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Early Voting Off to Robust Start in Floyd County

By Kay Ellington
 The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - At press time—4 p.m. Monday—which was the first day of early voting in Texas and Floyd County, already 167 people had already voted in Floyd County, according to county clerk Ginger Morgan.

"It's been very smooth," Morgan said, "Voters are having their IDs or drivers' licenses, and it's working just fine."

Floyd County has two early voting locations—the Floyd County Courthouse Annex in downtown Floydada and First United Methodist Church, Lockney which is located at 120 W. Poplar Street.

Hours for early voting are 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

More than 15 million people registered to vote in Texas by the October 11 deadline. That's a record number of

voters registered ahead of Election Day on Nov. 8.

Voter eligibility and identification requirements in Texas:

To be eligible to vote you must be a U.S. citizen, 18 years-old by Election Day and living in the county that matches your registration. Also, you must not be serving a sentence or parole for a felony conviction.

Here are the seven acceptable forms of voter identification:

- Texas driver license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS
- Texas personal identification card issued by DPS
- Texas license to carry a handgun issued by DPS
- U.S. military identification card that has a photo
- U.S. citizenship certificate that has a photo
- U.S. passport

If a voter can't present one of those seven forms of ID, he or she can sign a declaration at the polling place explaining why he or she can't obtain of the approved forms and provide one of the following forms of supporting documentation:

- An original, certified birth certificate
- A valid voter registration certificate
- A copy or original of one of the following: current utility bill, bank statement, government check, or paycheck or other government document that shows the voter's name and an address.

Government documents that include a photo must be original and cannot be copies.

Early voting in the state started Monday and runs through Nov. 4.

Any registered voter may vote early in person. To vote



Barbara Anderson/The Hesperian-Beacon

Early voting began Monday in Texas and runs through November 4. In Floyd County early voting locations are the Floyd County Courthouse Annex and First United Methodist Church in Lockney. Hours open are 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

early by mail, you must first complete an application, which must be received by

Oct. 28, and then submit your ballot by 7 p.m. on Nov. 8.

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.

LOCKNEY LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

Lockney Library Book Club will meet on Friday, October 28, at 4 p.m. in the Library meeting room. Please join us for fun with books!!

TRUNK OR TREATING FLOYDADA

The Floydada Chamber will have their "TRUNK-OR-TREAT" on Saturday, October 29th. It will begin at 6:30 or immediately following the Trunk N Dunk basketball game. The Trunk or Treat will be held on Whirlwind Alley in front of baseball field. The Chamber is also taking donations of candy with drop off locations at FNB, Prosperity Bank, FHS, Fisd Central Office and City Hall.

LOCKNEY SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER FUNDRAISER

In continuing with tradition, please join us on Sunday, October 30th for a benefit luncheon and auction being held from 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. The auction will begin around 12 noon. Lunch will include beef or chicken fajitas, rice, beans, and all the fixings. Our special guest of the day will be John Robison from KCBD Channel 11.

EARLY VOTING & GENERAL ELECTION

Early Voting began on Monday, October 24th and continues thru Friday, November 4th and the hours are 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 8th from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

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FUMC Lockney Harvest Festival Offers Food, Fun, Shopping

By Kay Ellington
 The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - The First United Methodist Church of Lockney will be hosting its Harvest Festival Saturday, Oct. 29 on the grounds of the church at 102 W. Poplar.

The festivities kick off at 9:45 a.m. when their Country Store opens. It's your chance to purchase homemade canned goods or home-baked sweets. If you don't have time to can or bake, you can still enjoy the flavor of homemade items by buying them in the Country Store.

From 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

for only \$5 you'll be able to buy a delicious, home cooked meal with turkey and dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, homemade roll, and peach cobbler.

You can either dine in or carry out.

Tickets for the meal can be purchased in the church office or from any church member.

The church will also be hosting a Silent Auction throughout the festival, including handcrafted items, décor, jewelry and more.

For more information about the Harvest Festival call the church office at 806-652-2193.

Lockney Senior Citizen's Center to hold benefit luncheon and auction

By Renee Armstrong
 Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - Thirty years ago some Lockney residents had ventured over to Hale Center for a meeting, at their senior citizen's center. After returning home that day the idea of Lockney having one of "those" was planted in their minds.

Days past and the first meeting came to be. About 35 seniors attended this meeting, and began the planning of Lockney Senior Citizens Association. After many bake sales, soup and cornbread suppers, and quilt auctions this group purchased the Lena Fay Dry

Good Store and renovations began.

W.L. Carthel was elected the first President of the board, and other officers were elected, Virginia Sissney, Claude Brown, Harley Workman, Edna Workman, O.C. Allison, Helen Hodel, Willis Reynolds, and C.L. Henderson, just to name a few. Claude Brown being the only living original board member. The first member role includes over 100 names. With one goal in mind, to keep this Center open and be a functioning non-profit organization, which it remains today. The Senior Citizens Association was incorporated in May of

1989.

Today you can find members Monday through Friday enjoying lunch, pot luck supper on Thursday night, domino games in the afternoons, and coffee time. There is always something happening here at the Center.

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Floydada Will Trunk-N-Dunk, Trunk-or-Treat on Oct. 29

By Darolyn Snell
 Special for The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - The Floydada Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture wants to invite everybody out this Saturday evening, October 29th for the Trunk-N-Dunk event.

All the fun will kick off at the Whirlwind Gym at 5:30 p.m. with a charity basketball game between members of the Floydada Volunteer Fire Department! Teams will be determined by a random drawing just prior to tip off. So, it should be great fun to see who each team will be composed of!! All proceeds raised from the game will go to benefit our Floydada Fire Department.

Immediately following the game we will have Trunk-or-Treat on Whirlwind Alley between the gym and the



Courtesy Photo

The Floydada Chamber will be having the annual Trunk-or-Treat this Saturday, October 29th starting at 6:30 p.m. on Whirlwind Alley between the Whirlwind Gymnasium and the baseball field.

baseball field. As always the Chamber is accepting candy donations at FNB, Prosper-

ity Bank, FHS, Fisd Central Office and City Hall.

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Lots in Lockney for Halloween

By Kay Ellington
 The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - Looking for some Halloween fun for the whole family? Look no further than Lockney.

The Lockney Chamber of Commerce will be hosting their First Annual Chili Cook Off 2 to 5:30 p.m. at the Lockney Elementary School, 310 SW 8th Street. Entry fee is \$15.

There are no rules for the chili. However, entrants must

cook on-site. Judging will take place at 5:30 p.m.

Entrants can sell their chili after the judging.

Prizes in the chili cook-off are:

- 1st place- \$250
- 2nd place- \$150
- 3rd place- \$100

Also on Saturday, Oct. 29 the Lockney Chamber will be hosting Trunk or Treat on Main Street from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

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Correction

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

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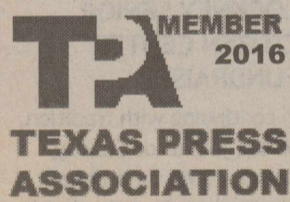
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Sales Tax Payments Down for Floydada for October

Compiled from media reports

Sales tax payments to area sales taxing entities area continue to fall short of the blistering wind energy-fueled pace of 2015.

The sharpest drop from October 2015 was posted by

Floydada, which saw its payment plummet 60.7 percent, followed by Abernathy, down 37.47 percent, and Silverton, down 21.5 percent. Hale County's monthly payment fell 17.01 percent, Plainview was off 14.17 percent, Hart down 9.6 percent and Pe-

tersburg off 3.29 percent.

The largest increase was posted by Kress which was up 23.08 percent, with Edmonson up 19.41 percent. Tulia recorded a 16.38 percent increase while Olton's payment rose 16.06 percent. See **SALES TAX**, Page 7

The 501

Sensational Screwworms Making a Comeback

Who remembers screwworms? Once eradicated, the evil larvae have gotten back into the United States.

How bad are they? Here's a line from an AP story about the outbreak in the Florida Keys:



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"The screwworms are maggots that eat livestock and pets alive." Just between us, I think that writer might have a future in tabloid journalism. But it's true. Screwworms devour living flesh. They make other maggots look tame.

A screenwriter somewhere is probably feeling inspired, already thinking about "The Attack of the Killer Screwworms." That's one I don't want to see. But it could star my daddy, superhero in overalls, pitted against the screwworm invasion, armed only with his little Case pocket knife and a bottle of stuff called black smear.

Do they still make it? Is that the brand name? Is there time to invest in the company?

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My cursory research indicates the formula name is Smear 62. A 20-percent ingredient is lampblack. The active ingredient is that trusty carcinogen benzene. I'm guessing all iterations of Smear 62 are no longer on the market. But if we don't have something powerful enough to inspire lawsuits, how will we handle the screwworms on the horizon? We'll see.

Why the pocketknife? Well, when you deal with screwworms, you're supposed to

pick them out of the wound before you treat it. Tweezers are recommended. I guess there's probably an overalls pocket that would work for tweezers, but I don't remember Daddy carrying around a pair. I just remember the little knife.

Meanwhile, I ran into our country preacher in the bank yesterday. I recognized his voice first. He was in his overalls. His name is Joe Dale. He asked me what I was writing about next. When I told him, he gave me a screwworm story worth retelling — a better anecdote than anything I could make up, not that I ever make anything up. Or that he does.

His story: Back in those screwworm days, the boys taking ag at our school (virtually every boy) built pig and sheep pens north of the teachers' houses. I remember those pens only vaguely. We girls were stuck in home economics, sewing. The boys got to do all the challenging stuff, although I must say that putting in a zipper is not for the faint-hearted.

The pigs dug under their fences. I guess some escaped, although I remember no errant pigs on campus.

The boys put rings in the pigs' noses to discourage the digging. Screwworms promptly infested their snouts. The boys had to dig out all the screwworms and treat the wounds.

As luck would have it, the treatment session was before lunch and Spanish rice was served. For the girls in his class, Joe Dale drew the obvious comparison. The girls didn't have the stomach to finish their lunches. And that's how he ended up with their apple crisp desserts.

What's more, the pigs recovered.

You just can't beat a screwworm story that makes you want some apple crisp. Yum. Top of Form

The Paperboy

Excuse me sir, that's the men's room over there

You may recall earlier this year when President Obama decreed that any person could use any restroom they wanted. Well a Texas judge is seeing to it that Obama's misguided wishes will not come to fruition.

Texas Federal Judge Reed O'Connor again affirmed that his order bars the Obama Administration from enforcing its unlawful LGBTQ agenda on public schools, federal agencies, municipalities and private employers.



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The judge's ruling applies nationwide and specifically states that all federal agencies must stop enforcing the illegal guidelines which interpret the word "sex" as "gender" in federal statutes such as Title VII and Title IX.

The Obama Administration attempted to impose an LGBTQ agenda on schools, government agencies and private employers.

The unlawful directives would have allowed males to use restrooms, dressing rooms, showers and locker rooms assigned for females.

In the public school context, these idiotic directives would also allow boys to demand they sleep with girls during overnight off-campus trips.

Let's hear it for some sanity in this age of complete insanity.

Of course, Texas and Oklahoma fought Obama's ridiculous attempt to circumvent the law via an executive order from the onset and they were right to do so.

Speaking of Obama, I guess you've heard that the Affordable Care Act is not affordable after all. Obamacare is barely hanging on as premiums are projected to jump 25 percent next year alone while major insurance companies continue to opt out of the market place. Deductibles are also skyrocketing.

Of course, the law, brought on us by Democrats when they controlled both houses of Congress, was never going to work. Just as predicted, sick people would sign up and healthy people would not which has created a money vacuum. Without the healthy people in the program, there are nothing but growing costs causing the debacle to fail.

If Hillary Clinton is elected, there is not a doubt in my mind she will work for a single-payer system. Without getting too technical, our healthcare would continue to suffer and it would not be long until the U.S. medical system resembles the sorry state of everything else socialism touches. It really is past time for the good people in this country to stand up for what is right.

This is not an election year statement. This is a common sense statement.

We are being governed by corrupt people getting filthy rich off of our hard work.

These corrupt people, from both sides of the aisle, need to be fired by the American people. They are no longer working for us. It's just one scam after another being covered up by a culpable media.

I'm not here to advise you whom to vote for this election. This is the absolute worst field of presidential candidates in my lifetime and I sincerely pray it's the worst we ever get.

No matter who wins the presidency, things are going to get much worse before they get better and Obamacare is just a small part of that.

Before in our country, it has taken catastrophes to unite us as a people. For once, it would be nice to avoid the catastrophe and let common sense prevail. I certainly don't see it happening, but no one could have ever predicted we'd be where we are right now either.

Love your kids, love your neighbor and work hard.

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Floydada Police Report

By Jesse Finley
Public Information Officer

FLOYDADA - Police took a report of an assault on September 28 that happened at the City Park. Several juveniles assaulted another juvenile causing injuries that were not life threatening. Floydada Police took into custody two juveniles for the assault and transported them to the Parent Adolescent Center (PAC). While at PAC, three other juveniles

began driving by and taunted the teenagers in custody by yelling curse words in public. It was also revealed the juveniles that had driven by PAC were witnesses to the assault. The Floydada officer attempted to detain the juveniles but they fled in their vehicle. The officer caught them several blocks away and could smell the strong odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. All three juveniles were taken into custody for Possession

of Marijuana less than Two Ounces and Possession of a Controlled Substance after several marijuana cigarettes and numerous prescription pills were found in the vehicle. The pills were not prescribed to any of the juveniles in the car.

Police took a report of a stolen vehicle on September 26. The vehicle was later recovered in Hale County after being found by a Hale County Constable.

Police were dispatched to a disturbance on October 4 in the 300 block of South 5th Street in reference to a person threatening another with a knife. Two males were in an argument that got out of hand but neither person wanted to file charges.

A cell phone was reported stolen on October 4 after it was taken from a backpack in school. The phone

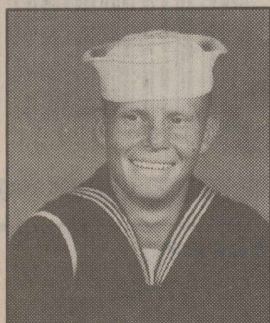
was located by GPS and police were able to recover the phone. Two juvenile suspects were identified because they were taking pictures of themselves with the phone and the pictures were uploaded into the victim's cloud based storage. Charges are pending.

Floydada Police were dispatched to a disturbance in the 200 block of West Kentucky on October 5. While en route, an officer observed the suspect the disturbance driving and initiated a traffic stop for investigative purposes. The suspect fled in the vehicle and the officer chased him for several blocks. The suspect stopped in the 300 block of North 4th Street and ran away on foot. Floydada Police and the Floyd County Deputies attempted to find the suspect but were unable to. The suspect has been identified and charges are pending.

Police answered a total of 65 calls between September 26 and October 9.



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It is a blessing to live in a small town with so many caring people.

All our love and prayers to all of you,
Sherry & Clifford Hacker
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Rhonda & Larry Guthrie
Sheryl & Earnest Back
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Friends of the Library

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - The Friends of the Library would like to thank everyone who came and shopped and bought books from us at our recent Punkin' Day book sale. We

saw a lot of people and sold quite a few books but we had a lot of books left over. Some of these books are still in the conference room and will remain there for sale. Please come by the library and see if you can find some good books

for your reading pleasure.

Also, we appreciate those who donated books for our book sale. We continue to accept books throughout the year. Just bring them by the library and we will offer them for sale at our next book sale.

We do prefer current books as older ones do not sell very well. We could use current Christian fiction, children's books, and current fiction. Westerns go fast so we are always looking for that genre.

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The South Plains Hobby Club

By **Mary M. Carter**

Special for The Hesperian-Beacon

To start the day, we met at the South Plains Church in South Plains, Texas and left at 8:45 a.m. Our tour started at 10:30. Our tour guide was Jessica Garcia, the Coordinator. She really does do a great job telling us all about the Goodnight Historical Center. The center is open Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. The phone # is 806-944-5591. It is \$10.00 admission. We are getting a tour and a BBQ lunch so the price is \$18.00.

We started with three videos. Which had a lot of information for not being long. We enjoyed them.

Charles Goodnight was born in Milam County, Ill. on March 5, 1836. His family moved to Texas, in 1845, when he was nine years old. He rode a horse the whole way. Charles worked and learned from the different jobs and people as he grew up. He married Mary Ann Dyer in 1870. He called her Molly. She was school

teacher in Weatherford, Texas. She was born September 1839 in Tenn. They lived in Colorado when they first married.

Mr. Goodnight, in his travels looking for the best cattle to buy, decided that Palo Duro Canyon was the best place for a ranch. There were two partners during his ranching days. Oliver Loven and John Adair (J.A.). Molly and he moved to a dug-out cabin there. The original dug-out cabin in Palo Duro Canyon State Park was restored by the Panhandle Plains Historical Society. They had no children. He had very little education so she would help him with his correspondence. He established the first cattle ranch in Texas panhandle in 1876. Their house was built in 1887 and known as the "Castle on the Prairie". Molly with her husband saved a small number of American bison. There is a bronze sculpture of Molly, on the property, that honors her for this. It is called "Back from the Brink" by Veryl Goodnight. Mr.

Goodnight is known for inventing the "Chuckwagon".

In 1919 they sold their home and ranch because of a silver mine investment that put them into financial ruin. It was sold to an oilman and friend W.J. McAlister with the stipulation that Charles and Molly could stay in the home until their death. They had 1,325,000 acres and 100,000 head of cattle at that time. Molly died April 1926. Mr. Goodnight was known as the "Father of the Texas Panhandle". Molly was known as saving the American Bison herd. Mr. Goodnight was a Texas Rancher, Mason, Texas Ranger, and cattleman. He died December 12, 1929 at 93 years of age. Their graves are across the road from the home. When the cowboys and friends came to the grave, they started hanging their bandanas there which started the honoring of Mr. Goodnight. It still goes on today. Some other things that were mentioned were Mr. Goodnight enforced his rules for his ranch hands. He allowed no gambling, drinking,

or fighting. He meant it!! He established the Goodnight College in Armstrong county Texas. He also had been a newspaperman, banker, and scout. His favorite horse was named Buttons and his favorite Bison was Old Sykes. There was a film having to do with Mr. Goodnight called "Old Texas 1916". Molly Goodnight had an infirmity close to the house where she treated the ranch hands.

The tour of the 1887 Victorian/Queen Anne home was so exciting for me to see. I appreciate all the craftsmanship that went into things "in the old days" without all the tools we are blessed with today. This home was restored and open to the public in 2013. I can't imagine all the hard work that went into this project. In some of the downstairs rooms there was a framed piece of the original wallpaper. Even the ceilings had paper on them. This was often done in homes. The piano in the parlor is original, as are the fireplaces. The secretary is original too.

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Floydada Rotary

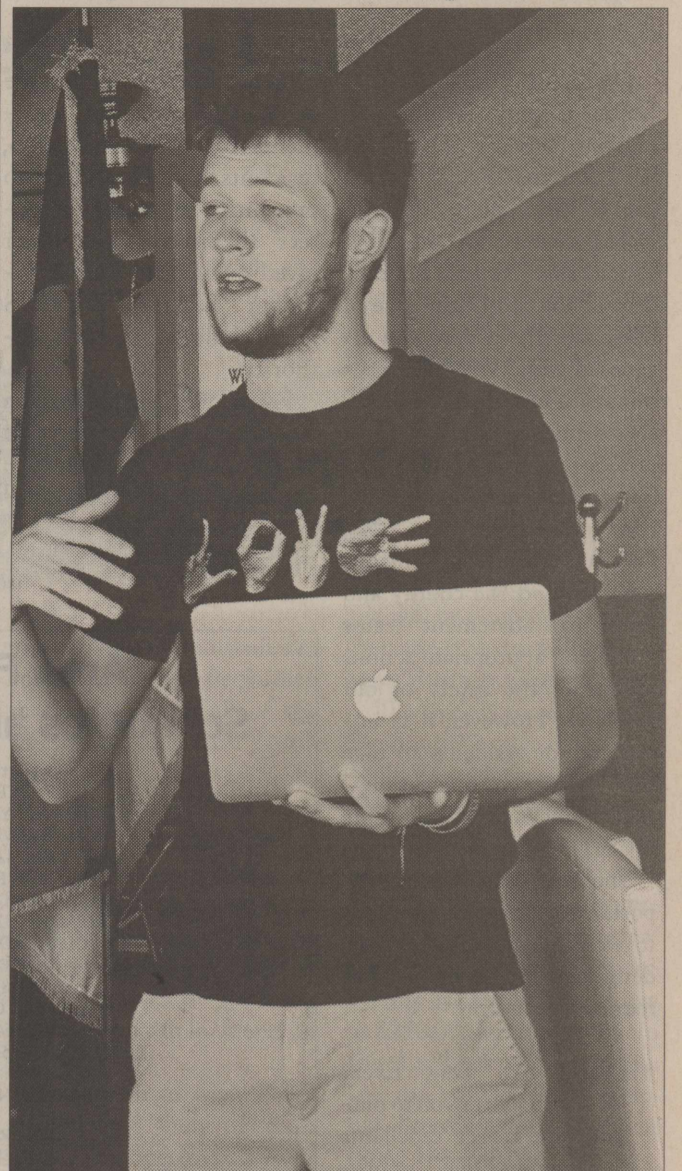


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Rotarian Taylor Sue invited First Baptist Church youth minister, Logan Lamb, to tell the club about his recent trip to Haiti. Logan and his wife, Blair, went to Haiti immediately after Hurricane Matthew. They worked with an organization, called "My Life Speaks", working with children who have special needs or abandoned by their parents. A large portion of the population believes in voodoo and think special needs children are cursed. The average per capita income is \$300.00 per year. Thank you to Rotarian Sue for a very interesting program.

Museum Archives

Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

ANNE SWEPSTON

Anne, the second child of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Swepton, was born August 4, 1913, in a little white house on the Matador Ranch. Matador, Texas, with Dr. A. C. Traweck attending. Her father, Thurman (Sweep), was mechanic and chauffeur for the managers and stockholders of the Ranch; her mother, Beulah, was the first child of a pioneer couple, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. (Lal) Lewis.

In 1917, the Swepton Family moved to the farm owned by Lal Lewis in the Hillcrest Community, in the Eastern part of Floyd County. Here Anne began her education at the age of 6 in the little one-teacher school of Hillcrest. Being rather shy, she suffered a moment of extreme embarrassment one day when she was in the first grade when her uncle, Charles Lewis, also a pupil there at the time, presented her a little package. When she unwrapped it, she found a pair of the prettiest reds garters that

her grandmother, Mrs. Lewis, had sent her. Then her face was a red as the garters, because she was the only girl in school and all those boys laughed at her.

In order to reach school, she and her brother Hershel walked through a pasture and around a lake, often frozen in the winter and an alluring place for children to try to skate, consequently, Anne often had to go back home because she had stepped on thin ice and fallen through, getting her shoes and stockings-black ribbed ones-icy wet.

In 1920, Mr. and Mrs. Swepton bought some land adjoining the school grounds on the west and built the house in which Anne lives today. After attending Hillcrest for eight years, usually being the only pupil in her grade, she entered Floydada High School and graduated in 1931. The following two years she remained at home, because of the depression and was her father's chief

hired hand, doing all kinds of work-plowing with horses and a tractor, heading maize, and harvesting wheat, etc.

In 1933, Anne entered Texas Tech where she majored in Spanish and English, preparing to be a teacher. Her desire to be a teacher was inspired by many outstanding teachers during her school years; for example, at Hillcrest, Mrs. Ora (Scoggin) Stewart, Miss Hazel Crouch, and Miss Stella Vaughn; in high school, Mrs. Lon Smith, Miss Daltis Rea, Mrs. Pauline Keeton and A. D. Cummings.

In the fall of 1938 she began teaching at Hillcrest, where she had started school. The first few months of that year, she had only two pupils, her sister, Betty Jean in the seventh grade and Carlton Fawver in the eighth grade. The chief recreation at recess was a lively game of Chinese checkers between the three. There being no supply of water for the school, Anne

was seen going to and returning from school each day pulling a little red wagon, hauling a 10-gallon can of water.

Later in the year a family often moved into the community and she found herself trying to teach grades 1-8. In November 1940, she was elected to fill a vacancy in Floydada High School as a Spanish-English teacher. For thirty five years she remained there, teaching English all of the time and Spanish for several years, teaching under three superintendents; Walter Travis, I. T. Graves, and A. E. Baker. She was always involved in the extra-curricular activities, sponsoring such activities as Junior Class, Senior Class, pep squad, annual, newspaper, social club, Spanish Club, and Student council, which she helped organize in 1953. She could write a book on her experiences in money making projects and activities of the senior class and student council, such as car washes; pancake, ice cream, spaghetti, and turkey suppers; hot dog stands; poster parties; hay rides; slumber parties; dances; banquets; and senior trips.

Other interests and activities include teaching a Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church for many years, serving as Worthy Matron of Floydada Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, 1943-44 and secretary for several years. Serving as secretary of the Floyd County Pioneer Association for the past sixteen years, and being a member of the 1934 Study Club for a few years and now a member of the 1929 Study Club and of the Mary McCoy Baines Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

After resigning as teacher in 1975, Anne has resided in the family home in Hillcrest, where she and her brother, Hershel, and her three sisters - Christine Colston, Lottie Bell Burns, and Betty Jean Campbell-grew up and built strong family ties and many cherished memories-in the land rich with the heritage of their parents and grandparents.

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. The meal will be fajitas, both beef and chicken, with all the trimmings. The auction will begin around 1 p.m. We will also be having a silent auction and door prizes. If you would like to donate an auction item, please contact Renee at the Center.

Due to the lack of participation and rising food cost, we will NO LONGER have Friday night fish

fry. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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!!

MENU

October 31 - November 4

Monday - BBQ
Tuesday - Mexican stack
Wednesday - Pulled pork
Thursday - Salmon
Friday - Baked chicken

(Menus subject to change without notice)

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By **LuAnn Collins**

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - The Floydada Senior Citizen's Center will hold BINGO NIGHT on the second Tuesday of each month from 7 - 9 p.m. Refreshments will be available for purchase at the door. Bingo Night is open to anyone age 16 and over. Mark it on your calendar and join us for a fun activity.

MEMORIALS:

In memory of David Zavala - Janet Milam
In memory of Shorty Turner - Jerry and Sheree Cannon, Hope Crabtree

In memory of Betty Baker - James Lovell, Gary and Emma Pate, Hope Crabtree

In memory of Loretta Burns - James Lovell, Janet Milam, Gary and Emma Pate
In memory of Eva Lee Nichols - Gary and Emma Pate

In memory of Mary Wilson - By Bayless Charitable Fund in honor of Helen Trujillo
In memory of Nell McClung - Hope Crabtree

DONATIONS:

Floyd County, First Baptist Church Adult IV Sunday School Class

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 31 - November 4

Monday - BBQ on bun
Tuesday - Baked chicken
Wednesday - BBQ ribs
Thursday - Chicken & dressing
Friday - Chili dogs

(Menus subject to change without notice)



Has now partnered with Dr. Sharie Moore to bring quality health care to our residents. There is no longer a need to travel for health care. Dr. Moore will be making on-site monthly visits and will assist with new resident admission paperwork.

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FOR MORE INFO CALL 806-983-8177
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DCHHS Reports the 50th Human Case of West Nile Virus

DALLAS (Oct. 20, 2016) – Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) has confirmed a 50th human case of West Nile infection in Dallas County for the 2016 season. The 50th case is a resident of the 75149 zip code of Mesquite. The patient was diagnosed with West Nile Neuroinvasive Disease. For medical confidentiality and personal privacy reasons, DCHHS does not provide additional identifying information.

“Our mosquito surveillance program and the county and municipal abatement teams are taking appropriate actions to ensure the safety of our residents. However, it is important for residents to take the necessary precautions,” said Zachary Thompson, DCHHS director.

The best way to avoid exposure to West Nile Virus is to avoid mosquito bites. Residents should use the 4Ds to reduce their risk:

- **DEET All Day, Every Day:** Whenever you're outside, use insect repellents that contain DEET or other EPA approved repellents and follow instructions.
- **Dress:** Wear long, loose, and light-colored clothing outside.
- **Drain:** Drain or treat all standing water in and around your home or workplace.
- **Dusk & Dawn:** Limit outdoor activities during dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active.

“Since there is no vaccine or specific antiviral treatments for WNV infection, residents should adhere to preventive measures to protect themselves and their loved ones,” said Dr. Christopher Perkins, DCHHS medical director/health authority.

For more information on mosquito prevention, go to: <http://www.dallascounty.org/department/hhs/mosquito-prevention.html>.

Home Country

By Slim Randles

I think there must be autumnal reasons for Halloween being hued in orange and black. It's a fun time, a magic evening if you're a kid, and if you're a grandpa-type guy, like me, who gets to hand out the goodies.

But the colors of this sweet evening celebration are orange and black, and so is October. In another week or so, our deciduous

trees will stand like skeletons against the gray skies of winter, but now we have the orange and black of fall.

It happens right about sunset each day. The sky turns that eternal burnt-umber orange and the remaining leaves and the remaining branches of our trees fill the evening with a holy filigree of contrast.

Oh, it's not something we need to do anything about. There's no need for picture

taking or anything. But it's just something that we can step outside for ... look toward the west through the lacy pattern of black branches and for a moment, just a short moment, say to ourselves, “Isn't that pretty?”

If the paint store could sell me something that looked even close to that for the walls of the little cabin I have, I'd buy a gallon. Maybe two.

Gift idea: Signed copy of “Sweetgrass Mornings,” by Slim Randles. UNM-

press.com.

Having a problem in your area? You know ... too many deer in the woods? Too many fish in the creek? Too much coffee in the pot? Too many cookies coming out of the oven? Hey, we're here for you!

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Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

“My country, right or wrong,” is a thing that no

patriot would think of saying except in a desperate case. It is like saying, “My mother, drunk or sober.”

G. K. Chesterton

Liberty also means responsibility. That is why most men dread it.

George Bernard Shaw

Whenever you hear a man

speak of his love for his country, it is a sign that he expects to be paid for it.

H. L. Mencken

The single best augury is to fight for one's country.

Area Football Schedules and Standings

October 20-22 Results

DISTRICT 2-2A-1

ABERNATHY 41, FLOYDADA 18
SUNDOWN 24, OLTON 18
NEW DEAL 42, HALE CENTER 27

DISTRICT 2-2A-2

WELLINGTON 58, LOCKNEY 0
MEMPHIS 52, CROSBYTON 25
CLARENDON 56, RALLS 0

AREA TEAMS

Caprock 28, PLAINVIEW 24
PLAINVIEW CHRISTIAN - OPEN
VALLEY 64, SILVERTON 13
PETERSBURG 65, MOTLEY COUNTY 50
New Home 68, LORENZO 20
PATTON SPRINGS - Season Cancelled

DISTRICT 2-2A-1

Teams	OVERALL		DISTRICT	
	Wins	Losses	Wins	Losses
X-New Deal	8	0	3	0
X-Abernathy	6	2	3	0
Sundown	4	4	2	1
Hale Center	4	4	1	2
Floydada	2	6	0	3
Olton	2	6	0	3

DISTRICT 2-2A-2

Teams	OVERALL		DISTRICT	
	Wins	Losses	Wins	Losses
X-Clarendon	8	0	3	0
X-Memphis	7	1	3	0
Wellington	7	1	2	1
Crosbyton	4	4	1	2
Lockney	2	6	0	3
Ralls	2	6	0	3

X=Clinched Playoff Berth

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER

Friday, October 28, 2016

11 a.m. – to sold out

\$10 per plate

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

PREPARED FOR ACTION

Prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed.

—1 Peter 1:13 (NRSV)

Sunshine and warm temperatures were expected on Monday, and I had planned to do some landscaping. But when Monday arrived, I could find only one gardening glove, and my small shovel was nowhere to be seen. Frustrated by my unsuccessful search for supplies, I gave up on the task I had planned to complete.

Just as it is important to be prepared for physical tasks like yard work, it is also important that we are prepared mentally and spiritually each day for the tasks God has in store. We can't always know ahead of time what “God-appointments” we will have on a given day, but we can prepare our minds for

action. Through scripture, prayer, and the expectation that God will throw unforeseen assignments my way; we can be prepared ahead of time. And when we're ready, we're more apt to obey.

Recently I felt the nudge to call the mother of my son's friend to invite her son to a church event. I made the call because my mind was prepared for action. The young man came with us and had so much fun that he hopes to return.

God honors our preparation by allowing us to be the sowers of seeds for God's reign on earth.

Kim Harms (Iowa, USA)

Thought for the day

I will prepare myself to answer God's call.

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<p>Aiken Baptist Church Dennis Butler, Pastor Morning Worship...11 a.m. *****</p> <p>Bible Baptist Church 810 S. 3rd, Floydada Darwin Robinson, Pastor 983-2578 Sunday School...10 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:50 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7 p.m. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>Carr's Chapel Service Every Sunday Morning Worship - 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>First Baptist Church Lockney Joseph Tillery, Pastor Chad Cook, Youth Min. Phil Cotham, Music Min.</p>	<p>Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>New Salem Primitive Baptist Church Floydada Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges (806) 637-0430 Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. *****</p> <p>Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church 310 Mississippi</p>	<p>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. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>Primera Iglesia Bautista Floydada Rev. Toby Gonzales Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:40 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wed Evening - 7 p.m. *****</p> <p>San Jose Catholic Church Lockney Msgr. Nickolas Rendon Wed. Communion - 8 p.m. Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m. *****</p> <p>South Plains Baptist Church Joe Weldon, Pastor SuNday School - 10 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. Prayer Meeting - 7 p.m. *****</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>*****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>West Side Church of Christ Floydada 983-2672 Or 470-0950 Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.</p>
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AGRICULTURE

Cotton Harvest Aids

By Dr. Seth Byrd,
Dr. Wayne Keeling, &
Dr. Gaylon Morgan
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Application of harvest-aids in cotton are utilized to remove foliage, prevent regrowth, and open bolls to allow for timely harvest operations to occur so that yield and quality losses due to weathering can be minimized. Defoliation and boll opening are natural processes governed by plant hormones, so harvest-aids are used to speed up these naturally occurring processes. The timing of harvest-aid applications is primarily governed by crop maturity, but environmental conditions also play a role in timing of application, the products used, as well as rates.

Recommendations regarding the timing of applications are based off crop maturity status and there are various methods or crop growth maturity characteristics utilized. The most common recommendations are timing applications at: 1. Four nodes from the uppermost first position cracked boll to the uppermost first position harvestable boll (4 NACB) and; 2. 60-70% of the harvestable bolls on the

plant are open (60-70% open bolls). However, these two methods are often not correlated to the same time, in other words 4 NACB doesn't necessarily equate to 60-70% open bolls so a combination of the two may be used, and timing of harvest-aid applications should be made on a field by field basis.

Boll distribution, variety maturity, and management practices can impact both of these measurements, and in-field variability of NACB and % open bolls can be high, so taking into account the status of the majority of the plants in the field is recommended. Both of these measurements should be based on the amount of harvestable bolls on the plants, so only mature bolls should be taken into account. While harvest-aids can hasten the natural process of defoliation and boll opening, they do not influence boll maturity. Boll maturity can be determined by slicing the boll horizontally to expose the developing lint and seeds. A mature boll should be firm and difficult to slice, with mature seeds (fully developed cotyledons with little liquid or "jelly" in the seeds) with a dark seed coat, with the lint

stringing-out when the two halves are separated. A wide array of harvest-aid products are available for use in cotton. These products typically fall into one of four general categories, boll openers, defoliants, regrowth control, and desiccants, although some products may serve multiple purposes. For example, boll openers (active ingredient - ethephon) will provide some defoliation, especially in warm sunny conditions. Product selection and use rates are dependent upon environmental conditions at application and in the short-term (3 - 5 days) following application.

For tables that provide harvest aid recommendations, and general information on the function of the different active ingredients, use rates, and some common names of products please contact Cristen Brooks at the Floyd County Extension Office for the full harvest aid guide.

As always, follow the label regarding use rates and adjuvants/surfactants. Many product labels will also include information on rates based on environmental conditions (mainly temperature and humidity).

Local Speedway is closed, BUT Racing lives on in Lubbock

By Daniel Shank
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The first part of this article is from the owner of Lubbock Speedway are is directly quoted from his Facebook post on the 2 days before the final event of the season and the Night that was supposed to celebrate the Life and Tribute to Bill Lynch.

"To all the Sponsors, Racers, and Fans in the Lubbock Racing Community, It has been my privilege to have been a part of stock car racing in West Texas for many years. I am saddened to say that Lubbock Speedway is now out of the racing business. From 1999 until 2016, we had some great times and hosted some big events. What a thrill it has been! Racing has always been a big part of my life from go-carts to drag racing to circle track. I have met so many wonderful people over my years of involvement.

By the way, when looking back I can recall some pivotal times. On May 4, 1999, a very smart man called me to offer his advice regarding getting into the race track business. If I had only taken his advice, that could have redirected racing in Lubbock for decades. In 2012, another gentleman gave me a second chance to receive some wise advice. His vision for the future of racing was skeptical, but I made a list of things that were a must for racing to have any chance for success and moved forward. When starting over in 2013, I think we did the best we could with track operations and I'm good with that. Those two men are father and son and I

am grateful for their support and insight.

So let's skip to now. I have a new passion in my life and they are ages 9 and 12. So goodbye to racing, and hello

along with the long overdue return of the Southwest Late Models. NOT to worry you hard core traditional race fans, we will have an awesome weekly show that will include but not limit us to the IMCA Modifies, IMCA Sport Mods, IMCA I-Stocks and a Hobby Stock division. The schedule will be announced on the web site that can be found @ www.westtexasraceway.com.

The track is currently looking for 2017 sponsors to join: Wild West Harley-Davidson, Gene Messer Volkswagen, Maddox Energy Drink, and The Branding Iron Western Outfitters. If you are interested in joining these great businesses, the 2017 Sponsorship package starts as low as \$250.00. If you wish to join the Lubbock racing family you can contact the marketing director Daniel Shank at (806) 451-0401.

We are also working on scheduling the 2017 West Texas Raceway Kick off Car Show to be held on Saturday the 18th of March 2017 being held at Gene Messer Volkswagen. There will be 3 classes to enter your car; An Amateur Class this is that street legal show off car for (Trophies and bragging rights) then for the Classic Car guy a Professional Class for best in show (cash prizes) and lastly, we will show off West Texas Racing cars (Best in show will win pit passes). This is going to be a family event with a local DJ spinning music, local food trucks, along with Triple T's Inflatables is providing entertainment for the kids while you look at all the awesome rides. Keep an eye for the flyer on the website soon.



to girls fast pitch softball. I'm sure the girls will be thrilled that I can focus all of my spare time on them. Thank you and good luck! In looking ahead to the 2017 racing season: Please give Corky a break. Today he is your hero. Next year, he is racing's last chance in Lubbock." This was written by Lubbock Speedway track owner Barry Joachim and can be found on Facebook.

To add on to what Barry was talking about, Former Lady Luck Speedway (Owner Cory Mathews) is under a major renovations to reopen in the last week in March or the first weekend in April. To be known as West Texas Raceway, this track is going to be set up to be the fastest Bullring in Texas. And with weather permitting will see weekly shows from April 2017 through September 2017. The track is planning to run many different classes here in Lubbock, even looking forward to bring back the 305 & 360 class of Sprint Cars for bi-weekly and the thrill of the ASCS Winged Sprints for several special shows. The Lubbock racing fans many even get a look at the newest series in Texas, simply known as "Texas Outlaw Stock Car Series" which has been thrilling fans all over the central and eastern part of the state,

Arrington Hosts Roundtable on Rural Health



Courtesy photo

Republican nominee for U.S. House District 19 Jodey Arrington held a roundtable on rural healthcare issues in Lubbock last week.

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LUBBOCK--With 15 days remaining in the campaign for U.S. House of Representatives, Republican Nominee, Jodey Arrington, continues to welcome the nation's leaders to West Texas to advocate for the interests and values of our region.

On Friday, Dr. Michael Burgess, a strong prospect to chair the House Subcommittee on Health, joined Arrington for a Rural Health Roundtable with providers from across West Texas and the Big Country. Arrington invited Burgess to the District in an effort to communicate the unique challenges and importance of rural healthcare to our country.

In reference to rural health-care, and in regards to the meeting, Arrington said,

"As President of Scott Labs, a healthcare innovation company here in Lubbock, I have seen first-hand the dire need for access to quality care in rural America. Unfortunately, because of ObamaCare, nearly 80 rural hospitals here in the United States - under the crushing weight of additional regulations - have closed their doors. The closure of rural hospitals has a direct impact on wage growth and employment, forcing migration to urban centers - creating a shortage of jobs for small town

Americans. Additionally, access to quality care is essential to the sustainability of rural communities and the quality of life for millions of families.

"Rural America is the backbone of our nation. Small towns that rely on farming and ranching are directly responsible for feeding and clothing the American people, supplying 24 million jobs, and fueling our nation's economy. The food, fuel, and fiber created in rural America not only supports our nation's economy - it strengthens our national security.

"I am excited to welcome Congressman Burgess to West Texas and I am looking forward to working with him to find solutions to the challenges facing our rural healthcare providers. Here is the message I'll take to Congress: 'No health-care for rural America - no food, fuel, and fiber for our country!'"

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AUSTIN - Quail season opens statewide on October 29 and ends February 26, 2017. The daily bag limit for bobwhite, scaled (blue) and Gambel's quail is 15, and the possession limit is 45. Legal shooting hours for all quail are 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset. This year, excellent range conditions, insect crop and nesting cover have come together to create a perfect storm of quail in some areas of the state. Forecasts by region:

- Rolling Plains: Exceptional, highest survey numbers ever recorded
- Trans Pecos: Exceptional, highest survey numbers ever recorded
- South Texas Plains: Very Good, mixed reports
- Gulf Prairies: Below Average, populations affected by rainfall

If you want to take ad-

vantage of this quail boom, but aren't sure exactly where to go, check out the Public Hunting Lands. One million acres is available for your use with a \$48 permit. Search by area and game animal, use the interactive map for hunt area information, then head out on your quail hunting adventure in a new locale.

Texas is considered one of the best places in the country to hunt quail. But quail management has its challenges, and the help of landowners is critical.

Bobwhite quail have all but disappeared from some regions of our state due to changes in available grassland habitat. But we've been working successfully with landowners and conservation partners to prove that, with the right conditions, a bobwhite comeback is possible. We've learned that when supplied with good habitat, quail will capitalize on it and fill it up. And if quail habitat

needs can be met on a large enough scale, bobwhite restoration is possible.

If you're hunting with bird dogs in your party, congratulations! Hunting with dogs is an ageless tradition, and it's awe-inspiring to watch them work.

To keep the bird dogs safe (and the rest of your hunting party too), everyone must establish a safe zone-of-fire which takes the

dogs into account, and stick to it. When you're hunting quail, this is especially important because quail will flush in unpredictable directions. So take special care not to shoot directly over the dogs.

Putting a blaze orange vest, tail tape or collar on your bird dog can also help keep it safe by making the dog easier to see, and thus out of the sights of a gun.

Quail Season Begins Saturday, October 29

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SCHOOL NEWS

Floydada District Cross-Country Runners-Up Champions

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - The Varsity Boys team finished as District Runners-Up Champions and will be going to Regionals on Saturday, Oct. 29 at Mae Simmons in Lubbock.

Varsity Boys- Tyler Saldana 1st, Keenan Nixon 5th, Jeremiah Johnston 9th, James Gibbens 13th, Alejandro Pinon 18th, Andrez Suarez 20th, Donald Gibbens 26th.

Varsity Girls- Taylor Chavarria 25th, Brittney Flores 26th.

JV Boys team finished as District Champions.

JV Boys- Marcus Perez 1st, Casey Cage 2nd, Caden Britt 8th, Gabe DeLaFuente 9th, David Moreno 10th, Daniel Obregon 11th.

JH Boys- Kaleb Crone 1st, Camden Johnston 7th, Kyle Bruington 8th, Dylan Ramos 10th.

JH Girls- Alexis Cruz 10th, Clarissa DeLaFuente 23rd, Kailie Sanchez 25th, Erin Trevino 26th, Kimberlee Ramirez 35th, Jasmine Coronado 38th.



The Varsity Boys team finished as District Runners-Up Champions and will be going to Regionals on Saturday, Oct. 29 at Mae Simmons in Lubbock. Varsity Boys advancing to the Regional Cross Country Meet are Tyler Saldana, Keenan Nixon, James Gibbens, Donald Gibbens, Alejandro Pinon and Casey Cage.

Skyrockets soar to 58-0 victory over Longhorns

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - Wellington held the Lockney Longhorns to only 102 total yards as the Skyrockets cruised to a 58-0 District 2-2A-2 victory.

In the first quarter, the Skyrockets scored on a 17-yard run by Williams with 9:24 left in the quarter to give Wellington a 6-0 lead.

Wellington scored on a J Tellez 5-yard run with 9:52 left in the half to extend their lead to 12-0. With 5:40 left in the half, Kilgore scored on a 10-yard run to make it 20-0. J Tellez scored on a 71-yard run with 3:25 left in the half as Wellington extended their lead to 26-0 at half.

With 6:50 left in the third, Roland scored on a 19-yard run to give the Skyrockets a 34-0 lead. Hunter scored for Wellington with 30 seconds left in the third quarter to make it 42-0.

In the fourth quarter, A. Tellez scored on a 15-yard run with 8:02 left in the game to make it 50-0. A. Tellez added a 12-yard run with 1:14 left to make it 58-0 for Wellington.

Offensively, Lockney had 102 total yards including 55 yards rushing and 47 yards passing. Wellington had 473 total yards including 370 yards rushing and 103 yards passing.

Individually for Lockney, Trevor Ascencio was 4-12 passing for 47 yards and had eight carries for 19 yards. Tristan Schlueter had one carry for

26 yards, Cesar Cienfuegos had one reception for 30 yards and Bryson Walker had three catches for 15 yards.

Individually for Wellington, Williams was 6-10 passing for 103 yards. J. Tellez had 12 carries for 180 yards and two touchdowns, Kilgore had four carries for 40 yards and a touchdown, A. Tellez had two catches for 42 yards and Richardson had two catches for 28 yards.

"An interception, two fumbles and a blocked punt led to four touchdowns for them," Head Coach Jay Ragland said. "Big plays by Wellington put us in an early hole."

In other District 2-2A-2 action, Clarendon defeated Ralls 56-0 and Memphis defeated Crosbyton 52-25. Clarendon and Memphis clinched two of the four playoffs spots with their wins.

This week, the Longhorns (0-3) host Ralls (0-3), Crosbyton (1-2) travels to Wellington (2-1) and Clarendon (3-0) travels to Memphis (3-0) for a battle for sole possession of first place.

"We are finally getting back healthy and showed some improvement in the game this week," Ragland said. "Our young kids are improving and the matchup for this week is good for us. We are very similar to each other and hopefully we can get back on track."

In the last week of the season, Nov. 4, Lockney travels to Crosbyton, Memphis travels to Ralls and Clarendon hosts Wellington.

Abernathy dash to 42-18 win over Whirlwinds

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - Abernathy jumped out to a 20-6 halftime as they defeated the Floydada Whirlwinds 42-18 in a District 2-2A-1 meeting. Abernathy improved to 3-0 in district and Floydada dropped to 0-3.

In the first quarter, the Antelopes took an early 6-0 lead when Bryson Daily scored on a one-yard run with 6:15 left in the first quarter.

With 10:27 left in the second quarter, Abernathy scored again on a 66-yard run by Mark Pando to make it 12-0. Floydada scored its first points on a two-yard run by Corey Mathis with 7:05 left in the half to make it 12-6. Daily added a one-yard run with 3:15 left in the half to make it 20-6 in favor of Abernathy.

The Whirlwinds scored with 2:53 left in the third quarter on a 66-yard run by Abraham Perez to cut the lead to 20-12.

With 8:37 left in the game, Daily scored on an 11-yard run to give Abernathy a 28-12 lead. Joseph Sanchez stepped in front of a Perez pass then returned the interception for a touchdown to give the Antelopes a 34-12 lead with 7:13 left in the game. Adrian Macias scored on a 54-yard run to give Abernathy a 41-12 lead with 4:15 left in the game. With 22 seconds left, Jesse Segura connected with Mathis for a seven-yard touchdown pass for the Whirlwinds to make the final score 41-18.

"The turning point in the game was when we scored late in the third quarter, they answered with 8:37 left in the game," Head Coach Todd Bandy said, "then they had a pick six with 7:13 left in the game to give them the momentum to close the game out."

Offensively, Floydada had 272 total yards including 265 yards rushing and seven



WHIRLWIND FOOTBALL - The Whirlwind varsity football team took on the Abernathy Antelopes at Wester Field and lost a hard fought game, 41-18. They will travel to Sundown on October 28 with the game starting at 7:30 p.m.

yards passing. For Abernathy, they had 445 total yards including 364 yards rushing and 81 yards passing.

Individually for the Whirlwinds, Segura went 2-4 for seven yards passing and one touchdown and rushed three times for two yards. Perez was 0-3 passing and rushed 13 times for 69 yards and scored one touchdown. Mathis rushed 29 times for 188 yards and a touchdown and Cutter Smith carried the ball two times for nine yards.

Individually for the Antelopes, Daily was 8-17 passing for 81 yards and carried the ball 17 times for 66 yards and three touchdowns. Pando carried the ball 16 times for 213 yards and a touchdown and caught one pass for four yards, Macias had one carry for 54 yards and a touchdown, Kole Carlisle had two carries for 11 yards,

Thomas Rodriguez had one carry for seven yards, Sanchez had one carry for seven yards and three catches for 13 yards and Robert Rodriguez had one carry for six yards. Kole Kurklin had one catch for 11 yards.

"We have to get better at blocking and tackling this week," Bandy said. "We have to win this week and get some help to stay in the playoff race."

In other District 2-2A-1 action, New Deal, 3-0, defeated Hale Center, 1-2,

42-27 and Sundown, 2-1, defeated Olton, 0-3, 24-18. New Deal and Abernathy clinched two of the four playoff spots with their wins this week.

This week, the Whirlwinds travel to Sundown, Abernathy hosts New Deal in a battle for sole possession of first place and Olton hosts Hale Center. The last week of the regular season, the Whirlwinds host Olton, Hale Center hosts Abernathy and New Deal hosts Sundown.

Football Contest Standings Week 9

	THIS WEEKS	TOTAL
Brent Sanders	20/27	178/243
Lanny Barnett	17/27	172/243
Stanley Collier	18/27	171/243
Martin Ramirez	20/27	171/243
Coy LaBaume	17/27	168/243
Boyd Lee	19/27	167/243
Pam Fulton	16/27	165/243
Mac Sherman	18/27	160/243
Johnny Dorman	18/27	160/243
Renee Armstrong	18/27	159/243
Paul Lopez	17/27	155/243
Steve Stringer	16/27	136/243

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

October 31 - November 4

Monday

Breakfast - Morning sausage roll, cereal, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch - Mozzarella cheese quesadilla, chicken corn dog, oven baked potato wedges, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast - Strawberry pancakes, cereal, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch - Hamburger, Shepherd's Pie w/rice, seasoned green beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast - Banana loaf, cereal, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch - Beef Italian rotini w/sauce & breadstick, ham & cheese sub, steam carrots, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Thursday

Breakfast - Cocoa Puff cereal, graham cracker, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch - Bean & cheese burrito, cheeseburger, peppered corn fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Friday

Breakfast - Sausage & cheese biscuit, cereal, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch - Turkey and cheese wrap, hamburger, steamed broccoli, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU

Oct. 31 - Nov. 4

Monday, Oct. 31

Breakfast - Not Available
Lunch - Pizza or Hamburger with Cheese, Fries, Baby Carrots, Mixed Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, Nov. 1

Breakfast - Biscuit & Gravy Scrambled Egg, Ham, Fruit, Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch - Not Available

Wednesday, Nov. 2

Breakfast - Cinnamon Roll, Sausage, Fruit, Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch - Not Available

Thursday, Nov. 3

Breakfast - Sausage, Egg & Cheese Pretzel Sandwich, Fruit, Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch - Not Available

Friday, Nov. 4

Breakfast - Breakfast Burrito or Hash Browns, Fruit, Juice, Fruit, Milk
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Whirlwind Band Earns Back-to-Back 1st Division



Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - The Floydada Whirlwind Band received a 1st Division from

all three Judges at the UIL Marching Contest this past Saturday. This is the first back-to-back 1st Division ratings since 1977.

"I am extremely proud of the hard work that the students put in to this year's show! Hard work pays off," said Justin Ogden, band director.

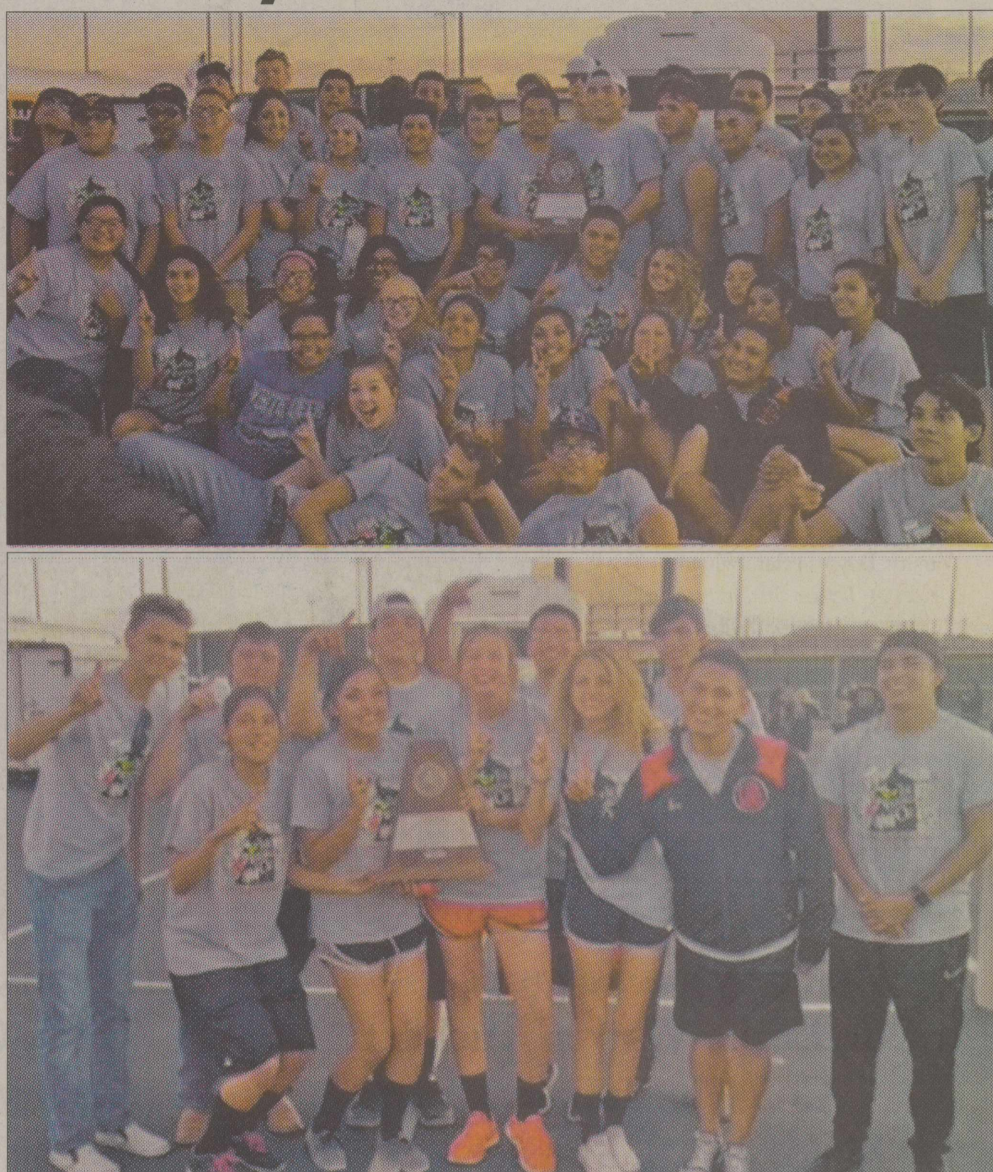
Altice USA Announces Floydada and Plainview Become Suddenlink Gig Cities

PLAINVIEW, TEXAS - Altice USA announced that it is now offering Suddenlink internet service with an up to 1 Gigabit per second download speed in Plainview and Floydada. The company also announced that it has increased certain other Suddenlink residential internet speeds at no additional cost to customers.

plan we announced in August of 2014," said Altice USA Vice President of Suddenlink Operations Brian Borthwick. "In sharp contrast to other large providers, which are offering a Gigabit service primarily to a few neighborhoods in large urban markets, we're pleased to be making our Suddenlink Gigabit service available in all of the neighborhoods and to all of the households and businesses we serve throughout

Plainview and Floydada." Borthwick added that local business owners also will have access to the new Gigabit service, along with Suddenlink customized services the company offers that are capable of multi-Gigabit speeds. In addition to launching the 1 Gigabit internet service today, residential high-speed internet customers with current download speeds up to 75 and 100 Megabits per second (Mbps)

Lockney Band Wins Division I



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LOCKNEY - "I am extremely proud of our UIL performance. The band members were willing to do the work it took to be

outstanding," said Rob Lovett, Lockney Band Director.

"In the words of judge David Rollins from Lovington, NM, "What else can I say? There are great

players in your band. This show was fun, entertaining, and very well done."

The Longhorn Band presented The Wizard of Oz as their competition show.

SALES TAX

From Page 2

Swisher County's payment rose 14.78 percent while Hale Center was up 11.25 percent and Castro County rose 11.04 percent. Lockney showed an increase of 4.76 percent.

Across the state, Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar is distributing \$650 million in local sales tax allocations for October to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts. That's an increase of 5.5 percent over the payments from October 2015. The allocations are based on sales made in August by businesses that report tax monthly.

"The cities of San Antonio, Dallas, Fort Worth, Plano and McKinney saw noticeable increases in sales tax allocations," Hegar said. "The cities of Houston and Midland saw sig-

nificant decreases in sales tax allocations."

Current payments for area taxing entities and change from October 2015, and payments-to-date and percentage change include:

- Abemathy, \$13,446, -37.47%; \$166,842, 2.42%
- Castro County, \$15,951, 11.04%; \$247,443, 21.97%
- Edmonson, \$627, 19.41%; \$5,424, 1.27%
- Floydada, \$24,924, -60.70%; \$329,495, -17.42%
- Hale Center, \$7,830, 11.25%; \$81,249, 2.65%
- Hale County, \$123,743, -17.01%; \$1,298,647, -3.98%
- Hart, \$3,684, -9.60%; \$33,490, 0.63%
- Kress, \$831, 23.08%; \$10,205, 16.90%
- Lockney, \$11,641, 4.76%; \$109,646, 14.07%
- Olton, \$15,223, 16.06%; \$153,201, 8.40%
- Petersburg, \$3,688, -3.29%; \$40,572, 9.18%
- Plainview, \$331,853, -14.17%; \$3,424,138, -4.00%
- Silverton, \$4,425, -21.5%; \$52,564, -10.73%
- Swisher County, \$12,689, 14.78%; \$126,478, -3.41%
- Tulia, \$27,675, 16.38%; \$284,048, 8.03%

TRUNK-N-DUNK

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Also, we want our citizens to come out and participate as well. You can be a special part of the evening by decorating your trunk and handing out candy. Just call the Chamber to let them know that you want to participate.

This year we will be award-

ing a prize to the best decorated trunk! So, gather the kids and come join us for an evening of great family fun. Enjoy a great basketball game to benefit a very important local organization, hand out candy from a

decorated trunk, or just enjoy seeing all the creative costumes that the children, and adults, in our community come up with. Right here in Floydada, this Saturday evening, October 29th!

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UPCOMING

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LOCKNEY HALLOWEEN

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There will be a Halloween Carnival at the Lockney Elementary School from 6 to 8 p.m. and Hotel Transylvania 2 will be shown in the elementary school cafeteria after carnival.

For more information about any of Lockney's Halloween events contact Brittany Duniven, secretary of the Lockney Chamber of Commerce, call (817)584-476.

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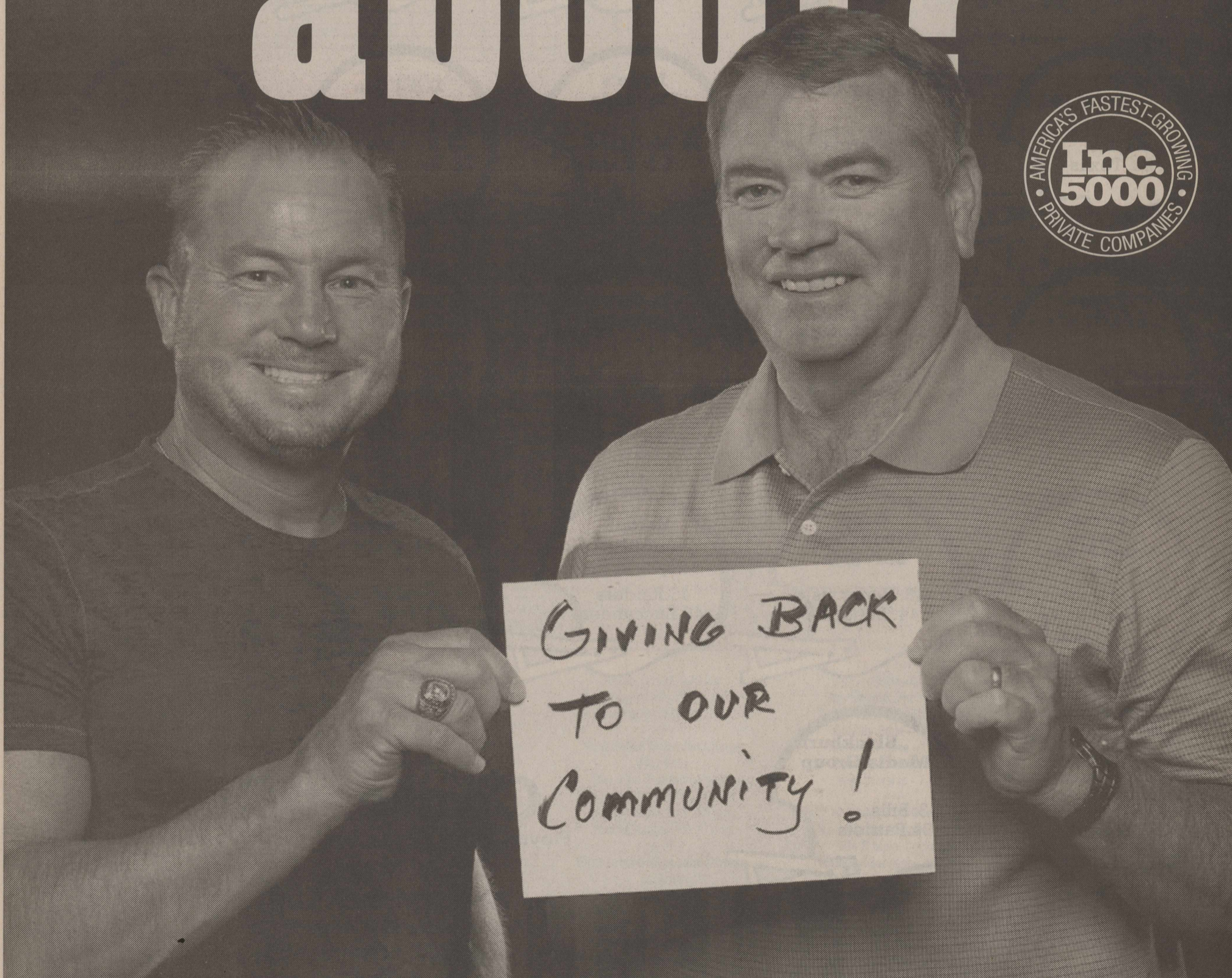
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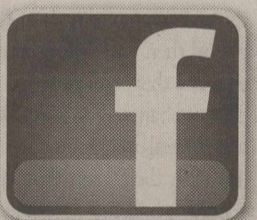
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LIBRARY

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This last week the library got new computers. They are very nice and up to date. I am sure they will be used a lot. The Friends of the Library own the old computers and we would like to find good homes for them. We are offering them free of charge, so if you need a computer come by the library and pick one up. Our librarian can show them to you and give you the information you might need.

There are many updates to our wonderful library. There are always new books arriving weekly and it is our wish that you make a visit to the library soon. Why buy good books when you can find them at the library and check them out free of charge. The only requirement is that you treat the books like your best friend and return them on time.

The Friends are offering

some new videos very soon. You will find some Christmas stories and well as good movies the whole family can watch.

The Friends of the Library are very proud of the Floyd County Memorial Library. We urge you to visit the library often and check out books. Reading a good book is very rewarding.

Again, we thank you for your support. Hope to see you at the library soon.

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Between 1915 and 1920 some closets were added. These were needed for Molly. They had Wardrobes before that. The receiving room was where the guests were welcomed and the dining there. They could serve 25 or so people at a time. Quannah Parker had been one of their guest. Molly would watch the sunsets there too. In the upstairs the Grandfather Clock is original in the front entree hall and it still works. The home has three stained glass windows from England. There were four bedrooms upstairs. One was called the "Preachers Room" as Molly always wanted to make sure they had a place to stay on their trips. Also, one bedroom could be used as a party room or small "ballroom" as they called it. Charles had a "Man Cave" where he spent a lot of his time. Interesting was the three fireplaces to one chimney. There is a 301 sq. ft. basement. Root or cold cellar it was called. Also good for storms protection. In the kitchen, the

wood bin next to the stove is original. Going into the kitchen is a butler's pantry for dishes, pots, pans, and don't forget those old heavy iron ware. A coffee grinder and carpet sweeper.

Behind the house was the bunkhouse where lunch was served. A tender BBQ of brisket, potato salad, coleslaw, beans, and bread. Tea and water. It was good. Our hostess was Janis Julian. Thank you Janis, as I learn more and more about the history of this great ranch and the people of the past.

Virginia Taylor, our president, called the meeting to order. Although it took a little while. You just have to come to see all that goes on at our fun meetings!!!! She told us that Frank from Clarendon, Texas catered the lunch. She then told us about her Elk Leather Vest that was made by a member, Brenda Walls. It was very nice and well done. She made it 20 years ago. It has stood the test of time. Brenda makes other things too.

The next meeting will

be November 9, 2016 at the "Broadway Brew" in Plainview, Texas at 11:30 a.m. After lunch you can go shopping in Plainview. Never too early to shop for Christmas or should I say too late?

If you are meeting at the South Plains Church, please be there by 10:45 a.m. We will need a final number going by Friday, Nov. 4th, 2016.

Note: Please bring your baby picture to this meeting!!!!!! We had prayer for people who are sick and going through tests. Guests were introduced and welcomed. Some of us went to the gift shop and then to the graveyard.

Those present were Vicky Huffman, Glenda Ford, Carolyn Marble, Trina Wilson, Helen Teeple, Sue Daniels, Margie Young, Denise Doucette, Virginia Taylor, Peggy Roberts, Margaret Kitchens, Brenda Walls, Ann Ford, Janis Julian, and Mary M. Carter. Our guests were Kay Dean Smith, Charlotte Brock, and Margaret Jones.

Foxes Invading Floydada Residential Areas, Says Citizen at City Council

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

Maria Brown who lives on Virginia Street in Floydada appeared at the Floydada City Council October meeting last week and spoke during the public comment section of the meeting about the growing prevalence of foxes in her neighborhood and in the city.

"These are beautiful creatures," she said, "but they are destructive, and this is getting to be a big issue. I have talked with others who have seen many foxes in the city."

The group discussed about foxes killing pets and other small animals, such as kittens, guinea pigs, rabbits, and chickens.

City manager Jeff Johnston said that there is training for animal control from Texas Parks and Wildlife to teach



Courtesy photo

Foxes, such as the Texas Gray Fox shown here, have become a nuisance in the residential areas of Floydada, according to a citizen appearing at this month's city council.

city staff how to deal with foxes. He said he would pursue getting the training for city staff to address the fox issue.

In other council action, Johnston said it was time for the council to begin thinking about starting strategic

planning. He noted that they should be discussing city needs, such as a street sweeper, fire truck and transformer.

In other council action they approved items of consent such as paying bills and approving last month's minutes.

Thousands of monarch butterflies provide a royal spectacle each fall

By Steve Byrns
Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

SAN ANGELO - Tens of thousands of monarch butterflies have been migrating through the Concho Valley in recent days, and a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service entomologist hopes Texans stop to appreciate what he terms is truly a royal procession.

"These are special insects, and they are moving through our country here in San Angelo in a big way," said Dr. Charles Allen who is headquartered at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at San Angelo. "There were literally thousands of them in the trees at the center here, probably 10,000 or more. And then a cold front moved through, and they're all gone."

Allen said San Angelo is a bit west of their annual migration route to Mexico with their main thoroughfare roughly paralleling Interstate 35 through Central Texas.



Texas A&M AgriLife photo by Steve Byrns

Monarch butterflies rest on a pecan tree during their annual fall migration through the Concho Valley.

The butterflies at the AgriLife

center, which covered the large pecan and oak trees in places more densely than the leaves, seemed fearless and remained undisturbed by the many birds in the area. Allen said that's because they have a not-so-secret weapon, one of their two main features the entomologist said makes them special among all other

animals.

"The monarch as a caterpillar feeds on milkweed. Along with nutrition, the larva obtains milkweed protective chemicals, which it holds within its body even as it changes into a butterfly. These chemicals affect anything that might want to eat it either later as a butterfly or as a larvae or caterpillar," he said.

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