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Deon Fincher, a graduate of FHS '82 and Texas Tech, has returned to Floydada and will be working as the Chamber of Commerce manager.

Chamber Names New Manager

By Kay Ellington
 The Hesperian-Beacon

Deon Fincher has come home to Floydada with ideas and an opportunity. A graduate of the Class of 1982, she has been named the new manager of the Floydada Chamber of Commerce.

For 35 years Fincher has worked in public relations helping small communities and small organizations market themselves—like Roswell, New Mexico in their 50th Anniversary celebration and the Texas Beekeepers Association.

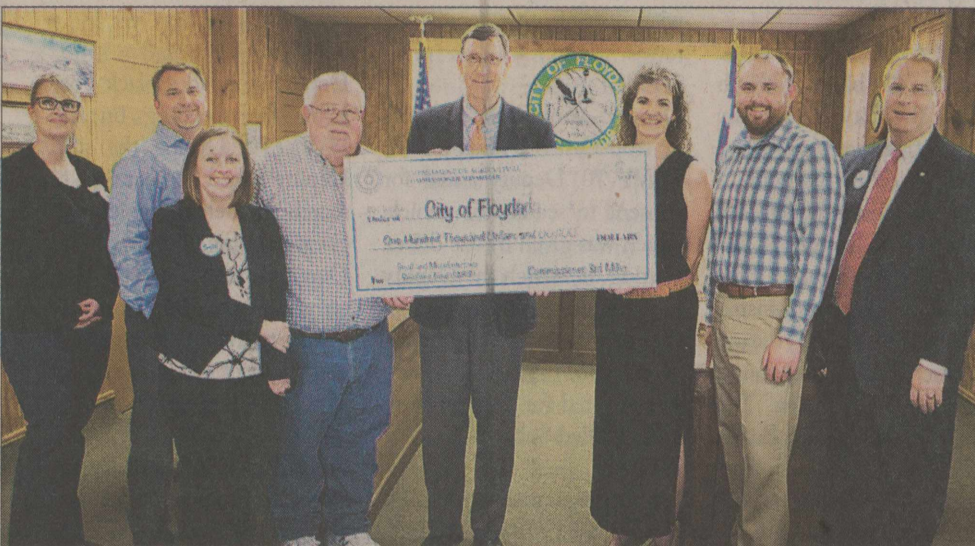
A graduate from Texas Tech with a degree in accounting, her most recent position was as a grant

accountant with Austin Community College. She has lived “up and down the coast of California,” New Mexico, and Austin.

But a chance encounter on Facebook reunited her with her high school sweetheart, and Fincher returned to Floydada. Now, a newlywed—her husband works at Floyd Co. Supply and ranches across the area—Fincher looks forward to supporting the Chamber board in marketing the community and local businesses.

In high school Fincher was editor of the school newspaper and looks forward to involving the high school in infusing energy into the community.

TDA Presents Floydada \$100,000 Award



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The Texas Department of Agriculture presented the City of Floydada with a \$100,000 award to be used for loans for small businesses in job creation and retention. On hand for the announcement were: Cecily Miller, Caprock Business Financial Development, Jeff Johnston, Floydada City Manager, Kelly Davila, South Plains Association of Governments, Bobby Gilliland, Floydada mayor, Rick Rhodes, Texas Department of Agriculture, Deon Fincher, Floydada Chamber of Commerce, Jesse Finley, Floydada Economic Development Corporation and Tim Pierce, Executive Director of SPAG.

By Kay Ellington
 The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA—Last week the Texas Department of Agriculture presented the City of Floydada a 2017 Small and MicroEnterprise Revolving Fund (SMRF) award in the amount of \$100,000.

These funds will be made available to local businesses to apply for small loans to aid in job creation or retention within the city of Floydada.

The city with assistance from the South Plains Association of Governments and in partnership with Caprock

Business Finance Corporation applied to the Texas Department of Agriculture for this funding in late 2016.

At the press event Kelly Davila with SPAG said that five cities across the South Plains had been eligible for this award—Floydada, Slaton, Brownfield, Levelland and Littlefield—and they all received the award.

Rick Rhodes, Administrator for the Office of Rural Affairs with the Texas Department of Agriculture, was on hand for the announcement and said, “As a former mayor of Sweetwater, I know

how small West Texas towns struggle, and at TDA, we're pleased to be a part of a program that will make a difference in Floydada.”

Cecily Miller with Caprock Business Financial Development in coordination with the City of Floydada and SPAG will be servicing these loans, and plans to hold a workshop April 4 in Floydada to educate the community on how the process works.

Mayor Bobby Gilliland and City Manager Jeff Johnston thanked TDA and SPAG for their assistance with this initiative.

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.

TRINITY ASSEMBLY

Trinity Assembly in Floydada (across from DQ) will be holding Revival Services with Danny & Sharon Parker on March 19 thru March 22. Times for services are: Sunday - 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Monday thru Wednesday - 7 p.m.

OLD SETTLER'S ASSOCIATION

The Old Settler's Association will be holding meetings on Monday - March 20, Monday - April 10, Monday - April 24, Monday - May 15 and Monday - May 22. Meetings will be held at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of the First National Bank of Floydada. Everyone is invited and welcome to come to these organizational meetings.

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.

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County Awards \$40,000 to VFDs

By Kay Ellington
 The Hesperian-Beacon

The Floyd County Commissioners awarded the Floydada Volunteer Fire Department and Lockney Volunteer Fire Departments each \$20,000 in their monthly meeting Monday. In making the announcement, County Judge Marty Lucke noted when Floydada Fire Chief Craig Dubois had appeared before the commissioners' court in 2015 making a presentation about a need for a “jaws of life” and the court said at the time that if funds were available in the new budget, they would assist.

The judge noted that to be fair to both of the county's fire departments, he then reached out to Lockney to see if they had any unmet equipment needs and discovered that

Lockney needed replacement bumpers, and the county appropriated the funds for them as well. Representatives from both departments were on hand for a presentation.

In other court action, Roseann Mayer from “Goodnight Country” made a presentation to the court about a new organization working to market counties in areas near the historic Charles Goodnight Ranch. Currently, “Goodnight Country” has a website and billboards and participating counties include Donley and Armstrong. Goodnight Country is seeking a grant from the state and at this point, no fees are needed to participate in the marketing group. Floyd County commissioners voted to participate in the “Goodnight Country” marketing efforts.

Also at Monday's meet-



ing, Faith Tyler from Apex Clean Energy appeared before the court, and walked them through the wind energy company's completion of needed

steps for a 312 Agreement, including commissioner Lindan Morris recusing himself from the vote because he is a landowner in the area where

they are building Pumpkin Farms windfarm. Other modifications include the windfarm expanding from 200 to 280

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Correction

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

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Floydada County Sheriff's office crime report

2/01/17
Deputy responded to a crash on FM 689, where a vehicle struck a cow on the roadway.

2/03/17
Deputy conducted a traffic stop in the 500 block of West Kentucky in the City of Floydada for an equipment violation. The driver, Mario Alberto Sanchez-Orosco 33, was arrested for Fake ID/Driver's License.

2/05/17
Deputy was dispatched to 1100 S. Main in the City of Floydada, for a fight in progress. Stacy Delafuente 46, of Floydada was arrested for Assault Family Violence.

2/07/17
Deputy conducted a traffic stop in the 400 block of North Main in the City of Lockney for an equipment violation. Deputy asked for consent to search the vehicle, which was granted. Upon search of the vehicle, Deputy located a firearm. The Deputy was assisted by Floydada Police during the search. They also found cocaine and marijuana. The driver, Richard Martin Bazan 22 of Lockney, was arrested for Possession of Marijuana, Possession of a Controlled Substance, and Unlawful Carrying of a Weapon. The passenger, Noah Ramos 19 of Lockney, was arrested for a warrant out of Wilson County for Failure to Appear - Possession of

Marijuana.

2/09/17
Deputy responded to the 500 block of NE 8th Street in the City of Lockney about a burglary that had already occurred. The complainant advised the Deputy that a safe that contained some blank checks was taken, along with a broken washer, and an air conditioning unit. A suspect has been identified in this case.

2/10/17
Deputy responded to a one vehicle rollover just south of the Unity Center on US HWY 70. The driver, Sally Garza 42 of Plainview, was taken to Covenant Hospital Plainview with non-life threatening injuries.

2/11/17
Deputy conducted a traffic stop East of Aiken on US HWY 70. Deputy asked for consent to search the vehicle which was given by the driver. During the search the Deputy found methamphetamines in the driver's purse. Christine Thompson, 46 of Lockney, was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance.

2/11/17
Deputy responded to the 2600 block of FM 378 about a burglary of a building. The owner stated that several items were taken. The complainant reported that a "16" bench vice with the initials AES painted in orange, a black Craftsman

drill press, a red Craftsman tool box with miscellaneous wrenches, and an Acetylene bottle were missing. The investigation is ongoing.

2/11/17
Deputy responded to 1900 FM 786 about a theft. The owner stated that someone had stolen a black and yellow DE Walt Duffel bag with a red and green Fockersperger label attached to it. Inside the bag was a Milwaukee Band saw, an 18 volt Milwaukee cordless drill, three hacksaws, a De Walt air blow gun, a die grinder set. Also taken was a Mi-T-M 3500 psi pressure washer and a STHIL chainsaw in the case.

2/13/15
Deputy stopped a black Ford F150 for speeding on US HWY 70. During the stop, Deputy asked for consent to search the vehicle which was given. During the search the Deputy located several prescription bottles that did not belong to the driver or passenger. The driver, Natasha Juarez 17 of Plainview, was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance. Juan Manuel Carrasco 35 was released pending charges of Possession of Dangerous Drugs.

2/17/17
Deputy responded to a theft at the 1100 block of FM 378. The owner advised two

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The Paperboy Good people rally to help those in need

I knew my nephew Jake Walker was a good guy, but what he did last week and over the weekend made me very proud of him.

A year out of high school, Jake has been in taking college classes and doing some farming. He has developed a strong work ethic which will benefit him as he matures.

All those things are positive, but when tragedy struck in the form of horrible wild fires last week in the northern Texas Panhandle, Jake and his buddies were there to answer the call.

I don't know how many trips Jake made north with loads of hay, but it was a bunch. For four days with very little sleep, Jake and other incredible men dropped what they were doing to get hay to ranchers who suddenly had no pastures.

The destruction of grasslands, and even deaths of some very well liked people, was felt across the region. But the response was amazing. So amazing, that victims of the fires now have plenty of hay for their cattle.

Thank you to the ranchers and farmers for providing hay and thank you to the volunteers who hauled it day and night. While tragic, when neighbors help neighbors, it makes everyone of us better.

I know my liberal readers (and yes there are some) get ticked off at me for bashing other liberals, bug dang, sometimes I simply can't resist.

Most of you know that American colleges and universities have gone off the deep end regarding safe spaces, aggressions, micro-aggressions, white privilege and on and on. The Social Justice Warriors on today's campuses have been working overtime to turn much of our future workforce into a bunch of thin-skinned cry babies who are incapable of surviving in a world that does not give a crap about their feelings.

The latest news involves Southern Illinois University and a new program by that school: take naps to dream about diversity.

According to the SIU student newspaper The Daily Egyptian, the university is hosting "nap-ins" at the Morris Library, where students can dream of diversity as part of the three-week Dreaming Diversity Art Installation, which kicked off last Monday.

"The nap-ins are part of the internal journey to diversity," said Marissa Amposta, coordinator. "All dreams start while sleeping."

But hold on, it gets better! "A labyrinth will also be set up in the rotunda surrounding the scroll to 'help guide students to their dreams,'" Amposta told the school paper.

"The maze is sort of a metaphor for the general path to diversity," Amposta said. "It takes a while to reach, and it's complicated."

As a parent, I would consider cutting funding off if my student was attending this school. Frankly, it is not the mindset I think a person needs to be fruitful.

Instead of dreaming of diversity, I would suggest that young people work their tails off and respect other people regardless of differences. That is what can be controlled.

So much effort and money is going toward political correctness that it's laughable. What's not funny is young people taking these things seriously.

The business world does not care about your color, your gender, your religion, etc... What the business world cares about is ones ability to make the business money.

I know it will be shocking when these students get in the real world, and it shouldn't. After all, they are attending college in order to become productive citizens.

But this school and many others are doing students a disservice to students and wasting money. It really is that simple.

Students in college are supposed to be paying for an education which will help them achieve their dreams.

Instead, students are paying to dream while falling short of being prepared for their respective futures. That is wrong.

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Lucke and Morales Complete the Basics of County Investments Course

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN – Floyd County Judge Marty Lucke and Floyd County Treasurer Lori Morales have completed the Basics of County Investments Course presented by the Texas Association of Counties (TAC).

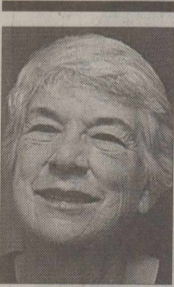
The Course meets the educational requirements of the Texas Public Funds Investment Act and includes presentations on products and services in the public funds markets and updates on the latest laws and strategies. Course topics included identifying cash flow

needs, analyzing factors affecting the Texas economy and the Public Funds Investment Act. Course graduates are in a better position to ensure the safety of principal, portfolio liquidity and appropriate returns – three key areas of concern for county investments.

The training is required for membership in TAC's County Investment Academy. The Academy provides investment education through a variety of conferences and workshops. Through the training, attendees have access to accurate, in-depth information as well as a network of experienced

county investors from across the state. The overall objective of the program is to safeguard public funds through the introduction of modern operational techniques that provide the county with appropriate yield for taxpayer dollars. The McCoy College of Business Administration at Texas State University is a cooperative partner with TAC in producing the Basics course and running the TAC County Investment Academy. TAC began its public investing educational program in 1992. It remains one of the premier programs of its kind in the country.

The 501 Breakdowns Expand Vacation Experience



HANABA MUNN WELCH

Nothing enhances a vacation quite like car trouble. Too bad it can't be planned.

Misalignment just enhanced our trip to New Orleans, but first there was Atlanta. (Skip down for New Orleans.)

Thanks to power steering failure on the 1954 Chrysler, Mother and I got to see a Susan Hayward movie at the Ritz Theater. Frugal Daddy stayed at the garage, probably reading the newspaper, perhaps comforted by the familiar smells of automotive repair. Via Cinemascope, Mother and I went to Ireland and South Africa, assuming it was the 1955 movie "Un-

tamed." It probably was. I can almost remember Tyrone Power.

It was the Ritz, for sure, because we asked a mechanic where we should go. He named two theaters. "Which one's best?" we asked. "Well, The Ritz, of course," he said. "And that's when I learned the meaning of 'Ritz,' albeit with some extra clarification from my mother.

Years later, when I was in college, my parents and I took our 1956 Chrysler, tailfins and all, to Canada. (We hadn't progressed much car-wise.) Somewhere in Quebec I learned the term "pompe à eau." Nothing beats a water pump discussion with a grease-smudged French Canadian to make parents think a child's education is paying off. I thought so. Oui, ordinary vacation experiences pale against the drama of car trouble, especially in French.

Next came the broken fan belt on my MG – a trip delay that allowed me to see the Longwood mansion in Natchez instead of getting back to work by Monday morning. Thank you fan belt.

Regarding New Orleans, it just happened. But if you rotate your tires religiously, align-

ment problems don't show up. Right?

Before Shreveport my husband sensed we had a tire problem. We looked and saw severe inside tread wear on both front tires. Who knew? We bought new tires but postponed the alignment until New Orleans.

Eschewing trusty franchises, we went to Jennings Automotive, recommended by a friend's mechanics. Mistake. Jennings' front man checked us in, but the famed Mr. Jennings didn't show up – not while we waited. We waited a long time.

A local customer already had made a down payment for work on his almost classic Lincoln. He too was cooling his heels, Canal Street curbside.

I should have asked his name. Let's call him Marcel.

He builds mausoleums and races motorcycles. He had to flag down a helicopter to get out of New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina.

Rule: If you get a chance to talk to fellow car repair victims, do it. You learn a lot. We also got Marcel's garlic-centric recipe for venison.

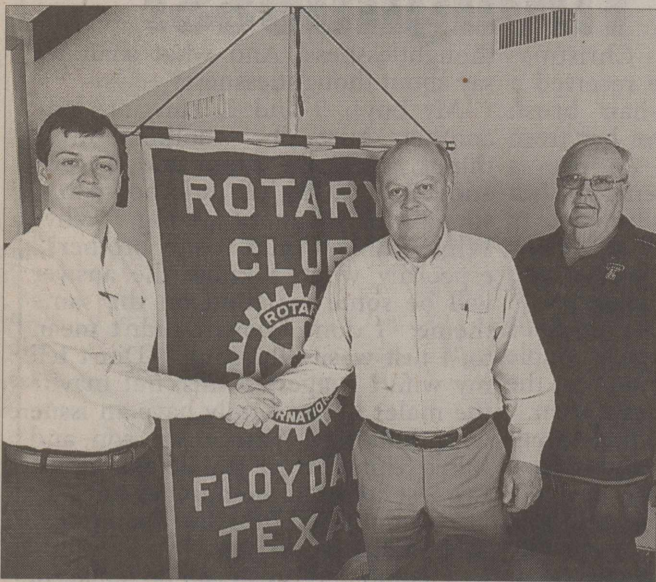
Then a guy came by on a bicycle selling high-dollar flashlights cheap, batteries included, still packaged. Marcel bought one for \$5 and the guy pedaled off, leaving Marcel to wish he'd bought the other two.

"He made a hit," Marcel said, somewhat admiringly.

I added the term to my New Orleans Ninth Ward lexicon, thinking how much we would have missed if we'd just gone straight to Pep Boys.

SOCIETY

Floydada Rotary



Photos by Karen Houchin

The Floydada Rotary Club has welcomed several new members lately. Jesse Finley, the new director at the Floydada Economic Development joined recently, as did Taylor Sue from Goen & Goen Insurance. Additionally, Mike Green from Lighthouse Electric has become a new member. The most recent addition to the club is a 3rd generation Rotarian, T. K. Farris, of First National Bank. T.K. was proposed to the club by his father, Tom Farris. The Rotary Club is proud to have all these new members and invites you to come find out what Rotary is all about from its international efforts to eradicate polio to local efforts supporting our schools. Shown in the picture are (left to right) T.K. Farris, Tom Farris, and Club President Clar Schacht.



Rotarian Mike Green, employee of Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, presented the Rotary Club a program on the Electric Cooperative youth tour. Winners this year for the tour are Kaylee Morren of Floydada and Sheridan Reagan of Quitaque. Thank you, Rotarian Green for an impressive program.

Food Handlers Course to be held

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The "Texas Food Establishment Rules (TFER)" was revised and updated and effective October 11, 2015. A major change in the revision now requires all food employees to complete an accredited food handlers training program within 60 days of employment, effective September 16, 2016.

A food handler's course accredited by the Texas Department of State Health Services is being offered by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, HALE COUNTY OFFICE. Food Safety: It's In Your Hands is scheduled for Thursday, March 23rd starting at 1:30 p.m. at the Extension office at 225 Broadway, Suite 6 in Plainview.

This 1-2-hour course will now be required for all food service employees to help promote the service of safe food. The certificate is good for 2 years and is valid anywhere in the State of Texas. The course is a basic overview of food

safety practices that are necessary to ensure that safe food is served at your establishment. Practices discussed include good personal hygiene, cross contamination, and time and temperature abuse.

To register for the course, call the Extension office at 806-291-5270. Deadline to register is March 21st. The cost is \$20.00 per person and must be paid in full before the course begins. The class is taught in English but Spanish handouts are available if requested in advance.

For more information about the Food Handlers Course contact Deana Sageser, CEAFCS at 806/291-5270 or e-mail dsageser@ag.tamu.edu. or come by 225 Broadway, Suite 6 in Plainview.

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Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton

The Hesperian-Beacon

(Note: All quotes from Woody Allen)

As the poet said, 'Only God can make a tree' -- probably because it's so hard to figure out how to get the bark on.

How is it possible to find meaning in a finite world, given my waist and shirt size?

I can't listen to that much Wagner. I start getting the urge to conquer Poland.

I don't want to achieve immortality through my work... I want to achieve it through not dying.

Interestingly, according to modern astronomers, space is finite. This is a very comforting thought-- particularly for people who can never remember where they have left things.

Museum Archives

Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

THE DANIEL CARPENTERS

Daniel Wade Carpenter, a native North Carolinian, age 30, and his wife, Ollie Jackson Carpenter, 24, moved from Wolfe City, Texas, to the Campbell Community in 1914. They had two daughters, Georgia Helen, age 3, and Francis Ruth, 1.

Wade had grown up in North Carolina, worked in a cotton mill and later became a barber. At the age of 21, he had migrated to East Texas to farm with his uncle, Jacob Quicke Carpenter.

Wade came to Campbell a few weeks before the family arrived and got a job on the Pitt Smith farm. Mr. Smith was a previous neighbor from Wolfe City. He was the father of Joe Smith.

Ollie and the two girls arrived in Roaring Springs by train and were met by Wade who transported all their belongings into one room on the Smith farm.

After a few years as a farm laborer and following the carpenter trade in Floydada, Wade accumulated funds to purchase his own farm equipment and rented a farm at Campbell from a man named Stovall. The two girls attended school at Campbell. Church was held in the school building. Visiting preachers of different denominations took turns holding services and the Sunday School was union. Their nearest neigh-

bors were Paul and Kate Brookfield. The two families were later neighbors again in Farmer County. The Carpenters first son, J. W. was born in Floydada on July 24, 1915, attended by Dr. Hopkins, also from Wolfe City. He died from appendicitis July 5, 1918. His death occurred in the farm home, again attended by Dr. Hopkins. The funeral was held at Campbell School, preached by Bro. Muncy. Burial was in the Floydada Cemetery.

Ollie's father, J. W. Jackson, came to Floyd County a few years later and settled in the McCoy Community.

In 1917 Wade bought undeveloped land in Farmer County, but lack of funds prevented the family from making the long move to an unsettled country.

A second son, Harold Wade, was born January 26, 1919. In 1923 the family moved north of Lockney to the Wilhite place. Among neighbors there were the Boedekers and Cowarts. The girls went to school at Weathers, about two miles distance. They rode a horse to school wearing long-handled underwear as protection from the cold. As long handles were not exactly the style, the girls would roll up the sleeves and legs of the underwear before going into school. The procedure was reversed on returning home so Mom wouldn't

know.

Ball games among neighboring schools were frequent and the girls were on the pep squad. One of the yells; "Rip Van Winkle and his bulldog pup, We're for Weathers and never give up!"

Christmas was celebrated on Christmas Eve at the nearby Providence School. Santa Claus and treats were a big event.

The family attended church at Aiken Baptist, pastored by Bro. Weathers. Conveyance was a Model T with carbide lights. Helen took piano lessons from a neighbor. She became an accomplished musician, later performing for churches and parties.

In 1925 the Prairie Chapel School was completed and the children rode the 1 and 1/2 miles in a buggy. This was the year that Harold started to school and his first grade teacher was Miss Ruth Cooper.

Sheds and corals had been constructed on the school grounds as most of the students came on horses or in buggies.

There were a few irrigation wells in use between Prairie Chapel and Plainview but they were used infrequently. The chief crop was cotton. All plowing was done with horses and mules. The 1926 cotton crop was very good. Wade had pulled over the cotton the first time when the king of all dust-

ers hit on Thanksgiving Day. Sand drifted over the fences and what was left of the cotton was ruined. In March of 1927 the long planned move to Farmer County began. Wade loaded two wagons with all their household belongings. Three horses and a mule were hitched abreast to the lead wagon. The buggy was hitched to the rear wagon and the buggy horse tailed the little caravan. It took two days for him to make the 100 mile journey to their new home. Two days later Ollie completed the exodus in the Model T, loaded with children, with chicken coops tied to the running boards. A neighbor, Mr. Powell, accompanied them with a farm truck carrying the milk cows.

In the years that followed, they pioneered a new land. Wade served on the Oklahoma Lane School Board and was ordained deacon and served as treasurer at the Oklahoma Lane Baptist Church. He died in 1965 and is buried in the Oklahoma Lane Cemetery.

Ollie currently lives in the town of Farwell. Both girls are great grandmothers. Helen Massongill, a widow lives in Anaheim, California. Francis Norton resides on a farm north east of Farwell. Harold farms the original family farm in the Oklahoma Lane Community.

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - Our next "Sunday Lunch" is on March 26th. We will be serving pot roast, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls, and dessert. Donations appreciated!

Family Night Fish Fry is back! We will have the fish fry every Friday through Lent. We begin serving at 5 p.m. through 8 p.m.

BINGO night will be Monday, March 20th from 6-8 p.m. Sandwiches, chips, a drink, and 2 BINGO cards for \$5. Other snacks are available for purchase.

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.

"Bingo Night" is held the 3rd week of each month. Come join us for some fun!

Hope you all have a great week!!

MENU

March 20 - March 24

Monday - Baked potatoes
Tuesday - Enchilada casserole
Wednesday - Fried chicken
Thursday - Pulled pork
Friday - Hamburger steak

(Menus subject to change without notice)

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By LuAnn Collins

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - "Bingo Night" is held every second Tuesday of the 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.

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 Monday through Friday. If you have never eaten with us, we invite you to join us from

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OBITUARIES/CHURCH

Loyd Edmond Vick

Loyd Edmond Vick, 68, of Lubbock passed away on Sunday, March 5, 2017. He is survived by his siblings Doyle Vick, Kevin Vick, Linda Mallow, Kathy Sanford, and Janet Jones.

Private services will be held at a later date. Arrangements were under Combest Family Funeral Homes of Lubbock.

Jews for Jesus to Speak at FBC Lockney

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

First Baptist Church Lockney invites all to hear a presentation given by Jews for Jesus on Wednesday, April 5th at 6:00 PM. The topic will be Model Seder.

Jews for Jesus is an agency that proclaims that Jesus is the Messiah of Israel and Savior of the world. The late Moishe Rosen, a Jew who has believed in Jesus for over 35 years, founded the organization. However, Dr. Rosen was quick to point out that he did not "start" Jews for Jesus. "Jews for Jesus began about 2,000

years ago, around 32 C.E., give or take a year. Jesus' first disciples were Jewish, and there have been some Jewish people who have believed in him ever since."

The organization has permanent branches in eight North American cities

(San Francisco, Los Angeles, Boston, Chicago, Toronto, New York City, Washington D.C. and Fort Lauderdale) as well as over 127 volunteer chapters spanning some 41 states and five countries. The group's international branches are headquartered in Johannesburg, London, Paris, Odesa, Moscow, Essen,

Rio de Janeiro, Kharkov, Dnepopetrovsk, and Tel Aviv.

To the Jews for Jesus, believing in Jesus makes sense in light of the Jewish Bible and in light of their experiences as "believers." For those who argue that Christianity contradicts the meaning of Judaism, the Jews for Jesus say there are answers, which their representative will be happy to discuss after the presentation.

You can call (806) 652-3361 or visit <http://www.fbclockney.com> for more information. There will be no admission charge.



Thoughtless!

For my wife received a heated hair brush that saves her from having to use a Levi Sismore straightener on her hair in the mornings. The base where the teeth connect to the body of the brush heats up to 410°F and if you run it through your hair a couple of times, it does a very passible job. She's enjoyed this brush these past couple of months and it's stayed out on the counter in our bathroom since then.

This morning we both had things to do and places to be. When I had finished combing my hair and got ready to move back to the bedroom to finish getting dressed, I gave into one of my quirks. I seldom put things directly on counters and tables, I lay things down on other things (I think I'm trying to keep the counter clean!). So I slid my cheap, plastic comb - vertically and teeth-to-teeth - into my wife's blazing hot hairbrush. Yup, I really, really did it. And, yes, our bathroom soon smelled of melted plastic. "Shame, shame, shame!"

Now, I've already told her that once I get back from my people and things today, I will happily apply myself to cleaning the brush and - if I cannot - I will just as happily buy her a new one. And while decency and love require - at least - such an offer, it's not the same as not having bumbled my way into fusing our brush and comb together in the first place. By the way, you should know that my wife has been very understanding and not in any way vindictive for my actions.

I was as surprised as she was when we began to smell something burning. It wasn't a premeditated, deliberate act of violence against hair care implements; it wasn't aggression (micro or macro) against my wife; it wasn't even a hey-let's-see-what-happens-if scenario. It was pure

thoughtlessness. And what shall we say about thoughtlessness?

My boys, 5 and 3, run into one another, hurt one another, throw things across the room and hit one another, etc., like all little boys do. I sometimes weary of asking, "Why? Why did you hurt your brother?" especially when I know the answer will be some variation on the same theme: "I don't know, I didn't mean to, I just wasn't thinking." (Don't tell my wife I suggested this, but maybe the males in my family have an issue with thinking!) "Slow down, son, and think! Think before you do anything!" I've lost count of the number of times I've admonished him, but I am guilty of thoughtlessness, too.

A comb and brush can be replaced, but a word can never successfully be taken back - once it's been said, it's out for good. Friends, we've got to give more care, consideration, and thought to the words we say. Thoughtlessness is a thin excuse.

"Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit. You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil. I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned." (Matthew 12:33-37)

Levi Sismore 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



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God's Feast

Everyone ate until they were full. They filled twelve baskets with the leftover pieces of bread and fish.

—Mark 6:42-43 (CEB)

Together, my family and I attended an evening prayer service, which was organized by the church. We participated in the service with reverence and wholeheartedly dedicated our praise to God. We also offered prayers and listened to our pastor preach the good news.

Then it was time for the sacrament of Holy Communion. The congregation attending the service was large, so we ran out of Communion bread. A woman sitting next to me

decided to split her piece of bread and give me half. I accepted it gratefully. Together we enjoyed a banquet of love, which brings us into communion with Christ. Through this woman's action, I witnessed an example of God's love. Even during times of shortage or scarcity, God's love does not run out.

—Maria Natalie (Jakarta, Indonesia)

Though for the Day:

My Christian community can show me God's abundant love.

Prayer:

Loving God, guide us to express your love even when circumstances seem to work against us. Amen.

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| <p>Aiken Baptist Church
Dennis Butler, Pastor
Morning Worship...11 a.m.
*****</p> <p>Bible Baptist Church
810 S. 3rd, Floydada
Darwin Robinson, Pastor
983-2578
Sunday School...10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wednesday - 7 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Calvary's Cornerstone Fellowship
Floydada
Armando Morales, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Bible Study - 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening - 7 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Carr's Chapel
Service Every Sunday
Morning Worship - 9 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
*****</p> <p>Church of Christ
West College & Third
Lockney
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Afternoon Worship - 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service - 7:30 p.m.
*****</p> <p>City Park Church of Christ
Matthew Benfield, Minister
Floydada
Sunday Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study - 7 p.m.
*****</p> <p>First Baptist Church
Floydada
Fred Meeke, Interim Pastor
Stephen Kelley - Minister of Music & Education
Logan Lamb, Min. Students
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.
*****</p> <p>First Baptist Church
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Joseph Tillery, Pastor
Chad Cook, Youth Min.</p> | <p>Phil Cotham, Music Min.
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.
*****</p> <p>First United Methodist Church
Floydada
Rev. Ken Peterson, Pastor
Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School - 10:50 a.m.
Youth (Sunday) - 6:30 p.m.
*****</p> <p>First United Methodist Church
Lockney
Rev. Ricky Carsensen, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service - 6 p.m.
Wed. Jr. High - 5:30 p.m.
Wed High School - 6:30 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Grant Chapel Church of God In Christ
Joe Bennett, Pastor
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday - 8 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Main Street Church of Christ
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James Blair, Minister
Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Mt. Zion Baptist Church
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Rev. Timothy Askey
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Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wednesday Study - 6 p.m.
*****</p> <p>New Salem Primitive Baptist Church
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Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges
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Morning Worship -11 a.m.
*****</p> <p>Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church
310 Mississippi</p> | <p>Floydada
Rev David Ramos, Pastor
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader
Sunday Bible - 10 a.m.
Morning Praise - 11 a.m.
Evening Praise 5 - p.m.
Wed Worship - 7 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Power of Praise Full Gospel Church
Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor
704 B Main, Lockney
Sunday Services - 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 5 p.m.
Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Primera Iglesia Bautista
Lockney
Jesus Caballero, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 11 a.m.
Discipleship - 5 p.m.
Wed. Service - 7 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Primera Iglesia Bautista
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Rev. Toby Gonzales
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed Evening - 7 p.m.
*****</p> <p>San Jose Catholic Church
Lockney
Msgr. Nickolas Rendon
Wed. Communion - 8 p.m.
Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.
*****</p> <p>South Plains Baptist Church
Joe Weldon, Pastor
SuNday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting - 7 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Templo Getsemani Assembly of God
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Sunday School
English - 9:45 a.m.
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Worship
Spanish - 9:30 a.m.
English - 11 a.m.
Evening Service 5 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
*****</p> | <p>St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
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Rev. Ike Temporaza
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Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.
Mon. & Wed. Mass - 6:30 p.m.
Confession Sat - 10-11 a.m.
*****</p> <p>Templo Bautista Salem
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Rev. Joe Hernandez
Bun Prayer Service - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed. Meeting - 7 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Templo Bethel
Spanish Assembly of God
Washington And 1st St.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 5 p.m.
Wed Service - 7 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Templo Nueva Vida
Rev. Herman Martinez
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Evening Worship - 5 p.m.
Tuesday - 7:30 p.m.
Thursday Service - 7:30 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Trinity Assembly
500 W. Houston
Tom Ross, Pastor
983-5499
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 6 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Trinity Lutheran Church
Providence Community On Fm 2301
293-3009
Rev. Peter W. Harrington, Minister
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11 - a.m.
*****</p> <p>West Side Church of Christ
Floydada
983-2672 Or 470-0950
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.</p> |
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AGRICULTURE

\$16.7 Million Bayer Cotton Seed Facility Opens Near Idalou

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

IDALOU — More than 100 people toured the state-of-the-art Lubbock Breeding and Trait Development Station last week, where Bayer is focusing on genetically-modified and native trait development to complement the knowledge and skill of Southwest cotton growers.

"As we were putting this facility together, I had ideas, but when it came together, it was better than anything

I had ever dreamed of," said Margaret Shields, U.S. cotton breeding manager, who was overseeing the facility and the grand opening.

Bayer employs about 120 people in the Lubbock area — and they added 25 more with this breeding and trait development station.

"More than half of the U.S. cotton acreage is grown in this Southwest area, where Lubbock is the focal point. Work released from this facility will ripple across three million acres," notes Jason Wistehuff, product manager for FiberMax and Stoneville cotton.

The Lubbock Breeding and Trait Development Station was part of Bayer's commitment to invest nearly \$1 billion in the United States between 2013-2016 in new facilities and capital expansion to complement the approximately \$1 billion invested globally in research and



Courtesy photo

Cutting the ribbon on the new Bayer Lubbock Breeding and Trait Development Station are (from left) Tom Speed, Bayer cottonseed and traits; Tim Timmis, Bayer project execution; Margaret Shields, U.S. cotton breeding manager; Cory Mills and Steve Oswald, Bayer station managers; Lee Rivenbark, head of seeds, Bayer North America; David Becker, global cotton breeding lead, Bayer; Dan Pope, mayor of Lubbock; Jason Wistehuff, Bayer product manager; and Mike Gilbert, Bayer global breeding and trait development lead.



Kay Ellington/The Hesperian-Beacon

Margaret Shields, U.S. cotton breeding manager for Bayer, is interviewed live at the grand opening of the new Bayer seed facility by Jim Stewart on the KRFE-AM 580 midday ag show.

development annually.

"Bayer is committed to cotton. Bayer is committed to West Texas. For growers and for Bayer, it is important to continue expanding our seeds business through

research and development, and this facility will bring together significant scientific and technology resources to support the advancement of the agricultural industry, specifi-

cally for cotton seed trait and plant research," said Mike Gilbert, vice president and Head of Global Breeding & Trait Development for Bayer.

Farmers, ginners, imple-

ment dealers, and media toured the facility. Jim Stewart who produces a midday ag program on KRFE AM 580 broadcasted live from the grand opening.

Great Outdoor Expo Comes to Lubbock

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LUBBOCK - The first annual Great Outdoors Expo is scheduled for March 25-26 at the Lubbock Civic Center.

There will be something for the entire family. Hunting, fishing, camping & hiking "If it's in the Great Outdoors, it will be at the Great Outdoors Expo", said Kim Sansom, Expo Producer. There will be lots of activities for the kids including a fish pond sponsored by the Texas Junior Anglers, air rifle and BB Gun range sponsored by

the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Cabala's and several archery stations throughout the Civic Center. Live entertainment will include the Hillbilly Science Spectacular & Joe Martin's Snake of Texas. There will be boats and ATV's on display along with outfitters from across the country.

There will also be many speakers and seminars hosted by Texas Parks and Wildlife. Seminars topics include Feral Hog Management and Chronic Waste Disease. Texas Parks and Wildlife will be offering the Hunter Educa-

tion Course needed by every hunter from out of state or born on or before September 2, 1971, for ages 9 and up. Course fee is normally \$15, but is included with your admission to the expo. There will also be plenty of shopping for gadgets, apparel & home décor.

Show hours are Saturday 10-6 p.m., Sunday 1-5 p.m. Admission is only \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$5 for kids 5-15. And that admission is good for both days. For complete details and show schedule go to www.goetx.com.

Dirt 2 Asphalt Car Show to be held

By Daniel Shank

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The first event for the West Texas Raceway 2017 season starts with the Dirt 2 Asphalt Car Show which will be held at the Gene Messer VW on March 18, 2017.

There will be four different classes of cars being shown. We will have a Pro Class (Car Clubs and priceless pieces) winner pays \$200 (entry is \$20.00), RIP (Restoral in Progress Average Joes) pays \$100.00

(entry is \$15.00), Volkswagen Class (entry is any VW \$10.00) pays \$100.00 and WTR Racecars pays \$50.00. This should be a great showing of cool classic cars with a taste of the action we will be offering at WTR Raceway.

This event is free to the public with Food Trucks, Jumpers, and a Train for the kids. Please call Daniel Shank for additional info, 806-451-0401

The next major event for West Texas Speedway (formerly Lady Luck Speedway)

will be the Test and Tune with dates on March 25 and March 31 with March 31 being our official media day. Both of these play dates are free to the public and have pit passes available at the gate.

Then we move to Opening Night which is scheduled for April 7 with all the IMCA classes taking center stage.

SW Oklahoma and Texas Panhandle fishing report

By Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Ellsworth: Elevation 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, around points and rocks.

Ft. Cobb: Elevation normal, water 49 and murky. Crappie are fair on minnows, hair jigs and tube jigs around docks. Blue and channel catfish are fair on cut bait, live bait, live shad and shad along channels, the dam and around points.

Foss: Elevation 2 ft. below normal, water low 60s. Striped bass hybrids are good on slabs in deep water. White bass and walleye are fair on live bait. Crappie slow. Catfish are fair on stinkbait.

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

Tom Steed: Elevation normal, water 46 and murky. Blue and channel catfish are fair on cut bait, punch bait and shad along flats and around points. White bass, striped bass hybrids and saugeye are slow on minnows and jigs along creek channels, points and shorelines.

Waurika: Elevation normal, water 54. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs around brush structure. Blue catfish are fair on cut bait in the main lake. Striped bass hybrids are slow on flukes in the main lake.

Alan Henry: Water clear on the main lake, stained toward the river; 60 degrees; 1.65 ft. low. Black bass are good on shakys with trick worms, 7-in. Power Worms, swim jigs and medium and deep diving crankbaits.

Crappie and bass are good on minnows. Catfish are excellent on rod and reel with cut bait and punchbait on baited holes.

Arrowhead: Water fairly clear; 55-61 degrees; 0.2 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; 66-70 degrees; 0.13 ft. low. Black bass, hybrid striper, crappie, channel catfish and yellow catfish are slow.

Ft. Phantom Hill: Water murky; 57-62 degrees; 0.31 ft. high. 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: 30.95 ft. low. Black bass are fair on shallow running crankbaits and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows.

Hubbard Creek: Water off color; 56-62 degrees; 0.19 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: 73.92 ft. low. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

Meredith: 60.35 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: 57-63 degrees; 1.6 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; 55-61 degrees; 32.99 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; 56-62 degrees; 8.05 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 chartrouse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

Possum Kingdom: Water off color; 55-62 degrees; 0.04 ft. low. 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: 0.5 ft. low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are

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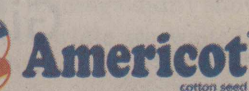
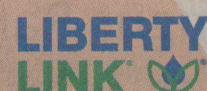
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FLOYDADA SCHOOL NEWS

Holcombe wins at the Whirlwind Relays

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - Luke Holcombe wins big at the Whirlwind Relays that were held in Floydada on Thursday, March 2.

He won first place in the Shot Put with a throw of 43'4". He also won first place in the Discus by throwing 136'.

Luke is an 8th grader at Floydada Junior High and is the son of Rex and Denise Holcombe.

Congratulations Luke!



Courtesy photo

Holcombe wins at the Tulia Relays

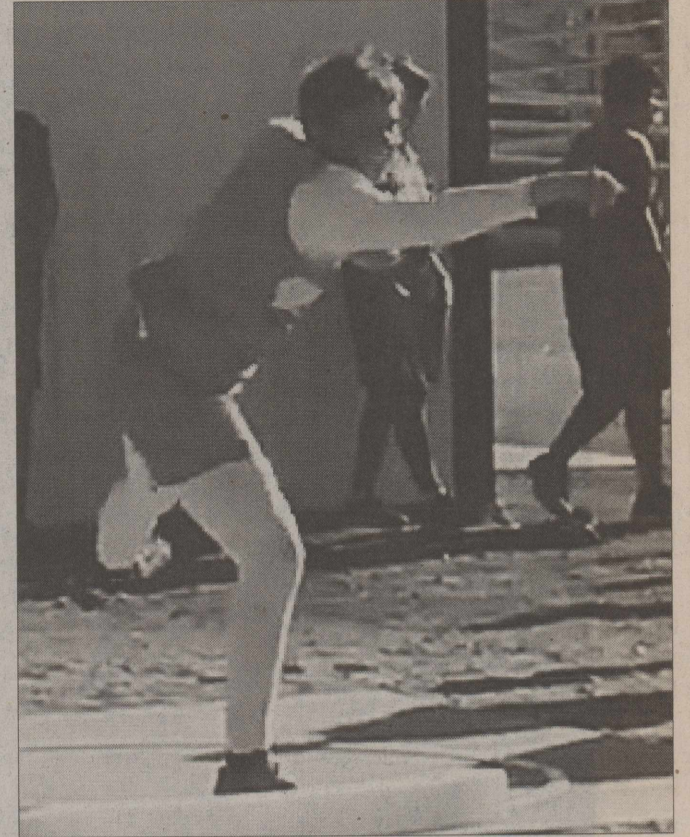
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FLOYDADA - Luke Holcombe, 8th grader at Floydada Junior High, takes first place in both his events at the Tulia Relays that was held in Tulia on Thursday, March 9.

He won first place in the Shot Put with a throw of 41'3". He also won first place in the Discus by throwing 129.4'.

Luke is the son of Rex and Denise Holcombe of Floydada.

Way to go Luke!!!!



Courtesy photo

Lady Winds fall to Ralls

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

RALLS - Floydada Lady Winds committed six errors and only managed four hits as they fell to the Ralls Lady Jackrabbits, 20-0, on March 7.

In the top of the first, Angela Suarez singled but Floydada was unable to do any more. In the bottom of the first inning, Ralls scored 12 runs in the bottom of the first inning. Brisa Mareno led off with a single then Payton Calderon connected on a two-run home run to center field. Lexi Palmer doubled with one out then Isabel Lara reached on an error. Grace Cavazos walked to load the bases. Breighdyn Jones walked to force in Palmer. Frankie Torres grounded out allowing Lara to score. With two outs, Katherine Sanchez doubled to center, scoring Cavazos and Jones. Hunter Wolfe enter as a courtesy runner for Sanchez. Mareno singled for her second hit of the inning to drive in Wolfe. Calderon picked up her second hit of the inning with a triple to drive in Mareno. Jadeny Arthur walked then Palmer picked up her second double of the inning to score Calderon. Lara walked to load the bases. Cavazos singled to drive in Arthur and Palmer. Jones reached on an error as Lara scored

to give the Lady Rabbits a 12-0 lead after one inning.

Karley Weems led off with a walk in the top of the second for the Lady Winds but that was all the Lady Winds could manage. Ralls added two more runs in the bottom of the second. With one out, Mareno singled then Calderon reached on an error allowing Mareno to score. Arthur reached on an error allowing Calderon to score as Ralls took a 14-0 lead after two innings.

In the top of the third, Hannah Morales singled with two outs but was left on base as Floydada was unable to score. In the bottom of the third, Cavazos led off getting hit by a pitch. Jones walked then Torres walked to load the bases. Sanchez reached on an error that allowed Cavazos and Jones to score. Makendall Smith singled to drive in Torres. Calderon walked to load the bases then Arthur tripled to drive in Sanchez, Smith and Calderon. After two outs, Cavazos walked but was picked off at first as the Lady Rabbits took a 20-0 lead.

For Floydada in the top of the fourth, with one out, Kylie Ricketts walked then Weems singled. Selena Espinosa entered as a courtesy runner for Weems. Brianna Casillas singled to load the bases but a strike out by Stefani Chavarria and a ground

out by Brooklyn Smith ended the Lady Winds threat. In the bottom of the fourth, Jones reached on an error but was left on base following a pop out and two ground outs with Ralls still leading 20-0.

In the top of the fifth, three straight strike outs end Floydada's chance and gave Ralls the 20-0 victory in District 2-2A.

For Floydada, Morales, Suarez, Weems and Casillas each had a hit. Morales pitched two innings allowing 12 runs on eight hits while walking four and Allison Orr pitched two innings allowing eight runs on three hits while striking out one and walking four.

For Ralls, Calderon went 2-3, a home run and a triple, with three RBIs and two runs scored, Mareno went 3-3 with one RBI and three runs scored, Arthur went 1-3, a triple, with three RBIs and one run scored and Sanchez went 1-4 with four RBIs and a run scored. Cavazos pitched five innings allowing four hits while striking out seven and walking two.

Floydada plays Lockney on Thursday, March 16, Hale Center on March 18 and, Abernathy on March 21. Ralls is scheduled to play Hale Center on March 16, Abernathy on March 18 and New Deal on March 21.

Floydada is 1-1 in district play and Ralls is 2-0.

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

March 20 - March 24

Monday

Breakfast - Morning sausage roll, cereal, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch - Spaghetti w/meatballs & breadstick, chicken corn dog, corn on the cob, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast - Egg cheese & turkey sausage burrito, cereal, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch - Philly cheese sub, turkey & cheese sub, steamed baby carrots, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast - Apple frudel, cereal, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch - Country fried steak, cheeseburger, seasoned mashed potatoes, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Thursday

Breakfast - Breakfast on a stick, cereal, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch - Chicken taco w/rice, cheese pizza, baked beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Friday

Breakfast - Blueberry Snack 'n Waffle, cereal, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch - Beef fingers w/roll, pepperoni pizza, peppered Broccoli florets, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

FLOYDADA ISD SPRING SEMESTER IMPORTANT DATES

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

5A may see split divisions

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN—Texas high school football could see split divisions for Class 5A starting in 2018 as superintendents voted 147-77 in favor of the idea recently. The decision won't be fi-

nalized until the UIL approves it, but could come during next February's realignment.

Splitting into divisions before the playoffs would present some problems in West Texas as it would result in long drives for games

and the possibility of only six teams in districts.

The UIL also is expected to restore the number of tournaments and meets for all sports except football in all classes this August after a 575-424 vote by the superintendents.



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LOCKNEY SCHOOL NEWS

Lockney Board approves teacher contracts

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – Members of the Lockney ISD School Board meeting in special session on Thursday, March 9, approved the contracts of all teachers on the elementary, junior high and high

school campuses for the 2017-2018 school year.

The Board also approved a change in the Laptop Loan Agreement for the 2017-2018 school year. The financial report including paying bills, investments, savings and tax collections was received and approved

for \$3,379,195.89.

The Board entered closed session at 7:30 P.M. to continue interviewing candidates for the superintendent's position. The Board exited the closed session at 10:00 P.M. and adjourned with no action being taken.

Longhorns shut down Cardinals

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

HERMLEIGH – Lockney allowed only two hits while shutting out the Hermleigh Cardinals 16-0 on Friday, March 10 in a non-district contest.

Both teams went three up and three down in the first inning.

In the top of the second, Jonathan Rodriguez walked to lead off, then stole second. Israel Cuellar walked. Rodriguez moved to third on a passed ball then Cuellar stole second. Nick Derda grounded out to short but Rodriguez scored and Cuellar moved to third. Devin DeLeon doubled to drive in Cuellar then moved to third on a passed ball. Noel Cineceros walked and stole second, then Clay Moore singled to right to drive in DeLeon and Cineceros. Moore took second on the play. Trevor Ascensio walked then Shawn Marquez singled as Moore moved to third but Ascensio was forced out at second. Marquez ad-

vanced to second on the play then Ruben Marmolejo singled to drive in Moore and move Marquez to third. Rodriguez doubled to left to score Marquez and Marmolejo and give the Longhorns a 7-0 lead. Hermleigh loaded the bases on a single, a walk and a dropped third strike but were unable to push any runs across. Lockney led 7-0 after two innings.

Derda led off the third with a walk then stole second and moved to third on a passed ball. DeLeon doubled to drive in Derda. Cineceros singled as DeLeon moved to third. Moore grounded out but DeLeon scored and Cineceros moved to second. Ascensio singled to center as Cineceros moved to third. Marquez walked to load the bases then Marmolejo walked as Cineceros was forced in. Bryce Reese singled to drive in Ascensio and Marquez. Cuellar singled to drive in Marmolejo but Reese was forced out a second. Derda singled to score Cuellar and give the Longhorns a 14-0 lead. Hermleigh

went three up and three down in the bottom of the third.

In the top of the fourth, Cineceros was hit by a pitch to lead off then Moore singled as Cineceros moved to second. Cineceros and Moore moved up on a passed ball before Ascensio hit a sacrifice fly to center that allowed Cineceros to score and Moore to move to third. Moore then scored on an error by the third baseman giving Lockney a 16-0 lead. The Cardinals went three up and three down again to end the fourth.

Neither team scored in the fifth inning allowing Lockney to claim the 16-0 victory.

For Lockney, Moore went 2-3 with three RBIs and two runs scored and DeLeon went 2-4 with two RBIs and two runs scored. Marmolejo pitched five innings allowing only two hits while striking out 11 and walking three.

Lockney started District 2-2A play against Ralls on March 14, will play Floydada Saturday, March 18 and New Deal on Tuesday, March 21.

SPC Law Enforcement brings Active Shooter Training to Levelland

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

LEVELLAND – South Plains College Law Enforcement Training Center and the Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate (ALICE) Training Institute have teamed up to bring ALICE Instructor Training to campus June 26-27 in Room 107 of Law Enforcement building.

This two-day instructor course is designed to teach proactive survival strategies for violent intruder or active shooter incidents. The goal of the ALICE program is to provide individuals with survival-enhancing options for those critical moments in the gap between when a violent situation begins

and when law enforcement arrives on scene.

The registration fee for this training is \$595 per person and can be completed online at www.alicetraining.com.

ALICE is a useful strategy for everyone: law enforcement, schools, universities, hospitals, businesses and places of worship. Completing the ALICE Instructor Training course provides individuals with certification in ALICE Training and allows them the opportunity to bring ALICE strategies back to their places of work. Additionally, registrants will gain access to exclusive ALICE resources.

ALICE is in line with recommendations from the U.S. Department of Education, the

Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

South Plains College Law Enforcement Training Center is at the forefront of training future law enforcement professionals. By providing training and licensing, we are the future of law enforcement in West Texas.

For more information, contact Debbie Hale, administrative assistant for Professional Services and Energy, at (806) 716-2291 or email dhale@southplainscollege.edu or Kenny Burns, assistant professor of Law Enforcement Technology, at (806) 716-2357 or email kburns@southplainscollege.edu.

Program educates youth on importance of pollinators to agriculture, daily life

By Paul Schattenberg
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

SAN ANTONIO — St. John Berchmans Catholic School students in San Antonio learned about the importance of pollinators at the Feed a Bee Planting Event presented Feb. 27 by Bayer in collaboration with National 4-H and the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Bexar County.

The event kicked off Bayer's 12th annual AgVocacy Forum, which this year takes place from Feb. 28 through March 1 in San Antonio.

"At 4-H, we believe in the power of young people and how they can bring positive change to their communities," said Carolyn Fernandez, director of development, National 4-H Council, Chevy Chase, Maryland. "Through this event, 4-Hers took away important information on the factors affecting pollinators and how they can help, as well as how pollinators are essential for pollinating the foods they eat every day."

Dr. Chris Boleman, National 4-H Council board member, College Sta-

tion, said programs like Feed a Bee are "the perfect partnership programs for Texas 4-H" in that they "allow youth to work toward learning science, technology, engineering and mathematics — known collectively as STEM — objectives in the context of a respect and admiration for nature."

More than 60 students in second through eighth grade belonging to the school's 4-H program participated in educational presentations focusing on honey bees and monarch butterflies. They also helped establish a "pollinator patch" in the school garden. The students rotated through education stations explaining what pollinators do, how bees help in farming, the role of butterflies as pollinators and the basics of beekeeping. They also participated in a honey tasting and learned how to create their own backyard pollinator garden.

"This was a great opportunity for 4-H youth at St. John Berchmans to get hands-on learning experience," said Dr. Melinda Garcia, AgriLife Extension program

specialist and Children Youth and Families At Risk program coordinator in Bexar County. "St. John Berchmans was a great location because of its 4-H involvement and solid 4-H program as well as the SJB Giving Garden, which has 15 raised beds."

Attendees included District 5 city councilwoman Shirley Gonzales, and representatives from Bayer, the Bayer North American Bee Care Program, National 4-H Council, AgriLife Extension and the Bexar County Master Gardener volunteer horticulture program.

Gonzales told the students their efforts with the garden and Feed a Bee program were in keeping with citywide efforts to improve urban agriculture through a food production initiative involving local farmers.

"Feed a Bee is a major initiative to increase food for honey bees and other pollinators," explained Dr. Becky Langer, director of the North American Bayer Bee Care Program. "We accomplish this by planting wildflower **POLLINATORS**, Page 12

Ralls dominates Lady Horns 22-1

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – Ralls scored 22 runs on 13 hits while the Lockney Lady Horns committed seven errors. The Lady Rabbits took the 22-1 District 2-2A softball victory on Saturday, March 11.

In the top of the first, Ralls scored five runs. With one out, Payton Calderon doubled to center then moved to third on a passed ball. Jaydeyn Arthur walked then stole second. Lexi Palmer grounded out as Calderon scored. Isabel Lara walked then Grace Cavazos singled to drive in Arthur and Lara. Breighdyn Jones walked then Franki Torrez doubled to drive in Cavazos and Jones as Ralls took the 5-0 lead. Madai Chavira singled with two outs but was left stranded on base as Ralls led 5-0 after one inning.

In the top of the second, with two outs, Arthur doubled then moved to third on a passed ball. Palmer walked then stole second. Lara singled to drive in Arthur giving Ralls a 6-0 lead. Reagan Nuncio led off with a walk for the Lady Horns then stole second. Nuncio moved to third on a wild pitch then scored on another wild pitch. Hannah Kidd walked but was left stranded on base as the Lady Horns trailed 6-1 after two innings.

In the top of the third, Ralls went three up and three down. Aleah Jimenez singled to lead off for the Lady Horns then moved to second on an error. Barretero was hit by a pitch but was doubled off first when Chavira lined out to right field. Jimenez moved to third on a passed ball then Shelby Dunbar walked but both were left on base when Nuncio struck out. Ralls led 6-1 after three innings.

In the top fourth, Ralls exploded for 11 runs. Brisa Moreno led off with a single, moved to second on a passed ball and scored when Calderon reached on an error that al-

lowed Calderon to move to third. Calderon stole home then Arthur walked but was caught trying to steal second. Palmer walked then Lara walked. Cavazos singled to load the bases. Palmer scored on an error as did Lara and Cavazos advanced to third. Jones singled to score Cavazos. Torrez singled then moved to second on an error. Katherine Sanchez walked to load the bases. Moreno reached on an error that allowed Jones to score. Torrez scored on an error then Calderon hit a home run to center driving in Sanchez and Moreno. Arthur reached on an error then scored on a ground out by Palmer as Ralls took a 17-1 lead. Lockney went three up and three down in the bottom of the inning.

In the top of the fifth, Cavazos led off with a walk. Torrez reached on an error that allowed Cavazos to move to third. Sanchez singled to drive in Cavazos. After Sanchez stole second, Moreno singled to drive in Torrez. Calderon was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Arthur doubled to drive in Sanchez, Moreno and Calderon and gave Ralls a 22-1 lead. Lockney went three up and three down as the Lady Rabbits took the 22-1 victory.

For Lockney, Jimenez and Chavira picked up one hit each and Nuncio scored the lone run. Nuncio pitched three and one-third innings allowing 16 runs on 10 hits while striking out one and walking eight and Karissa Petty pitched one and two-thirds innings allowing six runs on three hits while striking out two and walking one.

For Ralls, Calderon went 2-4 with three RBIs and four runs scored and Arthur went 2-3 with three RBIs and three runs scored. Cavazos pitched five innings allowing one run on two hits while striking out eight and walking three. Ralls plays Hale Center on March 16, Abernathy on March 18 and New Deal on March 21.

Lady Horns pound Crosbyton 14-2

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

CROSBYTON – Lockney allowed only five hits as the Lady Horns defeated Crosbyton 14-2 in District 2-2A softball play on Tuesday, March 7.

In the top of the first, Alyssa Barretero singled with one out. Madai Chavira walked then Shelby Dunbar was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Reagan Nuncio was hit by a pitch to force in Barretero. Karissa Petty reached on an error while Chavira scored. With two outs, Tatyana Cienfuegos was hit by a pitch to drive in Dunbar giving the Lady Horns a 3-0 lead after the top half of the first. In the bottom of the first, Bianca Garcia singled to lead off for Crosbyton. Courtney Guzman singled to left as Garcia scored on the play. Lockney led 3-1 after one inning.

In the top of the second, Chavira singled with two outs but was left stranded on base. For Crosbyton in the bottom half of the inning, Alyssa Munoz singled with two outs and Audrey Marquez walked but Garcia struck out to end the inning with Lockney still leading 3-1.

In the top of the third, Mackenzy Ragland singled with two outs but was left stranded. In the bottom of the third, Guzman walked to lead off then with one out was picked off first. Marisa Rodriguez singled with two outs but was left hanging as Lockney held onto a 3-1 lead.

In the top of the fourth, Aleah Jimenez singled to lead off then stole second and scored when Hannah Kidd singled. Kidd moved to second on an error then moved to third when Barretero reached on an error. Kidd scored on an error then Chavira singled to drive in Barretero. Dunbar tripled to left to drive in Chavira. Nuncio singled to drive

in Dunbar. Nuncio stole second then moved to third on a single by Petty and scored on an error by the center fielder. Petty stopped at third on the error then scored on a single by Ragland. Ragland was forced out at second as T Cienfuegos reached the fielder's choice. Jimenez singled then Kidd singled to drive in Cienfuegos. Barretero reached on an error as Jimenez was forced out at third. Chavira was hit by a pitch to load the bases but Dunbar struck out to end the top of the first with the Lady Horns leading 11-1. Saron Haynes singled to lead off the bottom of the fourth then stole second and moved to third when Morgan Minor grounded out. Munoz grounded out, allowing Haynes to score, making it 11-2 after four innings.

In the top of the fifth, Nuncio was hit by a pitch to lead off for the Lady Horns. Nuncio stole second then Petty walked. With one out, Cienfuegos singled to drive in Nuncio. Petty stole third then scored on a single by Kidd to give Lockney a 14-2 lead. Guzman reached base on an error with one out but was left on base as the Lady Horns claimed the 14-2 victory.

For Lockney, Kidd went 3-5 with four RBIs and one run scored, Chavira went 2-2 with one RBI and two runs scored, Nuncio went 1-2 with two RBIs and two runs scored and Cienfuegos went 1-3 with two RBIs and two runs scored. Nuncio pitched five innings allowing two runs on five hits while striking out six and walking two.

For Crosbyton, Garcia went 1-3 and scored a run, Guzman went 1-2 with one RBI, Haynes went 1-2 with one run scored and Munoz went 1-2 with one RBI. Haynes pitched four and one-third innings allowing 14 runs on 13 hits while striking out three and walking two and Emily Reyna pitched two-thirds of an inning allowing one hit.

LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU

February 20 – 24

Monday, Feb. 20

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

Lunch – Country Fried Steak or Longhorn Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Strawberry Cup, Roll, Milk

Tuesday, Mar. 21

Breakfast – Cheese Omelet Wrap, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch – Meat & Cheese Tostadas or Enchiladas, Salsa, Garnish, Cucumbers, Refried Beans, Applesauce, Milk

Wednesday, Mar. 22

Breakfast – Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch – Chicken Spaghetti & Breadstick or Pizza Choice, Garden Salad, Vegetable Medley, Orange Smiles, Milk

Thursday, Mar. 23

Breakfast – Waffles, Sausage, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

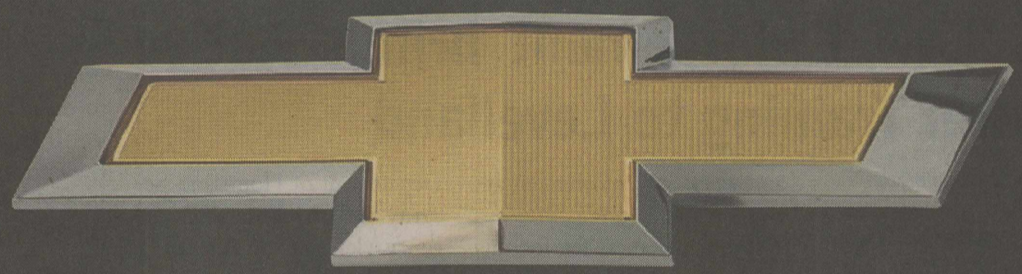
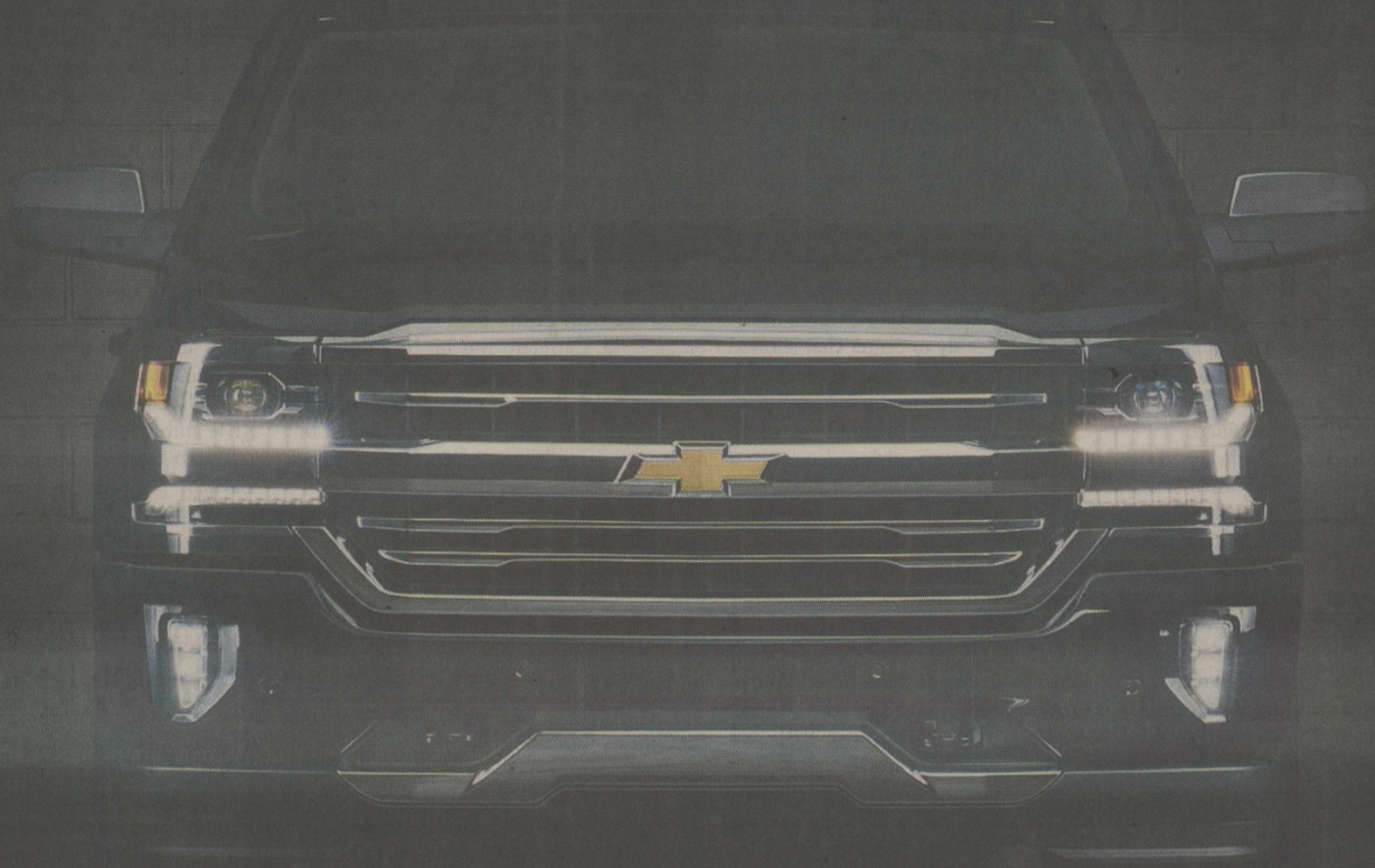
Lunch – Soft Tacos or Frito Pie, Baby Carrots, Corn, Salsa, Garnish, Peaches, Cookie, Milk

Friday, Mar. 24

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

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POLLINATORS

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ers and establishing additional forage acreage across the U.S. by working with a diverse group of stakeholders interested in promoting bee health."

She said with the support of 900,000 people around the country and more than 115 partner organizations, Feed a Bee has planted more than 2 billion wildflowers to create more forage for honey bees and other pollinators.

"These days there are fewer people with a direct connection to agriculture and food production," said Darren Wallis, vice president of North America Communications for Bayer's CropScience Division, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. "It's important for us to get youth interested in agriculture and in things related to agriculture, especially with a growing world population needing to be fed."

At the event, Bayer representatives also made a \$10,000 donation to Bexar County 4-H to help fund future pollinator initiatives and activities throughout the county.

St. John Berchmans' principal Beverly Abbott, who also teaches science at the sixth, seventh and eighth grade levels, said the event fit well with traditional classroom instruction.

"The students learn about photosynthesis in my class and this instruction on pollination shows another aspect of what plants need to grow," she said. "We want our stu-

dents not only to meet our science objectives but also to apply them and use them in the future."

George Reyes, an eighth-grader and three-year 4-H member at the school, was one of the event participants.

"We learned all about how bees pollinate and how important it is to save them," Reyes said. "We also learned about the flight patterns of monarch butterflies and how pollinators are important to helping us grow our fruits and vegetables. We also found out that bees are a really big part of the ecosystem and that most of the land around the school used to be farmland."

Samantha Salinas, a resource team leader with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service, San Antonio, said she enjoyed sharing information about monarch butterfly migration with the students.

"They were surprised to find out it takes five generations of butterflies to make the entire migration from Mexico to the northern U.S. and Canada," she said. "The students were very interested in their Interstate 35 migration pattern and what they could do to provide the butterflies with food resources and protect them."

In 2016, San Antonio was named the first Monarch Butterfly Champion City by the National Wildlife Federation after agreeing to adopt specific actions to help improve the declining monarch butterfly migration.

Educational sessions were followed by a pollinator planting

activity in the school's Giving Garden. The garden was built by students, teachers and administrators in collaboration with AgriLife Extension and the agency's Bexar County Master Gardener volunteer horticulture program.

Students were given seeds and seedlings to spread or plant around the Giving Garden. Before the planting, local Native American group Southern Winds sang and provided a traditional blessing for the garden.

"We already had onions, shallots, garlic, cilantro and Italian chard in the garden - all of which survived the winter," said John Mayer, one of the Bexar County Master Gardeners helping at the event. "The students planted sweet basil, anise hyssop and salvia, plus wildflower seeds, in garden beds. These new plants will draw more bees and other pollinators to the garden."

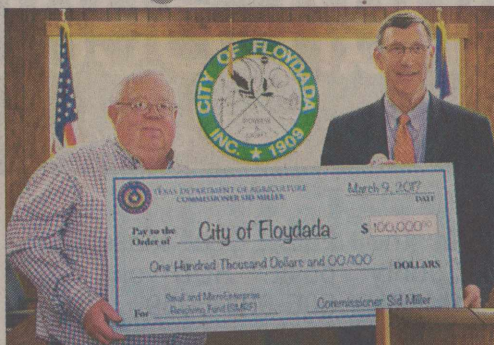
Other students scattered wildflower seeds by hand onto a small dedicated garden plot.

"Planting these plants and sowing these wildflower seeds will provide ample nutrition for pollinators," Langer said. "This is an important step in providing the diverse forage and habitat they need to thrive and to ensure they can continue to do their vital work in helping produce the food we all need."

To learn more about Texas 4-H, go to: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/>. For more information on bee health initiatives, go to: <http://www.bayer-cropscience.us/our-commitment/bee-health>.

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Floydada Mayor Bobby Gilliland and TDA administrator Rick Rhodes



Jeff Johnston, city manager, Bobby Gilliland, mayor, Rick Rhodes, TDA, Deon Fincher, Floydada Chamber, Jesse Finley, Floydada EDC



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VFDs

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megawatts, and they anticipate financial close by August.

In other discussion about windmill companies in Floyd County, Lucke noted that activity has been quiet, and that many are waiting to see what kind of tax incentives will come from the new administration in Washington.

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generators had been taken from the job site North of Lockney. The investigation is ongoing.

2/19/17 Deputies contacted a Hispanic male that had a marijuana joint behind his ear in the Allsup's convenience store in the City of Floydada. Joe Santos Gallardo, 22 was issued a criminal citation for Possession of Marijuana. Steven Garcia, 22 of Floydada was also given a citation for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

2/20/17 Deputy conducted a traffic stop on US HWY 70. Chasity Mendoza 18,

The court set a tentative date of the week of April 10 for workshops on zoning ordinances that affect restricting landfills and subdivisions.

The county judge also updated the court on the need for an investment policy that emerged when he attended county official training. Commissioners approved appointing Lucke and County Treasurer Lori Morales County Investment Officers as required by the Public Investment Act.

The court then held discussion on the need for a road crossing policy including reviewing a range of fees that municipalities charge for road crossing fees. Lucke gave examples to commissioners and suggested that they consider the range of options.

UPCOMING

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BINGO NIGHT LOCKNEY SR. CITIZENS

The "BINGO NIGHT" at the Lockney Center has been changed to the 3rd Monday of each month. Doors open from 6-8 p.m. Sandwiches, chips, and drinks will be available for purchase. Come and enjoy the fun.

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