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It's not snow. It's not pollen. It's paving dust on Second Street—and the main roads through Floydada. TXDOT says that it will use a more traditional second layer of asphalt to complete the road paving this summer.

## TXDOT: 'Dust' Paving on Road Just First Step

By Kay Ellington  
The Hesperian-Beacon

Floyd County motorists have been getting a little choked up about their roads—that is from the dust that the highway department has paved the main thoroughfare with. It filled the air, covered vehicles, and nearby buildings.

"It's just the first layer of our operations," said Mike Craig with the Texas Department of Transportation Plainview office which oversees Floyd County opera-

tions. "This summer we will sealcoat it with a layer of asphalt with gravel in it."

He said that the first step was to use a caliche powder from local pits to fill in crevices and cracks in the asphalt, and contractors have completed that step. Then this summer, contractors will pave the roads in a more traditional way.

"Hopefully, this dust has already begun to settle down from when we first put it on it, and it will continue to settle down even more," he said.

## Floydada Livestock, FFA Helping the Panhandle



Courtesy photo

By Kay Ellington  
The Hesperian-Beacon

"Everybody in the county has donated money for fuel and donated money for hay," said John Fortenberry, owner of Floydada Livestock. Floyd County residents have joined those across the South Plains to help those affected by the wildfires earlier this month that destroyed nearly half a million acres and left four people dead in the northern Texas Panhandle.

"Area farmers and ranchers donated seven to nine loads," Fortenberry said. "Logan Everett and Eric Rainwater worked with several others to haul the hay up there."

Last week, Texas Governor Greg Abbott suspended permitting requirements,

legal height restrictions and associated permit fees for carriers transporting round bales of hay to areas of the Texas Panhandle.

The waiver is in effect for carriers transporting to Carson, Gray, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Potter, Roberts and Wheeler counties. It also applies to any Texas county where transport is necessary to reach the disaster response area.

"It's just incredible, all the people who want to help," said Danny Nusser, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service regional program leader in Amarillo. "We've been overwhelmed by the people who want to donate hay and feed."

Nusser said that unless hay haulers are already en-

route, they don't need any more hay at the moment. "So much has already come in and gone out," he said, "We have enough hay and feed to meet the ranchers' needs for two to three weeks."

Mondo Martinez of Post, who made one of the runs to the Panhandle for his community said, "The ranchers are in need of T-posts, bailing wire, barbed wire, tubing, pipe, and anything else that can be used to build thousands of miles of fence."

"The Floydada FFA has set up a fundraiser, and we're working with them," Fortenberry said. "We're taking donations for feed, fencing materials, wire, t-posts, tubing and cake. If someone wants to donate a load of posts or See **HELPING**, Page 9

## 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.

### OLD SETTLER'S REUNION

SAVE THE DATE! May 27th is Old Settlers! Lots of activities for the whole family to enjoy!

### OLD SETTLER'S ASSOCIATION

The Old Settler's Association will be holding meetings on 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.

### 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 a night full of fun! Refreshments available for purchase.

### 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.

## Correction

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

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## HAMBURGER COOKOUT

On Sunday, March 26th, starting at 11 a.m., all Floyd County first responders will be having a hamburger cookout in the Lowe's parking lot in Floydada. Meal will include a hamburger, chips and drink with a \$5 minimum donation. All donations will go to the first responders involved in the recent wild fires in the Texas Panhandle.

## Lockney School Board Names Lone Finalist

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - Lockney School Board of Trustees meeting in Special Session on March 16 voted to name Jim Baum as the lone finalist for the Superintendent of Schools position.

Baum is currently the principal at Iraan High School. Prior to Iraan, Baum was at Plains, Comanche, Lorenzo and Deer Park.

The Board must wait for 21 days before approving the hiring of Baum. When approved, Baum is expected to begin work on June 1.

## PCG to host 60th Annual Meeting

Special for The Hesperian-Beacon

LUBBOCK - Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., will host their 60th Annual Meeting on Friday, April 7, 2017 in the Banquet Hall of the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with registration, and the program will start promptly at 9 a.m. The meeting is held in conjunction with the Texas Cotton Ginners' Association Annual Meeting and Trade Show, April 6-7, 2017, in Lubbock. For more information on the TCGA Annual Meeting and Trade Show, visit <http://www.tcga.org/>.

Current PCG president Johnie Reed, who farms near Kress, Texas, will preside over the meeting and PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett will report on the status of PCG operations and activities. An award recognizing the 2016 High Plains Cotton Agent of the Year also will be presented at the meeting.

The keynote speaker, spon-



Courtesy photo

Floydada cotton farmer Eddie Smith, left, chats with Craig Brown, National Cotton Council, at last year's PCG annual meeting in Lubbock.

sored by Farmers Cooperative, will be Matt Rush. Matt is the fourth generation in his family to be a New Mexico farmer and cattle rancher. He and his dad partner on a farming and ranching operation and to support his farming habit, Rush travels the country as a professional speaker conducting leadership and motivational seminars. The Zig Ziglar Corporation recently recognized his talent and

skill as a speaker and trainer inviting him to become one of their first ever Platinum Level speakers. He also is the Executive Vice President of the New Mexico Farm & Livestock Bureau.

House Agriculture Committee Chairman Mike Conaway and Kim Kitchings, Senior Vice President, Consumer Marketing for Cotton Incorporated, also are scheduled to speak. The See **PCG MEETING**, Page 12

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## Floydada Police Report

By Jesse Finley  
Public Information Officer

Michael Ramos was arrested on February 2 for a Floyd County warrant. The charges were from an incident on October 5, 2016 where Michael was involved in a vehicle chase with the Floydada PD.

Floydada Police assisted the Floyd County Sheriff's Office with a traffic stop on February 3 in Floydada. The Floydada officer asked Mario Sanchez for identification and gave the officer an obviously fake ID card. Mario was arrested for Fraudulent Use or Possession of Identifying Information.

On February 8, Floydada Police backed up the Floyd County Sheriff's Office in Lockney with a vehicle search on a traffic stop. Marijuana, cocaine, and a firearm were found during the search. Richard Bazan was arrested by the Floydada Police for Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Marijuana, and Unlawfully Carrying a Weapon. The Floyd County Deputy arrested the other occupant of the vehicle.

Adam Esquivel was arrested for an out of county

warrant on February 10. The officer stopped his vehicle for a traffic violation and discovered the warrant after a routine records check.

Floydada Officers responded to a call in the 500 block of East Tennessee on February 10 after it was reported that a man was waving a gun around in public. The officers came upon Samuel Stapleton and placed him in handcuffs for the safety of the officers and the public. Officers then went into the residence to secure the scene for everyone's safety. While clearing the house, marijuana, several drug paraphernalia items, and several firearms were discovered. Jennica Ramirez along with Samuel was arrested for Possession of Marijuana.

George Hernandez was arrested on February 14 for Driving While Intoxicated 3rd or More, a felony. He was stopped after making a wide right turn and driving on the wrong side of the roadway.

Police stopped a vehicle on February 14 for failing to use a turn signal and observed the passenger, Francisco Lamas, with an open container of beer in his lap.

When Francisco was asked to get out of the vehicle, the officer conducted a pat down for his safety. The officer discovered a baggy of marijuana in his pocket. Francisco was then arrested for Possession of Marijuana.

Police received a call of a person smoking marijuana at a park on February 16. When the officer arrived, he found Roland Mando Enriquez in a parked vehicle. The officer could smell the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle and had Roland step out of the car. The officer could also smell marijuana coming from Roland and he later admitted he was smoking the marijuana on a park bench. A baggy of marijuana was found in Roland's pocket and he was arrested for Possession of Marijuana in a Drug Free Zone.

Police performed a traffic stop on February 18 where the driver took an unusual amount of time to stop the car. The officer made contact with the driver, Luke Roy, once the vehicle came to a stop. The officer could smell marijuana coming from the vehicle and observed in plain view a handgun stuck

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## The Paperboy Gorsuch SHOULD be approved quickly

“(That) judges should instead strive (if humanly and so imperfectly) to apply the law as it is, focusing backward, not forward, and looking to text, structure, and history to decide what a reasonable reader at the time of the events in question would have understood the law to be—not to decide cases based on their own moral convictions or the policy consequences they believe might serve society best.”

- Judge Neil Gorsuch



CHRIS BLACKBURN

Last year, when Justice Antonin Scalia suddenly died, it may have signaled a shift in American politics which opened the door for then candidate Trump and helped the GOP retain their U.S. Senate majority.

While most pundits thought Hillary Clinton was a shoe-in for office, they also incorrectly predicted the Democrats would take control of the Senate.

Scalia's death signaled a change in thought about who they would vote for and likely made the difference for Trump.

The exit polls following the election prove this: 70 percent of voters — and 75 percent of Trump voters — said Supreme Court appointments were either an important issue or the most important issue they were voting on. In fact, over 25 percent of Trump voters said the Supreme Court was the most important factor in electing him president.

In nominating Judge Neil Gorsuch to fill Scalia's seat, President Trump has selected a qualified and highly regarded jurist. Indeed, when Gorsuch was nominated as a Federal Judge, he was unanimously approved, meaning all Democrats and Republicans voted in favor of him.

Will this happen again?

No way.

The Democrats will likely fight the Gorsuch nomination as they have every other Trump nominee.

In my opinion, Gorsuch will become a Supreme Court Justice. The only question is whether it will be the usual 60-40 approval method or if the GOP will need to use former Democrat Sen. Harry Reid's "nuclear option" and go with a simple majority.

It's really too bad. Gorsuch will be dragged through the mud by many of the same Democrats who previously unanimously approved the man.

Why?

Politics.

As President Obama once stated, elections have consequences. Indeed they do. And as a direct result of the 2016 Presidential Election, Gorsuch should be confined quickly and painlessly as he was when he was appointed to the Federal level. It's the right thing to do.

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## Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton

The Hesperian-Beacon

(Note: All quotes from George Santayana)

A man is morally free when, in full possession of his living humanity, he judges the world, and judges other men, with uncompromising sincerity.

A man's feet should be planted in his country, but his eyes should survey the world.

Advertising is the modern substitute for argument; its function is to make the worse appear the better.

Before he sets out, the traveler must possess fixed interests and facilities to be served by travel.

Before you contradict an old man, my fair friend, you should endeavor to understand him.

They will also have the SWAT vehicle with equipment displayed, Mobile Command Unit and Aero Care is scheduled to make an appearance. The Sheriff's department and others will also be participating in the events.

This year's event will open a little different than in the past — the Opening Ceremonies will include a prayer, singing of the national anthem, words from Mayor Wendell Dunlap and a butterfly release and speech commemorating youth mental health.

Event sponsors include Wal-Mart, Amigo's, Big E's Towing, Area Community Hospice, Reagor Dykes, Crimestoppers, Apex Collision, Bill Wells Chevrolet, Elks Lodge, Brandon Brownlee Racing, Kiwanis Club, Kernerstone Funeral Directors, Vista Bank, McCoy's, Graphic Zone, West

Texas Cooling Towers, J Pat Manning, Central Plains Center, MHMR and Crisis Center of the Plains.

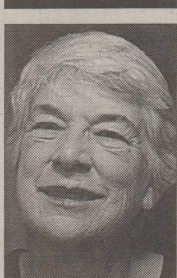
“We are continuing to receive donations daily and are grateful to our sponsors for making this event happen,” said DeLaGarza. “Because of their generous support, we are able to create relationships not only with the kids but with the whole community by encouraging cooperation between the cops and our citizens.”

This event received the 2016 Municipal Excellence Award in the Public Safety category for cities under 25,000 in population at the 2016 Texas Municipal League Convention in Austin.

For more information about the Cops and Kids event, contact Julio De LaGarza at 806.729.6939 or [jdelaGarza@plainviewtx.org](mailto:jdelaGarza@plainviewtx.org).

## The 501

### Who buys bent cans? And why?



HANABA MUNN WELCH

Rare is the shopper who purposely chooses the can of vegetables with the dent.

My father often did. He thought somebody should. Mother wasn't happy about it. Damaged goods are a drag on pantry aesthetics.

Me, I got the bent can gene. Just yesterday I chose a bedraggled cilantro plant over its more

handsome cousins. Making conversation at checkout, I mentioned to the clerk that the poor plant needed someone to take it home.

He apparently thought I was angling for a discount.

“I'll take a \$1.50 off,” he said.

Surprised, I took the discount, happy at my good fortune but feeling a little guilty.

It must be common for customers to pursue such discounts. My husband saw a man sort through and purposely choose all the chipped mineral blocks at a farm supply store so he could ask for a discount at checkout. Those things weigh 50 pounds each! Cilantro is easier.

More astounding is the scenario I witnessed late last night at a truck stop, where I'd gone to stay awake while eating and writing — easier than staying awake on the farm.

My mind was focused on the Permian Basin as I put together oil and gas verbiage for a trade publication — tough writing for me. I majored in art and French. Anyway, my focus on petroleum began to evaporate

as my ears caught a conversation between the manager and a customer.

I couldn't see either one, but I heard plenty. The diner complained doggedly about her order. He insisted she would have to pay because she'd eaten over half her meal. She said she didn't like the hot chocolate. He asked her why she drank it. She also complained about the placement of the gravy. He told her that's how she asked for it — something like that. The hash browns got involved. She asked him what he would do if she walked out. He said he'd call the police. On and on it went.

I couldn't see the disgruntled woman or the man or the two children with them, but when a policeman arrived, I saw him. Things quickly got quiet. Outside my window lights were flashing on an ambulance. Next I saw someone being carried on a stretcher.

Once the policeman and the complainer and her companions were gone, the only other customer and the cook and the manager and I gathered at the register to discuss what had just happened. The manager said the woman ultimately called the police herself. When the officer arrived, the woman claimed she was poisoned by watery ketchup. We noticed the bottle from her table was gone — apparently taken as evidence.

The manager said he heard one of the children say “This is like when we got kicked out of Arby's.”

The \$23 ticket remained on their table unpaid. Nor did they leave a tip.

Some people will go to extreme lengths for discounts and to get things free. It's safe to guess that woman doesn't have the bent can gene.

## 3rd Annual Cops and Kids Event to be held on Saturday, April 8th

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The 3rd Annual Cops and Kids Event, sponsored by the Plainview Police Department, will be held on Saturday, April 8th from 12:00 p.m. — 5:00 p.m. at Running Water Draw (Kidsville) Park.

There will be basketball goals and volleyball nets set

up for games as well as an obstacle course, rope climbing, tug-of-war, kickball and baseball. Hot dogs, chips and other goodies will be available as well as a drawing for 20 bicycles of different ages given away. Children of all communities are invited to attend.

“We had a very success-

ful event last year and we are looking forward to this year,” said Julio De La Garza, Patrolman/School Resource Officer and event chair. “It is a great time for the community and the police force to not only get to know one another but just to have some fun.”

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# SOCIETY

## Museum Archives

Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

HESTER WEST MOORE

By Hester West Moore

Some of my earliest recollections are of living on a farm some two miles north of Floydada. There was a small dirt tank near the windmill near the house. There cottonwoods and willows grew and a rope swing hung from a tree. We played there swinging and making garments and crowns of cottonwood leaves sewn together with twigs and holding willow leaves between our thumbs and making them whistle by blowing on them.

Our grandparents took us by covered wagon on a visit to kin in Stonewell County while I was yet quite small. To spare the horses we

walked down and up the canyons we crossed. I was fascinated by the colorful shiny pebbles and reluctant to ride again.

During my first year in school after a heavy daytime snowfall, my father had to break trail for me so I could walk to the Calahan Hotel where I spent the night under the care of Uncle John and his wife.

One Sunday after church the black petti-pants (remember them?) of one of the women worshipers fell to the floor much to the amusement of those who were near enough to see what happened.

My public school days passed swiftly as did school of nursing and col-

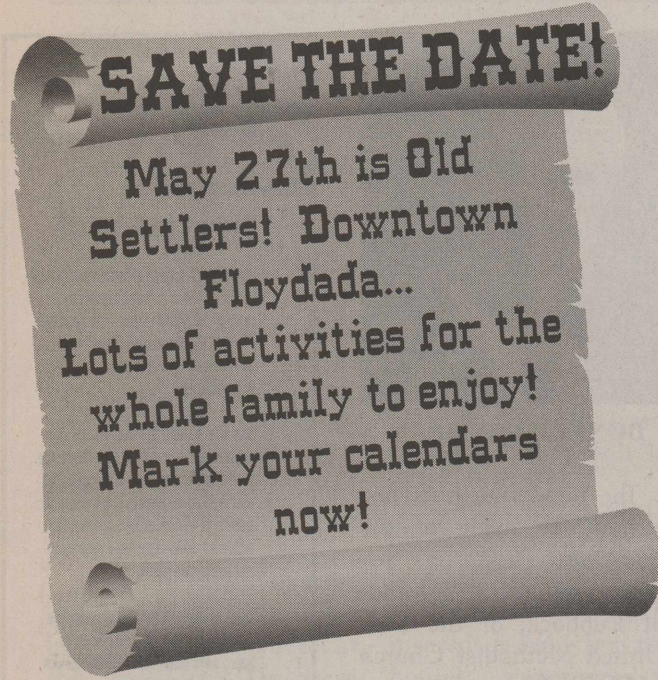
lege days. After eight years in China engaging in medical missionary work came next under the auspices of the Methodist Church South. After about two and a half years spent in Japanese occupied territory there I transferred to Manila, Philippines. Soon that, too, became the war area. During the four years spent there God's amazing grace led us "through many dangers, toils and snares." On May 8, 1945 (V.E. Day) I returned to Floydada to my loving family and friends after an absence of almost seven years.

In 1953 William lan Moore and I were married in Abilene, Texas and established our home in

Lubbock where we lived for almost twenty years. lan worked with a plant nursery and I engaged in various types of nursing activities interspersed with caring for Child Welfare "children who ain't had it so good." We learned both the joys and fears common to caring parents.

After our retirement in 1970 we made an extended tour to Southeast Asia, where it was my privilege to introduce my husband to some of the friends and places I had known there.

In 1973 we moved to Floydada where we are happily situated and where both of us have kept busy with family, church and community interests.



## SPC to provide Chalk Paint Furniture class

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LEVELLAND - Interested students will learn about this amazing new paint with unbelievable adhesion qualities, easy application and beautiful results.

In the Chalk Paint Furniture Class, students will discover several different ways to use this paint, experiment with color and texture and work with different materials (wood, metal, fabric, etc.) Participants should bring a piece

of furniture to work on during the class.

The class will meet in Room 117 of the Technical Arts Building on Mondays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The instructor will be Caroline Blair, and the cost is \$80.

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

## 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

12:00 to 1:00 p.m. We think you will be pleased with the quality and quantity of food you will receive.

Join us at 925 W. Crockett Street or we will deliver a meal anywhere in town. Call 983-2032.

Our mailing address is PO Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235

### MENU

March 27 - March 31

**Monday** - Chicken & dumplings  
**Tuesday** - Texas tacos  
**Wednesday** - Meatloaf  
**Thursday** - BBQ ribs  
**Friday** - Randy Bertrand's fish fry

(Menus subject to change without notice)

## 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 27 - March 31

**Monday** - BBQ on bun  
**Tuesday** - Club sandwich  
**Wednesday** - Meatloaf  
**Thursday** - Spaghetti  
**Friday** - Hamburger steak

(Menus subject to change without notice)

THANKS FOR READING!

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## Six sure ways for seniors to stay sure-footed and independent

By Bob Moos

Southwest public affairs officer for the U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

When kids fall, they usually just get up and return to playing. But for older adults, falls are a major threat to good health and independence.

Every year, about one in four Americans 65 and older falls, and about one in five of those who lose their footing suffers a serious injury, such as a hip fracture, broken bone or head injury.

About 3 million older adults a year are treated in emergency departments for injuries from falls, and about 800,000 are admitted to hospitals. But even a fall without a major injury can cause an older adult to become fearful or depressed, making it difficult to remain active -- and more likely to fall again.

Many people think falls are an inevitable part of aging. The truth is, they're not. Most falls can be prevented. Managing your medications, having your vision checked, staying strong with exercise, changing your footwear, creating a safer environment at home and using a cane or walker are all steps you can take to become more sure-footed.

Let's look at each precaution:

Start by visiting with your physician about your risk for falling. Ask the doctor or your pharmacist to review your current medicines -- both prescriptions and over-

the-counter drugs -- to see if any might make you dizzy or sleepy. Also be careful when you start a new medication. Talk to your health care provider about potential side effects.

Have your eyes checked regularly. People with impaired vision are about twice as likely to fall as those without a problem. Have an eye exam at least once a year and update your eyeglasses. And remember that using "variable-tint lenses" can be hazardous when you're walking into a darkened building from outside. Stop for a moment and allow your lenses to adjust.

Exercise if you're able. With your doctor's OK, consider activities such as walking, aerobic workouts or tai chi -- an exercise that involves slow and graceful dance-like movements. Such activities can improve your strength, balance, coordination and flexibility. If you avoid physical activity because you're afraid it will make a fall more likely, talk with your doctor. He or she may recommend carefully monitored exercise programs or refer you to a physical therapist who can create a custom exercise program to improve your gait.

Change your footwear. High heels, floppy slippers and shoes with slick soles can make you slip, stumble and fall. So can walking in your stocking feet. Instead, wear properly fitting, sturdy shoes with nonskid soles. As an added benefit, sensible shoes may ease any joint pain

you're suffering.

Inspect your home for fall risks. More than half of all falls occur at home. So eliminate hazards around your house or apartment. Remove newspapers, electrical cords and phone lines that you can trip over. Likewise, move coffee tables, magazine racks and plant stands from high-traffic areas. Secure loose rugs with double-faced tape -- or remove them entirely. Store clothing, dishes, food and other necessities within easy reach. Also keep your home brightly lit to avoid stumbling over objects that are hard to see. Place night lights in your bedroom, bathroom and hallways. Turn on the lights before going up or down stairs. Also make simple home modifications, such as adding

grab bars in the bathroom, a raised toilet seat or one with armrests, a second handrail on stairs and non-slip paint on outdoor steps.

Get fitted for a cane or walker. A cane or walker won't make you more dependent; they'll make you more independent. But make sure you use the devices safely. Have a physical therapist measure you for a cane or walker and give you a short course on how to use the walking aids. Be careful about borrowing canes or walkers from friends, because what was a good fit for them may not be for you.

The fear of falling doesn't need to rule your life. By taking some smart steps to reduce the risk of an accident, you can stay healthy and active.

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# OBITUARIES/CHURCH

## Donald Ray Bean

Donald Ray Bean, age 84, made the transition from his earthly life to be with our Father in Heaven on Tuesday, March 14, 2017.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Friday, March 17, 2017 at the First United Methodist Church in Floydada. Rance Young and Dale West officiated.

Interment followed at the Floyd County Memorial Park.

Visitation was held prior to the service at the First United Methodist Church.

Arrangements were under the personal care of Moore Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

Donald was born on

March 6, 1933 in Silverton, Texas to James Kirk Bean and Bessie Wade Bean.

After high school, he attended West Texas State College and the Texas Technological College and graduated with a degree in Agricultural Engineering in 1956. There he met his wife, Jane Cobb Bean. Don and Jane were married January 27, 1957 in Tulia, Texas and recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

After college, he entered the U.S. Army and served in New Jersey. In 1958 they moved to South Plains and he began farming. He continued farming for 41 successful years, retiring in

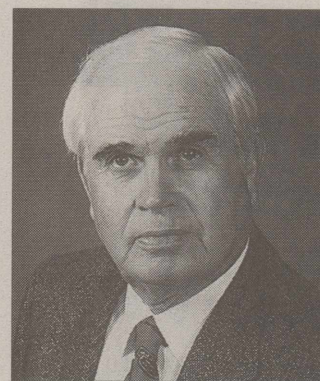
1999. They were members of the First United Methodist Church in Floydada and later Lakeridge United Methodist Church in Lubbock. He served his community on the South Plains school board, the Caprock Hospital board of directors, the Lighthouse Electric Board of Directors, and the Greenlight Gas Board of Directors.

Don is survived by his wife, Jane; a son, Michael Don Bean and wife, Tammy of Lubbock; a daughter, Judi Bean Tzouanakis and husband, Alexander of Lexington, Kentucky; and four grandchildren, Tyler Bean, Dylan Bean, Sam-

uel Tzouanakis, and Sofi Tzouanakis; his brother, Kenneth Bean (Ann) of Lubbock; brother-in-law, Phillip Smitherman; sister-in-law, Bobbye Bean; and a group of wonderful nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Mildred Smitherman, and his brother, Walter Bean.

He was a faithful fan of Texas Tech sports, enjoyed travel, was fascinated by farming technology and equipment across the world, and had an insatiable sweet tooth. He rescued an orphan kitten with half a tail named Annie and tolerated a pug named Buzz.



DONALD RAY BEAN

The family suggests donations be made to the Southwest Parkinson's Society (Lubbock), Hospice of Lubbock, or the First United Methodist Church of Floydada.

Online condolences may be made at [www.moorerose.com](http://www.moorerose.com).

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She was born on July 4, 1972 to Marvin Reams and Shelda Gale Bradshaw Reams in Lubbock Texas.

Tiffany grew up in the McCoy community and attended Floydada schools until 7th grade. She graduated from Lorenzo High School and went on to complete her Restaurant, Institutional and Hotel management degree at Texas Tech University.

She was a member of the ceramic club in Lorenzo.

She attended First United Methodist Church in Lorenzo and loved to spend time with her family and her dog. She was kind-hearted and giving to everyone that crossed her path.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Marvin and Shelda Reams, maternal grandparents, Loyse and Augusta Bradshaw and paternal grandmother, Nellie Reams.

Tiffany is survived by her sister, Tammy Reese and

husband, Zane of Lorenzo, niece, Jacy Smith and husband, Zachary of El Paso, uncle and aunt, Gary and Patti Bradshaw of San Antonio, cousins, Elisha Brannon and husband, Blake of Georgia and Eric Bradshaw and wife, Kristin of San Antonio

Visitation was held from 6-7 p.m., Friday March 17, 2017 at the Adams Funeral Home at Lorenzo.

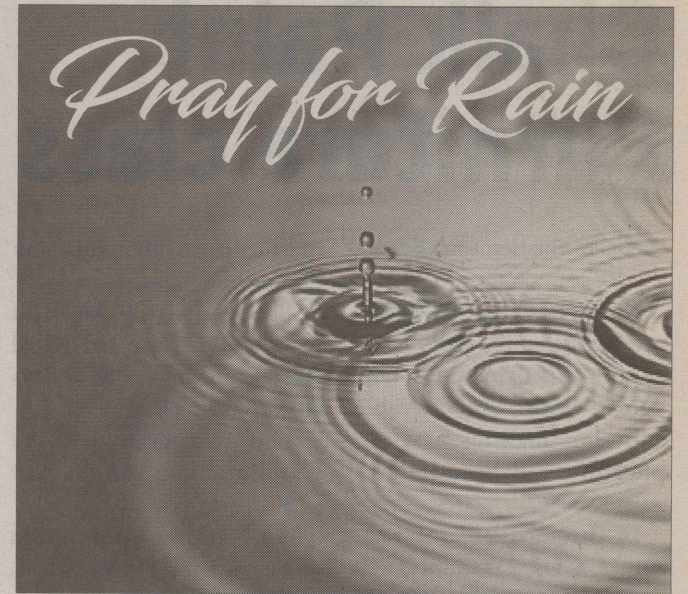
A graveside service was held at 11 a.m., Saturday March 18, 2017 at the Ralls



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### Planting God's Love

May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us.

—Psalm 90:17 (NIV)

As a young man I suffered a series of losses and failures that left me with a hard heart. The God I had known as a youth seemed to have disappeared. When I began to date the woman who became my wife, my life began to change. She saw something good in me and planted the seed of God's love in my life. With time and nurturing, the seed grew into an understanding that even though I had turned my back on God, God hadn't left me.

It took several years of Christian love and my wife's

leading, but I returned to my faith with a renewed commitment to follow God's ways. Just as today's reading says, God has compassion on us and satisfies us with unending love. God's favor rests upon us. My wife spent countless hours praying for me as I returned to my faith, and now we pray together for others. Hurt, pain, failure, and pride can harden our hearts, but prayer and gentle words of witness can plant the seed of God's love in those who need it most.

—Gale A. Richards (Iowa, USA)

Thought for the Day:

How can I plant seeds of God's love today?

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| <p><b>Aiken Baptist Church</b><br/>Dennis Butler, Pastor<br/>Morning Worship - 11 a.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Bible Baptist Church</b><br/>810 S. 3rd, Floydada<br/>Darwin Robinson, Pastor<br/>983-2578<br/>Sunday School...10 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship - 10:50 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship - 6 p.m.<br/>Wednesday - 7 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Calvary's Cornerstone Fellowship</b><br/>Floydada<br/>Armando Morales, Pastor<br/>Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship - 11 a.m.<br/>Bible Study - 6 p.m.<br/>Wednesday Evening - 7 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Carr's Chapel</b><br/>Service Every Sunday<br/>Morning Worship - 9 a.m.<br/>Sunday School 10:30 a.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Church of Christ</b><br/>West College &amp; Third<br/>Lockney<br/>Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.<br/>Afternoon Worship - 1:30 p.m.<br/>Wednesday Service - 7:30 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>City Park Church of Christ</b><br/>Matthew Benfield, Minister<br/>Floydada<br/>Sunday Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship - 6 p.m.<br/>Wed. Bible Study - 7 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>First Baptist Church</b><br/>Floydada<br/>Fred Meeks, Interim Pastor<br/>Stephen Kelley - Minister of Music &amp; Education<br/>Logan Lamb, Min. Students<br/>Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship - 6 p.m.<br/>Wed Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>First Baptist Church</b><br/>Lockney<br/>Joseph Tillery, Pastor<br/>Chad Cook, Youth Min.</p> | <p>Phil Cotham, Music Min.<br/>Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>First United Methodist Church</b><br/>Floydada<br/>Rev. Ken Peterson, Pastor<br/>Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m.<br/>Sunday School - 10:50 a.m.<br/>Youth (Sunday) - 6:30 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>First United Methodist Church</b><br/>Lockney<br/>Rev. Ricky Carsensen, Pastor<br/>Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.<br/>Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.<br/>Evening Service - 6 p.m.<br/>Wed. Jr. High - 5:30 p.m.<br/>Wed High School - 6:30 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Grant Chapel Church of God In Christ</b><br/>Joe Bennett, Pastor<br/>Sunday School - 10 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship - 11 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship - 7:30 p.m.<br/>Tuesday - 8 p.m.<br/>Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Main Street Church of Christ</b><br/>Lockney<br/>James Blair, Minister<br/>Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.<br/>Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Mt. Zion Baptist Church</b><br/>Floydada<br/>Rev. Timothy Askey<br/>401 N 12th St. 983-5805<br/>Sunday School - 10 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship 11 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship - 6 p.m.<br/>Wednesday Study - 6 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>New Salem Primitive Baptist Church</b><br/>Floydada<br/>Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges<br/>(806) 637-0430<br/>Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship -11 a.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church</b><br/>310 Mississippi</p> | <p>Floydada<br/>Rev David Ramos, Pastor<br/>Ester Ramos, Praise Leader<br/>Sunday Bible - 10 a.m.<br/>Morning Praise - 11 a.m.<br/>Evening Praise 5 - p.m.<br/>Wed Worship - 7 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Power of Praise Full Gospel Church</b><br/>Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor<br/>704 B Main, Lockney<br/>Sunday Services - 10 a.m.<br/>Sunday Evening - 5 p.m.<br/>Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Primera Iglesia Bautista</b><br/>Lockney<br/>Jesus Caballero, Pastor<br/>Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.<br/>Worship Service - 11 a.m.<br/>Discipleship - 5 p.m.<br/>Wed. Service - 7 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Primera Iglesia Bautista</b><br/>Floydada<br/>Rev. Toby Gonzales<br/>Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship - 6 p.m.<br/>Wed Evening - 7 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>San Jose Catholic Church</b><br/>Lockney<br/>Msgr. Nickolas Rendon<br/>Wed. Communion - 8 p.m.<br/>Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>South Plains Baptist Church</b><br/>Joe Weldon, Pastor<br/>SuNday School - 10 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship - 11 a.m.<br/>Prayer Meeting - 7 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Templo Getsemani Assembly of God</b><br/>701 W. Missouri<br/>Joe M. Hernandez<br/>983-5286 (Church)<br/>Sunday School<br/>English - 9:45 a.m.<br/>Spanish - 11 a.m.<br/>Worship<br/>Spanish - 9:30 a.m.<br/>English - 11 a.m.<br/>Evening Service 5 p.m.<br/>Wednesday 7 p.m.<br/>*****</p> | <p><b>St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church</b><br/>Floydada<br/>Rev. Ike Temporaza<br/>983-5878<br/>Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.<br/>Mon. &amp; Wed. Mass - 6:30 p.m.<br/>Confession Sat - 10-11 a.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Templo Bautista Salem</b><br/>Lockney<br/>Rev. Joe Hernandez<br/>Bun Prayer Service - 9:30 a.m.<br/>Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.<br/>Worship Service - 11 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship - 6 p.m.<br/>Wed. Meeting - 7 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Templo Bethel Spanish Assembly of God</b><br/>Washington And 1st St.<br/>Sunday School 9:45 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship - 11 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship - 5 p.m.<br/>Wed Service - 7 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Templo Nueva Vida</b><br/>Rev. Herman Martinez<br/>308 W. Tennessee, Floydada<br/>Sunday School - 10 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship - 5 p.m.<br/>Tuesday - 7:30 p.m.<br/>Thursday Service - 7:30 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Trinity Assembly</b><br/>500 W. Houston<br/>Tom Ross, Pastor<br/>983-5499<br/>Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m.<br/>Sunday Evening - 6 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Trinity Lutheran Church</b><br/>Providence Community On Fm 2301<br/>293-3009<br/>Rev. Peter W. Harrington, Minister<br/>Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.<br/>Worship Service 11 - a.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>West Side Church of Christ</b><br/>Floydada<br/>983-2672 Or 470-0950<br/>Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.<br/>Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.</p> |
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# AGRICULTURE

## Agriculture damages from wildfire estimated at about \$21 million

By Kay Ledbetter

Texas A&M AgriLife Communications

AMARILLO — Early estimates of agricultural losses due to the recent wildfires are \$21 million, but that could change as producers make final reports of their actual damages in the coming weeks, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economist.

"The assessment of acreage burned is about all we have a good estimate on at this time," said Dr. Steve Amosson, AgriLife Extension economist in Amarillo. "There are a lot of losses, and we just don't know all of them at this time."

Based on current information, Amosson said the loss estimate of \$21 million does not account for any loss of equipment. The basic categories considered are: lost pasture, \$6.1 million; fence repair or replacement, \$6.1 million; buildings and corrals lost, \$3.8 million; livestock death losses, \$4 million; and emergency hay and feed, \$1 million.

"Every individual rancher will weather these losses

differently, depending on what their financial position was at the time of the fire," Amosson said. "If they had large losses and already had a marginal financial position then it could put them out of business, but in most cases it will just create more financial stress for them, and they will keep ranching."

For many ranchers, little insurance money will come into play, he said.

"Typically, not much is insured except for ranch houses, sometimes major buildings and once in awhile the cattle," Amosson said.

But there are some programs designed for this specific purpose that may help them offset losses such as the 2014 farm bill Livestock Indemnity Program, he said. Eventually, livestock losses are required to be registered with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency in order to receive partial compensation.

With proper documentation, this program can compensate ranchers for 75 percent of the market value of cattle lost in the fire un-

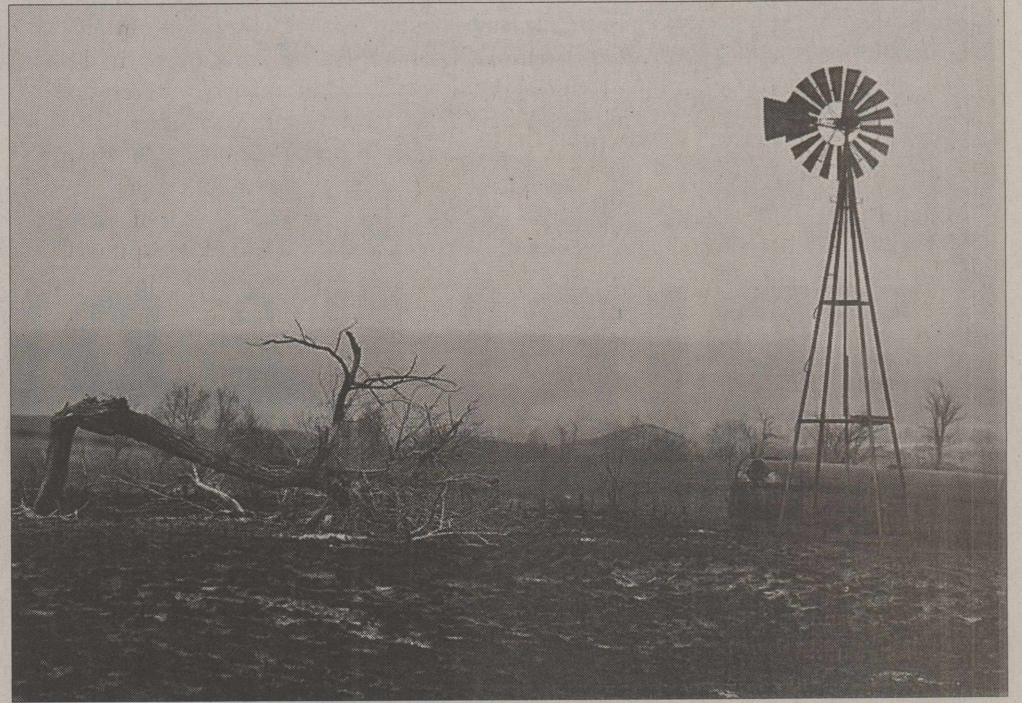
til the preset loss limit for a producer is reached, Amosson said. Additionally, a portion of fencing replacement costs may be covered through the USDA's Natural Resource Conservation Service Environmental Quality Incentives Program.

While the current estimate is about 2,500 cattle lost as a result of the wildfire, Amosson said that number is expected to climb as more animals succumb to severe fire-related injuries. Other animals are being sold to packing plants, depending on how badly burned they were, he added.

"When we value the deaths of cattle at market value, including disposal costs, we're talking about \$3.6 million at this point, and I expect that to go up," he said. "We're still dealing with chaos. They're still trying to find cattle."

So far it will cost roughly \$6.1 million to recover about 480,000 acres of pasture burned, which has to be set aside for the rest of 2017, Amosson said.

"Basically, ranchers will not be able to graze these



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pastures this year and will only be able to stock them at half capacity next year while they recover," he said.

Amosson estimates the second major expense tied to the fires will be about \$6.1 million to replace and repair fences in the northern Texas Panhandle that were either destroyed by the fire or from cattle

trampling them to escape the blaze.

"An estimated 975 miles of fence were affected," he said. "We are assuming that half will be repaired at a cost of \$2,500 per mile, and the other half will have to be replaced at a cost of \$10,000 per acre."

"I expect the amount of fence that has to be replaced to rise once they start to re-

pair it and if the wire is too brittle to be effective due to the heat, therefore, this loss will increase," Amosson said. "The total amount that will have to be replaced versus repaired will not be known for some time."

The longer term impact to the cattle industry in the most affected areas is trying to figure out how the See **WILDFIRE** Page 9

## Panhandle Producers Need to Document Losses

Compiled from media reports

Panhandle cattle ranchers need to make sure they are documenting their dead cattle numbers and begin getting that information to the proper agencies to ensure they qualify for assistance in the future, said Danny Nusser, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service regional program director in Amarillo.

"Contact your local Farm Service Agency office and let them know you were affected," he said.

Documenting the number of dead cattle is the biggest issue facing ranchers and government agencies trying to get financial assistance for those hit hardest by the recent wildfires, he said.

"It's a continuously changing story on what needs to be done and what is being done day-to-day, especially since the fires continued in some areas for multiple days," Nusser said. "Now with the fires out and decisions being made about where to go and what to do with the cattle, these ranchers need to be aware of what is required of them."

Ranchers must follow the guidelines of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for burying any dead livestock, he said. It is important those individuals have a third party witness the burial to help document the number of dead animals. If more than 10 head are buried in a single location, a record must be in the deed.

The complete rules can be found <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/>.

Those who have lost cattle, fences and buildings should document the losses with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service and Farm Service Agency.

Ranchers need to document whether cattle were sent to the renderer or packer or were buried, Nusser said. Documentation will be needed two or three months down the road when applying for aid from potential future government emergency relief funds.

The most important thing needed in the near term is for ranchers with losses to make

contact with the FSA office and get protocol and directions, he said.

"This needs to be done within 15 days for some programs and 30 days for other, so call your FSA office as soon as you can."

This information is a critical best management practice that needs to be documented for income tax and any potential government financial assistance in the future. The numbers need to be documented for county purposes, whether the individual intends to seek financial assistance in the future or not, he said.

Some of the programs being considered are:

- Emergency Conservation Program, a cost-share program that will help restore fences and some structures that were burned. It may be several months before a rancher would see any money from it.

- Livestock Indemnity Program, which basically pays for losses of livestock, will take time also. Ranchers are advised to keep good accurate records and have a third party witness any death loss.

- Environmental Quality Incentive Program funds also could be used to rebuild some of the infrastructure once the perimeter fences are built and possibly for some grazing deferment.

"The FSA offices need to know how much fence in terms of miles will be needed," Nusser said. "Also, how many dead animals do we have out there. The closer we get to reality, the better argument we can make."

"My recommendation is to go to your local NRCS/FSA office and turn in the information about what your losses are," he said. "That way we can get a true handle on the situation. Communication and accuracy is key to requesting support."

## 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, Levelland 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.

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## Auction brings big bucks for Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo

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HOUSTON — The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Auction and Wildlife Auction was held Friday, March 10, in NRG Center. Live, silent and big board auction items raised nearly \$380,000.

The live auction featured 20 lots comprised of items including a John Deere Sub-Compact Utility Tractor, a luxury home in Park City, Utah, a golf cart and a turkey hunt in the mountains of Durango, Mexico, among others.

For the duration of the live auction, buyers also had the chance to walk around and bid on the big board items on display: ice chests and hunting gear, fine jewelry and accessories, autographed memorabilia, and more.

The Ranching and Wildlife Expo runs March 7-11 in NRG Center. The purpose of the expo is to enhance educational programs involved with the promotion of conservation and co-existence of ranching and wildlife habitats.

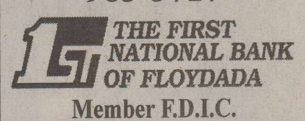
The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is a Section

501(c)(3) charity that benefits youth, supports education, and facilitates better agricultural practices through exhibitions and presentation. Since its beginning in 1932, the Show has committed more than \$430 million to the youth of Texas.

For more information, visit [rodeohouston.com](http://rodeohouston.com) and connect with #RODEOHOUSTON online via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube for all of the latest news. The 2017 Show runs March 7-26.

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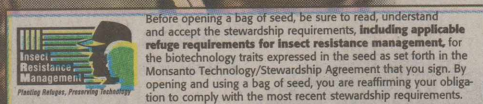
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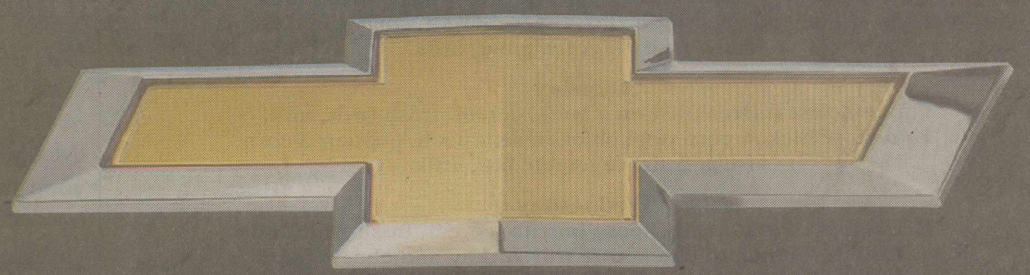


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# FLOYDADA SCHOOL NEWS

## Whirlwinds take down New Deal Longhorns fall to county rival Whirlwinds

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA – With two outs in the bottom of the seventh, Floydada walked off with a 7-6 victory over New Deal in the District 2-2A baseball district opener for both squads.

New Deal scored the first run of the game in the top of the first. Floydada took a 4-1 lead after two innings.

In the bottom of the fourth,

the Whirlwinds added another run to take a 5-1 lead. In the top of the fifth, the Lions put two runs across to close the gap to 5-3. In the top of the sixth, the Lions tied the score with two runs, making it 5-5.

In the top of the seventh, New Deal took the lead with one run, 6-5 but in the bottom of the inning, the Whirlwinds pushed two runs across to take the 7-6 victory.

For Floydada, there were no

stats available.

For New Deal, Hernandez went 3-3 with two RBIs and two runs scored and Brandon Cooper went 2-4 with two RBIs and one runs scored to lead the Lions. Jett Whitfield pitched three innings allowing five runs on three hits while striking out three and walking three and Marino Ramirez pitched three and two-thirds innings, allowing two runs on three hits while striking out four and walking two.

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LOCKNEY – Floydada scored 11 runs in the last two innings to come from behind to defeat the Lockney Longhorns 13-8 in District 2-2A baseball contest.

In the top of the first for Floydada, with one out Jesse Segura walked then stole second but two ground outs left Segura stranded at third. For Lockney, Trevor Ascensio singled to lead off for the Longhorns. Shawn Marquez walked after Ascensio stole second. Ruben Marmolejo grounded out but Ascensio and Marquez moved up on the play. Jonathan Rodriguez doubled to left field to drive in Ascensio and Marquez, giving Lockney a 2-0 lead after one inning.

Floydada went three up and three down in the top of the second. Devin DeLeon led off for the Longhorns by getting hit by a pitch. Nick Rendon grounded out to move DeLeon to second. Nick Derda singled to right to drive in DeLeon and give Lockney a 3-0 lead after two innings.

In the top of the third, Cervera walked to lead off then stole second. After Alaniz struck out, Cervera was thrown out trying to steal third. Mendoza walked but was caught trying to steal second to end the Whirlwinds' at-bat. With two outs, Marmolejo singled to center then Rodriguez singled. Marmolejo and Rodriguez moved up a base on a passed ball before Israel Cuellar walked to load the bases but DeLeon ended the inning with a fly out as the Longhorns still led 3-0.

Segura led off the fourth inning with a walk for Floydada. Marc McGowen was hit by a pitch and was replaced with a pinch runner, Cage. After Michael Crone popped out, Alex Glass lined into a double play as Cage was out trying to advance. In the bottom half of the inning, Derda doubled with one out. Clay Moore singled to drive in Derda but Moore was thrown out trying to advance. Ascensio singled but was left on base when Marquez

grounded out to end the inning as the Longhorns now led 4-0 after four innings.

In the top of the fifth, Turner singled to lead off for the Whirlwinds. Perez reached on a bunt single then Cervera walked to load the bases. With one out, Mendoza singled to score Turner and Perez but Cervera was caught trying to advance. Segura grounded out but the Whirlwinds cut the Longhorns lead to two runs, trailing 4-2. Marmolejo singled to lead off for the Longhorns. With one out, Marmolejo moved to second on a balk then moved to third when Cuellar grounded out. DeLeon singled to drive in Marmolejo, giving Lockney a 5-2 lead after five innings.

McGowen led off the top of the sixth for the Whirlwinds with a single. Crone followed with another single. McGowen and Crone moved up a base on a passed ball before Glass was hit by a pitch to load the bases. With one out, Perez reached on an error as McGowen and Crone scored. Cervera walked to load the bases again. Alaniz walked to force in Glass. Mendoza doubled to right to drive in Perez and Cervera. Segura singled to drive in Alaniz then Segura stole second and Mendoza scored on an error. Cage entered to run for Segura but was caught trying to steal third. Crone flied out to end the Whirlwinds at bat as Floydada took a 9-5 lead. In the bottom of the sixth, Derda led off with a single for the Longhorns. Moore walked, then Ascensio reached on an error to load the bases for Lockney. Derda scored on an error as Moore and Ascensio moved up on the base paths. Marquez grounded out but Moore scored on the play. Marmolejo singled to left to drive in Ascensio. Rodriguez grounded into a fielder's choice as Marmolejo was forced out before Cuellar grounded out to end the inning as Lockney trailed Floydada 9-8 after seven innings.

In the top of the seventh, Glass led off with a walk and moved to second on a passed ball. Turner doubled to left but

Glass was thrown out trying to score. Perez doubled to drive in Turner. Cervera walked then Perez and Cervera executed a double steal. Alaniz walked to load the bases. Perez scored on a passed ball then Alaniz stole second as Cervera scored on an error and Alaniz moved to third. Mendoza grounded out as Alaniz scored to give the Whirlwinds a 13-8 lead after six and one-half innings. For Lockney in the bottom half of the inning, Derda singled with two outs but Moore grounded out to end the game as the Floydada Whirlwinds took the come from behind 13-8 district victory.

For Floydada, Mendoza went 2-4 with five RBIs and one run scored and Perez went 2-4 with three RBIs and three runs scored. McGowen pitched four innings allowing four runs on nine hits while walking two and Segura pitched three innings allowing four runs on six hits while walking one.

For Lockney, Rodriguez went 3-4 with one RBI and one run scored and Derda went 4-4 with one RBI and two runs scored. Marquez pitched four and one-third innings allowing five runs on four hits while striking out one and walking seven. Cuellar pitched one and one-third inning allowing six runs on three hits while striking out two and walking two. Bryce Reese pitched two-thirds of an inning allowing one run on two hits while walking one and Moore pitched two-thirds of an inning allowing one run on one hit while walking one.

Floydada is now 2-0 in district and Lockney is 1-1. Olton is also 2-0 and Abernathy is 1-0, Hale Center and Ralls are also 1-1, New Deal is 0-1 and Crosbyton and Springlake-Earth are 0-2. Floydada played Crosbyton on March 21 and plays Abernathy in a double-header on March 25 and plays Springlake-Earth on March 28. Lockney played New Deal on March 21 and plays Crosbyton in a double-header on March 25 then has an open date on March 28.

## Lady Horns prevail over Lady Winds

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA – Lockney traveled down Highway 70 to Floydada on Friday, March 17 and came back home with a 5-1 victory over the Lady Winds in District 2-2A softball action. The Lady Horns improved to 3-1 in district and the Lady Winds dropped to 2-2.

In the top of the first, Hannah Kidd walked to lead off for the Lady Horns but three straight strike outs left her stranded on base. In the bottom half of the inning, the Lady Winds pushed across a single run. With one out, Valerie Espinosa walked, moved to second on a passed ball then to third on another passed ball before scoring on a wild pitch to give the Lady Winds a 1-0 lead after one inning.

In the second inning, both teams went three up and three down.

Lockney struck for three runs in the top of the third. Tatyana Cienfuegos doubled to lead off the inning. Aleah Jimenez reached on an error as Cienfue-

gos moved to third. After Jimenez stole second, Kidd walked to load the bases. Cienfuegos scored on a passed ball as Jimenez and Kidd moved up a base. A passed ball allowed Jimenez to score and Kidd to move to third. Alyssa Barretero flied out to left field but Kidd was able to tag up and score. Madai Chavira flied out to right but an error allowed her to reach base. Shelby Dunbar singled before Reagan Nuncio flied out then Chavira was thrown out trying to steal third. Lockney led 3-1 after two and one-half innings. For Floydada in the bottom of the inning, Angela Suarez led off with a walk then Dora Rojas was hit by a pitch before three straight strike outs ended the Lady Wind threat with Floydada still trailing 3-1 after three innings.

In the top of the fourth, Cienfuegos singled with two outs but was left stranded. Floydada went three up and three down in the bottom half of the inning with Lockney still leading 3-1.

Kidd led off the top of the fifth with a walk but a fly out,

a line out and Kidd being doubled off second ended the Lady Horns half of the inning. In the bottom of the inning, Cervera walked to lead off then stole second for the Lady Winds. Suarez walked to put two runners on base but two strike outs and a ground out ended the inning with Lockney still leading 3-1.

In the top of the sixth, Karissa Petty walked with two outs but was forced out on a fielder's choice to end the Lady Horns at bat. In the bottom half of the inning, Karley Weems walked with two outs but a strike out ended the inning as Floydada still trailed 3-1 after six innings.

For Lockney in the top of the seventh, Cienfuegos lead off with a single, then Jimenez singled allowing Cienfuegos to move to third. Jimenez stole second then Cienfuegos scored on a wild pitch as Jimenez moved to third. Kidd drew a walk Jimenez was caught trying to steal home then Barretero struck out. With two outs, Chavira doubled to drive

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### FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

March 27 – March 31

Monday

**Breakfast** – Morning sausage roll, cereal, fresh fruit, milk  
**Lunch** – Bean and cheese burrito, cheeseburger, spicy pinto beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Tuesday

**Breakfast** – Breakfast on a stick, cereal, fresh fruit, milk  
**Lunch** – Chicken corn dog, chicken sandwich, peppered corn, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Wednesday

**Breakfast** – Potato and cheese burrito, cereal, fresh fruit, milk  
**Lunch** – Popcorn chicken & roll, turkey and cheese sub, seasoned mashed potatoes, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Thursday

**Breakfast** – Cinnamon bun, cereal, fresh fruit, milk  
**Lunch** – Pepperoni pizza, chicken sandwich, seasoned green beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Friday

**Breakfast** – French toast, cereal, fresh fruit, milk  
**Lunch** – Chicken nuggets w/roll, hamburger, Broccoli florets w/cheese, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

### LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU

March 27 – March 31

Monday, Mar. 27

**Breakfast** – Pancakes, Bacon, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk  
**Lunch** – Corn Dog and Tots or Stuffed Baked Potato with Roll, Baked Beans, Broccoli Bites, Apple-Pineapple D'Lite, Milk

Tuesday, Mar. 21

**Breakfast** – Sunrise Sandwich or Cheesy Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk  
**Lunch** – Nachos Grande, Refried Beans, Salsa and Garnish or Grilled Cheese and Tomato Soup, Cucumbers, Tomato Cup, Pears, Sherbet, Milk

Wednesday, Mar. 22

**Breakfast** – Biscuit and Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk  
**Lunch** – Chicken Sandwich and Oven Fries or X-Treme Burrito and Corn, Veggie Cup, Garnish, Mandarin Oranges, Milk

Thursday, Mar. 23

**Breakfast** – Oatmeal, Cinnamon Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk  
**Lunch** – Country Pot Pie or Salisbury Steak with Biscuit, Gravy and Roasted Potatoes, Garden Salad, Fruity Gelatin, Milk

Friday, Mar. 24

**Breakfast** – Breakfast Burrito or Hash Browns, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk  
**Lunch** – Pizza Choice or Hot Dog with Corn Chips, Baby Carrots, Broccoli Salad, Grapes, Cookie, 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 –

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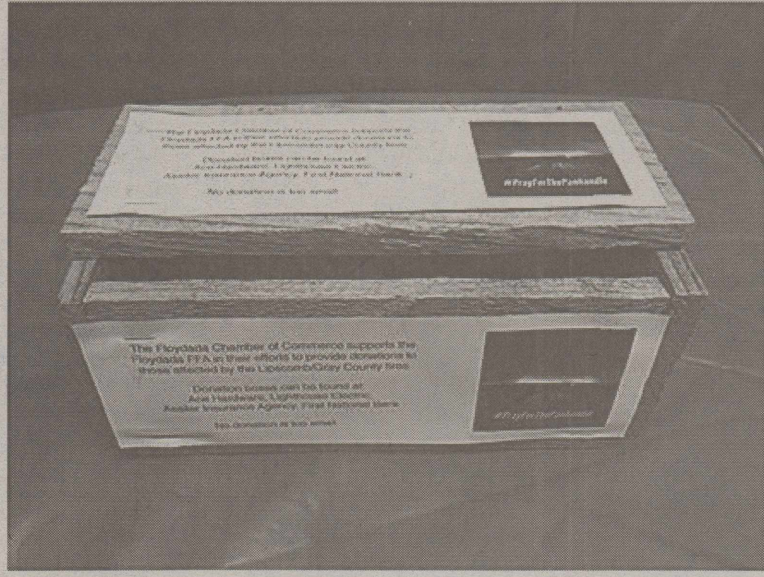
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**REPORT**  
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between the seat. The officer got Luke out of his vehicle and checked him over for safety and discovered a fixed blade knife with a blade longer than 5.5 inches. After getting a passenger out of the vehicle as well, the officer began a search of the vehicle. He found a full container of beer with something that had been clearly placed inside. Several other items of drug paraphernalia were found as well, including plastic baggies commonly used to sell controlled substances. One of the baggies contained methamphetamines. Luke was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance and Unlawfully Carrying a Weapon. The passenger, Sara Benson, was also arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance. The officer later conducted a field test of the beer and it tested positive for methamphetamines. It is suspected that

**HELPING**  
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a ton of cake, we'll get it to the Panhandle." The Floydada Chamber of Commerce is also supporting the community effort to support the Panhandle and is promoting the donation locations on their Facebook page. The donation locations are: Ace Hardware, Lighthouse

Luke tried to hide meth in the beer, which turned the entire contents of the beer container into liquid meth. The substance was sent to a lab to confirm.

The Floydada PD was informed on February 21 by the Lubbock Police Department that a vehicle stolen by a runaway juvenile was possibly headed to Floydada. The vehicle was later found by an officer occupied by the runaway, another juvenile, and the driver Devontay Davis. He was arrested and charged with Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle while the other juveniles were taken to PAC.

A vehicle was stopped for speeding on February 22 which was driven by Sanvany Suvanaratosot. It was also occupied by Sanvany's two children. The officer could smell a strong odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle and began to search the vehicle. Over two ounces of marijuana were found in the vehicle including THC infused candy. Sanvany stated that she bought the marijuana and the candy from

Electric, Assiter Insurance Agency, First National Bank of Floydada, Brown Implement and Ray Lee Equipment.

They are saying, "No donation is too small." On the Lockney ISD Facebook page, the Lockney FFA is accepting donations for the Panhandle as well.

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Colorado and was bringing it to her grandfather. Sanvany was arrested for Possession of Marijuana and two counts of Endangering a Child. The children were able to be picked up by family.

Police stopped a vehicle for expired registration on February 23. Consent to search was given and the officer found marijuana as well as plastic baggy with methamphetamine residue. April Zuniga was arrested for Possession of Marijuana.

Clifton Brown was arrested on February 25 for Driving While Intoxicated. He was stopped for expired registration.

Floydada PD is investigating a fight that occurred between two juveniles. The suspect has been identified and charges are pending.

Police responded to an accident on February 21. A vehicle conducted an unsafe lane change and struck another vehicle. No injuries were reported. A citation was issued to the driver of the first vehicle for the incident.

Floydada Police answered a total of 82 calls for service in the month of February 2017.

**Donations Needed!!**

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**WILDFIRES**  
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remaining 13,000 to 14,000 cattle in the path of the fire will be fed because of depleted grazing land, he said.

"Initially, ranchers are being provided donated hay and feed that has come into three Livestock Supply Points if they choose to use it," Amosson said. "But long term, they will have to make a decision to buy hay for a long period of time, send the cattle to market or lease pasture elsewhere."

The estimated \$1 million in feed costs was calculated based on 30 pounds consumption per day per animal for a 60-day period for cattle in the fire area, he said, with the expectation they will either be moved or sold by the end of that period.

Amosson said one of the hardest figures to determine is on assets such as corrals, equipment and outbuildings.

"While undoubtedly losses have occurred, no firm tally of these has been made to date," he said. "However, with an estimate of 125 structures lost throughout the three fire regions, that loss is expected to be in the neighborhood of \$3.7 to replace. At this point we have no idea as to how much equipment has been

damaged."

Amosson said he did not figure the losses from the 2006 Panhandle complex fire, which according to the Texas A&M Forest Service is considered the largest fire

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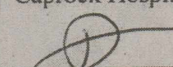
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Signed and given this 14th day of March, 2017.

Caprock Hospital District

By:

  
Ian McIntosh,  
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# Floydada One-Act play

## PCG MEETING From Page 1

program will feature an update on the Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. PAC and an announcement about the 2017 Celebrate Cotton Game.

Breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m., sponsored by Monsanto/Deltapine. Lunch, sponsored by Bayer CropScience/FiberMax/Stoneville, will follow the meeting.

There is no charge to attend and no RSVP is necessary. Additional information about PCG and the Annual Meeting can be found at <http://www.plainscotton.org>.

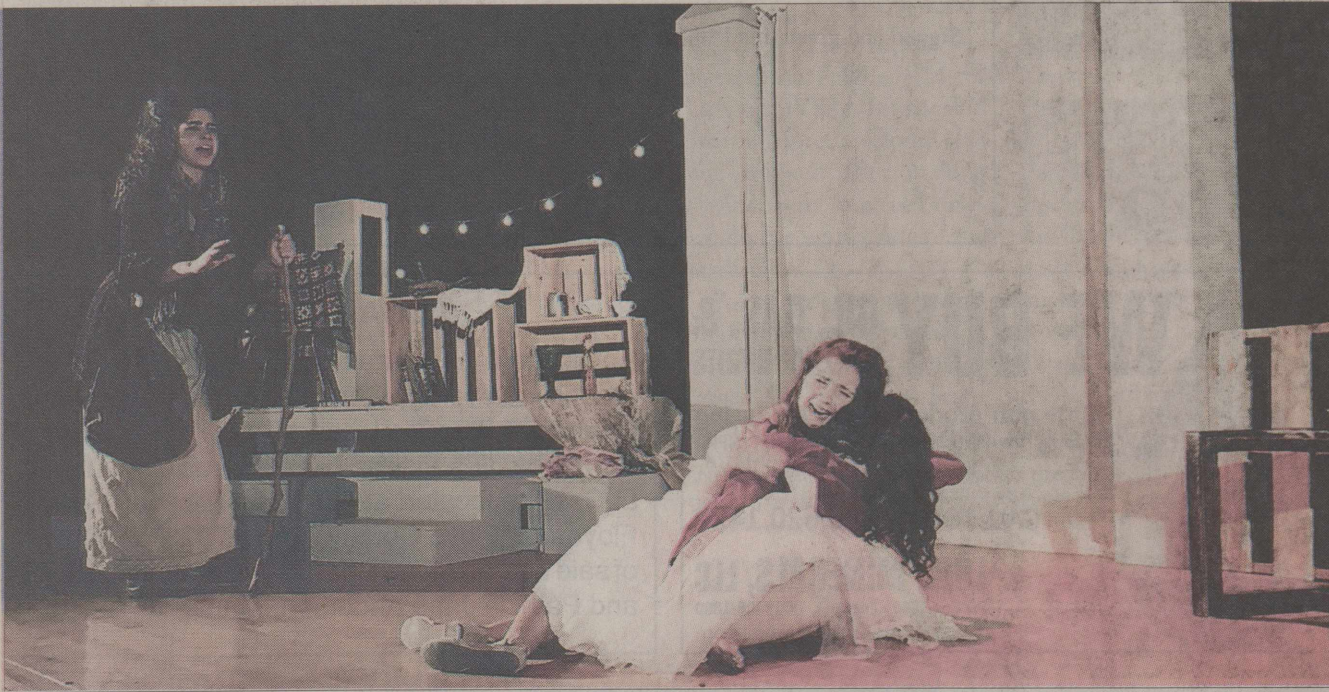
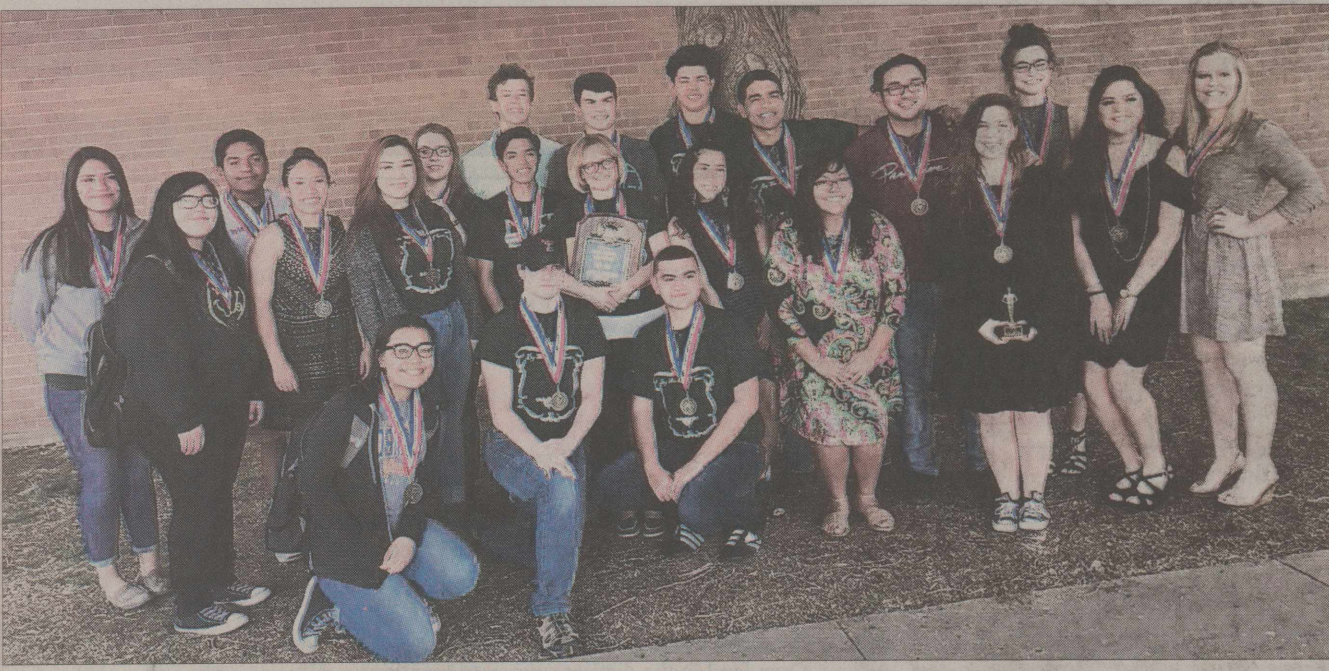
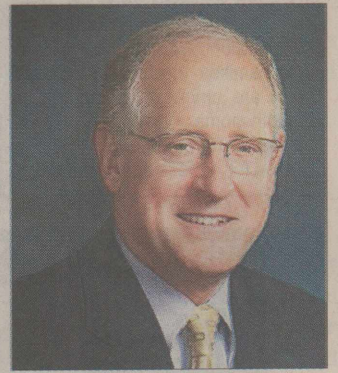
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**Matt Rush, who farms in partnership with his father on a farming and ranching operation, travels the country as a professional speaker, conducting leadership and motivational seminars. The Zig Zigar Corporation recently recognized his talent and skill as a speaker and trainer, inviting him to become one of their first ever Platinum Level speakers. He also is the Executive Vice President of the New Mexico Farm & Livestock Bureau. He will keynote the 60th Annual Plains Cotton Growers meeting April 7 in Lubbock.**



**Kim Kitchings, Senior Vice President, Consumer Marketing for Cotton Incorporated, will update the meeting on the 2017 Celebrate Cotton campaign.**

**House Agriculture Committee Chairman Mike Conaway, R-Midland, will speak about progress coming out of his committee.**



Courtesy Photos

**FISD One Act Play was 2nd place at District and has advanced to the Bi-District competition. Receiving honors were.... Casey Cage - Honorable Mention All Star Cast, Kaylee Morren and James Ponce - All Star Cast and Macee Brotherton - Best Actress. Congratulations to all!**

## SOFTBALL From Page 8

in Kidd. Dunbar walked but Nuncio popped out to end the Lady Horns at bat. In

the bottom of the inning, Suarez singled with one out but was caught stealing then Stefani Chavarria struck out to end the inning as Lockney claimed the 5-1 victory. For Lockney, Cienfuegos went 3-3 with two

runs scored, Jimenez went 1-3 with a run scored and Chavira went 1-4 with an RBI. Nuncio pitched seven innings allowing one run on one hit while striking out 14 and walking five. For Floydada, Suarez

went 1-1 and Espinosa went 0-2 scoring one run. Hannah Morales pitched seven innings, allowing five runs on six hits while striking out eight and walking six.

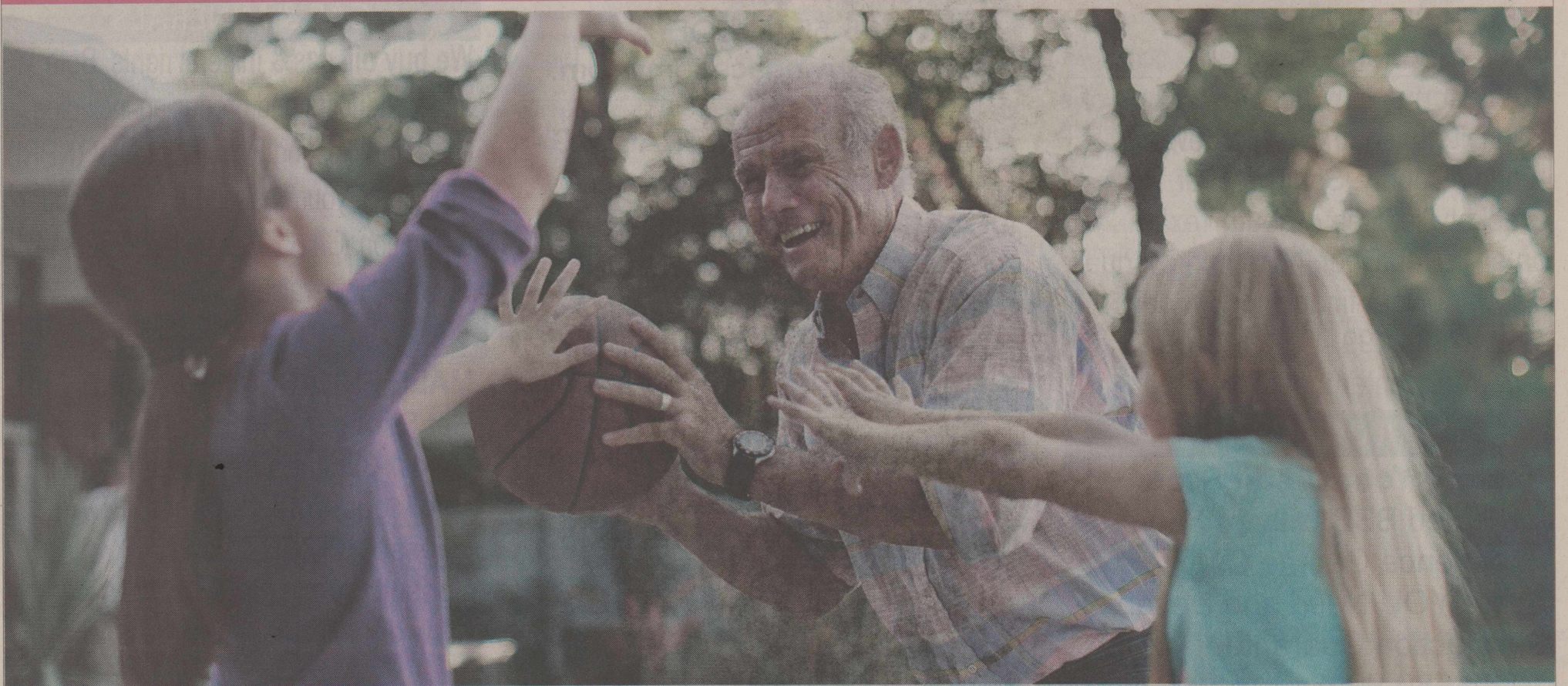
Lockney is now 3-1 in district and Floydada is

1-2. Abernathy and Ralls are both 3-0, New Deal is 1-2, Hale Center is 1-3 and Crosbyton is 0-4.

Lockney played Hale Center on Tuesday, March 21 and will play Abernathy on March 25 and New

Deal on March 28. Floydada played Hale Center on March 18 (not results were available at deadline), played Abernathy on March 21 and will play New Deal on March 25 and Crosbyton on March 28.

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