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LHS Alum Now NASA Engineer; Gives Former Teacher Tour



Lindan Morris at Space Center Houston Mission to Mars Mock-up.

Courtesy photos

By Kay Ellington

The Hesperian-Beacon

In 2000 D'Lyn Morris was teaching freshman Will O'Connell chemistry at Lockney High School. Less than two decades later, O'Connell gave his former teacher and her husband, County Commissioner Lindan Morris a VIP tour of NASA.

O'Connell is an electrical engineer with the space program, and according to Morris, the 2003 LHS grad's responsibilities include, "to maintain and ensure the electrical power on the In-

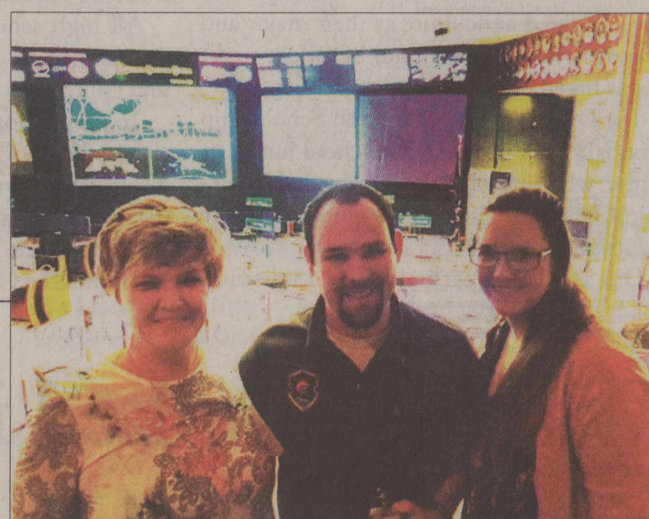
ternational Space Station. Its electricity all comes from solar panels." O'Connell's wife, Debbie, also a NASA employee joined the Morris on the tour. She works with programs that analyze the biological systems of the astronauts and the effects of space on their bodies.

The Morris visited Houston the weekend of the Super Bowl, and because of that timing, tours at NASA were limited primarily to VIPs, and with O'Connell's assistance they were given a very private tour of the space facility the Sunday morning of the Super Bowl weekend.

"It was fascinating to get the tour from Will and Debbie," Morris said, "because they knew all of the history of NASA from the Mercury missions to current day."

On their tour, they saw: the astronaut training facility; the old classic mission control room; two more mission control rooms—one where Will works; Space Center Houston with mock-ups of the proposed Orion mission to Mars; Rocket Park with the Saturn V rocket and more.

The trip to NASA has been a long-time dream for Morris, who has now retired from teaching chemistry and phys-



D'Lyn Morris, Will O'Connell, Debbie O'Connell in Mission Control.



The Morris and the O'Connells toured Rocket Park.

ics at LHS, although she still assists with the coaching of their UIL Science team. Last year, the UIL Science team won the state championship.

Morris keeps up with many of her former students and knew about Will's career with NASA.

So, when the Morris decided to take a trip to Houston to see NASA, they reached out to Will's parents—Pat and Dorothy O'Connell—who still live in

Lockney to get some basic information about visiting NASA, and Will volunteered to give them the tour.

"Ever since I was a little girl and saw Neil Armstrong walk on the moon," Morris said, "I have been fascinated by space, and I had always wanted to go to NASA." Little did she ever dream that life would come full circle, and that a student she had once taught would be able to teach her first-hand about the next era in space.

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 CEMETERY MEETING

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BINGO NIGHT FLOYDADA SR. CITIZENS

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SUNDAY LUNCH LOCKNEY SR. CITIZENS

The Lockney Senior Citizens Center will have their "Sunday Lunch" on Sunday, February 26th. We will serve fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, macaroni and cheese, gravy, roll, and dessert. Donations are appreciated.

Correction

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

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Floydada ISD to Decide on Bond Thursday, Feb. 16

By Kay Ellington

The Hesperian-Beacon

The Floydada ISD school board will decide Thursday, Feb. 16, on whether to take a \$40 million bond proposal to voters.

Two facility assessments in the last three years have revealed several major problems at Floydada High School, including building

security and issues with its foundation, plumbing and electrical. The current high school building was built in 1955 with a wing added in 1967.

Those assessments show that bringing the campus up to code will cost about \$20 million, although the district would still have to contend with cramped classrooms See **BOND**, Page 12

Lockney Chamber Accepting Nominations for Citizen, Biz of the Year

By Kay Ellington

The Hesperian-Beacon

The Lockney Chamber of Commerce has announced that its annual banquet will be Saturday, April 8 at 6 p.m. at the Lockney Elementary Cafetorium.

The Chamber will be doing a "backyard BBQ" theme and will have country music for entertainment.

They will also be honoring the 2017 Citizen of the Year and 2017 Business of the Year.

The Chamber is accepting nominations for the 2017 Citizen of the Year. Please send your nomination with a letter stating why this Lockney citizen should be considered for this prestigious award to: Lockney Chamber, P.O. Box 477, Lockney, Tx 79241.

The deadline is March 17.

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Time to apply for Texas Farm Bureau scholarships

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

WACO - The cost for college continues to rise, but Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) offers several scholarships to help students pay for college.

Texas Farm Bureau offers a variety of scholarships at both state and county levels to help meet student's goals and needs. Scholarships totaling more than \$115,000 are awarded annually to students of TFB member-families.

The S.M. True Jr. Agricultural Scholar Award is a major opportunity. The \$20,000 scholarship honors the former TFB president and his commitment and dedication to Texas agriculture.

The scholarship is open to students who have declared agriculture as their major and already have at least 60 hours of college credit and is based on academic achievement.

The Dick Mitchell Memorial Scholarship awards \$1,000 to one high school junior or senior who attended TFB's Youth Leadership Conference in Stephenville during the summer.

One student in each of TFB's 13 districts

is also awarded a \$1,000 Young Farmer & Rancher (YF&R) scholarship based on academic achievement and the applicant's desire to pursue a career in an agricultural field.

Four applicants from each district will be awarded a scholarship through the Texas Farm Bureau Memorial/Honorary Scholarship and District Scholarship program. Scholarships awarded are based on academic achievement and the completion of a project that promotes agriculture. Many students have already completed a project that promotes agriculture.

In each of the 13 TFB districts, the highest ranked applicant will receive a scholarship valued at \$1,200. The remaining three top applicants from each district will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

All high school and college students are encouraged to check out the scholarships and apply.

To apply for TFB's scholarships, click on the Youth Opportunities link under the Youth tab on www.TexasFarmBureau.org.

Completed applications must be mailed to the state office. This year's scholarships must be postmarked by Wednesday, March 1.

Wayland ranked in the top 20 for online degree

By Jonathan Petty
Director of Communications
Wayland Baptist University

PLAINVIEW - Wayland Baptist University has been recognized as one the 2017 Most Affordable Online Colleges for Project Management for its online master's program by the SR Education Group. The organization rates the most affordable online colleges

and universities for various degrees. Wayland is ranked No. 20 on the list.

The SR Education Group exists to help students make informed decisions when seeking online degrees. They have published rankings since 2009 and have been awarding scholarships since 2010.

The ranking is based on a base-level degree requirement that reflects

which degree is most important for employment within that field. Wayland offers a project management specialization within the Master's of Business Administration degree program. The degree is offered online. The rankings are then based on annual tuition rates.

For more information, check out the rankings at www.onlineu.org.

The 501 Guest Stories

Houseguests come in different shapes and sizes. Mine are black and white and fluffy. And aromatic. I didn't invite them.

At least they're staying under the house and don't require meals or clean sheets.

Guests of the human stripe are a different story. They're trouble, but most don't show up without warning. Most follow Benjamin Franklin's rule of thumb, staying no longer than three days. Sometimes they take you out to eat. If all goes well, you enjoy each other's company. When they leave, you're almost sorry it's over. They feel the same way.

That's the ideal scenario. When things don't go well, you think about escaping to a motel.

That's never happened to me. OK, maybe once, long ago in a previous life. During the entire stay of our guests, I stood at the kitchen sink, washing dishes, except when I was standing at the stove, fixing vittles. Fritz the dog took a big bite out of the fruit tart I'd fixed ahead of time. We had to slice off that part. I guess it was lucky our guests didn't mind eating after a border collie. Or maybe we just didn't tell them. Either way, I was happy when they left. Maybe they were too. Fritz was ambivalent.

My Arkansas friend Beverly remembers a visiting set of relatives from California. She and her parents did not go to a motel. Her mother remarked afterward that they should have. Instead, they let themselves

be displaced in their own house, heading to the basement and elsewhere to sleep, practicing good hospitality with smiles that progressed from natural to forced.

Beverly remembers that the visitors exhibited a West Coast cultural superiority that revolved around their belief in the power of crystals. Whatever the implications of their non-Arkansas spirituality, their morals didn't sparkle. To wit:

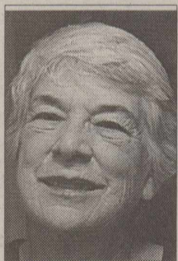
Beverly's parents made a trip to the supermarket to replenish the larder. When they returned, they saw a big stain on the carpet - brand-new carpet at that. The guests staunchly refused to admit they'd spilled anything. Beverly's mother, on hands and knees, attacked the mysterious stain with various cleaning agents. When they left, it wasn't too soon. Maybe they felt vibes of resentment in the vigorous cleaning effort, as in "Out, damn'd spot! Out, I say!" Or maybe they just wanted to get back to crystal-friendly California.

Another story:
A friend of mine (let's call her Naive) just entertained a cousin and her spouse (let's call them Jane and Dick). They'd asked her if they could take her out to eat and ended up staying five days! Only when Naive refused to give Jane some of her prescription pain meds, did Jane get mad and tell Dick they were packing up.

Moral:
Do not give any of your drugs to unwanted guests. You need them more.

Two additional morals:
If you have raccoons living under your house, don't complain. You could end up with skunks instead. It happens.

If your house sits on a slab, you miss a lot.



HANABA MUNN WELCH

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The Paperboy Paris Climate Agreement was based on flawed science

Remember the Paris Agreement on climate change?

President Obama and several other world leaders really thought they were accomplishing something.

The agreement was based on a landmark scientific paper - one that caused a sensation by claiming there has been NO slowdown in global warming since 2000.

Turns out the study critically flawed. Even worse, the paper was intentionally flawed by scientists at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the world's leading source of climate data.

Thanks to the bravery of whistleblower Dr. John Bates, who until last year was one of two NOAA 'principal scientists' working on climate issues.

According to Bates, one key concern is the reliability of new data on sea temperatures issued in 2015. It turns out that when NOAA took reliable readings from buoys, but then adjusted them upwards - using readings from seawater intakes on ships that act as weather stations.

NOAA did this even though readings from the ships have long been known to be much warmer than actual ocean temperatures. Bates says the way those figures were chosen exaggerated global warming.

NOAA ignored protests by Dr. Bates, then held back publication of the data for several months, to intensify the impact. It also meant others skeptical of the data had no chance to examine or refute the figures.

Another flaw in the paper was that it used an untested experimental version of the data recording temperatures on land, which had not been properly archived and made accessible to other scientists.

This was a fundamental breach of the mandatory rules under NOAA's Climate Data Records program, which was devised by Bates.

So what does this mean for Americans? The Paris Agreement was intended to be the first step in a massive wealth redistribution program.

And like most ideas based in liberal progressivism, the argument was a lie. A lie intended to take money out of the hands of hard working people.

President Trump and other world leaders should tear up the Paris Agreement and focus on things that really make a difference in the lives of people.

The politicizing of U.S. agencies and organizations also needs to end. There has to be trust in agencies such as NOAA. But there is not. They too have been politicized to the point they are dishonest because they are desperate to believe a narrative. In the process of their quest, they've been caught deceiving the world. Now they join the legions of left-leaning organizations and agencies who'd rather lie and get their way than be honest and let the truth be known.

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Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

I know how men in exile feed on dreams of hope.
— Aeschylus

To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe.
— Anatole France

Dreams that do come true can be as unsettling as those that don't.
— Brett Butler

He felt that his whole life was some kind of dream and he sometimes wondered whose it was and whether they were enjoying it.
— Douglas Adams

You see things; and you say, 'Why?' But I dream things that never were; and I say, 'Why not?'
— George Bernard Shaw

They say dreams are the windows of the soul--take a peek and you can see the inner workings, the nuts and bolts.
— Henry Bromel

We need men who can dream of things that never were.
— John F. Kennedy

My bounce-around life had taught me that dreams were dangerous things - they look solid in your mind, but you just try to reach for them. It's like gathering clouds.
— Kirby Larson

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BOLIN-QUILLIN FAMILY

By
Clara Quillin McMahon

The Bolin/Quillin family of Floyd County, Texas was comprised of my grandparents, Samuel H. and Jane Russel Bolin. They-son Harvey H. Bolin, daughter Emma, her husband John H. Byington, small daughter, Maude-came from Lee County, Virginia, in 1901. They lived with relatives who had preceded them until they could establish their own homes. They bought adjoining sections of land seven miles east of Lockney and proceeded to dig "dugouts," which served as good shelters from severe winds and cold until supplies could be had for houses. Water was hauled from neighbors until deep wells could be drilled and windmills built. People were dependent on each other for help, close bonds were formed.

There were no trees, no wood for fuel. Coal was freighted from Plainview or Amarillo, the nearest railroad. There were no fences and cattle roamed and fed on open ranges, drinking from ponds formed by natural depressions. Each family had a brand to identify its herd. The waste from these herds provided "cow chips", gathered by wagons and pitch forks; a poor but necessary supplemental fuel for heating and cooking.

Harvey married Nelle Harper and built a house near his parents. In 1902, their son, John Bolin, wife, small daughter, Faye, came from Virginia. They stayed a short while and moved to Salem, Oregon. In 1908, their daughter Alice, husband A. L. Quillin, children, Clara, Ray and Claude, arrived from Virginia. We lived several months with my grandparents, attending a small one-teacher school. Later my father built a house in Lockney, where

he was active in building/selling, farming/ranching. In 1918 my father was stricken with the devastating flu that swept our county. He never regained his health. In 1919 he, my mother, Ray and Claude moved to Phoenix, Arizona, hoping a milder climate would be beneficial. His health continued to deteriorate until his death in 1922.

Ray entered the banking field and was employed by the Phoenix Savings and Trust Company until 1939, when he succumbed to a heart attack. He was married to Elizabeth Phillips, daughter of Governor John Phillips-no children. Claude graduated from Phoenix High School and Redlands University, Redlands, California, married Edna Elizabeth Wahmhoff. They had two daughters;

Elizabeth Haas and Virginia Roodhouse. Claude was employed by California Milling Corporation through-out his working life. In 1917 married David T. McMahon and moved away. I and our two sons, David T., Jr., M. D., and Leon, insurance specialist, live in San Antonio, my husband having died in 1979.

My grandfather spent his last days in Phoenix with my mother, Alice B. Quillin. His body was returned to Lockney for interment in the land he called home and where he had helped develop this rugged county.

As time passed, larger and better homes were built. Trees were planted around man-made water "tanks" that served for watering stock and breeding fish for food. Tools and machinery, wagons, buggies, and "the surrey, with the fringe on top" were acquired. The land was productive and when much later mass irrigation made large-scale farming possible, it was truly a land of plenty.

Applications Being Accepted for Texas Game Warden Cadet Class

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN — The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) is building its next generation of elite state law enforcement officers with the 62nd Texas Game Warden Cadet class. Applications are being accepted now through March 31.

"We are beginning the process of hiring and training the next generation of conservation law enforcement professionals. We encourage anyone interested in becoming a Texas Game Warden to apply," said Col. Craig Hunter, TPWD Law Enforcement Director. "Since 1895, Texas game wardens have protected the people of Texas through professional law enforcement services that include land, water and air

patrols; search and rescue; and tactical operations, all while working to conserve and protect the natural resources of our state."

Applicants must be 21 years of age before the projected graduation date of Aug. 2018, and have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university prior to Sept. 1, 2017. Applicants must also undergo a preliminary interview, background investigation and physical skills tests focusing on agility and swimming. Persons interested in strengthening their swimming skills should contact the American Red Cross to take a swimming course.

All cadets are required to live at the Game Warden Training Center near Hamilton, Texas, for the duration of the 30-week

training period.

After graduation, new game wardens will be assigned to vacant stations throughout Texas with the responsibility of protecting the state's natural resources. Game wardens also protect lives by enforcing the Water Safety Act and conducting standard peace officer duties.

Candidates can apply online. Application deadline for the 62nd Texas Game Warden Cadet class is March 31, 2017.

For more information, check the game warden website or contact Texas game warden recruiters Lt. Kevin Malonson at kevin.malonson@tpwd.texas.gov and game warden Eric Howard at eric.howard@tpwd.texas.gov, or call 877-229-2733.

Home Country

By Slim Randles

I don't mind Boots. He just curls up quietly against my belly and stays put. But sleeping with Desdemona can be a bit unnerving. She snores. Sometimes she gets little bad dreams and scratches me, too. But hey, I get to come in out of the cold and sleep with Aunt Ada's cats on her sofa, and a guy can tolerate a certain amount of cat snoring for that.

I was glad when I heard Aunt Ada pattering in the kitchen because I knew it was time to get up. After she let me out, she fed me, and let me tell you ... that kibble was just as good this morning as it was yesterday. And then she petted me, called me her dear Billy, and let me

out to do my rounds.

Don't let anyone tell you being the official town dog is easy. Nossirree. First, there are the kids. Me and Martin, the crossing guard, have to see them safely across the street and to school each morning. Must be band day, because I see a lot of instrument cases. Martin gets smiles from the children. I get smiles AND ear rumples, so what do you think of that!

Once those kids are safely across, the time is pretty much my own until the final bell rings in the afternoon. That would be after I get snacks at the back door of the Mule Barn and after my nap curled up against the brick wall of the drugstore downtown. You ever notice how those bricks hold the

sunshine in them? Better than that white wall on the newspaper office.

This is a good day to stop by the Rest of Your Life retirement home and check on Pop Walker and Mabel Adams. Oh, I make the rounds and check on everybody, of course, but I have to admit those two are my favorites.

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY — There are several things for you all to add to your calendar.

The Center will be open on President's Day, February 20th.

Bingo night will be the Tuesday, February 21 from 6-8 p.m. Come and joins us for some fun.

The Center will have their "Sunday Lunch" on February 26. We will be open from 11:30 - 1:30 p.m. We will serve fried chicken, mashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese, green

beans, gravy, salad, rolls, and dessert. Donations appreciated.

Our sympathy to the Mickey family. Jerry passed away and was buried here this past Friday. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in the coming days.

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 - 9:30 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

February 20 - February 24
Monday - BBQ
Tuesday - Baked potatoes
Wednesday - Meatloaf
Thursday - Tacos
Friday - Pulled pork
(Menus subject to change without notice)

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By LuAnn Collins
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA — "Bingo Night" is scheduled for the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Anyone ages 16 and over are welcome to come join us for a night full of fun! Refreshments will be available for purchase.

If you have never eaten with us, we invite you to join us from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. We think you will be pleased with the quality and quantity

of food you will receive.

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

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February 20 - February 24
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Tuesday - Baked chicken w/ gravy
Wednesday - Christi's beef enchiladas
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Hospice of Lubbock to Host 28th Annual Mayors' Beans & Cornbread Luncheon

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LUBBOCK - The 28th Annual Mayors' Beans & Cornbread Luncheon, the largest fundraiser of the year for Hospice of Lubbock, will take place from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. March 3 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Banquet Hall. The luncheon is hosted by mayors from all over the region. Hospice of Lubbock serves 19 surrounding counties, including Parmer, Bailey, Lamb, Hale, Floyd, Motley, Cochran, Hockley, Lubbock, Crosby, Dickens, Yoakum, Terry, Lynn, Garza, Kent, Gaines, Dawson and Borden.

Beans, cornbread, dessert

and drinks, catered by River Smith's, will be served at the luncheon. Patrons may add a Klemke's sausage link for \$2. Live music will be provided by the stars of the Cactus Theater and its house band, The Rhythm Machine.

A "Tip Your Waiter Contest" will also take place during the luncheon, with proceeds also going to Hospice of Lubbock. Local celebrities and community leaders comprise the wait staff. The waiter with the most tips wins a traveling "Golden Apron" trophy at a special presentation after the luncheon.

Luncheon tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at the door or by calling either

Hospice of Lubbock, (806) 795-2751 or the Covenant Foundation at (806) 725-6020. Sponsorships of the event are still available as well, by contacting the foundation.

This fundraising event raises money for Hospice of Lubbock's non-funded and under-funded hospice patients and families, Grief Recovery Center and Children's Grief Camp each summer. Hospice of Lubbock is the region's only nonprofit adult and pediatric hospice since 1987.

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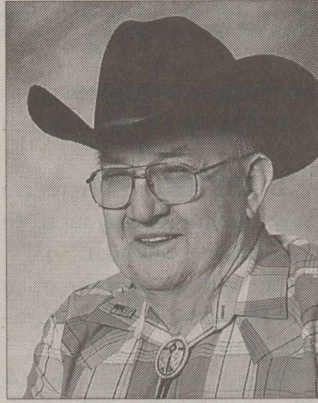
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OBITUARIES/CHURCH

William O. "Windy" Clarke

William O. "Windy" Clarke, age 94, passed away on Tuesday, February 7, 2017. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, February 9, 2017 at the First Baptist Church in Lockney. Interment followed at the Lockney Cemetery. Arrangements were under the personal care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Lockney. Mr. Clarke was born November 2, 1922 in Pink-

eville, Kentucky to Guy M. and Lillie Belle (Oliver) Clarke and graduated Salem High School in 1936. He served in the US Army, 1942-1946 in North Africa and Germany. He married Edythe Myers in 1947 and they moved to Lockney in 1955. She preceded him in death, December 5, 2007. Windy is survived by three grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and two nephews.



WILLIAM O. "WINDY" CLARKE

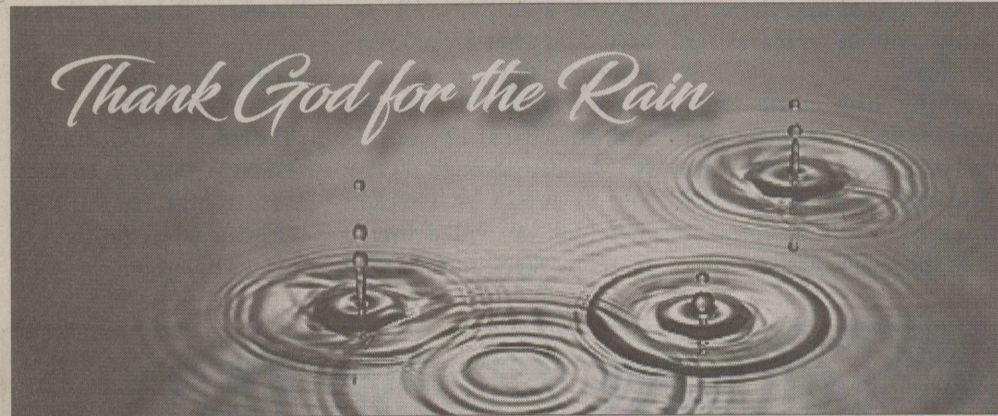
Memorials may be made to Lockney Cemetery Association or the Lockney Senior Citizens.

More tornadoes expected in 2017

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon
COLLEGE STATION—While 2016 was one of the quietest years for tornadoes since modern record keeping began in 1954, don't expect the trend to continue in 2017. "We've shifted to a weak

La Niña (cooler waters in the Central Pacific), which suggests more typical numbers of tornadoes could occur this year," said Chris Nowotarski, assistant professor of atmosphere science at Texas A&M. The reason for the reductions last year was likely that

a strong El Niño occurred in the first half of the year. Even better news was that only 17 deaths in the U.S. occurred from tornadoes, the fewest in 30 years. Texas had 90 tornadoes reported in 2016, which was well below the average number of 140 in a typical year.



What Leads to Life?

Life - isn't that something you already have? Isn't it the breathing of our lungs, the beating of our hearts, and the triggered electrical impulses of our nervous system? Isn't that life? If we were to speak in biological terms, yes; that is life. However, you and I know many people who - although they draw breath - have yet to really live. Moreover, many people who have a heartbeat do not feel that they belong in the life in which they - biologically - live. Indeed, many people exist; few people live.

Life - isn't that presence? What - per Scripture - leads to life? "Whoever heeds instruction is on the path to life..." (Prov. 10:17). "The wage of the righteous leads to life..." (Prov. 10:16). "The fear of the LORD leads to life, and whoever has it rests satisfied; he will not be visited by harm" (Prov. 19:23). *Listening, learning, working, revering* - these are "eternal life words." You and I will only have true life when we respect God enough to humble ourselves into loving submission to Him.

Do you hear with spiritual ears the call to live? "Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away / Change and decay in all around I see," wrote H.F. Lyte as he lay dying of tuberculosis. It took his own looming biological death for Lyte to have the words to describe the essence of true life: abiding in the presence of God.

The humility which leads to eternal life is so potent and stark that it means only one thing for ourselves and our own worldliness: death. Paul wrote, "What you sow does not come to life unless it dies" (I Cor. 15:36). You and I cannot have spiritual, eternal, quality life until we're fully ready to leave the old life behind and bury it, recognizing its vain emptiness. When we are ready to sincerely make such a commitment, God will help us by His grace. "...God has granted repentance that leads to life" (Ac. 11:18).

"And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent," Jesus prayed (Jn. 17:3). He, too, saw back into the world unseen and having seen God, he holds the curtain back, revealing to us His divine Father. Jesus is not speaking of a certain duration of life ("eternal"), but he's speaking of a lovely quality of life - life as it ought to be, life in the lavish richness of God (cf. Eph. 1:3-14).

"Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few" (Mt. 7:13f).

How, then, shall we make our way towards this Father God and this true life which so saturates His

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

Faith Without Fanfare

Jesus said, "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." —Matthew 28:20 (KJV)

When I was a young girl, I thought God lived at our church. Our family resided on Eton Way, and I believed that God made a home in a brown building on Crofton Parkway. After all, that was the place where most people dressed well and acted with kindness and patience, as if God had an eye on them on Sunday mornings.

As I grew older, I learned that God is everywhere and actually resides within us if we invite the Lord into our hearts. God is always with us and watches over us all the time. I remember being amazed when I became aware that God is sincerely interested in us every day, not only when we're

wearing our Sunday best. God sees into our hearts and knows our innermost thoughts every day of the week.

God also smiles when we perform small acts of kindness behind the scenes, without expecting anything in return. God approves of our selflessly helping an elderly neighbor carry her groceries, our generously feeding a stray cat every night, or our silently praying for a stranger. I'm glad to know that God's presence is not limited to one address or to one day of the week.

Kay L. Campbell (Connecticut, USA)

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Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Bible Study - 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening - 7 p.m.

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Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

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Lockney
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Afternoon Worship - 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service - 7:30 p.m.

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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
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Tim Franks, Pastor
Logan Lamb, Min. Students
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Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

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

First United Methodist Church
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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
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Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
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Tuesday - 8 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

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Wednesday Study - 6 p.m.

New Salem Primitive Baptist Church
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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
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Spanish - 9:30 a.m.
English - 11 a.m.
Evening Service 5 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
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Rev. Ike Tempozaza
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
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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.
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Evening Worship - 5 p.m.
Wed Service - 7 p.m.

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

Trinity Assembly
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Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 6 p.m.

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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

Commissioners Hear About Apex Expansion Plans

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

Representatives of Apex Clean Energy visited with the commissioners' court about their Pumpkin Farms windmill farm in the February monthly meeting on Monday, Feb. 13.

The windfarm was originally expected to be a 280 mega-watt facility. Now developers anticipate that the farm will be a 300 to 320 mega-watt facility and they will need to work

with the county to update, modify, and get approval of agreements. In addition, commissioner Lindan Morris asked to be recused on any voting regarding Pumpkin Farms since he has land that is affected by the development.

Apex representatives noted that their two other windfarms in Floyd County—Old Settlers and Cotton Plains—should be operational in 30 days. Pumpkin Farms hopes to amend its financial closing in December and plans to be operational in mid-2018.

In other court action, commissioners agreed to pursue legal counsel in evaluating landfills and subdivisions regulations. County Judge Marty Lucke gave an example of developers from Lubbock extending subdivisions into Lynn County without water or sewer infrastructure in place, and the potential hardships such actions could cause. Precinct 1 commissioner Tanner Smith expressed concerns about Amarillo area landfills possibly encroaching upon Floyd County. The court agreed that

policies needed to be in place and voted for the county judge to seek legal input.

Commissioners agreed to a legal review of inter-local agreements with the cities of Lockney and Floydada. Lucke noted that Lockney is in the process of converting to a city manager form of government, and is conducting a search for a city manager. It currently has an interim city manager, Courtney Paz with the South Plains Association of Governments. She is in Lockney one day a week.

Crosbyton Students Win 2017 H2YOU Contest

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LUBBOCK TX – A group of Crosbyton High School students are winners of the 2017 H2YOU water conservation awareness contest, sponsored by the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District (HPWD) in Lubbock.

Timothy Appling, Briana Garcia, Kenley Henn, and Rose Williams presented their municipal water conservation campaign to a panel of judges at the HPWD office on January 30. Sharon West and Ben Stokes of Crosbyton Independent School District are the team sponsors.

Judges were: Mary Jane Buerkle, Director of Communications and Public Affairs, Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.; Matt Ernst, Chief Meteorologist, FOX34; Molly Morris, Conservation Program Educator, City of Lubbock Water Utilities; and Aubrey Spear, P. E., Director of Utilities for the City of Lubbock. Spear is also chairman of the Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group ("Region O").

Using the theme, "Investigating Possibilities," the stu-

dents examined the City of Crosbyton's current water resources and explored potential water conservation strategies. This included: 1) a possible retrofit of the existing water treatment plant at White River Lake for greater efficiency and 2) non-potable reuse of treated wastewater by the City of Crosbyton.

"Water equates life. Water conservation must be everyone's problem, and everyone must be part of the solution. . . The possibilities are endless if the desire (for water conservation) is there before the emergency arises," the students wrote in their proposal.

The Crosbyton High School seniors earned an all-expense paid trip to Austin, where they will present their municipal water conservation campaign to their state representative and/or members of the Texas Water Development Board. They will also give their presentation at an upcoming meeting of the HPWD Board of Directors.

This is the third consecutive year that Crosbyton ISD students have won the contest. "Year One addressed innovation in the areas of agriculture. Year Two addressed the residential aspects through teach-

ing the youth water saving techniques. Year Three focuses on the municipality of Crosbyton. Together, the possibilities are endless," states the students' proposal.

Second place honors went to Aubrie Fields, Tucker Howell, Callen Netherland, and Emma Rich of Sudan. The four FFA members discussed the role of subsurface drip irrigation (SDI) in reducing groundwater waste and increasing crop yield.

"The HPWD Board of Directors and staff commend the student teams for their hard work, insight, and dedication in addressing water conservation issues. The judges were very impressed with the students and their presentations," said Katherine Drury, HPWD Education and Outreach Coordinator.

Created in 1951 by local residents and the State Legislature, the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 is charged with the responsibility of conserving, preserving, protecting, and preventing waste of groundwater in aquifers within its 16-county service area. HPWD is the first groundwater conservation district created in Texas.

Texas Wheat announces election

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AMARILLO—The Texas Wheat Producers Board (TWPB) will hold its biennial election to elect five board members to fill expiring positions. The election, to be held by mail, officially begins March 24 and will conclude April 7.

Terms expiring in 2017 include Collin Bowers of District I, David Cleavinger of District II, Jody Bellah of District III,

Glen Gibson of District IV and Gary Murphy of District IV.

Any person who is engaged in commercial wheat production in Texas is eligible to vote for the district in which they reside. This includes owners of farms and their tenants and share croppers if they are subject to paying the assessment that is collected on wheat within their county.

Knox County is in District III with Childress, Hardeman,

Foard, Throckmorton, Haskell, Archer, Baylor, Wichita, Young and Clay.

Ballots are available from the Texas AgriLife Extension Service and Farm Service Agency offices in each Texas county, local elevators or by mail from the TWPB office between March 24 and April 7. Ballots must be mailed to the TWPB, 5405 West I-40, Amarillo, Texas 79106, and will not be valid with a postmark date later than April 7.

New champion tree has ties to forestry of the past

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — A loblolly pine on the T.L.L. Temple Foundation Boggy Slough Conservation Area west of Lubbock was recently confirmed by Texas A&M Forest Service to be the largest of its kind in the state.

Located within 200 feet of Cochino Bayou, a prominent waterway, the champion loblolly stands as a symbol of the oldest forest growth in Texas. Due to the presence of an old abandoned tram right-of-way, it is believed that this area was last logged for both hardwood and pine more than 100 years ago. This tree was likely one of the first to regenerate following logging in the late 1800s.

"Although all trees have value as they provide many environmental, economic and social benefits to Texans, big trees have big value," said Texas A&M Forest Service Partnership Coordinator Gretchen Riley. "This big loblolly pine stands in a place that could arguably be called the birthplace of Texas forestry and connects past industry with present conservation values. I'm thrilled to crown it the state champion."

When a potential champion tree is located, a precise measuring process is utilized to determine a tree index number. The number is found by combining the trunk circumference in inches with the total height of the tree in feet, plus one-quarter of the average crown spread in feet. The former champion, located in Rusk County, was most recently measured in May 2013 and has an index of 309 points.

The new champion, standing at 138 feet, was nominated by

Robert Sanders, Director of Forest and Wildlife Management at the T.L.L. Temple Foundation's Boggy Slough Conservation Area. With a circumference of 178 inches and a crown spread of 65 feet, the new champion has a tree index of 332 points.

Originally purchased in the early 1900s as part of the Southern Pine Lumber Company, Boggy Slough is an approximately 20,000 acre tract located in east Texas along the Neches River. The Southern Pine Lumber Company would become the Temple-Inland Corporation and was purchased by International Paper in 2012. Ultimately, the tract would be purchased by the T.L.L. Temple Foundation in 2013.

After the tract was purchased by the T.L.L. Temple Foundation, management priorities shifted from a focus on commercial timber production to a more balanced approach that promotes ecosystem health while maintaining the land as a working forest. In 2016, a conservation easement was placed on the property in cooperation with the Conservation Fund, allowing the property and its conservation value to be protected in perpetuity.

"The Boggy Slough Conservation Area aspires to be a model for conservation and land management that connect nature to our communities," said Wynn Rosser, President and CEO of the T.L.L.

Temple Foundation.

Originally, loblolly pine, known officially as *Pinus taeda*, was commonly found along banks of streams in virgin forests of Texas. Today, this large, fast-growing tree species is now the dominant pine across the state, and is considered to be the most commercially valuable of the southern pines. The wood has a wide range of uses including lumber, pulp, boxes, cross-ties, posts and fuel.

Upon proclamation as a champion, this tree was added to the latest edition of the Texas Big Tree Registry, a listing of the largest specimen of every native or naturalized tree species found in the state.

The purpose of the Big Tree Registry is twofold — to stimulate a greater public appreciation of trees and to recognize owners and nominators of the state's largest trees. The registry is published quarterly on the Texas A&M Forest Service Big Tree Registry page.

Currently, Texas A&M Forest Service recognizes 320 native or naturalized tree species that qualify for the list. Of these, 85 are current national champions or co-champions listed in the 2016 National Register of Big Trees published by the conservation group American Forests. The largest loblolly in the nation, with an index score of 343, was crowned in 2016 and is located in Northampton, Virginia.

South Plains Profitability Workshop set for Feb. 21

By Steve Byrns

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LUBBOCK – The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct the South Plains Profitability Workshop beginning at 9 a.m. Feb. 21 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Lubbock.

The center is located on Farm-to-Market 1294 a quarter mile east of Interstate 27 north of the Lubbock airport.

"Lubbock County and other South Plains producers continue to face stressful times due to depressed commodity prices and a reduced safety net," said Dr. Jackie Smith, AgriLife Extension economist at Lubbock. "Even though 2016 was more favorable than the pre-

vious two years, producers will still be looking for and considering decisions that could cut costs or improve yields.

"They will also be considering alternative crops. So the purpose of this workshop is to help them weigh their options from a strictly economic standpoint."

Smith will be joined in teaching the workshop by Jeff Pate and Will Keeling, both AgriLife Extension risk management specialists at Lubbock.

Smith said another workshop is scheduled for March in Littlefield. The crop spreadsheet budgets used for the workshops will be available by Feb. 10 at <http://southplainsprofit.tamu.edu/>.

"The profitability tool is a set of crop spreadsheet budgets tied together in one file to allow quick and easy comparison of different crops," Smith said. "The primary objective of this workshop — and those in the future — is to introduce participants to the bud-

get spreadsheet so they can compare the profitability of various alternative crops."

Each participant will receive a thumb drive containing the budget spreadsheet, Smith said. Participants are also welcome to bring their own computers.

Smith said there is no charge for the workshop, and lunch will be provided.

For more information, contact Smith at 806-746-6101.

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FLOYDADA SCHOOL NEWS

Floydada Graduate to be Inducted to LISD Athletic Hall of Honor

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

The Lubbock ISD Athletic Hall of Honor has formally announced the seven Lubbock ISD athletic greats that will make up their seventh class. The 2017 class will be inducted during a ceremony in June.

The seven-member group is a mix of players and longtime supporters from various LISD sports. The induction will include former Monterey High School baseball player Steve Coleman, former MHS baseball and basketball player Clint Bryant, former Lubbock High School tennis player Jill Philbrick Gentry, former Estacado High School football player Fred White, former Coronado High School basketball player Erika Valek, former Dunbar High School football and track star James Ray Jackson, and longtime LISD athletics supporter John Cardinal.

John Cardinal

John Cardinal has been a longtime supporter of Lubbock ISD athletics. He is the founder of Cardinal's Sport Center, and has always looked for ways to help the school district.

Cardinal is a 1943 graduate of Floydada High

School. He joined the Navy and was deployed to the South Pacific during World War II as part of the first task force to enter Japan. Following his discharge from the Navy in 1946, he enrolled at West Texas State College (now West Texas A&M). He was offered a football scholarship after the WT Football Coach noticed Cardinal playing intramurals.

After college, Cardinal became the assistant football coach at Snyder High School from 1950-1951. From 1951-1952, he was the head football coach at Springlake-Earth High School. He went on to coach at Canadian High School, where he later was the principal from 1956-1959.

Cardinal moved from education, into business. He joined Buck's Sporting Goods in Amarillo in 1959, where he spent the next ten years as a salesman working with schools throughout West Texas.

In 1969, Cardinal purchased a sporting goods store in Lubbock that would become Cardinal's Sport Center. Cardinal's has had a business relationship with Lubbock ISD since 1969, and has continually supported the district

through advertising and other fundraisers.

In 1986, Cardinal became an integral part of developing a group of companies, under the name Sports, Inc., into a billion-dollar corporation. He served as president of their athletic division for 6 years.

While developing his business, Cardinal still made time for student athletes and coaches. He made available the opportunity for local retired coaches to share coffee on Tuesday mornings. This led to charity work by the group, and Cardinal's "Turkey Project," which benefited many LISD families.

Indicative of his work, he was inducted into the Texas High School Coaches Association Hall of Honor in 2004. Cardinal was also awarded the Greg Sherwood Service Award by the ASCO West Texas Football Classic in 2014.

Cardinal married his late wife Kathleen Grady in 1948. They have three children and eight grandchildren. Two of their children and six of their grandchildren graduated from Monterey High school. The Cardinals were actively involved in LISD football, basketball, tennis and golf.

Whirlwinds overpower Jackrabbits

By Charles Keaton

The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - Floydada jumped on the Ralls Jackrabbits early and cruised to a 56-23 District 4-2A victory.

In the first quarter, the Whirlwinds controlled the ball

throughout the quarter, outscoring Ralls 13-2 behind four points from Abraham Perez.

Floydada outscored the Jackrabbits 14-8 in the second quarter to take a 27-10 lead at halftime. Perez led the way with five points.

After halftime, the Whirl-

winds were still controlling the game, outscoring Ralls 15-5 to take a 42-15 lead after the third quarter. Perez paced the way with five more points.

In the fourth quarter, Floydada extended their lead 14-8 to complete the 56-23 victory. Remington Ricketts scored six points to lead the Whirlwinds.

Overall, Floydada shot 32 percent and grabbed 48 rebounds. Ralls shot 19 percent and grabbed 33 percent.

Individually for Floydada, Perez scored 14 points, Ricketts scored nine points, Jesse Segura and Garrett Hobbs scored seven points, Albert DeHoyos and Brayden Campbell scored six points each, Eric Johnston scored four points and Jordan Mendoza scored three points.

Individually for Ralls, Abel Van Gundy scored nine points, J Martinez scored seven points, X Yocom, D Reyes and Z Martinez scored two points each and Joseph Morales scored one point.

Lady Winds fall to Ralls

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - In their final District 4-2A game of the year, the Floydada Lady Winds fell to the Ralls Lady Rabbits, 42-40. The Lady Winds finished in fourth place in the District.

Floydada jumped out to an early 9-6 lead after the first quarter behind five points from Brooke Galvan.

In the second quarter, Ralls outscored the Lady Winds, 11-10 but Floydada still held a 19-17 lead at halftime. Valerie Espinosa led Floydada with four points in the quarter.

The Lady Winds extended their lead in the third quarter, outscoring Ralls 13-8, to take a 32-25 lead. Galvan led the scoring for Floydada with four points.

The Lady Rabbits came from behind in the fourth quarter, out-

scoring the Lady Winds 17-8, to claim the 42-40 victory. Kaylee Morren led the Lady Winds with four points.

For the game, the Floydada Lady Winds shot 20 percent from the field and grabbed 50 rebounds. The Ralls Lady Rabbits shot 27 percent and grabbed 47 rebounds.

Individually for the Lady Winds, Galvan scored 12 points, Morren scored 10 points, Valerie Espinosa scored nine points, Britney Pena and Kylie Ricketts each scored four points and Selena Espinosa scored one point.

Individually for the Lady Rabbits, Franki Torres and Brisa Moreno each scored 10 points, Bella Samarripas and MaKendall Smith each scored six points, Katherine Sanchez scored four points and Isabel Lara, Virginia Meza and Grace Cavazos each scored two points.

In District 4-2A, Abernathy fin-

ished first at 10-0, Post and New Deal finished at 7-3, Floydada finished at 3-7, Ralls finished at 2-8 and Crosbyton finished at 1-9. Post defeated New Deal in a seeding game to take the second seed.

In Bi-District action, Abernathy played Olton Feb. 13, Floydada played Farwell Feb. 13, Post played Lockney Feb. 14 and New Deal played Sudan Feb. 14.

In Area action the winner of Abernathy/Olton plays the winner of Gruver/Clarendon; the Floydada/Farwell winner plays the Gruver/Clarendon winner; the winner of Post/Lockney plays the winner of Stratford/Wellington; and the winner of New Deal/Sudan plays the winner of Claude/Boys Ranch. Area action takes place Feb. 16-18. Quarterfinals will be played Feb. 20-21 and the Regional Tournament takes place Feb. 24-25 at South Plains College in Levelland.

Whirlwinds stumble against Antelopes

By Charles Keaton

The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - Floydada could not overcome an early deficit as the Abernathy Antelopes claimed at 58-50 District 4-2A victory.

The Antelopes jumped out to an 18-11 lead after the first quarter. Three different players scored three points each to the Whirlwinds.

In the second quarter, Floydada outscored Abernathy 13-10 but trailed at halftime 28-24. Remington Ricketts scored six points to lead the Whirlwinds.

Abernathy outscored Floydada

13-12 in the third quarter to extend their lead to 41-36. Garrett Hobbs scored four points to lead the Whirlwinds.

The Antelopes continue to extend their lead, outscoring Floydada 17-14 in the fourth quarter and claiming the 58-50 victory. Hobbs scored six points for the Whirlwinds.

For the game, Floydada shot 41 percent and grabbed 28 rebounds. Abernathy shot 43 percent and grabbed 33 rebounds.

Individually for Floydada, Hobbs scored 15 points, Ricketts scored 13 points, Abraham Perez scored 12 points, Albert DeHoyos scored five points and

Jesse Segura scored three points. Individually for Abernathy, Bryson Daily scored 28 points, Kole Kurklin scored 17, Xavier Rivera scored 10 points and Joseph Sanchez scored three points.

In District, New Deal is 9-0, Post 6-3, Abernathy 5-4, Floydada 4-5, Ralls and Crosbyton 1-8. On Feb. 14, Floydada was scheduled to play Post, New Deal was to play Ralls and Abernathy was to play Crosbyton. New Deal, Post, Abernathy and Floydada have all clinched playoff spots. In District 3-2A, Lockney is in first, Farwell is second, Olton is third and Bovina is fourth.

2017 Floydada Baseball Schedule

DATE	DAY	TIME	TEAM	SITE	Var./JV
Jan. 27	Fri.		First Practice		
Feb. 6	Mon.	4:00	Childress/Clarendon	Childress	Var./JV
Feb. 11	Sat.	12:00	Slaton	Floydada	Var./JV
Feb. 13	Mon.	4:00	Idalou	Idalou	Var./JV
Feb. 18	Sat.		Alumni Game	Floydada	Var.
Feb. 23-25			Shallowater Tourn.		Var.
Feb. 27	Mon.	4:00	Roosevelt	Floydada	JV
Mar. 2&4			Childress Tourn.		Var.
Mar. 6	Mon.	6:00	Roosevelt	Roosevelt	JV
Mar. 14	Tue.	5:00	New Deal	Floydada	Var./JV
Mar. 18	Sat.	11:00	Lockney	Lockney	Var./JV
Mar. 21	Tue.	5:00	Crosbyton	Floydada	Var./JV
Mar. 25	Sat.	11:00	Abernathy	Abernathy(DH)	Var./Var./JV
Mar. 28	Tue.	5:00	SpringLake Earth	Springlake Earth	Var./JV
Apr. 1	Sat.	11:00	Hale Center	Floydada(DH)	Var./Var./JV
Apr. 4	Tue.	5:00	New Deal	New Deal	Var./JV
Apr. 8	Sat.	11:00	Olton	Olton(DH)	Var./Var./JV
Apr. 11	Tue.	5:00	Lockney	Floydada	Var./JV
Apr. 15	Sat.	11:00	Ralls	Floydada(DH)	Var./Var./JV
Apr. 18	Tue.	4:00	Crosbyton	Crosbyton	Var./JV
Apr. 22	Sat.	1:00	Lubbock Trinity	Floydada	Var.
Apr. 25	Tue.	5:00	SpringLake Earth	Floydada	Var./JV

District Games in **BOLD**



FLOYDADA ISD SPRING SEMESTER IMPORTANT DATES

February 20 - No School

March 13-17 - Spring Break

March 28 - STAAR exams - 7th Writing, 8th Math, 9th ELA

March 29 - STAAR exam - 8th Reading

March 30 - ELA II - STAAR exam

April 7 & 8 - UIL Regionals

April 17-18 - Tennis Regionals

April 18 - UIL Band

April 21-22 - State UIL

May 1-4 - STAAR exams -

Algebra 1, Biology, U.S. History

May 4 - Academic Banquet

May 5 - Junior High Awards Assembly

May 6 - Junior/Senior Prom

May 8 - Athletic Banquet

May 8-11 - STAAR exams - 7th Math, 8th Science, 8th History, 8th Reading, 8th Math

May 12 - Senior Trip

May 14 - Baccalaureate - 6 p.m.

May 15 - Graduation practice - 8:30 a.m.

May 15 - Junior High Field Trip - (The grade level must have 97% attendance for the spring semester)

May 18 - Graduation - 6 p.m.

June 19 - STAAR Retest, ELA, U.S. History

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

February 20 - February 24

Monday

NO SCHOOL - STUDENT HOLIDAY

Tuesday

Breakfast - Banana loaf, cereal, fresh fruit, milk

Lunch - Chicken Alfredo w/breadstick, pepperoni pizza, seasoned

green beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast - Morning sausage roll, cereal, fresh fruit, milk

Lunch - Fajita chicken baked potato w/biscuit, chicken corn dog,

Spicy pinto beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Thursday

Breakfast - Bean & cheese burrito, cereal, fresh fruit, milk

Lunch - Country fried steak w/roll, cheeseburger, seasoned mashed potatoes, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Friday

Breakfast - Apple Frudel, cereal, fresh fruit, milk

Lunch - Red chili chicken, enchiladas w/rice, hamburger, Peppered broccoli florets, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk



2017 FLOYDADA HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADER/MASCOT TRYOUT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2017
ALL applications DUE by 4 p.m. to Mrs. Johnston
NO APPLICATION = NO TRYOUT = NO EXCEPTIONS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2017
Parent/Candidate Meeting - 6 p.m. in FHS Library (MANDATORY for parent, guardian AND candidate)
**MANDATORY candidate practice, for ALL candidates during parent meeting.

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2017
MANDATORY Judge and Student Body Judging at the FHS Whirlwind Gym
11:21 - 11:51 a.m. - High School candidates in the Whirlwind Gym
2:40 - 1:14 p.m. - Junior High School candidates in the Whirlwind Gym

LOCKNEY SCHOOL NEWS

Lockney School Board extends Principals, AD

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – Meeting in regular session on Feb. 9, the Lockney School Board approved contract extensions for Principals Todd Hallmark, Craig Setliff and Jean Anne Williams and Athletic Director Malcom Moerbe.

In other action, the Board approved the initiation of the bond programs approved in the May 7, 2016 election. Hellas Construction was selected as the construction company for the improvements to all the athletic facilities. Also, the Board approved the purchase of budgeted items with funds from the revenue protection pay-

ments from the wind turbine projects. The Board approved the purchase of two 46-passenger Blue Bird activity buses through the Buy Board Purchasing Co-op.

The Board also approved the bills, financial report and investments of \$3,686,537.24. The resignation of Racheal Kasner was accepted. Kenton Hooten was approved as the Designated Asbestos Management Plan Manager.

The Board officially called for a School Board election on May 6, 2017 for the Place 5 seat and one at-large seat.

The Board issued calls for bids to replace the heating and air conditioning units throughout the District; to

purchase two Suburbans or equivalent vehicles; and to purchase a 4-wheel drive, 4-door diesel pick up for the Ag program.

Superintendent Phil Cotham reported a total enrollment of 459 students: 232 in elementary, 106 in junior high and 121 in high school.

Cotham also told the Board that over 20 resumes have been received for the Superintendent's vacancy. The Board will meet on March 2 to review all applicants received and begin selecting those candidates to call in for interviews.

The next regular Board meeting will be March 9 at 7:00 P.M.

31 LHS Students Compete at Wildcat Invitational Meet

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

Thirty-one Lockney High students competed at the Wildcat Academic Invitational meet Saturday, Feb. 11.

In Accounting, Lizzie Belt placed 6th.

The Literary Criticism team placed 2nd with Lyndee Setliff placing 5th and Lizzie Belt 6th.

In Number Sense, Seattle

Jackson placed 3rd in 12th grade and 6th overall. Diego Azua placed 3rd in 9th grade. Freddie Bueno placed 5th in 11th grade and Skyler Dunn finished 5th in 12th grade.

In Science, Seattle Jackson placed 2nd in 12th grade and 2nd overall. Diego Azua placed 6th in 9th grade and Fernando Valdez placed 4th in 10th grade. The team

placed 3rd.

In Math, Diego Azua placed 2nd in 9th grade.

Emilie Encizo placed 2nd in Headline Writing, 3rd in Editorial and Feature Writing.

Luke Kasner finished 2nd and Lyndee Setliff placed 5th in Prose.

The Math and Science teams will compete at Tech this Saturday February 18.

Longhorns sting Hornets 67-36

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – Taking a 42-14 lead into the locker room, the Lockney Longhorns maintained their first place standing by taking down the Sudan Hornets 67-36 in a District 3-2A contest.

In the first quarter, the Longhorns took a 19-5 lead. Trevor Ascensio led the Horns with five points in the quarter.

Lockney continued to stretch their lead in the second quarter, outscoring Sudan 23-9 to take a 42-14

halftime lead. Jaden Butler scored eight points in the quarter to lead Lockney.

Outscoring Sudan 19-10, the Longhorns stretched their lead to 61-24 after three quarters. Jonathan Rodriguez paced Lockney with five points in the quarter.

Sudan managed to outscore Lockney 12-6 in the fourth quarter but the Longhorns claimed the 67-36 victory. Ethan Fernandez scored four points to lead the Longhorns.

For the game, Lockney shot 42 percent and grabbed 47 rebounds. Sudan shot 24 percent and

grabbed 35 rebounds.

Individually for Lockney, Jaden Rosales scored 12 points, Rodriguez scored 11 points, Israel Cuellar and Butler each scored eight points, Ascensio scored seven points, Bryson Walker scored five points, Fernandez, Kevin Lopez and Tavien Walrath scored four points, and Chris Emert and Luke Kasner scored two points each.

Individually for Sudan, #21 scored 16 points, #11 scored eight points, #1 scored six points, #15 scored four points and #3 scored two points.

South Plains College seeks Distinguished Alumni nominations

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LEVELLAND – The South Plains College Office of Development and Alumni Relations has opened nominations for the 2017 Distinguished Alumni honor. The honorees will be recognized at the annual Employee Recognition Banquet as well as the 59th Annual Commencement Ceremonies on the Levelland campus.

"We are truly looking forward to the opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of former SPC students," said Stephanie Smith, alumni coordinator at SPC. "Our goal is to

honor a group of alumni every year. We have a large alumni base and they are doing wonderful things in their chosen professions."

Smith said nominations are open to all former students of SPC that have made noteworthy accomplishments in their communities and their professional careers. Past honorees include pharmacists, educators, philanthropists and medical professionals. The honor is not limited to any specific field or profession.

Nominations will be accepted through March 10, 2017.

For more information and to obtain nomination forms, please contact Smith at (806)716-2103 or by email at slsmith@southplainscollege.edu.

2017 Lockney Baseball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
February 24	Memphis	5:00
February 28	Kress	6:00
March 2 nd -4 th	@Tulia Tournament	TBA
March 10	Hermeleigh (@Post)	4:30
March 11	Lockney Alumni Game	Events start @ 10:30 am
March 14	@*Ralls	5:00
March 18	*Floydada	12:00
March 21	@*New Deal	5:00
March 25	@ Crosbyton (DH)	12:00
April 1	*Springlake-Earth (DH)	12:00
April 4	*Ralls	5:00
April 8	@*Abernathy (DH)	12:00
April 11	@*Floydada	5:00
April 15	*Hale Center (DH)	12:00
April 18	*New Deal	5:00
April 22	@*Olton (DH)	12:00

District Games in **BOLD**

2017 Lockney Softball Schedule

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT/SITE	TEAM	TIME
Tuesday	2-14	@Seagraves	V/JV	4:30
Saturday	2-18	Lubbock Titans	V/JV	1:00
Monday	2-20	Lubbock Roosevelt	V/JV	4:00
Thur-Sat	2/23 - 2/25	Slaton Tourney	V	TBA
Tuesday	2-28	Idalou	V/JV	4:00
Saturday	3-4	*New Deal	V/JV	11:00
Tuesday	3-7	@*Crosbyton	V/JV	5:00
Saturday	3-11	*Ralls	V/JV	11:00
Thursday	3-16	@*Floydada	V/JV	5:00
Tuesday	3-21	*Hale Center	V/JV	5:00
Saturday	3-25	@*Abernathy	V/JV	11:00
Tuesday	3-28	@*New Deal	V/JV	5:00
Saturday	4-1	*Crosbyton	V/JV	11:00
Tuesday	4-4	@*Ralls	V/JV	5:00
Saturday	4-8	*Floydada	V/JV	11:00
Saturday	4-15	@*Hale Center	V/JV	11:00
Tuesday	4-18	*Abernathy	V/JV	5:00

District Games in **BOLD**

LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU

February 20 – 24

Monday, Feb. 20

Breakfast – Pancakes Wrap, Yogurt, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch – Lasagna or Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Roll, Salad, Tuscan Veggies, Fresh Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, Feb. 21

Breakfast – Chicken-n-Biscuit, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch – Asian Bowl and Egg Roll or Pizza Choice, Baby Carrots, Steamed Broccoli, Pineapple, Sugar Cookie, Milk

Wednesday, Feb. 22

Breakfast – French Toast, Sausage, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch – Tex-Mex Stack or Chicken Fajitas, Garnish, Refried Beans, Salsa, Tomato Cup, Hot Cinnamon Apples, Milk

Thursday, Feb. 23

Breakfast – Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch – Hamburger with Cheese or Pig in a Blanket, Oven Fries, Veggie Cup, Orange Smiles, Milk

Friday, Feb. 24

Breakfast – Dutch Waffle, Bacon, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch – Chicken Parmesan with Garden Salad or Pulled Pork Slider with Chips, Coleslaw Green Beans, Apple Slices, Milk

Texas Prepaid Tuition Program Enrollment Deadline Approaches

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

(AUSTIN) — Texas families can lock in the cost of undergraduate tuition at Texas public colleges and universities by enrolling their children in the tax-advantaged Texas Tuition Promise Fund® prior to the close of the current enrollment period, which ends Feb. 28.

The Texas Tuition Promise Fund, the state's prepaid college tuition program, allows participants to prepay undergraduate tuition and school-wide required fees for a four-year degree, two years of community college or just a few semesters at Texas public colleges and universities by purchasing tuition units.

"I'm encouraging Texas

families and individuals to remember the upcoming deadline to prepay and lock in today's rates for all or some future tuition at any two- or four-year Texas public college or university," Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said.

Enrollment in the program at 2016-17 prices closes the last day in February. This deadline extends to July 31

for children younger than 1. The next annual enrollment period begins Sept. 1, with new contract prices based on Texas public college costs for the 2017-18 academic year.

Complete plan information, current prices, enrollment forms and more are available online at TuitionPromise.org, or call 1-800-445-GRAD (4723), Option 5.

SCHOOL NEWS

2017 Floydada Softball Schedule

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	TEAM	PLACE	TIME
February 2	Thursday	Littlefield (scrimmage)	Varsity	Floydada	5:00
February 9	Thursday	Childress (S)	Var / JV	Childress	5:00 / 7:00
February 11	Saturday	Denver City, Roosevelt (S)	Var / JV	Roosevelt	10:00 a.m.
February 13	Monday	Tulia	JV / Var	Floydada	5:00 / 7:00
February 17	Friday	Littlefield	Var / JV	Littlefield	5:00 / 7:00
February 18	Saturday	Alumni Game	Varsity	Floydada	7:00 p.m.
February 21	Tuesday	Slaton	Var / JV	Slaton	5:00 / 7:00
February 24	Friday	San-Ford Fritch Tourney	Varsity	Fritch	9:45-11:15 am 11:30-1:00 4:45-6:15
February 25	Saturday	TBA	Varsity	Fritch	TBA
February 28	Tuesday	Crosbyton	Var / JV	Floydada	5:00 / 7:00
March 2	Thursday	Ralls Tournament	Varsity	Crosbyton	TBA
March 4	Saturday	Ralls Tournament	Varsity	Ralls	TBA
*DISTRICT					
*March 7	Tuesday	@ Ralls	Var / JV	Ralls	5:00 / 7:00
March 10	Friday	Slaton	Var / JV	Floydada	5:00 / 7:00
*March 16	Thursday	Lockney	Var / JV	Floydada	5:00 / 7:00
*March 18	Saturday	@ Hale Center	Var / JV	Hale Center	11:00 / 1:00
*March 21	Tuesday	Abernathy	Var / JV	Floydada	5:00 / 7:00
*March 25	Saturday	@ New Deal	Var / JV	New Deal	11:00 / 1:00
*March 28	Tuesday	@ Crosbyton	Var / JV	Crosbyton	4:00 / 6:00
*April 1	Saturday	Ralls	Var / JV	Floydada	11:00 / 1:00
*April 4	Tuesday	Open	Var / JV	Open	
*April 8	Saturday	@Lockney	Var / JV	Lockney	11:00 / 1:00
April 11	Tuesday	Hale Center	Var / JV	Floydada	5:00 / 7:00
*April 15	Saturday	@ Abernathy	Var / JV	Abernathy	11:00 / 1:00
*April 18	Tuesday	New Deal	Var / JV	Floydada	5:00 / 7:00

District Games in BOLD

2017 Whirlwind Tennis Schedule

Feb. 23	SPCHEA	Levelland
Feb. 27	Dual	Plainview
Mar. 7	Floydada	Plainview
Mar. 23	Amarillo	Amarillo
Mar. 30	Amarillo Relays	Amarillo
Apr. 3	District	Plainview
Apr. 17-18	Regional	Odessa
May 18-19	State	College Station

2017 Whirlwind Track Schedule

DATE	MEET	HS/JH	PLACE
MAR. 2	WHIRLWIND RELAYS	JH	FLOYDADA
MAR. 3	WHIRLWIND RELAYS	HS	FLOYDADA
MAR. 9	Hornet RELAYS	JH	TULIA
MAR. 10	HORNET RELAYS	HS	TULIA
MAR. 17	SPRING BREAK	HS	TBD
MAR. 23	ANTELOPE RELAYS	JH	ABERNATHY
MAR. 24	ANTELOPE RELAYS	HS	ABERNATHY
MAR. 30	MEAN GREEN RELAYS	JH	NEW DEAL
MAR. 31	MEAN GREEN RELAYS	HS	NEW DEAL
APR. 6	DISTRICT 4AA MEET	JH	NEW DEAL
APR. 12, 13	DISTRICT 4AA MEET	HS	POST
APR. 20	AREA MEET-4AA & 3AA	HS	ABERNATHY
APR. 28,29	REGIONAL TRACK	HS	ODESSA
MAY 12, 13	STATE TRACK	HS	AUSTIN

New Texas A&M research center to move lifesaving research discoveries to market

By Charles Keaton
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Helping researchers more rapidly move potentially lifesaving discoveries from the lab to the marketplace will be the focus of a new research center recently approved by The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents. The Center for Translation of Healthcare Technologies (CTHT), a partnership among the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station, the Texas A&M Institute of Biosciences and Technology, an arm of the Texas A&M University Health Science Center, and Texas A&M University, will provide advanced training and resources to Texas A&M innovators in the discovery, translation and commercialization of biomedical devices and therapeutics. The center will have a special focus on biotherapeutics, biomaterials for regenerative medicine and interventional devices, and will also provide training in biotechnology and commercialization to Texas A&M students.

Translational medicine, or moving innovations from research laboratories to health care settings where they can best benefit patients and health care professionals, is a national priority. Navigating translation from the research lab, often through regulatory agencies and marketplaces, to reach patients is challenging. To meet this need, one of the center's main objectives is to help researchers translate and commercialize their research. Currently, few researchers focused on human health have the training or experience needed to form companies, acquire funding and com-

plete the necessary steps for commercialization of their research. This in turn causes many important breakthroughs to be either slowed in the commercialization process, or worse yet, never make it to the market.

"CTHT will help us shepherd promising discoveries from the laboratory to their ultimate application to the treatment of disease in patients in our communities. This requires the movement of basic research discoveries from the laboratory into the marketplace through the complicated process of commercialization," said Dr. Peter Davies, director of the Texas A&M Institute of Biosciences and Technology in Houston's Texas Medical Center. "The CTHT will help to accelerate this process and improve our ability to translate our research into therapies and health care interventions that benefit patients with many different types of diseases."

The new research center will draw extensively on Texas A&M's core strengths in engineering and biomedical sciences in order to have the greatest impact on health care, and enable researchers to advance bioscience discoveries.

"We have entered a new phase of collaboration, encompassing education, health care delivery, and research as evidenced in recent partnerships—such as EnMed—between the health sciences and engineering," said Dr. Carrie L. Byington, the incoming vice chancellor for health services at The Texas A&M University System, dean of the College of Medicine and senior vice president of the Health Science

Center. "CTHT is another positive step forward. Team-based translational research and collaborative innovation across the resource-rich university offers the greatest potential to address the 21st century challenges to health." A translational scientist herself, Byington comes to Texas A&M from the University of Utah Health Sciences Center, where she served as the principal investigator for the Utah Center of Clinical and Translational Science, a National Institutes of Health-funded center.

CTHT will also better prepare trainees for successful careers in biotechnology. Many current training programs do not fully align with the needs of the workforce or the changing landscape of careers in biomedical research. CTHT will provide graduate students with entrepreneurial and commercialization knowledge, skills and experiences required for successful careers in the biotechnology sector, and also provide hands-on training in commercialization through biotechnology internships.

About the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station (TEES)

As an engineering research agency of Texas, TEES performs quality research driven by world problems; strengthens and expands the state's workforce through educational partnerships and training; and develops and transfers technology to industry. TEES partners with academic institutions, governmental agencies, industries, and communities to solve problems to help improve the quality of life, promote economic development, and enhance educational systems.

Whitacre College of Engineering Named One of Nation's Best for Bachelor's Degree

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

The Texas Tech University Edward E. Whitacre College of Engineering was named one of the top baccalaureate programs in engineering colleges in the country by Best Value Colleges.

Citing the college's low tuition rates and return on investment for graduates, the Whitacre College of Engineering was ranked 30th overall among engineering colleges from universities nationwide.

"This is just another recognition of our outstanding students, faculty and staff and the impact they are having on solving problems facing the state, nation and world," Whitacre College of Engineering Dean Al Sacco Jr. said. "The Whitacre College of Engineering

is quickly being recognized as an elite global university training tomorrow's technology leaders today."

The college also ranks in the top 100 in the nation in top public schools and best undergraduate engineering programs by U.S. News and World Report.

Best Value Colleges cited Texas Tech and the Whitacre College of Engineering for its work in wind science and for having one of the largest petroleum engineering departments in the country, providing most of the research that has led to hydraulic fracturing.

One of the original academic departments when the university opened, the college has seven departments offering 12 bachelor's and 13 master's degrees as well as nine doctoral degrees. Best Value

lauded the college's work in helping solve societal problems through the application of mathematics, science and ingenuity.

The college offers bachelor of science degrees in

- Chemical Engineering
- Civil, Environmental and Construction Engineering
- Computer Science
- Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Industrial Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Petroleum Engineering

"The college plays an important role in preparing a diverse and talented workforce for the nation as well as providing new knowledge that will drive the economic vitality of the state and the nation," according to Best Value Colleges.

SPC students earn eight awards at journalism conference

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

LEVELLAND — The Plainsman Press was notified following the semester break that current and former staff members are the recipients of eight awards from the Texas Community College Journalism Association.

The awards are from a fall contest for material published during the spring 2016 and fall 2016 semesters.

The Plainsman Press swept the top two awards in the categories of In-Depth Series / Investigative Reporting and Sports News. The series "Identity Crisis" on transgender issues was awarded first place for In-Depth Series/Investigative reporting. Staff members contributing to that series were Nicole Trugillo of Anton, Chesanie Brantley of Sudan, Matt Molinar of Levelland, Mallory Carver of Lovington, N.M., Jenny Garza of Lubbock, Skylar Hernandez of Santo,

Sara Marshall of Andrews, Jonathan Brookshire of Midland Greenwood; and Joshua Ramirez of Lubbock.

The Plainsman Press also placed second in the category of In-Depth Series/ Investigative Reporting for the series "Mind Wars" about depression and mental health. Contributing to the series were Brantley, Trugillo and Garza.

In the Sports News category, Ramirez placed first for a story he wrote about a controversial foul call on the SPC men's basketball team at the NJCAA national tournament. Ramirez is now a junior at Texas Tech University. Nicholas Alvarado of Plains, now a junior at West Texas A&M University, placed second for a story on the Lady Texans ending their season at the NJCAA Region 5 tournament.

Alvarado also earned an Honorable Mention award in the Sports Feature category for a story on Morgan

Hartsell, who was a national champion pole vaulter on the SPC women's track team.

Marshall, a sophomore photojournalism major currently serving as editor-in-chief of the Plainsman Press, earned an Honorable Mention award in the category of Newspaper Layout/ Design for a page she designed on Buddy Holly and the Buddy Holly Center in Lubbock.

Garza, now a junior at Texas Tech, earned an Honorable Mention award in the category of Picture Page/Panel for a story and photos of a butterfly exhibit at the Science Spectrum in Lubbock.

Brantley and Trugillo also earned an Honorable Mention award in the category of Picture Page/Panel for a page designed with a story and photos on the chili pepper production of a local farmer.

Members of the Plainsman Press staff have won 92 awards from the TCJA since 2005.

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South Plains College will honor 2017 Pacesetters at Scholarship Gala on Feb. 25

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LEVELLAND — South Plains College and the South Plains College Foundation have named five recipients for 2017 Pacesetters Awards. They will be recognized during the 19th Annual Scholarship Gala set for 6 p.m. Feb. 25 (Saturday) in the Physical Education Complex.

South Plains College will honor the late Thelma Hudson Murphy posthumously, the Hockley County Junior Livestock Show and Sale Association and the SPC Lubbock Center Lead Partners: the Helen Jones Foundation, the CH Foundation and the Lubbock Economic Development Alliance.

According to Dr. Robin Satterwhite, president of South Plains College, "This individual and these organizations have set the pace for giving to South Plains College through their gener-

osity and commitment to higher education. As a result of their support, a growing number of students will have increased access to higher education and job preparation.

"This is our opportunity to recognize and honor a distinguished group of benefactors who have provided exemplary support and leadership for the College and the Foundation," he said. "We are so grateful for the support the South Plains College Foundation continues to receive from our many donors."

This is the 15th year the SPC Foundation has identified benefactors to receive the Pacesetter Award. The award is granted by the Board of Directors of the SPC Foundation.

Through a bequest, the late Thelma Hudson Murphy of Levelland established a scholarship endowment that will benefit students who are preparing

for teaching careers. She enjoyed a distinguished career as a professional educator, teaching at Whitharral, Ackerly, Brownfield, Lubbock Monterey, Lubbock Estacado and Jal, N.M. After she retired from the classroom, she never lost her interest in helping young people seeking to advance their education. The scholarship will benefit students who are first-generation college students majoring in English, Spanish or enrolled in SPC's Associate of Arts in Teaching program.

The Hockley County Junior Livestock Show and Sale Association is a 78-year-old organization that has helped youngsters obtain the skills of caring for and showing animals. The Hockley County Junior Livestock Show encourages students to show animals and earn money for their college education. The board recently established a scholarship at the Benefac-

tor level to provide scholarship support for Hockley County graduates who have participated in the county livestock show.

The Helen Jones Foundation, the CH Foundation and the Lubbock Economic Development Alliance have committed a total of \$9.4 million in grants to support the establishment of the new South Plains College Lubbock Center located at 3907 Ave. Q in Lubbock. These partners join South Plains College in expanding higher education opportunities for local citizens that will lead to greater economic viability and diversity for the region. Through their generous financial support, South Plains College will expand its educational footprint in Lubbock.

For more information on the Scholarship Gala, please contact Julie Gerstenberger, Director of Development and Alumni Relations, at (806) 716-2020.

Texas Comptroller's Office Releases Health Care Spending Report

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

(AUSTIN) — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar recently issued a report examining health care-related spending by 68 state agencies and higher education institutions from fiscal 2011 through 2015.

The report includes an analysis of all state government health care spending and an in-depth look at the five state agencies reporting the largest share of that spending — the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (59.1 percent), the Department of Aging and Disability Services (11 percent), the Department of State Health Services (4.9 percent), the Employees Retirement System (4.4 percent) and the Teacher Retirement System (3.1 percent).

Together, these agencies accounted for 82.5 percent of all state health care spending in fiscal 2015.

The report also features a section on health care spending by counties, which play an important role in health care delivery and have also seen escalating costs.

Among the report's findings:

in fiscal 2015, Texas spent \$42.9 billion on health care, representing 43.1 percent of all state appropriations.

from fiscal 2011 to fiscal 2015, state health care expenditures rose by 19.7 percent, a rate exceeding the growth of both inflation and the Texas population in the same time period.

in Texas, health care spending represents about 12 percent of gross state product.

"As the Legislature begins to examine state spending, I'm pleased to provide lawmakers with essential information about one of the most significant components of the Texas budget," Hegar said. "New medical technology and prescription drugs, uncompensated and indigent care, chronic disease, an aging population, increased utilization and provider shortages are among some of the factors that have contributed to Texas' rapid rise in health care spending."

Texas provides health care coverage for certain indigent, disabled and incarcerated residents and for teachers, state employees and retirees. Read the report on the Comptroller's website.

Forage and Ruminant Lab helps researchers, producers improve animal diets

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

STEPHENVILLE — The Forage and Ruminant Nutrition Lab at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Stephenville explores ways to improve ruminant diets and mitigate negative environmental impacts for researchers around the state, nation and globe, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Research expert.

The lab is used by researchers throughout Texas, the southeastern U.S. and as far away as South Africa, Brazil and Argentina, said Dr. Jim Muir, AgriLife Research grassland ecologist, Stephenville.

The lab analyzes soils and manure to determine mineral content and forages to measure digestibility and nutritional quality of what livestock are consuming or might consume, Muir said.

Nichole Cherry, an AgriLife Research associate, is the person who makes the lab run, Muir said.

Cherry has performed more than 100,000 assays in her 13 years in the lab on samples to determine various aspects of forage and soil composition, from digestibility of forages to condensed tannin levels to identifying elements and compounds within samples.

For example, Cherry uses a machine that emulates an animal's digestive system, Muir said. In hours it can predict digestibility that would take up to six weeks by testing animals in pastures or feedlots. The machine can analyze 50 samples in 48 hours.

"We can predict the effects and digestibility of anything the animal might ingest," he said.

The majority of the lab's work is on small ruminants, such as sheep and goats, which are more popular globally, and some white-tailed deer, Muir said. About 60-70 percent of samples sent in by researchers serving producers are small ruminants.

Cherry's work with condensed tannins has put the lab on the global map because

it focuses on vegetation, such as forbs and dicots, that naturally address internal parasites that can be deadly to ruminants, Muir said.

Parasites are especially rampant in tropical regions where rainfall and warm temperatures are prevalent, he said. In Texas, springtime and over-grazed pastures present parasite challenges for producers.

Muir said condensed tannins are a natural tool for producers who hope to mitigate losses to parasites.

"Condensed tannins evolved in plants as a way to protect themselves," he said. "It usually makes them bitter and less palatable or poisonous to animals or insects, but some animals have harnessed their protective features in a co-evolutionary relationship."

Tannins can be good and bad for animals, so the lab tries to identify ratios to help producers decide whether to increase or reduce certain browse, such as woody plants and shrubs, in diets, especially for browsers such as goats and white-tailed deer, Muir said.

Tests can determine the level of condensed tannins, where they are in the plant cell, how it is delivered and breaks down in the animal's digestive tract, or how biologically aggressive it is in fighting gastro-intestinal parasites.

Condensed tannin assays take about two weeks, Muir said. Cherry has trained nearly 40 graduate students, many of who came to the lab from other countries like Colombia and Kenya, to assay condensed tannins and return home with the knowledge.

She was recently awarded the Texas A&M Soil and Crop Sciences Departmental Research Support - Lab Award for her work.

"Without Nichole and her lab, our research program on small ruminant gastrointestinal parasites, such as barberpole worm, would not exist," Muir said. "Producers in Texas, the southeastern U.S. and many corners of the world depend on her assays to keep their animals healthy and increase their profits."



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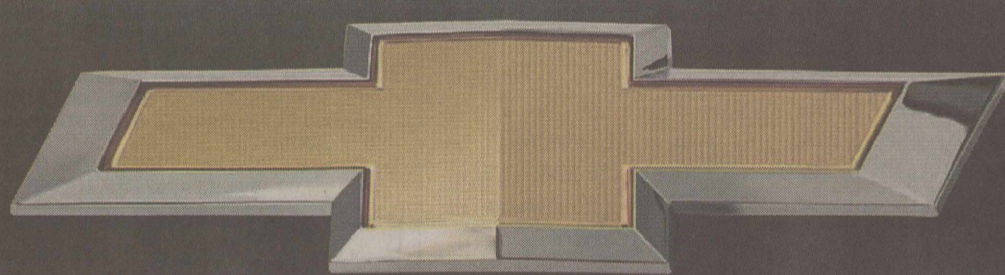
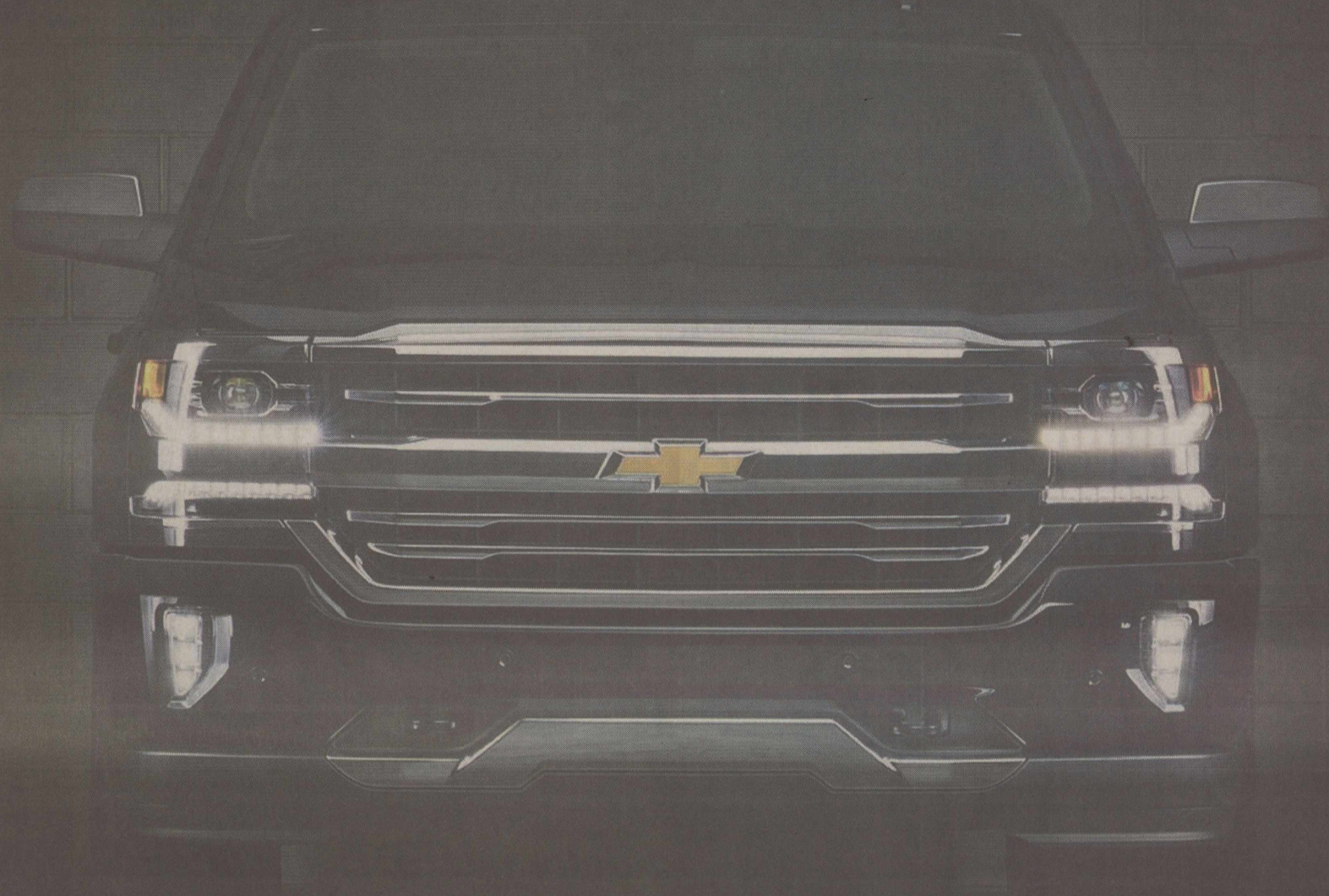
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Box 428, Lockney, Texas, 79241 OR delivered in person to Lockney ISD Administration Office at 416 W. Willow Street, Lockney, Texas 79241.

Deadline to submit sealed bids is 11:00 AM on Wednesday, February 22, 2017. Any bids received after the deadline will not be opened or considered.

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The Auction will be held online at www.StorageTreasures.com. Storage units are believed to contain general household items.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Almada Phillips, Deceased, were issued on January 30, 2017, in Cause No. 6054, pending in the County Court of Floyd County, Texas, to: Keith Phillips, Independent Executor.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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Attorney at Law
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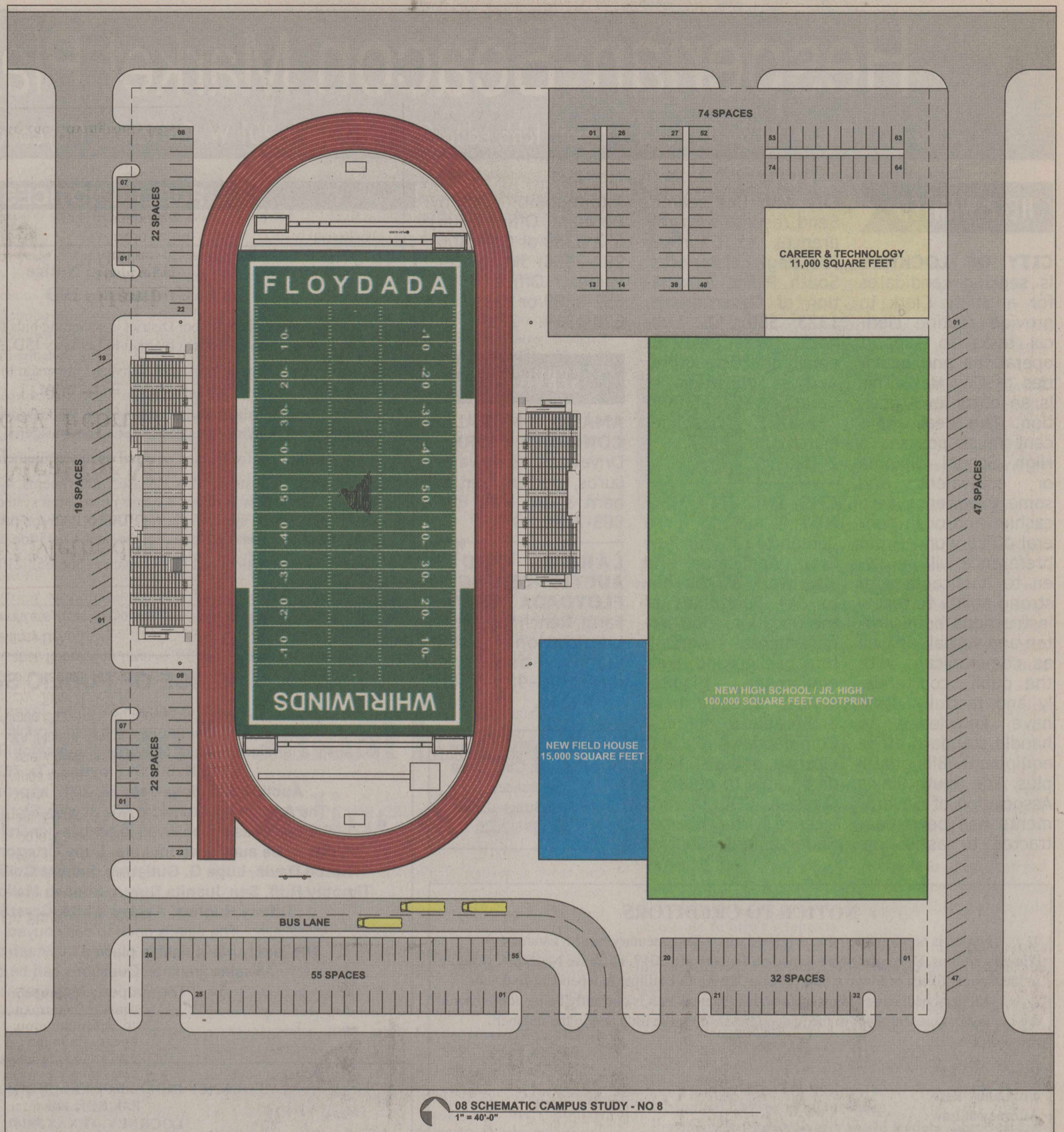
Instead, the district is considering constructing a new 6th through 12th grade campus, along with other needed improvements. New revenues derived from assessments on the five new wind farms within the district should fund most of the cost for the new construction.

Based on FISC calculations, the wind farms will pay about 73 percent of the proposed bond issue with other property owners in the district paying 27 percent. Those 65 and older with homestead exemptions would not see an increase in taxes on their home.

The proposal now includes:

- New sixth through 12th grade campus
- Demolition of the old junior high building and other district structures as they become vacant
- Wester Field renovation or new football stadium
- New transportation/maintenance building
- New softball field
- New baseball field or renovations to the city-owned Watson Field
- New track
- Six new tennis courts

By using the district's fund balance to pay off a 2007 bond to construct A.B. Duncan Elementary, the district indicates that a \$40 million bond issue would increase the Interest and Sinking Tax Rate by 25 cents, but the actual change would be 6 cents based on the current I&S rate of 19 cents.



54 FHS Seniors Recognized at College Signing Day

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

College Signing Day for FISC was Wednesday, Feb. 8 at Whirlwind Gym. Students who have applied and been accepted into a college, trade school, military or university were recognized.

Each student walked the stage and had the opportunity to announce where they would be going. Family joined them on stage as well as a representative from the school they will be attending.

The students all signed their letter of intent simultaneously, as their family and friends watched and cheered them on to this next level in their education.

54 Floydada High School seniors were recognized last week at College Signing Day. Students who have applied and been accepted into a college, trade school, military or university were recognized.

Courtesy photos



Senior

- Adams, Daija
- Alaniz, Lewis
- Brotherton, Macee
- Cabrera Romero, Steven
- Cage, Casey
- Campbell, Brayden
- Casares, Pricilla
- Cervera, Marcos
- Chavana, Aylin
- Chavarria, Ashton
- Coronado, Christian
- Crone, Michael
- Cuba, Nahomi
- Dehoyas, Albert
- Delgado, Antonio

On Stage with Senior

- Pricilla Adams and Fransico Ibarra
- Nancy Alaniz, Juanita Espinoza, Isreal, Erica David and Kay Brotherton
- George, Casey, Natalie and Alison Romero
- Grant, Shannon and Kelton Cage
- Wesley, Tracy and Kourtney Campbell
- Wanda Zuniga
- Jessie, Christina, Angel and Joel Cervera
- Jose, Maria Chavana and sister and brother
- Aimee Chavarria, Addison and Avery Lopez
- Ricky, Julie, Ricky, Jr,
- Scott, Raquel, Alyssa and Kaleb Crone
- Isabel, Robert and Jasmine Cuba
- Nancy Dehoyas
- Princess, Cruz Tamio and Sabrina Delgado

- Deochoa, Jade
- Espinoza, Selena
- Espinoza, Valerie
- Galvan, Brooke
- Green, Jaden
- Jackson, Kailee
- Johnston, Joe

- Lerma, Esteban
- Lopez, Maureen
- Maldonado, Danielle
- Mathis, Corey
- McGowen, Mark
- Mendoza, Alfonso
- Mora, Roberto
- Moreno, David
- Morren, Kaylee
- Ochoa, Breka
- Ortega, Karina

- Perez, Abraham
- Ponce, James
- Potts, Grant
- Rodriguez, Justin
- Rodriguez, Nixandra
- Rodriguez, Yamellies
- Saldana, Tyler
- Sanchez, Abraham
- Sanchez, Chassidy
- Segura, Claryssa
- Segura, Jesse
- Smith Brooklyn
- Suarez, Angela
- Thomas, Bryce
- Turner, Carson
- Vega, Alyssa
- Weems, Karley
- White, Shayla

- Williams, Montana
- Ybarra, Evan

- Emma Garcia, Jada, RYanne, Jakob, Roy and Juan
- Danny, Sylvia, and Valerie Espinoza
- Danny, Sylvia, and Selena Espinoza
- Jake and Libby Galvan
- Brad and Talie Jackson and M'Kayla
- Brad and Talie Jackson and Jaden Green
- Joanna Guerra, Maria and Johnny Johnston, Alexis, Aranda, and Armando Cruz, and Angel Guerra
- Olga Lerma
- Juan Lopez and Alex Pancardo
- Hilda and Amanda Maldonado
- Rex and Monica Mathis
- David and Norma McGowen
- Juan, Maria, Alonzo, and Alyse Mendoza
- Ana Mora
- Manuel and Litz Moreno
- Wayne and Angel Morren and Luke Holcombe
- Jesus and Priscilla Dehoyas, Noe and Mandy and Josh Chavarria
- Consuelo Sanchez, Joaquin Guerrero, Joaquin, Jr, Angel Lorenzo and Alex Sanchez
- David, Cindy, Jessie and Jimmy Castillo, Sierra Perez
- Margaret Ponce
- Jim, MaryAnn and Jay Potts
- Jessie and Carmen Rodriguez
- Marivel Rodriguez
- Josephine Alonzo, Christian, Josiah and Noah
- Victor and Maria DelTorro and Kaithlynn
- Samuel and Ana Sanchez, Ana, Fernando and Andrew
- Tammy, Caitlyn and Merceedes Sanchez
- Pedro and Sarah Segura and Adela Gil
- Jesse Sr and Belinda Segura . . Mark and JP
- Michael, Tess and Hunter Smith
- Sandra, Andres, Derek and Brianna Suarez
- Bryan Thomas and Dedra Hardy
- Brett and Alicia Turner
- Amanda, Andrew, Angela and Noah Vega and Casee Mendoza
- Randall Weems and Angie Weems
- Violet Wylie, Teresa Sapp, Quintayia Perry, Trevvaughn Perry, Kyandre Perry
- Chad and Jamie Williams
- Luis and Moraima Ybarra



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Meal for Missions

Sunday, February 26, 2017
11:00a.m. – 1:00p.m.



Hamburger Meal
Hamburger Chips Drink and Dessert
Meal served from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Dine in or Take out (alley drive thru service)
Donations taken

All proceeds go to the Covington's Mission work in India.