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## Dallas exhibit features Floyd County grown pumpkins

By Jennifer Harbin  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA—For over 60 years, the pumpkin has transformed and brightened fields in Floyd County and brought national acclaim to the county seat. And whether you love the orange gourd or not, its role in Floydada's economy and pride cannot be denied. One family celebrates 25 years of cultivating the signature crop this year and how the strange fruit has brought them all together.

Before the Pyle family purchased Carthel Brothers-Heptad in 2011, renamed Pumpkin Pyle, three generations were growing the labor intensive crop. It began with Louis, Robert, and Jason Pyle initially, and now Robert and Jason continue the family tradition with partner and brother-in-law

Matthew Rainwater farming the 617 acres spread across the county. Rainwater grew pumpkins for Pumpkin Pyle and Assiter Punkin Ranch and Pumpkin Patch before becoming a partner last year in the business.

Robert's wife Paula, who works at the office, explained that when they took over the business in 2011, the Carthels told them they had been supplying pumpkins for the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden's famous fall pumpkin display and encouraged them to continue. And for the last six years, over 80 percent of the pumpkins used to create the imaginative displays were fostered in West Texas dirt.

"For the 11th year, Autumn at the Arboretum will include the popular one-acre Pumpkin Village in the

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Photo courtesy of Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden

Of the 90,000 pumpkins used to decorate "Autumn at the Arboretum" at the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden, 75,000 were grown in Floyd County by the Pyle family, owners of Pumpkin Pyle. The dazzling fall display features houses built of gourds, squash and pumpkins, mosaic-esque designs covering the grounds, and pumpkin-lined lanes showing off fall blooms and foliage.

## The 29th Annual Punkin' Day Celebration is Here!!

By Darolyn Snell  
Special for The Hesperian-Beacon

That's right...Our 29th Annual Punkin' Days has arrived! This Saturday, October 8th, we will celebrate our community and all it has to offer. We look forward to showing our citizens and all visitors to our town, our pride in this community and its industries.

This week your Chamber of Commerce will continue to work to make this year's event a success! Chamber manager Kim Perez has been on the road to other communities around the area to promote all the great things we have planned for Punkin' Days and encourage people to come out and be a part of the fun!

The Chamber has openings available if you want to put together a team for the Chili Cook-Off contest,



Courtesy photo

so if you haven't signed up NOW is the time! Decided at the last minute you want to get in on the competition? Contact the Chamber office and they will try to accommodate your request.

When Saturday does arrive, make sure you are downtown and ready to be a part of all the fun! Before you tour the wide variety of vendors in the Arts

& Crafts booths, fuel up for your day at the Floydada Lions Club Pancake Breakfast when they start serving at 7 a.m. Also, if you signed up to participate in the 5K or 3K races that morning or decided at the last minute you want to be part of those events, you will need to be at the Whirlwind Gym at 7:30. Races will begin at 8 a.m.

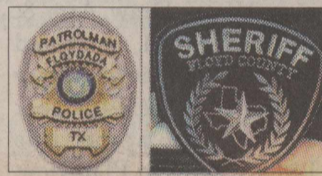
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## Floyd Law Enforcement Working Together to utilize \$14,900 Grant

By Kay Ellington  
The Hesperian-Beacon

The Floyd County Sheriff's Department was awarded \$14,900 from the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division for Texas Conversion to the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS), according to Floyd County Sheriff Paul Raisseiz.

The grant was made available for application and submission to local law enforcement agencies to help them transition from Uniform Crime Reporting to the National Incident-Based Reporting System known as NIBRS. Currently, there are two distinct methods for reporting data: the original model built in 1927, known as Summary Reporting (SRS) and Incident Reporting, known as National Incident-Based



The Floydada Police Department and the Floyd County Sheriff's Department are working jointly together to pursue a grant to assist local law enforcement in data gathering and record-keeping. If they receive the grant, it will streamline the paperwork for local law enforcement.

Reporting System (NIBRS). In comparing the two data collection methodologies, NIBRS provides a deeper, richer data set.

Summary Reporting tallies 10 offenses, also known as the index crimes, homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, etc., as well as arrests made and property stolen. Incident Reporting col-

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## Upcoming

Events are listed free of charge for nonprofit civic organizations, schools and community events. Please submit listings at least two weeks ahead of the date. Listings will run through the date of the event. Emailed submissions are preferred to fchb.editor@yahoo.com.

## 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! See the article on the front page of this week's issue for more details.

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Library will also kickoff their annual Book Sale in the community room of the Floyd County Memorial Library on Friday, October 7th. So swing by and pick a great read from their always extensive selection.

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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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## Lockney ISD is recipient of Monsanto education grant

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Lockney ISD is the recipient of the 2016 America's Farmers Grow Rural Education Grant. The award was presented prior to the homecoming football game with Olton. This is the second time Lockney ISD has received the grant in the past 4 years. Lockney ISD Superintendent Phil Cotham stated, "We appreciate Monsanto for their investment in our community, and we are indeed grateful to the farmers who nominated us."

America's Farmers Grow Rural Education sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, partners with farmers to nominate their local school district to apply for math and science grants through the program. Since 2011, the program has given over nine million dollars to rural school districts. Lockney ISD will use the money to purchase science lab equipment on secondary campuses.

Chad Cook, District Sales Manager for

Monsanto, made the presentation just prior to the game. Cook commented, "Today, we are here to celebrate Lockney ISD's success with the America's Farmers Grow Rural Education program. Please join me in congratulating the District and all those who worked so hard to put together a great application. Because of their hard work and community support, Lockney Jr. High and Lockney High School will be able to enhance their science labs with this \$10,000 award."

Lockney ISD received the 2016 America's Farmers Grow Rural Education Grant prior to the homecoming football game with Olton. Shown is (left to right) Phil Cotham - Lockney ISD Superintendent, Lockney High School students - Alyssa Barretero, Mackenzy Ragland, and Aleah Jimenez, and Chad Cook - Monsanto Sales Manager.

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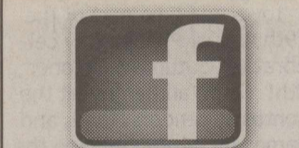
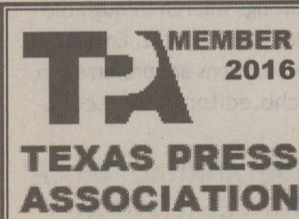
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## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

In the book Hello! My Name is Public School and I Have an Image Problem, written by teachers Leslie Milder and Jane Braddock, the authors provide suggestions to combat undeserved criticism and the suggestion that Texas public schools are a dismal failure. Schools and school employees must become ambassadors for the cause in which they believe. The strategy of being overly critical of public education did not spring up overnight; however, the consequences may have a lasting, negative impact if educators stand idly.

Democrat Mark White was elected governor of Texas in November of 1982. He quickly employed the services of H. Ross Perot to improve the state's public education program. With the emergence of the book A Nation At Risk, and Perot's propensity for conflict, Texas educators felt pressure to perform or be eliminated. The fact that education needed an overhaul was not the issue. The way educators were portrayed united them politically in a way never seen before, and Mark White's tenure was limited to one term.

Leaping forward 34 years, the age of accountability has grown over time into a topic of heavy debate for many politicians. The party that once touted education as the mechanism necessary to infuse

productive, tax-paying citizens into society (to curb public assistance and keep the prison system population in check) has now become the proponent of "school reform". Public schools have endured funding cuts, increasingly difficult state assessments, more mandates, and the broadcast perception that public education is failing. Is this movement a result of reliable data, or is it due to propaganda that belittles the state's second largest budget expense?

If we survey the data, we find that public schools in Texas are performing well. In fact, the graduation rate in Texas (2014-2015) has climbed to 89%, a far different picture than the 50% drop-out rate that is proclaimed by some public officials. 96% of campuses in Texas met the accountability standard in 2016, but charter schools passed at a rate of only 88%. While Texas schools rank 43rd in spending per student, we are near the top on NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress).

But, aren't charter schools and private schools supposed to be better? If so, more charter schools and the advent of vouchers will fix the problem, right? Fact: private schools do not have mandated accountability; therefore, how do we know? In any case, if we can open private schools to students from inner city areas (where failure seems to occur most often), they will suc-

ceed, right? Not necessarily. It seems that private schools can pick and choose who attends. In general, they lack the space or the desire to invite students from less successful campuses. Then, what is this voucher business all about? Be it known that voucher programs or taxpayer savings plans (the politically correct term) in other states have not improved education, yet we continue to pursue the idea. Ask yourself, "Who benefits?"

The purpose of these written thoughts is not to bash the important work of politicians or to negate the usefulness of charter and private schools. My message is that public education in Texas is alive and well. I come to work every day excited that I get to help improve someone's life. I get to see teachers masterfully present great lessons and love on kids. Through all of the criticism, low pay, and perceptions, educators continue to fulfill the mission to which they were called - to help give kids a great future.

I am proud to be part of the public school system, and I salute others who stand with me. Be bold, and defend this great institution and those great teachers who made a difference in your life. Vote for public officials who see education not as a liability but as the precious gem that it is. If you can read this, and if you can reasonably comprehend what is written, thank a teacher!

Phil Cotham  
Lockney, Texas

## 42nd Annual Running Water Draw Arts and Crafts Festival to be held

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The 42nd Annual Running Water Draw Arts & Crafts Festival sponsored by the Plainview Rotary Club will be held October 14, 15 and 16 at the Ollie Liner Center in Plainview, located on Business I-27 South. This year's show promises to be bigger and better than ever with new and exciting arts and crafts from exhibitors coming from a four-state area.

Many of these exhibitors have never shown their works in Running Water Draw Arts & Crafts Festival.

Items for sale will include handmade wood crafts, sterling silver jewelry, t-shirts, handbags, Pampered Chef, board games, candle warmers, photography, dog coats, doggie sunglasses and accessories, ladies jackets, Fall and Christmas wreaths and door pieces, wind chimes, wood signs, decorative tiles, sand art, baby dolls, pottery, Watkins products, skin care products, clothing, Christmas decorations, tote bags, aprons, diaper bags, gemstone jewelry, fleece blankets, purses, gift sets, belts, buckles, metal crafts, lighted decorations, handmade women's clothing, quilts, Christmas stockings, orthotics, barbed wire metal art, watercolors and pencil paintings, leather garments, butterfly hairclips, embroidery on clothing and many other items to shop for yourself or give as a great gift.

There will also be gourmet booths throughout

the show with baked goods, beef jerky, microwave pork rinds, handmade candies, dried soup mixes, caramel corn, fudge baskets, coffee and teas, wine jelly, baked goods, dips and gift baskets.

The concession stand this year will be operated by the Plainview 4-H Club. They will also be collecting canned goods as a donation for F.I.S.H. (Faith in Sharing House). Please plan to help them in this project.

Running Water Draw Arts & Crafts Festival will again host a silent auction with donations from exhibitors. At 4 p.m. Sunday, October 18th, the highest bidder on each item is allowed to purchase that item. This gives you a chance to get bargains as well have fun outbidding the previous bidder! Proceeds from this silent auction help support community projects of the Plainview Rotary Club.

Admission to the festival is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. The doors open at 10 a.m. Friday morning, October 16th, and the festival runs Friday and Saturday 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. Sunday's hours are noon to 5 p.m.

Running Water Draw Arts & Crafts Festival has been a favorite show for Plainview and area residents for 42 consecutive years.

This year promises to be a bigger and better show filled with fun, excitement, and treasures for every occasion.

## Letter to the editor policy

The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon welcomes letters from readers on topics of local, state, national and international importance. Email letters are preferred to: fchb.editor@yahoo.com.

All letters must include a first and last name, street address (no post office boxes), town, and daytime phone number. Letters sent via U.S. mail may be sent to 201 W. California Street, Floydada, Texas 79235.

## The 501 Face-off with the tractor rat

If you want to win a staring contest, compete with a rat. They almost always give up and scurry away first - unless, of course, you're scared of rats.

My husband, Hugh, not scared of rats, found himself face to face with one just the other day. The rat was on one side of the old John Deere tractor that's parked ornamentally at the edge of the front lawn. The creature was peering through the machinery at Hugh, front paws visible, hind feet planted, no doubt, on the big flywheel beneath him (or her). For lack of a weapon, Hugh walked away. Score one for the rat.

Yesterday we were bidding our time, waiting for the cows to come to water, hoping to corral some calves to sell, when Hugh decided we might as well look for the tractor rat. He grabbed our barely legal sawed-off 20-gauge and handed me a shovel. Off we went.

On the ground under the tractor lay the flywheel cover. It looked like a place where a rat might nest. Ms to lift it with the shovel; Hugh would aim to shoot the rat.

How funny it would be, I thought, if Hugh should take a shot at the moving rat and miss and I might then take a swing with my shovel and zap the critter dead-on.

Hopeful, I positioned myself behind the tractor axle, across from Hugh. Carefully, I pried the cover up out of the grass. No rat ran out. Then I saw it, ensconced in a recess in the damp earth, staring up at me with really big eyes.

"Hugh, I'm looking right at it! Get over here!"

I held the rat's gaze. Hugh came quickly to where I stood and leveled the gun.

"Are you sure that's not the distributor cap?" he asked.

Sure enough, Hugh was right. Don't ask me what the cap was doing there. A would-be mechanic might have removed it and set it aside during a failed attempt to discern why the tractor wouldn't start. Such things happen.

The tractor is an old two-cylinder model, by the way, meaning the distributor cap has two holes for sparkplug wires and one center hole for the coil wire - two eyes and a nose, if you please, if you're already looking for a rat.

If you're going rat hunting, wear your glasses. Otherwise you might shoot something that just looks like a rat, like a vintage distributor cap that might be worth something on Ebay.

Hugh went ahead and took a shot, aiming just above the distributor cap. He actually thought he might have seen the rat right there. At least he got to shoot the gun. Pow!

Meanwhile, we suddenly realized the cows had sneaked by and were already watering. The good news is the calves weren't in the bunch, meaning we didn't miss a chance to catch them. It was sort of like not getting to shoot the missing rat. Sometimes that's as good as it gets.

## Cowboy Christmas Ball to be held

Dance all night, dance a little longer, or just sit and visit with the neighbors and friends. Music from Wendell Sollis and THE SIDEKICKS ALL STAR BAND will live up the Floyd County Friends' Unity Center, Floydada, Texas, on December 17th, 2016 beginning at 6 pm with a catered meal. The night's other festivities will include auctions, drawings, and vendors. "This is an awesome band, performing Western Swing, Classical Country, Cajun, and Big Band", said Wendell Sollis, who is the leader of the SIDEKICKS ALL STAR BAND, and plays the banjo.

Ronny Dale Shultz will direct the stage, as lead guitarist and vocalist. His past performances include Bob Wills' Texas Playboys, and Red Steagall. The rest of the lineup features hall of fame musicians: steel player, Bob Baker, trombone Steve Ham, and clarinet/tenor sax Steve Wilkerson. From Bob Will's Texas Playboys playing sax is Larry Reed. On bass is Rodney LAY, who directed Roy Clark's band in the days of "Hee Haw". Brady Bowen and Greg Gibbs, both recipients of the Cowtown Society Western Swing Award, will be fiddlers, along with Brady Rasco, former fiddler of Tarleton's Cross Timbers Opry. Terry Thompson of the Texas Playboys will be on the drums. Ginny Mac, who's performed at the Grand Ole Opry and MGM Vegas, will be on the accordion. Lucy Dean Record, is an Instrumentalist of the Year, a 92-year-old keyboard player, from Lockney, Texas, Special Guest: Cathy Whitten is GM of KSSL 107.3 & 94.1 FM Radio, ksslfm.com. The station has been nominated for Radio Station of the Year and Cathy as Radio Personality, Songwriter and Female Vocalist of the year. Cathy stayed at #1 for 5 weeks with her song "You and Me" on the Independent Music Network (IMN) charts.

For Information And Ticket Purchases: Elaine LaBaume 806-983-9153; Dustee Sollis 806-983-6228; D&J Gin Lockney; Payne's Pharmacy Floydada. Tickets: Individual-\$35. Tables for 8-\$350. Meal is included, serving at 6:00pm. See our Facebook page: Wendell Sollis and the Sidekicks All Star Band Vintage/cowboy clothes encouraged.

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# SOCIETY

## Hardy's Classic Cars to Host Book Signing

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA – Two book signings will be held at Hardy's Classic Cars, 111 East Missouri Street in Floydada, on Saturday, October 8, 2016.

The two book authors, Lana Payne Barnett and Molly Stringer will have their books available for purchase and will personally autograph each book.

LANA PAYNE BARNETT, of Tulia, Texas, is a former Newspaper columnist, magazine publisher and chamber of commerce president. "Murder Book" is her second in a "Lonely Graves" series of spectacular Texas murders that captured national and international headlines. Her first book, "Presenting the Texas Panhandle", which she co-authored, was a regional best seller in 1979. She has also published Woman's Ink, Who's



LANA PAYNE BARNETT

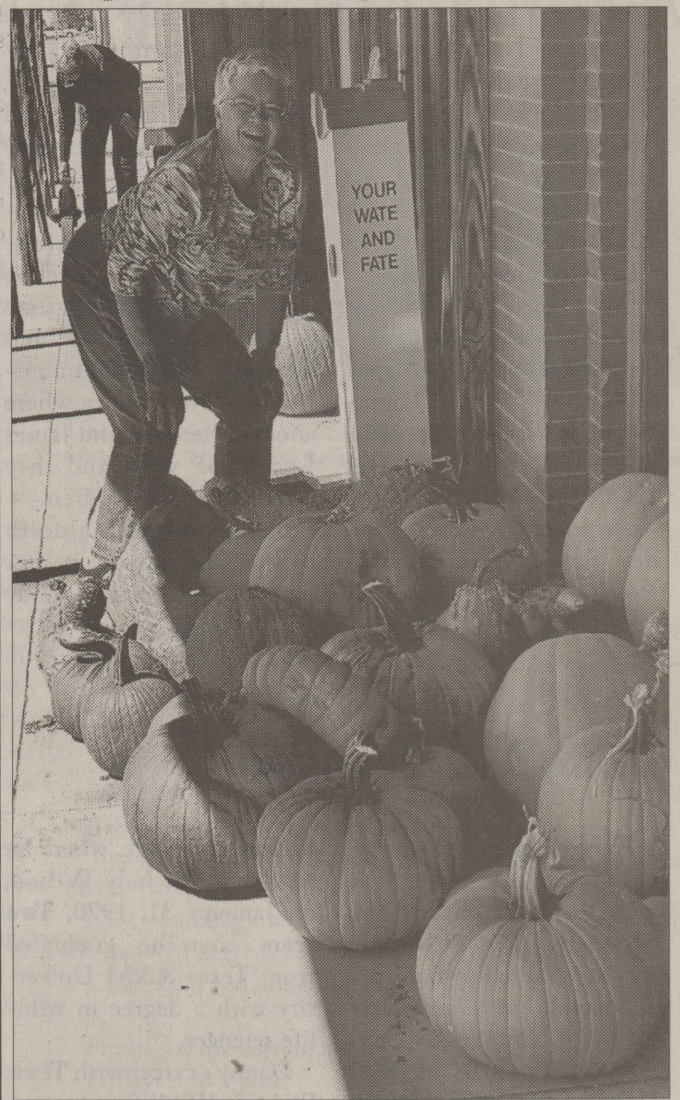
Who-Women of the Panhandle, and Route 66-Guide to the Texas Panhandle and is the author of the two act comedy, Redneck Reunion. She is also the author of the Facebook page, Panhandle Tidbits that as of May 2016 has over 20,000 faithful followers.

MOLLY STRINGER, of Floydada, Texas, has written three books, "That's the Way It Is", "There You Have It", and "That's How It Seems". They are the first three in her "Just Checking In" series. Her books consist of real-life stories to which she adds a moral and spiritual thought to inspire. They tell of failures, suffering and forgiveness while becoming a survivor. Some of the stories are funny and some are sad. There are personal stories in the books. Her mind stays open to receive what God is offering. Her goal is to encourage her readers. Molly's books are an inspiration to all who read them.



MOLLY STRINGER

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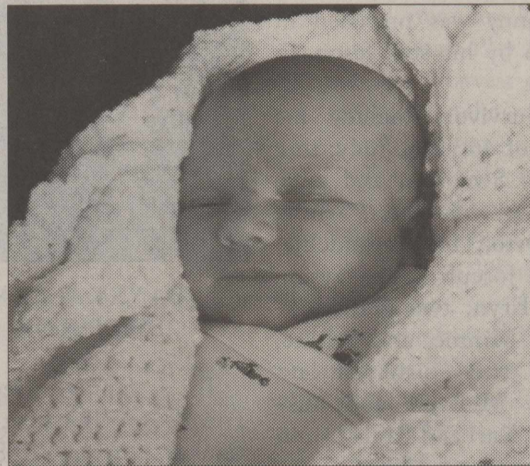
Photos Courtesy of Karen Houchin

Dorothy Turner and Carolyn Cunningham were seen getting the "Pumpkin Men" ready for Punkin' Days. They will be on sitting at the front of the Floyd County Historical Museum in Floydada. Come on by to see them.

## LOOK WHO'S NEW LOOK WHO'S NEW



MARCUS SAMUEL



PENELOPE LEE ALTER

Mary and Dennis Carter of Lockney are proud to announce the birth of their great-grandson, Marcus Samuel.

He was born on Saturday, July 30, 2016 and weighed 9 pounds, 14.5 ounces.

He is the son of Heather and Mike of California.

Grandparents are John and Ginger Hummel of Pennsylvania.

Mary and Dennis Carter of Lockney are proud to announce the birth of their great-granddaughter, Penelope Lee Alter.

She was born on Tuesday, August 30, 2016 and weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

She is the daughter of Aaron and Jessica Alter of Missouri.

Grandparents are Cary and Lisa Alter of Missouri.

## Floydada Senior Citizens News

By LuAnn Collins

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA – Our next Bingo night is Tuesday, October 11, at 7:00 p.m. We will have sandwiches and snacks for sell. Please do not bring children under 12. Also, all children must play a card. Join us for fun, food and prizes.

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

October 10 – October 14

Monday – Chili relleno casserole

Tuesday – Beef stew

Wednesday – Chicken fried steak

Thursday – Spaghetti w/garlic bread

Friday – Loaded baked potato & tuna sandwich

(Menus subject to change without notice)

## Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - Please mark your calendars for October 30th. That will be our annual fundraiser meal and auction. If you would like to donate an auction item, please contact Renee at the Center. Other items for the day will be released at a later time.

The Family Night Fish Fry will be held on Friday, October 7th from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. It's all you can eat.

Breakfast is now served here at the Center from 5:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Monday thru Friday only.

Be sure and call the Center by 9:30 a.m. if you would like to eat. Our phone number is 652-2745.

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

Thursday night pot luck. Bring a dish and a friend and enjoy games afterwards. 5 – 9 p.m. Hope you all have a great week!!

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Wednesday – Meat loaf

Thursday – Chicken and dumplings

Friday – Roast beef

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## Veterans Memorial



Photos Courtesy of Karen Houchin

Last week concrete guys started working on the Floyd County Veteran's Memorial in Floydada. Shown are Adam Avilas and Romero Pena of AAJ Concrete of Plainview getting ready to pour the concrete slab after the two most recent entries markers were placed on Thursday morning.

## Museum Archives

### Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

Written by B. B. Wilkes

Philip Jasper Wilkes was born May 23, 1884, near Florence, Alabama. He was the son of Robert R. and Emma Brodfoot Wilkes. The family moved to Indian Territory (now Oklahoma) in 1890. The family settled in Johnson County near Mill Creek. He spent his youth here.

Philip married Susan E. Sullivant in September, 1905. Susan was born near Gainesville, Texas, Dec. 21, 1880. She was the daughter of Thomas Benton and Frances Jane Sullivant. The family moved by railroad from Oklahoma to Clayton, New Mexico, in 1912 and lived out a homestead. It took a courageous father and a loving mother to make a home in those snow storm winters and the hot and dry summers. But it could be done.

In 1916 the family moved to Gainesville, Texas. The household goods were moved by railroad. The family traveled in a model-T-Ford. Here they owned and operated a garage and tire shop. The children attended the Gainesville schools. It was a lovely place to live.

The family came to Floyd County in 1923, and lived on

a farm and ranch in the Joe Bailey Community. The children attended school at Antelope, Pleasant Hill, Lakeview, and Floydada. All four sons graduated from Floydada High School. All the family attended the Church of Christ in Floydada.

In 1932 the family moved to a farm in the Lakeview Community. They built a rock house and lived there until 1970. This home has many loving kind memories of Christmas, Thanksgiving, Easter, birthdays, and many more to all who claim kin to this family.

The Wilkes children; Barney Benton, Raleigh Henry, Orby Alvin, Floyd Mack, and Roy Philip. (Raleigh Henry died in infancy).

The Wilkes Grandchildren; Patty, Lesley, Mack, Beverly, Jeffrey, Linda, Philip, Steve, and Whitt Wilkes.

Roy served his country, in the Navy, during World War II. He served in California and Hawaii.

Barney married Laura May Mayes in July 1930. They lived on a wheat farm in the Dougherty Community for five years.

In 1935 they moved to a farm in the Aiken Community. They owned and operated an alfalfa

mill from 1945 to 1952. They still reside on this farm. Their children, Patty and Lesley are both graduates of Lockney High School and the University of Texas Law School.

After Patty finished school she worked for several years in both Austin and Lubbock as a pharmacist. Patty lives in Austin and is a practicing attorney.

Lesley married Dolores Jean

Brown in August 1961. After they finished school they lived on a farm for several years in the Sandhill Community. Their daughters Julee Ann and Holly Lynn attended school in Lockney. In June 1975 the family moved to Austin. Lesley is a practicing attorney.

Mr. Wilkes died October 11, 1970. Mrs. Wilkes died January 5, 1971. Both are buried in the Floydada Cemetery.

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# OBITUARIES/CHURCH

## Eva Lee Nichols

Eva Lee Nichols, passed away, Sunday, September 25, 2016, four days after her 90th birthday. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., Friday, September 30, 2016 at the Moore-Rose Funeral Home Chapel.

Interment followed at the Floydada Cemetery. Visitation was held from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., Thursday, September 29, 2016 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

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

She was born in Amarillo, Texas on September 21, 1926 to William Earl and Thelma Leona (Allmand) Oden.

Eva Lee was a homemaker, talented seamstress and a maker of porcelain dolls. She was a longtime resident of Lakeview and Pleasant Hill Communities in Floyd County, where she met her husband James Lee of 65 years and they raised their six children.

She is preceded in death by husband James Lee, her parents and brother, Ovay "Slick" Oden.

Left to cherish her memory is daughter, Nancy Campbell and husband, Gary of Gonzales, Louisiana; son, Jimmy Nichols and wife, Jan of Breckenridge; daughter, Jackie Cockrell of Irving; son, Billy Nichols of Breckenridge; daughter, Tammie Murry of Irving; son, Richard Nichols and wife, Lisa of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

The family request memorial to the Senior Citizens Center in Floydada



EVA LEE NICHOLS

at P.O. Box 573, Floydada, TX 79235.

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

## A Good Funeral



Levi Sisemore

There's nothing like a good funeral! There are no overtones to Levi Sisemore's statement, "I just love a good funeral. I've been to some draggy ones, I've been to harsh ones, but there are a few that stick out in my mind as some of the best events I've ever attended."

As someone who has attended and officiated at many funerals, I have some suggestions to you about how to make your own funeral an event to remember (in all the best ways!).

1) Do your family a favor and pre-plan your arrangements with the funeral home. One of the hardest things I've seen families have to do is buy plots, pick out caskets, buy services, etc., when they are yet in the throes of emotion at the death of their loved one (and they're always waiting on that one beloved relative from out of town to make it in before they can finalize things). I know funerals and burial don't come cheaply, but they will always be more expensive tomorrow. Do your family a favor and take care of the business end of things yourself today.

2) Pick out officiants, prayer and song leaders, and eulogizers well before you're even close to death's door. Since funerals are seldom expected, most people never get more than 48 hours to collect their thoughts. Tell people now that you feel loved by them enough that you trust them to say final words over your earthly life. It will not only enhance, deepen your current relationship with them, but it will get them thinking and preparing.

3) Select songs, scriptures, poems, etc., that are meaningful to you.

Write out some notes about why those who survive you some hints about what's in your heart. Share your funny (even humorously embarrassing) stories - funerals need genuine levity!

4) Understand now and communicate to all those who will be involved that you do understand that the funeral is for those of us who remain, not for the deceased. This grants them appropriate flexibility to share their memories of you. In other words, leave them room to celebrate your life as it was meaningful to them, not just according to your dictates.

5) Live your life so that the preacher doesn't have to lie at your funeral. Now I've never lied at anyone's funeral, but there are people whose funerals would have been much easier to preach if I could have made up the story myself. Friends, you are the author of your own story. Be the person today about whom you want others to hear at your funeral. I can't preach you into heaven or hell (at least, not that my words would change your eternity after your death). Instead, live a life of faith, love, compassion so that there are good stories to tell. Live a life hidden in Christ Jesus, for about him there is much good to say.

"But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope." (1 Thess 4:13).

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

## Danny Allen Swebston

Danny Allen Swebston, 68, of Canyon, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, September 27, 2016. He was surrounded by family.

Funeral services were held at 4 p.m., Friday, September 30, 2016 at First United Methodist Church with Rev. Rick Enns, pastor, officiated.

Burial followed at the Dreamland Cemetery.

Arrangements were under the directions of Brooks Funeral Directors.

Danny was born February 17, 1948 to Herschel and Hazel Swebston.

He attended Floydada High School before going

to Tarleton State, where he would marry, Judy Wilson, on January 31, 1970. Two years later he graduated from Texas A&M University with a degree in wildlife sciences.

Danny's career with Texas Parks & Wildlife span over 37 years and in several cities, starting with Nacogdoches, Austin, Alpine and then to Canyon. Danny thoroughly enjoyed his job all the way to the end. Even while in retirement he would spend time volunteering.

Danny and Judy's love gave them three beautiful children, Wade born June 28, 1971, Jason born Janu-

ary 1, 1974, and Julie born March 8, 1976.

Danny was preceded in death by his son, Jason, in 1974.

Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Judy; son, Wade Swebston and wife, Kerrie; daughter, Julie Swebston; four grandchildren, Joseph, Josh, Jayson, and Eryn; two granddaughters, Minnie and Millie; and two sisters-in-law, Mary McEvers and husband, Karl and Paula Owen and husband, Mike.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the Lupus Foundation, [www.lupus.org](http://www.lupus.org).



DANNY ALLEN SWEPSTON

The family received friends on Thursday, September 29 from 6 to 8 P.M. at Brooks Chapel.

Please sign the online guest book at [www.brooks-funeral.com](http://www.brooks-funeral.com)



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# CHURCH DIRECTORY

## SHINING GOD'S GOODNESS

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

—Matthew 5:16 (NRSV)

Sometimes we see the evil in this world and wonder how a loving God could let it go unchecked. I think perhaps we should be asking a different question. Aren't goodness, love, and care evidence of the presence of God in our midst?

I experienced God's goodness firsthand when recovering from knee-replacement surgery in a rehab clinic. My recovery team and the staff members I met were from Russia, India, the Philippines, Albania, and Romania. These caregivers from all over the world were like ministers to me. They all

had one purpose in mind: to provide for my recovery needs with compassion. I experienced God's presence in every caring act.

There may be much evil in the world, but the goodness of God shines through it all when people show love and compassion to one another. God is love. (See 1 John 4:8.) When we act compassionately, we reveal God to the world.

Stanley L. Hayes (Michigan, USA)

### Prayer

Loving Creator, thank you for being present to us when we look for you. Help us live a life that shows your glory. Amen.

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Darwin Robinson, Pastor  
983-2578  
Sunday School...10 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 10:50 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.  
Wednesday - 7 p.m.
- Calvary's Cornerstone Fellowship**  
Floydada  
Armando Morales, Pastor  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.  
Bible Study - 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening - 7 p.m.
- Carr's Chapel**  
Service Every Sunday  
Morning Worship - 9 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
- Church of Christ**  
West College & Third  
Lockney  
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Afternoon Worship - 1:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Service - 7:30 p.m.
- City Park Church of Christ**  
Matthew Benfield, Minister  
Floydada  
Sunday Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study - 7 p.m.
- First Baptist Church**  
Floydada  
Tim Franks, Pastor  
Logan Lamb, Min. Students  
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.  
Wed Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.
- First Baptist Church**  
Lockney  
Joseph Tillery, Pastor  
Chad Cook, Youth Min.  
Phil Cotham, Music Min.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.
- First United Methodist Church**  
Floydada  
Rev. Ken Peterson, Pastor  
Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School - 10:50 a.m.  
Youth (Sunday) - 6:30 p.m.
- First United Methodist Church**  
Lockney  
Rev. Ricky Carsensen, Pastor  
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Service - 6 p.m.  
Wed. Jr. High - 5:30 p.m.  
Wed High School - 6:30 p.m.
- Grant Chapel Church of God in Christ**  
Joe Bennett, Pastor  
Sunday School - 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday - 8 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.
- Main Street Church of Christ**  
Lockney  
James Blair, Minister  
Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.
- Mt. Zion Baptist Church**  
Floydada  
Rev. Timothy Askey  
401 N 12th St. 983-5805  
Sunday School - 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Study - 6 p.m.
- New Salem Primitive Baptist Church**  
Floydada  
Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges  
(806) 637-0430  
Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
- Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church**  
310 Mississippi
- 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**  
Floyada  
Rev. Toby Gonzales  
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.  
Wed Evening - 7 p.m.
- San Jose Catholic Church**  
Lockney  
Msgr. Nickolas Rendon  
Wed. Communion - 8 p.m.  
Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.
- South Plains Baptist Church**  
Joe Weldon, Pastor  
SuNday School - 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting - 7 p.m.
- Templo Getsemani Assembly of God**  
701 W. Missouri  
Joe M. Hernandez  
983-5286 (Church)  
Sunday School  
English - 9:45 a.m.  
Spanish - 11 a.m.  
Worship  
Spanish - 9:30 a.m.  
English - 11 a.m.  
Evening Service 5 p.m.  
Wednesday 7 p.m.
- St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church**  
Floydada  
Rev. Ike Temporaza  
983-5878  
Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.  
Mon. & Wed. Mass - 6:30 p.m.  
Confession Sat - 10-11 a.m.
- Templo Bautista Salem**  
Lockney  
Rev. Joe Hernandez  
Bun Prayer Service - 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service - 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.  
Wed. Meeting - 7 p.m.
- Templo Bethel Spanish Assembly of God**  
Washington And 1st St.  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 5 p.m.  
Wed Service - 7 p.m.
- Templo Nueva Vida**  
Rev. Herman Martinez  
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada  
Sunday School - 10 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 5 p.m.  
Tuesday - 7:30 p.m.  
Thursday Service - 7:30 p.m.
- Trinity Assembly**  
500 W. Houston  
Tom Ross, Pastor  
983-5499  
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m.  
Sunday Evening - 6 p.m.
- Trinity Lutheran Church**  
Providence Community On Fm 2301  
293-3009  
Rev. Peter W. Harrington, Minister  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service 11 - a.m.
- West Side Church of Christ**  
Floydada  
983-2672 Or 470-0950  
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.

# AGRICULTURE

## Deer Hunting Silent Season is Now Open

**By Texas Parks and Wildlife Department**  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN – Texas deer hunting's silent season, limited to archery equipment only, opened statewide Saturday and all indicators point to excellent prospects, according to wildlife biologists with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

The Texas deer hunting season opened Saturday, Oct. 1, for bowhunting and Nov. 5 for the general gun season. A special youth-only weekend season is set for Oct. 29-30. The general season runs through Jan. 1, 2017, in North Texas and Jan. 15, 2017, in South Texas. A late youth-only season is also slated for Jan. 2-15, 2017. For additional late season deer hunting opportunities and county specific regulations, consult the 2016-17 Outdoor Annual of hunting and fishing regulations.

"It's been quite a while since I remember a time when we've experienced great back-to-back years of good rains across most if not all of the state," offered Alan Cain, TPWD whitetail deer program leader. "Because Texas is such a large state we don't always see good habitat conditions that stretch from Amarillo to Brownsville or El Paso to Houston, but 2016 has been an unusual year in that the vast majority of the state has received good rains and surprisingly, temperatures have remained relatively mild."

Ideal weather conditions this year have helped produce a smorgasbord of lush green forbs and woody browse plants which comprise the majority of a deer's diet, Cain went on to add. "These favorable range conditions will put deer in top body condition this year and antler quality should be above average."

Although good for the deer, ideal habitat conditions could make hunting tough at the onset of the archery season. Cain said most deer are still in a summer pattern, which means minimal movement, especially in South Texas where the rut is still a couple of months away. Bowhunters might consider focusing their efforts along heavily traveled game trails or near acorn producing trees.

Unfortunately, in some parts of East Texas, too much rain this year may wash out much of the early archery season as traditional prime river bottom hotspots may be tough to access. Those bottomland hardwood habitats along portions of major river drainages (Brazos, Trinity, Sabine, Colorado and Neches) that are still recovering from floodwaters will likely lack near-term browse and forb production, but acorn production can still make these productive places to hunt if hunters can access them.

Texas boasts a whitetail deer population in excess of 4 million and those numbers are expected to climb across much of the state due to high fawn pro-

duction and survival this year. Parts of East Texas that have experienced extended flooding conditions may be the exception. Hunters play a key role in habitat management by helping to maintain deer numbers within the amount of food supplies the land can sustain. Wildlife biologists have conducted extensive deer habitat research over time and recommend deer harvest based on their findings.

The Edwards Plateau, commonly referred to as the Texas Hill Country, supports the highest deer population in the state with a 2015 estimate of 2.27 million deer and the greatest deer densities at 117 deer per 1,000 acres. Cain estimated 2016 numbers will have increased from last year due to higher fawn crops.

"Despite the excellent range conditions in the Hill Country this year, deer populations left unchecked can do serious damage to the native habitat that supports all wildlife," he noted. "By managing for lean times and keeping numbers in check, we can help ensure the long term health and sustainability of our state's natural resources. We encourage hunters to take advantage of the harvest bag limits in their hunting area."

New this season is the opening of a white-tailed deer general and special archery-only seasons in 14 additional Panhandle counties and additional areas added for manda-

tory chronic wasting disease (CWD) testing of hunter killed white-tailed deer and mule deer. For details visit the CWD informational page online.

As a reminder to hunters check out the "My Texas Hunt Harvest" mobile app that allows Texas hunters to voluntarily report and track their harvested game from a smartphone or tablet. Hunters can log harvest for all resident game species, including white-tailed deer. The information collected will help TPWD biologists assess annual harvest and manage healthy game populations across Texas. Hunters should note that electronic reporting using the app does not fulfill tagging requirements for any game required to be tagged or requirements for the completion of the harvest log on the back of the hunting license as it applies to white-tailed deer.

The app is available at the App Store for IOS devices and Google Play for Android devices. Harvest can also be reported online at <https://apps.tpwd.state.tx.us/vhsl/>.

For more hunting season information, check out the Texas Parks & Wildlife magazine's new Hunting Guide. It's a free, go-to source for species information and hunting tips. This special feature is exclusive to the Texas Parks & Wildlife magazine mobile app, which can be downloaded (also for free) to your Android or Apple devices.

## New Corn Maze Opens in Plainview



Courtesy photo

A new maze for your autumn entertainment is now open in Plainview. The Royal Splash Maze at 4000 N. Interstate 27 is at the site of the planned water park for 2017.

**By Kay Ellington**  
The Hesperian-Beacon

A new corn maze is now open for your autumn entertainment in Plainview. The Royal Splash at 4000 N. Interstate 27, home of the planned water park for 2017, held a ribbon cutting for a corn maze and haunted maze on Friday, Sept. 30.

Activities at the maze include hayrides, bubble ball soccer, carve or paint your own pumpkin, pumpkin patch, face painting and a tour of the planned water park.

There are two maze options, a regular maze and a haunted maze.

Cost of admission for the regular maze is \$10, and cost for the haunted maze is \$15.

Children 3 and under are free.

Hours for the corn maze are:

Fridays 5 to 9 p.m.

Saturdays 1 to 9 p.m.

Sundays 1 to 6 p.m.

Haunted hours:

Fridays and Saturdays: 8 p.m. to midnight

Halloween night to 10 p.m.

Domino's Pizza is available for sale in the concession stand. The corn maze is available for school group tours on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

For more information, call 806-685-1473

## 16th Annual Fall Brawl...

**By Barry Joachim**  
Special for The Hesperian-Beacon

LUBBOCK – Just when you thought that the 2016 Race season is over Barry comes out with a new surprise ending. This year the 16th Annual "FALL BRAWL" will allow racers from all over West Texas and New Mexico to clash in one location for the final time this event is to be held on Saturday October 8, 2017. Gates are to open at 5 p.m. and racing will start at 7:30 p.m.

This year's Classic will have much more meaning as we say "Goodbye" to an old friend of the local racing world. This night we will

have a special "Tribute to Bill Lynch", who served as a track announcer in Lubbock Texas for over 40 years.

Bill painted a picture with word so that if someone was hearing it on the radio, they could visualize it in their own mind as if they had a front row seat at the track in real time. Bill had the real gift of gab. Bill was also very talented in other ways that many people didn't know. His hobbies included woodworking and miniature trains. His work is on display at the Science Spectrum. Bill lived at the Lubbock Speedway 25 years and even after he retired. Bill came out and greeted the employees and

fans every Friday night. That was the type of person he was. He will be missed.

The final event for the 2016 racing season will have a tribute to Bill Lynch, a full night of racing. IMCA SPORTMODS, IMCA I-STOCKS and Lubbock Speedway's Street Stocks. Followed by a party in the pits. (Racers and Crew members only)

Admission prices for this special event are as follows: GA Adults \$10, Ages 13 and under free, Pit entrance \$25, Racers Registration \$10

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## House Speaker Straus Names Rep. Drew Springer to ESF Committee

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN, TEXAS -- On Tuesday, September 20, Texas House Speaker Joe Straus appointed Rep. Drew Springer, along with four other House members to serve on the Select Committee to Determine a Sufficient Balance of the Economic Stabilization Fund (ESF), also known as the State's Rainy Day Fund.

In regards to the selection of Rep. Springer, the Speaker noted the following:

Representative Springer will play an important role in helping Texas live within its means while keeping an

appropriate amount in reserves," Speaker Straus said. "His commitment to fiscal discipline will be very valuable to this committee, and I'm grateful that he agreed to serve."

The committee will determine and adopt a sufficient balance, a floor, of the ESF for the next biennium. The sufficient balance is the level required to see half of new eligible ESF go to the State Highway Fund (SHF), which the voters passed in 2014. The Legislature may appropriate ESF funds at any time and for any purpose, with a two-thirds vote of the Legislature.

However, Rep. Springer stated that "unless otherwise voted on by the citizens of Texas, I believe the Rainy Day Fund should only be used for one time emergencies." The ESF is projected to have approximately \$10 billion at the end of the current budget cycle in August 2017.

The committee consists of five Members of the House and five members of the Texas Senate. Serving as Co-Chair on this Committee is Rep. Sarah Davis of Houston, as well as Reps. Donna Howard of Austin, Lyle Larson of San Antonio, and Armando Walle of Houston

## Texas Oil and Gas Production Statistics for July 2016

AUSTIN -- Production for July 2016 as reported to the Railroad Commission of Texas (Commission) is 75,496,802 barrels of crude oil and 611,028,291 mcf (thousand cubic feet) of total gas from oil and gas wells. These preliminary figures are based on production volumes reported by operators and will be updated as late and corrected production reports are received. Production reported to the Commission for the same time period last year, July 2015, was: 76,150,903 barrels of crude oil preliminarily, updated to a current figure of 91,062,232 barrels; and 656,846,810 mcf of total gas preliminarily, updated to a current figure of 750,083,314 mcf.

The Commission reports that in the last 12 months, total Texas reported production was 1.011 billion barrels of crude oil and 8.4 trillion cubic feet of total gas. Crude oil production reported by the Commission is limited to oil produced from oil leases and does not include condensate, which is reported separately by the Commission.

Texas preliminary July 2016 crude oil production averaged 2,435,381 barrels daily, compared to the

2,456,481 barrels daily average of July 2015.

Texas preliminary July 2016 total gas production averaged 19,710,590 mcf a day, compared to the 21,188,607 mcf daily average of July 2015.

Texas production in July 2016 came from 183,260 oil wells and 92,238 gas wells.

For additional oil and gas production statistics, visit the Commission's website at <http://www.rrc.texas.gov/oil-gas/research-and-statistics/production-data/texas-monthly-oil-gas-production/>.

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## First Bale of Cotton Ginned in Hale County

**By Doug McDonough**  
The Plainview Herald

The first reported bale of 2016 crop cotton harvested and ginned in Hale County was processed Thursday, Sept 22 at Edcot Gin in Edmonson.

It was produced by Zach Walker on a farm southeast

of Plainview.

According to a gin spokesperson, Walker planted Fibermax 925GL cotton on April 20. The dryland cotton was mechanically harvested.

The first bale was processed at 2:58 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, and by mi-

dafternoon three bales had been ginned. The producer was still in the field Thursday afternoon, trying to

stay ahead of possible rainfall forecast over the weekend. Yield, grade and turnout were not yet available.

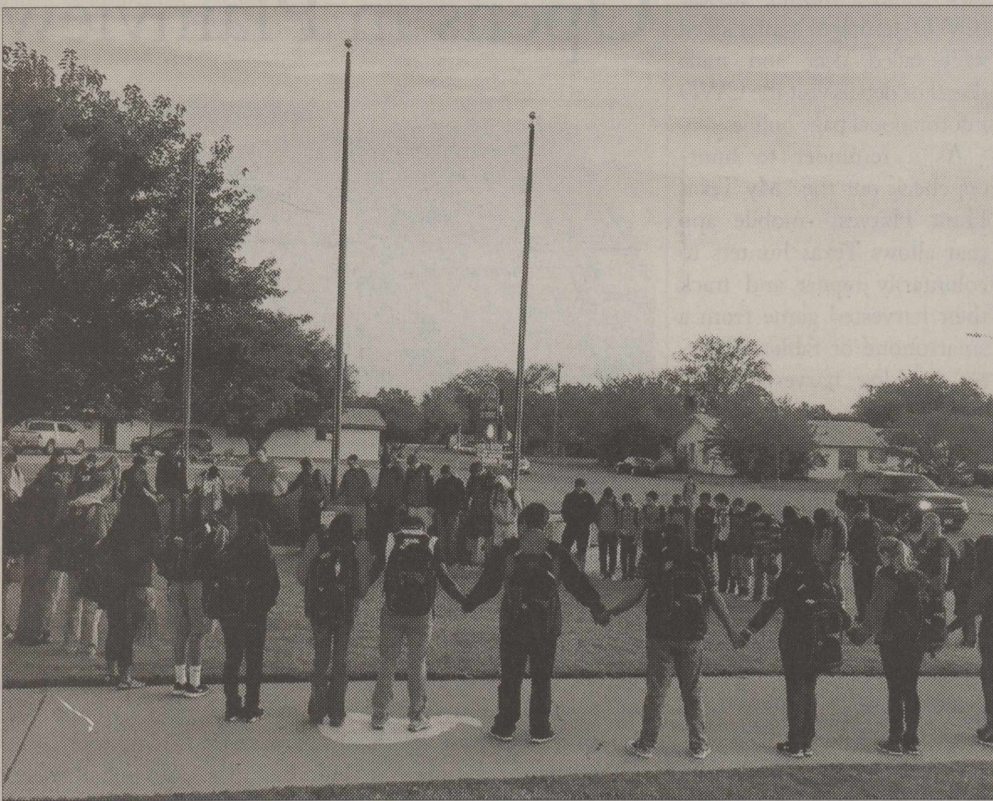
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# SCHOOL NEWS

## See you at the Pole 2016 Buckeyes



Courtesy Photos

Wednesday, September 28th was "See You At The Pole" Day 2016 when thousands of students gather around their flag poles at school to pray together for the nation, the schools, administrators, teachers and fellow students. Shown are Floydada High School and Floydada Junior High students that gathered at 7 a.m. for the "See you at the Pole" in Floydada.



Courtesy Photos

**2016 LOCKNEY BUCKEY TIGER LEAGUE TEAM** – The team consists of 5th and 6th grade kids. Their record is 2-1 with the one loss was to Plainview. They practice 3 times a week. The next game is Saturday, October 1 in Idalou. Players on the Buckeye Tiger League Team are (Bottom row) Colton Moses; (Middle row, l-r) Isaiah Luna, Wyatt Kirk, Adrian Hernandez, Max Ramirez, Abran Castillo, Jonathan Lara, Iann Rodriguez, Andrew Bustillos, Jeremiah Hernandez, Alberto Gonzales-Soto, Colby Guerrero, Dax Poole; (Top row, l-r) Diego Ascencio, Shi Cochran, Johnathan Cienfuegos, Annalicia Hernandez, Christian Gomez, Jonatha Allison, Eric Martinez, Jisiah Lara, and Drake Gonzales.



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**2016 LOCKNEY TIGER LEAGUE BUCKEY COACHES** – (left to right) Brent Poole, Ricky Ascencio, Waylon Moses, Michael Rodriguez, and Michael Lara.

### FISD Board Ready to Discuss Financial Impact of Possible Facility Construction

By Kay Ellington  
The Hesperian-Beacon

The Floydada Independent School District Board continued to discuss the needs and options of facility planning with Parkhill, Smith and Cooper in its monthly meeting in September and tabled discussion of the financial impact until its October board meeting.

In other board action trustees unanimously approved the following items of consent. A. Approve the minutes from August 22, 2016 Public Hearing, the August 22, 2016 Regular Meeting B. Review Payment of August 2016 Bills C. Approve October Board meeting for October 11, 2016 at 7:00 pm D. Administrator's Report E. Policy Update 106, Affecting Local Policies 1. EH-

BAF (LOCAL): Special Education- Video/Audio Monitoring Business Manager, Alicia Bice, presented the tax report and cash flow statement. M&O Current Tax Roll \$3,135,565.04 Net Collections \$3,105,848.80 I&S Tax Roll \$366,325.01 Net Collections \$362,853.30 Percent of Current Roll Collected 99.052% Taxes Collected as of July 31, 2016 99.000%.

Roger Hughes made the motion to adopt the amendments to the 2016-2017 budget. Gracie Diaz seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Eric Smith made the motion to adopt a new tax rate for 2016-2017 school year. William Dean seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

William Dean made the motion to approve the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) report as discussed during the public hearing. Kay Brotherton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The board held discussion on the Enrollment Report for start of the 2016-2017 school year.

Roger Hughes made the motion to approve the district and campus improvement plans as presented. William Dean seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Eric Smith made the motion to accept the purchase of district vehicles Beverly Collins seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

### SPC Social Science Department to host Political Forums

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The Social Science Department at South Plains College is hosting two congressional forums this fall. The first one will be held on Friday, October 7, from 10:00 -11:00 a.m. in the Sundown Room on the Levelland campus and will feature

the Libertarian Candidate for District 19 Troy Bonar.

The second forum will be held on Friday, November 4, from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the Sundown Room and will feature Green Party candidate Mark Lawson.

The public is invited to attend these forums.

### Area Football Schedules and Standings

September 29-October 1 Schedules

- DISTRICT 2-2A-1**
- FLOYDADA – OPEN
- HALE CENTER – OPEN
- NEW DEAL – OPEN
- OLTON – OPEN
- SUNDOWN – OPEN
- ABERNATHY 40, Lubbock Roosevelt 0
- DISTRICT 2-2A-2**
- LOCKNEY – OPEN
- CLARENDON – OPEN
- CROSBYTON – OPEN
- MEMPHIS – OPEN
- RALLS – OPEN
- WELLINGTON – OPEN
- AREA TEAMS**
- PLAINVIEW 35, Hereford 9
- PLAINVIEW CHRISTIAN 66, Wilson 55
- SILVERTON 66, LORENZO 40
- PETERSBURG 58, Whiteface 13
- Crowell 84, VALLEY 80
- MOTLEY COUNTY 61, Vernon Northside 7
- Trent 1, PATTON SPRINGS 0 (Forfeit)

**DISTRICT 2-2A-1**

Teams	OVERALL		DISTRICT	
	Wins	Losses	Wins	Losses
New Deal	5	0	0	0
Hale Center	3	2	0	0
Abernathy	3	2	0	0
Floydada	2	3	0	0
Olton	2	3	0	0
Sundown	2	3	0	0

**DISTRICT 2-2A-2**

Teams	OVERALL		DISTRICT	
	Wins	Losses	Wins	Losses
Clarendon	5	0	0	0
Wellington	5	0	0	0
Memphis	4	1	0	0
Crosbyton	3	2	0	0
Lockney	2	3	0	0
Ralls	2	3	0	0

### Football Contest Standings Week 6

	THIS WEEKS	TOTAL
Brent Sanders	20/27	113/162
Stanley Collier	17/27	111/162
Lanny Barnett	20/27	111/162
Coy LaBaume	17/27	110/162
Pam Fulton	17/27	109/162
Boyd Lee	17/27	108/162
Martin Ramirez	19/27	108/162
Mac Sherman	17/27	102/162
Renee Armstrong	20/27	102/162
Johnny Dorman	13/27	101/162
Paul Lopez	17/27	101/162
Steve Stringer	15/27	87/162

### FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

October 10 - October 14

Monday

NO SCHOOL - STUDENT HOLIDAY

Tuesday

**Breakfast** – Morning sausage roll, cereal, fresh fruit, milk

**Lunch** – Beef fingers w/roll, chicken salad wrap, peas & carrots, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Wednesday

**Breakfast** – Trix cereal, graham crackers, fresh fruit milk

**Lunch** – Turkey and cheese sub, sweet and sour chicken w/rice, peppered corn, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Thursday

**Breakfast** – Whole grain cinnamon roll, cereal, fresh fruit, milk

**Lunch** – Beef tostados w/rice, hamburger, spicy pinto beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Friday

**Breakfast** – Breakfast sausage & cheese pizza, cereal, fresh fruit, milk

**Lunch** – Spaghetti w/meatballs & breadstick, cheeseburger, crinkle cut carrots, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, mil

### Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

(Note: all quotes come from George Washington)

True friendship is a plant of slow growth, and must undergo and withstand the shocks of adversity before it is entitled to the appellation.

Associate yourself with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation, for 'tis better to be alone than in bad company.

Discipline is the soul of an army. It makes small numbers formidable, procures success to the weak, and esteem to all.

Few men have virtue to withstand the highest bidder.

It's wonderful what we can do if we're always doing.

Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire called conscience.

### LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU

Oct. 10-14

Monday, Oct. 3

**Breakfast** – Pancakes, Bacon, Yogurt, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

**Lunch** – Corn Dog with Tots or Stuffed Baked Potato with Roll, Baked Beans, Broccoli Bites, Apple-Pineapple D'Lite, Milk

Tuesday, Oct. 11

**Breakfast** – Cheesy Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

**Lunch** – Nachos or Grilled Cheese, Beans, Salsa, Garnish, Cucumbers, Tomatoes, Pears, Sherbet, Milk

Wednesday, Oct. 12

**Breakfast** – Biscuit & Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

**Lunch** – Chicken Sandwich, Fries or X-Treme Burrito with Corn Garnish, Mandarin Oranges, Milk

Thursday, Oct. 13

**Breakfast** – Oatmeal and Cinnamon Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

**Lunch** – Country Pot Pie or Salisbury Steak, Biscuit, Gravy, Salad, Roasted Potatoes, Fruity Gelatin, Milk

Friday, Oct. 14

**Breakfast** – Hash Browns, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

**Lunch** – Pizza or Hot Dog with Corn Chips, Baby Carrots, Broccoli, Salad, Grapes, Milk

## Floydada High School Band Calendar

2016-2017

Aug.	8		Band Cookout	5:30 PM	Monday
Aug.	8		Parent Meeting	7:00 PM	Monday
Aug.	8-9		Summer Band	6 - 9 PM	Mon-Tues
Aug.	11 & 12		Summer Band	6 - 9 PM	Thurs-Fri
Aug.	26		Slaton - There	7:30 PM	Friday
Sep.	2		Seagraves - Here	7:30 PM	Friday
<b>Sep.</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Homecoming</b>	<b>Lockney - Here</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>Friday</b>
Sep.	12		Night Rehearsal	7 - 9 PM	Monday
Sep.	16		Friona- There	7:30 PM	Friday
Sep.	19		Night Rehearsal	7 - 9 PM	Monday
<b>Sept.</b>	<b>21</b>		<b>All-Region Jazz Audition</b>	<b>Seminole</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
Sep.	23		Roosevelt - Here	7:30 PM	Friday
Sep.	26		Night Rehearsal	7 - 9 PM	Monday
Sep.	30		Open Date		Friday
<b>Sep.</b>	<b>30</b>		<b>END OF 6 WEEKS!!!!</b>		Friday
Oct.	3		Night Rehearsal	7 - 9 PM	Monday
Oct.	7		Hale Center - There	7:30 PM	Friday
Oct.	10		Night Rehearsal	7 - 9 PM	Monday
Oct.	14		New Deal - There	7:30 PM	Friday
<b>Oct.</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>Denver City Marching Festival</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
Oct.	21		Abernathy - Here	7:30 PM	Friday
<b>Oct.</b>	<b>22</b>		<b>UIL Marching Contest</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
Oct.	28		Sundown - There	7:30 PM	Friday
Nov.	4		Olton - Here	7:30 PM	Friday
Nov.	11		Veteran's Day		Friday
			<b>Junior High All-Region Auditions- Shallowater MS</b>		<b>Saturday</b>
Dec.	3		Christmas Concert	6:30 PM	Tuesday
<b>Dec.</b>	<b>10</b>		<b>ATSSB All-Region - Idalou</b>		<b>Saturday</b>
Jan.	7		ATSSB Area Aud. - Lubbock Cooper		Saturday
Jan.	19		Region Auditions - Abernathy	2:00 PM	Thursday
Jan.	27-28		All Region Band Weekend		Fri/Sat
<b>Feb.</b>	<b>18</b>		<b>Solo/Ensemble Contest - Lub. Coronado</b>		<b>Saturday</b>
<b>Apr.</b>	<b>4 or 5</b>		<b>Pre UIL Clinic - Wayland</b>		
<b>Apr.</b>	<b>18 or 19</b>		<b>UIL Concert/Sightreading - Wayland</b>		
Apr.	21-22		Floydada Band Festival		Fri- Sat
Apr.	27-29		Abernathy Band Festival		Thurs - Sat
May	16		Spring Concert	6:30 PM	Tuesday
May			Band Banquet		
May	25		Graduation		Thursday
May	26-29		State Solo/Ensemble Contest	Austin	

## The Paperboy

There's a saying, "It's better to have a gun and not need one than to need a gun and not have one."

Apparently, millions of Americans believe wholeheartedly in that saying as Monday it was announced that gun sales hit the 17th consecutive monthly record in September according to new FBI data. It showed overall sales are up 27 percent compared to the same period last year.



CHRIS BLACKBURN

For September, a total of 1,992,219 background checks were processed through the FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check System for the month of September, higher than the 1,795,102 conducted in September 2015.

When you throw private sales and illegal gun sales in the mix, the number of guns changing hand in this country is incredible.

No one seems to know the exact number of guns in the U.S. By almost any standard, there are more guns than people. I'd say conservatively, there are over 400 million firearms in the country and could be 600 million.

Sales have surged since President Obama took office. There have also been ammunition shortages across the country.

Protection is of course the main reason for such robust gun sales. Another is fear of restrictions to the Second Amendment by the government.

"Sales of handguns and AR's have been very strong for the past two months. Hunting rifles have been about average for this time of year," Scott Blick, a managing partner at Ammunition Depot, told the Washington Examiner. "Ammunition sales are definitely following that pattern with sales of 9mm ammo and .223 ammo being extremely strong."

In every month since May of 2015, a year-over-year record has been set every month. The September figure brings the total for the first nine months of the year to 19,872,694, and puts this year on easily track to break last year's 12-month record, when 23,141,970 firearms were purchased.

If history is any indication, the last two months of the year tend to be the best for gun sales. A total of 3,314,594 Americans applied to purchase firearms in December 2015, making it the most firearm-friendly month on record.

So what are we to make of this information?

First off, there are an incredible number of guns being sold along with ammunition and companies which manufacture guns, ammunition, components, etc... would have been a great investment in 2009 following the election of Obama.

Second, if there ever is a gun-grab in this country, it would have to end violently and terribly.

American gun owners by and large are patriots and strong believers in the Second Amendment. There is not a doubt in my mind that the government attempting a gun-grab would be met with bloodshed. Furthermore, is that a situation any government official wants to see go down on their watch?

The vast majority of gun violence in the U.S. - like over 99 percent of incidents - are committed by people in possession of illegal firearms. That should be the issue when it comes to curbing gun violence.

Law-abiding gun owners are not the individuals committing crime in the country. It is those that have illegal guns.

The government would be well-advised to adhere to the laws on the books and focus their energy on those selling guns and purchasing guns on the black market.

Getting guns out of the arms of criminals and away from those that are mentally ill will go further to curb gun violence than tinkering with laws to subdue the ignorant left.

I shudder to think what would happen in this country if the government were to perpetrate taking guns from innocent residents. Let's all hope that cooler heads and common sense prevail pertaining to illegal firearms in this country. The alternative is tragedy.

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## Swap and save: new program offers discounted LED'S

AMARILLO, Texas (Sept. 23, 2016) - Xcel Energy today announced a new energy efficiency lighting program in its Texas service area communities that provides discounted LED bulbs to help residents save energy and money.

The utility is partnering with several regional Walmart stores to offer the high-efficiency LED bulb discounts on select models. The discounts will average \$2 per bulb on standard bulbs and

\$4 on flood lights.

LED prices have dropped significantly in recent years and the added discount makes them more affordable.

"We're excited to offer bulbs at a discounted rate to encourage customers to make the switch to higher efficiency lighting to begin saving energy and money," said Kim Sherman, Xcel Energy senior product portfolio manager. "Each LED bulb will save about \$5 per

year when compared to an incandescent bulb. That equates to big savings when you consider how many bulbs you have in the home."

LEDs last about 15 times longer than incandescent bulbs. Many more options, including warmer colors and dimmable versions, are available.

Discounts are available at the following Walmart stores for a limited time while supplies last:

2801 N. Charles St., Pampa  
1501 N. Interstate 27, Plainview

For a list of discounted models and participating locations visit [xcelenergy.com/LightingDeals](http://xcelenergy.com/LightingDeals).

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## EXHIBIT

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Pecan Grove, featuring artificial arrangements of 90,000 pumpkins, gourds, squash, bales of hay and cornstalks. They are used together to create the imaginative pumpkin houses that represent naturally occurring patterns in nature to mirror the "Art of the Pumpkin" theme along with Cinderella's "Pumpkin" Carriage, courtesy of Baylor Scott & White at White Rock. Set amidst the 150,000 fall blooms such as chrysanthemums, ornamental grasses, copper plants and firebush, the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Gardens website states.

In an interview with NBC 5 in Dallas, Dave Forehand, vice president of gardens, stated that a quarter of a million visitors came to Autumn at the Arboretum in 2015. The elaborate display takes 50 members of their horticulture team three weeks to assemble and will be on display September 17 through November 23. Popular travel website Orbitz lists Autumn at the Arboretum as the number one place to go in fall and several visitors have already chimed in that their trip to the festival was well worth it.

A woman from Liberty, Texas reviewed her visit: "Wonderful fall pumpkin display! This is worth the trip! I hope to go back and visit the gardens in every season. The ads we saw listed

90,000 pumpkins on display and I believe it." An Australian tourist described it as a must-see, and that "the fall festival was the display that was breathtaking. Hundreds and hundreds of pumpkins of all shapes, colours, varieties displayed in exceptionally creative ways."

Lindsey Pyle says that each July they put their order in, with varieties and amounts changing annually depending on what they plan on building that year. This year's exhibit required nine semi-trailer trucks loaded with 75,000 pumpkins including 30 varieties with equally inventive names. The Pyles grow 55 different varieties with names like Cindarella (Rouge Vif D'Etampes), Peanut, Ghost, and Fairytale who get their names from the seed companies.

"And they do come up with some interesting names!" shared Paula.

Harvesting began August 30 and will be done at the end of October, according to Lindsey, who emphasized that it's a busy time of year and sometimes stressful, but one that brings the family together.

"I can't imagine doing it with people you aren't comfortable being around," she continued. "After harvest, most of the time the husbands go to harvest cotton and us women finish the (pumpkin) harvest working in the office, haul (the pumpkins) to town, and load the trucks."

Last year, Forehand and a small crew visited Pumpkin

Pyle to get a first-hand look at the family he's talked to on the phone and where the pumpkins are grown that they feature in the Pumpkin Village.

"There are probably some customers we've had for 19 years that we've never met," Paula explained, since most of their business is done over the phone or digitally. "We had never gotten to meet them and that was nice to put a face to the voice."

This past March, Jason and Lindsey Pyle and Kember and Matthew Rainwater visited the arboretum for the first time. None of the family members have been during the fall, however, and actually seen the display that their sweat helped create since they are always busy with the big harvest. For now, they'll have to enjoy the fruits of their labor online.

## UPCOMING

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### MOLLY STRINGER BOOK SIGNING

Molly Stringer will be at having a book signing during Punkin' Days at Hardy's Classic Cars. She has just released a new book titled, "That's how it seems." It is her third book in the "Just Checking In" series. Two other books will also be available for you to buy.

### 4-H FAMILY AUCTION

The 4-H Family Auction will be held on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at the Unity Center in Muncy. Complimentary meal starts at 5:28 p.m. and auction begins at 6:02 p.m.

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# 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.

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<b>Wright's Auto Service</b> 11. Dumas 12. Plainview	<b>First National Bank Member FDIC</b> 13. Shallowater 14. Littlefield	<b>Adam's Well Service</b> 15. Smyer 16. Bovina	<b>Scott Gin</b> 17. Seagraves 18. Tahoka	<b>Quality Body Shop</b> 19. Texas Tech 20. Kansas State
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<b>Payne Pharmacy</b> 31. Tennessee 32. Texas A&M	<b>Cogdell Clinic Mangold Memorial Hospital</b> 33. Iowa 34. Minnesota	<b>Lowe's Lockney</b> 35. Georgia 36. S. Carolina	<b>Floydada Co-op Gin</b> 37. Cowboys 38. Bengals	<b>Lockney Coop Gin</b> 39. Eagles 40. Lions
<b>Assiter Ins. Agency Assiter Punkin' Ranch</b> 41. Giants 42. Packers	<b>Crop Production Services</b> 43. Bills 44. Rams	<b>Helena Chemical Co</b> 45. Broncos 46. Falcons	<b>R.K. Hunt Photography</b> 47. Bears 48. Colts	<b>Raceway Fuel</b> 49. Ravens 50. Redskins
<b>Hesperian-Beacon</b> 51. Jets 52. Steelers	<b>Blackburn Media Group</b> 53. Dolphins 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 depositing 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.

CUT ALONG THE DOTTED LINE.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42
43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54		

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_



# Floydada Police Report

By Jesse Finley, Public Information Officer

Miguel Sanchez was arrested on September 13 in the 400 block of West Lee after Gaines County issued a warrant for him. He owed several thousand dollars in child support.

Police were called to a domestic violence call on September 13 to the 400 block of West Missouri Street. The victim stated her boyfriend, Francisco Llamas, had assaulted her in her sleep. Police met with Francisco a short time later and he admitted to assaulting the female. He was arrested for Assault Family Violence.

Mary Diaz, Leonard Flores, and Jessie Delgado were all arrested on a warrant for Criminal Trespass on September 25. All three individuals were charged in connection to a crime that occurred outside of Floydada.

Joe Delafuente III was arrested on September 23 in the 800 block of Garrison Street. He had a war-

rant issued out of Floyd County.

Police took a report of a protective order violation on September 5 on Kentucky Street. Due to the nature of the incident, no further details will be released.

A burglary of a vehicle was reported on September 17 that happened in front of the High School Band Hall. The only item stolen was a Sony car stereo. The burglary occurred sometime between 6:30 pm and midnight on September 16. No suspect has been identified.

Police recovered a stolen pistol on September 18 that was taken out of a vehicle in March of 2016. A person attempted to sell the stolen firearm to an officer but the person claimed he did not know it was stolen. A suspect has been identified in the theft of the firearm.

A report of criminal mischief was taken on September 22 after a vehicle was "egged." However, no permanent damage was done and no suspects have been identified.

Another report of criminal mischief was taken in the 500 block of East Ross. A rock was thrown into a door window but the victim did not see the incident occur.

Police responded to the 500 block of West Jackson in reference to a window being broken out of a residence. Unsure if someone was still inside the residence, police entered and determined it to be safe. It occurred sometime during the day of September 23 and the victim was not home. No items were stolen, and it is believed it is just a case of criminal mischief.

A burglary was reported on September 25 in the 900 block of West Georgia. Three large flat panel televisions and a Sony Playstation 4 were stolen. The burglary occurred sometime between 7:00 am and 3:00 pm on September 25. No suspects have been identified.

A cement truck was involved in an accident on September 9. It took the curve too fast at the intersection of 12th Street and Houston Street and turned over into the ditch. A citation was issued for Failure to Control Speed.

No injuries were reported.

A vehicle ran a stop sign on September 15 and struck another vehicle at the intersection of West California and 2nd Street. A citation was issued for Disregarding a Stop Sign and no injuries were reported.

Police answered a total of 137 calls for service between September 4 and September 25.

Police are asking anybody who knows details about the cases described above or any other incidents to please contact Floydada City Hall at (806) 983-2834 at any time and the message will be given to the officer on duty. Your identity will be kept confidential. The public is the number one tool in solving cases such as thefts and burglaries. Any small detail reported to the Police can be a big break in a case and lead to the arrest of the suspect so they are not able to victimize anyone else. If you suspect that you have come across property that is possibly stolen, report it to the Police immediately. You will not be charged with a criminal offense by doing so.

# Wildlife populations looking good for most of the state

By Adam Russell  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

COLLEGE STATION - Wildlife populations around the state appear in good shape after mid-August rains created good conditions going into fall and winter, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service specialist.

Dr. James Cathey, AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist, College Station, said three years of good rain have created positive range conditions for wildlife to flourish. Wildlife, such as deer, quail and turkey are expected to be healthy and in large numbers due to timely rains.

"I've been traveling around the state the last 10 or so days and I've never seen West Texas so green," he said. "I think conditions are good for most of the state, especially compared to 2011."

Cathey said late-summer rains arrived at a typically stressful time for deer populations and have provided ample forage for a variety of wildlife. The conditions may be good for animals but hunters may find harvesting animals to be more difficult.

"I think deer hunters will have to work harder," he said. "It will be interesting to see because animals won't come to supplemental feed like they do when conditions are harsh."

Properties that are actively managed for farming and wildlife should expect to have good quality animals, he said. Regions in East Texas, which have been heavily modified for hay and crop production, have lower value for quail and wild turkey due to lack of habitat. In those areas, populations are still having trouble rebounding.

Cathey said there was early concern that deluges of rain might negatively impact quail numbers in the Gulf Coastal Plains, but populations fared well. Quail are even showing up in good numbers in drier areas of the Rolling Plains.

But not just typical game animals are having a good 2016, Cathey noted.

"Some other critters out there have done well," he said. "For instance, wild pigs are having a good year and that's not good for agriculture or landowners. So people need to thin out wild pigs as much as they can."

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries:

**PANHANDLE:** Moisture was received in some areas and brought cooler temperatures. Soil moisture levels rated mostly adequate. Deaf Smith County producers were back in their fields with cooler temperatures and very little rain. Silage cutters tried to find dry fields to keep moving. Corn fields were well into maturity with harvest right around the corner. Grain sorghum fields were doing OK, but planes were still spraying for sugarcane aphids in some fields. Producers were trying to get a wheat crop planted. The cotton  
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# PUNKIN' DAY

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Remember if you need assistance in getting down to the square, that the "Senior Citizen Park and Ride Service" will be available all day from 9am until 5pm that day and all you have to do is go to the back parking lot at the First Baptist Church.

With over 100 vendor booths again this year, 25 of which are food vendors the most we have ever had, there promises to be plenty to see and do all around the square. No matter where your interests lie, there's a little something for everyone. From unique handcrafted items of metal and wood to baked goods to clothes in all sizes to body care items like soaps and lotions and even sales consultants from companies like Scentsy, Pampered Chef and others,

there will be a multitude of booths to browse through and enjoy. This is a great opportunity to get a head start on gifts and décor ideas for the upcoming holiday season. As always we expect a wide variety of food vendors selling everything from BBQ to Mexican food to hamburgers to turkey legs and even wildly imaginative beverage creations!

The Chamber is proud to offer the ride service and the Bigg Maxx Pumpkin auction under the Pavilion again for our second year, but we are also proud to bring back a lot of other favorites. Cow Patty Bingo, the Pumpkin Pie Eating Contest, the Costume contest for all ages, the "punkin' games at the Chamber booth, the Cake Walk and much, much more will still be a part of our exciting day of events!

Don't forget the Floyd County Historical Museum will be open and receiving visi-

tors and even teaching people how to make rope.

Browse the vendors' booths, participate in the games and contests, stop by the Museum, or enjoy entertainment under the Pavilion...or better yet do it all! That's what Punkin' Days is all about!

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.

We have a great day planned with something for everyone during the 29th Annual Punkin' Days celebration this Saturday in downtown Floydada. So we look forward to seeing everyone there, and showing our citizens and all our visitors what we mean when we say there is everything pumpkin here in "Pumpkin Capital USA! Floydada, Texas!"

# GRANT

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lects data on 24 offense types comprised of 52 distinct offenses and agencies report based upon the specific incident that includes data related not only to offenses and arrests, but also to location, victim and offender data, etc.

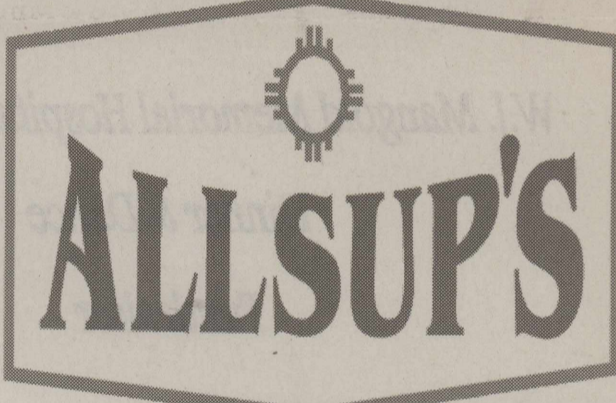
Raissez said the sheriff's department and the Floydada Police Department will be working together to get the full benefit of this grant's funding.

According to Jesse Finley with the Floydada Police Department the grant will enable the sheriff's department and the police department to work on the same records management system, including police reports, citations, photos and local criminal records.

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# Luna honored by State Rep. Drew Springer

By Jennifer Harbin  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA—Although it has been about a month since artist Frankie Luna III temporarily traded West Texas for an education at PrattMWP College of Art & Design in Utica, New York, his work has already captured the attention of someone at the Texas Capitol. After reading a feature on the ambitious young man in the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon, District 68 House Representative Drew Springer moved to write a resolution in honor of Luna's current achievements.

In a phone interview with Luna, he expressed his excitement and surprise that his work received attention from someone in Austin. While at college he received a phone call from District Manager West Sharon Van Baale on behalf of Rep. Springer with the news and that they would mail it to his home in Floydada. It arrived last week, outlining his achievements, talent, continued determination, and congratulated him on his acceptance to PrattMWP.

"As soon as I had gotten the information of the resolution, I was confronted with an overwhelming amount of support from my community, but it isn't entirely new to me because they've supported me through my entire artistic achievements."

The resolution reads: "Whereas, Frankie Luna III of Floydada began classes at PrattMWP College of Art and Design in Utica, New York, on August 29, 2016, bringing to fruition the young artist's long-held dream of attending that institution; and

Whereas, After first discovering his talent for art when he was just four years old, Frankie Luna has relentlessly pursued his passion for drawing and painting; he took his first art class as a seventh grader at Floydada Junior High School, where his teacher, Janna Williams, helped him cultivate his skills by assigning him increasingly complex projects; during his senior year of high school, he entered the Visual Arts Scholastic Event with his acrylic-and-ink painting Converse Blues and advanced to the state-level competition in Bryan; and

Whereas, Mr. Luna's work was praised by several celebrities, including Glee actresses Amber Riley and Lea Michele and LA Ink's Kat Von D, after he posted portraits of them on social media; around 50 of his pieces have been sold or displayed at such locations as the chamber of commerce office and the Sunset Center in Amarillo, and he was commissioned to paint a mural for a private citizen; and Whereas, The profits Mr. Luna has earned from selling his work have played a crucial role in enabling him to enroll at PrattMWP; though he has been awarded a scholarship of \$11,000 per semester for the duration of his studies, he has spent two years raising additional funds to cover the remainder of his college expenses; and Whereas, In earning a place at PrattMWP, Frankie Luna has demonstrated great determination to continue developing his impressive artistic ability, and he may indeed look forward to a future bright with promise; now, therefore, be it Resolved, That Frankie Luna III be congratulated on starting classes at PrattMWP Col-

lege of Art and Design and that he be extended sincere best wishes for success in the years ahead."

On September 21, he was contacted by District Manager East Cabie Lamb at State Representative Springer's office with a surprising request, according to Luna.

Lamb wrote in the message, "Every year the Representative is asked to select a constituent to design a Christmas Ornament that represents their district. This Ornament will be used to decorate a 25-foot tree that will stand in the House Chamber of the Texas Capitol for the Christmas Season. We would love to invite you to be the artist to design our ornament this year."

According to their website, the ornament project is in its eighth year. The constituent's design should "create a visual representation of what makes their Texas House District special." The tree will be on display from November 30 through January 2 and detailed photographs of past ornaments can be viewed on the House website year-round.

"It's incredibly humbling to be recognized this way by the State of Texas. If it were not for my community I wouldn't have made it this far," Luna shared. "Designing this ornament is an honor and it's also a gracious opportunity to give back to my community."

He continued that as of right now, he is still trying "to conceptualize ideas that are worthy of representing the State of Texas," and that he feels "God has supported me so far, so I'm blessed with the knowledge and comfort of knowing he'll continue to watch over me for years to come."



Courtesy Photo

Last year's House of Representatives Christmas tree adorned with decorations designed by constituents. This year, Frankie Luna III will design District 68's ornament, reflecting what makes our Texas House District special. It will be proudly displayed on a majestic 25-foot, Texas-grown Christmas tree that will stand in the House Chamber of the Texas Capitol during the holiday season.

## Floydada Rotary



Courtesy Photo

Rotarian Ken Peterson presented the program today, Arjuna Ortega, and wife, Asenet Ortega, the new music and youth pastors at First United Methodist, coming as missionaries from the First Methodist Church of Mexico City. They attended John Wesley Methodist seminary in Monterey, Mexico. Thank you Rotarian Ken for a very interesting program. Rotarians are now selling tickets for a Treager Grill to be given away on Punkin' Day. Stop by our booth on Punkin' Days to get a ticket, just \$5.00 a ticket.

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# IRS Warns of Back-to-School Scams; Encourages Students, Parents, Schools to Stay Alert

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service today warned taxpayers against telephone scammers targeting students and parents during the back-to-school season and demanding payments for non-existent taxes, such as the “Federal Student Tax.”

People should be on the lookout for IRS impersonators calling students and demanding that they wire money immediately to pay a fake “federal student tax.” If the person does not comply, the scammer becomes aggressive and threatens to report the student to the police to be arrested. As schools around the nation prepare to re-open, it is important for taxpayers to be particularly aware of this scheme going after students and parents.

“Although variations of the IRS impersonation scam continue year-round, they tend to peak when scammers find prime opportunities to strike,” said IRS Commissioner John Koskinen. “As students and parents enter the new school year, they should remain alert to bogus calls, including those demanding fake tax payments from students.”

The IRS encourages college and school communities to share this information so that students, parents and their families are aware of these scams.

Scammers are constantly identifying new tactics to carry out their crimes in new and unsuspecting ways. This

year, the IRS has seen scammers use a variety of schemes to fool taxpayers into paying money or giving up personal information.

**Some of these include:**

- Altering the caller ID on incoming phone calls in a “spoofing” attempt to make it seem like the IRS, the local police or another agency is calling
- Imitating software providers to trick tax professionals--IR-2016-103
- Demanding fake tax payments using iTunes gift cards--IR-2016-99
- Soliciting W-2 information from payroll and human resources professionals--IR-2016-34
- “Verifying” tax return information over the phone--IR-2016-40
- Pretending to be from the tax preparation industry--IR-2016-28

If you receive an unexpected call from someone claiming to be from the IRS, here are some of the telltale signs to help protect yourself.

**The IRS Will Never:**

- Call to demand immediate payment using a specific payment method such as a prepaid debit card, gift card

or wire transfer. Generally, the IRS will first mail you a bill if you owe any taxes.

- Threaten to immediately bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.
  - Demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.
  - Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.
- If you get a suspicious phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS and asking for money, here’s what you should do:
- Do not give out any information. Hang up immediately.
  - Search the web for telephone numbers scammers leave in your voicemail asking you to call back. Some of the phone numbers may be published online and linked to criminal activity.
  - Contact TIGTA to report the call. Use their “IRS Impersonation Scam Reporting” web page or call 800-366-4484.
  - Report it to the Federal Trade Commission. Use the “FTC Complaint Assistant” on FTC.gov. Please add “IRS Telephone Scam” in the notes.
  - If you think you might owe taxes, call the IRS directly at 800-829-1040.

## Use safety seats correctly

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN—With three out of four child car seats improperly installed, the Texas Department of Transportation encourages all caregivers to make an appointment for a free inspection at the agency’s 25 statewide district offices. TxDOT reminds all Texans that properly restraining their children while riding in vehicles is an everyday, year-round responsibility. It’s also the law. “We are determined to educate parents and caregivers in Texas about the importance of buckling their child into the correct car seat for their age and size,” said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass. “It’s not only the law, but we’re also trying to save lives through proper use of safety seats.”

TxDOT reminds drivers that Texas law requires all children under 8 — unless they are taller than 4 feet 9 inches — to be in a car seat whenever they ride in a passenger vehicle. Failure to properly restrain a child can result in a ticket of up to \$250. In 2015, 83 children younger than 8 years old were killed in crashes in Texas. In 2014, that number was 81.

Common child safety seat errors include: installing the seat too loosely;

putting the harness straps through the wrong slots; leaving harness straps too loose; positioning the chest clip incorrectly; and using the wrong seat belt path.

Drivers should refer to their specific car seat manufacturer’s manual for instructions on how to install the safety seat. The vehicle owner’s manual also includes information on the proper placement of the car seat and proper use of the seat belt or LATCH system.

To schedule a free car seat check with a nearby TxDOT Traffic Safety Specialist, text the word “seat” and your ZIP code to 876526. Drivers also may visit SaveMeWithASeat.com to learn if a child should be in a rear-facing seat, forward-facing seat or booster seat.

During Child Passenger Safety Week, a TxDOT safety demonstration van will travel the state to show caregivers how to choose and install the correct car seat for their child. TxDOT also is conducting special local celebrity story times featuring the newly released children’s book, “Bernard in the Backseat.” The book features a lovable teddy bear taking his first car ride. A free digital version of the book is available at SaveMeWithASeat.com.

## How to Prevent Senior Fraud

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AUSTIN, Texas—As the senior population in this country continues to grow, so do the financial crimes committed against them. Stealing seniors’ hard-earned money is one of the most prevalent forms of financial fraud that takes place today. Scammers are repugnant but not stupid, and they prey on the vulnerability, trusting nature and, often, the loneliness that make seniors an easy target.

The best way to prevent this is education about the common scams and fraud techniques used by those who target the elderly. This means not only ensuring that seniors in your life know what to watch, but also that they will come to a loved one for advice before they take action when approached by someone asking for money or personal information. Listed below are some of the most common scams currently used to victimize seniors.

**The Grandparent Scam**

A perpetrator pretends to be a grandchild, law enforcement officer or medical professional with a story that the grandchild is in legal or medical trouble and needs money immediately to resolve the issue. Scam artists can easily access grandkids’ personal information from simple internet research. Never give money or personal information. Say you’ll call back, and check with other relatives before doing anything.

**Telemarketing, Email and Sweepstakes Scams**

This includes fake sweepstakes, the most common form of fraud that impacts seniors. Any sweepstakes or lottery that requires advance fees or upfront charges is a scam. Never wire money to a stranger. Another type of telemarketing scam is the fake governmental agency call, which aims to get access to government benefits and includes requests for personal information such as social security numbers or Medicare information. Never give personal information to someone who calls. Ask for the request in writing and go to the official government webpage—if it exists—to find contact information. Then call that agency directly.

**Medicare Fraud**

Every American older than 65 is eligible for Medicare, and scam artists often pose as Medicare representatives to solicit personal information. As mentioned above, a caller may claim to represent a government agency and state that

a Medicare or Medicaid card needs to be replaced. This is a ruse to get a senior’s personal information for the purpose of identity theft. Fraudulent medical bills are then filed with Medicare, using the stolen identity. With other scams, services and screenings are provided through mobile clinics at senior centers, and personal information is collected to bill Medicare for fraudulent services. Always ask questions and know that free services should never require that personal information be provided.

**Investment Schemes**

Remember that if it seems too good to be true, it usually is. Be suspicious of anyone who promises massive returns on an investment or offers a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Be sure to only deal with reputable and credible institutions. Before making any investment, no matter the amount, check with your financial planner or a trusted love one to ensure it’s legitimate.

**Repair Fraud**

Repair fraud is very common among seniors. Never pay for a repair upfront—often the services may never be provided. Check with friends and family members about costs and the schedule of things you’re unsure of, such as how often to change your tires or what the going rate is for lawn care.

**Funeral and Cemetery Scams**

This usually happens in two ways. In the first, a perpetrator will scan obituaries and contact the grieving widow or widower with a claim that the deceased had an outstanding debt. Never pay this without independent confirmation. Alternatively, seniors are exploited by disreputable funeral homes, which will use unfamiliarity with funeral costs to add unnecessary charges. Information about Texas mortuary laws can be found by contacting the Texas Funeral Service Commission.

It’s not always strangers perpetrating these crimes. According to the National Council on Aging, the majority of reported elder abuse is committed by an older person’s own family members, most often the adult children, followed by grandchildren, nieces and nephews. The best rule of thumb for seniors to avoid being victimized by a stranger is to never provide personal information, and don’t send money or provide a credit card number to “verify,” “guarantee” or “process” a prize.

## Apache makes oil, gas find

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HOUSTON—Apache Corp. announced last week that it had made a significant oil and gas discovery near the Davis Mountains in West Texas.

The company said it had secured 307,000 net contiguous acres at a cost of \$1,300 an acre with between 2,000 and 3,000 drilling locations in an area it is calling “Alpine High” that could produce three billion barrels of oil.

In addition to oil reserves, and hints from management that they may turn out to be bigger yet, there is an estimate 75 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. As a bonus, the gas is “wet,”

meaning it is liquids-rich (propane, butane, ethane, pentanes) at a time when gas prices are low and gas liquids are priced against oil benchmarks.

crop was at a standstill as cooler temperatures shut down plant growth. Irrigation ceased on all crops. Planting conditions were excellent. Rangeland and pastures were mostly fair to good. Cattle were in good condition.

NORTH: Topsoil and subsoil moisture levels were adequate to short. No measurable rain fell. Temperatures were in the mid-to-high 90s and had summer grasses suffering again.

Cotton and soybeans were doing well for this time of year. Producers were still in the fields harvesting hay. Planting of wheat and other winter grains began. Livestock were in good condition and pastures looked good. Armyworms were a problem in some pastures and hay meadows and prevented winter planting. The armyworms were everywhere, including yards, and people were spraying to control them.


## WILDLIFE


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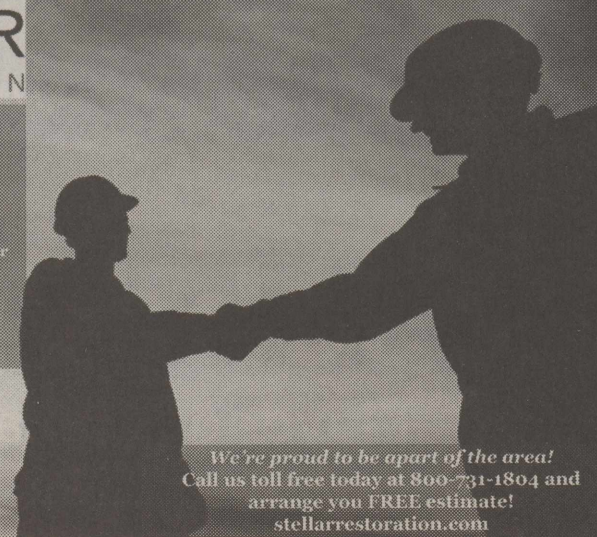


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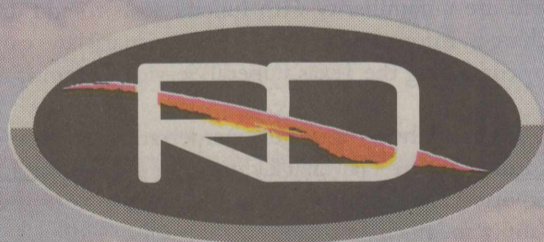
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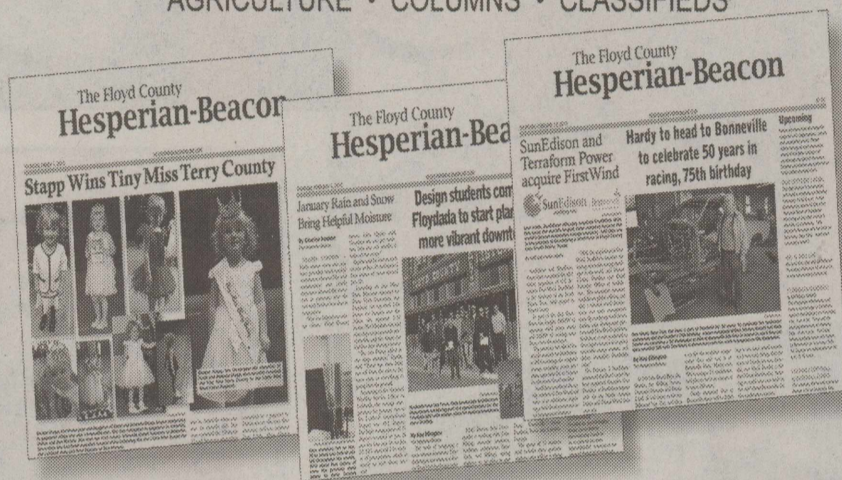
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## 29th Annual Punkin Day

**Saturday October 8, 2016**  
Downtown on the Square  
Floydada, Texas

**EVENTS:**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2016**  
8:00 P.M. Judging Best Decorated Home & Business of Floydada

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2016**  
Friends of the Library Book Sale - Floyd County Memorial Library Community Room

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2016**  
--- Downtown on the Square ---

- 7:00 A.M.-10:00 A.M. Floydada Lions Club Pancake Breakfast
- 7:30 A.M. 5K Registration at the Whirlwind Gym - proceeds to benefit BPA
- 8:00 A.M. 5K Race begins (route given at registration)
- 8:00 A.M. Chili Cook Off Begins - 201 E. Missouri (f.k.a. City Auto)
- 8:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M. Floydada Fire Dept. Car Show set up with Nifty Fifties Car Club
- 9:00 A.M. Vendor Booths Open
- 9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. Friends of the Library Book Sale - Floyd Co. Memorial Library Community Room
- 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Floyd County Historical Museum Open & Rope Making Activities
- 9:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. Live Local Music Performances - Pavilion
- 10:00 A.M. Pumpkin Games & Activities - Chamber Booth
- 11:00 A.M. Floydada Fire Department Car Show
- 11:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. Cake Walk - Corner of Main & Missouri Sts.
- 11:30 A.M. Pumpkin Auction - Locally grown Big Maxx Pumpkins up for bidding; under Pavilion
- 12:30 P.M. Chili Cook Off Judging - Sample Bowls available to the public for a donation at the Chamber Booth
- 2:30 P.M. Pie Eating Contest at the Pavilion - Prizes Awarded
- Cow Patty Bingo Begins - On Missouri Street west of the Floyd County Historical Museum
- 2:45 P.M. Costume Contest Registration for all ages - Pavilion
- 3:15 P.M. Costume Contest Under the Pavilion - Prizes Awarded
- 4:00 P.M. Award Winners, Under the Pavilion:
  - Cow Patty Bingo
  - Chili Cook Off
  - Guess the weight of the pumpkin trailer
  - Guess the # of pumpkin seeds & candy pumpkins

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