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'16 Record for Area Gins, Farmers

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

"Most of our customers said it was either one of the best years they had ever had or the best year they had ever had," said Scott Hilburn, owner of Barwise Gin.

Cotton trade press and cotton producers' associations are describing 2016 as a record-breaking crop. "We are looking at our first 5 million plus bales year since 2010," said Mary Jane Buerkle with the Plains Cotton Growers that serves a 41-county area of the Texas High Plains.

Buerkle attributed 2016's success to several factors: 1. Pre-planting moisture, a very wet winter before planting; 2. Hot weather at the right time; 3. The late rains that many had worried would be damaging actually helped the

cotton.

She said, "this year's length in ginning was due to the record crops."

That's certainly the case in Floyd County.

The Hesperian-Beacon surveyed area gins as they finished up 2016.

Floydada Co-Op Gin had an all-time high with 112,431 bales. By comparison, last year, they ginned 74,938.

The Lockney Co-Op Gin set a new record, ginning 43,239. Their previous high was in 2010 with 42,369.

Darty Gin in Dougherty had an all-time high with 29,297. Their previous record was in 2010 with 27,594.

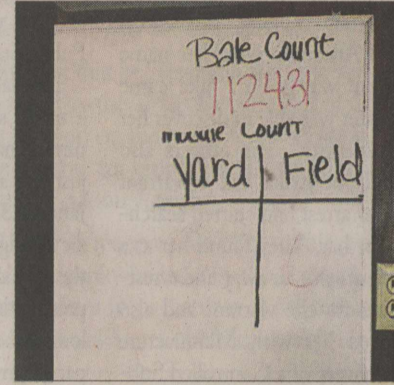
D & J Gin in Lockney had their highest bale count in more than a decade. They ginned 49,029 and their previous all-time high was in 2005 at 47,000.



Barwise Gin ginned 19,800 bales in 2016 and although it wasn't a record, because they had lost some makers, Hilburn said all of his farmers had extremely high yields.

At press time, cotton prices are nearly 10 cents higher than a year ago, after just coming off a record-breaking 2016 crop and increased plantings are expected in 2017.

Courtesy photos
Floydada Co-Op Gin hit an all-time with the 2016 cotton crop. It ginned 112,431 bales. Most of the Floyd County gins experienced a record-breaking 2016 as well.



Upcoming

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

LOCKNEY LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

The Lockney Library Book Club will meet Friday, February 24th at 4:00 p.m. in the conference room (South door) of the Lockney Library. Everyone is invited to come and review the book they are reading or one they have read.

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.

OLD SETTLER'S ASSOCIATION

The Old Settler's Association will hold a meeting on Monday, February 27th at 6 p.m. in the Community Room of the First National Bank of Floydada

FLOYD COUNTY GALA

The 22nd Annual Floyd County Friends Gala will be Saturday, March 25th at the Unity Center in Muncy. This year's event features a Beef Tenderloin dinner catered by Gilbert's of Lubbock with beer, liquor and wine available for purchase. Individual tickets are \$75, a reserved table for 8 is \$750. Entertainment features live music from Steve Burrus and The High Plains Drifters and our headliner BLACKHAWK. For more info see article on front page of this week's issue.

BINGO NIGHT FLOYDADA SR. CITIZENS

The "BINGO NIGHT" at the Floydada Center is held the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Anyone ages 16 and over are welcome to come join us for
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Correction

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FISD Board Votes for Bond Election

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

The Floydada ISD school board voted unani-

mously Thursday, Feb. 16 to call for a bond election on May 6.

The proposed bond total is \$44,745,000 with an

I&S tax rate of .438. The proposed construction will include a new 6 through 12 building, a new ag and building trades instruc-

tional facility, new football stadium, six new tennis courts, a new softball field and a new transportation/maintenance facility.

Two facility assessments in the last three years have revealed several major problems at Floydada High
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22nd Annual Floyd County Friends Gala to be held

By Segayle Foster

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

BREAKING NEWS: The 22nd Annual Floyd County Friends Gala will be Saturday, March 25th at the Unity Center in Muncy. The doors open at 5:15 p.m. and the gala begins at 6:00 p.m.

This year's event features a Beef Tenderloin dinner catered by Gilbert's of Lubbock with beer, liquor and wine available for purchase. Individual tickets are \$75, a reserved table for 8 is \$750 and the VIP tables for \$1,250 are already sold out.

Our entertainment features live music from Steve Burrus and The High Plains Drifters and our headliner BLACKHAWK. They have sold over 7 million albums, scored some of the most distinctive country radio hits of the '90s, like "Goodbye Says It All", "Every Once in a While", "I Sure Can Smell the Rain", "Down in Flames" and "That's Just About Right", plus many more.

All ticket holders will be eligible for the \$1,000 giveaway and our fabulous Live and Silent auctions, as well as Gold Strip coffee bar will be back by popular



BLACKHAWK - Dave Robbins (left) and Henry Paul (right).

Courtesy photo

demand.

Our raffle items this year includes a Phantom 4 drone with accessories, an Apple watch, a Henry Golden Boy

rifle, a turquoise squash blossom from Artisan Jewelry and a 14 kt. white gold diamond bracelet from Thackers Jewelry

For more information about the 22st Annual Floyd County Friends Gala or to buy some raffle tickets, call Segayle Foster at (806) 445-

2496. Tickets are on sale until March 15th, so don't miss out on this exciting event right here in Floyd County.

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Floydada Police Report

By Jesse Finley
Public Information Officer

Floydada Police responded on January 4 to a residence on FM 3111 in reference to a suspicious vehicle. The officer found Jorge Saldana parked in a vehicle at the residence and started to question him about why he was out there. He stated to the officer that he had cotton-cotton mouth because he had taken some hydrocodone that was not prescribed to him and he was trying to get a drink of water from a hose. When the officer proceeded to pat him down for safety, Jorge took a glass pipe out of his pocket and tried to eat the contents. The officer stopped him from destroying evidence and Jorge attempted to run away. Jorge was then arrested for Tampering with Physical Evidence and Resisting Arrest.

Officers came across a suspicious male and female walking at night on January 6. Officers started to talk to the male subject, identified as Armando Cruz. The female, later identified as Erika Eguia, kept walking. The officers asked Armando what her name was but was given a fake name and later was able to discover her true identity. The officers also found out Erika had a warrant for her arrest and started searching for her. They found her at a residence not far away and arrested her for the warrant and also charged her with Manufacture or Delivery of a Controlled Substance as she had a couple baggies of marijuana on her person when she was arrested. Armando was arrested for Hindering Apprehension or Prosecution.

Jose Navarrete was arrested by Floydada Police on January 20

for an outstanding warrant out of Hale County. He was arrested without incident.

Floydada Officers and Floyd County Deputies were waiting at the Sheriff's Office for Guadalupe Gonzalez to turn himself in on January 26 for an out of county warrant. After about an hour and a half of waiting, a Floydada Officer and Deputy Sheriff began to search for Guadalupe. They came to a residence on East California where Guadalupe believed to be and asked the homeowner if Guadalupe was in the house. He said he was and a short time later, Guadalupe came out of the house. Guadalupe was then arrested for the outstanding warrant.

Floydada Police with the assistance of the Floyd County Sheriff's Office responded to a domestic disturbance in the 600 block of South Third Street on January 23. Juan Carlos Ascencio Jr. was arrested for Domestic Assault. While being led to a patrol vehicle, Juan Carlos kicked an officer that was attempting to place him in the vehicle. He was also charged with Assault Against a Public Servant.

Floydada Police conducted a traffic stop for failing to use a turn signal on a vehicle that had just left a known drug house on January 31. The driver, Mackenzie Elledge, gave consent to search the vehicle and officers found prescription pills that did not belong to her as well as several drug paraphernalia items. Mackenzie was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance.

Police took a report of a theft on January 11 that occurred in the 900 block of West Georgia. Someone had entered a backyard and stole several items including:

several bicycles, a generator, and a set of factory pickup wheels. No suspects have been identified and the investigation is ongoing.

While on patrol, an officer observed a burglary had occurred in a vacant building on Second Street. It occurred sometime during the weekend of January 14. The building was secured and the investigation is ongoing.

Officers responded to an assault that occurred against an employee of Dairy Queen on January 16. The assault was captured on video, the suspect was identified, and charges are pending.

Police took a report of harassment on January 21. The suspect has been identified and charges are pending.

A burglary report was taken on January 22 in the 400 block of East Houston. The items stolen include: a Dewalt Handsaw and a Victor cutting torch. No suspect has been identified at this time.

Police are investigating a burglary that occurred on January 24 in the 900 block of West Ross. Several silver coins and two dollar bills were stolen as well as a car stereo.

A counterfeit ten dollar bill was used at a store on South Second on January 24. The suspects that used the bill have been identified and charges are pending.

Police assisted Garza County, Crosby County, and Floyd County in a pursuit that came into Floydada on January 27. A Floydada Officer was able to deflate one of the vehicle's tires and the vehicle came to a stop a short time later.

Floydada Police responded to a total of 94 calls for service in the month of January 2017.

The Paperboy Liberal policies are crushing California

Everyone knows California is dominated politically by liberals. And guess what that has got them? The highest taxes in the nation and an infrastructure crumbling before their very eyes.

While California would like the rest of us to adapt to their way of life, doing so would lead to socialism and a horrible return on investment.

Already broke with massive deficits due to their inability to manage money and resources, California is in great need of federal money while at the same time declaring several sanctuary cities as well as wanting to become a sanctuary state. This, at the same time President Trump has said he will cut federal funding to sanctuary cities.

California's roads, bridges and dams are crumbling and according to Hasan Ikhtrata, executive director of the Los Angeles-based Southern California Association of Governments, the state needs an astronomical amount of money to even get their infrastructure up to par.

Ikhtrata said a recent analysis estimated there is a 10-year, \$296 billion backlog of maintenance for the state as a whole, and a \$190 billion backlog for the six counties the association represents.

With heavy rains in California playing havoc with the infrastructure and making national news, it's becoming obvious that liberal policies are a disaster.

"I'm not surprised by any of this that is happening right now because we have been delaying maintenance everywhere," said Ikhtrata.

Former San Bernardino Mayor Patrick Morris drew the same conclusion. "I guess that's testimony of the amount of maintenance needed in California," he said. "When you get rainstorms like we've experienced over the last several weeks, suddenly reality sets in."

State Sen. Jeff Stone was even harsher in his observation. "It's symbolic that we're not paying attention to infrastructure," Stone said. "It's a symptom of a greater problem. It all comes down to neglect."

One Democrat Senator, Jim Beall, thinks he has a way to raise around \$6 billion in revenue, and as you may have guessed, it comes with increased taxation.

Beall has proposed boosting the per-gallon gas tax by 12 cents, the diesel excise tax by 20 cents and the sales tax by 4 percent, plus enact an annual \$100 fee on zero-emission vehicles.

Sound appealing? California is a prime example of what liberal policies do to an economy.

Despite having a diverse economy and the largest in the U.S., California has managed to squander revenue and tax themselves to the max while reaping zero reward for it.

Something is going to have to change in the way Californians think about their finances, but even if they started tomorrow, it's likely too late.

Other states should really focus on the amount of damage liberal policies have on an economy. It's a shame that taxpayers are mislead time and time again while the state crumbles beneath their feet. And the fact that people can keep as much as 30 cents on the dollar more in Texas and Oklahoma than in California means they are doing much less with much more money.

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Texas A&M Expert: Monarch Numbers Appear To Be Down Again

By Keith Randall
Texas A&M Marketing and Communications

COLLEGE STATION, Feb. 14, 2017 – After rising surprisingly last year, Monarch butterfly numbers appear to be down once again this year, a trend that has seen declining numbers of the colorful creature over the past decade, says a Texas A&M University expert.

Craig Wilson, a senior research associate in the Center for Mathematics and Education and long-time butterfly enthusiast, says early figures show fewer Monarch numbers for 2016-17. Last year, about 100 million Monarchs were estimated – almost double the amount from the previous year – in their breeding grounds in Mexico, but this year it appears another decline is likely.

"Their breeding grounds were hit by late winter storms that blew down trees and damaged their habitat severely, enough to kill many millions of them," he explains.

"That means fewer made it to the breeding grounds last year and so fewer made it to Mexico in the fall of 2016."

Monarchs have had a rough time of it in recent years. Wilson says their numbers are less than one-tenth of what they were in 1996, when it was estimated that 1 billion Monarchs would be present. A low point occurred in 2013-14 when only 34 million Monarchs were estimated.

Wilson says that Mon-

archs overwinter and breed in Mexico and then have three more generations as they travel north to Canada.

"Texas is a crucial place for them – they have to pass through the state on their way north in the spring and lay eggs," he points out.

It is critical that Monarchs have access to milkweed, the only type of plant that Monarch caterpillars will digest as the multiple generational migration heads north.

But declining milkweed habitat linked to the increase of herbicide-resistant crops, very dry conditions over much of Texas and numerous wildfires have hampered their 2,000-mile journey to Canada in recent years. A study from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service says that about 900 million Monarchs have vanished since 1990.

Wilson says more milkweed is needed for the Monarch's long-term survival.

"There are still plenty of reasons to be concerned, mainly because the number of milkweed plants – the one plant that is vital to their existence – has been decreasing in the past decade," he notes. "There are new programs to establish milkweed planting, and the public is urged to become involved and to plant milkweed. The Monarch's miraculous migration depends on it."

"The mayors of numerous Texas, cities like College Station and Bryan, have committed to the Mayors' Monarch pledge to plant Monarch friendly habitats

within city limits with milkweeds to feed the nascent caterpillars. They are supporting efforts to help Monarchs along with citizen scientists."

He recommends the following sites for Monarch followers: Journey North, Texas Monarch Watch and Monarch Watch.

The 501 Right-brained path to order

Help. I just bought a book about getting organized, and now I can't find it.

The irony: If I didn't need it, I'd be able to put my hands right on it.

It's not just any "get organized" book.

It's for creative disorganized right-brainers. I bought it for a dollar at an estate sale.

Disorganized people should not go to estate sales. We should stay home and organize our possessions. We know.

Meanwhile, since the book is missing I think I'll jot down my thoughts on the subject. Then, when it shows up, I'll see if the authors stole anything from me.

A spiffy to-the-point introduction to my treatise is already emanating from the right side of my brain. The left side is putting it into English. The beginning:

If you're a creative messy person, first you've got to admit it. Just say "I'm so-and-so, and I'm creative."

Once you've acknowledged your congenial condition, you've taken the first step toward getting organized. The catch? You must chart your own course.

Some people are born organized. Don't listen to them. They're clueless. They think what works for them will work for you. It won't unless it coincidentally happens to be something you've invented yourself.

For us creative types, life doesn't follow art. It is art. Hence, we do best to craft our own customized systems of organization, structure that's comfortable – yea, enjoyable. Life's too short to accept and chafe under a set of rules dictated by a serious

left-brained outsider who doesn't appreciate organizing a sock drawer to create a rainbow.

DISCLAIMER:

In general, I don't know what I'm talking about. I'm just being creative.

BOOK FOUND.

It was in the computer case pocket where I stash pertinent important stuff.

PAUSE TO READ BOOK.

After reading the introduction, the first two chapters and part of the third, my own ideas seem to be safe.

My biggest surprise? I myself flunked the toothpaste tube test for right-braininess. I always squeeze the tube from the bottom; I replace the cap. Nevertheless, my answers to a 12-question test indicate I am indeed two-thirds controlled by the creative right side of my brain. Therefore, I can still use the right-brained excuse for all behavior that doesn't fit the standards of the left-brained people who control society. Whew!

Incidentally, even though the authors have thoroughly studied us right-brainers, they apparently belong to the other side. They're like alcoholism counselors who've never been addicts and celibate priests who dispense marital advice. They know what they're talking about, but somehow it rings a little hollow.

But left-brainers are the organized ones who manage to write books. We right-brained types do well to get our ideas posted on Pinterest.

In conclusion, I'd like to share a profound thought, but I'm fresh out. Would you settle for a right-brained scheme instead?

I thought so.

Here it is:

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SOCIETY

The South Plains Hobby Club

February 2, 2017

By Mary M. Carter

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The South Plains Hobby Club met at the South Plains Baptist Church in South Plains, Texas at 2:00 P.M. on February 8, 2017.

Our President, Helen Teeple, introduced our guest speaker, Amy Kress. Her program was "Cooking for One or Two and Food Safety." She is the County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences. Amy works for Texas A&M Agrilife Extension. She also is involved with the 4-H groups. Her office is in Floydada, Texas and her phone number is 1-806-983-4912.

In June of this year she will have been here four years. Amy gave us several handouts. One was "How to Cut Down a Recipe" to halves and thirds of the ingredients, which will be very helpful. She handed out many recipes to try. We are always looking for something new to cook, Right! Drop by her office in Floydada (I don't have an address) and she will be happy to give you these recipes. Try them, you might be pleasantly surprised!

There was so much information I'll just touch on some of it. This handout is titled "Use the Dates on Food Labels to Keep Food Safe." There is more information under each of the following subjects on the handouts. The first one is "Sell By" date. The last date food should be sold. The next one is "Best If Used By". Eat these foods "before" this date for best quality. The third one is "Use By" date. The "last" date you should eat the food to get the best quality. The last two sound almost the same, but there is that slight difference. The fourth one is "Expiration" date. The last date that

a food is considered safe to eat.

Another handout is the "Safe Home Food Storage". This gives us information about the ideal temperature to store your food, how to store your food, how long it will be safe and of the highest quality. It, also, tells us where not to store our food. The "Pantry" should be dry, cool, and dark. One example it gives is don't store potatoes under the sink. There are more examples listed. Get this information and find our "why". The "Refrigerator". One thing it says not to do is store your milk or eggs in the door as the drafts can cause the temperature to fluctuate. Amy told us that the refrigerator is not to be used to cool cooked foods down but to keep them at a constant temperature. The temperature in the refrigerator should be 40 degrees or below and use an appliance thermometer for safety.

Aside note: I grew up living with my Gram and Granddad quite a bit and she always called it an ice-box. I still do today. It didn't have shelves in the door and the freezer was as big as a shoe box, so one metal ice tray and not very much room for meat. We went to the store more often or did we? I think we go to the store more today than we did then. However, there was a glass tray under the freezer for bacon, fresh pork, and salt pork. The fresh pork look like bacon too, just tasted different. It was my favorite. But I remember, also, living for a couple of years with a real ice-box. We had an ice man that delivered the ice every few days. I don't remember exactly. It was a block of ice I thought was huge. I'm sure there are many of you who can remember those times too.

OK, back to where I left off. The "Freezer". There is a lot of information to tell us. One

is ice cream should be kept at brick-solid consistency, if not your freezer temperature is not cold enough. This can be an easy way, manually, for a quick check of the temperature in your freezer. It should be at 0 degrees or below. Also, it is best to thaw foods in the refrigerator. So from freezer to refrigerator for thawing is the safest way to do it. There are other handouts for information. Such as: How long can I keep this in the freezer or how long do these ingredients last? These handouts are all different subjects. There is more to all of these places of storage and the whys, for us to know, and all good information. It is available at her office. Stop by there and pick up this really important information. Don't forget the recipes!!

Amy had many reminders and good things to say. I want to mention two more things of interest. Chopped onions are the #1 cause of food poison. It has to do with "time" after you cut them up. Call Amy if you have ANY questions about food safety!!! Some of us didn't know, we shouldn't put tomatoes in the refrigerator. We appreciated Amy Kress for coming and sharing her knowledge. She has a relaxed way of getting the message across, but she knew her subjects. We asked many questions. I would suggest you invite Amy to one of your club or business meetings. You will learn some new things and you will go away smiling.

We thanked her and Helen gave her a gift.

Helen continued our meeting. Our hostesses Brenda Walls and Janis Julian presented us with a long table full of goodies and I mean "good" goodies. Thank you ladies for the treats. Peggy Roberts prayed for our food.

Helen was glad we wore our "Go Red Dress" pins to remind women of February being Women's Heart Month. It is the number one disease of women. She gave out pins to those that didn't have one. Ethelyn Vernon, our Vice President, read out of the book "So Many Kinds of Loves" by Dean Walley. The reading was "Friendship Is A Special Kind of Love". Margie Young read "Eating in the Fifties". We enjoyed each one. Made us think and remember.

We were glad to see Mary Quattlebaum and Sandra Lass at the meeting. We then had prayer requests and Helen prayed for them. Denise Doucette and Mary M. Carter gave a report on the meeting of June 1, 2017. More information to come the closer we get to the date.

Sad news. Lee Battey is moving to Lubbock soon. We will miss her. Ethelyn Vernon gave a report on the April meeting. Our March 8th meeting will be at the Jimmy Dean Museum at The Museum of Llano Estacado, 1900 W. 7th St., Plainview, Texas (on the Wayland Campus). We will meet at the South Plains Baptist Church at 9:15 A. M. in South Plains, Texas. Also, at the home of Janis Julian in Floydada, Texas by 9:15 A.M. We are to arrive at the museum at 10:00 A.M. We will dine at Leal's Restaurant at 12:30 P.M.

Those attending were Lou Battey, Trina Wilson, Ethely Vernon, Sandra Lass, Peggy Roberts, Neta Marble, Mary Quattlebaum, Carolyn Marble, Denise Doucette, Helen Teeple, Margie Young, Lou Burleson, Margaret Kitchens, Janis Julian, Sue Daniels, Brenda Walls, and Mary M. Carter. Our guest was Amy Kress.

Floydada Rotary

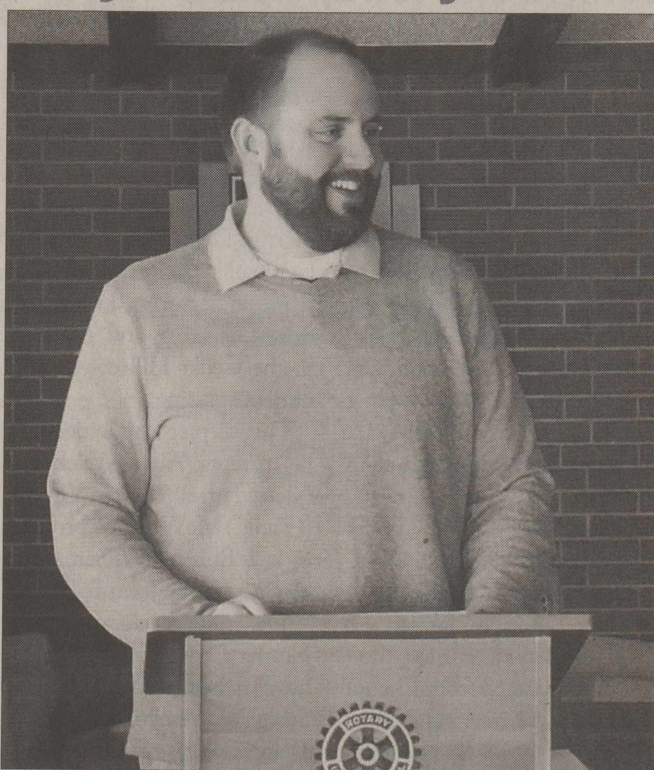


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Rotary Club program last Thursday, February 16th was presented by Rotarian Jesse Finley. Rotarian Finley is the new Floydada Economic Development executive director. He presented to the club the role of the EDC, what it can fund, promotional aspects of the EDC, to improve the job market in Floydada and promote existing businesses. The EDC is funded by a half cent sales tax. Mr. Finley has a governing board of directors consisting of Jeff Johnston, President; Louis Bearden, Vice-President; Wes Anderson, Secretary/Treasurer; Roger Hughes, Director; Sam Green, Director; Randall Griffin, Director, and incoming Director Taylor Sue. Thank you to Rotarian Jesse Finley for an excellent program. The Rotary Club meets each Wednesday at noon at the Crockett Center, with meals provided by the Senior Citizens Center. Interested in joining? Contact President Clar Schacht or another member.

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 Citizens Center is open to people of all ages. You do not need to be a senior citizen, nor a member to eat with us. However, if you are a member, your meal is \$5.00 instead of non-member price of \$6.00. To

become a member, all you need to do is pay a \$25.00 yearly membership fee.

We serve a delicious meal with salad bar at 12 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday. Join us at 925 W. Crockett Street or we will deliver a meal anywhere in town. Call 983-2032.

Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235

MENU

- February 27 - March 3**
- Monday** - June's stir fry
- Tuesday** - Jerlene's fried chicken
- Wednesday** - Porkchop & baked beans
- Thursday** - Chili & cornbread
- Friday** - Hamburgers (Menus subject to change without notice)

Museum Archives

Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

By Royace Maddox

J.R. AND LYDIA MADDOX

John Richard and Lydia Mae Wright Maddox were longtime residents of Floyd County. It is thought that J. R. came to Texas from Benton, Arkansas. Lydia's family was from Louisiana. Her father and mother earned their livelihood for a time by living in a houseboat on the Mississippi River and transporting ribbon cane syrup.

J. R. and Lydia raised four children; Royace of Ventura, California, Clarence of San Jacinto, California, Dola (O'Neal) Lackey of Dougherty, Texas and Evelyn Deakins of Floydada, who passed away in 1975. Two children, Edith and John Jr., died in childhood.

The Maddox Family was the first to live in our present jail. J.R. was deputy sheriff under J. A. Grigsby for awhile, then was elected sheriff in 1926, and served one term. J. R. also had farming interests in Floyd County.

Following are some interesting anecdotes concerning J.R. and Lydia and their family, written in a letter to Ann Reddy from her Uncle Royace in Ventura, California.

"Hi the beginning for us, as I remember "The Maddox Family", our family came to Floydada from Fulbright, Texas in Red River County".

The first time we started West was by covered wagon. A caravan of three or four wagons-and the way the roads were in those days-it was rough!

We got out a few days and our mom got a terrible toothache. In those days a person did what was necessary at the time, so our dad told our mom he would pull her tooth.. He got out a pair of pliers and talked Mom into trying to hold her mouth open and to stay still-and you know what? He yanked the wrong tooth!

In a few days more, the group decided it was too tough and turned back. Uncle Sterling (Wright),

Mom's brother and his family were in this group.

These notes I've made for you are not much, but times then were so different from the present; like the water well we had on the scrubby farm in East Texas.

It had an artesian well, shallow, but good water at the time. Our dad sold water by the barrel for 25 cents. People hauled it by teams in their wagons. They would bail it from the well by pulley and bucket. It was an ordeal, but was a blessing as water was scarce, and I do mean scarce, and no one had money, besides the 25 cents was real money in those days.

As farmers, the prospects were not good in that area. Our dad tried the general merchandise business in Fulbright for a time, selling everything from groceries to wagons, etc. In 1915, through a connection with the Gamble Brothers Real Estate in Floydada, a trade was made for a quarter section of land northeast of Floydada about three miles from town.

Moving at that time was a struggle for everyone. Dad and his brother, Jerome, came to Floydada in a box car-the livestock in one half and the household goods, etc., in the other half. It took several days to finally arrive in Floydada.

Mom and we four kids came on the train from Detroit, Texas, via Fort Worth. A change of trains was in order to Sweetwater, Texas, then another change to the Santa Fe at Plainview.

It was our first train ride. Our Mom had our food in boxes for the trip. We slept in the seats. In Sweetwater we had a long wait for the Santa Fe to Plainview. While waiting we saw our first moving picture.

We finally arrived at Plainview and we saw our first big lake near the depot, with a huge pump supplying the water. Finally we boarded the train to Floydada with boxcars

and general cargo in front and a passenger car on the rear. That part of the trip was the big thrill for us. No trees, no hills, just beautiful country. We could see as far as eyes would permit.

The big thrill continued as the train turned around out by the old stock-loading pens, then went backwards into Floydada. The sight was something to behold. We were ahead of the engine as we arrived at the little station and there was another lake by the depot where people skated when it was frozen over. How our mother ever survived the trip with the four kids, I'll never know.

In due time, I've witnessed the bricks laid around the square. Also the many teams that ran away (no drivers at times). They came from the gin section heading south on Main Street. Due to machinery at the gin and cars or a few trucks, they were frightened and just took off.

That was before the Woody Drug Company, where I worked, had ice cream. We would paint on the sidewalk out front "Ice Cream Today". It was really a big deal in those days. One time Woody Drug received a fifty-gallon barrel of vintage wine by mistake. I know because I put the barrel on the rack. We were all

surprised when it was not simple syrup for the soda fountain!

J. R. Maddox died suddenly after a heart attack in 1941. Lydia died in 1962. Those who rubbed shoulders with J. R. and Lydia know that no history of Floyd County would be complete without some mention of them and their family.

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - --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.

Family Night Fish Fry will return Friday, March 3. All you can eat...\$10 for adults, \$5 children under 10 years of age.

Our sympathy to the Carthel Family. Levona Carthel Pitchford passed away this past week. Funeral services were held in Lockney with burial in Arkansas on Friday. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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

Help Wanted

The Floydada Chamber of Commerce is taking applications for Manager.

Part Time - 10 hours per week.

Applicant should be proficient in QuickBooks and fiscally responsible.

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Applications Available At 120 W California

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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.

"Bingo Night" is held the 3rd

week of each month. Come join us for some fun!

Hope you all have a great week!!

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- Tuesday** - Soup and cornbread
- Wednesday** - Chicken fried steak
- Thursday** - Salmon
- Friday** -Fajitas (Menus subject to change without notice)

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OBITUARIES/CHURCH

John Arthur (J.A.) Welch

John Arthur (J. A.) Welch, 90, of the Cedar Hill community, passed away on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 in Amarillo, Texas.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Monday, February 20, 2017 at South Plains Baptist Church.

Burial followed at the Lockney Cemetery. Visitation was held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, February 19, 2017 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney.

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

J.A. was born on January 12, 1927 at Mount Blanco, Texas. He graduated from Flomot High School in 1944. During World War II, he began

his service in the army in June 1945 and served in Italy.

After his discharge in February 1947, he returned to Flomot and began farming and ranching. In April 1953, he married Norma Dean Kelley and they later had a daughter, Connie.

He and Norma Dean continued farming and ranching in the Cedar Hill community until his passing.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Aline Welch and Glen Hartsell, a sister, Virginia ("Punk") McWilliams, brother-in-law, Bob McWilliams, and brother-in-law, John B. Pigg.

J.A. is survived by his wife, Norma Dean; daughter, Connie Pritchett and her husband, Steve of Amarillo; a sister, Delores Pigg of Quitaque; a



JOHN ARTHUR (J. A.) WELCH

brother, Dennis Hartsell and his wife, Nancy of Red River, New Mexico and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the South Plains Baptist Church or your favorite charity.

Online condolences may be made to www.moore-rose.com.

Juanita (Janie) Sanchez Delgado

Juanita (Janie) Sanchez Delgado, 78, of Lockney, passed away on February 15, 2017 in Lockney, Texas.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Saturday, February 18, 2017 at San Jose Catholic Church in Lockney.

Burial followed at the Lockney Cemetery. Visitation was held from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Friday February 17, 2017 at Moore-Rose Funeral home in Lockney.

The rosary was held at San Jose Catholic Church at 6:30 p.m., Friday, February 17, 2017. Arrangements were under the personal care of Moore-Rose Funeral home in Lockney.

Janie was born on June 22, 1938 in Yancey, Texas. She married Fortunato Delgado in Lockney, Texas. He preceded her in death in 1975. Leaving her a widow of three children, she then worked at Lockney Nursing Home as a dietitian then continued as

head of housekeeping for over 20 years.

In 1996, she met her current husband, Carlos Peña and they have been together ever since.

In retirement Janie loved to go to garage sales every Friday morning, as well as estate sales. She loved cooking, and gardening, however, her greatest pleasure was spending time with her family.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Guadalupe Rendon Sanchez in 1998 and her father, Domingo Sanchez in 2005.

Janie is survived by her husband, Carlos Peña, and her children, Robert (Libby) Delgado Sr., Fortunato (Sharon) Delgado Jr., and Daniel (Danny) Delgado; her four grandchildren, Michelle Araujo and Robert Delgado Jr., children of Robert and Libby Delgado; Joshua Delgado, son of Fortunato and Sharon Delgado and Diamond Delgado, daughter of Danny Delgado. Also seven



JUANITA (JANIE) SANCHEZ DELGADO

great-grandchildren, Katalina Araujo Jerden, Ryiann, Gunnyn and Tuff Araujo, children of Michelle Araujo, Israel Robert Delgado, son of Robert Delgado Jr., Tristan, son of Diamond Delgado and Isaac Fortunato Delgado, son of Joshua Delgado. One great-great-grandchild, Jett Wylie Jerden, son of Katalina and Lance Jerden.

She will be missed by many other relatives and friends.

Online condolences may be made at www.moore-rose.com

Jackie Roosevelt Myrick

Jackie Roosevelt Myrick, 80, passed away on Monday, February 13, 2017.

Visitation was held on Friday, February 17, 2017 from 6-8 p.m. at Lucas Funeral Home.

Funeral service was held Saturday, February 18, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Lucas Funeral Home, Hurst, Texas.

Graveside services were held on Sunday, February 19, 2017 at 1 p.m. at the Floydada Cemetery, Floydada, Texas.

Memorial donations can be sent to the USO or any charity of your choice.

Jackie was born April 28, 1936 at Whitewright, Texas to Henry Dow Myrick and

Cordelia Dena Nevil Myrick.

He graduated from Floydada High School in 1955 and went into construction work with his brother in law, Ross McWilliams and brother, Rasse Myrick at Holloman Air Force Base in Alamogordo, New Mexico; later moving to Lubbock as a carpenter in residential construction.

He met Joellen Jackson, the love of his life, in Floydada in 1957 on a blind date. They were married on April 2, 1958.

They farmed for a short period of time then moved to Euless, Texas in 1968, where they have lived for almost 49 years.

Jackie worked as a warehouseman for International

Harvester until 1976, at which time he became a warehouseman for Chrysler Parts Depot in Carrollton, Texas. He worked there until he retired in November, 1999. At that time, golf became his "job".

As long as he could drive, Jackie traveled all over the USA, but he did take a couple of cruises to make Joellen happy. He loved being with his children and grandchildren and supported them in whatever they attempted. He and Joellen wore out a number of lawn chairs by sitting in and dragging them to whatever the occasion was, baseball or soccer, etc. He loved his Jeep and enjoyed rock climbing,

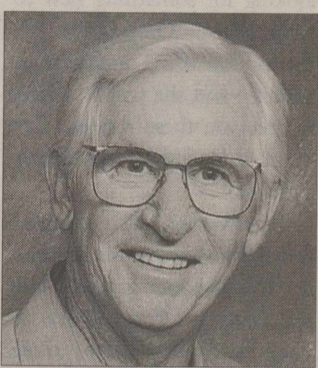
working on classic cars, having one of the prettiest yards in the neighborhood, playing "42" with his family and friends, and playing Chicken Foot with his kids and grandkids.

He now has a great-grandson that he was looking forward to playing with and loving. Jackie belonged to First Baptist Church Euless and had been a Baptist since early childhood.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and brother, Gloy Myrick and Clovis Myrick,

six brothers-in-law, and three sisters-in-law.

He is survived by his wife of almost 59 years, Joellen; daughter, Lori Myrick McCullough; son, Roy Myrick and wife, Laura; grandchildren, Cory Jack Myrick, Kristen Myrick Bartosh and husband, Jeff, and Jessica McCullough; three month old great-grandson, Jackson David Bartosh; brother, Rasse Myrick; sisters, Lowaida Bunnell, Aris McWilliams, and Joyce Lipham; numerous nieces, nephews,



JACKIE ROOSEVELT MYRICK

great-nieces and nephews, and many cousins.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

God's Gifts

To each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

—1 Corinthians 12:7 (NIV)

My sister, Bev, is a retired English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher, and I am a retired nurse. We have recently become involved in meeting the needs of refugees. Trying to meet their needs can be hard work, but we remember that we are following Jesus by serving others.

We all approach life and mission work in different ways. Some may be on the go all the time, helping at every opportunity. Others may need lots of quiet, reflective time in order to accomplish their work.

I tend to compare myself to others who serve and feel I never measure up. But this notion is not from God. Today's quoted verse tells us that each of us has a gift we can use to help one another.

God does not expect us to have the same skills or energy levels as anyone else. When we recognize that God gave us each a gift meant just for us (see 1 Cor. 12:11), we can put this gift to use serving one another and the Lord.

Nancy R. Meyer (Nebraska, USA)

Prayer

Thank you, God, for giving us gifts and talents. Help us to use them to honor you. Amen.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church
310 Mississippi

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Trinity Assembly
500 W. Houston
Tom Ross, Pastor
983-5499
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 6 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church
Providence Community On Fm 2301
293-3009
Rev. Peter W. Harrington, Minister
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11 - a.m.

West Side Church of Christ
Floydada
983-2672 Or 470-0950
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.

AGRICULTURE

HAC Chairman Conaway: Cotton Will Account for Biggest Change in Next Farm Bill

Saturday, February 11, 2017

By Ron Smith
Southwest Farm Press

Getting cotton back into Title 1 as a covered commodity will be the biggest change anticipated in the next farm bill, says Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee Mike Conaway, R-Texas.

Conaway, speaking at the opening session of the National Cotton Council annual meeting Saturday in Dallas, Texas, said, "We have to get cotton back in Title 1, either as cottonseed or as lint. STAX did not work well for producers."

Conaway does not dismiss the possibility of having cottonseed covered in the current farm program as an "other oilseed," a strategy attempted during the Obama Administration without success. Conaway credited former Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack for a "one-time" program to offset ginning costs. "I disagreed with him on his position with cottonseed, but his lawyers said he couldn't do it and ours said he could. You tend to believe the lawyers you are paying."

With a new administration and a new Secretary of Agriculture who comes from a cotton state (Georgia's former Governor Sonny Perdue), Conaway says cottonseed may get a new look.

"I am anxious to get (Secretary of Agriculture designee) Sonny Perdue confirmed," he said. "He has a lot of paperwork to fill out since he has a ton of business interests, and an FBI background check to go through. But he should be confirmed quickly. I don't expect his confirmation to be particularly contentious."

Conaway added that President Trump has expressed support for agriculture as "the

backbone of America. He also says the United States deserves a good farm bill and one that's completed on time."

The process is beginning, he said. "We will not have field hearings; they are too expensive. But we will have listening sessions, which will be less formal. We want to hear from farmers, and how the farm bill affects the way they do business."

Conaway said he expects some efforts to split nutrition and commodity titles as the farm bill debates begin. "If it's easier to pass both bills by keeping them together, we will," he said. "If it is easier to pass both bills by splitting them, we will do that. What I will not allow is to split the bills so that (detractors) can defeat both."

He expects to see mostly fine-tuning of current legislation, with the exception of cotton, some dairy adjustments and the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) program, where "some county payments are out of line."

He added that a hearing next week on the state of the rural economy will address the precipitous drop in farm income, a 46 percent decline, "the worst in decades. The Ag committee will also weigh in on your behalf every chance we get. This committee backs U.S. agriculture."

SNAP DEBATE

Conaway said the nutrition program would be an important part of the coming debate that will include findings from 16 hearings on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, "what works and what doesn't work."

He adds that the last opportunity to reform SNAP "snuck up on us and was driven by money. This time around it will be driven by policy, particularly considering the potential to get people on the program and then back off. We want to do the policy first and then consider the cost. We have to establish what we need to do first."

He described a situation in which the working poor have opportunities to advance but by taking the initiative they lose more benefits than they gain in income. "People will operate in their own best interests," he said. "Work should be the key. We will always have people in need of constant help—the disabled, elderly, the mentally ill. We have to get to the root causes of hunger."

He says the people working and struggling to feed their families are the most vulnerable. A single mother who has a financial setback, he said, can't adjust the rent or the car payment. "She has to cut the food budget."

REGULATORY ROLLBACK

Conaway expects to see regulations rolled back, especially when a new EPA director takes over. He says tax reform proposals are in the works but do not have enough "specificity" for meaningful debate.

He mentioned repeal and replace of Obamacare only briefly, noting that efforts were ongoing.

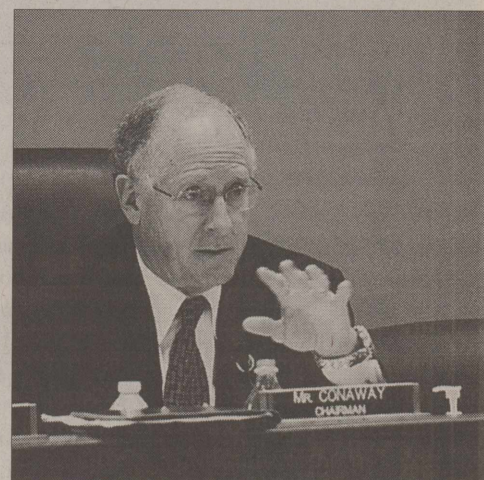
He also turned to trade issues and potential snags with the new administration. "Trade is a big deal with agriculture," he said. "We sell it or smell it, and we want to sell it. TPP was a good deal for agriculture except for rice and tobacco."

He noted that President Trump's proposal to work on bilateral trade deals might have merit but needs to go forward.

TRADE

He also said a trade imbalance consists of two factors—imports and exports. "Exports mean a lot to agriculture and we have to begin considering both factors."

In a press conference following the general session, Conaway said he expects some of President Trump's campaign rhetoric regarding trade, especially with China and with tariffs on Mexican imports, will be tempered and that advisors will provide sound counsel



Courtesy photo

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on best courses of action. "Tariffs just mean higher prices for our consumers," Conaway said.

Lamesa, Texas, cotton farmer Shawn Holladay asked Conaway how budget reconciliation might affect funding for agriculture programs. "If we get cotton in the program, are we still looking at cuts?" Holladay asked.

Conaway said the atmosphere prevalent during 2014 farm bill discussions included record production and record prices and the feeling of many was that prices would not retreat to previous levels. "Today, the need for a safety net is apparent," he said. Crop prices are low. He also noted that the 2014 bill has resulted in lower expenditures than expected, despite the significant loss of farm income in 2016.

Conaway, in concluding remarks, encouraged farmers to engage consumers, educate them to the value of farm programs in providing "the most abundant, safest and most affordable food in the developed world."

"Encourage consumers to talk to their legislators. Consumers are the biggest beneficiaries (of agriculture programs). They need to be at the table and involved in legislation."

SW Oklahoma and Texas Panhandle fishing report

Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Ellsworth: Elevation below normal, water murky. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs around brush structure, docks and Ralph's Resort. Blue and channel catfish are slow on cut bait, punch bait and shad in the main lake and around points.

Foss: Elevation 3 ft. below normal, water low 50s. Striped bass hybrids are good on slabs. Crappie are fair on jigs around fish house. Catfish are slow.

Lawtonka: Elevation below normal, water clear. Crappie are slow on minnows around brush structure and docks.

Tom Steed: Elevation normal, water 42. Blue catfish are slow on punch bait along flats.

Waurika: Elevation dropping, water murky. Blue catfish are fair on cut bait in the main lake. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs around brush structure.

Alan Henry: Water clear on the main lake, stained toward the river; 50 degrees; 1.74 ft. low. Black bass are slow on jigs and medium or shallow diving crankbaits. Crappie and bass are fair on minnows. Catfish are fair on rod and reel with punchbait on a number six treble hook up the river.

Arrowhead: Water fairly clear; 49-56 degrees; 0.68 ft. low. Black bass are fair on finesse jigs, Texas rigs and slow rolled spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair on live minnows.

Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

Coleman: Water stained; 65-69 degrees; 1.31 ft. low. Black bass are fair on soft plastics and Rat-L-Traps. Hybrid striper are fair on chartreuse striper jigs. Crappie are fair on minnows over brush piles. Channel catfish are good on stinkbait and cut bait. Yellow catfish are slow.

Ft. Phantom Hill: Water murky; 50-56 degrees; 0.26 ft. low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs, drop shot rigs and slow rolled spinnerbaits with a Colorado blade. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

Greenbelt: Water 31 ft. low. Black bass are fair on shallow running crankbaits and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows.

Hubbard Creek: Water off color; 51-55 degrees; 0.48 ft. low. Black bass are fair on black/blue jigs, chatterbaits and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

Mackenzie: Water 73.68 ft. low. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

Meredith: Water 60.46 ft. low. TPWD has begun restocking the lake with Walleye. Reports of black bass are rare. No reports of smallmouth bass. Bream and channel catfish are being caught in good numbers.

Nasworthy: Water 49-55 degrees; 1.44 ft. low. Black bass are fair to good on jigs, Texas rigs and DT10s. No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

O.H. Ivie: Water stained; 49-56 degrees; 33.6 ft. low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs, swimjigs and shakys. Crappie are fair to

good on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair to good on cut bait and nightcrawlers.

Oak Creek: Water stained; 48-56 degrees; 8.91 ft. low. Black bass are fair on drop shot rigs, Texas rigs and shakys. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair on chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

Possom Kingdom: Water off color; 48-55 degrees; 0.05 ft. high. Black bass are fair to good on drop shot rigs, Texas rigs and shakys. Crappie are fair on live minnows. White bass are fair to good on slabs. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers.

Stamford: Water 0.36 ft. low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows. White bass are fair to good on minnows and Rooster Tails. Blue catfish are fair to good on cut and live bait.

White River: Water stained; 45-52 degrees; 19.59 ft. low. Black bass are very slow (the bass population was greatly reduced during the drought). No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

Reward Offered in Case of Stolen Tractor and Equipment

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

EUSTACE, Texas — Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) Special Ranger Jimmy Dickson and local authorities are seeking information regarding the theft of farm and ranch equipment from a property near Eustace, Texas. Investigators believe this theft may be related to others in the Henderson County area.

Operation Cow Thief, an anti-theft initiative led by TSCRA, is offering a cash reward for information leading to the arrest and indictment of the person or persons responsible for the crime.

Sometime between Oct. 13 and Oct. 14, 2016 an unidentified suspect or suspects cut a gate lock to unlawfully enter a property located off Farm to Market Road 2709. A 2011 Massey Ferguson MF1529

tractor, lowboy trailer and Bosch miter saw were stolen. Oddly, the thieves also took food from a refrigerator, but left it in a nearby pasture.

The case is being investigated by the Henderson County Sheriff's Department with the assistance of TSCRA's Special Rangers. Anyone with further information leading to the recovery of the items or the arrest of a suspect or suspects should call TSCRA's Operation Cow Thief hotline at (888) 830-2333 or Special Ranger Jimmy Dickson at (903) 586-8733. All information is kept confidential and tips may be provided anonymously.

TSCRA has 30 special rangers stationed strategically throughout Texas and Oklahoma who have exten-

sive knowledge of the cattle industry and are trained in all facets of law enforcement. All are commissioned as Special Rangers by the Texas Department of Public Safety and/or the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Lady Winds lose in Bi-District to Farwell

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LITTLEFIELD – Farwell, ranked #20, limited the Floydada Lady Winds to only 10 points in the last three quarters and claimed the Bi-District title with a convincing 78-22 victory on Feb. 13.

In the first quarter, Floydada only trained the Lady Blue 17-12 behind five points from both Kaylee Morren and Selena Espinosa and two points from Valerie Espinosa.

The Lady Winds were limited to only three points in the second quarter, as Farwell outscored Floydada 26-3 to stretch their lead to 43-15 at the half. Brittany Pena scored two points and Morren added a single free

throw for the Lady Winds.

In the third quarter, the Lady Blue held Floydada to only four points, outscoring the Lady Winds 21-4 to take a 64-19 lead after three quarters. Pena and Morren each scored two points in the quarter.

Farwell again stretched their lead in the fourth quarter, outscoring Floydada 14-3 to give them a 78-22 victory. Selena Espinosa scored all three points in the quarter.

For the game, Floydada shot only 18 percent and grabbed 27 rebounds. Farwell shot 58 percent and grabbed 34 rebounds.

Individually for Floydada, Morren and Selena Espinosa scored eight points each, Pena scored four points and Valerie Espino-

sa scored two points.

Individually for Farwell, Lindsey Cloburn scored 28 points, Maria Maldonado scored 26 points, Katey White scored 12 points, Hope Herrera scored eight points and Paulina Rodriguez and Edie White scored two points each.

Farwell fell to #3 Panhandle 65-41 on Friday, Feb. 17 in the Area round of the playoffs to finish their season.

In other 3-2A and 4-2A Bi-District action, Abernathy defeated Olton 41-38, Sudan defeated New Deal 56-55 and Lockney defeated Post 55-52. In Area action, Abernathy defeated Gruver 55-41, Sudan lost to Claude 60-32 and Lockney lost to Stratford 70-40.

Lady Winds open softball season with loss to Littlefield

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LITTLEFIELD – Floydada opened the softball season with a loss to the Littlefield Lady Cats, 6-5.

The Lady Winds took the early lead in the top of the first when Karley Weems doubled to drive in Hannah Morales and give Floydada a 1-0 lead.

Floydada added another run in the top of the fourth. Denise Riojas singled to left to drive in Angela Vega, giving the Lady Winds a 2-0 lead. In the bottom of the fourth, the Lady Cats came back to take a 3-2 lead. Ashley Arce

popped out to drive in Tiffany Lopez then Alexis Trotter singled to center to plate Addyn Mata. Brittney Smith then stole home to give Littlefield the lead.

Floydada came back in the top of the fifth with two runs to take a 4-3 lead. Clary Segura stole home and Morales stole home for the Lady Winds.

The Lady Winds added another run in the top of the sixth when Dora Cervera stole home to make it 5-3.

Floydada held the lead going into the bottom of the seventh inning. Trotter reached on an error to lead off the bottom of the seventh and scored on the play.

Genesis Garza scored on a steal of home to tie the game then Lopez singled to drive in Hannah Diaz with the winning run.

For Floydada, Morales went 3-4 with two runs and took the loss, pitching six innings giving up six runs on eight hits while striking out three and walking six.

Floydada was originally scheduled to open the season against Tulia, but that game was cancelled since the Lady Hornets were still in the basketball playoffs. The Lady Winds played Slaton on Feb. 21 and will participate in the Sanford-Fritch tournament this weekend. They will open District play on Feb. 28 by hosting Crosbyton.

Whirlwinds lose District finale to Post

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA – Floydada wrapped up the regular season with a 60-44 loss to the Post Antelopes. The Whirlwinds finished in fourth place in District 4-2A and played the Lockney Longhorns in the Bi-District round of the playoffs.

After the first quarter, the Whirlwinds and Antelopes were tied 10-10. Remington Ricketts and Abraham Perez each score three points to lead the Whirlwinds.

In the second quarter, Post outscored Floydada 24-13 to take a 34-23 lead into halftime. Garrett Hobbs scored five points to lead the Whirlwinds.

Post continued to hold the Whirlwinds at arm's length, outscoring the Whirlwinds

10-9 to take a 44-32 lead after the third quarter.

The Whirlwinds were unable to mount a comeback in the fourth quarter as the Antelopes outscored the Whirlwinds 16-12 to claim the 60-44 victory. Ricketts scored four points to lead Floydada.

For the game, Floydada shot 31 percent from the floor and grabbed 28 rebounds. Post shot 51 percent and grabbed 40 rebounds.

Individually for Floydada, Ricketts finished with 15 points, Jordan Mendoza and Hobbs each scored seven points, Jesse Segura and Perez each scored five points, Brayden Campbell scored three points and Andrew Vega scored two points.

Individually for Post, AJ Reed led with 23 points,

Chance Courtney scored 12 points, Aric Garza scored 10 points, Deelan Reed scored nine points, Mike Pherguson scored four points and Jeremiah Martin scored two points.

Floydada finished District play at 4-6 and in fourth place. New Deal was first at 10-0, Post and Abernathy finished 7-3, Ralls and Crosbyton were each 1-9. Abernathy defeated Post 43-42 for second place. Floydada defeated Vega 55-45 in a practice game on Feb. 17.

In Bi-District, Floydada played Lockney Monday, New Deal played Bovina, Post played Farwell Tuesday and Abernathy played Olton Tuesday. The Floydada/Lockney winner will take on the winner of Wheeler and Sanford-Fritch either Feb. 23, Feb. 24 or Feb. 25.

Longhorns defeat Bovina, capture District crown

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LCK	17	14	27	19	77
BVN	13	19	13	18	63

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

BOVINA – Lockney overcame a Bovina Mustang halftime lead, to defeat them 77-63 and capture the District 3-2A crown. The Longhorns took on Floydada in the Bi-District round.

In the first quarter, Lockney took a 17-13 lead. Jaden Butler scored six points to lead the Longhorns.

Bovina outscored Lockney 19-14 in the second quarter to take a 32-31 lead into the locker room. Butler scored six points to lead Lockney in the quarter.

The Longhorns came out of halftime, outscoring the Mustangs 27-13 in the third quarter.

Jaden Rosales scored 12 points to lead Lockney in the quarter.

Lockney outscored the Mustangs 19-18 in the fourth quarter to claim the District victory, 77-63. Butler scored 11 points for the Longhorns in the quarter.

For the game, Lockney shot 48 percent from the field and grabbed 46 rebounds. Bovina shot 40 percent from the field and grabbed 32 rebounds.

Individually for Lockney, Butler scored 27 points, Rosales scored 25, Chris Emert scored 14, Jonathan Rodriguez scored seven points, Trevor Ascensio scored two points and Kevin Lopez and Luke Kasner each scored one point.

Individually for Bovina, #23

scored 15 points, #10 scored 13 points, #1 scored 10 points, #35 scored eight points, #13 scored six points, #4 and #20 scored four points each and #21 scored three points.

Lockney finished in first in the District 3-2A race with a 9-1 record, Farwell was 8-2, Olton was 6-4, Bovina was 4-6, Hale Center was 3-7 and Sudan was 0-10.

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Texas A&M To Offer New Degree In Oceanography

By Keith Randall
Marketing and Communications

COLLEGE STATION, Feb. 17, 2017 – Responding to new challenges impacting the Earth's oceans, Texas A&M University's Department of Oceanography will offer a new undergraduate degree in oceanography.

The new bachelor of science degree in oceanography is necessary for several reasons, officials say.

"The exploration and exploitation of energy resources in deeper waters offshore, the continued growth of human populations along the coast, and growing efforts to predict and mitigate coastal hazards such as hurricanes, tsunamis, oil spills, and harmful algal blooms are driving an increase in the need and opportunities for well-trained ocean scientists," says Shari Yvon-Lewis, acting department head of oceanography.

"We are extremely excited to offer the new bachelor of science degree in oceanography. This new degree is tailored to providing skills for

new oceanography-related jobs emerging as we tap further into the resources provided by the ocean, as well as skills that are transferable to a wide array of technical careers.

"This new degree will provide students with the skills they need to go directly into the workforce as well as provide a strong STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) foundation for students wanting to pursue an advanced degree. We have built professional development opportunities into the curriculum and provide opportunities for study abroad and internships."

The new major will provide education and training in one of three areas of concentration: ocean observing systems and technology; ocean climate and marine ecosystem science and health.

Some experts say geosciences could be the defining scientific discipline of the 21st century, noting that human society of the future depends more on innovation and application of discov-

ery in the geosciences than on any other discipline. The field is essential to solving society's critical challenges – global climate change, air and water quality, and adequate energy and food supplies.

For more information, about the new degree, go to <http://ocean.tamu.edu/>

Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

(Note: All quotes from Oscar Wilde)

A man can be happy with any woman as long as he does not love her.

A man is very apt to complain of the ingratitude of those who have risen far above him.

America had often been discovered before Columbus, but it had always been hushed up.

Anyone who lives within their means suffers from a lack of imagination.

At twilight, nature is not without loveliness, though perhaps its chief use is to illustrate quotations from the poets.

Every portrait that is painted with feeling is a portrait of the artist, not of the sitter.

Fashion is a form of ugliness so intolerable that we have to alter it every six months.

I always like to know everything about my new friends, and nothing about my old ones.

I think that God in creating Man somewhat overestimated his ability.

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

February 27 – March 3

Monday

Breakfast – Banana loaf, cereal, fresh fruit, milk

Lunch – Bean and cheese burrito, cheeseburger, crisp corn on the cob, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast – Breakfast on a stick, cereal, fresh fruit, milk

Lunch – Cheesy nachos, chicken sandwich, spicy pinto beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast – Egg, cheese & turkey sausage breakfast burrito, cereal, fresh fruit, milk

Lunch – Popcorn chicken w/dinner roll, turkey hot dog, seasoned mashed potatoes, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Thursday

Breakfast – Cinnamon bun, cereal, fresh fruit, milk

Lunch – Pepperoni pizza, baked breaded chicken sandwich, spiced green beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Friday

Breakfast – French toast, cereal, fresh fruit, milk

Lunch – Grilled hamburger, baked chicken nuggets w/grain roll, broccoli w/cheese sauce, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU

February 27 – March 3

Monday, Feb. 27

Breakfast – Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch – Steak Fingers or Breaded Pork Chop, Roll, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Carrot Coins, Strawberries and Bananas, Milk

Tuesday, Feb. 28

Breakfast – Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch – Spaghetti Bowl with Breadstick or French Bread Pizza, Salad, California Blend Vegetables, Peaches, Pudding, Milk

Wednesday, Mar. 1

Breakfast – Biscuit, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch – Mexican Combo Plate or Chicken Quesadilla, Corn, Charro Beans, Salsa, Garnish, Applesauce, Milk

Thursday, Mar. 2

Breakfast – Sausage Kolache, Yogurt, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch – Teriyaki Beef Sliders with Potato Chips or Texas Chili with Cornbread, Broccoli Bites, Tomato Cup, Oranges, Milk

Friday, Mar. 3

Breakfast – Egg and Cheese Sandwich, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch – Popcorn Chicken, Roll or Sloppy Joe, Oven Fries, Cucumbers, Seasonal Fruit, Cookie, Milk



SCHOOL NEWS



Lockney Girl Attends Inauguration

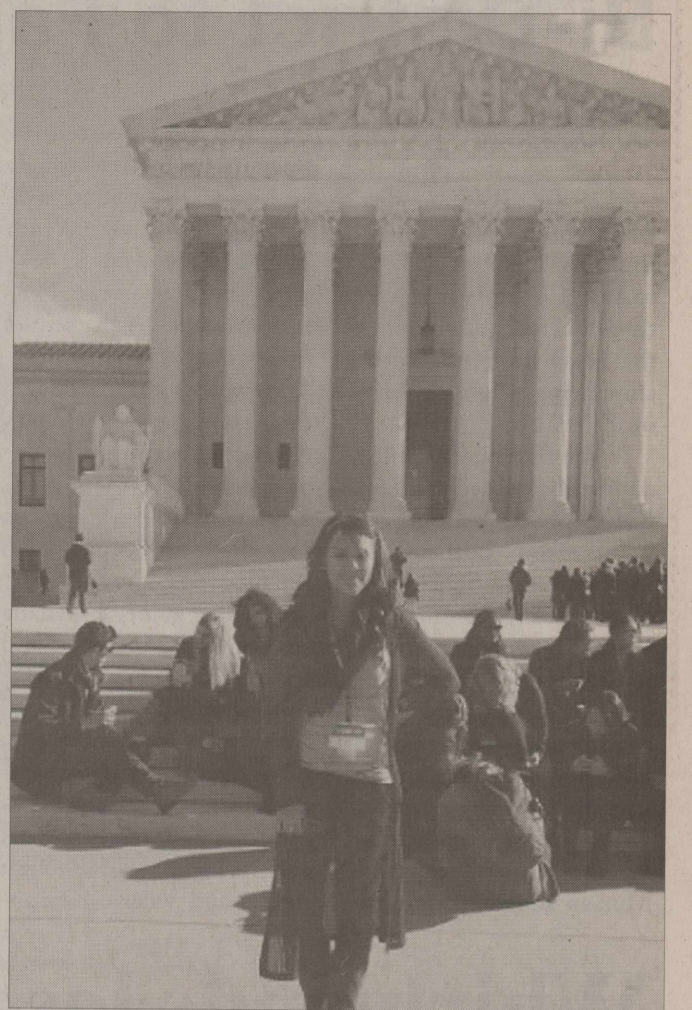
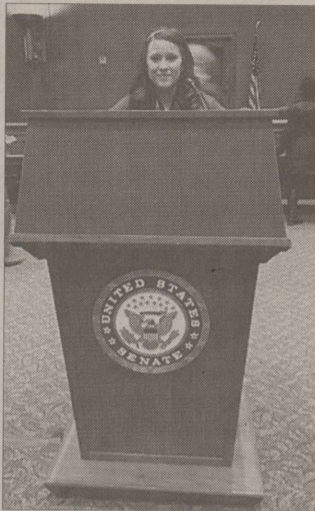
By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

Izabel Cruz, daughter of Veronica Cabrera of Lockney, represented Region 17 of the migrant program at the inauguration of President Donald Trump in Washington, D.C. in January.

The trip to Washington came about when Olga Martinez with the Lockney ISD migrant program had an opportunity to send a migrant student to the inauguration.

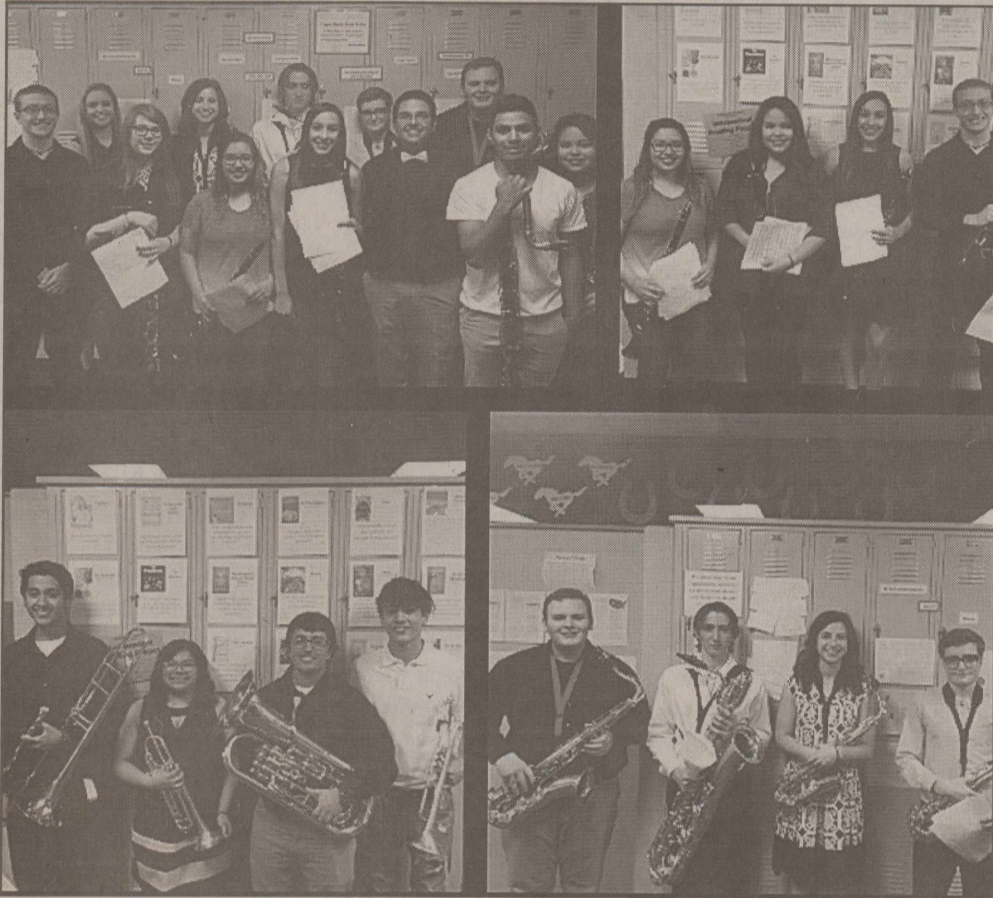
Students interested in being selected for this opportunity had to write an essay, and get recommendations from teachers along with some volunteer work.

Izabel was chosen to go. She met people from everywhere including rooming with teenage girls from Puerto Rico. The Lockney student flew on a plane for the first time ever, went to museums, Capitol Hill and the Lincoln Memorial. This was an amazing experience for her.



Izabel Cruz, daughter of Veronica Cabrera of Lockney, represented Region 17 of the migrant program at the inauguration of President Donald Trump in Washington, D.C. in January. Courtesy photos

FHS band state qualifiers



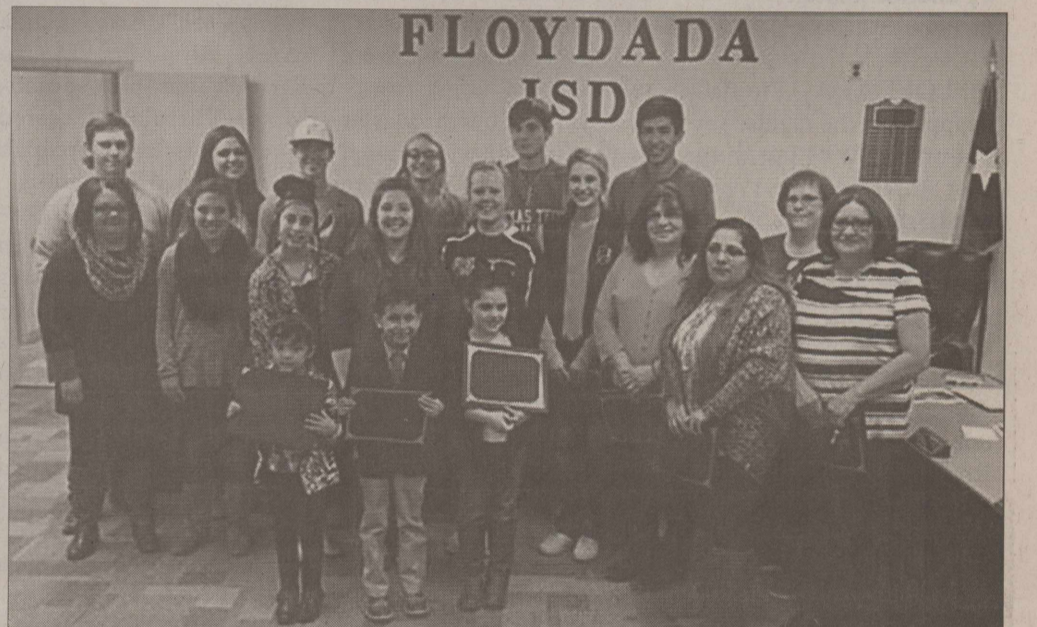
Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

The Floydada Whirlwind Band had 16 members qualify for the State competition.

They competed Saturday, February 18th in Lubbock. These 16 students make up four ensembles, Woodwinds,

Brass Quartet, Clarinet Quartet, and Sax Quartet. The State competition is May 27th, 28th, and 29th.

FISD Recognizes Students, Staff of the Month for February



By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

The Floydada ISD Board recognized the following students and staff for their efforts to make education the best it can be at its monthly meeting Thursday, Feb. 16.

Each month the staff selects students that exemplify education at its best and those students are recognized

Brooke Galvan
Kaylee Morren
Karley Weems
Montana Williams
Macee Brotherton
Kortney Campbell

at the monthly school board meeting. The elementary students recognized were Bailey McHam, Braeden Ramirez, and Mary Degollado, all 1st graders at A.B. Duncan Elementary. The High School students recognized were the Business Professionals of America State Qualifiers. You will find a list of these individuals below. The elementary educator selected

Marissa Valdivia
Allison Orr
Allison Muniz
Hannah Morales
Kylie Ricketts
Azalea Garza

this month was Rhoda Morales who teaches 1st grade at A.B. Duncan Elementary. The secondary employees of the month were Carmelita Rodriguez, Melisa Garcia, Joann Rangel, and Sherry Vick. These ladies are the Cafeteria Staff at Floydada High School. Congratulations to each of these students and employees and thank you for your hard work.

FLOYDADA ISD SPRING SEMESTER IMPORTANT DATES

- 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

SPC to honor two students during National TRiO Day on Thursday

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

LEVELLAND – South Plains College will participate in National TRiO Day luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday (Feb. 23) in the Jay Gordon Room of Lubbock Independent School District.

The National Trio Day event is celebrated by South Plains College Upward Bound Program; LEARN Inc. Educational Opportunity Center and Talent Search; Texas Tech University Upward Bound Program; Texas Tech Student Support Services and the SPC STAR Center Program.

Each program will honor a TRiO achiever during the luncheon. South Plains College will honor LaTasha Moore, SPC Upward Bound, and Alicia Gaona, SPC STAR Center.

Moore joined the Upward Bound program in the fall of her sophomore year while attending Levelland High School. She graduated from LHS with a 4.0 GPA, 19 hours of dual credit courses and a membership in the National Honor's Society. She participated in UB through graduation and was a member of the 2010 Bridge Class where she was one of only four

students to finish the UB program that year by participating in the bridge program.

While attending SPC, Moore was inducted into the Kappa Mu Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society. She graduated from South Plains College in May 2012 earning her Associate of Science in Business Administration with a 4.0 GPA and headed to Texas Tech University and the Rawls College of Business Administration.

Moore was inducted into the Gamma Beta Phi Honors Society. In May of 2016, Moore earned both her bachelor's degree in Business Administration and her master's degree in Accounting from Texas Tech.

The SPC STAR Center honoree Gaona is a Levelland native who graduated from Levelland High. She currently is a student at South Plains College majoring in Education.

Gaona said, "The reason I chose education is because I love working with kids. Helping my nieces and nephews with school work inspired me to want to be a teacher. I would love to be that one teacher who makes a big influence in their life."

Gaona credits the STAR Center

for having a huge impact on her life. The positive energy from each from her advisors gave her the motivation to fulfill her goals.

"When I decided to switch my career I felt discouraged and lost," she said. "I was at the rock bottom and wanted to quit, but with the positive reinforcement I stuck with it. My advisors at the STAR Center and my family are the reason I am determined to succeed and know that I will be able to accomplish my dreams."

Gaona said she realized that she needed academic assistance to be successful and utilized the tutoring services offered in the STAR Center. She also took advantage of the computer lab as well as other resources.

Gaona will graduate in May with an Associate of Arts in Teaching. She will attend Lubbock Christian University in the fall.

In 1965, Title IV of the Higher Education Act established the TRiO programs to help low-income Americans enter college, graduate and move on to participate more fully in America's economic and social life. Nationally, more than 10.5 million students benefited from these programs.

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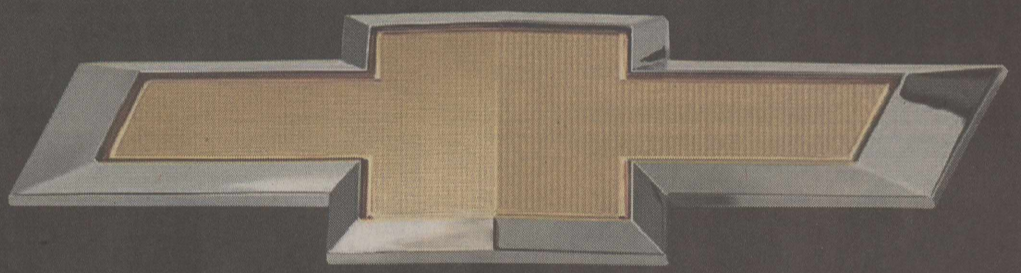
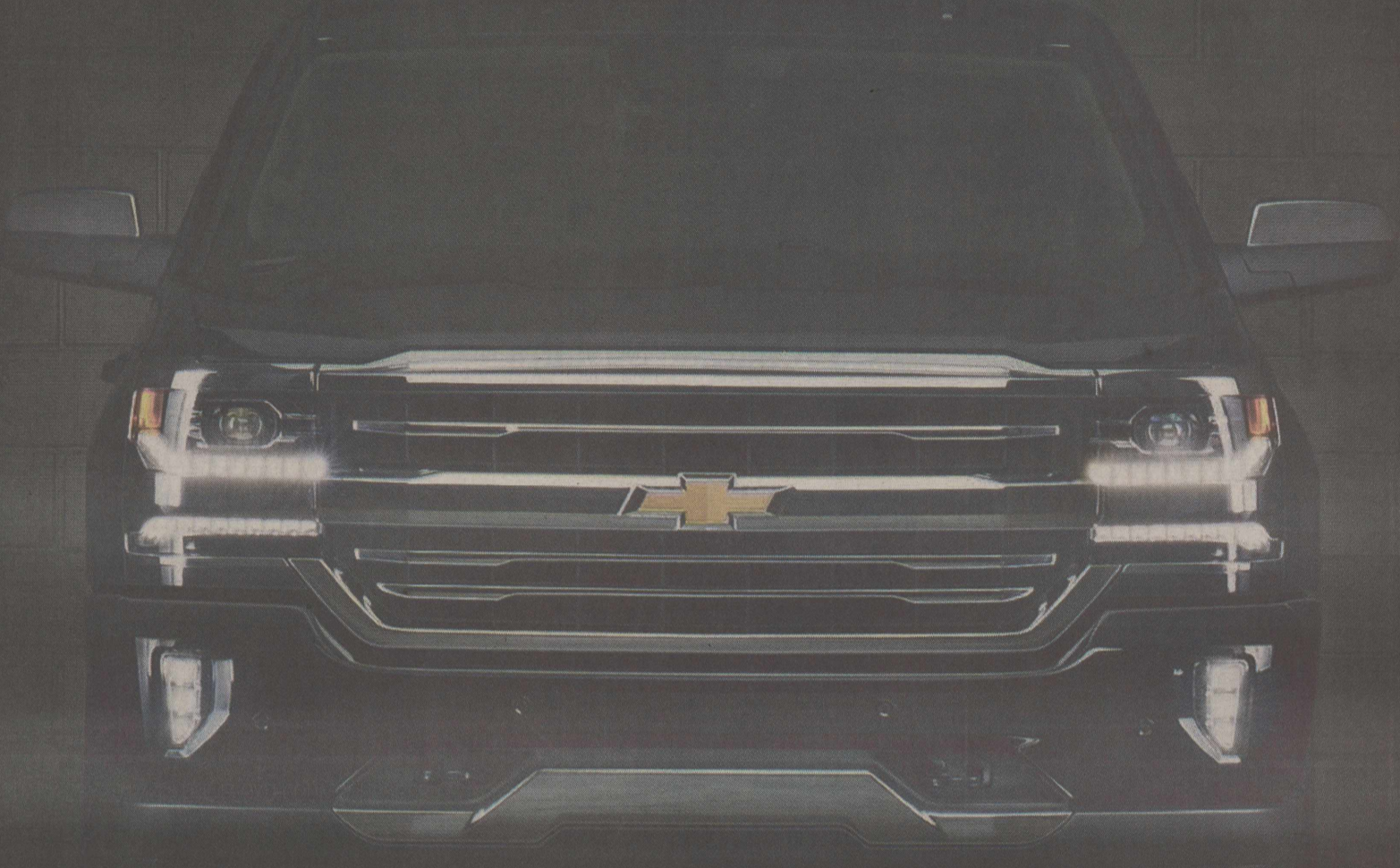
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Major components of the work are as follows:

- Removal of existing gravel roofing material.
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- Provide and install flashing for roof penetrations.
- Relocate existing RTU to new curb.

Contract documents, including plans and specifications, are available at the office of Carthel Engineering Solutions, 4409 71st Street #6, Lubbock, Texas 79424, phone 806-687-8322, fax 806-687-8323, email chestercarthel@yahoo.com. Questions concerning this project should be addressed to Mr. Chester "Ches" Carthel, P.E.

This is a lump sum contract. **Method of payment to Contractor will be via check by the District after requests for payment.**

A Bid Bond (issued by an acceptable security), in the amount of 5 percent of the bid, shall be submitted with each bid. A certified check or bank draft payable to the Caprock Hospital District, or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (at par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond. The successful Bidder must furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each in the amount of the contract, from a Surety Company holding a permit from the State of Texas, to act as a Surety or other Surety, or Sureties satisfactory to the Owner. If the total bid is less than \$25,000, a Payment Bond will not be required.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing (i.e., Davis-Bacon) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Commerce and contained in the Contract Documents must be paid on the project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are no discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

The Caprock Hospital District reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. Bids may be held by the Caprock Hospital District for a period not to exceed sixty (60) calendar days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidder's qualifications prior to awarding of the contract.



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Anita Louise Bigham

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law to such Independent Executor in care of the attorney of said Independent Executor:

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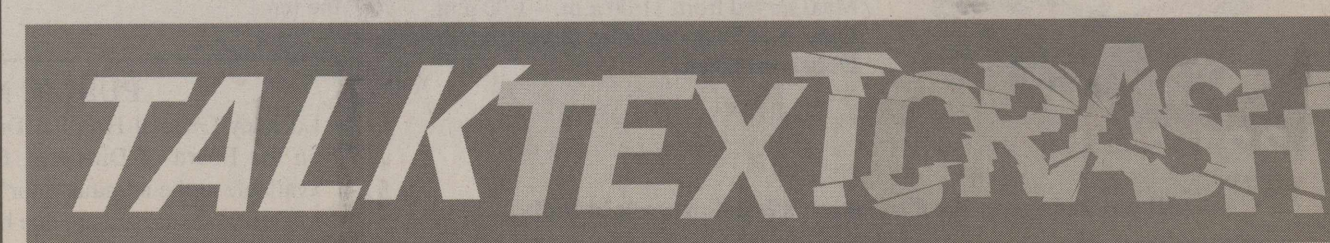
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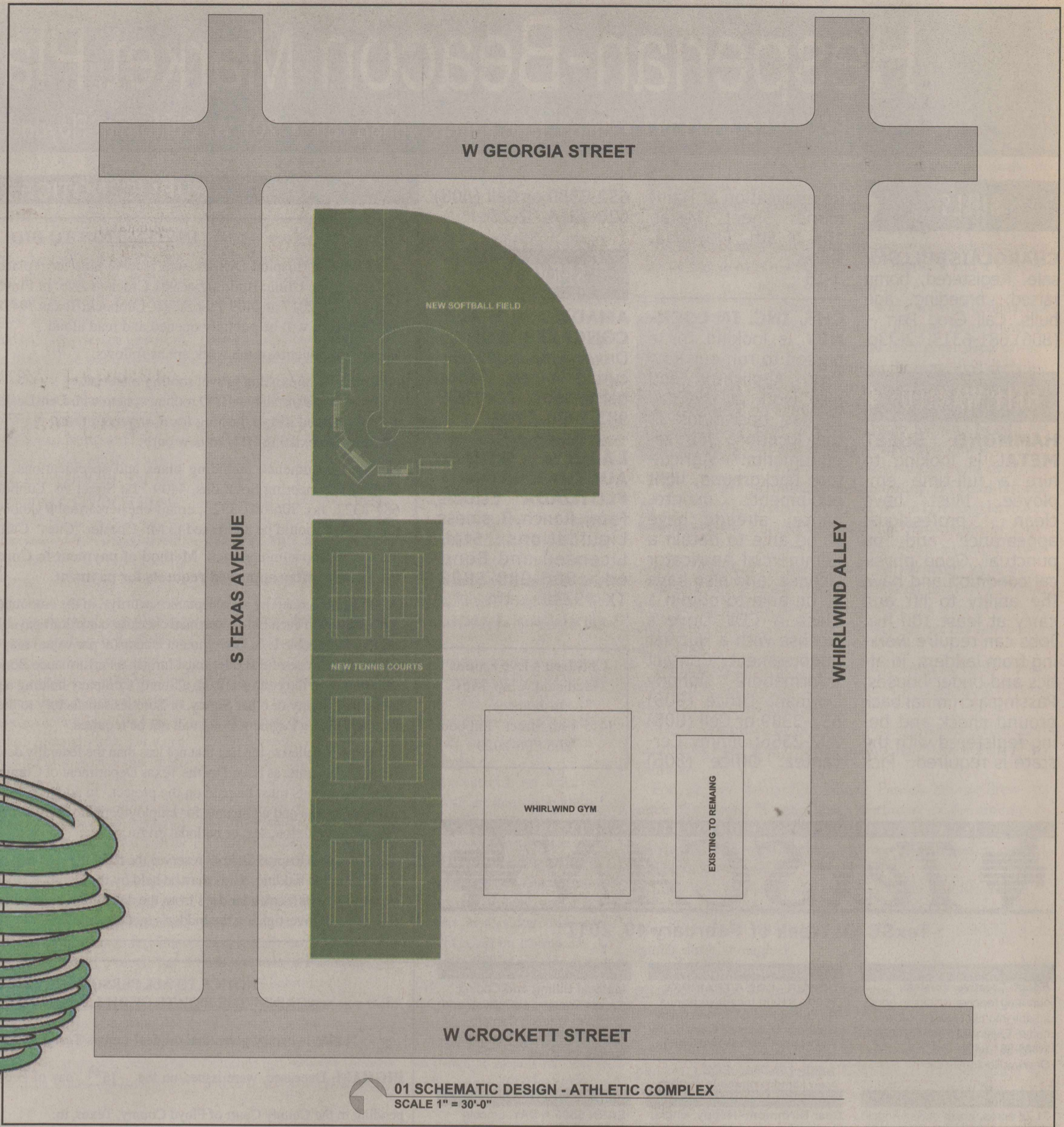
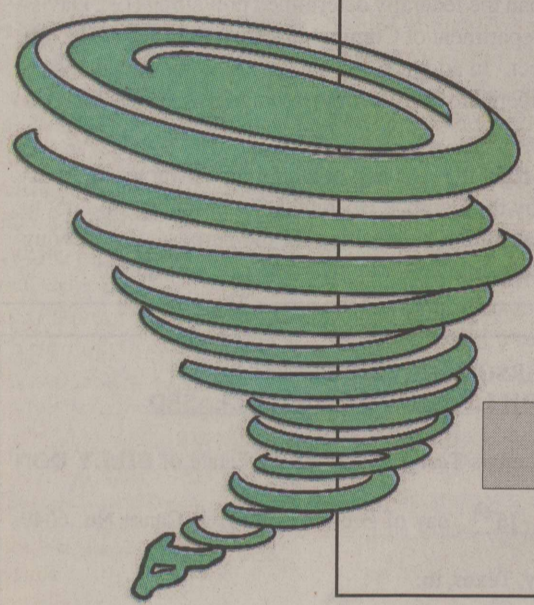
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School, including building security and issues with its foundation, plumbing and electrical. The current high school building was built in 1955 with a wing added in 1967.

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 and other facilities in a deteriorating structure.

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.



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Ammons encourages biblical view of money management

By Jonathan Petty
Director of Communications
Wayland Baptist University

PLAINVIEW – Wayland Baptist University held its annual Willson Lectures chapel service on Wednesday morning with Bruce Ammons serving as the guest speaker. Ammons, author of *Conquering Debt God's Way*, offered a biblical world view of money management to those in attendance.

Ammons, a 1985 graduate of Wayland, currently serves as a pastor at Sugar Creek Baptist Church in Sugarland near Houston. He has presented the live *Conquering Debt God's Way* seminar at more than 500 churches in 24 states. On Wednesday, he gave students just a glimpse at how to deal with money management and debt.

First, he wanted students to have a strong biblical foundation for money management, understanding that all things come from God and belong to God. He used 1 Chronicles 29 as an example in which David

proclaimed that everything belonged to God 15 times in a few short verses. David set the example by giving of his own resources in order to build the temple.

"Whatever [God] has given you, be grateful for it. If He asks for some of it back, give it back," Ammons said. "Guard against being prideful, even if you do well."

Ammons encouraged students to be generous as a reminder that everything belongs to God. He encouraged them to set aside part of what they have to help others.

"Establish a generous heart now, with whatever you have," he said. "If you can establish this truth in your heart now – it all belongs to God – and you're going to recognize that by taking action, by being generous off the top of everything God gives to you, it is going to set a foundation for your life that will have a ripple effect and continue to change lives years after you're dead and gone."

He then gave student a

practical application for personal money management. He explained the credit card trap that many young people fall into and how to avoid it by paying credit balances in full every month. Ammons said credit cards aren't bad if used correctly, but "credit card math" can lead to tremendous debt if one is not careful.

Following the chapel service, Ammons was available for a luncheon question-and-answer session at which time he touched more on personal applications for controlling debt. He explained the credit cycle and how credit scores worked and gave students some practical information on best practices in investing and saving.

The Willson Lecture Series is held each year and was established in 1950 by gifts from Floydada residents James M. and Mavis Willson, successful business persons and active community residents. The Willson's grandson Blair and his wife Gayle were in attendance on Wednesday.

Mobile Breast Mammography to be in Floydada

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CovenantHealth and Arlington Comprehensive Breast Center Mobile Mammography is scheduled to be in Floydada on Thursday, March 9, 2017 at A.B. Duncan Elementary (10111 South 8th Street, Floydada). To schedule an appointment the patient needs to call our Mobile Mammography Scheduling Office at 1-877-494-4797 or 806-725-6579. Scheduling hours are Monday – Thursday, 8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. and Friday, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. This process will ensure complete confidentiality of personal, demographic and insurance information.

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SAVE THE DATES: Annual rainwater harvesting workshops

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We all know "April showers bring May flowers." However, rainfall from April showers can be used to irrigate flowers later in the year with proper

use of rainwater harvesting techniques.

HPWD is hosting a series of workshops in March, April, and May to share rainwater harvesting information with area residents. The cost of each workshop is \$20 at

the door. In addition, the first 25 persons to RSVP will receive a free rainwater harvesting barrel and a rain chain—courtesy of HPWD.

Workshops will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the following locations:

- March 30 – Ollie Liner Center, 2000 S. Columbia, Plainview TX.
- April 6 – Bailey County Electric Co-op, 610 E. American Blvd, Muleshoe TX.
- April 13 – Mallet Event Center, 2320 S. U.S. 385, Leveland TX.
- April 27 – Cole Community Center, 300 N. 16th Street, Canyon, TX.
- May 4 – HPWD Office, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock, TX.

"We will have a panel of experts at each workshop who will share their hands-on experience with rainwater catchment. So whether you're a novice or already have a rainwater harvesting system,

this is a great learning opportunity," said Katherine Drury, HPWD Education and Outreach Coordinator.

This is the fourth year for the HPWD sponsored workshops.

Persons are encouraged to register for the workshops by calling the district office in Lubbock at (806) 762-0181. Online registration will be available on or about February 28.

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