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From the dugout to the steeple: FBC celebrates 125 years

By Jennifer Harbin
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA—The roots of Floydada's First Baptist Church sound as if they come directly out of a story of endurance and faith, built squarely on the Word of God, that sprung up in a barren land. Despite weathering the Great Depression,

numerous building projects, and surviving a fire, the congregation is a testament to what can happen when you trust in God's Providence. The mission-minded congregation continues to flourish after 125 years and will commemorate the achievement with a weekend-long celebration beginning Saturday, September 10.

A "Little" History

One year after the establishment of Floyd City, Floydada's previous moniker, in 1890 on 640 acres of land donated by James B. and Caroline Price of Jefferson City, Mo., a small group of Baptist families made their home there. Travelling by horseback and in covered wagons, they settled and met in the dug-

out home of Joe Arnold until, with the help of travelling missionary I.B. Kimbrough, they organized the First Baptist Church in Floyd City.

In the first session of the Llano Estacado Baptist Association, Floyd City is listed with 11 members, and Kimbrough pastored the fledgling church until 1894. According to Association records, the name changed to Floydada in 1895, and Kimbrough, D.N. Poole, and T.E. Leake are listed as pastors.

Church history records: "These early Baptists met for services in the North Side School Building for a time and later worshipped in the Methodist Church, having Baptist services on alternate Sundays. Baptizing was done in a dirt tank or windmill tank belonging to E.C. Henry and Dr. R.C. Andrews."

Early church members include C. Snodgrass, J.A. Huckabay and J.D. Arnold, C.L. Rice, Bam Anderson, Dan Jenkins, C. Surginer,



Courtesy Photo

They broke ground on the first church building in 1907 under the leadership of G.I. Brittain and Deacons Will Nelson, C. Snodgrass, C. Surginer, J.A. Huckabay, and J.D. Price. The two-story building, which accommodated a church membership of 100 and Sunday school membership of 50, was completed in 1908 during the pastorate of Brittain, who pastored numerous churches in the area as a missionary.

J.W. Blair, John B. Baker, A.D. White, Mr. Norris, W.T. (Billy) Montgomery, F. Pelfrey, M. Whitlow, the Powells and the Burrows.

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Courtesy Photo

From 1941-49, under the direction of Pastor L.A. Doyle, the vision of the church members to expand came to fruition with the addition of a larger auditorium, kitchen, fellowship hall and office suite. Pictured is a postcard featuring the new auditorium taken in the 1950s. (Acquired from historictexas.net.)

Mosley named to position at North Texas

University of North Texas Athletics Press Release

The Hesperian-Beacon

DENTON – Jared Mosley, 1995 Lockney High School graduate, was named the Associate Vice President and Chief Operating Officer on September 1, 2016. Mosley will serve on the leadership team for newly-appointed Vice President and Director of Athletics Wren Baker.

"Jared Mosley is recognized as a tremendous leader in intercollegiate athletics," Baker said. "I've admired Jared's leadership and have followed his career path for a long time. He is a strategic thinker and has demonstrated an ability to build championship athletic programs. Jared will be a tremendous asset for us. He is hard-working, analytical and innovative."

Mosley, 39, comes to North Texas from the Texas Sports Hall of Fame, where he served as the CEO and president. Previous to that, Mosley served as director of athletics for 10 years at Abilene Christian University, where he increased the athletics fundraising more than 650 percent, from \$228,000 in 2003 to over \$1.7 million in 2013. Mosley increased the lettermen's association participation more than 200 percent and oversaw more than \$30 million in facilities construction and renovations.



Photo Courtesy Jared Mosley

Jared and Trish Mosley and children, Jaden, Jaxon and Blair. Jared was recently named Associate Vice President and Chief Operating Officer under the Vice President and Director of Athletics, Wren Baker, at the University of North Texas in Denton.

At North Texas, Mosley will assist Baker with financial, operational and administrative issues. He will help develop strategic initiatives and provide oversight for human resources issues as well as facilities and event management, student services, marketing, promotions and communications.

"I am truly honored and grateful to Wren for the opportunity to join the Mean Green family," Mosley said. "North Texas is truly an institution that is on the rise, and I look forward to working with Wren and the team in place as we pursue a championship-caliber experience throughout all facets of our athletic department. Wren has been a long-time friend

and colleague in the business whose leadership has been transformational everywhere he has been. Our family looks forward to transitioning to Denton soon and joining the exciting work already underway! Go Mean Green!"

Mosley has two degrees from Abilene Christian, earning his bachelor of science degree in 2000 and his master's in education administration in 2003. He was inducted into the ACU Sports Hall of Fame in 2015 after a successful basketball career, where he finished as the 11th-leading scorer and the eighth-leading rebounder in school history.

Mosley and his wife Trish have three children, Jaden, Jaxon and Blair.

Floyd County Schools 'Met Standards' for TEA 2015-16 Ratings

By Kay Ellington

The Hesperian-Beacon

The Texas Education Agency of Texas has released the 2016 state accountability ratings for more than 1,200 school districts and charters, as well as more than 8,600 campuses statewide.

The Floydada Independent School District and the Lockney Independent School District and all their campuses achieved a rating of "Met Standard" for the school year 2015-2016.

According to FISD Superintendent Gilbert Trevino, "A.B. Duncan Elementary was rated "Improvement Required" the previous year, but through hard work and commitment, the campus showed dramatic academic improvement in meeting the standard."

Campuses and Districts are rated in Indices:

Index 1: Student Achievement which is basically students who passed their STAAR exams.

Index 2: Student Progress which measures academic growth from year to year.

Index 3: Closing Performance gaps which measures achievement gaps between select subpopulations.

Index 4: Postsecondary Read-

ness which measures things such as graduation rates, diploma plans, advanced/dual credit course enrollment, enrollment in a coherent sequence of two or more Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses, Level of Performance on STAAR exams, number of students meeting college level graduates status, and attendance.

"We are pleased with the progress that all campuses and the district made in 2015-2016, especially since the standard was raised," Trevino said. "Across the board, all campuses demonstrated growth in Index 2, which shows students are growing academically in our district. We are committed to continuing our academic growth, and we will strive to reach higher levels of academic excellence in 2016-2017."

Lockney ISD and all 3 campuses received ratings of Met Standard on the Texas accountability system as well.

"We are proud of our teachers and students for stepping up and meeting the standards placed before them. The tests are getting harder, and the passing standards are getting higher, but we don't use that as an excuse here. Even though we are happy with the ratings, we are not satisfied with just passing. We want our students to reach maximum potential every year," said Phil Cotham, LISD superintendent.

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.

SOUTH PLAINS HONOR FLIGHT

The Floyd County 4-H fundraiser to assist the South Plains Honor Flight will be held on Sunday, Sept. 18, from 11:30 A.M. until 2:00 P.M., Floyd County 4-H will serve the meal at the Lockney Senior Citizens Center and the cost is a donation. If you are a member of the American Legion, VFW or a former Honor Flight participant and would like to assist, contact the Floyd County Extension office. For more info, see the article on the front page of this week's Hesperian-Beacon.

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Correction

If you spot an error of fact, contact the FCHB office email: fchb.editor@yahoo.com

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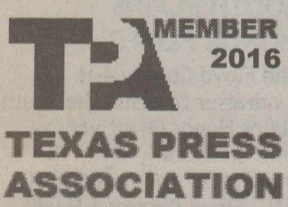
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UPCOMING

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FLOYDADA HOMECOMING

Floydada Homecoming is Friday, September 9th. The Whirlwinds will be playing against their rivals, the Lockney Longhorns. See the schedule in this week's issue.

LOCKNEY HOMECOMING

Lockney Homecoming is Friday, September 23rd. The Longhorns will be playing against Olton. See the schedule located in this week's issue.

29th ANNUAL PUNKIN' DAY CELEBRATION

Make your plans now to be in town and be a part of the 29th Annual Punkin' Day celebration, Saturday, October 8th! Come and enjoy all the contests, vendors, food, and games for everyone!

Floydada Chamber finalizing plans

By Darolyn Snell
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The Floydada Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture has been working to finalize the plans for the 29th Annual Punkin' Day Celebration to be held on Saturday, October 8, 2016 on the square in downtown Floydada.

Prior to the festivities to take place on that day, remember that judging for the Best Decorated Home and Best Decorated Business will take place Saturday, October 1st. So make sure your display is ready! And if you are concerned that our judges might miss you, give us a quick call or drop us an email and make sure we have your address. With cash prizes of \$50 for first place, \$25 for second and \$10 for third, it's worth your time to decorate!

Remember that Cow Patty Bingo tickets can be purchased from any Chamber member, at Ace Hardware, at Assiter Insurance, at First National

Bank, at Prosperity Bank or at the chamber booth on Punkin' Day. In that contest, the prizes of \$300, \$200 and \$100, definitely make it worth the purchase of a ticket!

Don't forget to get your team together and be a part of the Chili Cook-Off competition! A panel of judges will decide the winners of the Chili Cook-off contest after which samples from the contest will be available to the public for a donation. Winners will receive cash prizes depending on how they finish. First place will win \$250, second place \$150 and third \$100! If you haven't got a team together, now is the time! Sign up and show off your culinary skills!

Don't forget the Pie Eating Contest! After a great show to see who can put away their pie the fastest, prizes of \$40, \$20 and \$10 will be awarded to the top three finishers.

The costume contest is always a favorite! Prizes will be awarded to the winners of

each age category for male and female contestants. First place male and female contestants in each age group will win \$50. Second place finishers will also win \$20! So get those costumes out and make a day of it!

Also, be sure your organization is ready to be a part of all the fun! This is a great chance to support our community and show your pride by volunteering and the Chamber can always use your help.

Remember you can contact the Floydada Chamber of Commerce at (806) 983-3434, by email at manager@floydadachamber.com or on the web at www.floydadachamber.com/punkin-days.

There is everything pumpkin and something for the whole family to do at the annual Punkin' Days festival on October 8, 2016. We have a great day planned and look forward to seeing everyone downtown for a great day in Floydada, Texas- "Pumpkin Capital USA!"

Reyes graduates U.S. Navy Recruit Training

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Airman Recruit Kimberly Reyes graduated (Pass in Review) from the United States Navy Recruit Training Center in Great Lakes, Illinois on August 12, 2016.

She is a 2013 Floydada High School graduate and also attended Lockney schools.

Airman Recruit Reyes is the wife of Lance Corporal Joseph DeOchoa, a 2012 graduate of Floydada High School.

DeOchoa is presently stationed at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune in North Carolina.

They are the parents of a two-year old daughter, Natalie DeOchoa.

Reyes' parents are Alicia Castaneda Gomez of Floydada and Robert (Robbie) Reyes of Plainview.

DeOchoa's parents are Floydada residents, Emma Cabello and Juan DeOchoa.

Airman Recruit Reyes is presently under going additional training at the Naval Air Base Training Center in Pensacola, Florida.



Write In

Tanner Smith

Floyd County Commissioner Precinct 1

A Resume of Proven Leadership

- Past President of the Floyd & Briscoe County Farm Bureau
- Recipient of the Most Outstanding County Farm Bureau in Texas Award
- Graduate of Texas Farm Bureau "Ag-Lead" Class IX, 2008-2010
- President of the Floyd County Jr. Livestock Show Association 13-16
- Past President of the Floyd County Pioneer Association 2016
- PM of the Floydada Masonic Lodge 2007, 2013, 2014
- Member of the Floydada York Rite & Lubbock Scottish Rite Bodies
- Chairman of the Floyd County Ag Advisory Committee
- Farm Bureau State Advisory Committee for Natural Resources 10-11
- Farm Bureau State Advisory Committee for Small Farm and Ranch 16-17
- Board of Directors, Plains Cotton Growers 2002-2010
- Advocate for Agricultural issues in both Austin and Washington D.C.
- Texas Tech University 1992-1996 - Agricultural Economics
- Lubbock Christian University 2015-2016 - Organizational Leadership
- Active member of the Flomot Church of Christ
- Husband and father of two boys - Go WHIRLWINDS !!

I have a great deal of experience with machinery, labor, management, and the budgetary process. My family and I humbly ask for your prayers and I would be honored to have your support and to continue to work towards a prosperous future in Floyd County.

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The Paperboy

Newsflash: There's a reason your profits are down

I was reading a *New York Times* article about how several movies failed at the box office this summer.

Indeed, some of the flops include: "The BFG," "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows," "The Nice Guys," "Ghostbusters," "The Legend of Tarzan," "Independence Day: Resurgence," "Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising," "Alice Through the Looking Glass," "Warcraft," "Ice Age: Collision Course," "Hands of Stone," "Star Trek: Beyond," "Now You See Me 2" and "Ben-Hur."

"Ben Hur cost Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer and Paramount Pictures over \$150 million to make, but took in a lousy \$11.2 million during its first weekend in theaters.

The NYT article went on to aimlessly wonder why so many movies crashed and burned. The story said it might be "sequel fatigue," despite the fact that "Captain America Civil War" and "Finding Dory" were both hits.

"The lack of clear answers has led to hand-wringing," the story reads. And the losses mounted to the point where Warner Bros., Sony, Universal, 20th Century Fox and Paramount all had diminished or nonexistent profits in the most recent quarter of 2016.

The story concludes by stating, "There are probably multiple reasons why."

I'm guessing here, but I'll bet you that one of the main reasons for Hollywood's plight is because the movie industry like the media industry is in bed with Democrats and specifically the Clinton Campaign. It's no wonder the NYT - a bastion of liberalism - can't see the forest for the trees.

Personally speaking, I'm a lot less inclined to take my family to a movie when the actors in it are throwing fund raisers for Hillary Clinton.

I've often made it a point to try and separate politics from musicians, athletes and actors, but when these entertainers get political, it makes it difficult.

I consider Clinton one of the most repugnant people in this country. She's lower than a snake and has sold this country out for her personal gain. In fact, if you or I had committed her high crimes, we would likely be awaiting execution or at the very least, a long prison sentence.

I think Americans - at least conservatives - are sick and tired of the corruption. We're sick and tired of limousine liberals and their love affair with the Hollywood elite.

If the studios really want to make money, how about getting in touch with real Americans? Because as it stands right now, there's no way I'm going to give these out-of-touch elitists a dime.

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Floydada Senior Citizens News

By LuAnn Collins
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - Our next Bingo Game night is scheduled for Tuesday, September 13th at 7 p.m. No children under 10. Children 10 and older must play a card. Sandwiches, snacks and drinks will be available for purchase. Prizes will be given to each game winner. We hope to see you there.

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

September 12- September 16

- Monday - BBQ chicken
 - Tuesday - Roast beef w/gravy
 - Wednesday - Salisbury steak
 - Thursday - Hamburger casserole
 - Friday - Hot dog w/chili and chips
- (Menus subject to change without notice)

MEETING DATE HAS CHANGED

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
TO DISCUSS FLOYDADA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S
State Financial Accountability Rating

Floydada Independent School District will hold a public meeting
at 6:30 p.m., September 19th, 2016
in the Superintendent's Board meeting room
at 226 W. California, Floydada, TX

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Floydada Independent School District's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

SOCIETY

Museum Archives

Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

GUY WILLIAM AND MATTIE (TAYLOR) DAVIS

Guy William Davis and I, Mattie Novella Taylor, were married July 4, 1939 in Amarillo, Texas. We had ridden to Amarillo with Monroe and Addie Smith. After arriving in Amarillo, we decided to get married, but we had no marriage license and everything was closed. Bob immediately located the county clerk, Herbert Cole, who issued the license and the justice of the peace, C. W. Garden, performed the ceremony with the Smiths in attendance about 10:00 at night in the Potter Co. courthouse.

Guy was the second of 3 children born to Onie (Owen) Bracher Davis and Mollie Bell (Vanoy) Davis in Bogata, Texas in Red River County, September 22, 1913. His sisters were Beatrice and Louise Davis, and half sisters Vergie and Viola Davis.

I was the second of eight children born to Milledge Howard Taylor IV and Lillie May (Fortenberry) Taylor in Floyd County in the Cedar Hill Community June 23, 1914. The six other children were Frank (1912), Agnes (1915), George (1917), one son still born (1918), Dale (1920), Grace (1922), and Junior (1926).

Enthusiastically, I started my first day of school in the old Cedar Hill building. I can still see the beautiful still clear morning as my older brother, Frank, and I started the two-mile walk to school facing the most colorful dawn before sunrise. I always had a tender spot in my heart for my first teacher, Miss Winnie

Fulham through the first 3 grades, especially the primer with stories of Will, May a their dog Fly. In the upper grades I hold fond memories of my teacher Mr. Clarence Guffee.

I began my teaching career at Cedar, having the first 3 grades, including seven cousins, and one brother in my room and 20 other brothers and one sister in the school. My Uncle Joe Fortenberry resigned as a school board member, to make it lawful for me to teach there.

A sad experience at Cedar was when three of my pupils became victims of polio. Two brothers, Orville and George Wayman Finley, died a week apart. Such grief I felt when looking at the little empty desks. Such compassion for Lonnie B. Hinsley, the third victim left in a frail weakened condition. A few years ago, I was pleasantly surprised to see Lonnie B., a fine looking healthy man, the same jovial person.

Lack of school funds caused the teachers to be issued vouchers instead of checks each month. They could be cashed at the bank at a discount or traded out at some stores that would accept them and hold them until enough money was in the school treasury to redeem them.

At the time we married, Guy was share-cropping with Monroe Smith and I was teaching in the Liberty School in Floyd County. I was given a wedding shower in the John Dunlap home in the Liberty Community

and the Chick Calloway home in the Cedar Community. I continued teaching and Guy did farm work with custom wages \$1.75 a day from sun to sun.

When World War II started, he was employed at Pan-Tex Ordinance Plant near Amarillo. From there he entered the navy September 11, 1943, and was discharged November 5, 1945 after spending two years in the South Pacific stationed on a minesweeper U.S. Scout A.M. 296. At the time of his discharge, he was issued American Area Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Three Stars, Philippine Liberation Medal 2 Bronze Stars.

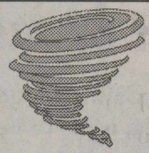
While Guy was in the service, I continued teaching in the Walcott Rural School in Deaf Smith Co. There I experienced some interesting and tense situations while helping drive the school bus and assisting in the cafeteria.

After Guy's discharge, we moved to Amarillo where he was employed by a freight Co., and I taught in the Amarillo Schools for 22 years.

Guy retired in 1972 and I retired in 1973 after 39 years in the schoolroom. We moved to the farm where I was born to help care for my elderly mother who was killed in a auto accident in July 1977.

Now, Guy and I are faced with the task of relocating.

Since starting this story Guy died March 22, 1978 and I am in deep grief and know not what to do.



WHIRLWIND HOMECOMING 2016



For more information, visit our website at www.Floydadawhirlwinds.org or the Floydada Ex-student Facebook page (just Google: Floydada Ex-students).

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.
- 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM... Class of the 1958 - 64 gathering at the Ronnie Smith's home.
- 8:00 PM - 12:00 PM.... Street Dance at Covey Hotel (one block west of square).

Voters have additional options for ID at the polls

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN – Texan voters who cannot obtain one of the seven forms of approved photo ID now have additional options when voting in person.

The seven forms of approved photo ID are:

- Texas driver license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS
- Texas personal identification card issued by DPS
- Texas license to carry a handgun issued by DPS
- United States military identification card containing the person's photograph
- United States citizenship certificate containing the person's photograph
- United States passport

As provided by a recent court order, if a voter has a reasonable

impediment to obtaining one of the seven forms of approved photo ID, the voter may vote by (1) signing a declaration at the polls explaining why the voter is unable to obtain one of the seven forms of approved photo ID, and (2) providing one of various forms of supporting documentation.

Supporting documentation can be a certified birth certificate (must be an original), a valid voter registration certificate, a copy or original of one of the following: current utility bill, bank statement, government check, or paycheck, or other government document that shows the voter's name and an address, although government documents which include a photo must be original and cannot be copies. If a voter meets these requirements and is otherwise eligible to vote, the voter will be able to cast a regular ballot in the election.

With the exception of the U.S. citizenship certificate, the approved photo ID must be current or have expired no more than four years before being presented for voter qualification at the polling place.

Voters with a disability may continue to apply with the county registrar for a permanent exemption to showing approved photo ID (which now may be expired no more than four years) at the polls. Also, voters who (1) have a consistent religious objections to being photographed or (2) do not present one of the seven forms of approved photo ID because of certain natural disasters as declared by the President of the United States or the Texas Governor, may apply for a temporary exemption to showing approved photo ID at the polls.

Voters can learn more by visiting VoteTexas.gov or calling 1-800-252-VOTE

28th Annual National Cowboy Symposium & Celebration

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LUBBOCK, TX – The National Cowboy Symposium & Celebration hosts the 28th annual event in Lubbock, Texas, September 9-11th, 2016 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. New attractions include sessions featuring performances by Dave Stamey, Mike Beck, Craig Carter & Zack Casey along with cowboy poets Chris Isaacs and Ross Knox. History sessions on "The Horse's Influence on the American West" will be scheduled throughout, a Luncheon and Program on Friday and a special session with Texas State Historian, Bill O'Neal. Chuck Wagon Roast Coffee will be on sale during regular show hours in the Exhibit Hall and Chuck Wagon area, and at the Chuck Wagon Breakfast on Sunday of the event.

The purpose of the event is to celebrate, preserve and pass along our western heritage and cowboy culture. To carry out these goals, the event schedule includes a variety of talented performers throughout the day and nationally recognized artists Dave Stamey, Mike Beck, Craig Carter, Zack Casey, Chris Isaacs and Ross Knox for the Friday and Saturday night performances. Many talented musicians, poets and storytellers from across the nation will gather to perform as well as presentations of Native American demonstrations and dancing, western authors, horse handling demonstrations, farrier demonstrations, the Horse Parade, the National Championship Chuck Wagon Cook-Off, and exhibits of western

artworks and merchandise.

The event features more than 100 performers and presenters including cowboy and cowgirl poets, musical acts, storytellers, authentic chuck wagon cooks, authors, special presenters, and exhibit spaces filled with the best in western art and goods. It truly is the premier event of its kind in existence today! One of the largest events annually held in Lubbock, the Symposium draws visitors from many states and multiple nations, and people from more than 30 nations have attended in the previous twenty-seven years.

The event has activities for the entire family! Show goers will be able pick and choose from a full schedule of entertainers, western programs, and activities each day of the event. A schedule of events and ticket

information may be found on the official web site at www.cowboy.org. All-inclusive, one-price, "Wrangler Pass" and "Rustler Pass" admission tickets are available prior to the event. The Wrangler passes allow admission and meals for all three days and the Rustler pass is an all-inclusive one day pass for Friday or Saturday. Individual tickets may be purchased in advance through the office, on the web site, or in person upon arrival at the event.

The show is open to the public Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, September 9-10-11th at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 Mac Davis Lane (6th Street). Additional information about the event may be obtained at cowboosymposium@suddenlink.net or www.cowboy.org.

DPS urges Texans to stay prepared

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN – With about four months remaining in the 2016 hurricane season, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is reminding residents to evaluate their emergency plans and monitor weather forecasts for potential hurricanes and

tropical storms.

Hurricane season began June 1 and continues through Nov. 30. Historically, August and September are the more active months during a hurricane season.

"A well-established hurricane plan and complete emergency kit can be lifesavers in the event of a hurricane

or tropical storm, and we urge Texans to take precautions for possible storms," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "As we approach the peak months of hurricane season, residents should remain vigilant and keep a watchful eye on weather reports and conditions in their area."

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

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.

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Hope you all have a great week!!

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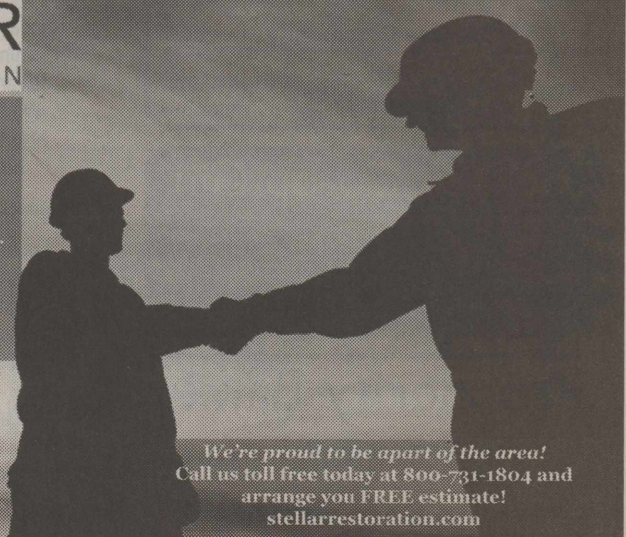
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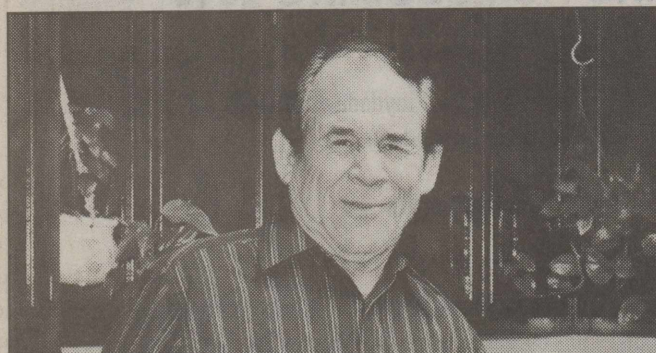


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OBITUARIES/CHURCH

Obituaries

Robert H. Cavazos



On behalf of the Cavazos, Reyes, Chavarria, Espinoza, and Medillen Family we would like to thank family and friends who helped us with such loving and comforting words, plants, food and refreshments throughout this difficult time.

We would also like to give a special thanks to Moore Rose Funeral Home for such love and compassion. Thank you also to St. Mary Magdalene Church for the beautiful service and amazing loving meal.

Also, thank you to our entire community of Floydada for all your love. God was shining His presence through all of you and your agape love was dearly felt and appreciated. May God bless you abundantly.

Ruth 2:12

May the Lord repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge.

**Gloria V. Cavazos, Robert Cavazos Jr.,
Mary Ann Cavazos Reyes
Salvador Cavazos, Ruby Cavazos Espinoza
Ricky R Cavazos
Jimmie Cavazos, and JoAnn Cavazos Chavarria**

Robert H. Cavazos, age 76, of Floydada, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Thursday, August 25, 2016.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, August 30, 2016 at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Floydada.

Burial followed at the Floyd County Memorial Park.

Rosary was recited at 7 p.m., Monday, August 29, 2016 at the Moore-Rose Funeral Home.

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

Robert was born on July 21, 1940 to Antonio Cavazos and Angelita Torrez in Kennedy, Texas. He married the love of his life, Gloria Vasquez on January 8, 1962 in Haskell, Texas.

He loved playing his gui-

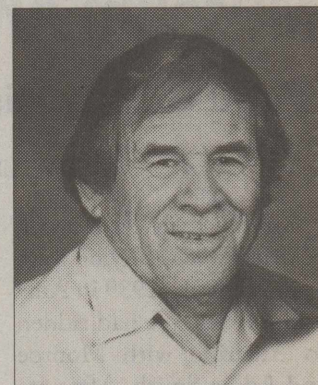
tar and accordion. When he had family gatherings, he would play his instruments and sing to everyone there. He was a mechanic and the go to person if something was wrong with your vehicle.

One of his favorite hobbies was fishing. He was also a big Dallas Cowboy fan. When the Cowboys were playing he was inseparable from his television. He brought joy and laughter to a room with his charm, witty jokes and funny stories. What he loved the most was being with his family and kids, especially his grandkids and great grandkids.

He is preceded in death by his daughter, Roxann Cavazos, his parents, and siblings, MaryAnn Espinoza, Salvador Cavazos and Fabian Torrez.

Robert is survived by his

wonderful wife of 54 years, Gloria Cavazos of Floydada; three daughters, Mary Ann Reyes and husband, Moses of Floydada, Ruby Ann Espinoza and husband, Rafael of Carlsbad, New Mexico, and Jo Ann Chavarria and husband, Victor of Floydada; four son, Robert Cavazos Jr. and wife, Carmen of Austin, Salvador Cavazos of Floydada, Ricky Cavazos of Austin, and Jimmy Cavazos and wife, Tiffany of Fort Worth; 18 grandchildren, Rocky Reyes, Jeremy Lafuente (Ashley), Antonio David Cavazos (Angelica), Andrew Tyson Cavazos (Felisha), Christopher Reyes, Crystal Medellin (Marty), Matthew Cavazos, Roxanne Espinoza, Joshua Chavarria, Roxanne Chavarria, Roxann Cavazos, Justin Cavazos, Rafael Espinoza, Devin Reyes, Tristan Cavazos,



ROBERT H. CAVAZOS

Corey Cavazos, Madison Cavazos, and Casey Cavazos; seven great-grandkids, Nori Medellin, Karah Lianne Cavazos, Elyanna Medellin, Hanna Lafuente, Emma Lafuente, Jaden Lafuente, and Abel Lafuente; two brothers, Lupe Torrez of Floydada, and Angel Torrez of Floydada; two sisters, Angie Gonzalez of Levelland and Ophelia Salazar of Hereford.

Online condolences may be made at www.moore-

Margaret Ellis Snead Decker

Margaret Ellis Snead Decker passed away on Monday, August 29, 2016.

She was born on February 6, 1929 in Savannah, Georgia to Joseph Jackson Ellis and Daisy Poppel Ellis.

Margaret has resided in Floydada, California, Plainview and Levelland, Texas.

She is preceded in death by her father, Joseph Jackson El-

lis in 1948, her mother, Daisy Poppel Ellis in 1989 and her brother, Robert Earl Ellis in 1987.

Margaret is survived by her son, Jim Snead and his wife, Anita of Levelland, Texas; her daughter, Kay Snead Pryce and her husband, Michael of Lubbock, Texas; her sister, Mildred Flowers of Houston, Texas; her grand-

children, Ame Gomez of Levelland, Texas, Benjamin Snead of Lubbock, Texas, Jeremy Snead of Dallas, Texas, Abi Swain and her husband, Matt of Levelland, Texas; her great-grandchildren, Kegan Gomez of Levelland, Texas, Strickland Snead of Lubbock, Texas, Harley, Macy and Abigail Gomez of Levelland, Texas and Zachary,

Jacob and Mason Swain of Levelland, Texas; and several nieces and nephews in Texas and California.

The family will be having a private memorial service.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donation be made in Margaret Decker's name to: Levelland Nursing Home, 210 West Avenue, Levelland, Texas 79336, 806-894-5053.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

WITH US ALWAYS

[Jesus] got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

—Mark 4:39 (NIV)

I was having a rough morning. I hadn't slept well, and I was worried. Family members were struggling with health issues. A valued employee had resigned. I was trying to meet project deadlines. As I stood making small talk during the coffee hour at church, my mind was filled with anxiety.

A friend walked up to me. "That is the most beautiful cross I have ever seen!" she said and pointed to a wooden cross that hung in the coffee area. The church custodian had made it from two gnarled tree limbs, lashed together with cord. I told her it had been there for several years. She put her hands to her face

and said, "Isn't that amazing? That beautiful cross has been there all this time, and I hadn't even noticed."

I studied the cross — the symbol of God's sacrificial love for us. It seemed to reach out to me in my time of distress. On that morning, the cross and the comment from my friend brought me a message from God: "I am here for you. I have always been here with you."

When we get caught up in worry, we can look around for signs of God's presence. When we turn our worries over to God through prayer, we can receive God's comfort.

David McCain (Louisiana, USA)

Thought for the day

I will be attentive to signs of God's presence. Open our eyes so

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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
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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

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.

Power of Praise Full Gospel Church
Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor
704 B Main, Lockney
Sunday Services - 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 5 p.m.
Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.

Primera Iglesia Bautista
Lockney
Jesus Caballero, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 11 a.m.
Discipleship - 5 p.m.
Wed. Service - 7 p.m.

Primera Iglesia Bautista
Floydada
Rev. Toby Gonzales
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed Evening - 7 p.m.

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

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

Templo Getsemani Assembly of God
701 W. Missouri
Joe M. Hernandez
983-5286 (Church)
Sunday School
English - 9:45 a.m.
Spanish - 11 a.m.
Worship
Spanish - 9:30 a.m.
English - 11 a.m.
Evening Service 5 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.

St Mary Magdalene Catholic Church
Floydada
Rev. Ike Temporaza
983-5878
Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.
Mon. & Wed. Mass - 6:30 p.m.
Confession Sat - 10-11 a.m.

Templo Bautista Salem
Lockney
Rev. Joe Hernandez
Bun Prayer Service - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed. Meeting - 7 p.m.

Templo Bethel Spanish Assembly of God
Washington And 1st St.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 5 p.m.
Wed Service - 7 p.m.

Templo Nueva Vida
Rev. Herman Martinez
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Evening Worship - 5 p.m.
Tuesday - 7:30 p.m.
Thursday Service - 7:30 p.m.

Trinity Assembly
500 W. Houston
Tom Ross, Pastor
983-5499

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 6 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church
Providence Community On Fm 2301
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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

'Celebrate Cotton' Game Scheduled for Sept. 17

By Mary Jane Buerkle
Plains Cotton Growers

Come see the Texas Tech Red Raiders take on the Louisiana Tech Bulldogs in the Celebrate Cotton game on Saturday, Sept. 17 at the Jones AT&T Stadium!

Game time currently is scheduled for 6 p.m. Individual tickets begin at just \$25 each!

Visit <http://bit.ly/TTUCottonGameTickets> and enter COTTON16, or call (806) 742-TECH and mention the Cotton Game promo!

Plains Cotton Growers has proudly partnered with Texas Tech Athletics to establish this fun event that puts the High Plains cotton industry on a national stage.

Cotton will be everywhere before and throughout the game, from displays around the stadium to promotion, special graphics and fun cotton facts during the game.

Special game day T-shirts will be distributed (first-come, first-serve!) and cotton bales will line each entrance to the stadium, each with signage talking about what the cotton in that bale can make or how it impacts our economy.

A runway show - "Cotton: The Natural Choice" - will feature cotton products!

The show is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 10, at 1p.m. at South Plains Mall - Grand Court.

Students in the Texas Tech Retail Management Program are assisting with coordinating the show.

Models are still needed for this show; if you or someone you know would like to participate,

please email maryjane@plainscotton.org!

Presenting sponsors for Celebrate Cotton include AgTexas Farm Credit

Services, BASF, Bayer CropScience, Cavender's, City Bank, Crop Production Services, Deltapine, Eco-Drip, Netafim, NexGen, Hurst Farm Supply, and Wylie Implement and Spray Centers.

For more information, please call PCG at (806) 792-4904.

Spread the word! Let's make this game a huge success for cotton!

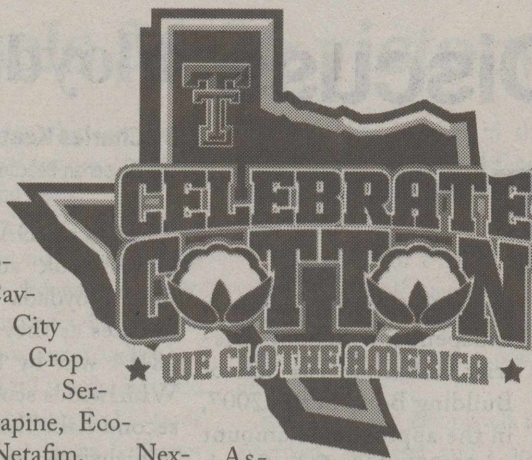
Other events scheduled for the week include:

Tuesday, September 13 - West Texas Agricultural Chemicals Institute Annual Conference

8 a.m., Bayer Museum of Agriculture

More information at <http://wtaci.tamu.edu>

Thursday, September 15 - Texas Independent Ginners



Forecast for An Outstanding Dove Season

Special from the TPWD

Last year was good, but the forecast for the upcoming dove season is outstanding. In fact, dove populations are so healthy; the season has been extended to 90 days for the first time in 80 years. This makes it the longest dove season in the country - another reason why the hunting is best in Texas.

Opening day was Sept. 1 in the North and Central Zones, Sept. 23 in the South Zone and the daily bag limit is 15. Check your Outdoor Annual for more details. It's also a good idea to refer to the dove identifier so you'll know which birds to avoid. Be sure to have a Migratory Game Bird endorsement and HIP certification if you plan to hunt dove.

If you need a new spot to hunt, check out Walk-in Hunts, the Public Hunting Program that gives you access to over 1 million acres across the state, including areas for dove hunting. Wherever you go on opening day, good hunting!

Receiving a ticket during a

hunting trip is not fun. The number one reason a hunter will receive a ticket is because he or she lacks proof of hunter education. Every hunter, born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, must successfully complete hunter education and carry proof while hunting. If you can't locate your card, go online and print a duplicate at no charge.

Over 1 million Texans have completed hunter education and the field is a MUCH safer place to be because of it.

You can take hunter education online or in a classroom, in English or in Spanish. Everyone who hunts with you will feel (and be) safer if you do. Then keep the proof in your pocket and avoid that ticket.

Things you need to know:

Legal Shooting Hours: From one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Legal Game Birds: Mourning Dove

License Requirements: all game bird hunters must have a valid hunting license

Musical Festival to benefit bison in Quitaque, Sept. 17

By Jennifer Harbin

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

QUITAQUE--The 6th Annual State Bison Musical Festival, an all-day event, will take place on September 17 in Quitaque, south of Caprock Canyons State Park and home to the state's official animal. The music festival will benefit the Texas State Bison Herd Restoration Project whose main mission, according to the event website, is to "restore the Texas State Bison Herd to their historic range at Caprock Canyon State Park and allow visitors the chance to celebrate cultural and natural history of the Panhandle."

Not only will guests be treated to some of Texas' most talented musicians, such as featured entertainer Robert Earl Keen, but also arts and crafts booths, food vendors, and a street dance. Vendors open in the morning at nine and musical entertainment begins around three. Other musicians include Kevin Deal, Zac Wilkerson, and Mark Powell.

In a radio announcement made on Passport to Texas, a radio guide to the Texas outdoors by Texas Parks & Wildlife, it was announced: "It's a good way to have a fundraiser and have a lot of fun. This year

we're also celebrating because the bison has recently been named as our national mammal. So, we've got lots of reasons to celebrate this year."

According to the Fish and Wildlife Service webpage, an estimated 30 to 60 million Great American Bison, or Buffalo as they are commonly known, roamed the expanse of North America. In the seventeen and eighteen hundreds, Euro-American settlers came and "brought changes to the native habitat through plowing and farming." The Bison were also impacted by newly-introduced cattle diseases and grazing competition with wild horses. By 1820, Native American inhabitants were pushed out of their eastern habitat, bringing guns and horses, and even more pressure on the buffalo.

In 1830 the mass destruction of these great herds began as bison hides were sold and traded.

"Railroads built across the Great Plains during this period divided the bison into two main herds - the southern and the northern. Many bison were killed to feed the railway crews and Army posts," the website explains. Legislation to protect the majestic animal was passed in Idaho, but only after the

animal had already disappeared from the area. 1871 "marked the beginning of the end of the southern herd." A firm in St. Louis traded 250,000 hides in that year alone. When a Pennsylvania tannery began commercially tanning bison hides, the demand increased and they were hunted year round. From 1872 to approximately 1874, 5,000 bison were killed each day on average as ten thousand hunters poured onto the plains.

A dizzying statistic estimates that over a million pounds of bison bones were shipped by one railroad company and Bison hunting became a popular sport among the wealthy.

1873 marked the peak of the slaughter of this majestic beast and 1874 seemed to be the end of the southern herd, with auctions in Fort Worth moving 200,000 hides every day or two. A few remaining free roaming bison were discovered in Texas and killed in 1877.

In 1910, the American Bison Society Census estimated Bison in public herds in the U.S. totaled 151. By the 20's, the estimated population of North American bison rose to 12,521 and an estimated 20,000-25,000 bison were in public herds in North America after a census was taken in the 1990s with an additional 250,000 bi-

son in private herds by end of decade.

In a 2011 article titled "Texas State Bison Herd to Once Again Freely Roam the Caprock," it states that: "Eighty descendants of the great Southern Plains bison herd that numbered in the tens of millions in the mid-19th century will once again roam the range of their ancestors at Caprock Canyons State Park" when a remnant herd of about 80 animals were reintroduced into the park.

According to park superintendent Donald Beard, "This is first and foremost a restoration project, not an exhibit. We're not just showing the bison, but are restoring an indigenous animal to its native habitat."

For a complete event schedule or more information, call (806) 455-1492, visit www.bisonfest.com or their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/texas.bison.festival.

DPS welcomes 95 new troopers

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) welcomed 95 men and women as the state's newest Highway Patrol Troopers in a ceremony here last month.

"It takes an extraordinary individual to make the momentous commitment to taking on the responsibilities of a Texas Highway Patrol Trooper," said Commissioner Manny Flores. "DPS and all Texans are deeply thankful of your service, and our state can rest easy knowing all of you will be serving on the frontlines."

The new troopers will report to duty stations across Texas in the coming weeks and spend the first six months in on-the-job training.

The troopers began the 23-week DPS Training Academy in March. Instruction covered more than 100 subjects, including counterterrorism, traffic and criminal law, arrest

and control procedures, crash reconstruction, first aid and Spanish. They also received training in use of force, communication skills, firearms, driving, criminal interdiction, cultural diversity and physical fitness.

"The department is pleased to welcome 95 new Troopers to our ranks--their specialized law enforcement training will be indispensable in fulfilling our mission to protect and serve Texas," said DPS Director Steven McCraw.

The B-2016 class includes:

11 former peace officers, including a former trooper with the Virginia State Police and a former trooper with the Georgia State Patrol;

28 military veterans, including a retired Navy SEAL, who is the class's oldest recruit at 52; and

the first-ever married couple in DPS history to start and complete a recruit school together.

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FLOYDADA SCHOOL NEWS

FISD Trustees Discuss Facility Planning Floydada falls to Seagraves 28-14

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

Discussion of possible future options for Floydada High School facilities made up a major portion of the monthly Floydada Independent School Board meeting at August 22. Representatives from the architecture firm of Parkhill, Smith, and Cooper of Lubbock appeared again before the board this month with diagrams and schematics for potential scenarios for the configuration of high school facilities for the board discussion.

Board members present were Lyle Miller, William Dean, Eric Smith, Roger Hughes, Beverly Collins, Gracie Diaz and Kay Brotherton. There was a quorum.

In other board action, trustees approved to set the Public Hearing for Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 6:30 p.m., that is the date of the next school board meeting which will then follow the hearing and will be at 7 p.m.

The board also approved the employment of the following personnel: Michael Wickware, Sandra Castillo, and Patricia Posada and confirmed the following resignation: Dalia B. Sanchez.

Business Manager, Alicia Bice, presented the tax report and cash flow statement. M&O Current Tax Roll \$3,135,565.04 Net Collections \$3,094,075.16 I&S Tax Roll \$366,325.01 Net Collections \$362,530.57 Percent of Current Roll Collected 98.95% Taxes Collected as of July 31, 2016 98.93%

In other action Roger Hughes made the motion to approve revisions to the 2016-2017 District Calendar as presented by Superintendent Gilbert Trevino. Kay Brotherton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

FISD Board of Trustees held discussion of Assigned Fund Balance. William Dean made the motion to approve a resolution expressing the district's intent to exercise the call option for early payment of certain

maturities of the Floydada Independent School District Unlimited Tax School Building Bond Series 2007, in the approximate amount of \$1,000,000. Eric Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Roger Hughes made the motion to accept the budget as presented for the 2016-2017 school year. Kay Brotherton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Eric Smith made the motion to adopt a tax rate of \$ 1.04 for maintenance and operations and .2669 for interest and sinking for an overall tax rate \$1.3069 for 2016-2017 as presented by Dr. Gilbert Trevino. Beverly Collins seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Eric Smith made the motion to accept the transportation supply bids from Producers Co-op for 2016-2017 school year. Roger Hughes seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - Seagraves took advantage of three Floydada Whirlwinds fumbles as they surged to a 28-14 win by holding the Whirlwinds scoreless in the second half. The Eagles and Whirlwinds ended up almost even in the statistics except for the Eagles being plus two in the turnover battle.

Seagraves scored first with 5:10 left in the first quarter when Quashus Williams scored from one yard out to take a 7-0 lead. For the Whirlwinds, Abraham Perez found the end zone on a 51-yard run with 3:42 left in the first quarter to tie the game, 7-7.

Early in the second quarter, Williams found the end zone again, this time from 25 yards out as Seagraves retook the lead at 14-7 with 10:50 left in the half. Floydada did not wait long to answer back as Perez completed a 47-yard pass to Jesse Segura for a touchdown to tie the game 14-14 with 8:51 left in the half. The teams headed to the locker rooms at half still tied.

Neither team crossed the goal line in the third quarter, but the Eagles scored with 7:45 left in the game when Will Wilkins connected

with Richard Longoria for a five-yard touchdown pass to make it 21-14. Seagraves sealed the victory when Aries Williams ran it in from 31 yards out to make it 28-14 with only 1:38 left in the game.

Statistically, the Whirlwinds had 218 total yards and the Eagles had 211 total yards. Floydada had 68 yards passing and 150 yards rushing while Seagraves had 104 yards passing and 107 yards rushing.

For the Whirlwinds, Perez was 5-15 passing for 68 yards and one touchdown and rushed 19 times for 60 yards and a touchdown. Corey Mathis ran 20 times for 65 yards and Miguel Pena rushed one time for five yards. Segura had three receptions for 70 yards and a touchdown, Chris Emert had one catch for four yards and Mathis had one reception for minus six yards.

For the Eagles, Wilkins was 8-13 passing for 58 yards and one touchdown and rushed 15 times for 49 yards. A. Williams rushed twice for 55 yards and a touchdown, Q. Williams rushed eight times for 54 yards and two touchdowns, Raymon Aranda rushed six times for 23 yards, Longoria rushed one time for a minus eight yards, Davin Rodriguez had four carries for a

minus 13 yards and Evan Anderson had three carries for minus 53 yards. Diante Lott had five catches for 46 yards, Longoria had two catches for 28 yards and one touchdown, Tanner Sessums had two catches for 22 yards, Aranda had one catch for eight yards and Q. Williams had one catch for no yards.

"Us not being able to capitalize in the third quarter with each of our possessions in their territory was a turning point in the game," Head Coach Todd Bandy said. "We need to be able to score on good teams with the ball on their side of the field. Our offense kind of just stagnated in the second half."

Bandy listed key players for the game as Mathis on offense, Robert Mora on defense and the entire defense that played well all game long.

This week, the Whirlwinds battle county rival Lockney in the annual Floyd County Championship at 7:30 P.M. in Floydada on Friday, September 9. Seagraves will host Sundown at 7:30 P.M. on Friday.

"We have to get back to fundamentals on both sides of the ball and do what we do well and often in order to win this week," Bandy said.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE^{††}

The Floydada Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m., September 19, 2016 in FISD Superintendent Meeting Room

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

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

Maintenance Tax \$ 1.17 / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters \$ 0.13669 / \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

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

Maintenance and operations	10.816	% increase	or	_____	% (decrease)
Debt service	78.421	% increase	or	_____	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	13.624	% increase	or	_____	% (decrease)

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

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 434,047,540	\$ 687,742,620
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 10,202,280	\$ 171,862,760
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 272,451,927	\$ 503,287,652
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 10,202,280	\$ 171,862,760

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).
** "New property" is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17).
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

Bonded Indebtedness

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

* Outstanding principal.

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Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.17000	\$ 0.136690	\$ 1.306690	\$ 5136	\$ 6673
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.07324	\$ 0.20293	\$ 1.27618	\$ 5613	\$ 6940
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.17	\$ 0.13669	\$ 1.30669	\$ 6076	\$ 7172

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

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

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

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

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.1132. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.1132.

Fund Balances

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

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

† PLEASE BE ADVISED: On August 29, 2016, the Floyd County Chief Appraiser delivered to Floydada ISD a corrected Certified Appraisal Roll for taxable property in the District. Consequently, the Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Budget and Proposed Tax Rate published by Floydada ISD on August 18, 2016, contained incorrect ad valorem tax information, including an incorrect value for the effective Maintenance and Operations Tax Rate for the 2016-2017 school year. The corrected Certified Appraisal Roll received from the Chief Appraiser resulted in a decrease in taxable property values and a corresponding increase to the Floydada ISD Effective Maintenance and Operations Tax Rate for the

2016-2017 school year. Therefore, at a properly called Board meeting on September 1, 2016, the Floydada ISD Board of Trustees rescinded its previously adopted tax rate for the 2016-2017 school year. This new Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Budget and Proposed Tax Rate is being republished based on the corrected information received from the Floyd County Chief Appraiser. Following the public hearing on the budget and proposed tax rate on the date set forth in this notice, the Floydada ISD Board of Trustees will adopt a new tax rate for the 2016-2017 school year based on the corrected information contained in this notice.

LOCKNEY SCHOOL NEWS

Longhorns comeback fuels 34-26 victory

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – Trevor Ascensio threw two touchdown passes and rushed for another in the fourth quarter as the Lockney Longhorns came back to secure their first victory of the season. Lockney defeated the visiting Smyer Bobcats 34-26.

Lockney took an early 6-0 lead when Israel Cuellar intercepted a Smyer pass and returned it 28 yards for a touchdown with 10:45 left in the first quarter. Smyer then tied the game with 8:11 left in the first when Lozano ran it in from 30 yards out. The Bobcats took the lead when Sanchez scored on a run from 20 yards out to take the lead 12-6 with 2:31 left in the first.

In the second quarter, Lozano returned an interception 20 yards to stretch the Smyer

lead to 19-6 with 10:07 left in the half.

Lockney scored with 3:05 left in the third as Ruben Marmolejo scored on a one yard run to make it 19-12 in favor of Bobcats.

Early in the fourth quarter, Ascensio connected with Tristan Schlueter for a 66-yard touchdown pass and after the two-point conversion, the Longhorns took a 20-19 lead with 11:38 left in the game. With 7:31 left in the game, Ascensio connected on a 29-yard touchdown pass with Cuellar and after the two-point conversion, Lockney stretched their lead to 28-19. Ascensio added an 11-yard touchdown run to give Lockney at 34-19 lead with 3:05 left in the game. Smyer added a late touchdown as Cisneros ran in from 20 yards with 46 seconds left to make the final score 34-26.

Statistically, the game was

fairly even as the Longhorns had 236 total yards to the Bobcats 235 total yards.

For Lockney, Marmolejo rushed eight times for 55 yards and a touchdown, Ascensio rushed 13 times for 48 yards and a touchdown and Cuellar had five carries for 13 yards and two touchdowns. Schlueter was 7 of 14 passing for 132 yards and two touchdowns. Schlueter had three catches for 71 yards and a touchdown, Cuellar had two catches for 38 yards and a touchdown and Kevin Lopez had one catch for 21 yards.

For Smyer, Sanchez had 32 carries for 118 yards and one touchdown, Lozano had nine carries for 57 yards and a touchdown and Cisneros had two carries for 39 yards and a touchdown.

According to head coach Jay Ragland, the key plays for the game included Cuellar's pick six in the first quarter, Ascensio's

two touchdown passes in the fourth quarter and the defense getting key stops when they needed them.

"We got off to a better start in the second half after we had a terrible first half," Ragland said, "and that was the turning point in the game."

Ragland listed key players as Ascensio, Schlueter and Cuellar on offense, Noel Ceniceros on defense and Bryce Reese on special teams.

The Longhorns travel to Lubbock on Saturday, Sept. 3 to take on the Trinity Christian Lions at 2:00 P.M. The Bobcats will host Plains, Sept. 2 at 7:30 P.M.

"We have to improve in all areas of the game, blocking, tackling, throwing and catching," Ragland said. "We have to clean up our messy play from the first half of the game. It will take time with as much youth as we have on the field."

Area Football Schedules and Standings

September 1-3 Results
(ALL CAPS = Area Teams)
DISTRICT 2-2A-1
Seagraves 28, FLOYDADA 14
ABERNATHY 26, Tulia 7
Dimmitt 50, HALE CENTER 49
NEW DEAL 20, Lamesa 12
OLTON 55, RALLS 6
SUNDOWN 51, Morton 0

DISTRICT 2-2A-2
LOCKNEY 42, Lubbock Trinity Christian 14
MEMPHIS 44, Wheeler 8
OLTON 55, RALLS 6
WELLINGTON 38, West Texas 32
CLARENDON 28, Springlake-Earth 7
Farwell 54, CROSBYTON 8

AREA TEAMS
Tascosa 48, PLAINVIEW 28
Lazbuddie 37, PLAINVIEW CHRISTIAN 25
PETERSBURG 44, Meadow 43
SILVERTON 70, Kress 44
VALLEY 54, Follett 6
MOTLEY COUNTY 42, Spur 40
Loop 36, PATTON SPRINGS 6
LORENZO 62, Amarillo Holy Cross 16

September 8-10 Schedules
DISTRICT 2-2A-1
FLOYDADA vs LOCKNEY
ABERNATHY vs Dimmitt
HALE CENTER at Boys Ranch
NEW DEAL vs Slaton
OLTON at Farwell
SUNDOWN at Seagraves

DISTRICT 2-2A-2
LOCKNEY at FLOYDADA
CLARENDON vs Wheeler
CROSBYTON vs Sudan
MEMPHIS vs Shamrock
RALLS at Smyer
WELLINGTON at Hollis OK

AREA TEAMS
PLAINVIEW – OPEN
PLAINVIEW CHRISTIAN vs Lefors
PETERSBURG at Nazareth
SILVERTON vs Higgins
VALLEY vs Happy
MOTLEY COUNTY vs White Deer
PATTON SPRINGS vs Wellman-Union
LORENZO vs Kress

Texas Tech, Central Texas College District Commit to College Credit for Heroes Program

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Texas Tech University and the Central Texas College District (CTCD) in Killeen recently partnered to actively commit to the Texas College Credit for Heroes Program, established by the Texas Workforce Commission in 2011.

The new partnership with the College Credit for Heroes Program will work to maximize the acceptance of college credits awarded to Texas veterans and service members for their military educational experiences and nontraditional learning.

"Our partnership with the

College Credit for Heroes Program will provide veterans an excellent opportunity to receive credit for their military training and work experience that applies to their Texas Tech degree program," said Lou Ortiz, director of Texas Tech's Military and Veterans Programs. "The university is committed to help-

ing those who have served our country, and academic credit gained through this program will provide a shorter path for some veterans to earn their degree."

Unique to Texas, College Credit for Heroes was designated as a permanent program after the passage of Senate Bill 806 in the 84th legislative session. The program has succeeded in establishing a standard evaluation process used across the state for veterans and service members to receive classroom credit through a growing network of partner schools. It also supporting the development of 76 fast-track programs to help transform veterans' military experience to civilian careers.

College Credit for Heroes program officials, along with Texas Tech, CTCD and other participating institutions, are projecting in some instances that veterans and service members will be able to earn their associate's and bachelor's degrees in an expedited manner which will allow them to transition into the workforce sooner.

Depending on each veteran's degree program, it is a possibility that not all military experience and nontraditional learning will be applied as credit. Each transcript will go through an evaluation process before the credits are applied to a veteran's schooling.

Several Texas colleges and universities have partnered with the program, including the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Angelo State University, Texas A&M University and the University

Football Contest Standings Week 2

	THIS WEEKS	TOTAL
Stanley Collier	18/27	39/54
Brent Sanders	20/27	39/54
Coy LaBaume	19/27	38/54
Johnny Dorman	18/27	37/54
Martin Ramirez	17/27	36/54
Boyd Lee	17/27	36/54
Pam Fulton	18/27	36/54
Paul Lopez	17/27	35/54
Mac Sherman	17/27	34/54
Lanny Barnett	18/27	33/54
Renee Armstrong	17/27	31/54
Steve Stringer	17/27	26/54

of Texas at Arlington, El Paso and San Antonio, and more.

Texas Workforce Commission Chairman Andres Alcantar said the commission and its higher education partners are committed to providing innovative programs to help ease the transition veterans and service members face after going back to civilian life.

To be a part of the College Credit for Heroes program, veterans and service members must first register as a user of the program. After becoming a user, they will then be able to:

- Receive an immediate estimate of credits based on military occupation and service schools attended

- Request an evaluation of military education experiences

- Request a College Credit for Heroes transcript to be sent to a college or university of choice

For more information about the College Credit for Heroes Program, visit its website.

Find Texas Tech news, experts and story ideas at Texas Tech Today Media Resources or follow us on Twitter.

Lockney Homecoming 2016

Mark your calendars! Friday Sept 23 & Saturday Sept 24

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

THURSDAY SEPT 22
7:30pm FOOTBALL GAME
Lockney Longhorns VS Olton Mustangs

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!!

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

Where to Stay?

Quality Inn
600 N I-27 Plainview
806-293-9454
Mention Lockney Homecoming by 8-31. Rate 69.99

Comfort Suites
3615 Grandview Dr/
500 N I-27, Plainview
806-293-7700
Mention Lockney Homecoming. Rate 89.99

Holiday Inn Express & Suites
4213 W 13th Street,
Plainview
806-296-9900
Mention Lockney Homecoming; before 8-21 Rate 112.99

SIGN IN AT REGISTRATION!!!!

DANCE
Saturday 9pm-? Featuring: DJ RAY JIMENEZ
Fairgrounds Entertainment Building
High School will be open for your remembrances on Friday afternoon and possibly Saturday morning. Please check the registration tables for times.
Memorial Tributes at tables prepared by Monty Teeter

Visit out
Hometown
Merchants
During your
Visit !!!!

Contact Lockney High School Office to reserve a classroom for meeting on Saturday. 806-652-332

MEET OUR DOCTORS!



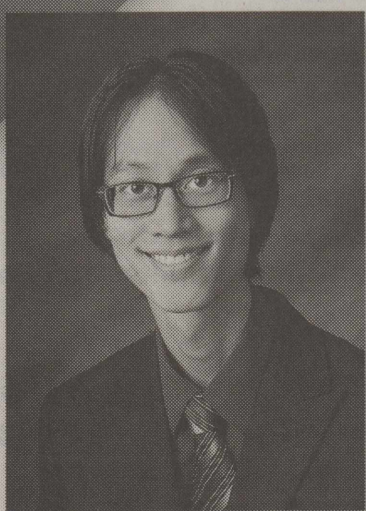
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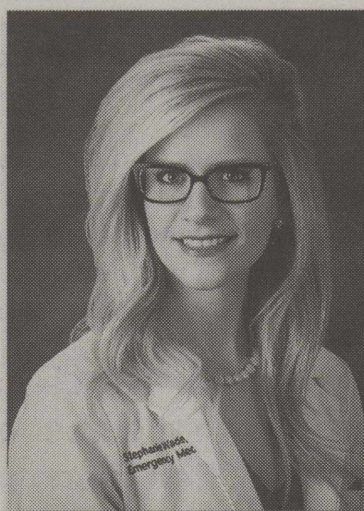
New Hours at the Quincy Location!

Monday through Friday 8a-5p, closed for lunch

URGENT CARE



Dr. Mu Chen



Stephanie Wade

FAMILY PRACTITIONERS



Dr. Mark McClanahan



Summer Richards PA-C

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Family Practice Hours: 8a - 5p, closed for lunch

2016 Hesperian-Beacon FOOTBALL CONTEST

First, second and third place overall winners get cash prizes.
Those who come in fourth through tenth get a FREE one-year subscription.

Robin's Nest Photography 1. Floydada 2. Lockney	Stapp Paint & Body Shop 3. Ralls 4. Smyer	Davis Lumber Co 5. Lorenzo 6. Kress	Muncy Elevator 7. Post 8. Coleman	Lighthouse Electric Co-op 9. Cooper 10. Frenship
Wright's Auto Service 11. Petersburg 12. Nazareth	First National Bank Member FDIC 13. Slaton 14. New Deal	Adam's Well Service 15. Lamesa 16. Roosevelt	Scott Gin 17. Farwell 18. Olton	Quality Body Shop 19. Texas Tech 20. Arizona St.
KFLP 106.1 21. Texas 22. UTEP	McCoy Gin 23. Baylor 24. SMU	Lowe's Floydada 25. TCU 26. Arkansa	D & J Gin 27. Kansas 28. Ohio	Floydada Power & Light 29. Iowa St. 30. Iowa
Payne Pharmacy 31. UNLV 32. UCLA	Cogdell Clinic Mangold Memorial Hospital 33. Virginia 34. Oregon	Lowe's Lockney 35. UConn 36. Navy	Floydada Co-op Gin 37. Cowboys 38. Giants	Lockney Coop Gin 39. Eagles 40. Browns
Assiter Ins. Agency Assiter Punkin' Ranch 41. Packers 42. Jaguars	Crop Production Services 43. Saints 44. Raiders	Helena Chemical Co 45. Bills 46. Ravens	R.K. Hunt Photography 47. Dolphins 48. Seahawk	Raceway Fuel 49. Texans 50. Bears
Hesperian-Beacon 51. Chiefs 52. Chargers	Blackburn Media Group 53. Vikings 54. Titans			

Contest Rules

Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon Football Contest

Any subscriber or purchaser, age 7 or older, is eligible to enter this contest. Only one entry per week, per person. Entrants **MUST** play every week to be eligible for overall prize.

There is **NO COST** to play in the contest.

To play, circle the number of the team you believe will win on the official entry form to the left.

Only entries on official entry forms brought to a Hesperian-Beacon office in Floydada no later than 5 p.m. on Friday will be accepted. Photocopies and mail entries **WILL NOT** be accepted. Three cash prizes are awarded at the end of the contest. In the event of a tie, prizes will be combined and shared equally by those tied.

Print your name and address plainly on the official entry form and double check your choices before clipping out the entry form and deposing it at the Hesperian-Beacon office before 5 p.m. on Friday. Entries are limited to one entry per person, per week.

At the end of the 11-week contest period, the person with the best overall record will win a first place prize of \$100.

Second place will be awarded \$75.
Third place will be awarded \$50.

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Official Entry Form *Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon Football Contest*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54		

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

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Their focus has always, and continues to be, missions. Pastor D.N. Poole aptly expressed this in a report: "We believe the whole world to have been comprehended in the Master's vision and this the field to be taken for Christ. We hope no brother will ever take a narrow or selfish view of this great doctrine but contribute to the extent of his ability to the great work of missions throughout the world."

The first Baptist Sunday school was organized by R.E.L. Muncy in 1899, two years after he became the church's first resident pastor. He was followed by W.H. Rattan, who served from 1900-1902, driving all the way from Motley County to fulfill his duties. The Llano Estacado Baptist Association changed its name to Staked Plains Baptist Association in 1900, and at their next meeting, church attendance had risen to 59 members.

G.I. Brittain, who "was beloved by everyone for his own deep humility and his love of everybody," pastored the church from 1902-1913, during which much growth took place. With the membership prospering, they were able to purchase land and break ground on their first building. The new church building, completed in 1908, accommodated 100 parishioners and 50 Sunday school members, and was described as such: "To this group of Christian pioneers this frame building was very auspicious—with its bell tower, two covered entrances, decorative roofline and spotless white paint on the entire building."

In 1909, the graduating class from Floydada High

School held its second ever graduation in the new auditorium. Records show that in 1910 the building was dedicated with "all debts paid."

Also under Pastor Brittain, the Women's Missionary Union and Baptist Young People's Union was organized. When he left, church membership had more than doubled.

During John F. Elder's service from 1914 to 1915, membership continued to increase, as well as with W.C. Carver who followed in 1916.

In 1917, the First Baptist Church in Floydada became part of the Floyd County Baptist Association. After a suggestion from the pulpit committee that year, the congregation voted to ask W.B. McDaniel to pastor their flock.

During this time, the church and its pastor "practiced discipline with love" in an effort to "enlarge our spiritual life and usefulness."

In an excerpt from church minutes taken on April 15, 1917, specifics to achieve this end were referenced: "... the high position that God's children occupy should call for the noblest and best that is in them to honor their Father's holy Name. Whereas, we believe the ballroom and dance is hurtful to the influence and usefulness of the individual and reflects on the Lord's cause and His church to a painful and serious degree." A committee was formed to "investigate the unchristian conduct of all members who dance, gamble, drink or otherwise." Fellowship was withdrawn from members for several reasons such as unchristian conduct and heresy, however, the pastor "admonished the church of its duty to cease not in its prayers for the wayward brother."

After McDaniel's resignation in 1919, W.A. Darden

served for two years followed by Pat Horton in 1921.

Under Horton's pastorate, the church adopted its first budget of \$4,000. According to church records, money had been collected for the church's expenses up to that point. From 1920 to 1924, the old parsonage located southeast of the church was sold and monies raised to build a new one.

A secret ballot was held, following Horton's resignation in March, to vote on the calling of a pastor. C.E. Eskridge received the largest number of votes and accepted their invitation to pastor the church, however, he resigned in 1926. He was followed by C.A. Morton, but after a few months he resigned to become pastor at Hamilton. In January of 1927, Pastor W.R. Hill, described as a "modest and unassuming pastor with a great vision of building for God," was called and accepted. Records show that in April of 1927 the church "heard God speak through Isaiah to 'Enlarge the place of thy tent and stretch forth the curtains of thy habitation, and all thy children shall be taught of the Lord, and great shall be the peace of thy children.'"

The building that took so much sacrifice to build was no longer adequate. After much discussion, a committee recommended erecting an education building. It was approved and then completed in May of 1928.

After Hill's departure came a man who was "fabled in the regard in which he was held. Brother Dick O'Brien became known not only as an outstanding man in the pulpit and as a teacher, but he was much sought after as an after-dinner speaker. He was known as 'A great soul-winner'."

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF ELECTION

In accordance with the provisions of the Texas Agriculture Code, Chapter 74, Subchapter D, and 4 Tex. Admin. Code, Chapter 3, Subchapter A, the Texas Department of Agriculture (the Department) will conduct a board election in the Northern High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, in order to select a representative of the above-referenced zone to serve on the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board of Directors. The board is charged with administering the boll weevil eradication program in Texas.

The Northern High Plains Eradication Zone consists all of Swisher and Hale counties; that part of Randall County that lies south and east of a line running along Highway 60 from the Deaf Smith County line east to Interstate 27, then running north along interstate 27 to the Potter County line; the part of Armstrong County that lies west and south of a line running along FM 294 from the Carson County line to Hwy 287; then running due south to Mulberry Creek; then running east along Mulberry creek to the Donley County line; the part of Briscoe County that lies west of a line running along Hackberry Creek from its intersection with the Armstrong County line to its intersection with the Prairie Dog Town Fork of the Red River; continuing south along Cherokee Creek from its intersection with the Prairie Dog Town Fork of the Red River to County Road 27; continuing south along County Road 27 to Hwy 256; continuing west along Hwy 256 to the Caprock escarpment; and continuing south along the Caprock escarpment to the Floyd County line; and the part of Floyd County that lies south and west of a line running along FM 97 beginning at the Motley County line; continuing west to the Caprock escarpment; and continuing north along the Caprock escarpment to the Briscoe County line.

Any cotton grower having planted cotton in the year 2015 within the zone defined above is eligible to vote, and, if he or she resides in the Northern High Plains Zone and has at least seven years experience as a cotton grower, can have his or her name placed on the ballot as a candidate in the board member election. A cotton grower is defined as a person who grows cotton intended to be commercial cotton. The term includes an individual who, as owner, landlord, tenant or sharecropper, is entitled to share in the cotton grown and available for marketing from the farm, or share in the proceeds from the sale of the cotton from the farm or from an indemnity or other payment received from or related to the planting, growing, or failure of the cotton. Any person eligible to vote in the board member election that resides in the Northern High Plains Zone and meets the seven-year experience requirement may place their name in nomination for election to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board by written application to the Department at the address provided below. Nomination forms are provided by the Department and must be signed by the nominee and at least ten other eligible voters. The nomination form must be received by the Department at its office located in Austin by September 17, 2016, and must provide the legal residence of the applicant. A nomination form may be obtained by contacting the Department office or any county agent located in the voting area.

The board election will be held by mail balloting. Ballots will be mailed to cotton growers by October 3, 2016. All ballots cast by mail must be postmarked no later than October 17, 2016, in order to be valid.

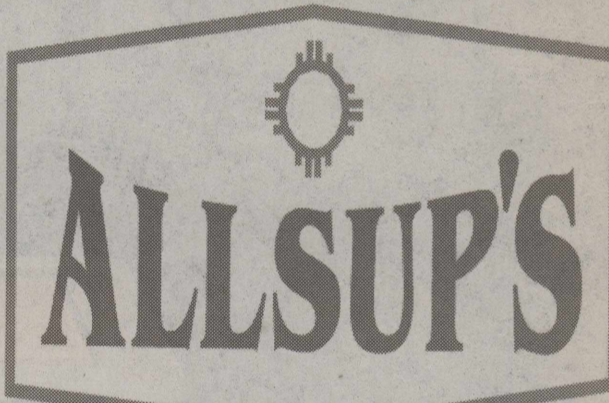
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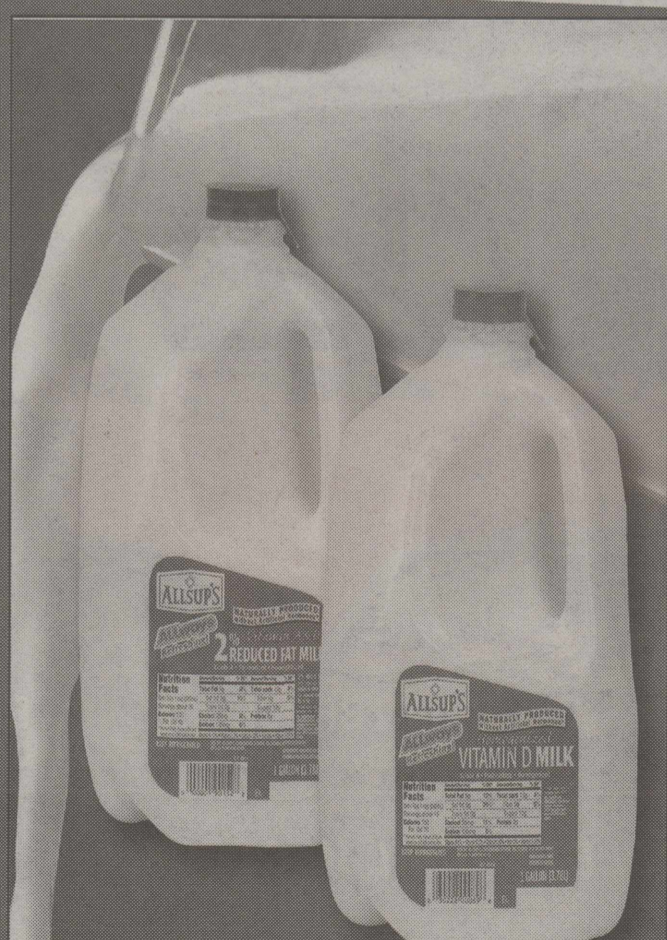
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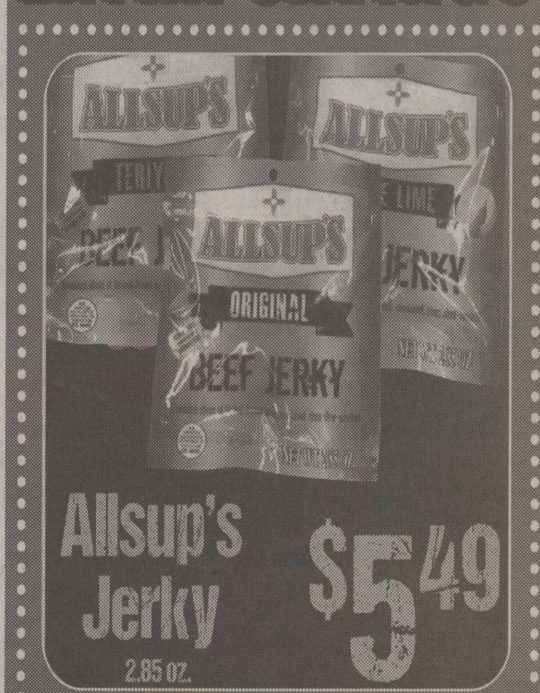


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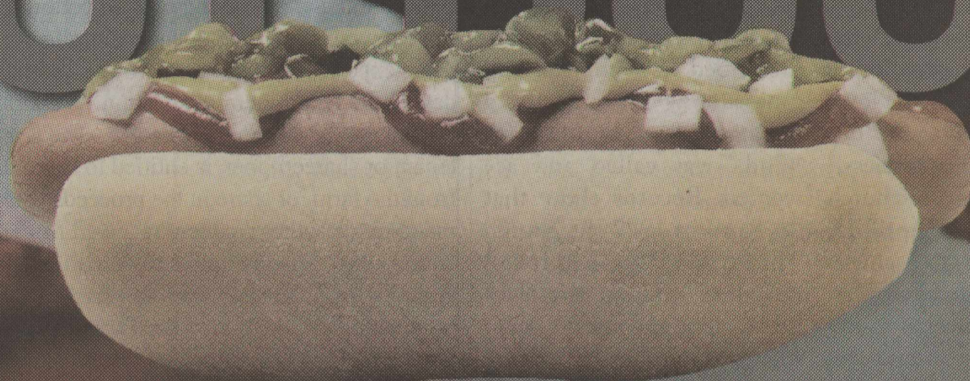
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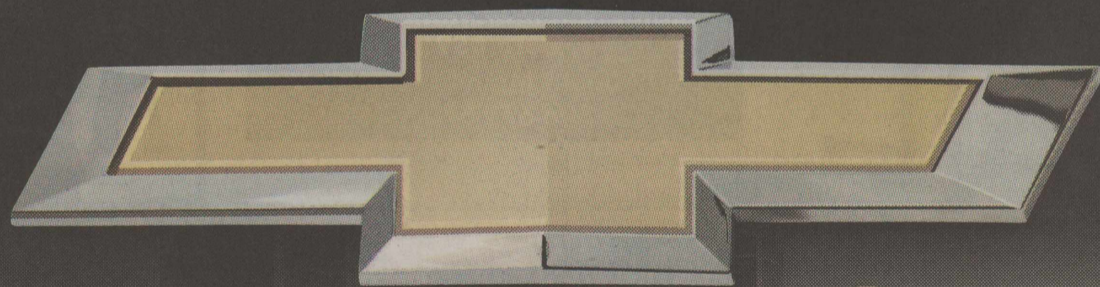


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FOR the proposal: Edward Marks, Phillip Smitherman, Rick Minyard, Perry Brunson, Cory Hoelting, and Bill Marten
AGAINST the proposal: None
PRESENT and not voting: None
ABSENT: Jeffery Johnson, Jimmy Kemp

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	.219552 /\$100	.222795 /\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$.003243	/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)	1.514	%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 34,947	\$ 35,316
General homestead exemptions available		
(excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 34,947	\$ 35,316
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 76.73	\$ 78.68
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)	\$ +1.95	
and percentage of increase (+/-)	2.54	%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

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September 8, 2016 GRANT ENGINEERING SERVICES PUBLIC NOTICE

Floydada is submitting a 2016 Downtown Revitalization Fund grant application and a 2017/2018 Community Development Fund grant application to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). The 2016 Downtown Revitalization fund application will be for sidewalk, ADA, and other downtown improvements and the 2017/2018 CD fund application will be for street improvements in Floydada. Accordingly, the City is seeking a qualified engineer/engineering firm registered to practice in the State of Texas to prepare all necessary application materials and, if awarded to enter into a contract to prepare preliminary and final design plans and specifications, and to conduct all necessary interim and final inspections.

Please submit your proposal of services and a statement of qualifications for these proposed services to the address below:

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Proposals must be received by the City no later than 2:00 pm on September 19, 2016 to be considered. The City reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals, engineers or firms that submit proposals, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards.

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He pastored his flock through the Great Depression, often writing all of the Sunday School literature himself to save money. O'Brien helped liquidate the church's debt, while uplifting them spiritually and adding members. After his resignation, S.R. McClung was called to serve the church who was struggling financially.

In an interview in 1955 with the Hesperian-Beacon, McClung recalled the depression years when he served. His first week in Floydada, he learned the church was a year behind on their payments on the new building, and asked, "What are we going to do?" His reply was, "We're going to raise the money and pay the debt." He was met with a defeatist answer. But a few weeks later, he and the committee were able to tell the congregation that all the money had been raised and the church debt refinanced.

Church records state that some unusual fundraising methods were used during those tough years, such as "contributing gold jewelry to be redeemed by the government, selling vanilla; and the women of the church served meals to the Rotary Club in the basement of the Education Building, the women bringing vegetables from their gardens to help in the cost of the food. The church also rented land from Mrs. Maude Hollums, and planted a cotton crop on it. Members of the church donated all of the labor; R.C.

addition he made to the First Baptist Church: "During Brother Shaw's pastorate, the first Vacation Bible School was held. He also taught the congregation the scriptural way of giving; bringing to the house of the Lord on the first day of the week as God had prospered them. With the whole-hearted approval and support of the deacons, Brother Shaw brought ten consecutive sermons on stewardship through tithes and offerings, and thus laid in the hearts of people the foundation for the proper Christian attitudes for the growth and work of the church in the succeeding years. The church went completely out of debt during this time."

L.A. Doyle, a builder, followed Shaw after his resignation in 1940, and building began once again. This time, a larger auditorium, kitchen, fellowship hall and office suite were built. Mrs. Member E.D. Morgan was quoted, "But at this time the community was hard hit by the war and the adverse conditions made its mark on the church—but the shortage of man power and materials failed to dampen the faith of these Christians."

To save money, members, many of which were women, scrubbed old bricks recently taken from the old East Ward School Building that the church purchased to use in the new building. Doyle did much of the work himself on the new building, persuading some to give over \$1,000 in War Saving Bonds, and service was held in the new sanctuary on November 17, 1946. He

Baptist Church, later known as Calvary Baptist.

The youngest man to assume the pastorate at First Baptist Church was Dr. R. Earl Allen in 1950, who contributed to the spiritual growth and increase in numbers during his six and a half years of service. During his ministry attendance boomed and "overflowed the church building," making it "necessary to buy residences and place them on

Baptist Voice.

A ministry for the Spanish-speaking started in 1955, and in 1957, the Fairview Baptist Church disbanded, donating its building for use by Primera Bautista Mission Church.

In 1956, Ed B. Bowles pastored the First Baptist church and introduced the Sunday Morning Service radio broadcast in 1959 which continues today. Also in 1959, Johnny Burnett became the Minis-

1970, according to records. It later reverted back to its former mission status in 1981, and the church purchased and moved into the Cumberland Presbyterian Church building. They became an independent church in 1996.

Among the many ministries during this time, there was the Bus Ministry and "Children's Church" Ministry which brought children to Sunday School and Church.

anxious to get back together," Sisemore commented, showing how God is using the situation to bless the congregation.

The tragedy forced the church to "get out into the community more," according to member Jerry Livingston, who said that, "We are out there witnessing about the love of Christ more and making people aware that we are here to meet their needs."

A new education building was completed March 9, 2003, standing flush with the sanctuary and complete with education, administration and fellowship space, and ministries resumed.

On March 13, 2005, the church celebrated a "note burning" to mark being debt-free. Sisemore handed the pastoral torch off in 2009 and current pastor, Tim Franks, accepted his call to serve the Floydada church in 2010.

"It has been a great six and a half years. I've learned a lot and the Lord's blessed our time here," Franks shared. "That's a testament of 125 years of ministry and existence to accomplish the Great Commission and teach others about Him."

The Church Today

The First Baptist Church, which is a member of the Caprock Plains Baptist Area, Caprock Plains Baptist Association, and Baptist General Convention of Texas, currently offers many diverse programs, worship opportunities and mission-related giving, according to Franks. Sunday mornings there are various small group Bible studies for all ages at 9:15, followed by a blended worship service at 10:30, and Sunday evening worship service and activities. Wednesdays there are adult Bible study classes, activities, afterschool class for children/youth to learn scripture, and much more.

"One of our largest children's ministries is Kids Kamp every year," he explained about the annual event planned and executed by 100 plus volunteers from the congregation. Youth can also get involved in Disciple NOW, Super Summer, and mission trips every summer.

The diverse music ministry allows people to share their musical talents in choir, hand bells, and special music, and will soon offer a children's choir again.

The church provides food boxes through South Plains Mobile Food Bank, a cooperative effort through South Plains Food Bank that helps community members in need. They also support charities such as SOS, Christian Women's Job Corp, Bonton Farms, and missionaries in the field.

Through the efforts and inspiration of the pioneering members, the First Baptist Church continues the mission started 125 years ago by embracing the fire instead of being subdued by it. They continue to push forward in their goal to guide people toward faith in Christ by example and personal invitation.

The 125th Anniversary celebration will begin Saturday, September 10, at 6 pm with worship service and dessert fellowship. Sunday's worship service begins at 10 am and closing service and Lord's Supper at 1:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

To commemorate the event, the church has purchased new Bibles that will be in the pews beginning Saturday. They are also offering two different mugs for \$10 each or a notepad containing sticky notes for \$5, all inscribed with the anniversary details. To obtain, either call the church office at 806-983-3755 or come by the church located at 401 S. Main during office hours or the day of the event.

Historical data taken from *From the dugout to the steeple: Celebrating 100 Years 1891-1991*, published by the First Baptist Church of Floydada, unless otherwise noted.



Photo by Jennifer Harbin

The faith of many at First Baptist Church was tested on March 12, 2000 when part of their church building burned to the ground due to faulty wiring. Despite losing their place of worship temporarily, they banded together, leaning on one another and the community to endure. Thirteen years later and stronger, it is evident that the congregation embraced the fire and the blessings that God sent with it.

the adjoining lots for use as Sunday School rooms." By May 29, 1955, the new three-story educational building was complete. He also helped to establish the systematic library, named after his daughter Norma Allen who died while they were in Floydada. Over 1,000

ter of Music and Education, resulting in the church's first Graded Choir Program teaching members of all ages.

Bowles had a heart for service for the youth and during his time at Floydada, many "young people surrendered for special Christian service."

Like his predecessor, Bowles encouraged cheerful and generous giving which led to the church being cleared of its debt in 1959. A Homecoming and Dedicatory Service was held in November of that year commemorating the achievement. He believed that "the mission of the church is missions" and participated in an evangelistic crusade to Hawaii in 1958 before his resignation in 1961.

Records indicate that the new pastor, Floyd C. Bradley, continued the growth and was described as "a sincere man of God... (who) increased Church and Sunday School membership and close Christian fellowship were the results of the capable leadership of this dedicated minister."

In 1970, he was honored by the conferment of the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity by Wayland Baptist University.

Church membership continued to grow, reaching 1,600 plus, and a new sanctuary and improved educational facilities were needed. A new sanctuary "designed to glorify God", office and music unit were completed and then dedicated on March 27, 1966.

The first Inter-Racial Revival took place during Dr. Bradley's pastorate, lasting two weeks. The first week was spent witnessing through "carrying a word of witness and invitation into every home in Floydada and the surrounding area" and in prayer with families praying together, with neighborhood block prayer meetings, and with partners praying for each other. The second week included prayer and preaching, resulting in 39 professions of faith, 27 for baptism. The revivals continued throughout his tenure until his departure in 1983.

The Spanish Mission was incorporated into a department of the church, with Arcadio Gonzales serving as Associate Pastor in charge of Spanish American work in

In May of 1980, televised Sunday Worship Services began airing on a free Cable Channel provided by Television Signal Services.

Ever faithful in obedience to the Great Commission, Bradley and other church members participated in evangelistic crusades to Japan, Brazil, and Australia.

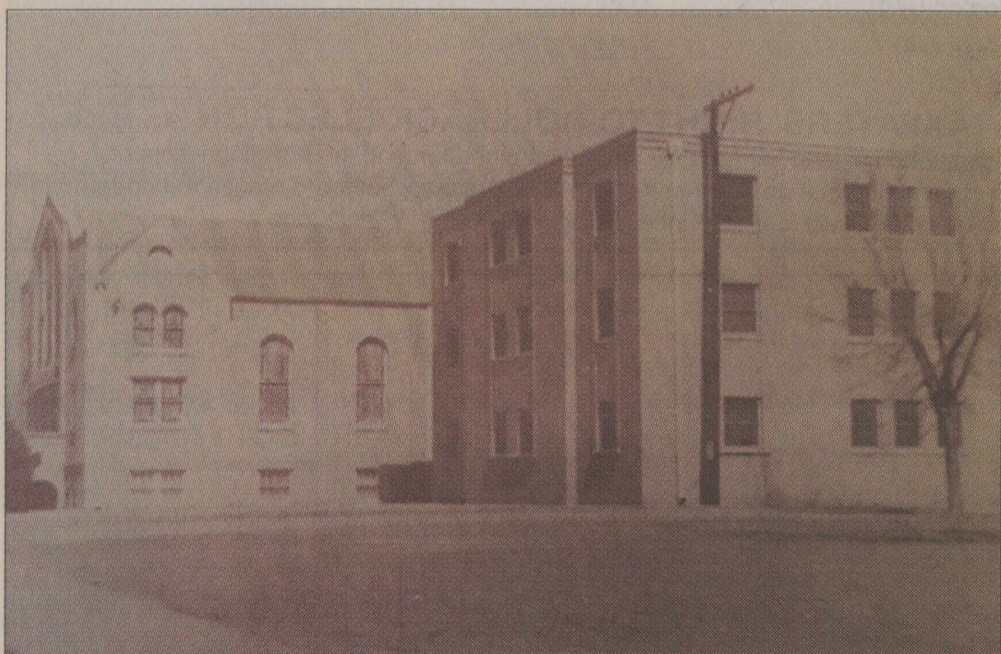
He resigned in December of 1983 to serve in Plainview, and the First Baptist Church received Howell E. Farnsworth, Jr. as their new pastor. He continued the mission-centered focus of his predecessor, leading the church to continue giving and serving mission causes. In 1990 he led by example with his three-week long mission trip to East Africa where he taught, preached and ministered to the people. Farnsworth was described by a parishioner as "a pastor with a servant attitude" who would help you even if he didn't know you. After thirteen years at the church, he resigned in 1997.

Anthony Sisemore ministered to the Floydada congregation from 1998 to 2009 during a very trying time. On March 12, 2000, the faith of many was tested when the educational building was consumed by fire and their sanctuary was heavily damaged by smoke. The fire began in a custodial closet of the education building, destroying classrooms and the old sanctuary, according to a 2003 article in the Plainview Herald. The cause was determined not to be arson, but electrical. Most of the church's records were destroyed in the fire, but not the memories of those who worship there and their indomitable spirits.

Sisemore commented in the same article: "We've banded together as a family. Everybody knew the burden was there to be shared."

The auditorium received repairs and a few upgrades—improved sound and lighting systems and installed a remote camera—and services resumed while work on the new educational center continued.

In an Oct. 8, 2000 article in the Plainview Herald: "There is an attitude of excitement around here. Our people are looking forward to our future ministry; we are anxious to get back into our facility, we are



Courtesy Photo

While Rev. Dr. Earl Allen was pastor, the church flourished and a larger education building was needed. The groundbreaking was on October 3, 1954 and finally completed in May 29, 1955.

Ross superintending the gathering of the crop and disposal of the cotton, \$200, quite a sum for the '30's."

After McClung's resignation in 1936, Vernon Shaw joined the church as pastor. Church records sum up the

was also responsible for moving the Young People's Camp from Ceta Canyon to Blanco Canyon, putting in many hours building at the new site as well.

In 1948, a group of 23 people organized a cooperative

books were given in her honor to start the collection and the number of books and resources have certainly tripled, if not more, to date. The first educational director, Al Brian, was called during this time and also the first publication of the

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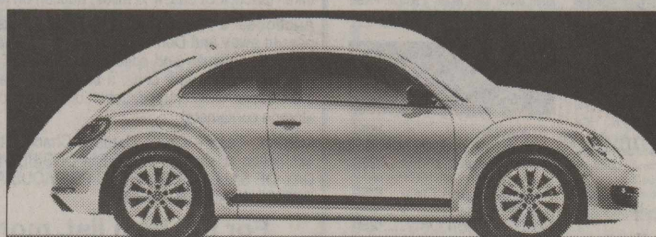
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