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.  
Bible Study - 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening - 7 p.m.  
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**Carr's Chapel**  
Service Every Sunday  
Morning Worship - 9 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.  
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**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.  
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**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.  
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**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.  
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**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.  
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**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.  
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**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.  
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**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.  
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**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.  
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**Mt. Zion Baptist Church**  
Floydada  
Rev. Timothy Askey  
401 N 12th St. 983-5805  
Sunday School - 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Study - 6 p.m.  
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**New Salem Primitive Baptist Church**  
Floydada  
Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges  
(806) 637-0430  
Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.

Floydada  
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.  
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**Power of Praise Full Gospel Church**  
Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor  
704 B Main, Lockney  
Sunday Services - 10 a.m.  
Sunday Evening - 5 p.m.  
Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.  
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**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.  
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**Primera Iglesia Bautista**  
Floydada  
Rev. Toby Gonzales  
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.  
Wed Evening - 7 p.m.  
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**San Jose Catholic Church**  
Lockney  
Msgr. Nickolas Rendon  
Wed. Communion - 8 p.m.  
Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.  
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**South Plains Baptist Church**  
Joe Weldon, Pastor  
SuNday School - 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting - 7 p.m.  
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**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.

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**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.  
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**Templo Bautista Salem**  
Lockney  
Rev. Joe Hernandez  
Sun 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.  
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**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.  
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**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.  
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**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.  
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**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
Providence Community On Fm 2301  
293-3009  
Rev. Peter W. Harrington, Minister  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service 11 - a.m.  
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**West Side Church of Christ**  
Floydada  
983-2672 Or 470-0950  
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.



# AGRICULTURE

## Producer's Coop Elevator

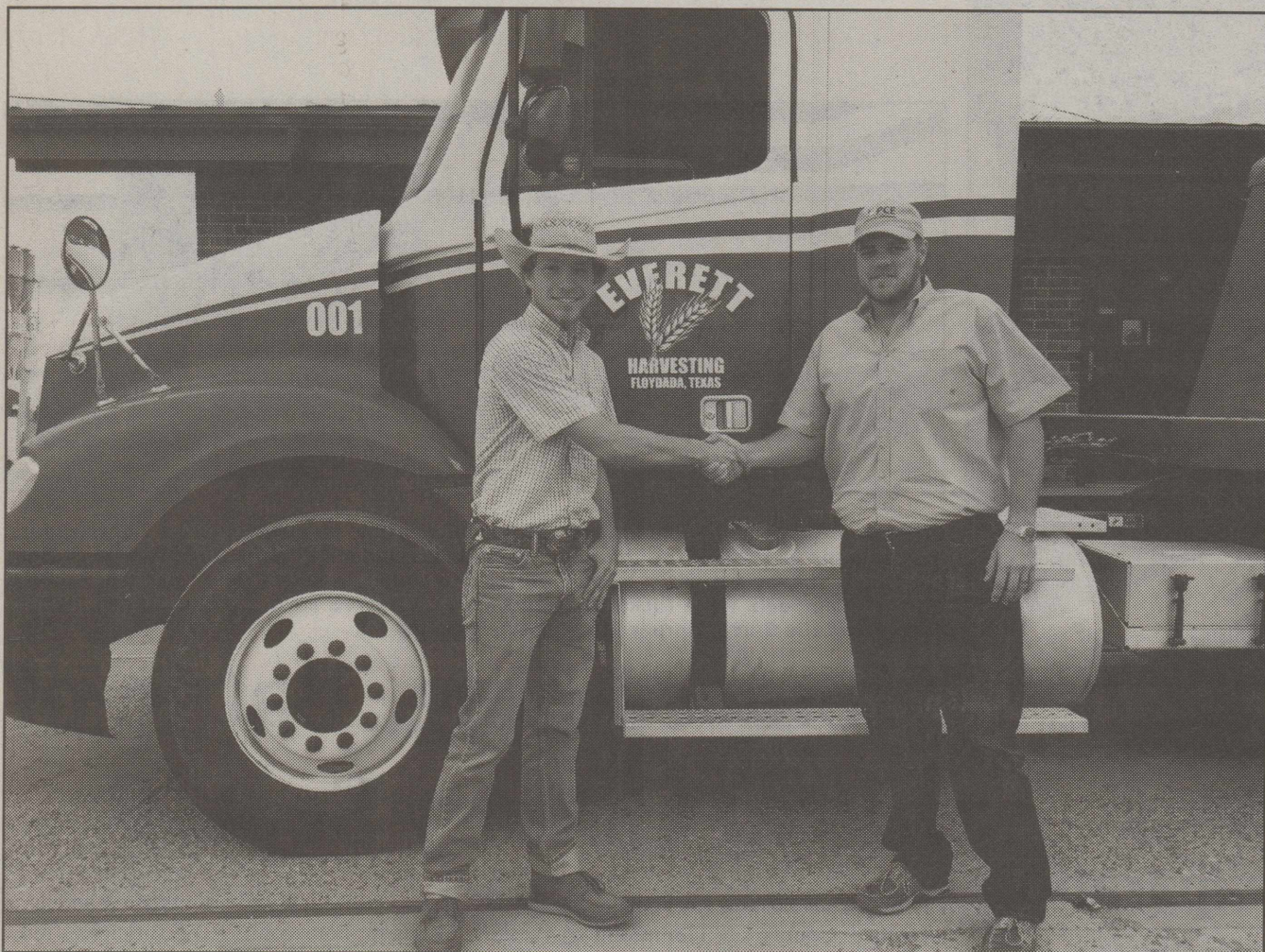


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Producer's Coop Elevator in Floydada received their first loan of yellow corn for the 2016 season at 9 a.m. on Friday, August 12th. It came from Zane Colston's land and was harvested and trucked by Everett Harvesting! We are excited to start our next crop this year and look forward to a successful harvest! The moisture was 13.7 and the test weight was 55.9. It is good looking corn, and we at PCE appreciate every bit we can get!

## NASS Projects High Plains

### cotton at 4 Million Bales in 2016

By Mary Jane Buerkle  
Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

LUBBOCK - Winter precipitation and a relatively good start to the growing season set the Texas High Plains up for what could be an above-average year if conditions continue to be favorable.

In their first official crop production estimates for the area this season, the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service pegged the 2016 High Plains crop at 4.07 million bales, harvested from 3.325 million acres. Planted acres are estimated at 3.59 million, reflecting a projected 7.4 percent abandonment rate, which is lower than the average of 18 to 20 percent for the region.

Yield per acre is estimated at 783 pounds per acre in the northern counties of the PCG service area, and 530 pounds per acre in the southern counties.

Statewide, the NASS report estimates that Texas growers will produce 6.3 million bales of upland cotton

from 5.1 million acres harvested. Statewide yield is estimated to be 593 pounds per acre, down from 610 last year. In 2015, 5.72 million bales of cotton were produced in Texas on 4.5 million harvested acres.

NASS estimates that the United States will produce 15.3 million bales of upland cotton, up 23 percent from 2015.

Some locations in the PCG service area received as much as three inches of rainfall earlier this week, although the range mostly was between a few tenths and two inches for those who saw precipitation at all. Although some High Plains fields already have reached the cutout stage, the rainfall still could help a little as bolls begin to grow and fill out on what is there.

"Rain in August is always welcome, so we will take it when we can get it," PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett said. "It will help some more than others, but I think all of our growers would agree that it's welcome."

## New Playa Restoration Program Fills Grassland Playa Pits, Trenches

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LUBBOCK — A new multi-partner playa restoration program, the Texas Playa Conservation Initiative, is offering participating landowners free backfilling of pits and trenches in playas surrounded by grass.

Backfilling these pits and trenches, many of which are no longer in use, restores playa hydrology for the benefit of local residents and wildlife.

Healthy, functioning playas are areas of focused recharge to the Ogallala Aquifer, with rates in playa basins 10 to 100 times higher than other areas, but the benefits go beyond simple recharge.

"The water that reaches the aquifer through playas is cleaner than water that enters through other channels such as upland soils," said Don Kahl, Natural Resources Specialist with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

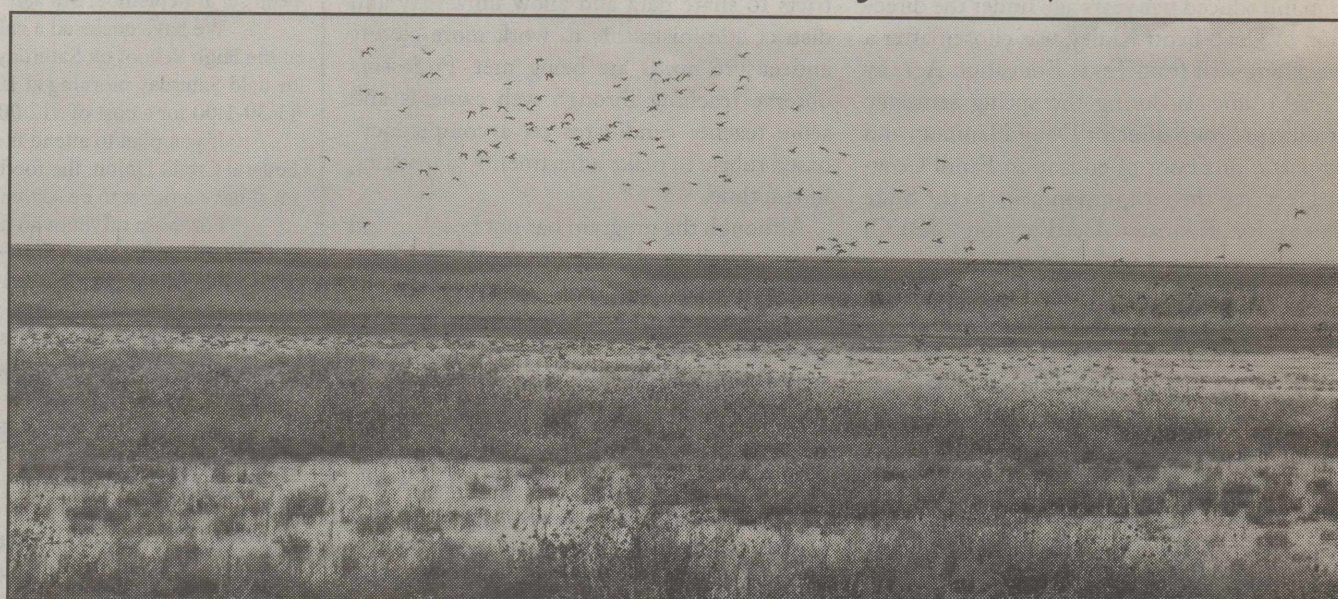
"As rainfall and runoff travel toward the playa, the surrounding grasses trap sediments that can carry contaminants, and keep them from reaching the playa.

Then, as the water moves through the clay floor of the playa, a second 'cleaning' process occurs as the soils beneath the playa remove nitrates and other dissolved contaminants.

The result is high quality water reaching the aquifer that can be used by those who live on the land, their children and future generations."

Playas are also critically important for wildlife, according to Kahl, providing water, food and shelter. These seasonal wetlands support 185 species of waterfowl and other birds, 350 species of plants, 37 mammal species, and 13 amphibian species.

Playa restoration will be completed at no cost to the landowner and upon completion of the restoration practice, a one-time incentive payment will be provided.



Courtesy Photo

When pits are filled, water spreads across the playa, recharging through cracks in the playa floor and providing habitat for wildlife.

Enrollment in the program is currently limited to playas in Floyd and Castro Counties.

Program partners include Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Playa Lakes Joint Venture, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Ducks Unlimited, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Texas Agricultural Land Trust, Texas Grazing Lands Coalition, Texas Tech University, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, The Nature Conservancy, and Ogallala Commons.

For more information about the Texas Playa Conservation Initiative or to enroll in the program, contact Don Kahl at (806) 475-1308 or don.kahl@tpwd.texas.gov.

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## Prospects Bright for Texas Dove Hunters

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN - More validation that everything's bigger and better in Texas, dove populations are soaring and the hunting season, which gets under way Sept. 1, is the longest in 80 years.

A new 90-day season this fall means hunters will have 20 more days of opportunity compared with previous years. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is integrating those additional days early in the season to take advantage of mourning dove migrating into the state, as well as at the end of the season in the Special White-winged Dove Area to offer more bird hunting opportunities.

"Hunters will now be able to take advantage of those northern birds riding early November cool fronts into Texas, without sacrificing days of opportunity early in the season," said Dave Morrison, TPWD Small Game Program Director. "We've also tacked on extra days to the back end of the season in late January when South Texas prospects are still pretty solid. It's a win-win for dove hunters."

Roughly 10 percent of the nation's 350 million mourning dove reside in Texas, along with about 9 million white-winged dove. Each fall, more than 415,000 Texas dove hunters take to the field in pursuit of these acrobatic, fast-flying game birds. Based on field observations by TPWD wildlife biologists, prospects for the 2016-17 hunting season are good to excellent.

"During the start of breeding season (March) in Texas, habitat conditions for dove were good to fantastic, thanks to the carryover of precipitation from 2015," said Shaun Oldenburger, TPWD Dove Program Leader. "Biologists witnessed good early production on both white-winged and mourning doves throughout the state until the May rains arrived. However, good production was witnessed in June and July as more sporadic, isolated storm events continued across the state."

Based on early survey results at TPWD, mourning dove numbers may be some of the highest in more than a decade in the Panhandle with similar numbers as 2015 in the rest of the state. White-winged doves continue to increase in numbers across the state, but the growth is gradually slowing.

"Hunters should be prepared for good seed production across the state, so there will be plenty food available for mourning doves except in areas where flooding occurred," said Oldenburger. "This may make hunting a little more difficult due to thick vegetation cover, and hunters will need to spend a little more time finding downed birds in areas due to this issue during opening day in some areas."

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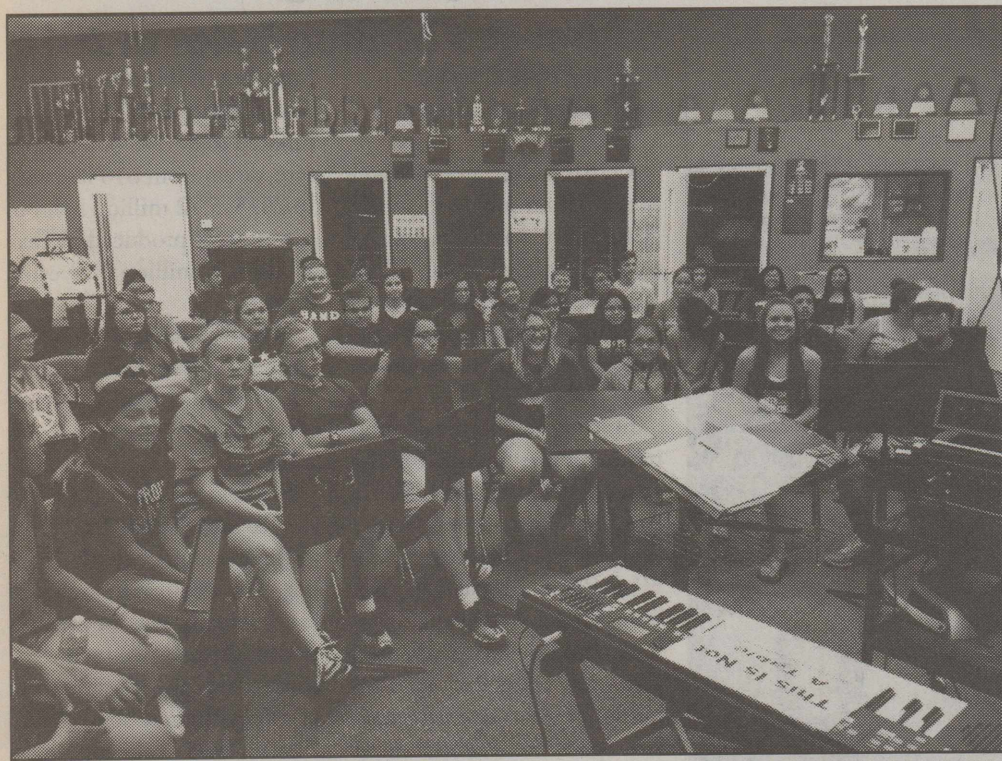
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# FLOYDADA SCHOOL NEWS

## FHS Band Camp



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Band director Justin Ogden and the Spirit of the Winds band held band camp last week. Band activities in August also included a cook-out, uniform check-out, and group picture.

## Texas Tech Recognized for Excellence in Teacher Preparation

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

An innovative teacher preparation program at Texas Tech University was recognized for its focus on quality of teaching and teacher preparation satisfaction.

Tech Teach, which the College of Education introduced five years ago under the direction of Dean Scott Ridley, was chosen after a weeklong visit from Texas Education Agency (TEA) officials during the spring semester. Ridley, program director Doug Hamman and associate professor of education Fanni Coward received the recognition prior to the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) meeting on Aug. 4 in Austin.

Tim Miller, head of TEA Educator Preparation Quality Assurance, presented the recognition.

"Tim and several TEA staff members told us they wanted to highlight our program so all educator preparation providers will know about Tech Teach, 'be jealous' and adopt similar methods and high standards," Ridley said.

In offering the recognition, TEA officials said Texas Tech has exceeded the SBEC minimum standards to provide outstanding preparation for teacher candidates and highlighted national achievements, such as being identified as a national model by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation and winning a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to support other teacher preparation programs through

the U.S. PREP National Center.

Tech Teach puts teacher candidates into the classroom for a year and requires 275 hours of field-based experiences. SBEC requires 12 weeks of clinical teaching and 30 hours of field-based experiences. Tech Teach also created partnerships with school districts to share data and allow university and district administrators to work more closely and ensure needs are being met. Professors observe teaching through web cameras and score teacher candidates on a competency-based rubric to make adjustments to teaching in real time.

Although the program has not been around long enough to provide extensive data, both first-year teachers and administrators in the school districts that hire graduates say they are much more prepared under Tech Teach than other educator preparation programs.

The College of Education also reaches hundreds of students throughout the state with the Tech Teach Across Texas, a district-based immersion teacher prep program that allows teacher candidates to take courses online and work in the local school districts with intensive and ongoing clinical coaching from the site coordinator, who is a district-based Texas Tech faculty member. Other professors also observe from a distance and offer immediate feedback via technology.

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## Texas A&M Home to Most Affordable Medical School In Nation

COLLEGE STATION, Aug. 12, 2016 — The Texas A&M College of Medicine has been cited by U.S. News & World Report as the most affordable medical school in the United States for in-state tuition.

The cost of attending Texas A&M for medical school is approximately half of the in-state average among all public medical schools in the U.S., according to the report. Medical students attending the Texas A&M College of Medicine, part of the Texas A&M University Health Science Center, pay just \$16,432 per year

as state residents.

"The Texas A&M University System exists to create opportunity and serve Texans," said Texas A&M University System Chancellor John Sharp. "I am proud that the Texas A&M College of Medicine stays true to this mission by keeping their tuition down, making medical education more accessible, and thus getting more qualified medical professionals out into the workforce."

"Our College of Medicine is serving the state and nation exceedingly well, and it's gratifying to

know we are doing so in a manner that also serves our students well—making their medical education most affordable in comparison to what their peers pay elsewhere," noted Texas A&M President Michael K. Young. "That is in keeping with our Land Grant College heritage, and it is part of our commitment to keep costs as low as possible for all of our students while maintaining our high academic standards. Because this major factor is helping our students graduate with lower-than-average debt, they are permitted to

## Mini Cheer Camp



Courtesy photo

Mini Cheer Camp 2016 was a huge success with lots of happy Whirlwind Cheerleaders! "Cheer camp was full of fun this year, the kids learned a lot," said Cheer Sponsor RaNay Johnston. Shown are camp attendees (left to right) Brooklyn Pyle, Marissa Valdivia, Kortney Campbell, Kylie Ricketts, Azalea Garza, Zaybree Back, Brooke Galvan, Hartlee Battey, Natalie Garza, Harper Stapp, Nevaeh Perez.

## Homecoming, Battle of Floyd County Sept. 9

Floydada is hosting Lockney in The Battle of Floyd County on Homecoming Week-end, Sept. 9 this year. The Ex-Students As-

sociation has released a tentative schedule of events for homecoming and anticipates more events to be added.

### Floydada Homecoming set for September 9

FLOYDADA - 2016 is a homecoming year for Floydada High School. The dates have been set at September 9th and 10th.

We have enclosed a calendar of events for your information. The main activities will be at the High School on Saturday, beginning with registration at 9:00 AM. A business meeting will be held Saturday morning at 10 AM. A catered lunch (high school gym) will be served from 11:30-1:00 for a cost of \$12.00 per plate. Class reunions are at 1:00 PM in the high school.

If you plan to attend the Saturday lunch, you can purchase a ticket at the Texas Plains Federal Credit Union, the football game Friday night or at registration Saturday morning. You must have a ticket to be served.

For those of you who need overnight accommodations, please make reservations directly with the Floydada Inn at 806-983-5826 or at the Bunk House (formerly Fieldan Motel) at 806-983-2000. The Wayne Russell RV Park provides RV spaces, contact City Hall at 806-983-2834.

For more information, visit our website at [www.Floydadawhirlwinds.org](http://www.Floydadawhirlwinds.org) or the Floydada Ex-student Facebook page (just Google: Floydada Ex-students). Please make plans to join us and help make Homecoming 2016 a special event.

### Floydada 2016 Homecoming Schedule

#### Friday September 9th

- 2:30 PM..... Football Pep Rally.
- 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM..... Pregame Fajita meal at the A.B. Duncan Elementary School cafeteria.
- 7:30 PM - 11:00 PM... Classes of 1960 - 64 gathering at the Massey Activity Center.
- 7:30 PM - 11:00 PM... Classes of 1967 - 69 gathering at the Wayne Russell Pavilion.
- 7:30 PM..... Floydada Whirlwinds play the Lockney Longhorns.

#### Saturday, September 10th

- 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM.... Hall of Fame Breakfast for new and current members at A. B. Duncan Elementary School Library.
- 9:00 AM - 12:00 AM.... Registration for all ex-students at the high school practice gym.
- 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM.... Ex-Cheerleaders tea at 907 W. Missouri.
- 10:00 AM..... Ex-student's business meeting in auditorium. All ex's may attend this meeting and/or mingle with others in the FHS halls.
- 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM.... Lunch at the high school gym.
- 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM.... Ex-students meet in high school classrooms. Rooms will be marked by year of graduation.
- 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM.... Classes of the 1970's gathering at the Lighthouse Center.
- 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM.... Classes of the 1940's gathering at the Senior Citizen's Center.
- 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM.... Classes of the 1955 - 57 gathering at the Bank Meeting Room.
- 8:00 PM - 12:00 PM.. Street Dance at Covey Hotel (one block west of square).

make career choices with less financial obligation."

Of the 67 public schools that submitted in-state tuition and fees data to U.S. News for the 2015-2016 school year, the average cost was \$32,495 per year. That cost is much higher at private medical schools, where the average price for tuition and fees is \$52,515, according to the data submitted by 48 private medical schools

to U.S. News in its annual survey.

The average cost for tuition and fees among the 10 least expensive medical schools for in-state students—six of which are Texas-based—was \$19,355 per year.

The rising cost of medical education and increasing student debt have made it progressively more difficult to become a physician, officials note.

A reduced debt burden gives graduates the freedom to choose specialties that are not based on their ability to pay back their debt, but on the health care needs of communities. It also allows graduates greater options to relocate or return to underserved areas of the country with

the skills and integrity to positively impact the communities that need it most.

"Studies show that while student debt is not the primary factor in choosing a specialty or sub-specialty, students will avoid investigating primary care tracks out of concern for how they might repay their debt," said Paul Ogden, M.D., interim senior vice president and chief operating officer of Texas A&M Health Science Center and interim dean of the College of Medicine. "By keeping our tuition costs low and offering more scholarships, particularly full-ride scholarships, we're working to address this concern and allow students to explore all areas of medical practice."

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# LOCKNEY SCHOOL NEWS

## Lockney Elementary Registration Continues This Week

Lockney Elementary will host registration again this week. School office hours are generally: 7:30am - 4:30pm Monday - Thursday, However, it is best to call ahead. 652-3321. Only students that did not attend LES last year need to register. Students must qualify for Pre-K based on household income. Applications will be available at time of registration. Please bring the following in order to register your child:

- \*State issued birth certificate
- \*Social Security card
- \* Updated shot record
- \* Parent's Driver's License or Photo ID

## Lockney School Lunch Menu

Week of August 22-26

**Monday, Aug. 22, 2016**  
Breakfast - Sausage Kolache with Yogurt, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk  
Lunch - Country Fried Steak with Gravy or Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Strawberry Cup, Roll, Milk

**Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2016**  
Breakfast - Cheese Omelet Wrap, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk  
Lunch - Meat and Cheese Tostadas or Enchiladas, Refried Beans, Cucumbers Salsa, Lettuce/Tomato Garnish, Rosy Applesauce, Milk

**Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2016**  
Breakfast - Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch - Chicken Spaghetti with Breadstick or Pizza, Garden Salad, Vegetable Medley, Orange Smiles, Milk

**Thursday, Aug. 25, 2016**  
Breakfast - Waffles, Sausage, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk  
Lunch - Soft Taco or Frito Pie, Baby Carrots, Corn, Salsa/Garnish, Peaches, Cookie, Milk

**Friday, Aug. 26, 2016**  
Breakfast - Cinnamon Roll, Bacon, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk  
Lunch - Chicken Strips with Gravy, Texas Toast or Hamburger with Cheese, Garnish/Cole Slaw, Sweet Potato Fries, Apple Slices, Milk

## SPC Workforce Development offers medication administration for nurse aide class

REESE CENTER - South Plains College Workforce Development will offer a Medication Administration for Nurse Aide class from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Sept. 12 through Dec. 1 in Room 407 in Building 4 on the SPC Reese Center campus. The class will meet on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Registration will be conducted at the SPC Byron Martin campus, 3201 Ave. Q. Space is limited.

The instructor will be Mary Frances Berry. The cost is \$495 and students will use the textbook "Administering Medications: Pharmacology for Healthcare Professionals, Eighth Edition." A minimum of 10 participants is required for this class to make. Deadline for registration will be when the class is full with 21 students.

Student will receive instruction in the responsibilities and procedures associated with preparation and administration of designated medications by non-licensed nursing personnel employed in health care facilities licensed by the Texas Department of Health. This intensive course is required for certification as a Medication Aide.

Students must pre-register and provide proof of immunizations which include Tetanus in the last 10 years, TB test showing a negative reading no older than six months prior to the first day of class, 2 MMRs and a Hepatitis B Series. Students also will need to bring driver's license, social security card, certified nurse aide license, names must match on these two documents, original diploma, transcript or certified GED letter. Participants who satisfactorily complete the course will be awarded a Continuing Education Certificate for 14.0 hours.

IMPORTANT: All requirements must be met before students will be able to register and pay for this class. Criminal background checks will be performed for all students. On-site registrations will not be accepted for this course.

Special requirements for enrollment: Have a high school diploma or GED. Foreign transcripts or diplomas must be accompanied by a certified translation letter.

Be currently employed in a facility as a nurse aide or non-licensed direct care staff person on the first official day of the training program.

Have been employed in a facility for 90 days as a non-licensed direct care staff person within the 12-month period before the first official day of training.

An applicant who works as a nurse aide in a Medicare skilled nursing facility or a Medicaid nursing facility (Nursing Home) is exempt from the 90-day requirement.

If you work for a MHMR house, Assisted Living, Home Health, Hospital or Correctional facility, you will not meet state requirements to qualify.

These registration requirements are set by state law and several require notarized documentation. Students are responsible for ensuring that they meet the enrollment requirements.

No refunds will be given for students failing to meet enrollment requirements. Class dates are listed for lecture only. Students must complete both lecture and clinicals. Clinical schedules will follow and may require different times and days of the week. A maximum of 21 students will be accepted.

For more information, call (806) 716-4906.

## Lockney Homecoming 2016

Mark your calendars! Friday Sept 23 & Saturday Sept 24

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

#### THURSDAY SEPT 22

BONFIRE @ 9pm  
Floyd County Fairgrounds  
**Friday Sept 23**

**1:00pm-4pm** Registration @ High School Library  
**2:30pm** Pep Rally @ New High School Gym  
**5:00pm-6:30pm** Dinner at Lockney Elementary. Brisket, sausage, beans, cobbler, coleslaw, bread, tea/water. **\$9.00** Sponsored by LHS Cheerleaders  
**7:00pm-7** Hospitality Room @ Lockney Senior Citizens 118 W College will be open during and after the football game for your enjoyment!!

#### 7:30pm FOOTBALL GAME

Lockney Longhorns VS Olton Mustangs



#### SATURDAY Sept 24

**9:30 am** Registration @ Lockney Elementary School  
**11:30am** Catered Meal @ Lockney Elementary  
Pulled pork sandwich, potato casserole, green beans, salad, rolls, strawberry shortcake, tea/water.  
**\$10** 12yrs & Older  
**\$6** under 12yrs  
**1:00pm** Business meeting and Memorial Service  
**9:00pm** Dance @ fairgrounds

Check Registration tables for all CLASS MEETINGS!!

#### Class Meetings

##### CLASS OF 1950

Will meet Sat. Sept 24 at Eugene Tannahill's house after business meeting. 545 US HWY 70

##### Class of 1975-76-77

Will meet at the Dove Room, 305 N Main At 4:00 Friday Sept. 23 after the Pep Rally

##### Class of 1999

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##### Class of 2002

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## Lockney Immunization Update

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Your attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Connie Barnett LVN  
School Health Advisor

## SPC Workforce Development offers Pharmacy Tech Test Preparation class

LUBBOCK - South Plains College Workforce Development will offer a Pharmacy Tech Test Preparation course from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting Sept. 6 through Oct. 27 at the Byron Martin Advanced Technology Center, located at 3201 Ave. Q. Registration is open and space is limited.

This is a test preparation review course for pharmacy technicians who will be taking the Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam.

The course is designed to augment on-the-job training or provide an individual who has extensive knowledge with the tools to successfully complete the national exam. This is an introductory course where highly motivated individuals willing to spend a significant amount of outside class time in memorization and other study techniques can also benefit. Subjects covered include pharmacology, safety, terminology, packing, dispensing, distribution, inventory management,

pharmacy law, reading prescriptions, pharmacy math including aliquots, ratios and proportions, calculating percentages, ratio strengths, business math, calculating IV flow rates and other related topics.

The Pharmacy Technician Certification Board Exam (PTCB) is available throughout the year. There are further costs that are not included in the price of this course. There is a fee of \$62 to receive a Pharmacy Technician in Training License

which the student will be responsible for paying www.tsbp.tx.state.us directly.

There is a fee of \$50 for finger printing which the student will be responsible for paying www.identogo.com directly.

Students must have their

trainee license before the last class. PTCB requires that examinees have a high school diploma or GED and have never been convicted of a felony.

The meeting dates for this class are subject to change by the instructor. The \$140

exam fee must be paid by students directly to www.PTCB.org.

Criminal Background checks will be performed on all students and are included in the tuition of \$361.

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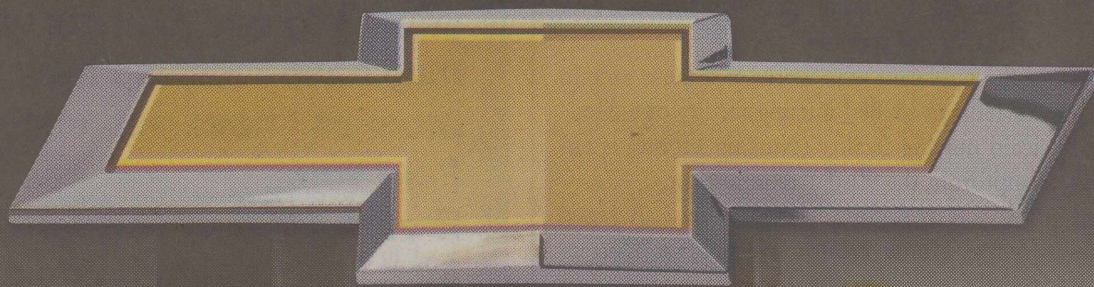


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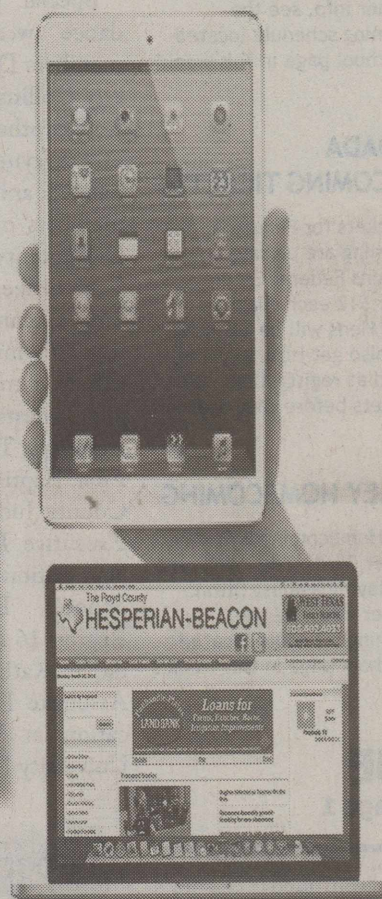
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### BINGO NIGHT FLOYDADA

The Floydada Senior Citizens Center will be holding a BINGO NIGHT on Tuesday, August 23rd at 7 p.m. 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.

### FLOYDADA HOMECOMING

Floydada Homecoming is Friday, September 9th. The Whirlwinds will be playing against their rivals, the Lockney Longhorns. For further info, see the homecoming schedule located on the school page in this week's issue.

### FLOYDADA HOMECOMING TICKETS

Lunch tickets for Floydada Homecoming are on sale at Texas Plains Federal Credit Union for \$12 each. Danny's Fens and Hens will be catering. You can also get tickets at the game and at registration. Get your tickets before they are gone!

### LOCKNEY HOMECOMING

Lockney Homecoming is Friday, September 23rd. The Longhorns will be playing against Olton. For further info, see the homecoming schedule located on the school page in this week's issue.

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He continued Laney's theme by asking educators to do three things: vote for a pro-education candidates, create a culture of civil responsibility, and contact District 68 representative Drew Springer and speak up for those without a voice.

"I beseech you, in the spirit of the Lord, to do that," Johnson added. "We have a God-given responsibility to advocate for the children. It's always about the children. Always, always, always!"

He closed by encouraging teachers to always treat each student the same, no matter their socio-economic status, passing on gifts that will one day make them productive members of society, because "that's what you're all doing, giving them purpose and a place...making a place for students in their Father's world and at their Father's table."

New FISD staff for the 2016-2017 school year are: Patricia Ivy (2nd), Kalissia Hinson (2nd), Kacy Chandler (3rd/ELA/R/SS), Ashley Stidham (5th Math), Amanda Stapp (6th/ELA/R), Chelsea Bass (PE), Edwin Miller (Special Education); Patricia Posadas (Cafeteria), and Sandra Castillo (Cafeteria).

Special guests in attendance were FISD board members Dr. Bill Dean, Beverly Collins, Eric Smith, and Kay Brotherton; administrators Wayne Morren, Carlos Muñoz, and Jim Bob Hobbs; members of the School and Community Partnership Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, and Facility Planning Committee. Other community members and guests in attendance were Rev. Tim Franks of the First Baptist Church, Floyd County Judge Marty Lucke, Executive Director of Texas Association of Community Schools Barry Haenisch, Region 16 and 17 Representative Kathee Lupton, and Associate Professor of Education at Wayland Baptist University Dr. Tim Powers.

## Weather Whys

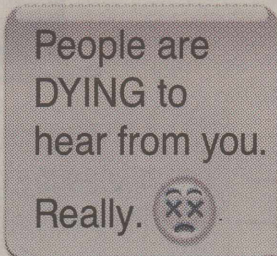
Q: What is exactly is a heat burst?

A: It is an odd weather occurrence that happens during thunderstorms when temperatures can quickly rise 25 degrees or more in just a few minutes, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Heat bursts usually happen in the evening," McRoberts explains. "It is a strong burst of hot air that is pushed down very quickly and is warmed all the way down to the surface, often originating from 20,000 feet or more. When the air reaches the ground, it is very hot - in some cases well over 100 degrees. Heat bursts are odd because usually during thunderstorms, the air will become cooler. The air in a heat burst is not only very warm, but it is very dry and sometimes this hot, dry air can create damaging winds in excess of 75 mph."

Q: How much can the temperature rise during a heat burst?

A: There have been some amazing documented examples of rising temperatures caused by heat bursts, McRoberts adds. "In 1993 in Glasgow, Mont., the temperature was recorded at 67 degrees at 5:02 p.m. during a thunderstorm. By 5:17 p.m. - just 15 minutes later - the temperature had shot up to 93 degrees. In 1960, a reported heat burst in Bosque County, Texas briefly raised the temperature to a mind-boggling 140 degrees and it melted crops in the area. The intensity of a heat burst depends on the size of the thunderstorm and how much the air can heat up before descending down to the ground."

*Weather Whys is a service of the Department of Atmospheric Sciences at Texas A&M University. More news about Texas A&M University*



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## FLOYD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

### CRIME REPORT

#### Calls for Service

**07/04/16**  
Deputy responded to the 400 block of East Bryant Street in the City of Lockney in reference to Criminal Mischief. Resident of the property reported that someone had slashed her vehicle tire sometime during the night.

**07/05/16**  
Deputy responded to the 500 block of South Main Street in the City of Lockney in reference to Criminal Mischief. Resident of the property reported that William Means of Lockney had broken his bedroom window and wanted to pursue charges against Means. Report was taken and forwarded to the County Attorney.

While on patrol Deputy observed a black male standing next to a window at 500 block of South Main street in the City of Lockney. Deputy made contact with subject William Means who was standing on the front porch arguing with the resident. Means was arrested for Criminal Trespass and transported to Garza County Jail.

**07/07/16**  
Sheriff Raisseze was dispatched to the 1300 block of FM 786 in reference to a Burglary of a Building that had occurred sometime between June 27 and July 7, 2016. Employees of Blackjack Energy Services reported that a John Deere AC G5010s generator along with a gas can were taken out of their scale house.

**07/08/16**  
Deputy responded to the Lockney Health and Rehabilitation Center in reference to a Theft. A resident reported that her wedding band was stolen sometime between July 8<sup>th</sup> and July 9<sup>th</sup>. This case is still under investigation.

**07/11/16**  
Deputy responded to the 100 block of South Main street in the City of Lockney in reference to Criminal Mischief. Owner of the property reported that a window had been broken.

**07/13/16**  
Sheriff Raisseze was dispatched to the 600 block of North Main Street in the City of Lockney in reference to a Burglary of a Habitation that occurred sometime during the night. Suspect entered the residence through an open window at the back of the residence and took a 32" VIZIO smart T.V.

Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of NE 3<sup>rd</sup> street in the City of Lockney in reference to a theft that had occurred sometime during the day. Owner reported that his gas generator was stolen from underneath his carport.

**07/14/16**  
Deputy responded to the 300 block of SE 4<sup>th</sup> in the City of Lockney in reference to an assault where a male suspect had assaulted his sibling. As the Deputy attempted to detain male suspect he leads the Deputy on foot pursuit and was later apprehended.

**07/16/16**  
Deputy was dispatched to the WJ Mangold Hospital in the City of Lockney in reference to a domestic disturbance that had already occurred. Upon arrival Deputy made contact with female victim who stated that her boyfriend had assaulted her. Female victim refused to pursue charges against her boyfriend. Female wanted boyfriend removed from the property because he was intoxicated. Male suspect was cited for Public Intoxication and released to grandparents.

Deputy was dispatched to the 700 block of SW 4<sup>th</sup> in the City of Lockney in reference to a domestic disturbance that had already occurred. Upon arrival Deputy made contact with female victim who stated that her boyfriend had assaulted her. Female victim refused to pursue charges against her boyfriend and left the residence.

Deputy conducted a traffic stop for traffic violation in the 400 block of West Spruce in the City of Lockney. Deputy made contact with the operator of the 1989 Ford Crown Victoria and upon further investigation the driver was found to be intoxicated. Operator of the 1989 Ford was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated. Operator was transported to Garza County Detention Center.

**7/21/2016**  
Deputies went to the 200 block of NW 2<sup>nd</sup> in attempt to serve an arrest warrant in the City of Lockney. A male suspect was taken into custody for Criminal Trespass as well as Resisting Arrest.

Deputy conducted a traffic stop for a traffic violation in the 100 block of East Locust in the City of Lockney. Deputy made contact with the driver and could smell an odor of burnt marijuana and a search of the vehicle was conducted. Deputy found a useable amount of marijuana hidden in the console of the vehicle and the driver was arrested for Possession of Marijuana under 2 ounces. Suspect was transported to the Floyd County Sheriff's Office where he was later released on bond.

**7/22/16**  
Deputy responded to the 400 block of W Washington in the City of Lockney in reference to a Burglary of a Habitation. While the victim was out of town someone kicked in the front door and stole several televisions, (3) Xbox 360, 40" rims, and miscellaneous jewelry. The victim was out of town from July 15 and returned July 20<sup>th</sup> when he found his residence had been burglarized.

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