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The Covey Smokehouse now offers a weekday buffet, Monday through Friday, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. with two entrees, sides, dessert, and drink for one set price.

Covey Smokehouse Now Offers Midday Buffet

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

If you often find yourself pressed for time during the lunch hour, you'll be pleased to hear that the Covey Smokehouse now offers a midday buffet.

"We offer two different entrees every day," said Monte Covington, owner. "My manager DeAnn Bryant helps me cook and does a great job."

He said that the kinds of entrees they offer include meat loaf, chicken fried

steak, sloppy Joes, enchiladas, barbecue, fried chicken, chicken and dumplings and on Fridays one of the two entrees is a fish fry.

Pricing for the buffet is based on the entrees served. For one set price, you get entrée, sides, drink, and dessert.

The buffet is available Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Covey Smokehouse is located at 102 S. 5th Street in downtown Floydada, and their phone number is (806) 549-6448.

Mangold to hold its 24th health fair Feb. 4

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital will hold its 24th Annual Health Fair Saturday, Feb. 4 from 9 a.m. until noon in the Lockney Elementary Cafeteria. Admission to the health fair will be one canned good to be donated to the Salvation Army.

There will be over 30 booths providing glaucoma checks, cholesterol screens and blood sugar and blood pressure checks. There will also be booths where you can consult

with professionals regarding dentistry, hospice care, optometry and hearing.

The health fair will also provide Children's Photo Identification Cards, which will show a picture and current information about your child. The Children's Photo Identification Cards are being offered as a free public service to families in the area.

The booths at the Health Fair will be manned by various local and area organizations plus children's activities booths. Local and area merchants will provide door prizes.

MAC Remodel Expected by End of February



Courtesy Photo

The City of Floydada is doing a complete renovation of the Massie Activity Center, and the new MAC should reopen in late February.

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

While January's rain, sleet and snow may have delayed some of your activities, fortunately, it hasn't affected the indoor remodel of the city's Massie Activity Center near the new playground and pool.

As one of Floydada's largest meeting rooms, the city's MAC has gotten a lot of use over the years, and between wear-and-tear and occasional acts of vandalism, it had begun to show its age.

"When we're done, it will have an elegant conference room/ballroom look," said city

manager Jeff Johnston.

He said the kitchen will be expanded with new stoves, ovens, and counter space and will be much more usable.

"The main entry will be much larger, and it will have considerably more natural light with more doors and windows," he said. "All of the lighting will be changed out."

The bathrooms will be remodeled and the women's bathroom will be enlarged to meet ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) requirements.

The goal for the MAC remodel is to be finished by the end of February.

Other city projects on the horizon include the renovation of the baseball/softball fields at Annie Taylor Park.

"We don't have quite enough land to do what we originally hoped to do," said Johnston, "so the surveyor is coming out next week to evaluate our options."

The softball/baseball fields renovation is the final project of the parks improvement plan—based on the bond election that Floydada voters approved in November 2013.

"It is our plan to have the baseball fields completed by baseball season in May," Johnston said.

Cotham announces retirement

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – Superintendent Phil Cotham announced his retirement to the Lockney School Board during their regular meeting on Jan. 12.

Cotham has been superintendent for the past 10 years and has worked for Lockney ISD for 35 years. His final day will be June 30.

"My heart will always be

long to this school," Cotham said in a statement to the staff. "I have spent 35 years surrounded by great friends and wonderful people. It is time for me to leave the realm of public education for employment in the private sector."

Cotham will assist the Board in the process of finding a replacement. No timeline has been set, but the Board has started process in requesting resumes and applications.

In other action, the Board approved the payment of bills and financial statement with a balance of \$3,257,619.48. The Board also approved budget amendments due to increased federal funds.

Board Member John Quebe was appointed to the Floyd County Appraisal District Board. The Board approved the "Design/Build" purchase method for athletic facilities
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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.

COVENANT HEALTH MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY

Covenant Health and the Arrington Comprehensive Breast Center will be bringing their Mobile Mammography bus to Floydada on Monday, February 6. It will be located at the Floydada ISD - Whirlwind Gym. To make an appointment please call 806-725-6579 or 1-877-494-4797. Financial assistance is available through a partnership with Covenant Health and Susan G. Komen.

BINGO NIGHT FLOYDADA SR. CITIZENS

Bingo night is the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Bingo Night is open to anyone ages 16 and over. Watch for January's special in the Hesperian-Beacon. Date and info to be announced soon.

SUNDAY LUNCH LOCKNEY SR. CITIZENS

The date for the next "Sunday Lunch" will be announced soon. Watch for the date that will be announced in the Lockney Senior Citizen's news.

BONTON FARMS

Fundraising is underway at First Baptist Church, Floydada to raise the money for Bonton Farms in Dallas to buy a tractor. If you would like to see UPCOMING, Page 7

Correction

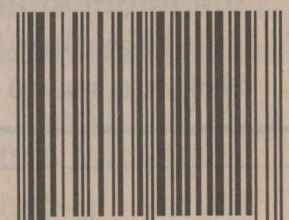
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Floydada Police Report

By Jesse Finley,
Public Information Officer

Ramon Castaneda was arrested on December 4 for Possession of Marijuana under two ounces. He was stopped for having an expired registration and the officer could smell the odor of burnt marijuana coming from him.

Police responded to a domestic disturbance on December 4 in the 400 block of East Lee Street. No physical violence occurred in the disturbance however Vicente Guzman was arrested for a warrant out of Hale County.

Miguel Chairez was arrested for Possession of Marijuana after the vehicle he was a passenger in was pulled over for a window tint violation on December 6. The odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle was strong when the officer made contact with the driver however there was no marijuana in the vehicle, only on Miguel's person.

Police were called to a domestic disturbance on October 14 in the 500 block of West Mississippi Street. Ruben Guerra was arrested for Felony Domestic Assault.

An Officer made contact with a suspicious vehicle at the Annie Taylor Park on December 19. Contact was made with the driver, Tiffany Munoz, due to the high drug activity in the

past at Annie Taylor Park. The officer was given consent to search the vehicle and methamphetamine was found in a glasses case along with some drug paraphernalia. Tiffany was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance.

Melissa Galyean was arrested on December 21 for a Felony Revocation of Probation; the original charge was Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon. She was found by police in the 400 block of West Jackson.

Police arrested David Maciel on December 21 for a warrant issued by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Police were called to PAC on November 29 in reference to a juvenile running away from the facility. The juvenile was reported to have stolen a cell phone before escaping PAC. Due to the age of the suspect, no further information will be released.

A theft was reported in the 200 block of West Houston Street on December 4 at about 11:30 am. The victim stated he observed a male in a red pickup leave the scene in a hurry after an impact wrench was stolen.

Police are investigating an act of public lewdness that occurred at the basket ball gym of the high school on December 8. Due to the age of the individuals involved, no further details will be released.

A fight occurred at the High School on December 14 at about 10:00 am. A student was seen on camera hitting another student before they both began to fight. The investigation is ongoing.

There was another fight at the High School on December 14 between several other students. While a firearm was reported to have been involved, Police had no positive evidence of these claims. The fight itself is still under investigation.

Police were called to the COOP Gin after the plastic holding several round bales had been cut in an act of criminal mischief. After further investigation, several juvenile suspects were identified.

An accident occurred on November 10 at the intersection of 5th Street and Virginia Street after a vehicle disregarded a stop sign on 5th Street. No injuries were reported but citations were issued for running the stop sign and driving without a license.

No injuries were reported after a vehicle ran a stop sign on State Hwy 207 and struck another vehicle on the side on December 10. Citations were issued to the offending driver for disregarding a stop sign and driving without a license.

Floydada Police answered a total of 77 calls for service between November 27 and December 31.

The Paperboy Buckle up, it's time for Trump

Donald J. Trump will be sworn in Friday as the 45th president of the United States.

If I had written that two years ago, or even a year ago, would you have believed it? I would not have.

So, what should we expect under a Trump presidency? If you get your information from the mainstream media, you might think he will begin enslaving people of color while restricting the rights of women and those in the LGBTQ community.

If that is how you feel, stop wasting your time and energy on it. Those things are ridiculous and those propagating such ideas should not be viewed as credible.

What should be understood is that Trump will handle the U.S. as a giant business. Hopefully, his pro-business stance will jumpstart the country's lackluster economy.

As far as his domestic policy is concerned, my hope is that the country unites. Not necessarily behind the president, but as a people.

Despite our differences, we continue to have much more in common than not. Heck, it would be an improvement if the rhetoric was dialed down a notch.

Concerning Trump's foreign policy, my hope is there is for a world at peace. Following whatever action taken against ISIS, I honestly hope there is a time in the near future where we have decades of peace around the globe.

I hope that Trump remembers that this country is a Representative Republic where the best ideas for the general population are what's best. It is in no way a dictatorship. Common ground must be found in our government for any progress to be had.

Presidents, and not just Obama, have become too accustomed to using Executive Orders to enact legislation. I think most of us would prefer Congress make the laws and the president sign them. That's how it is supposed to work to begin with.

To say Trump is not your typical politician is an understatement. He's more like a bull in a China shop. I don't know if that is a positive, but it is entertaining.

Some Democrats have stated that they will treat Trump as an illegitimate president. While that may be their prerogative, I hope the notion is put aside when something positive for the country comes before them.

In the past two administrations, both Republicans and Democrats have found themselves in control of the government having the House, Senate and Presidency. In my opinion, both parties were partisan and were voted out of power. Now Trump has the same advantage. I hope it will be different this time.

Trump has said a lot of wild things and ran a campaign which was beyond anti-establishment, it was anti-government. It was the ultimate shot across the bow of elected officials from both parties.

Nonetheless, Trump will lead the country and if he loves it as much as he claims, then he'll listen well to his advisors and provide steady leadership. If he can do that as well as the other things I've mentioned, that would probably surpass the expectations of most Americans. Granted, Trump does have the advantage of a low bar. It's not like the media or Hollywood is expecting anything more than hate from him.

We've had a lot of that hate, from both sides (I've personally called Hillary Clinton every name in the book), for far too long. And even though the Democrats' said "Love Trumps Hate," during the campaign as a shot at Trump, let us all hope that love will trump hate in this country.

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January Sales Tax Payments Up for Lockney; Down for Floydada

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

10.37 percent, Lockney was up 10.2 percent and Olton up 9.28 percent.

January sales tax payments showed a double-digit increase for Lockney of 10.2 percent while Floydada was down 5.43 percent.

The region was like the state—some areas were down while some were up.

Plainview saw its payments rise 4.06 percent while Hale County saw a decline of 1.16 percent.

Double-digit gains were posted by Hart, Lockney, Hale Center, Kress, Tulia, Castro County and Swisher County.

The largest percentage gain was for Swisher County, which saw its payment almost double, increasing 95.46 percent. Its January check was \$21,678.31, up from just \$11,090.86 a year ago.

Tulia, which is Swisher County seat, shows an increase of 28.68 percent, rising from \$25,688.93 in January 2016 to \$33,056.62 this year.

Hale Center's sales tax payments rose 26.37 percent, going from \$6,226.65 last January to \$7,869.20 this month.

Castro County's payment rose 16.69 percent, Hart was up 15.68 percent, Kress rose

Edmonson saw its payment fall 24.05 percent, Silvertown off 16.97 percent, Abernathy off 6.96 percent, Floydada down 5.43 percent and Petersburg was off 0.42 percent.

In announcing the sales tax allocations, Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said Wednesday, "The cities of Dallas, Fort Worth, Austin and San Antonio continue to see significant increases in sales tax allocations," Hegar said. "The cities of Houston and Sugar Land saw noticeable decreases in sales tax allocations."

Current payments for area taxing entities and the change from January 2016, include:
-Abernathy, \$12,888, -6.96%
-Castro Co., \$15,136, 16.69%
-Edmonson, \$308, -24.05%
-Floydada, \$31,757, -5.43%
-Hale Center, \$7,869, 26.37%
-Hale Co., \$130,937, -1.16%
-Hart, \$3,523, 15.68%
-Kress, \$1,043, 10.37%
-Lockney, \$9,705, 10.2%
-Olton, \$12,037, 9.28%
-Petersburg, \$3,134, -0.42%
-Plainview, \$328,516, 4.06%
-Silvertown, \$4,257, -16.97%
-Swisher Co., \$21,678, 95.46%
-Tulia, \$33,057, 28.68%

The 501 Bicycles and cow trails

Sometimes I dream about turning our farm into a dude ranch. One with bicycles.

Call me crazy. I'll answer.

It all goes back to my childhood on the farm. Lacking siblings and next-door friends, I invented imaginary playmates. Now that I'm older, they've morphed into dude ranch guests.

Once I realize my dream, they'll come to life. For now, they're make-believe, happy to go with me all over the farm or to take off on their own on one trail or another, following one of my dandy little maps, going from one point of interest to the next on their guest bicycles.

I envision a fleet of tough little ranch

bicycles. Unlike horses, they don't have to be fed and shod. We'll give them names like Thunder and Blaze.

PFFFFT. That's the sound of a bicycle tire running over a thorn on a cow trail. I heard it just yesterday. I even caught a whiff of the escaping stagnant air.

I was pedaling to the far pasture to check the fences before turning the cows in. Why walk if you can ride? My imaginary dude guests weren't anywhere around, but they do sometimes ride with me. They even help with tasks. I show them things like how to put clips on T-posts.

When I heard the "PFFFFT," I dismounted and squeezed the soft front tire. Flats happen. I was planning on meeting my husband anyway and tossing my cow trail bike in the back of his pickup.

I made a mental note to add another rule to the dude ranch list:

"Watch for little branches on and off the trail. Some have thorns. If you have a flat, it's your responsibility to fix it."

Yeah right. When my dream becomes reality, I'll be fixing lots of flats. That's how a dude ranch really works. It's only in movies and novels that a tenderfoot toughens up and learns new skills. No doubt I should invest in some of those tubeless solid bicycle tires.

I'm always refining the dude ranch master plan. You should have everything figured out before the first guests arrive.

One strategy is to have someone else go first and make a list of all the pitfalls. So far I haven't talked anyone into establishing a bicycle dude ranch, but I did persuade my Arkansas friend Beverly to turn her late parents' house into a bed and breakfast. She's spending a pretty penny on new hardwood flooring. They hauled the boards today from way up in the Ozarks. I'd like to see her investment pay off. So would she.

Beverly's picturesque setting is somewhat ranch-like but with mostly chickens and only a small cow pasture. She envisions her guests hand-feeding mealworms to her hens.

Yep, she's got imaginary guests too. You can't plan a B&B without them.

If Arkansas weren't so distant, I'd send her some of mine. Maybe I'll send them anyway. They can ride their imaginary cycles. I'm not ready to pay for that ranch fleet just yet.

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SOCIETY

The South Plains Hobby Club Annual Planning Meeting January 11, 2017

By Mary M. Carter

The South Plains Hobby Club met at the South Plains Baptist Church in South Plains, Texas at 2:00 P.M. This is our meeting for planning events for the coming year and election of officers.

Virginia Taylor, our president, opened the meeting with prayer. She wished everyone a "Happy New Year" and a good year ahead. She reminded us that our dues of \$5.00 are due this meeting. Peggy Roberts, our treasurer, was given an appreciative applause. She has done an excellent job. Thank you Peggy. Virginia acknowledged the birthdays for this month. They were Helen Teepie, Margie Young, and Virginia Taylor. Happy Birthday ladies! She told us of those that are sick and asked for us to pray for them.

Virginia read a thank you letter from Hospice Hands of West Texas, Inc. in Lockney, Texas for our donation. Ethelyn Vernon had an account about one of the helpful things that they do. It is too long to include in this article, but it shows all the different avenues Hospice extends to offer assistance. I learned some things I didn't know before about Hospice. The Hospice of West Texas was established 1997. They are certified and state in-

spected. They are a non-profit organization. Hospice helps with medications, equipment, and many more things unknown to us. We know they have the best nurses that truly care and take good care of the patients and families. They try, the best that they can, to go to locations not all organizations go. Out of the way places. You can go to any Hospice you choose or change to another one if need be. I understand there are classes for volunteers too. Most of us have had some experience with Hospice. Maybe a family member, a friend, or told by someone of their experience. So we really appreciate all that Hospice Hands does no matter where they are located. **THANK YOU HOSPICE HANDS!!**

Virginia read a funny story that hit a little too close to home. It was about a little "old lady" that comes into our homes and just takes over. She jumps in front of us when we are trying to use the mirror and we can't see ourselves, just this wrinkled old lady. She is doing sneaky things. She messes with things we set down and moves them. She makes me forget what I want to remember. You get the picture, right! So be aware of her. She can come to stay when you least expect it.

Also, Virginia found a help-

ful hint. Put your Christmas cards with family or friends pictures on them on a large ring. You might, if you want to, laminate them for longer wear. It is handy to get to rather than storing in a box. This is very useful to me. Thanks for the hint.

We then had the election of officers: President, Helen Teepie, Vice President Ethelyn Vernon, Mary M. Carter will continue as the Recorder and Peggy Roberts will continue as Treasurer. Our Telephone Committee will be Janis Julian and Mary M. Carter will again serve as a caller. Denise Doucette will continue to do the Yearbook.

Our hostesses were Ethelyn Vernon and Mary M. Carter. A thank you was given. It was fun to host with Ethelyn.

Now we got down to the business of planning our year of meetings. Let me tell you, the ladies came with a lot of great ideas. I can't wait for this year! There are so many fun things to do and see. I would write them all down but, "hey" you need to come and join the fun!! God bless to all!

Those attending were Neta Marble, Denise Doucette, Ann Ford, Sue Daniels, Lou Burleson, Peggy Roberts, Brenda Walls, Janis Julian, Virginia Taylor, Helen Teepie, Ethelyn Vernon, and Mary M. Carter.

Museum Archives

Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

TURNER AND SARAH HUNTER

Written by Sarah Hunter

Turner Hunter was born in Paris, Texas, Lamar County, in 1918. In 1925 he moved in covered wagon with his parents, Sam and Edna Hunter, to Motley County, near Roaring Springs, Texas. Turner had two sisters and two brothers; Doris, Sam, Faye, and John. He attended and finished high school in Roaring Springs.

Sarah Campbell Hunter was born in Santa Anna, Texas, Coleman County, in 1914. In 1915 Sarah moved to Motley County with her parents, Will and Laura Scott Campbell. The trip was made by train. Sarah finished school at Dickens, Texas, where her family farmed for two years. She has two brothers;

Maurice of Dimmit, Texas and David of Floydada.

In 1937 Turner and Sarah met and in 1940 were married in Jayton, Texas. After

fanning two years, Turner was called to the army. He served two years in the United States. Most of the time at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Just before their first child was born he was sent overseas. Barbara Ann was born September 10, 1944. It was fourteen months later that he saw her for the first time. After his discharge he came home to begin farming again. Four and one half years later a son, Larry Don was born.

In 1950, Turner and Sarah bought a farm in Floyd Co. in a community named McCoy. This has been their home since. They belong to the First United Methodist Church in Floydada. The children attended the Floydada Schools and both finished there. Later, Barbara Ann married Audry McCormick from Lockney, Texas, where they now farm.

Audrey is the son of Ray and Margie Hill McCormick, also engaged in farm-

ing at Lockney. Barbara and Audry were blessed with two children, Jerri Ann and Jeffrey Gayland.

Larry married Ruth Ann Preston from Utopia, Texas. The couple met while both were attending Texas Tech at Lubbock, Texas. After their marriage in December, 1969, they moved to Alpine, Texas, where Larry finished his degree in agriculture. The couple then moved back to Lubbock so Ruth Ann could complete her education in marketing at Tech. They now live in Garden City, Kansas, where Larry is employed at Hinkle Drilling Company. To this union has been born one daughter, Holly Renee.

Turner and Sarah still farm at McCoy and are active in Community Affairs. They enjoy camping and fishing and Turner is still actively engaged in tennis and served as president of the Floydada Tennis Club this year (1977).

Forever Stamps' Price Increases Jan. 22



Courtesy photo

For the first time in three years, the price of Forever stamps are going up. They increase by two cents January 22.

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

WASHINGTON— For the first time in three years, the price of stamps is expected to increase.

The United States Postal Service has proposed a two-cent in-

crease to those First Class Mail Forever stamps. That would bring the price up from 47 cents to 49 cents.

According to the USPS, the last time stamp prices were increased was in 2014. The new

prices are scheduled to become effective January 22.

The USPS says stamp prices have consistently stayed with the average annual rate of inflation since the postal service was formed in 1971.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By LuAnn Collins

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA -The Center's "Bingo Night" is held each 2nd Tuesday of the month. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. Prices to play include: 1 card for \$1.00, 3 cards for \$2.00. Anyone ages 16 and over are welcome to come join us for a night full of fun! We play for prizes and cash!

Floydada Senior Citizens 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

January 23 - 27

- Monday - Chalupas
- Tuesday - Meatloaf
- Wednesday - BBQ ribs
- Thursday - Baked ham
- Friday - Sirloin patty

(Menus subject to change without notice)

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY -The date for the next "Sunday Lunch" will be announced later.

Breakfast is 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

January 23 - 27

- Monday - BBQ on bun
- Tuesday - Taco salad
- Wednesday - Pulled pork
- Thursday - Salmon
- Friday - Hamburger steak

(Menus subject to change without notice)

Home Country

By Slim Randles

There are times when we can tell what's going on without even seeing it or smelling it. Just take the other morning at the Mule Barn truck stop.

Most of the charter members of the world dilemma think tank were already gathered at the philosophy counter and had had two cups of coffee and solved most of the world's problems that occurred on page one of the Valley Weekly Miracle.

Then there was a silence, as they contemplated, silently, who would bring up the next topic, as everyone knew once the world dilemmas were sorted out, it came down to more local stuff and they wondered who would kick off the subject du jour.

It was Steve, the cowboy of the outfit, and he kinda sidled up to it.

"Had the ax out this morning," he said.

"Ice on the water troughs, Steve?" Doc asked.

Steve just nodded. "Dulls the blade you know."

Nods all around.

Dud then picked it up.

"Did you know they got

tours to Guatemala this time of year that just go to see monkeys?"

"Just monkeys?"

"Well, I guess you can look at other stuff, like jungle and beaches and all that, too, but mostly monkeys."

"What kinda monkeys, Dud?"

"Guatemala monkeys?"

Heck, I don't know what kinds they got down there. Must be a bunch if they're gonna base a whole trip on 'em."

"I want to ...," said Doc, then shook his head, sadly.

"What Doc?"

"Well ... I always wanted

to go catch a tarpon. They've got a mess of 'em down there in Guatemala, I think. Big boogers, too."

"Wonder what kinda bait you should use, Doc."

"Flies of course, Herb," Doc said. "They got special flies for these things. Got long noses on them."

"The fish?"

"The flies."

I think someone from Mars could make a fairly accurate guess as to just how cold it was outside this morning.

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The family of Kenneth Willis gratefully acknowledges each and every act of kindness done for us during these past days. The prayers, food, flowers, memorials, phone calls and cards are treasured. It is just overwhelming to know so many knew and cared for him, and it was so comforting to all of us.

"Thank you" are two simple words, but they take on a special meaning at times such as these, so all we can say is a "special thanks" to all our friends and neighbors. You are just the best.

Sincerely,
Barbara Willis and Family

The Floydada Economic Development Corporation has received an incentive request from **Floyd County Supply** requesting **\$5000.00** to be used for **Capital Improvements**. Those wishing to object to the granting of the incentive may submit their reasoning at a Public Hearing to be held on the:

16th day of March, 2017 at 7:00 am.

Date of posting: **January 13, 2017**

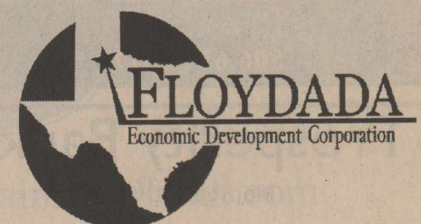
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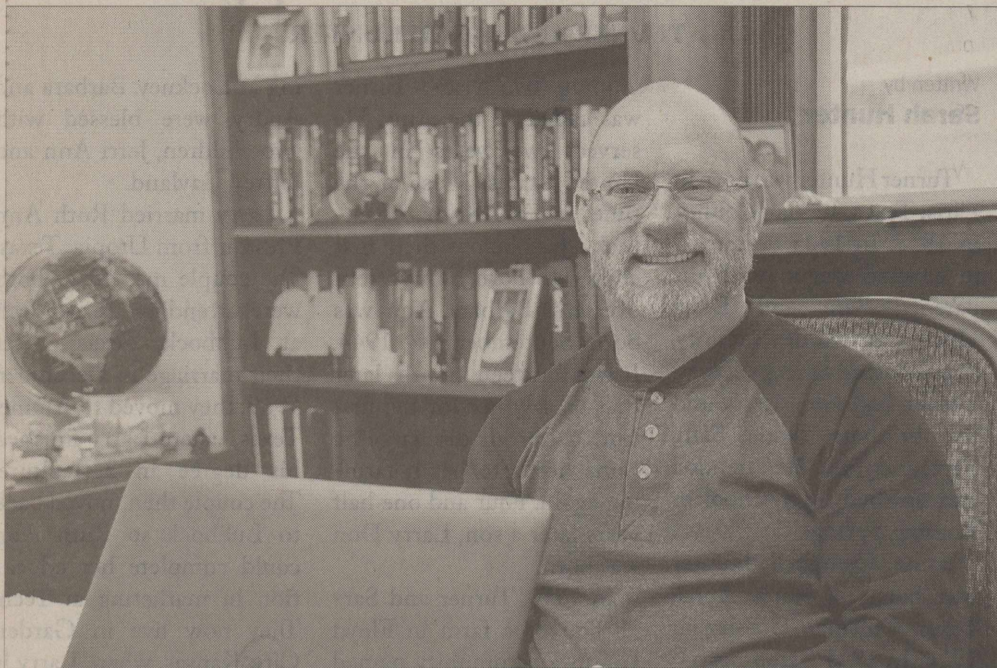
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OBITUARIES/CHURCH

Brown moving into position as Mission Center director



By Blair Fannin
Special for The Hesperian-Beacon

COLLEGE STATION — After millions of sequence scans, a group of scientists led by a Texas A&M AgriLife researcher say they are “one step closer” to finding a cure for the Zika virus.

Dr. Sandun Fernando and three other scientists, have been modeling and testing a series of ligands, or molecules, that attach themselves to the Zika virus protein. Identifying these molecules will help scientists match potential drug compounds that could be developed to help inhibit Zika virus once contracted.

Currently, there is no cure for Zika virus. The research has been published in *Molecular Biotechnology Journal*. To view the journal article, visit <http://bit.ly/2cUaY4B>.

Fernando, an agricultural and biological engineer at Texas A&M University in College Station, and his research colleagues, including Dr. Daniel Ruzek, Veterinary Research Institute, Brno, Czech Republic, have identified three potential ligands that could be used to fight Zika utilizing a complex modeling system Fernando uses in his bioenergy fuel cell work.

<https://youtu.be/tjW53->

dmGuug Fernando’s research is close to his heart. One of Fernando’s relatives back home in Sri Lanka died from contracting Dengue, another mosquito-borne disease. That heartbreaking event has fueled Fernando’s interest in this work in addition to the many cross-over applications he has found that compliment his bioenergy and fuel cell research.

The 3-D modeling system is a simulation program used in Fernando’s enzymatic fuel cell research. He found the technology complementary in that it helps screen potential ligands that might “stick” to

the Zika virus protein.

Through millions of algorithms and high computational power at Texas A&M, the models can discover potential ligands or drug molecules that can interact and possibly fit inside the Zika protein envelope and inhibit the virus.

However, working with the actual “crystallized” versions of the virus is to come, he said. This would involve bringing in the expertise of a virologist and other scientific expertise out of his area.

“Right now, after conducting this research, we need other collaborators,” he said. “Through this modeling, countless hours, days, weeks or months of laboratory work could be saved since molecular dynamic simulations allow us to look at exactly what happens at the active site when these ligands are introduced — like looking through a microscope.”

He said it has taken them eight months of research to get comfortable with the algorithm and processes.

“We can complete one simulation in about two to four weeks, whereas if this was conducted in a laboratory it would take considerably more time and money. Our next steps will be trying out new structures of Zika virus strains recently

identified in Science and Nature journals.”

Fernando is also seeking collaborations to test

the methods on extremely dangerous viruses such as Ebola, Marburg and others.

Drawn to the Light



Levi Sisemore

Last week — did not “build his own brand” nor feeling like it had cave to the cult of popularity, but he been a while — I regularly deflected adulations away from himself and towards Jesus. “Isn’t it time to go and get my eyes checked again?” “There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light” (1:6-8).

“I received a reminder post card from them in the mail that very afternoon). Sitting in the examination room, the doctor pulled out a flashlight and asked me to follow the light with my eyes. This allows him to see surface parts of my eye that are normally hidden, check pupil dilation, and allows him to evaluate my eyes ability to move and focus. “Focus on the light and follow it,” he says.

The Gospel of John is full of word pictures (metaphors). Therein both Jesus and the inspired narrator will describe Jesus as “the bread of life;” “the gate,” “the good shepherd,” “the vine,” and “the light of the world” (not an exhaustive listing). “In [Jesus] was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it” (1:4f).

John the Baptizer can be thought of as the last Old Testament prophet, pointing people to Jesus. He was quite an eccentric character with his camel hair clothing, diet of locusts and honey, and very direct speech. Many people were attracted to his message of deep repentance and spirituality; many came to see the spectacle of this wild wilderness man. John was quite the attention-getter and never had trouble gathering a crowd of hearers!

Yet what did John do with his celebrity and fame? What message did he give his audience? The great lesson from John’s life is that he

John was careful to call people to focus on the light! “John bore witness about him, and cried out, ‘This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me’” (1:15). He recognized that although he was born first, that Jesus outranked him in majesty and glory. Instead of believing that Jesus had enough of his own glory and could, surely, sure some with his kinsman, John faithfully and humbly pointed people to Jesus. What a lesson for us!

There is only one light, focus on him and follow him!

“Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” [John] said, ‘I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, “Make straight the way of the Lord.” ... I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” (John 1:22f, 27)

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

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Power of Silence

There was a great wind . . . but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.

—1 Kings 19:11-12 (NRSV)

I am an archaeologist and help to monitor construction activity in historic zones. One time, I was overseeing excavations near downtown. It was noon. Work halted after the busy construction site for lunch. Mighty rock-chewing machines rattled to a halt, and silence fell over the site. Because my ears had grown accustomed to the pounding of jackhammers, the silence at the excavation site seemed strange. But it opened my ears to sounds previously unheard: vehicles braking at the intersection, the car horn of an impatient driver, the city humming in the background. Then I heard a

single church bell ringing in the distance.

How many generations has that bell beckoned?

I wondered.

How many people have been reminded of God by its tolling?

Then I realized that the silence allowed me to hear that bell.

In this cacophonous world, we desperately need silence in order to hear God calling as Elijah did, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.”

When we are afraid, we too might look for a hiding place.

But if we listen — in silence — we will hear God calling us out of our fear into new paths of service.

Stephen Smith (Texas, USA)

Thought for the Day

Silence allows me to hear God’s voice.

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

Bible Baptist Church
810 S. 3rd, Floydada
Darwin Robinson, Pastor
983-2578
Sunday School...10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wednesday - 7 p.m.

Calvary's Cornerstone Fellowship
Floydada
Armando Morales, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Bible Study - 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening - 7 p.m.

Carr's Chapel
Service Every Sunday
Morning Worship - 9 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Church of Christ
West College & Third
Lockney
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Afternoon Worship - 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service - 7:30 p.m.

City Park Church of Christ
Matthew Benfield, Minister
Floydada
Sunday Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study - 7 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Floydada
Tim Franks, Pastor
Logan Lamb, Min. Students
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Lockney
Joseph Tillery, Pastor
Chad Cook, Youth Min.
Phil Cotham, Music Min.

Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
Floydada
Rev. Ken Peterson, Pastor
Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School - 10:50 a.m.
Youth (Sunday) - 6:30 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
Lockney
Rev. Ricky Carsensen, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service - 6 p.m.
Wed. Jr. High - 5:30 p.m.
Wed High School - 6:30 p.m.

Grant Chapel Church of God In Christ
Joe Bennett, Pastor
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday - 8 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

Main Street Church of Christ
Lockney
James Blair, Minister
Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
Floydada
Rev. Timothy Askey
401 N 12th Sty. 983-5805
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wednesday Study - 6 p.m.

New Salem Primitive Baptist Church
Floydada
Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges
(806) 637-0430
Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship -11 a.m.

Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church
310 Mississippi

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

St Mary 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

Blayne Reed Recognized by AgriLife Arrington Tapped for 3 Committees; Budget, Agriculture, Veterans' Affairs

Paul Schattenberg,
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

COLLEGE STATION - Select faculty and staff of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service received the agency's Superior Service Award during a ceremony Jan. 10 on the Texas A&M University campus in College Station.

From across the state, 17 individuals as well as eight teams with a total of 79 members were recognized. Four members of the Cotton Resistant Weed Management Team serve the immediate area - Blayne Reed, John Villalba, Kerry Siders and Mark Brown. Recognized as part of 4-H and Family and Consumer Sciences 101 team is former Hale County 4-H agent Andy Hart, now of Lubbock.

Blayne Reed, AgriLife Extension associate - who handles integrated pest management for Hale, Swisher and Floyd counties—was one of the individuals recognized for outstanding performance.

AgriLife Extension director Dr. Doug Steele said the award recognizes AgriLife Extension personnel who provide outstanding performance in education or other outstanding service to the organization and Texans.

"The work of these honorees exemplifies the contribution that AgriLife Extension education makes in meeting society's challenges," Steele said. "The impact of such work is proof we are meeting our mission to help Texans better their lives through continuing education that encourages lasting and effective change."

The categories and names of those who received a Superior Service Award as part of a team were:

- **North Region - Cotton Resistant Weed Management Team**
Jody Bradford, AgriLife Extension county agent - agriculture and natural resources, Carson County.

- Josh Brooks, AgriLife Extension county agent - agriculture and natural resources, Tom Green County.

- Mark Brown, AgriLife Extension county agent - agriculture and natural resources, Lubbock County.

- Leonard Haynes, AgriLife Extension county agent - agriculture and natural resources, Donley County.

- Terry Millican, AgriLife Extension county agent - agriculture and natural resources, Gaines County.

- Caitlin Jackson, AgriLife Extension county agent - agriculture and natural resources, Crosby County.

- Blayne Reed, AgriLife Extension associate - integrated pest management, Hale, Swisher and Floyd counties.

- Gary Roschetzky, AgriLife Extension county agent - agriculture and natural resources, Dawson County.

- Kerry Siders, AgriLife Extension associate - integrated pest management, Hockley, Cochran and Lamb counties.

- John Villalba, AgriLife Extension county agent - agriculture and natural resources, Swisher County.

- Dr. Peter Dotray, Texas A&M AgriLife Research, Lubbock.

- Dr. Wayne Keeling, Texas A&M AgriLife Research, Lubbock.

- **4-H and Family and Consumer Sciences 101**
Dr. Courtney Dodd, assistant state program leader and AgriLife Extension specialist - 4-H youth development, College Station.

- Nick Gonzales, AgriLife Extension county agent - 4-H youth development, Brown County.

- Andrew Hart, AgriLife Extension program specialist - 4-H youth development, Lubbock.

- Kim Miles, AgriLife Extension county agent - family and consumer sciences, Jones County.

- Luis Saldaña, AgriLife Extension program specialist - 4-H youth development, Weslaco.

- Arvitta Scott, AgriLife Extension county agent - 4-H youth development, Brazos County.

- Kristy Titzman, AgriLife Extension county agent - 4-H youth

- development, Walker County.
- Flora Williams, AgriLife Extension county agent - family and consumer sciences, Brazos County.

- Milissa Wright, AgriLife Extension county agent - family and consumer sciences, Concho County.

- From the family and community health unit, traffic safety programs:

- Bobbi Brooks, AgriLife Extension program manager, College Station.

- Myrna Hill, AgriLife Extension program specialist, College Station.

- Bev Kellner, AgriLife Extension program manager, College Station.

- Alice Kirk, AgriLife Extension program specialist, College Station.

- Angela McCorkle, AgriLife Extension program specialist, College Station.

- Laura Mooney, AgriLife Extension program coordinator, College Station.

- Rosalinda Marez, AgriLife Extension program coordinator, College Station.

- Janet Sandera, AgriLife Extension program coordinator, College Station.

- **Volunteering**
Recipients were all from Montgomery County.

- Jenni Adams, AgriLife Extension county agent - family and consumer sciences.

- Kim Bartholet, volunteer coordinator.

- Rachel Cooper, 4-H program assistant.

- Caroline Cruz, AgriLife Extension



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Blayne Reed, AgriLife Extension associate who handles integrated pest management for Hale, Swisher and Floyd counties was recognized for superior service during an AgriLife ceremony last week at College Station.

- county agent - urban youth development.

- April Fagan, administrative manager.

- Michael Heimer, AgriLife Extension county agent - agriculture and natural resources.

- Michelle Mihalek, AgriLife Extension county agent - 4-H youth development.

- Michael Potter, AgriLife Extension county agent - horticulture.

- Amy Ressler, AgriLife Extension county agent - family and consumer sciences.

- Michele Scaife, AgriLife Extension assistant - Better Living for Texans.

- Yvonne Welther, AgriLife Extension assistant - Better Living for Texans.

- **Diversity**
Diversity and Health Equity: Diabetes Education for Minority Populations

- Lorrie Coop, AgriLife Extension

- See **AGRI LIFE** Page 7

By Caleb Fisher
Deputy Communications Director,
Office of Jodey Arrington
Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

Washington D.C. - Jodey Arrington, the newly-elected Congressman serving the Nineteenth District of Texas, fulfilled his commitment to the people of West Texas as he was officially appointed to the House Committee on Agriculture.

Agriculture has been a central theme for Arrington both personally and professionally. A Plainview native, Arrington grew up in a family whose livelihood depended on the success of the agriculture industry.

In his role as a White House Advisor to President George W. Bush, Arrington helped the President assemble his agriculture leadership team. As Vice Chancellor for Research & Commercialization at Texas Tech University System, Arrington played a key role in developing new technologies that helped improve the agriculture industry and enhance the West Texas economy.

After his appointment, Arrington released the following statement:

"West Texas is home to more than 14 million acres of farm and ranch land of all types, producing more cotton than any other region in the world. Our producers are feeding and clothing the world, creating thousands of jobs, and bringing millions in economic impact to our region.

This appointment has been a goal of mine from day one, and we worked hard to make this happen.

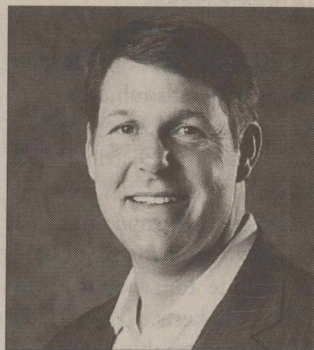
"I don't have to tell anyone in Texas how important agriculture is to our economy, and how critical it is to our national security. Unfortunately, many in our country take that for granted. I am excited to serve alongside my fellow Texan, Mike Conaway as a champion for American agriculture. This is a crucial role for District 19 and central to ensuring rural America has a seat at the table in Washington."

The Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, Mike Conaway, praised Arrington:

"I am excited to welcome my friend and neighbor, Jodey Arrington, to the House Agriculture Committee. Jodey has already proven himself a faithful advocate for West Texas farmers and ranchers, and I am confident he will be a tremendous asset to the committee as we begin to work on the next farm bill."

District Nineteen's storied former Congressman, Larry Combest, also chimed in his support:

"The 19th district of Texas is one of the very top agricultural districts in our nation — greater than most States with agricultural sales topping \$5 billion per year. Having a seat on the powerful House Agriculture Committee, Congressman Arrington will have a unique ability to impact areas of federal policy that are of greatest importance to the re-



Courtesy photo

U.S. Rep. Jodey Arrington
gion's economy.

It is a great honor and early win for Jodey — he should be congratulated for his pursuit of this position, and his being tapped to serve."

U.S. Rep. Jodey Arrington announced last Thursday that he's been appointed to a third committee, the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

"West Texans love our men and women in uniform, and we expect our government to make good on our commitment to honor our veterans with excellent service," Arrington said. "I am committed to fighting for those who fought for our freedoms and restoring a culture of respect for all who wore the uniform."

Arrington, a Republican, earlier last week said he's been selected to serve on the House Agriculture Committee and the House Budget Committee. Arrington was sworn in to his first term in Congress last week after winning the U.S. House District 19 seat in the November election.

Quail Management Symposium Set for Feb. 9

By Sue H. Jones
Communications Coordinator
National Ranching Heritage Center
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

To assist land managers in sustaining and expanding quail populations, the First Annual Quail Management Symposium will be offered from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9 at the National Ranching Heritage Center (NRHC) at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

"We want to emphasize practical things people can do to maintain their core quail population and prevent steep drops," said Dr. Brad Dabbert, one of the symposium organizers and Burnett Foundation Endowed Professor of Quail Ecology at Texas Tech University.

"Rainfall influences the reproduction status of quail," Dabbert said. "During the drought in 2011, only about 18 percent of quail tried to make even one nest. Since then we have had years of good rainfall, and this year we have a boom in the quail population."

Dabbert believes Texas land managers tend "to stop management efforts when it doesn't rain." Since each day is a day closer to the next drought, Dabbert wants the symposium to help people learn practical techniques that will help maintain the core quail population, lessen the decline and hasten the increase.

The symposium is jointly sponsored by the NRHC and Quail-Tech Alliance, a research and demonstration project coordinated between the Texas Tech Department of Natural Resources Management and Quail First, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Dabbert, who has published more than 50 research articles and been awarded more than \$4 million in research grants, will be one of three symposium speakers. His presentation will emphasize practical steps that have been taken for bobwhite management in the Rolling Plains and how these techniques can be applied to other areas of Texas.

Dr. William Palmer, president of Tall Timbers Research Station and Land Conservancy in Tallahassee, Fla., will be the keynote speaker. He will discuss a legacy of bobwhite research from the Red Hills region of Florida and Georgia. Palmer has developed one of the largest game bird research programs in the nation and has extensive experience in protecting game bird popula-



Courtesy Photo

Three years of good rains have resulted in record levels of bobwhite quail populations after suffering a severe decline in the recent drought. To help land managers understand techniques that can lessen quail population declines in a drought and hasten increases, the First Annual Quail Management Symposium will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 9 at the National Ranching Heritage Center in Lubbock.

tions through science, conservation and planning.

"The Tall Timbers Research Station is the origin of quail research in this nation," Dabbert said. "They have a history and a legacy of game bird research. Some of their techniques will work really well here and we'll be able to use them."

The symposium will open with a discussion of the general biology of quail by Byron Buckley, a field biologist for Quail-Tech Alliance and a Texas Tech Ph.D. student in natural resources management. The program also includes two 30-minute demonstrations of quail research fieldcraft (e.g., trapping, handling and tracking) and technology in quail research (e.g., drones, GPS radios, thermal cameras).

The cost of registration is \$10, which includes a chuck wagon dinner prior to the keynote speech. Participation is limited to 100 individuals and the registration deadline is Feb. 2. For more information or to register for the

symposium, visit ranchingheritage.org/quail/ or call Helen DeVitt Jones Director of Education Julie Hodges at 806.834.0083.

The National Ranching Heritage Center is a 27-acre museum

and historical park dedicated to preserving and interpreting the history of ranching and addressing contemporary ranching issues. The center is located at 3121 Fourth St. on the Texas Tech campus.

Bid Notice

The Floyd-Briscoe county Farm Bureau board of directors is currently accepting bids for either a 25x30 or 30x30 metal building with awning to be built on site at our office location in Silverton, Texas. The building will be used as our insurance office in Silverton. All bids must be submitted in writing to Floyd County Farm Bureau no later than February 14, 2017. The building must be finished out on the inside including electricity, HVAC, insulation and plumbing. The building will need to include an office space with storage closet, large reception area, bathroom (toilet and sink only), small kitchen area (refrigerator, counter with sink, no other major appliances), and a storage closet. Must be licensed and bonded. For more information or questions call Floyd County Farm Bureau at (806)983-3777. Please submit bids with floor plan ideas to:

FLOYD COUNTY FARM BUREAU
101 S. WALL
FLOYDADA, TX 79235

NOTICE OF SCHEDULED ENTRY INTO FIELDS
Pursuant to Tex. Agric. Code, Sec. 74.117, cotton producers in the El Paso/Trans Pecos Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, which consists of El Paso, Hudspeth, Culberson, Jeff Davis, Presidio, Brewster, Pecos, Reeves, Ward, Loving, Winkler, Crane, Terrell, Crockett, and Val Verde counties are hereby notified that Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation personnel will be conducting eradication activities in and around their fields, beginning January 2, 2017. All cotton fields will be mapped, and treatment will begin during the cotton-growing season. For notification prior to any chemical treatment, call 1-800-687-1212 with the exact location of your field and appropriate telephone numbers. Field entry and treatment is expected to last until all cotton is no longer hostable in the zone. For more information regarding this program, please call the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation at 1-800-687-1212.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Lady Winds top Crosbyton

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

CROSBYTON – Floydada Lady Winds rallied in the second half to defeat Crosbyton 55-43 in a District 4-2A contest.

Crosbyton jumped out to a 15-6 lead after the first quarter despite four points from Kylie Ricketts. The Lady Winds had trouble getting their shots to fall as well as having several turnovers.

In the second quarter, Floydada outpaced Crosbyton 17-9 and trailed by only one point, 24-23, at the half. Ricketts added six

more points to help the Lady Winds get back in the game. Floydada started off the quarter with an 11-1 run that tied the game at 17-17.

Floydada then outscored Crosbyton 14-10 to take a 37-34 lead into the final quarter. Brittney Pena scored six points to help the Lady Winds take the lead.

An 18-9 run in the fourth quarter, propelled the Lady Winds to a 55-43 victory. Dora Cervera score her five points to pace Floydada in the final quarter.

For the game, Floydada and Crosbyton both shot 29 percent from the field and Floydada picked up 57 rebounds to 45 for Crosbyton.

Individually for Floydada, Ricketts and Valerie Espinosa had 12 points each, Pena added nine points, Galvan added eight points, Cerva and Selena Espinosa added five points each and Kaylee Morren added four points.

Individually for Crosbyton, Corey Garza led all scorers with 19 points, Audrey Marquez added 14 points, Marissa Marquez added seven and Emily Reyna added three points.

Floydada played New Deal on Jan. 17 and will travel to Ralls on Friday, Jan. 20.

Whirlwinds squeeze by Chiefs

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CROSBYTON – Floydada limited Crosbyton to only three points in the fourth quarter to come from behind and claim their first District 4-2A victory 40-36.

The two teams battled to an 11-11 tie in the first quarter. Remington Ricketts led the Whirlwinds with five points in the quarter.

The Chiefs outscored Floydada 10-8 in the second quarter to take a 21-19 to the locker room. The Whirlwinds were led by Garrett Hobbs with three points in

the quarter as Floydada had a difficult time finding the basket.

Crosbyton stretched their lead to 33-29 after three quarters, outscoring Floydada 12-10. Abraham Perez paced the Whirlwinds with five points in the quarter.

Floydada forced Crosbyton into nine turnovers during the fourth quarter and outscored the Chiefs 11-3 in the quarter to claim the 40-36 victory. Perez led the way with four points in the quarter.

For the game, Floydada shot 31 percent and pulled down 33 rebounds. Crosbyton shot 33 percent and

grabbed 32 rebounds.

Individually for Floydada, Hobbs led the scoring with 11 points, Perez added 10, Ricketts added seven, Eric Johnston and Andrew Vega had three points each and Jordan Mendoza, Jesse Segura and Albert DeHoyos each had two points.

Individually for Crosbyton, Brandon Flores scored 12 points, Maurice Carr added 11 points, Tim Childers added seven points, Troy Kesey added four points and JJ Vasquez added two points.

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Lady Winds fall to Post

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FLOYDADA – Floydada Lady Winds fell to the Post Lady Lopes 45-40 on Jan. 10 in a District 4-2A contest.

The Lady Winds jumped out to a 6-0 lead in the first quarter led by Kylie Ricketts three points. The Lady Lopes then ran off seven straight points to take a 7-6 lead at the end of the quarter.

In the second quarter, Post continued to outscored Floydada and took a 19-13 lead into halftime. Brooke Galvan scored four points to lead the Lady Winds in the quarter.

Post extended their lead in the third quarter to a 32-16 lead before the Lady Winds scored nine unanswered points to close it to 32-25 at the end of the quarter. Galvan and Valerie Espinosa scored four points each in the third quarter for Floydada.

In the fourth quarter, Galvan paced the Lady Winds with seven points and Floydada outscored Post 15-13 but it wasn't enough as the Lady Lopes took home a 45-40 victory.

For the game, Floydada shot 26 percent from the field while Post shot 43 percent. The Lady Winds pulled down

36 rebounds and the Lady Lopes had 37 rebounds.

Individually for Floydada, Galvan had 15 points, Kaylee Morren scored seven points, Ricketts and Espinosa had six points each, Brooklyn Smith had three points, Dora Cervera added two points and Brittney Pena added one point.

Individually for Post, Baylea Pittman and Brooklyn Courtney had 13 points each, Daisha Greathouse added seven points, Leslie Gill added five points, Kelby Tidwell added four points, and Addison Jenkins had three points.

Longhorns outlast Owls

By Charles Keaton
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HALE CENTER – Hale Center held a 10-point lead at the half but the Lockney Longhorns came back in the third quarter to take the lead then held on to take home a 52-47 District 3-2A victory.

The Owls jumped out to a 18-13 lead after the first quarter. Jonathan Rodriguez led the Longhorns with four points in the quarter.

In the second quarter, Hale Center extended their lead by outscoring Lockney 10-5 in the quarter to take a 28-18 lead into half time. Jaden Rosales led the Longhorns with three points. Lockney committed six

turnovers in the quarter to hamper their scoring.

Coming out of half time, Lockney outscored the Owls 18-6 to a take a 36-34 lead after three quarters. Jaden Butler scored five points to lead Lockney in the quarter.

In the final quarter, the Longhorns outscored the Owls 16-13 to give them the 52-47 victory. Rosales led the Lockney scorers with five points in the quarter to help give the Longhorns their first district victory.

For the game, Lockney shot 33 percent from the field and hauled in 50 rebounds. Hale Center shot 26 percent from the field and gathered 45 rebounds. Individually for Lockney,

Rosales scored 13 points to lead the Longhorns, Chris Emert added 10 points, Butler, Rodriguez and Israel Cuellar each scored seven points, Trevor Ascensio added five points and Tavien Walrath added three points.

Individually for Hale Center, Ja. Cannon scored 14 points, Castillo added 11 points, Alcalá added six points, Je. Cannon added five points, Richards had four points, Gonzales had three points and Burjas had two points.

The Longhorns hosted Farwell on Jan. 17 and will travel to Sudan on Jan. 20 before traveling to Olton on Tuesday, Jan. 24.

Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

Computers make it easier to do a lot of things, but most of the things they make it easier to do don't need to be done.
—Andy Rooney

The great thing about a computer notebook is that no matter how much you stuff into it, it doesn't get bigger or heavier.
—Bill Gates

If computers get too powerful, we can organize them into a committee -- that will do them in.
—Bradley's Bromide

Why is it drug addicts and computer aficionados are both called users?
—Clifford Stoll

Home computers are being called upon to perform many new functions, including the consumption of homework formerly eaten by the dog.
—Doug Larson

The question of whether a computer can think is no more interesting than the question of whether a submarine can swim.
—E. W. Dijkstra

Part of the inhumanity of the computer is that, once it is competently programmed and working smoothly, it is completely honest.
—Isaac Asimov

The most overlooked advantage to owning a computer is that if they foul up there's no law against wacking them around a little.
—Joe Martin

Lockney High School Honor Roll

"A" HONOR ROLL

9th GRADE

Anahi Ascencio, Diego Azua, Emily Longoria, Joshua Short

10th GRADE

Austin Ascencio, Bryson Hallmark, Maykala Hernandez, Lyndee Setliff, Fernando Valdez, Bryson Walker

11th GRADE

Ryann Araujo, Alyssa Gutierrez, Aleah Jimenez, Karissa Petty, Bethany Salazar, Nohelia Salazar

12th GRADE

Lizzie Belt, Tabettha Bigham, Shelby Dunbar, Emiliee Encizo, Seattle Jackson, Luke Kasner, Tavien Walrath

"A/B" HONOR ROLL

9th GRADE

Madai Chavira, Tatyanna Cienfuegos, Jerry Franklin, Brett Moore, Clay Moore, Josiah Rodriguez, Tyra Rosales, Keanu Villarreal, Hailee Widener, Mikayela Williams

10th GRADE

Isabel Cruz, Tyrell Egnew, Mason Esty, Sierra Landeros

11th GRADE

Alyssa Barretero, Ricky Cuellar, Shawn Marquez, Nimsi Perez, Mackenzy Ragland, Austen Rexrode, Nickolas Rendon, Jaden Rosales, Destiny Soliz

12th GRADE

Trevor Ascencio, Calvin Borunda, Skyler Dunn, Filomena Felan, Valerie Hernandez, Hannah Kidd, Mary Lindsey Nunez, Maria Palomin, JJ Rodriguez, Salvador Ruiz

Lockney Junior High Honor Roll

"A" HONOR ROLL

6th GRADE

Cristian Ascencio, Hailey Aupil, Andrew Bustillos, Madison Johnson, Lexi Morgan, Valeria Tijerina, Bree'Anna Williams

7th GRADE

Gabriella Cervantes, Hunter Flick, J'Ann Pena

8th GRADE

Hunter Lefevre, Cristal Sanchez

"A/B" HONOR ROLL

6th GRADE

Malaki Alvis, Thalia Ascencio, Brittney Ascencio, Senayda Bernal, Abrañ Castillo, Johnathan Cienfuegos, Aracely Cuellar, Annalicia Hernandez, Mijoy Pedroza, Maximino Ramirez, Delaney Sustaita, Karen Trenado, Adriana Villarreal, Haven Walker, Deacon Widener

7th GRADE

Elizar Alvarez, Taylor Egnew, Damion Gonzales, Pablo Morales, Austin Rodriguez, Brianna Rodriguez, Miranda Sarinana, Taylor St. Dennis

8th GRADE

RyAnn Castillo, Kaleb Cook, Jessica Hernandez, Fette Jackson, Dylan Morgan, Sebastian Perez, Audrey Rexrode, Janae Reyes, Jayda Rosales, Dylan Morgan, Kristina Sanchez, Sara St Dennis

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU January 23 – 27

Monday

Breakfast – Sausage morning roll, cereal, fresh fruit, milk

Lunch – Beef nachos, turkey and cheese subs, refried beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast – Cinnamon bun, cereal, fresh fruit, milk

Lunch – Creamy macaroni & cheese, chicken tostado w/ rice, peppered broccoli florets, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast – Banana loaf, cereal, fresh fruit, milk

Lunch – Turkey chili dog, Sloppy Joe sandwich, seasoned green beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Thursday

Breakfast – Cocoa Puff cereal, graham crackers, fresh fruit, milk

Lunch – Chicken Parmesan breaded chicken sandwich, peppered corn, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Friday

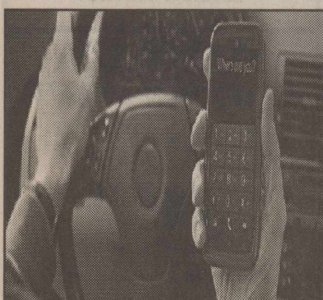
Breakfast – Strawberry pancakes, cereal, fresh fruit, milk

Lunch – Green chili chicken, enchiladas w/ rice, pepperoni pizza, spicy pinto beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk



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LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU January 23 – 27

Monday

Breakfast – Waffles, Bacon, Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch – Pizza Choice or Hamburger with Cheese, Oven Fries, Baby Carrots, Mixed Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, Jan. 24

Breakfast – Biscuit & Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Ham, Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch – Hot Ham and Cheese Pretzel Sandwich or Asian Bowl with Egg Roll, Tomato-Cucumber Cup, Salad, Snowball Salad, Milk

Wednesday, Jan. 25

Breakfast – Cinnamon Roll, Sausage, Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch – Chicken Alfredo or Texas Basket, Carrot Coins, Apple Slices, Cookie, Milk

Thursday, Jan. 26

Breakfast – Sausage, Egg, Cheese Pretzel Sandwich, Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch – Fish Strips or BBQ on a Bun, Cole Slaw, Pinto Beans, Orange Smiles, Milk

Friday, Jan. 27

Breakfast – Breakfast Burrito or Hash Browns, Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch – Longhorn Chicken Bowl with Roll & Gravy or Philly Cheese Steak, Potato Rounds, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk

South Plains College to offer welding courses starting Jan. 18, Jan. 23

LEVELLAND – South Plains College will offer a welding course on Monday or Wednesday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. Space is limited to 10 students. The classes will meet in the Welding Department, (across the street from tennis courts on J.V. Morton Drive).

WLDG 1307 – Introduction to Welding Using Multiple Processes is a for-credit class and WLDG 1007 is an equivalent course but is a continuing education class.

The 16-week classes will meet once a week on Wednesdays starting Jan. 18 or Mondays which begins on Jan. 23.

Basic welding processes include oxy-fuel welding (OFW) and cutting, shielded metal arc welding (SMAW), gas metal arc welding (GMAW) and gas tungsten arc welding (GTAW).

The cost of the course is \$425 per student plus sup-

plies (listed below).

The course will cover welding safety and the five essentials of welding and their effects on welding with demonstrations and exercises in single and multiple pass welds. Base metals will be mild steel, stainless steel and aluminum up to 3/8 inch thick. Each class will start with a brief classroom instruction and or video followed by a fun hands-on lab exercise. The welding technology program is a participant in the American Welding Society's "SENSE" program (Schools Excelling through National Skills Standards).

The equipment listed below is required of all students. This equipment may be purchased at any welding supply store. The prices listed below are approximate. Your tools may cost more or less depending on the quality you select.

- Safety Glasses -- \$4 (Safety glasses must meet ANSI Z87 specifications and MUST be worn by the student at all times in the welding lab and adjoining areas);
- Welding helmet -- \$30 (Must meet ANSI Z87 specifications and MUST be approved for overhead welding);
- Welding gloves -- \$10;
- Welding Cap -- \$7;
- Chipping Hammer -- \$10;
- Wire Brush (fine) -- \$4;
- Slip Joint Pliers (9") -- \$6;
- Needle nose wire cutters or Welpers MIG welding pliers -- \$23; and,
- Triple Flint Striker -- \$4

To register and for more information, contact Kasey Reyes, Administrative Assistant to the Dean of Distance and Continuing Education, at (806) 716-2341 or email kreyes@southplainscollege.edu.

South Plains College to offer phlebotomy class

LEVELLAND – South Plains College will offer a basic phlebotomy course from Jan. 30 through March 10. The class will meet from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays in Technical Arts Room 124. Enrollment for the course is limited to 10 students.

The tuition cost is \$565. The textbook to be used is "The Complete Textbook of Phlebotomy" fourth edition written by Lynn B. Hoeltke, which costs \$135. Clinical Instruction (24 hours) will be on Monday through Friday with the time, location and date to be announced. Most clinicals begin after 8 a.m. The course instructor will be Georgia Mulloy.

Classroom and clinical instruction in skill development of blood collection methods

will be provided.

Students must provide proof of immunization for MMR, Tetanus no older than 8 years, Hepatitis B Series, and have a current negative TB test no older than 12 months, photo identification and social security card. A criminal background check will be performed for all students. Students must be at least 18 years of age.

Participants will develop skills in a variety of blood collection methods using proper techniques and universal precautions. The students will use vacuum collection devices, syringes, capillary skin puncture, butterfly needles and blood culture, and specimen collection on adults, children and infants. This course is designed to

prepare student to successfully complete the National Healthcare Association Certification Test included with this program.

After the completion of the course and 50 sticks, participants will take the National Certification Exam, which is included in the tuition cost. Participants who satisfactorily complete the course will receive a certificate for 6.0 Continuing Education Units for 60 contact hours of instruction. Students must complete 50 sticks to earn the certificate.

For more information, call Kasey Reyes, administrative assistant to the Dean of Continuing and Distance Education, at (806) 716-2341. Payment plans are available for a \$30 fee. Please contact Reyes for details.

AGRILIFE

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sion county agent - family and consumer sciences, Knox County.

Dr. Sonja Davis, AgriLife Extension county agent - family and consumer sciences, Harris County.

Meagen Dennison, AgriLife Extension county agent - family and consumer sciences, Karnes County.

Lilian Mezquida, AgriLife Extension county agent - family and consumer sciences, Cameron County.

Yolanda Morado, AgriLife Extension county agent - family and consumer sciences, Starr County.

Dr. Ninfa Peña-Purcell, AgriLife Extension specialist - family and community health, College Station.

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• **Arbovirus Team**
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Wizzie Brown, AgriLife Extension program specialist - integrated pest management, Travis County.

Molly Keck, AgriLife Extension program specialist - integrated pest management, Bexar County.

Dr. Michael Merchant, AgriLife Extension urban entomologist, Dallas.

Dr. Sonja Swiger, AgriLife Extension veterinary entomologist, Stephenville.

Rob Williams, website administrator, College Station.

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Steve Byrns, associate news editor and AgriLife Extension communications specialist, San Angelo.

Bill Watson, editor and AgriLife Extension communications specialist, College Station.

Dr. Holly Jarvis Whitaker, coordinator, educational media and online curriculum development, College Station.

• **Environmental Landscape Plant Evaluation Team**
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Jeff Floyd, AgriLife Extension county agent - horticulture, Ector County.

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Paul Winski, AgriLife Extension county agent - horticulture, Harris County.

Tim Hartmann, AgriLife Extension program specialist, department of horticultural sciences, College Station.

Dr. Justin Scheiner, AgriLife Extension specialist - viticulture, department of horticultural sciences, College Station.

Dr. Larry Stein, AgriLife Extension specialist, department of horticultural sciences, Uvalde.

Dr. Derald Harp, Texas A&M University-Commerce.

Nick Howell, Iowa State University.

Elizabeth Moore, West Texas A&M University.

Randy Nelson, University of Minnesota Extension, Clay County.

Michael Schwartz, Naugatuck Valley Community College, Waterbury, Connecticut.

Kathy Zuzek, University of Minnesota Extension.

• **Ranchers' Leasing Workshop**
Tiffany Dowell Lashmet, AgriLife Extension specialist - agricultural law, Amarillo.

Fred Hall, former AgriLife Extension county agent - agriculture and natural resources, Tarrant County.

Austin Voyles, AgriLife Extension county agent - agriculture and natural resources, Potter County.

Dr. Shannon Ferrell, Oklahoma State University.

Paul Goeringer, University of Maryland.

Rusty Rumley, National Agricultural Law Center.

• **Working Together to Support Military Caregivers**
Family and Community Health unit

Andrew Crocker, AgriLife Extension program special-

ist, gerontology and health, Amarillo.

Rachel Brauner, program coordinator, military program, College Station.

Shawna Manning, information technology consultant, College Station.

The categories and names of individuals receiving the Superior Service Award were:

• **County Extension Agent**
Karen Jungman, family and consumer sciences, Hill County.

Reginald Lepley, agriculture and natural resources, Walker County.

Amy Ressler, family and consumer sciences, Montgomery County.

Wendy Scott, family and consumer sciences, Lynn County.

Lyle Zoeller, agriculture and natural resources, Bell County.

Marcel Valdez, agriculture and natural resources, Zavala County.

• **Extension Specialist**
Dr. Gaylon Morgan, state AgriLife Extension cotton agronomist, College Station.

• **Extension Program Specialist**
Nikki Dictson, AgriLife Extension program specialist, Texas Water Resources Institute, College Station.

• **Extension Program Support**
Gene Carr, AgriLife Extension assistant - Master Gardeners program, College Station.

• **Agency Leadership**
Dr. Elaine Fries, associate director for programs, Healthy Texas, Corpus Christi.

• **Office Support Staff**
Rosie Schoenfeld, assistant to the executive associate director, administration, College Station.

Sandra Schultz, District 9 office manager, Bryan.

Ginger Shorter, office manager, Rusk County.

Dana Yow, office manager, Robertson County.

• **Distinguished Career**
Stan Bevers, AgriLife Extension economist, retired.

Carrie Brazeal, AgriLife Extension county agent - family and consumer sciences, Collin County, retired.

Dr. William Johnson, AgriLife Extension county agent - horticulture, Galveston County.

SPC Plainview Center Cosmetology trains hair, nails and skin care professionals

PLAINVIEW – South Plains College Plainview Center Cosmetology program provides training for students seeking an education and career in the hairstyling industry.

Throughout the one-year program, students work in a full-service salon that is open to residents and visitors in the Plainview community. The students are supervised by Jan Decker, Program Coordinator and Instructor in Cosmetology, licensed by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation. In fall 2016, Gayla Norman-Carpenter joined the faculty as a full-time instructor. She is also licensed by the TDLR.

Interested students must

complete the following steps to gain admission to the program. Students first must complete an application to be accepted to the college. They are urged to fill out the financial aid information to assist in paying for college. The Cosmetology Entrance Exam is required for all cosmetology students. An interview with the program coordinator will complete the process. New students are accepted in the fall and spring semester.

Also, high school students at Plainview are invited to participate in a dual credit program with the SPC Plainview Center Cosmetology program. For details, please contact your high school counselors.

The salon, located at 1920 W. 24th St., offers haircuts, hair color, high-lights, low-lights, perms, chemical relaxers, wet sets, curling-iron sets, manicures, pedicures and eye-brow waxing. The salon is open from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday by appointments. Walk-ins are welcome.

Presently, the salon features a pedicure area, a private facial room and additional student work stations.

For more information, contact Decker at (806) 291-3288.

If a career in Cosmetology sounds like it's something you want to pursue, please visit South Plains College Plainview Center and register for spring classes.

COTHAM

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construction. The Board designated the purchase of two new activity buses as part of the bond package.

The targeted improvement plan for 2015-16 PM-BAS State 1 intervention was approved by the Board. The Board also approved a resolution to make Lockney ISD a District of Innovation which allows the District flexibility in various areas including school start dates, classroom student-to-teacher ratios and the use of non-certified teachers in times of when a non-certified teacher is not available.

The 2017-18 calendar was approved including a start date of Aug. 21, 2017, one week prior to the normal start. The start date was moved based on being a District of Innovation. The Board recommend using the BuyBoard to purchase two new school cars when funds become available. The Board approved the payment of the four percent staff bonus that was included in the current budget based on receiving the revenue protection pay-

ments from the wind projects.

Cotham reported there are 466 students enrolled in the District including 121 in high school, 106 in junior high and 239 in elementary. Cotham also discussed the proposed A-F rating system that was recently introduced by the Texas Education Agency. Cotham said most districts across the state have submitted resolutions opposing the new rating method.

The 2017 Board elections were announced with the places held by Jimmy Kemp and John Quebe up for election. The first day to file for a position is Jan. 18 and the filing deadline is Feb. 17. Election day is May 6.

The Board also completed the required evaluation of the Superintendent but since Cotham announced his retirement, the Board did not extend a contract or change the salary for 2017-18.

The Board scheduled the next regular meeting on Feb. 9 at 7:00 P.M.

UPCOMING

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There will be a mandatory pre-proposal meeting for all interested contractors. Project specifications, including detailed proposal requirements, will be provided at that time. The pre-proposal conference will be held on Tuesday, January 24, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. with the participants meeting at the Former Floydada Junior High School; 910 South 5th Street in Floydada, Texas.

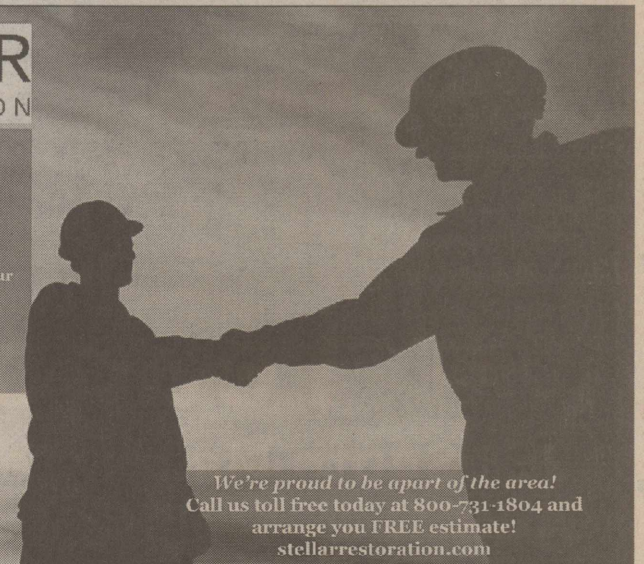
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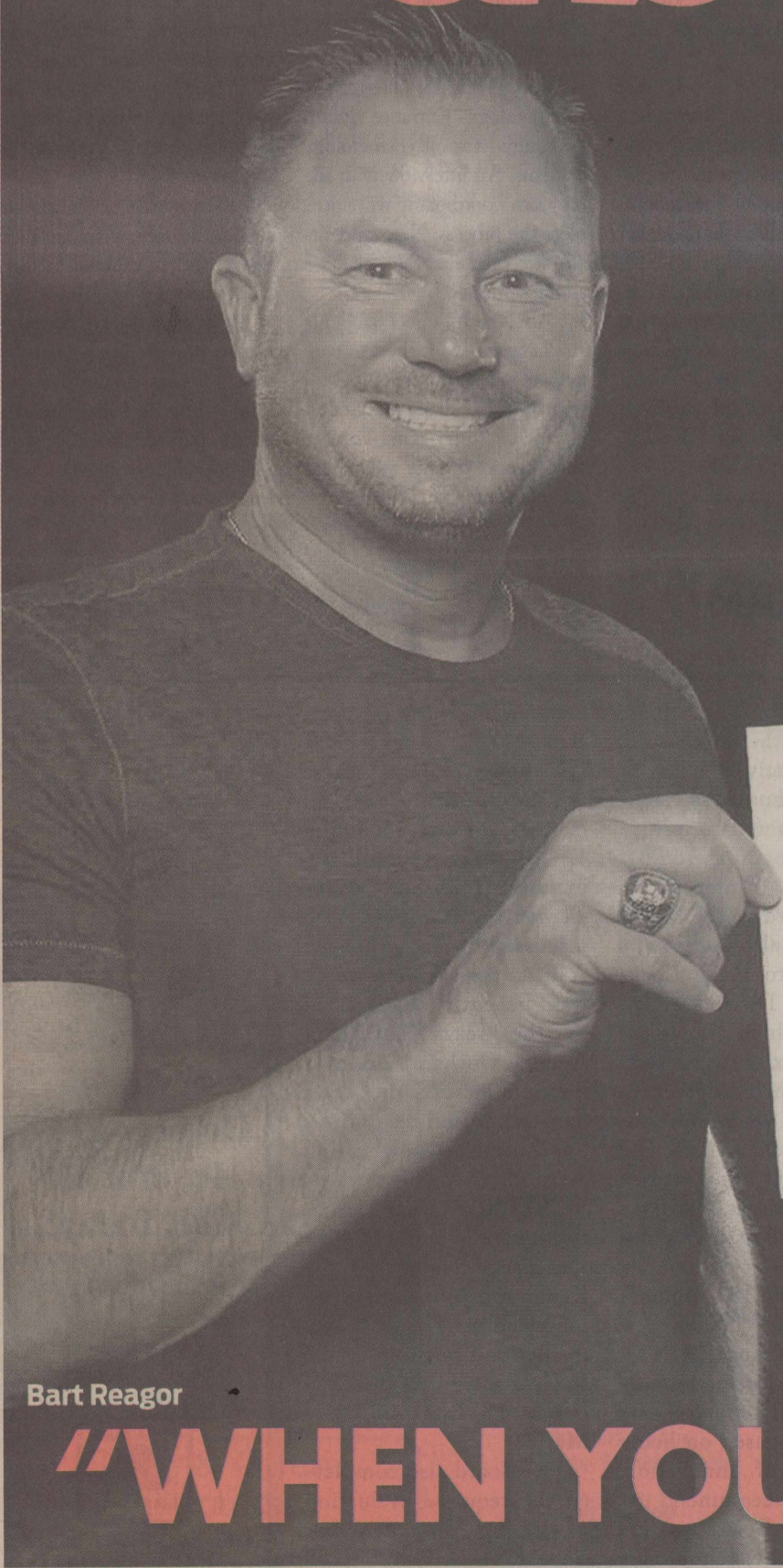
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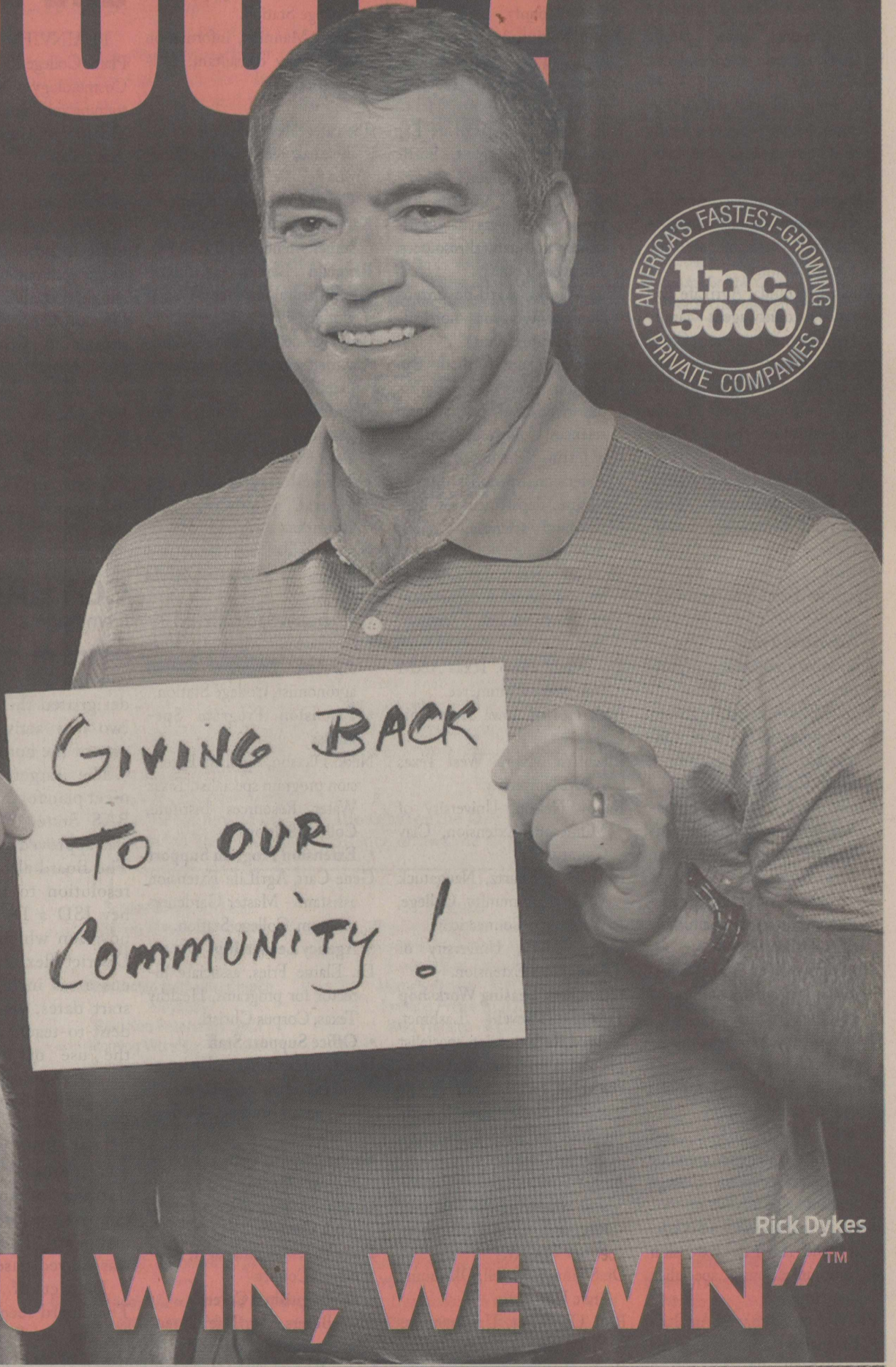


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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR DESIGN-BUILD SERVICES

The Lockney Independent School District will receive qualifications statements in response to a Request for Qualifications from Design-Build Firms for Design and Construction and Renovation of Athletic Fields, Tennis Courts, and a Track. This is the first step in a two-step process pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 2269.307. Responses must be submitted in accordance with the terms, conditions and requirements set forth in the Request for Statements of Qualifications.

Sealed responses should be delivered to the following address not later than 10:00 A.M., January 31, 2017:
Lockney Independent School District
Attention: Phil Cotham, Superintendent of Schools
P.O. Box 428
Lockney, Texas 79241

The Qualifications Statements will be opened at the District's administrative offices immediately after expiration of the above deadline and the names of the Design-Build firms submitting responses will be read aloud.

You may obtain a copy of the RFQ by contacting Edith Cook, Superintendent's Secretary, by telephone (806) 652-2104 or via e-mail at cook.edith@lockneyisd.net

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Lockney Elementary Skating Unit

Lockney elementary 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th graders participated in a two-week skating unit. The skates and safety gear are rented from a company called Skatertime. The students are always very excited to learn a lifelong cardiovascular exercise. There are usually many tumbles in second grade as beginners but become avid skaters the next three years. Mrs. Dorman thanks her administration for allowing the students to participate.

Photos Courtesy Julie Dorman



Top FISD staff, students for Jan 2017

The Floydada Independent School District Board met on Thursday, Jan. 12 and recognized the following students and staff for their efforts to make education the best it can be. Each month the staff selects students that exemplify education at its best and those students are recognized at the monthly school board meeting. The elementary students recognized were Madison Pyle, Cristina Marmolejo and Ashtyn Hernandez, all 2nd graders at A.B. Duncan Elementary. The Junior High student of the month was Jody Briones who is in the 8th grade at Floydada Junior High. The High School student recognized was Garrett Hobbs, who is a Freshman. The elementary educator selected this month was Patricia Ivy who teaches 2nd grade at A.B. Duncan Elementary. The secondary educator of the month was Melva Dorman who teaches 7th grade Science and 7th grade Project Based Learning. The FISD Board Members were given some special gifts of thanks since January is School Board Recognition Month. They work diligently to ensure that our schools are the best they can be.

Courtesy photos



Fashion quilts

Fashion Design Classes at Floydada High School provide students with the ideal venue to put their creative talents to use. These quilts will also come in handy this winter!

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