

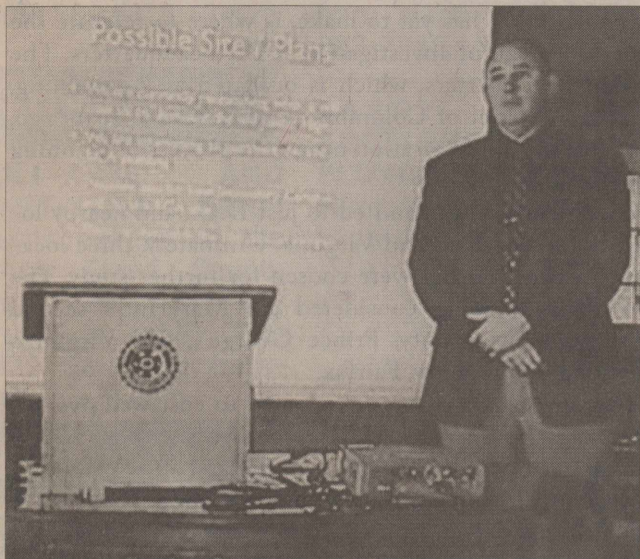
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FISD Superintendent Dr. Gilbert Trevino appeared at the Floydada Rotary Club to share plans leading up to the May 6 bond election.

## FISD Informs About May 6 Bond Election

By Kay Ellington  
The Hesperian-Beacon

The Floydada Independent School District has called for \$44,745,000 bond election for May 6. Dr. Gilbert Trevino, FISD superintendent, was interviewed by the Hesperian-Beacon, and he answered many of the frequently asked questions about the bond proposal.

Floydada ISD has scheduled Community Meetings to provide information to the community about the bond proposal. The meeting dates and locations are as follows:

- March 27th at 7 p.m. - St. Mary Magdalen Church
- April 10th at 7 p.m. - First Baptist Church
- April 25th at 7 p.m. - First United Methodist Church
- TBD - Mt. Zion Baptist Church

### 1. Where are the high school and junior high going to be built?

The bond proposal includes a new secondary campus for 6th - 12th grades to be constructed at the old RC Andrews site. The building will be a two-story building which includes a Career and Technical Education (CTE) building for our ag program and our building trades program.

### 2. Is the plan to build a new football stadium? If so, why? What's the reason not to just renovate the current one?

The proposal also includes a new football stadium and track to be constructed next to the new building. The board considered renovating Wester Field but ultimately decided to construct a new one. The cost of renovating Wester Field is almost as much as constructing a new stadium if you consider all that needs to be done, such as new fencing around the field itself as well as around the stadium, constructing new dressing rooms, constructing a new concession

stand and restroom area, renovating the press boxes, making the current stands ADA compliant, and constructing parking lots. Under this scenario, the existing field house would have to be addressed and we would still have to maintain and operate 3 football fields: Wester Field, the practice field inside the current track, and a practice field next to the secondary campus. A practice field next to the new campus would be needed, mainly to avoid busing the Junior High students to a practice field off-site. The high school football players would still have to travel from the new campus site to the current practice field site. With a new stadium and track next to the new campus, we would essentially be able to hold daily practices and play Thursday and Friday night football games on one field, hold band marching practices during marching season, and conduct in-season and off-season programs throughout the year on the field. To sum it all up, the board and I ultimately felt that from a programming stand point, it would be ideal to have the stadium and track next to the new campus.

### 3. Is the plan to renovate the current baseball field?

The bond proposal does include renovations to Watson Field, which is currently owned by the City. The City and our district have an agreement in place that allows our baseball program to have exclusive rights to the field from the start of our baseball season until the end. From information that I was provided, the district and City partnered together to construct and develop Watson Field many years ago to make it what it is today. I can only speak for the district, but this partnership See **BOND ELEC**, Page 14

## What Can Your 10 Little Fingers Do?

By Carson Briggs  
Staff Writer, Monahans News

What can your ten little fingers do? Breck Record's ten digits can bring sermons to the deaf, allow the hard of hearing to enjoy television and events, and provide accurate transcripts depicting court cases accurately.

Record was born in the small town of Lockney, Texas, where he spent his childhood. He graduated from high school, and decided to attend Texas Tech University to study Business Administration.

"I wasn't too attached to this decision, but I didn't know what I wanted to do. So when a friend of mine showed me a brochure about becoming a court reporter, I went for it," he said.

"Honestly I thought all a court reporter did was go to court, and then write about it for the newspaper," he laughed.

Record attended Amarillo Junior College to begin the 2-year minimum program to become a certified court reporter.

"You can technically finish school in two years, but that's if you really apply yourself. It isn't a skill you learn without hundreds of hours of practice and a lot of work," he said. "For most it takes around three or four years," he said.

While in school, aspiring court reporters must learn to proficiently use the Steno Machine. "A Steno is simply a small, electronic type-writer, with a couple changes. The stenotype keyboard has far less keys than a conventional keyboard. Multiple keys are pressed simultaneously to spell out whole syllables, words, and phrases with a single hand motion, and because the keyboard does not contain all the letters of the English alphabet, letter combinations are substituted for the missing letters."

Along with mastering the art of machine short-hand, Record said it is important for a court reporter to be well rounded. "It is really important to be familiar with medical, legal, and engineering terms, be knowledgeable about the English language, well read, and up to date on what's happening in the world.



Breck Records has travelled the world by using his ten fingers—from court-reporting to helping the hard of hearing with transcription at events to delivering the Gospel at the Billy Graham Crusade with captioning.

You may have to record a case of malpractice of a physician or an architecture problem, and you have to know about everything," he said.

Other challenges for court reporters are different accents, and not having the authority to clean up the script. You must type everything as it is said, including swear words. Record strived to take all of this in, and finished school at San Antonio College. He passed his first test January, Friday the 13th, 1984.

"Right after school I went to work for Eddie Morris - Court reporters, in San Antonio. I worked there from February '84 to December of '90," he said.

In January of 1991 he left Morris to work for Hoffman Reporting Services for a better opportunity to expand, and worked for Hoffman from 1991 - 1996.

There are endless opportunities for court reporters. From owning his own company to working for many different companies, Re-

See **10 FINGERS**, Page 11

## Floydada Gets \$75,000 Grant for Baseball Fields from TPWD

By Kay Ellington  
The Hesperian-Beacon

In November 2013 Floydada voters approved a bond that improved the quality of life in the city in three ways—1. A new playground; 2. A new swimming pool; 3. Improved softball/baseball fields at Annie Taylor Park. All have been completed except the baseball/softball fields. But that initiative just took a huge leap forward this month.

"Texas Parks and Wildlife has awarded us a \$75,000 grant for the baseball fields," said Jeff Johnston, city manager. "The grant is actually for \$150,000, but it's a matching grant, so we have to come up with \$75,000." Johnston said the \$75,000 would come from the bond funds voters



Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has awarded the city of Floydada \$75,000 for park improvements. The funds will be used to enhance Annie Taylor Park.

had approved earlier.

The grant is a structural upgrade grant from TPWD. Johnston said that it will enable the city to have two softball fields with concession stands, bathrooms, bleachers, press box and a new playground for Annie Taylor Park.

"All of the new grant mon-

ey will go to Annie Taylor Park," he said.

Johnston said the city hopes to have all of the improvements in place by mid to late summer.

In other city projects Johnston said the Massie Activity Center should be completed by mid-April.

## 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! Downtown Floydada. Lots of activities for the whole family to enjoy! Mark your calendars now!!!

### 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.

### COVENANT HEALTH MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY

Covenant Health/Arrington Comprehensive Breast Cancer will have their mobile mammography in Floydada on May 17, 2017 at the West Texas Family Medicine Clinic at 901 W. Crockett. Please call 806-725-6577 or 877-494-4797 for appointments.

### 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.

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## West Texas Mesonet Launches

### Free App for iPhone, iPad

Weather data is updated from more than 100 regional mesonet sites every five minutes.

It's an old joke that if you don't like the weather in Texas, just wait a few minutes and it'll change. Of course, if you want accurate weather information, the technology at your fingertips has to change that quickly as well.

Texas Tech University's West Texas Mesonet launched its new app on Thursday (March 23), available to download for free in the App Store. The app's data is updated every five minutes from the weather stations in the mesonet's extensive coverage area.

"The app provides precise weather and agricultural information right to your phone from more than 100 mesonet sites across West Texas, eastern New Mexico and southwest Colorado," said Wes Burgett, operations manager for the West Texas Mesonet. "It provides current data along

with 24-hour plots. The app also provides daily and weekly weather forecasts from the National Weather Service."

The app gives users easy access to information on temperature, wind speed, wind direction, wind gusts, pressure, dew point, humidity and precipitation in plain language, along with weather maps based on the iPhone or iPad's GPS location.

The app can be found here or by searching "West Texas Mesonet" in the App Store.

The West Texas Mesonet app includes weather data updated every five minutes for Aiken, Floydada, Hart, Northfield, Olton, Paducah, Plainview, Quitaque, Silvertown, Tulia and Turkey.

#### About the West Texas Mesonet

The West Texas Mesonet is an independent project collaborating with the atmospheric science group and the National Wind Institute at Texas

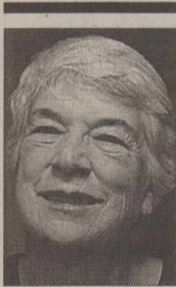
Tech. Its first station came online at Reese Center in June 2000. Since then, the network has grown to 103 mesonet stations and seven boundary layer SODAR units covering 69 counties in the Texas Panhandle, South Plains, Rolling Plains, Permian Basin, Trans Pecos, far West Texas, Concho Valley, Big Country, Edwards Plateau, Hill Country, southwest Colorado and eastern New Mexico. Its mission is to provide accurate meteorological data for distribution to a variety of facets in the region, including operational meteorology, agriculture and farming, research and media.

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## The 501

### A crate way to go



HANABA MUNN WELCH

If you can't be a great person, be a crate person. Say it fast, and there's hardly a difference. I'm aiming for the latter category, organizing my life with crates.

At my estate sale, whoever's in charge can sell my stuff by the crate. The pitch will be "buy the junk, get the crate." It'll be a sale with a crate theme. And

people will all be saying, "She was a crate person."

Yep, I'm putting all my stuff in crates. What's more, I'm making them myself. Currently I'm building some to fit the pantry shelves.

**TIP:** If you need to organize your life, crate building is a great way to put it off.

If you buy plastic storage containers instead, you have to get right to work, except I also bought some of them, and they're still empty. At least I lined them up on their own pantry shelf. I'm planning to replace them with crates.

Crates are trendy. They're for sale at Wal-Mart and elsewhere. Crate shoppers can scour garage sales and flea markets for used ones or pay the price plus shipping for various crates online. How do they ship crates anyway? Probably not in shipping crates.

I'm still building my own. All the retail crates I've seen are held together with ugly staples instead of nails. Staples probably work better, but I'm morally opposed to visible staples. Besides, most crates nowa-

days seem quite pricey just to be crates. Why pay \$9.99 or even more for something you can build yourself in only seven hours with just \$3.25 in lumber costs?

I'm getting faster. Nailing on the slats is easy, but it takes time to cut and perfect those quintessential oblong handholds in the end pieces of wood. You know the kind of holes. Any crate worth its salt has them, even if it's a new fake vintage crate displayed in a home décor store, maybe even painted pale lavender. Yep, nothing gives a crate credentials like those oblong holes (except maybe an apple orchard logo).

**TIP:** If you plan to make some crates, you can make them look convincing with just one of those holes per crate. Seriously.

**MORE TIPS:** Should you decide to make your own crates, size them to fit wherever you place them. Then, when your friends tell you it would have been easier to buy them, tell them yours are custom crates.

If they point out any defects, tell them crates are supposed to look inexact and battered. It's their charm.

Another charming thing about crates is their aura of questionable ownership. Wooden pallets and railroad ties have it too. What's more, some crates even say "property of ..."

**PAUSE TO THINK.** Besides listing contents on my crates, maybe I should make a bold stencil to mark them all "PROPERTY OF WELCH ESTATE" for extra appeal.

It's enough to make me want to attend the mythic sale myself. Maybe I'd hear someone remark, "She obviously was a crate person."

I'd nod and agree.

## Area Sales Taxes Down in March

Compiled from media reports

Area sales taxes continued to lag a bit in March, as wind farm construction for 2017 is not quite at the pace it was in 2016.

Percentagewise, the largest decline for the March payment cycle was posted by Abernathy which saw a drop of 24.04 percent, followed by Hale Center,

down 11.18 percent; Lockney, off 9.97 percent; Petersburg, down 9.26 percent; Plainview, off 4.12 percent; Floydada, off 3.23 percent; Hale County, off 3.07 percent; and Tulia, down 0.62 percent.

Current and year-to-date payments, and changes from 2016, for area taxing entities include:

- Abernathy, \$14,017.52, -24.04%; \$46,906.59, -14.54%
- Floydada, \$27,344.86, -3.23%; \$88,809.90, -16.05%
- Kress, \$1,095.14, 11.75%; \$3,460.95, -8.29%
- Hale Center, \$7,018.35, -11.18%; \$25,117.78, 6.49%
- Hale Co., \$107,272.24, -3.07%; \$403,524.52, -1.18%
- Hart, \$2,721.33, 10.6%; \$10,251.69, 4.16%
- Lockney, \$10,449.58, -9.97%; \$31,071.96, -3.13%
- Olton, \$15,503.56, 29.2%; \$44,423.28, 2.33%
- Petersburg, \$3,248.26, -9.26%; \$11,093.35, -12.69%
- Plainview, \$283,936.35, -4.12%; \$1,033,594.65, -0.69%
- Silvertown, \$4,975.64, 4.80%; \$16,866.66, 4.68%
- Tulia, \$26,764.10, -0.62%; \$92,185.31, 8.37%

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## OPED

### Why would the FBI replacement building be put in a sanctuary state like Maryland?

By Richard McCarty and Printus LeBlanc

One of the many important decisions that the Trump Administration has yet to make, is where to relocate the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) headquarters. The current headquarters, which is outdated and crumbling, is in the District of Columbia (D.C.). Several years ago, the Obama Administration began the process of planning the move.

Consideration was limited to just D.C., and nearby localities in Maryland and Virginia. Ultimately, three locations in two counties were chosen for further study. The two counties being considered are Maryland's second most populous county, Prince George's, and Virginia's most populous county, Fairfax.

The new headquarters is expected to cost well over \$1 billion and house about 11,000 employees with an annual payroll of hundreds of millions of dollars.

Currently, the decision is on hold pending Congressional authorization of funds for construction. This is good news, because there are several reasons why the Trump administration might wish to allow more localities to compete for the headquarters.

For example, one of the localities under consideration, Prince George's County is a sanctuary jurisdiction — meaning that they do not fully support and even obstruct the enforcement of federal immigration law.

According to the Center for Immigration Studies, which keeps track of sanctuary jurisdictions using data obtained from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement of municipalities that refuse to comply with federal detainer requests when illegal immigrants are incarcerated, Prince George's County is a sanctuary jurisdiction.

In 2014, the county executive decided that the county would refuse to comply with ICE requests, unless ICE procured a judicially issued warrant as opposed to the administrative warrants used by the agency.

In 2016, the county board unanimously passed a resolution calling ICE's immigration enforcement procedures "unduly aggressive."

This year, after President Trump signed an executive order to cut off funding to sanctuary jurisdictions, the Prince George's county executive defiantly stated, "It doesn't matter what President Trump says... We're not changing; we're not afraid of what the president has said..."

And making matters worse, the Maryland legislature is set to pass a bill that would make Maryland a sanctuary state. Maryland State Senator Victor Ramirez (D-Prince George's) has introduced the "Maryland Trust Act". The legislation would prohibit police officers from questioning victims and those arrested about their citizenship or place of birth. It would also bar local law enforcement from assisting in immigration enforcement operations. The legislation has a companion bill in the House, which has already passed.

Gov. Larry Hogan has indicated he will veto the legislation, should it reach his desk.

The recent alleged rape of a young 14 year-old girl by two men, Henry E. Sanchez 18, of Guatemala and Jose O. Montano, 17, from El Salvador, in Rockville's Montgomery High School, has further exacerbated the situation. Many Marylanders are only now realizing they already live in sanctuary community.

Gov. Hogan should hold firm on his promise to veto the sanctuary legislation, and go further by demanding that all counties in Maryland enforce federal immigration law. If Hogan needs a hook, he can point to the new FBI headquarters proposal and note that losing its bid could mean, from the state legislature's a forfeiture of millions in tax revenue to the state.

Even if the bill fails, there is absolutely no reason the FBI headquarters should be located in a sanctuary county like Prince George's. The Trump Administration should reopen the search for a new location for the FBI headquarters.

Americans for Limited Government President Rick Manning, a Maryland resident, noted in a statement, "President Trump promised to defund sanctuary cities and counties in his Jan. 25 executive order, and Prince George's County should be automatically disqualified from consideration for building the FBI headquarters. It would simply be inappropriate to locate the nation's preeminent law enforcement agency in a community that refuses to support the rule of law, particularly given Trump's ban on federal dollars going to sanctuary jurisdictions."

Manning added, "Prince George's opposition to immigration law enforcement should not be rewarded with a giant development and jobs program which would dump millions of dollars in tax revenue into county coffers. Any other sanctuary jurisdictions should similarly be disqualified."

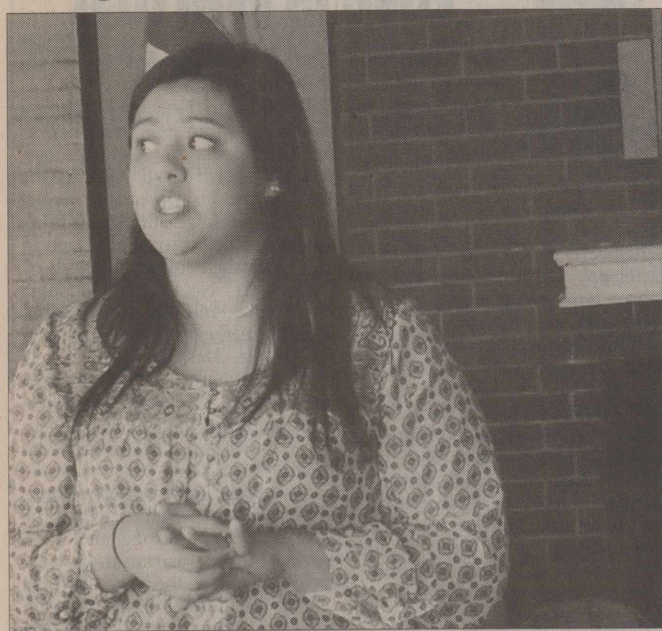
Surely, somewhere in America, a locality can be found that actively — and not just grudgingly — supports the enforcement of our immigration laws. A community that respects the constitution and rule of law deserves to house the FBI, not a community that flouts federal law.

Richard McCarty is a senior research analyst at Americans for Limited Government. Printus LeBlanc is a contributing reporter at Americans for Limited Government.



# SOCIETY

## Floydada Rotary



Courtesy Photo

Alejandra Munoz, Floydada High School agricultural teacher, was the program guest of Rotarian Robbie Hilton. She is a first-year teacher and explained all the activities of the ag students, including all the stock shows attended this year. The students have moved into livestock judging and other judging events and speaking events this week. The ag students have a fundraiser going for the fire victims in the Panhandle. If you would like to contribute there are at collection boxes at various local business or contact the high school office at 983-2340. Thank you to Rotarian Hilton for a very interesting program.

## Museum Archives

### Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

VINCENT AND DOCIA MANNING

By Hester West Moore

Vincent Miles Manning was born March 29, 1892 in Hamilton County, Texas. He was the son of Abraham Hermit Manning and Fleeta Flora Cunningham Manning. The Manning family came to Floyd County in 1910. A. H. had bought a farm "sight unseen" It was in the Starkey Community. There were four girls, Berthel, Clarece, and twins, Vivian and Lillian, and one boy Vincent.

Docia Cone Manning was born September 1, 1891, in Erath County, Texas near Cisco. She was the daughter of James Stanton Cone

and Salina Jane Craig Cone. Docia's father sold the home in Erath County and came to Crosby County in November 1900. There the family lived in a dugout for a while until a house could be built. Docia recalls putting sheets over the dugout walls so that it would look better for "company". She also remembers the lumber for the new house being brought by wagon from Canyon. Docia was one of ten children; Lilla, Frank, Lela, Eula, Henry, Flossie, Marlin, Kenneth, Dera, and Docia.

Vincent Manning and Docia Cone were married December 17, 1913. He

had built a new house in the Starkey Community. Their first daughter, Doris, was born in the Starkey Community December 15, 1914. In 1917 they moved to the McCoy Community. Their second daughter, Fleeta was born there May 6, 1918. The family attended church in the McCoy Community. In 1922 the family moved to a farm they had bought that was located two and one-half miles southwest of Floydada on the Ralls Highway. Their third daughter, Jean was born in Smith and Smith Sanitarium in Floydada on February 1, 1928. Doris married Carrick

Snodgrass in May of 1932. Fleeta married Norvill Willis in 1933. She and her small son Steve died in an auto accident in California. Vincent, Docia, and Jean moved to Portales, New Mexico, and stayed for a few months. After this they moved back to Floydada for a short while. In 1938 they moved to Petersburg, Texas. Jean married D.L. Miller, June 6, 1945.

Vincent and Docia lived in Petersburg until his death in July of 1971. Docia remained in Petersburg until April 1973. She moved to the Floydada Nursing Home where she still resides. She is 86 years old.



Courtesy Photo

The Rotary Club of Floydada President Clar Schacht welcomes new member Wade Jackson. Rotarian Jackson serves as the 110th Judicial District Attorney. The club invites interested parties to visit us on Wednesday's at noon at the Crockett Center.

## Rare Texas map donated

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN—Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush is proud to announce an exceptionally rare Stephen F. Austin map of Texas has been donated to the Texas General Land Office by Thomas B. and Marsha Brown Taylor from Seabrook.

The Taylors donated Genl. Austin's Map of Texas with

Parts of Adjoining States Compiled by Stephen F. Austin, published by H.S. Tanner, printed in 1848, in memory of Mrs. Taylor's parents, Harrison K. and Margaret C. Brown, who lived in Leon County.

No other copy of this map is known to exist, despite several scholarly articles being written on the subject, the most recent study coming from the

Library of Congress in 2015 as part of the Philip Lee Phillips Map Society. Prior to this donation, Austin's map was believed to have last been printed in 1846. The discovery of this map changes what we know about the cartography of Stephen F. Austin.

"This rare map, donated in memory of Harrison and Margaret Brown, will be viewed by generations to

come, thanks to the generosity of their loving family," said Bush. "This map augments our collection of 45,000 maps and documents, and enhances the GLO Archives - one of the premier cartographic collections in Texas and the Southwest. The Taylors' generous donation is a great example of how Texans can help support our efforts to Save Texas History."

## Emmitt Smith to Speak at Mentor Tech's 15th Annual Banquet

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Pro Football Hall of Famer and eight-time Pro Bowler Emmitt Smith will be this year's keynote speaker for Mentor Tech's 15th Annual Celebration Banquet at 7 p.m. April 13 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Banquet Hall. The banquet is a chance for parents, alumni and community members to celebrate program participants and graduating seniors for the 2016-17 academic year.

"As is our custom each year, it is our goal to select an accomplished individual to serve as our banquet speaker," said Cory Powell, Mentor Tech program director. "Ultimately, our desire is that the speaker will inspire, motivate and challenge our students and all those in attendance to soar to the highest possible heights, and we are excited to have Emmitt Smith as our speaker this year."

Smith was a first-round pick for the Dallas Cowboys in the 1990 NFL Draft. During his 15-year playing career, he set numerous records, some of which still stand today. He is the all-time leading rusher, with 18,355 career rushing yards, and the all-time rushing touchdown leader with 164.

Smith was named the

league MVP in 1993. He won three Super Bowls with the Cowboys and was named MVP of Super Bowl XVIII against the Buffalo Bills in 1994. He was inducted into Cowboys Ring of Honor in 2005 and the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2010.

Before playing in the NFL, Smith was an All-American at the University of Florida and was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2006. In addition to serving as a football analyst for ESPN and the NFL Network and a guest college football analyst for FOX's BCS National Championship pre-game coverage, Smith has made several TV cameos.

He won the third season of ABC's primetime reality show "Dancing with the Stars" in 2006 and returned for the all-star season of the show in 2012. He also was featured on NBC's genealogy documentary series "Who Do You Think You Are?" in 2010.

"Over the course of the past 14 years, our banquet attendees have heard from renowned educators, accomplished actors and actresses and successful industry leaders," Powell said. "This year is no exception. Emmitt Smith is not only a NFL legend, but also a successful businessman and

entrepreneur."

After 13 seasons with the Cowboys and two with the Arizona Cardinals, Smith retired from the NFL on Feb. 3, 2005. He has since led several companies in the real estate, construction and technology sectors under the umbrella of Emmitt Smith Enterprises, including ESmith Legacy, a premier real estate development and asset management firm; EJ Smith Construction, a Dallas-based commercial and civil construction manager and general contractor; E Smith Realty Partners, a national commercial real estate services company; and Prova Group, Inc., a mobile technology company.

His philanthropic efforts through Pat and Emmitt Smith Charities have provided unique experiences and educational opportunities to underserved youth in Dallas and on a national level. Smith also is an author, and in his most recent book, "Game On," describes the how he has found success in football and beyond.

"The annual Mentor Tech banquet provides us with an opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of the pro-

gram's student participants while also honoring the dedicated Texas Tech University System faculty, staff and graduate students who selflessly serve as their mentors," said Paul A. Frazier, associate vice president for the Division of Institutional Diversity, Equity and Community Engagement. "Emmitt Smith's successes on and off the field are remarkable, and I am excited that he is this year's speaker."

The program has assisted more than 3,200 students with more than 1,100 of those students graduating from Texas Tech University and the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center within the last 11 years.

Tickets for the banquet are \$100 each or \$150 for VIP; tables of eight cost \$1,000 and \$1,500 for VIP tables. All VIP purchases include premium seating, passes to the VIP reception and a photo opportunity with Smith. Sponsorship opportunities also are available. Proceeds benefit the Mentor Tech scholarship fund.

For more information call (806) 742-8692, email mentor@ttu.edu or visit the Mentor Tech website.

## 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 P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235

MENU  
April 3 - April 7

NOT AVAILABLE AT  
PRESS TIME

## Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - We will have a meeting on Saturday, April 1st at 2 p.m. Those who wish to volunteer to help paint our building, please be there!

Our next "Sunday Lunch" is on Sunday, April 9 from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. We will be serving turkey and dressing, with all the trimmings. 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, April 17th 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  
April 3 - April 7

Monday - Soup & cornbread  
Tuesday - Chef salad  
Wednesday - Enchiladas  
Thursday - Chicken & dumplings  
Friday - Meatloaf

*The family of Donald Bean is so thankful for everything provided for us during our difficult time at the passing of our father and husband. The cards, food, flowers, hugs and the attendance at the service helped us so much. We have always loved Floyd County for the happy times we had when we lived there. First United Methodist Church was such an important part of our life and we love that Donald's service could be there. Our family has been blessed in many ways, and living in Floyd County was one of those blessings.*

*May God bless each of you.*

Sincerely,

Jane Bean, Mike and Tammy Bean, Tyler & Dylan  
Judi & Alex Tzounakis, Samuel & Sofi

**ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
(309 S. Wall, Floydada, Texas)

### LENT SEASON FISH FRY

11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

We will be serving on these dates:

Fri. March 10, Fri. March 17, Fri. March 24  
Fri. March 31, Fri. April 7 & Fri. April 14

**Fish, Fries, Coleslaw,  
Hush Puppies, Tartar Sauce,  
Drink and Dessert (Capirotada)**

**\$10 per plate**



# OBITUARIES/CHURCH

## Living On Purpose The High Cost of Freedom

Every year in early June, we remember the anniversary of the Normandy invasion of World War II commonly called D-day. By the way, the "D" simply stands for whatever day a military assault is planned. For example; D-3 meant three days before a D-Day, while D+7 meant seven days after a D-Day. On June 6th 1944, America and her allies engaged in one of the most significant military operations of the 20th century. I have been personally touched by war and have a deep appreciation for the service and sacrifice that men and women give to protect our country. My mother's brother, Kenny Maye was killed in Korea and I have his tags, casket flag and one picture of him. He was only 20 years old. Sadly, his existence is nearly unknown and I often wonder about the life he could have had.

I live a couple miles from a National military cemetery and its close enough to the highway to see the over twelve thousand perfectly lined white marble tombstones. I am sure there are many who drive past with hardly thinking about how each of these individuals at one time or another accepted the call of duty. And what is that call? To defend and protect our freedom - whatever the cost! Do you and I have convictions that strong? The first Amendment was not only signed into existence with ink, but with the blood of over 1.1 million Americans that have died in U.S. wars along with even more that have suffered with physical and mental difficulties. For instance, the privilege we have to publicly communicate what is on our mind are liberties that have come at a great price and we should not take them for granted.

As a chaplain for a Veteran health care facility, I have the opportunity and honor to sit and talk with these fine men and women that have served in our nation's military. Many of them are now in their eighties and nineties

and I believe it's important to record and preserve not only their amazing war stories but to simply listen and appreciate who they are as individuals. One of these people is a man named Edward Hicks who willingly stepped forward when his country needed him the most. He was only 22 years old and had just married his lovely bride Mary Lou 4 months earlier. He received the call to serve and bravely responded to what would be known around the world as "Operation Overlord."

Edward and his company were assigned to six miles of beach that was code-named "Omaha" which has been recorded as one of the bloodiest first wave battles of Normandy with only 600 men to survive out of 2600 that came ashore. He recalls when he jumped out of the amphibious vehicle, how the water was up to his neck and icy cold. With being loaded with full gear that was now water-logged, he said it was very difficult to keep from drowning. As bullets were splashing the water and whizzing past his head, all he knew to do was to stay as low as possible. Using floating bodies as shields, he was numb with fear. As he slowly crawled upon the sand, he immediately began to dig a hole where he could partially avoid the onslaught of constant machine gun fire. Somehow throughout the day and thankfully with the Germans running out of ammunition he managed to work his way inland and on to accomplish the rest of his mission. He received several medals for bravery including a silver star and 4 bronze stars but there is much more to being a hero than human fortitude and earning awards. It is recognizing the depth of spiritual love. The love that Jesus demonstrated on the cross is the type of compassion that inspires individuals to love others as much as they love themselves. John 15:13 reminds us, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

*Dr. Holland lives in Central Kentucky with his wife Cheryl, where he is a Christian author and community outreach minister/chaplain. To learn more visit: [billyhollandministries.com](http://billyhollandministries.com)*



**WILLIAM F. HOLLAND JR.**  
DD., C. ED.D.  
Minister/Chaplain



### Love is Worth It

"Love hurts, by another. Really, it's the story of a love scars, love God who loves me, even when I am wounds and mars at my most unlovable.

Whom can God love? Even a tough nor strong people of whom he says, "There is no faithfulness or steadfast love, and no knowledge of God in the land; there is swearing, lying, murder, stealing, and committing adultery; they break all bounds, and bloodshed follows bloodshed" (Hosea 4:1f). No, the book of Hosea doesn't condone those actions, but it does reaffirm the love of God for people. Despite all of Israel's unrighteousness, unfaithfulness, and betrayal, God says, "I will heal their apostasy; I will love them freely, for my anger has turned from them" (Hosea 14:4).

Love is the most powerful force. Without it no one stands, with it the weakest become strong and bold. Loving this way is not an easy-to-navigate field, so the book of Hosea ends with these words: "Whoever is wise, let him understand these things; whoever is discerning, let him know them; for the ways of the LORD are right, and the upright walk in them, but transgressors stumble in them" (14:9).

Choose to be like God and learn to love others.

"By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers... Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth" (1 John 3:16, 18).

*Levi Sisemore preaches for the 37th Street church of Christ, meeting Sunday for Bible Classes (9:30 AM), Worship (10:30 AM & 5:00 PM); Wednesday for Bible Classes (7:00 PM). [snyder37church@gmail.com](mailto:snyder37church@gmail.com)*



## CHURCH DIRECTORY

### A Cup of Tea

Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward."

—Mark 9:41 (NIV)

It was a dry, dusty afternoon. Spring was turning to summer in Italy, and the smell of the sea drifted from the port and wound through the narrow streets. Difficult circumstances in my life as an exchange student were overwhelming me.

That day, after months of hanging in there, I fell apart. As I walked home, my eyes were so full of tears I could barely see, so I sat down on a stoop. I'm not sure how long I sat there before I heard a voice. I looked up, startled, to see a woman calling to me

from her window across the street. She asked again, "Excuse me, Miss. Would you like some tea? A cup of tea will do you good." A few moments later she arrived with a cup, saucer, tea bag, spoon, and kettle. She poured the water for me, offered me milk and sugar, and disappeared, saying only that I could leave the cup there when I finished.

Years later, I don't remember specifically why I was crying that afternoon, but I remember that cup of tea and the woman's kindness to me. This woman's hospitality was like that of the people in today's reading who unknowingly served the Lord by serving others. How often do we take time to show hospitality to strangers? Surely nothing could be more important.

—Gale A. Richards (Iowa, USA)

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**Aiken Baptist Church**  
Dennis Butler, Pastor  
Morning Worship..11 a.m.  
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**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.  
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**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.  
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**Carr's Chapel**  
Service Every Sunday  
Morning Worship - 9 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.  
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**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.  
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**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.  
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**First Baptist Church**  
Floydada  
Fred Meeks, 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.  
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**First Baptist Church**  
Lockney  
Joseph Tillery, Pastor  
Chad Cook, Youth Min.

Phil Cotham, Music Min.  
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.  
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**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.  
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**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.  
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**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.  
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**Main Street Church of Christ**  
Lockney  
James Blair, Minister  
Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.  
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**Mt. Zion Baptist Church**  
Floydada  
Rev. Timothy Askey  
401 N 12th Sty. 983-5805  
Sunday School - 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Study - 6 p.m.  
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**New Salem Primitive Baptist Church**  
Floydada  
Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges  
(806) 637-0430  
Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.  
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**Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church**  
310 Mississippi

Floydada  
Rev David Ramos, Pastor  
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader  
Sunday Bible - 10 a.m.  
Morning Praise - 11 a.m.  
Evening Praise 5 - p.m.  
Wed Worship - 7 p.m.  
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**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.  
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**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.  
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**Primera Iglesia Bautista**  
Floydada  
Rev. Toby Gonzales  
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.  
Wed Evening - 7 p.m.  
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**San Jose Catholic Church**  
Lockney  
Msgr. Nickolas Rendon  
Wed. Communion - 8 p.m.  
Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.  
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**South Plains Baptist Church**  
Joe Weldon, Pastor  
SuNday School - 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting - 7 p.m.  
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**Templo Getsemani Assembly of God**  
701 W. Missouri  
Joe M. Hernandez  
983-5286 (Church)  
Sunday School  
English - 9:45 a.m.  
Spanish - 11 a.m.  
Worship  
Spanish - 9:30 a.m.  
English - 11 a.m.  
Evening Service 5 p.m.  
Wednesday 7 p.m.  
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**St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church**  
Floydada  
Rev. Ike Temporaza  
983-5878  
Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.  
Mon. & Wed. Mass - 6:30 p.m.  
Confession Sat - 10-11 a.m.  
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**Templo Bautista Salem**  
Lockney  
Rev. Joe Hernandez  
Bun Prayer Service - 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service - 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.  
Wed. Meeting - 7 p.m.  
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**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.  
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**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.  
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**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.  
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**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.  
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**West Side Church of Christ**  
Floydada  
983-2672 Or 470-0950  
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.



# AGRICULTURE

## South Plains College will offer License to Carry class

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LEVELLAND - South Plains College will offer the Texas License to Carry a Handgun class on April 1 (Saturday) in the Law Enforcement Technology building on the Levelland campus. The class will begin at 8 a.m. with breaks every hour as well as a one-hour lunch break. Space is limited.

The classroom portion covers firearm safety, the use of force, non-violent conflict resolution, lawful concealed or open carry, storage with children in the home, and contacts with law enforcement personnel. It also covers holsters for concealed and open carry, and runs about six hours.

The range portion covers

range safety rules and commands, and the shooting portion of the class at distances ranging from three to 15 yards, using the indoor pistol range in the Law Enforcement building. The number of students will determine how long the range portion requires. Inexperienced shooters might want to take an Introduction to Handguns course before taking the L.T.C. course.

Students will need to bring either a revolver or semiautomatic pistol of at least .32 caliber, and fifty rounds of ammunition to match. Eye and hearing protection are provided for students who do not have their own.

The instructor is Dr. Mike Felker, a retired S.P.C. pro-

fessor, NRA Advanced Pistol Instructor, D.P.S. certified LTC Instructor and U.S. Concealed Carry Association Affiliate Instructor.

The cost of the course is \$75 for students getting their first license, and \$25 for students wanting a refresher course before renewing their license. This does not include the fee for the D.P.S. and F.B.I. fingerprint and background checks. Although renewals are now handled strictly online, the changes in Texas firearms law in 2013 and 2015 make a refresher course a good investment. Students need to register and pay in advance.

To sign up, call Kasey Reyes at (806) 716-2341 or email kreyes@southplainscollege.edu.

## Sheriff Paul Raissez Issues Appeal to Citizens in Fight Against Crime

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Responding to the increased number of citizens wanting to assist law enforcement officials and build a stronger partnership in the fight against crime, Sheriff Paul Raissez today announced that Floyd County Citizens are being invited to become Associate Members of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas.

Membership invitations will go out in the mail over the next several weeks. Associate Member funding al-

lows the Sheriffs' Association of Texas to provide critical training, technical resources, and legislative support on key criminal justice issues to law enforcement officers across the state.

In addition, dues will be used to support crime prevention and awareness programs, promote public safety, fight drug abuse, provide additional training for sheriffs and their deputies, and provide scholarships for children of law enforcement officers.

Contributions to the Sher-

iffs' Association of Texas are tax-deductible.

"The Associate Membership Drive helps provide the funding which is vital to our mission of making our communities safer places to live, work and play," said Sheriff Raissez.

The Associate Membership Program was created to provide citizens with an opportunity to lend their support to more effective law enforcement and to better help local Sheriffs protect the lives and property of citizens.

## Thornberry asks 60-day extension on CRP emergency use

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

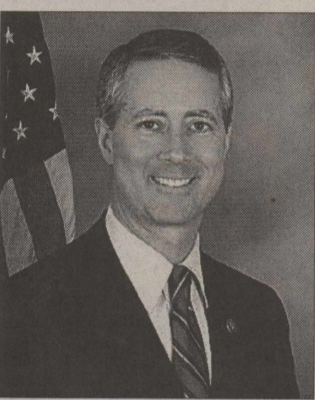
WASHINGTON - U.S. Congressman Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) on Wednesday sent a letter to U.S. Department of Agriculture Acting Secretary Michael Young requesting that he provide a 60-day extension of the Emergency Use of CRP Lands for the Texas Panhandle Fires. The text of the letter is below.

"I am writing to respectfully request a 60-day extension of the Emergency Use of CRP Lands for the Texas Panhandle Fires.

"As you are aware, many counties in the Texas Panhandle recently experienced

devastating wildfires. With almost 500,000 acres burned, thousands of miles of fence destroyed, and more than 2,000 head of livestock killed by smoke and flames; livestock producers are in dire need of places to house remaining livestock while fencing is re-established in these disaster areas.

"While the 30-day emergency use that has been approved by the USDA is very welcome and appreciated, I have heard from several producers that will not be able to build fences in time to meet the short deadlines. Replanting grasses and finding other sources of forage within a month's time will also be a



Courtesy photo  
U.S. Congressman Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon)

daunting, if not impossible, task. Additionally, there are several counties in my district that experienced heavy losses that are only eligible for grazing once every three years.

## Family Gardening Provides More Than a Bountiful Harvest

By Melinda Myers

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Gardeners know digging, planting, harvesting and even viewing a garden is good for the mind, body and spirit. It improves strength and flexibility, lowers blood pressure and elevates our mood. And this is true for all members of the family from the very young to the more seasoned.

Plan on sharing these benefits with yours or a friend's children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews this growing season. Children, and even adults, who grow their own vegetables are more likely to eat them. But gardening does even more to help our children. Research shows children exposed to the outdoors and gardening are more focused, have less issues with attention deficit and score better on tests. Girls exposed to gardens and green spaces are more confident and better able to handle peer pressure.

Here are a few ways to make gardening with family more fun and memorable.

Involve the whole family when planning the garden. Talk about the flowers everyone wants to grow and vegetables you all like to eat. Then break out the paper, old catalogs, scissors, crayons, pencils and rulers. Young children can cut out pictures of their favorite vegetables and flowers and glue them on the paper. Older children can draw the garden to scale on graph paper and plot their choices in the garden. Make your own plant

markers. Once you decide on the plants you want to grow spend a rainy afternoon creating plant labels for the garden. Paint the name or a picture of the flower or vegetable on a flat rock, slat from a discarded mini blind, paint sticks or other recycled items.

Consider giving everyone his or her own garden space. Let them pick their own plants and be responsible for its maintenance. Design individual plots or divide larger beds into smaller sections. Or give each family member his or her own container. This is a great option when planting space and time are limited. And just about anything can be planted. An old 5-gallon bucket or washtub with holes drilled into the bottom, recycled nursery pots or a colorful raised planter make great gardens.

Direct fast moving, small feet down the path and away from plants. Fun edging materials, mulched pathways or slightly raised beds help delineate pathways from gardens. This helps to keep children from trampling the plants.

Grow some quick-maturing plants like radishes and lettuce that are ready to harvest in 30 to 45 days along with slower growers like watermelon and tomatoes. You will keep everyone interested if there is something growing, blooming and good to eat throughout the season.

Reduce the risk of mistakes. Kids, like so many gardeners, suffer from "more is better" syndrome. Avoid damage from over-

fertilization by using a low nitrogen organic fertilizer like Milorganite (milorganite.com). It's safe and won't burn your plants even if the weather becomes hot and dry.

And enlist my favorite "Pluck, drop and stomp" pest management strategy. Teach children the difference between the good and bad insects and then have them burn off some excess energy as they implement the process.

End the season with a harvest party. Use your homegrown produce to prepare a picnic or fancy dinner for family and friends. And be sure to use some of those beautiful flowers you grew to decorate the table. See **GARDENS** Page 11

## AgriLife Research team makes strides in fight against Zika

By Steve Byrns

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

COLLEGE STATION - There's a war raging on a tiny battlefield and the outcome could well touch millions of people worldwide threatened by Zika and related viruses. The key ally unlocking the mystery surrounding this conflict is the long-dreaded yellow fever virus.

Dr. Kevin Myles, Gladys "Hazitha" Samuel and Dr. Zach Adelman are Texas A&M AgriLife Research scientists at Texas A&M University, College Station, who published "Yellow fever virus capsid protein is a potent suppressor of RNA silencing that binds double-stranded RNA."

The paper appears in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. Go to <http://bit.ly/2eYsYIQ>.

The mystery has been how these viruses get around the insect's immune response, and the answer is the virus makes a protein that suppresses the immune response, Myles said.

"When mosquitoes are infected with these viruses, there's a signal that lets the mosquito's cells know that they are infected, resulting in targeting of the virus by the mosquito's immune response.

"Something similar occurs in our bodies when we're infected with these viruses; there are signals our cells detect that

let our immune system know all is not well," he said.

The AgriLife Research team found a protein that is produced by yellow fever virus, as well as Zika virus, West Nile virus and dengue virus, that suppresses the immune response of the mosquito.

"While the mosquito doesn't want the virus in its body any more than we want it in ours, and is trying to get rid of it, the virus isn't defenseless," Myles said. "It's fighting back and deploying its own countermeasures. Basically this is what's known as an evolutionary arms race. The survival of this group of viruses depends on their ability to stay one step ahead of the mosquito's immune response."

Now that the scientists know this, there are a couple of options. By using gene drive, a method targeting specific genes, they could go in and tip the scale in the mosquito's favor. Alternatively, they could give the nod to the virus. In the latter, the virus would actually make the mosquito sick preventing transmission to humans.

"It will also be interesting to see if this protein interferes with the human immune response,"

Myles said. "Certainly similar types of proteins have been found in other viruses that are not transmitted by mosquitoes but do infect people, influenza viruses for example.

"If it does interfere with our immune response, it could become a target for vaccine development, not only for Zika virus, but possibly other viruses as well.

"More research is needed before we reach that point though, but as ironic as it may seem, we are using the yellow fever virus, once arguably the most feared pestilence in the Western Hemisphere, to help us defeat the Zika virus and quite possibly others as well."

Myles and Adelman joined the department of entomology at Texas A&M on Aug. 1. The scientists were previously at Virginia Tech and now lead AgriLife Research's efforts to stop Zika.

Myles is working to understand the basic biology of how viruses such as Zika replicate in mosquitoes, and Adelman's projects involve creating mosquitoes resistant to viruses such as Zika.

For more information, contact Myles at 979-458-3110, mylesk@tamu.edu.

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# LOCKNEY SCHOOL NEWS

## Lockney High Students Compete at District UIL Academic Meet

By D'Lyn Morris  
LHS Academic Coordinator

March 22, 24 and 25, students competed in 20 events at Sudan High School. Thirty LHS students competed with fifteen advancing to the Regional Meet in Odessa April 7-8.

In Accounting, Tavien Walrath placed 5th and Lizzie Belt placed 6th. J.J. Rodriguez is the other team member and Pam Fulton coaches this team. They placed 2nd as a team.

Valerie Hernandez placed 6th in Current Issues and Events. Karissa Petty, Haley Sanchez, and Bethany Salazar also competed. Alexa Poole and Sierra Landeros are the other team members. D'Lyn Morris coaches this team.

The Computer Science team of Seattle Jackson, Fernando Valdez and Bryson Hallmark finished 2nd after the Programming portion where they tied with Sudan and the written portion, where Bryson placed 6th, Seattle Jackson 7th and Fernando Valdez earned 8th. Chris Rodriguez is the coach of this team.

Emilie Encizo placed 1st in Headline Writing, 2nd in Editorial Writing, and 3rd in Feature Writing. Mackenzy Ragland placed 6th in both Feature and Headline writing. Trevor Ascencio is also a journalism team member. The team placed 2nd and is coached by Sarah Clement. Emiliee and Destiny Solis also competed in Ready Writing where Emiliee finished 5th. Emiliee will advance to the Regional meet in 3 writing events.

In Literary Criticism, Lizzie Belt placed 2nd and Lyndee Setliff placed 3rd. The team finished 2nd and is coached by Melanie Ragland. Madison Chance, Karissa Petty and Haley Sanchez are also members of this team. Lizzie and Lyndee will advance to the Regional meet.

Lyndee Setliff earned 2nd place in Prose while Luke Kasner placed 3rd. Both of

them will advance to the Regional meet. They are coached by Rebecca Stout.

The Number Sense team placed 1st and will advance to the Regional meet. Seattle Jackson placed 1st, Diego Azua earned 2nd, Skyler Dunn finished 3rd and Fernando Valdez placed 5th. Tabettha Bigham is also a team member. This team is coached by Pam Fulton.

Alyssa Gutierrez placed 2nd in Spelling and Vocabulary and will advance to the Regional meet. Ryiann Araujo, Edwin Martinez, and Destiny Solis are also team members. They are coached by Sammie Setliff.

For the 5th consecutive year, the LHS science team captured the district title with senior Seattle Jackson taking Top Biology, Top Chemistry, and Top Physics scores as well as 1st overall. Fernando Valdez earned 2nd place, and Luke Kasner placed 3rd. Tabettha Bigham and Lyndee Setliff tied for 7th. Diego Azua, Bryson Hallmark, and Brett Moore are also team members. Lyndee Setliff will be the Chemistry Alternate, and Fernando Valdez will be the Physics Alternate. Fernando Valdez will also be the Biology Alternate. The team is coached by Racheal Kasner and D'Lyn Morris. They will advance to the Regional meet as well.

Brett Moore, Edwin Martinez, Julio Lara, and Tyrell Egnew competed in Social Studies. Kathy Azua is the coach for this team.

Diego Azua, Fernando Valdez and T.J. Blackledge competed in Mathematics.

The One Act Play "Flowers for Algernon" was named the Bi-District alternate play. Luke Kasner and Lyndee Setliff earned All Star Cast honors. Rebecca Stout is the OAP Director.

Congratulations to these teams and their coaches. The exemplary behavior and representation of these students is greatly appreciated by LHS and the Lockney community. Best wishes to the Regional qualifiers.

## Lockney UIL First Place Science Team



Lockney UIL, First Place Science Team: Brett Moore, Fernando Valdez, Tabettha Bigham, Diego Azua, Seattle Jackson, Lyndee Setliff, Luke Kasner, Bryson Hallmark

## Longhorns take two from Crosbyton

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperia-Beacon

CROSBYTON - Lockney rebounded from their disappointing loss to New Deal and took both games of a double-header from the Crosbyton Chiefs in District 2-2A baseball action on Saturday, March 25. The Longhorns won game one 15-3 and game two 15-5.

In game one, the Longhorns managed only eight hits but the Chiefs committed eight errors as Lockney cruised to the 15-3 victory. The Longhorns scored four in the first, six in the second, three in the fourth and two in the fifth while the Chiefs managed two in the first and one in the third.

In the top of the first in game one, Israel Cuellar singled to drive

in Shawn Marquez, then Jonathan Rodriguez singled to drive in Cuellar and was able to score on the play thanks to an error by the center fielder. After Nick Rendon reached on an error, Devin DeLeon singled to drive Rendon home and give the Horns an early 4-0 lead. In the bottom of the first, a walk, a single and a walk loaded the bases before another single scored two runs but Lockney still led 4-2 after one inning.

In the top of the second, an error and two walks loaded the bases for Lockney with only one out. Rodriguez hit a fly ball to center but an error allowed Clay Moore to score. A walk to Ruben Marmolejo force in Marquez followed by a walk to Rendon to force in Cuellar. With two outs, Rodriguez stole home then Mar-

## Lockney LIFE Golf Tournery Saturday, April 1

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The Annual Lockney LIFE Foundation Golf Tournament is Saturday, April 1, at the Plainview Country Club.

The Foundation needs lots of golfers to show up and support this scholarship program for graduating seniors. Your \$75 entry fee

will cover range balls, cart green fee, and lunch. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and last. There will also be closest to the pin and longest drive prizes. Tee off will be at 8:00 am Saturday.

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molejo scored on a single by Noel Cineceros. A passed ball allowed Rendon to score. Lockney held a 10-2 lead after Crosbyton could not score in the bottom of the inning.

After Lockney went three up and three down in the top of the third, Crosbyton used a walk, a

stolen base and a double to score one run, making it 10-3, Lockney after three innings.

In the top of the fourth, Rodriguez led off getting hit by a pitch then stole second and moved to third when Marmolejo reached on an error. Another error

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## Lady Horns pound Hale Center

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperia-Beacon

LOCKNEY - Lockney scored 12 runs in the bottom of the first inning and never looked back, defeating the Hale Center Lady Owls 18-3 in just three innings in District 2-2A softball action on March 21.

The Lady Owls scored two runs in the top of the first as Jabrie Garcia led off with a single then moved to second on a fielder's choice. With two outs, Ariel Raman was hit by a pitch then Makayla Payne doubled to drive in Garcia. Johanna Ortiz walked to load the bases. Katie Huffines reached on an error that allowed Ramon to score but Payne was thrown out at home trying to advance on play as Hale Center took the early 2-0 lead. In the bottom of the inning, Hannah

Kidd led off with a single then Alyssa Barretero was hit by a pitch. Madai Chavira walked to load the bases. Aleah Jimenez grounded into a fielder's choice that allowed Kidd and Barretero to score with no one out. Reagan Nuncio singled to center to drive in Chavira and an error by the center fielder allowed A Jimenez to score and Nuncio to move to third. Karissa Petty singled to drive in Nuncio. Mackenzy Ragland singled then Tatyana Cienfuegos walked to load the bases. Mika Williams singled to score Petty. An error by the right fielder also allowed Ragland and Cienfuegos to score. Kidd walked then Barretero was hit by a pitch to load the bases again. Chavira walked to force in Williams. Jimenez singled to drive in Kidd and Barretero. Nuncio singled again to

load the bases. A passed ball allowed Chavira to score and give the Lady Horns a 12-2 lead after one inning.

Hale Center went three up and three down in the top of the second. With one out, Kidd singled, stole second and third then scored on an error. Barretero singled then stole second and moved to third on a passed ball. Lyndee Setliff grounded out but Barretero scored on the play. A Jimenez reached on an error then stole second before scoring on a single by Nuncio to give the Lady Horns a 15-2 lead.

The Lady Owls added a run in the top of the third. Natalie Jimenez walked with one out then Ramon singled. An error by the left fielder allowed N Jimenez to score but the Lady Owls trailed 15-3. In the bottom half of the inning, Valerie

Hernandez drew a lead-off walk but was picked off at first. After a strike out, Isabel Cruz walked then Kidd singled. An error allowed Cruz and Kidd to score. Barretero reached on an error that allowed her to move to second. A passed ball allowed Barretero to move to third then Chavira walked. Jimenez singled that allowed Barretero to score and give the Lady Horns the 15-run rule 18-3 victory in three innings.

For Lockney, Kidd went 3-3 and scored four runs, Barretero went 1-2 and scored four runs, A Jimenez went 2-4 with five RBIs and two runs scored and Nuncio went 3-3 with two RBIs and one run scored.

For Hale Center, Jabrie Garcia went 1-2 with a run scored, Ramon went 1-1 with a run scored and Payne went 1-2 with an RBI.

## Abernathy runs over Lady Horns

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperia-Beacon

ABERNATHY - Ten runs in the bottom of the first inning for the Abernathy Lady Lopes set the tone for the District 2-2A softball contest as the Lady Lopes defeated the Lockney Lady Horns 22-2 on March 25.

In the top of the first, Lockney put two runs on base but a double play ended the at-bat without any runs scoring. For the Lady Lopes, Makayla Pierson led off with a single and moved all the way to third on an error. Kaegan Vasquez reached on an error that allowed Pierson to score. A singled by A Cortez drove in Vasquez. Cortez moved to second on a wild pitch then to third on a fielder's choice. With one out, Josie Ramirez-Martinez walked and Samantha Richerson walked to load the bases. Arianna Martinez drew a walk that forced in Cortez. Ireland Caro singled to score Ramirez-Martinez. Jocelyn Alvarado walked, forcing in Richerson. Pierson drew another walk that forced in

A Martinez. Vasquez singled to drive in Caro. Cortez doubled to drive in Alvarado and Pierson. After a strikeout, Vasquez stole home, giving Abernathy a 10-0 lead after the first inning.

Reagan Nuncio led off the top of the second with a single but was left stranded as the next three batters went down in order. In the bottom of the inning, Martinez led off with a walk, stole second and moved to third on wild pitch. Caro grounded out but Martinez was able to score. Alvarado reached on an error then with two outs, Vasquez hit an inside the park home run, driving in Alvarado and giving the Lady Lopes a 13-0 lead.

Lockney picked up one run in the top of the third. Tatyana Cienfuegos led off with but was forced out at second as Hannah Kidd reached on a fielder's choice. Alyssa Barretero singled. An error on the play allowed Kidd to move to third but she was caught trying to steal home. Barretero stole second then Madai Chavira singled to drive her in but Abernathy still led

13-1. In the bottom of the third, Richerson drew a one-out walk then scored on a single by A Martinez. A Martinez moved to second on an error then moved to third on a bunt single by Caro. Alvarado reached on an error to load the bases. Pierson singled, driving in A Martinez. Vasquez reached on an error that allowed Caro, Alvarado and Pierson to score. Cortez doubled to center to drive in Vasquez. A strikeout and a groundout ended the third with Abernathy leading 19-1.

In the top of the fourth, with one out, Nuncio tripled then scored on a two-out double by Shelby Dunbar. Karissa Petty walked but a strikeout ended the Lady Horns' at-bat, now trailing 19-2. In the bottom of the inning, Caro reached on a one-out error. Alvarado grounded into a fielder's choice as Caro was forced out at second. Pierson reached on an error as Alvarado moved to third. Vasquez singled to drive in Alvarado then Cortez doubled to drive in Pierson and Vasquez. Samantha Sullivan singled to move Cortez to third but a pop-out ended the fourth

inning with the Lady Lopes leading 22-2.

Kidd led off the top of the fifth by drawing a walk for the Lady Horns but the next three batters went down in order to end the game as Abernathy claimed the 22-2 District 2-2A softball victory.

For Lockney, Barretero went 2-3 with one run scored, Nuncio went 2-2 with one runs scored and Dunbar went 1-2 with one RBI. Nuncio pitched one inning, allowing 11 runs on five hits while striking out two and walking seven and Petty pitched three innings, allowing 11 runs on eight hits while striking out one and walking two.

For Abernathy, Cortez went 4-4 with six RBIs and one run scored, Pierson went 2-4 with two RBIs and four runs scored, Vasquez went 3-4 with eight RBIs and five runs scored, Caro went 2-4 with two RBIs and two runs scored and A Martinez went 1-2 with two RBIs and three runs scored. Caro pitched five innings allowing two runs on six hits while striking out six and walking four.

### LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU

#### April 3-7

##### Monday, Apr. 3

**Breakfast** - Pancakes Wrap and Yogurt, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

**Lunch** - Lasagna/Ravioli or Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Roll, Garden Salad, Tuscan Veggies, Fresh Fruit, Milk

##### Tuesday, Apr. 4

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

**Lunch** - Asian Bowl with Egg Roll or Pizza, Baby Carrots, Steamed Broccoli, Pineapple, Sugar Cookie, Milk

##### Wednesday, Apr. 5

**Breakfast** - French Toast, Sausage, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

**Lunch** - Tex-Mex Stack or Chicken Fajitas, Refried Beans, Tomato Cup, Cinnamon Apples, Milk

##### Thursday, Apr. 6

**Breakfast** - Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

**Lunch** - Hamburger-Cheeseburger or Pig in a Blanket, Oven Fries, Fresh Veggie Cup, Oranges, Milk

##### Friday, Apr. 7

**Breakfast** - Dutch Waffle, Bacon, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

**Lunch** - Chicken Parmesan, Salad and Breadstick or Pulled Pork, Chips and Cole Slaw, Green Beans, Apples, Milk



# FLOYDADA SCHOOL NEWS

## Abernathy shuts out Lady Winds Lady Winds dominate Hale Center

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA – Abernathy allowed Floydada batters only two hits as they took the District 2-2A contest 10-0 on March 21.

In the top of the first, Arianna Martinez reached on an error, stole second and moved to third on a ground out by Jocelynn Aguirre. Samantha Sullivan singled to bring in Martinez and give the Lady Lopes a 1-0 lead. Dora Cervera led off for the Lady Winds by being hit by a pitch but the next three batters went down in order to end the inning with Abernathy leading 1-0.

Abernathy added six runs in the top of the second. With one out, Samantha Richerson walked then moved to third on a ground out by Jocelyn Alvarado. Makayla Pierson was hit by a pitch. An error allowed Richerson to score and A Martinez to reach safely as Pierson moved to third on the play. Aguirre walked to load the bases. Sullivan singled to drive in Pierson and A Martinez. Josie Martinez was hit by a pitch to

load the bases again. Kaegan Vasquez reached on another error that allowed Aguirre to score. Ireland Caro reached on another error as Sullivan and J Martinez scored but Vasquez was thrown out trying to advance to third for the third out with the Lady Lopes ahead 7-0. The Lady Winds put two runners on base in the bottom of the second as Hannah Morales walked with one out and Lindsey Marquez followed with a single but a foul out and a strike out ended the threat with the Lady Winds trailing 7-0 after two innings.

The Lady Lopes loaded the bases in the top of the third but could not get any runs across. In the bottom of the inning, Karley Weems singled with two outs but was forced out for the third out as Kylie Ricketts reached on a fielder's choice. Abernathy still led 7-0 after three innings.

In the top of the fourth, J Martinez led off for the Lady Lopes with a walk. Vasquez was hit by a pitch then Caro singled to load the bases. Richerson walked to force in J Martinez. J Alvarado was hit by a

pitched that forced in Vasquez. After the first out, A Martinez walked to force in Caro but the Lady Lopes failed to score anymore as the Lady Winds got a force out at home and a pop out to end the top of the fourth with Abernathy ahead 10-0. Floydada went down in order in the bottom of the fourth.

In the fifth inning, both teams went three up and three down as the Lady Lopes took home the 10-0 victory in district play.

For Floydada, Weems and Marquez picked up the only two hits. Morales pitched two and one-third innings, allowing seven runs on two hits while striking out three and walking three and Allison Orr pitched two and two-third innings, allowing three runs on two hits while striking out one and walking five.

For Abernathy, Sullivan went 2-4 with three RBIs and one runs scored and J Martinez went 0-1 but drew two walks and scored two runs. Caro pitched five innings, allowing two hits while striking out six and walking one.

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

HALE CENTER – Floydada used two big innings to pick up a District 2-2A victory, 16-5, on March 18.

The Lady Winds got on the board first in the top of the first. Angela Suarez walked, stole second and third before scoring on a single by Kylie Ricketts. Hale Center tied the game in the bottom half of the inning, 1-1, when Jaci Garcia walked to lead off the at-bat then with two outs, Ariel Ramon singled then Gracie Quintero singled to drive in Ramon and make it 1-1 after one inning.

In the top of the second, Floydada put six runs on the board. Hannah Morales led off with a walk then Lindsey Marquez got on base with a bunt to third that allowed Morales to move all the way to third. Karley Weems grounded out but Morales scored on the play. Valerie Espinosa and Dora Cervera walked to load the bases. Marquez scored on a passed ball as V Espinosa and Cervera moved up a base. V Espinosa scored on an error then Suarez singled to drive in Cervera. With two outs, Suarez moved to third on wild pitch then Ricketts walked and stole second. An error by the catcher allowed Suarez to score and Ricketts to move to third. Another error allowed Ricketts to score. Angela Vega singled then Morales and Marquez were each hit by a pitch to load the bases. Weems hit into a fielder's choice as Vega was forced out at home to end the at bat with the Lady Winds leading 7-1. The Lady Owls went

three up and three down in the bottom of the second.

For the Lady Winds in the top of the third, Suarez walked with two outs but was left on base. In the bottom of the inning, with two outs, Natalie Jimenez and Ramon singled but a fly to left end the inning with Floydada still leading 7-1.

In the top of the fourth, Floydada exploded for nine runs. Ricketts led off with a double and moved to third on a wild pitch. Vega walked then stole second. A double by Morales scored Ricketts and Vega. Marquez walked and Denise Riojas came into run for her. Weems singled to drive in Riojas but Marquez was thrown out trying to advance. Selena Espinosa came into run for Weems. V Espinosa followed with a double. S Espinosa scored on a passed ball as V Espinosa moved to third. Cervera walked then stole second. V Espinosa stole home and Cervera stole third. Suarez walked then stole second. E Cisneros walked to load the bases. Ricketts hit a sacrifice fly to left that allowed Cervera to score and Suarez to move to third. Vega was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Suarez scored on a passed ball that also allowed Cisneros and Vega to move up a base. Morales drew a walk to load the bases again. Ariana Diaz came into run for Morales. Riojas pinch hit for Marquez and was hit by a pitch, allowing Cisneros to score as Vega and Diaz moved up a base. Weems hit for S Espinosa and was also hit by pitch allowing Vega to score and give the Lady Winds a

16-1 lead. In the bottom of the fourth, Makayla Payne led off with a walk then Jabrie Garcia reached on a fielder's choice as Payne was forced out at second. Marissa Rodriguez was hit by a pitch. A wild pitch allowed Garcia to move to third and Rodriguez to move to second. A passed ball allowed Garcia to score and Rodriguez to move to third. Madison Naranjo walked then Rodriguez scored on a wild pitch as Naranjo moved to second. Naranjo was caught stealing as the Lady Owls still trailed 16-3 after four innings.

Suarez was hit by a pitch for the Lady Winds with one out in the top of the fifth but was left stranded as the next two batters struck out. With one out in the bottom of the inning, Jimenez doubled for the Lady Owls, then Ramon doubled to score Jimenez. Ramon advanced to third on the play then stole home. Payne singled then Jabrie Garcia doubled but they were left stranded as Rodriguez lined out for the final out of the game as the Lady Winds won 16-5.

For Floydada, Ricketts went 2-4 with two RBIs and two runs scored, Morales went 1-1 with two RBIs and scored a run and Weems went 2-3 with three RBIs. Morales pitched five innings, allowing five runs on 10 hits while striking out three and walking three.

For Hale Center, Ramon went 3-3 with one RBI and one runs scored, Jimenez went 2-3 with one run scored and Jabrie Garcia went 2-3 with one run scored. Jimenez pitched five innings allowing 16 runs on nine hits while striking out four and walking 12.

### District 2-2A Baseball Standings

2-2A BB	W	L
Floydada	4	1
Ralls	4	1
Abernathy	3	1
New Deal	3	1
Olton	2	1
Lockney	3	2
Hale Center	1	3
Crosbyton	0	5
Springlake	0	5

### District 2-2A Softball Standings

2-2A SB	W	L
Ralls	6	0
Abernathy	5	1
Lockney	4	2
Floydada*	2	3
New Deal*	2	3
Hale Center	1	5
Crosbyton	0	6

\*Floydada vs New Deal March 25 game postponed due to UIL conflict

## FLOYDADA ISD SPRING SEMESTER IMPORTANT DATES

- March 30 – ELA II – STAAR exam
- April 7 & 8 – UIL Regionals
- April 17-18 – Tennis Regionals
- April 18 – UIL Band
- April 21-22 – State UIL
- May 1-4 – STAAR exams - Algebra 1, Biology, U.S. History
- May 4 – Academic Banquet
- May 5 – Junior High Awards Assembly
- May 6 – Junior/Senior Prom
- May 8 – Athletic Banquet
- May 8-11 – STAAR exams – 7th Math, 8th Science, 8th History, 8th Reading, 8th Math
- May 12 – Senior Trip
- May 14 – Baccalaureate – 6 p.m.
- May 15 – Graduation practice – 8:30 a.m.
- May 15 – Junior High Field Trip – (The grade level must have 97% attendance for the spring semester)
- May 18 – Graduation – 6 p.m.
- June 19 – STAAR Retest, ELA, U.S. History

## SPC releases spring law enforcement continuing education courses

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The following courses available at no charge:

Basic Instructor Course (Class No. 1014) will be offered from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 10-14 (40 hours). Sheriff Ray Scifres, Hockley County Sheriff's Department will be the instructor. The class will meet in Room 107 of the Law Enforcement building.

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Health Division, will be the instructor. The class will meet in Room 107 of the Law Enforcement building.

Active Shooter Violent Intruder Response Instructor Certification Training (Class No. 2051 Special Threats) will be offered June 26-27 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (16 hours). George Hunter will be the instructor. The class will meet in Room 107 of the Law Enforcement building. The cost is \$595 and participants can register at [www.alicetraining.com](http://www.alicetraining.com).

For more information and to enroll, please contact Debbie Hale at [dhale@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:dhale@southplainscollege.edu) or call the SPC Police Academy at (806) 716-2291.

## Texas Tech Ranked as Nation's Best College Financial Literacy Program

The Red to Black financial coaching program played a large role in the ranking.

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Texas Tech University has been ranked the best college financial literacy program in the country by LendEDU.

Texas Tech's financial literacy program, Red to Black Peer Financial Coaching, offers peer-to-peer financial coaching to Texas Tech stu-

dents. It also provides individual coaching sessions and group presentations on topics including creating spending plans; the importance of starting to save early; maximizing financial aid, including student loans; how to choose employee benefits; and establishing and wisely using credit.

"Red to Black Peer Financial Coaching is proud to be able to play a role in helping Texas Tech have the No. 1 financial literacy program in the nation," said Angela Mazzolini, director of the program. "Our peer financial coaches are extremely knowledgeable and dedicated to providing excellent ser-

vice to Texas Tech students through individual coaching sessions, group presentations and workshops."

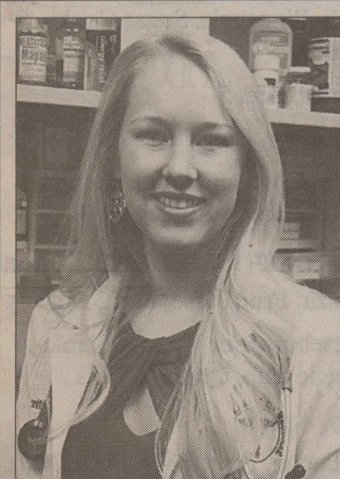
The ranking was attributed to the success of Red to Black as well as Texas Tech's America Saves Week, a weeklong event featuring numerous financial literacy workshops, and the Raider

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## Commission discusses 10-year, \$70 billion project plan to improve transportation in Texas

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN — The Texas Transportation Commission today heard presentations from the Texas Department of Transportation regarding the agency's Unified Transportation Program (UTP) — the 10-year project funding plan aimed at enhancing safety, reducing congestion, improving connectivity and maintaining the state's massive highway system. The proposed updates to the UTP dedicate funding for 1,210 centerline miles of added capacity and improvements, including \$2.5 billion in projects to relieve congestion as part of the agency's Texas Clear Lanes initiative.

"Mobility not only benefits individual drivers but also the Texas economy as goods and services move safely and efficiently across our state," said Texas Transportation Commissioner J. Bruce Bugg, Jr., who is leading the Commission focus on reducing congestion. "As our state's population grows, the 12,000 men and women of

TxDOT will continue to collaborate with state and local leaders to find feasible solutions for funding specific projects that TxDOT will execute upon expeditiously to keep people and freight moving throughout our state."

Thanks to Texas voters, who in 2014 and 2015 approved additional funding in the form of existing oil and gas and sales taxes, and the commitment of Gov. Greg Abbott and the Texas legislature to keep highway dollars dedicated to the state's roadways, TxDOT is able to provide additional funding for priority transportation projects. If approved by the Commission in March, the updated UTP will dedicate an additional \$2.5 billion (of Category 12 funding Texas Clear Lanes initiative) for 19 new projects (over the next four years) aimed at relieving congestion in the major metro areas above what is already in the UTP. This program is designed to help plan for the huge population growth expected to take place in Texas over the next few decades.

## SW Oklahoma and Texas Panhandle fishing report

Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

**Ft. Cobb:** Elevation normal, water 51 and murky. Blue and channel catfish are fair on cut bait, live bait, live shad and shrimp along the dam and points. Crappie are fair on hair jigs, jigs, minnows and tube jigs around docks. Largemouth bass are slow on Alabama rigs, crankbaits, in-line spinnerbaits and sassy shad along the dam and riprap.

**Tom Steed:** Elevation normal, water 50. White bass, striped bass hybrids and saugeye are fair on minnows and jigs along creek channels and points. Blue and channel catfish are fair on cut bait and punch bait along flats and points.

**Waurika:** Elevation normal, water 55. Blue and channel catfish are fair on cut bait in the main lake. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs around brush structure. Striped bass hybrids and white bass are slow on flukes and sassy shad in the main lake and along shorelines.

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**Alan Henry:** Water clear on the main lake, stained toward the river; 60 degrees; 1.75 ft. low. Black bass are good on shakyheads with trick worms, 7-in. Power Worms, swim jigs, 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; 0.21 ft. low. Black bass are fair to good on Texas rigs, Senkos and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows in the shallows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

**Coleman:** Water stained; 66-70 degrees; 0.17 ft. low. Black bass are fair on watermelon soft plastics and Rat-L-Traps. Hybrid striper are good on chartreuse striper jigs. Crappie are fair on minnows over brush piles. Channel catfish are good on stinkbait and cut bait. Yellow catfish are slow.

**Ft. Phantom Hill:** Water murky; 57-62 degrees; 0.26 ft. high. Black bass are fair on jigs, Texas rigs and buzzbaits. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

**Greenbelt:** 30.98 ft. low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs, jigs and 5-in. Yum Dingers. Crappie are fair on live minnows.

**Hubbard Creek:** Water off color; 56-62 degrees; 0.21 ft. low. Black bass are fair on split shot rigged flukes, Senkos, Texas rigs and finesse jigs. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows around shallow cover. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

**Mackenzie:** 74.05 ft. low. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

**Meredith:** 60.39 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; 1.29 ft. low. Black bass are fair to good on chatterbaits, jigs and Texas rigged lizards. No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

**O.H. Ivie:** Water stained; 55-61 degrees; 33 ft. low. Black bass are good on jigs, Texas rigged creature baits and Yum Dingers. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs in the shallows.

Catfish are fair to good on cut bait and nightcrawlers.

**Oak Creek:** Water stained; 56-62 degrees; 7.99 ft. low. Black bass are good on Texas rigs, Senkos and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair on chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

**Possum Kingdom:** Water off color; 55-62 degrees; 0.06 ft. low. Black bass are fair to good on Texas rigs, jigs, shakyheads and chatterbaits. 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:** 0.57 ft. low. Black bass are fair on Senkos, split shot rigged flukes, Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows. White bass are fair to good on minnows and tail spinners. Blue catfish are fair to good on cut and live bait.

**White River:** Water stained; 55-62 degrees; 19.62 ft. low. Black bass are very slow (the bass population was greatly reduced during the drought). No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

## Cattle Raisers to Host Eminent Domain Discussion at Annual Convention

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

SAN ANTONIO — The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) will host an information session and workshop for Texas landowners on Saturday, April 1, 2017 during their annual Cattle Raisers Convention and Expo in San Antonio.

Every day more infrastructure is needed to accommodate our state's growing population and thriving economy, but that progress cannot encroach upon the sacred private property rights of Texas landowners. To protect their heritage and future, landowners must know, understand and fight for their constitutional rights.

The discussions hosted by TSCRA will allow ranchers,

homeowners and anyone with an interest in private property rights to become more familiar with current eminent domain issues. Additionally, they will have the opportunity to interact with subject matter experts to learn how to take proactive measures to protect their private property for future generations.

On Saturday, April 1 at 2 p.m., convention attendees can join attorney Jim Bradbury, who advises landowners on eminent domain matters. Bradbury will provide an update on eminent domain reform efforts being pursued in the 2017 Texas Legislative Session by TSCRA and the Texans for Property Rights coalition. He will be joined on stage by ranchers who have been personally impacted by

condemnation proceedings and can give first-hand accounts of their difficulties.


An eminent domain workshop will follow, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., given by attorneys Tiffany Dowell Lashmet, an agricultural law specialist, and Luke Ellis, who represents property owners against condemning authorities. The workshop will offer practical information for landowners who may be impacted by the eminent domain process. Topics will include easement drafting, negotiation, the condemnation process and the proper valuation of land.

To join either discussion, attendees must have a full convention registration or a Saturday-only convention registration. More information is available at [www.cattleraisersconvention.com](http://www.cattleraisersconvention.com).

tscra.org

The event is open to the news media. Please contact Jeremy Fuchs, TSCRA director of public affairs for more information on event registration for media.

TSCRA is a 140-year-old trade association and is the largest and oldest livestock organization based in Texas. TSCRA has more than 17,500 beef cattle operations, ranching families and businesses as members. These members represent approximately 55,000 individuals directly involved in ranching and beef production who manage 4 million head of cattle on 76 million acres of range and pasture land primarily in Texas and Oklahoma, but throughout the Southwest.



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## 10 FINGERS

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cord has done a wide variety of things. His personal favorite, he said, was working with the hard-of-hearing.

"In the late '70s it started to become doable for people to live caption on television. This opened up a large opportunity for court reporters and shorthand experts. At one point I worked for PBS live captioning," he said.

"I loved working with the hard-of-hearing in that way. I would go with groups to big events like the rodeo, baseball games, basketball games, and church, and type out on the machine what they were saying. Everyone with me would read off the screen."

Computer Aided Realtime Translation (CART) is crucial for the hard-of-hearing and deaf community, they must know about storms, evacuations, and major events, he said.

The most memorable of Breck Record's time working with the hard-of-hearing, was when he went with a group to a Billy Graham rally in April of 1998. "Together we went to the four-day event at the Alamo Dome in San Antonio, typing out everything he said. They were interested, but I wasn't truly touched until the 'Alter Call' at the end, when everyone has a chance to come forth are going to receive Jesus Christ as their Savior. Everyone in my group went down," he said, "My ten fingers brought people to God."

He also translated at his local church every Sunday. "It was amazing back then when all this technology was introduced. It was very rewarding getting to witness people breaking into tears after experiencing events they never dreamed of attending," he said.

After his time working for

the disabled, Record found himself in many more places. From freelancing to working for companies, even being specially selected for a job in Jackson, Mississippi for Cheri Bond and associates on a federal case.

In 2004 he returned to South Texas and worked around for a bit, until moving to El Paso in 2005. "I freelanced for several court reporting firms in and around El Paso, mostly civil cases, like car accidents, damages, divorce, and protective orders," he said.

Court reporting also introduced him to his wife. "I had known her only by name only from online forms and such. And then at a court-reporting convention I sat next to her on a bench between sessions, just being friendly. Eventually she recognized my name tag and it took off from there," he said.

He and Ann have been happily married since 2009, and have two daughters ages 25 and 27.

The road to being a court reporter isn't easy, Record said, but it is always exciting and rewarding. To be certified you must pass three tests after your initial school program. The most challenging of which requires you to type 225 words per minute of question and answer material. You must take all three tests with over 95% accuracy or better.

There are other certifications you can strive for, like the Registered Merit Reporter (RMR) certification, the Registered Diplomat Reporters (RDR) certification, and many others.

Record and he wife both hold all the State and National court-reporter certifications available.

Currently, record is the full time reporter for the 143rd District Court, which encompasses Ward, Reeves, and Loving county.

"I am actually only the 3rd

court reporter to work in the 143rd District Court since 1955. The first was Judge Mike Swanson's father, John Swanson, who worked there from 1955 to 2003," Record said.

He travels from his home in Midland to Monahans, Pecos, and Mentone to attend court as needed. "I have an interesting schedule. I only work when court in session, so sometimes I work from 9AM to 12PM all week long, and sometimes I work a couple hours two days a week. It just depends," he said, "If I ever really get swamped I'll hire a Scopist to edit transcripts for me while I'm busy."

According to Record, his life as a court reporter is never boring. "I enjoy what I do. It gives me the ability to see all sides of cases and it's never boring. There are so many opportunities for court reporters all over the nation, I encourage high-school graduates to pursue it," Record said.

Record hosts an online Facebook group called Encouraging Court Reporter Students. Since its creation in July of 2009, the group has 7320 members from around the world. "I have a passion for helping students. I get to meet with students all the time, and I have access to students from Hong Kong to England," he said.

Record is a Certified Court Reporting Instructor, and dictates to students online. Along with students, there are many very experienced court reporters in the group to help answer questions and offer encouragement.

"This occupation has taken me places I never would have imagined. I love my job and I'm thankful for all the opportunities I've been given," he said.

*Editor's Note: Fast fingers must run the family. Record is the son of Lucy Dean Record, Western Swing Society Hall of Fame pianist from Lockney.*

# Longhorns fall to New Deal

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

**NEW DEAL** - New Deal scored four runs in the bottom of the sixth then held off the Lockney Longhorns comeback bid to claim a 7-6 District 2-2A baseball victory on March 21.

The Longhorns struck for two runs in the top of the first. With one out, Shawn Marquez singled then Rueben Marmolejo singled. Jonathan Rodriguez was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Israel Cuellar drew a four-pitch walk that forced in Marquez. Nick Rendon hit a sacrifice fly to left that allowed Marmolejo to score, giving the Longhorns a 2-0 lead. New Deal got one run on with two outs but were unable to score as Lockney led 2-0 after one inning.

In the top of the second, Noel Cineceros was hit by a pitch to lead off the inning, then Clay Moore singled. Trevor Ascensio reached on a fielder's choice as Moore was forced out at second. Ascensio was caught stealing second but Cineceros stole home to score and make it 3-0 in favor of the Longhorns. Jordan Lacy led off the Lions half of the second with a double. With two outs, Reed was hit by a pitch but a strike out ended the threat for the Lions as Lockney held

a 3-0 lead after two innings.

Lockney went three up and three down in the top of the third. In the bottom of the inning, Castillo singled with one out, then Whitfield singled. Jaron Lacy doubled to drive in Castillo. Jordan Lacy walked to load the bases then Ramirez walked to force in Whitfield. Cooper hit a sacrifice fly to score Jaron Lacy to tie the game, 3-3 after three innings.

In the top of the fourth, Rendon reached on an error then scored on a single by Devin DeLeon. Cineceros walked then after two outs, Marquez was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Marmolejo was hit by a pitch to drive in DeLeon as Lockney retook the lead, 5-3. For New Deal, Castillo managed a two-out single but that was it for the Lions as they trailed 5-3 after four innings.

Lockney went three up and three down in the top of the fifth. Jordan Lacy led off with a single, then with one out, Ramirez singled but the Lions could not push across any runs and still trailed 5-3 after five innings.

In the top of the sixth, Lockney again went three up and three down. In the bottom half of the inning, Hernandez singled with one out then Castillo singled. Whitfield sacrificed to move Hernandez to third and Castillo to second.

With two outs, Jordan Lacy drew a walk to load the bases. Hernandez scored on a passed ball as Castillo and Jordan Lacy moved up on the base paths. Jaron Lacy drew a walk to load the bases again before Ramirez doubled to drive in all three runners and give New Deal the 7-5 lead after six innings.

In the top of the seventh, Rodriguez hit a solo home run to left with two outs. Cuellar walked but a fielder's choice on a ground ball by Rendon, forced Cuellar out at second and ended the game with New Deal taking the 7-6 victory.

For Lockney, Marmolejo went 1-3 with one RBI and one run scored, Rodriguez went 1-3 with one RBI and one run scored, Rendon went 1-3 with one RBI and one run scored and DeLeon went 1-3 with one RBI and one run scored. Marmolejo pitched six innings, allowing seven runs on 10 hits while striking out six and walking four.

For New Deal, Ramirez went 2-3 with four RBIs, Jaron Lacy went 2-3 with one RBI and two runs scored and Castillo went 3-4 with two runs scored. Ramirez pitched six and two-thirds innings allowing six runs on six hits while striking out five and walking three and Whitfield pitched one-third.

## Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

(Note: All quotes from Douglas Adams)

He attacked everything in life with a mix of extraordinary genius and naive incompetence, and it was often difficult to tell which was which.

He hoped and prayed that there wasn't an afterlife. Then he realized there was a contradiction involved here and merely hoped that there wasn't an afterlife.

Humans are not proud of their ancestors, and rarely invite them round to dinner.

I may not have gone where I intended to go, but I think I have ended up where I needed to be.

Human beings, who are almost unique in having the ability to learn from the experience of others, are also remarkable for their apparent disinclination to do so.

In the beginning the Universe was created. This has made a lot of people very angry and has been widely regarded as a bad move.

In those days spirits were brave, the stakes were high, men were real men, women were real women and small furry creatures from Alpha Centauri were real small furry creatures from Alpha Centauri.

Life... is like a grapefruit. It's orange and squishy, and has a few pips in it, and some folks have half a one for breakfast.

There is a theory which states that if ever anybody discovers exactly what the Universe is for and why it is here, it will instantly disappear and be replaced by something even more bizarre and inexplicable. There is another theory which states that this has already happened.

Nothing travels faster than the speed of light with the possible exception of bad news, which obeys its own special laws.

## UPCOMING

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### BINGO NIGHT

### LOCKNEY SR. CITIZENS

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## TAKE TWO

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allowed Rendon to reach base and score Rodriguez. Rendon was caught trying to steal second but Marmolejo was able to steal home for another run for the Longhorns. After Cineceros was hit by a pitch and Clay Moore walked, Trevor Ascensio singled to drive in Cineceros and give the Longhorns a 13-3 lead after four innings.

In the top of the fifth, with one out, Rodriguez tripled the scored on an error. Rendon singled then scored on a single by DeLeon to give the Horns a 15-3 advantage. Crosbyton could not cut into the lead as the Longhorns took the game one victory, 15-3.

For Lockney in game one, Rodriguez went 2-3 with two RBIs and four runs scored and Rendon went 1-3 with two RBIs and three runs scored. Rodriguez pitch two and one-third innings, allowing three runs on two hits while walking four and Moore pitched two and two-thirds innings, allowing only one hit while striking out three and walking only one.

No individual stats were reported for Crosbyton.

In game two, the Longhorns jumped out to an early lead and brought home another victory, 15-5 over the Chiefs. The Horns scored four in the first and third, one in the fifth and six in the sixth while the Chiefs scored one in the second, two in the third and fourth.

In the top of the first, a hit-by-pitch, a walk and another hit-by-

## GARDENS

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Gardening expert Melinda Myers is the author or more than 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening and the Midwest Gardener's Handbook. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything: Food Gardening For Everyone"

pitch loaded the bases with one out. N Derda singled to right to drive in Marmolejo and Marquez. Rendon doubled with two outs to drive in Rodriguez and Derda but was caught trying to advance on the throw to end the at-bat with Lockney having a 4-0 lead. Crosbyton didn't score in the bottom of the inning.

After Lockney went three up and three down in the top of the second, Crosbyton used an error, a single and a walk to load the bases before a two-out hit-by-pitch force in a run and made it 4-1 Lockney after two innings.

In the top of the third, Marquez led off with a single then scored on a double by Cuellar. Rodriguez followed with a singled to left to score Cuellar. With one away, Ascensio singled to drive in Rodriguez. Ascensio moved to second on an error and stole third before scoring on another error that allowed Rendon to reach first and give the Longhorns an 8-1 lead. With two outs in the bottom of the inning, a single, a double, a single and another single allowed the Chiefs to score two runs and make it 8-3 in favor of the Longhorns.

After Lockney was unable to score in the top of the fourth, Crosbyton put its first two batter on base with a hit-by-pitch and walk. Then with two outs, a single allowed both runners to score, cutting into the Longhorns lead at 8-5 after four innings.

In the top of the fifth, with one out, Rodriguez doubled then moved to third on a passed ball. Derda followed with a walk. Rodriguez then scored on a fielder's

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choice to give the Longhorns a 9-5 lead. For Crosbyton, a walk, a single and an error loaded the bases with two outs but the Chiefs were unable to take advantage of the opportunity. Lockney led 9-5 after five innings.

In the top of the sixth, DeLeon led off with a walk for the Longhorns. Cineceros came into run, stole second, moved to third on a wild pitch and scored on a passed ball. Moore singled but was able to score on the play because of an error. Marmolejo walked and stole second then scored on a Marquez single. Cuellar doubled to drive in Marquez then scored on a single by Rodriguez. After Rodriguez stole second, Derda singled to drive in Rodriguez, making it 15-5 in favor of the Horns. Crosbyton again put the first two batters on base but the Horns were able to prevent any scores and claimed the 15-5 victory.

For the Longhorns in game two, Derda went 2-3 with three RBIs and one run scored, Rendon went 1-4 with three RBIs, Rodriguez went 3-3 with two RBIs and four runs scored and Cuellar went 2-4 with two RBIs and two runs scored. Marquez pitched four innings allowing five runs on seven hits while striking out two and walking two and Cuellar pitched two innings allowing one hit while striking out three and walking two.

Lockney was open March 28 then plays a double-header with Springlake-Earth on April 1 and plays Ralls on April 4. Crosbyton played New Deal March 28, is open April 1 then plays Olton April 4.

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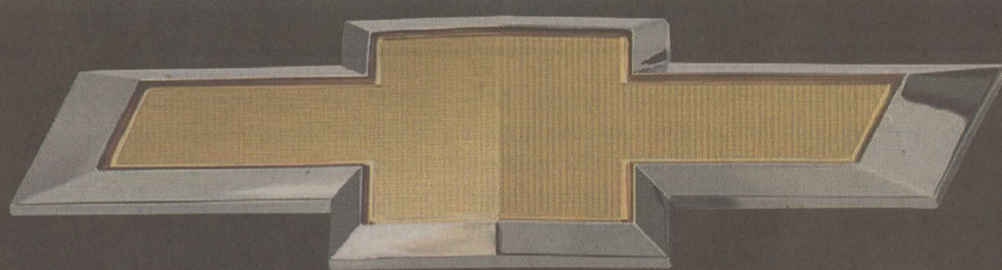
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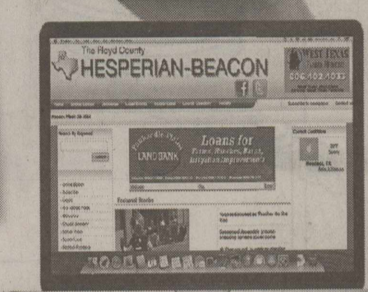
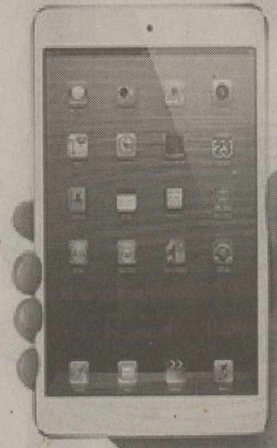
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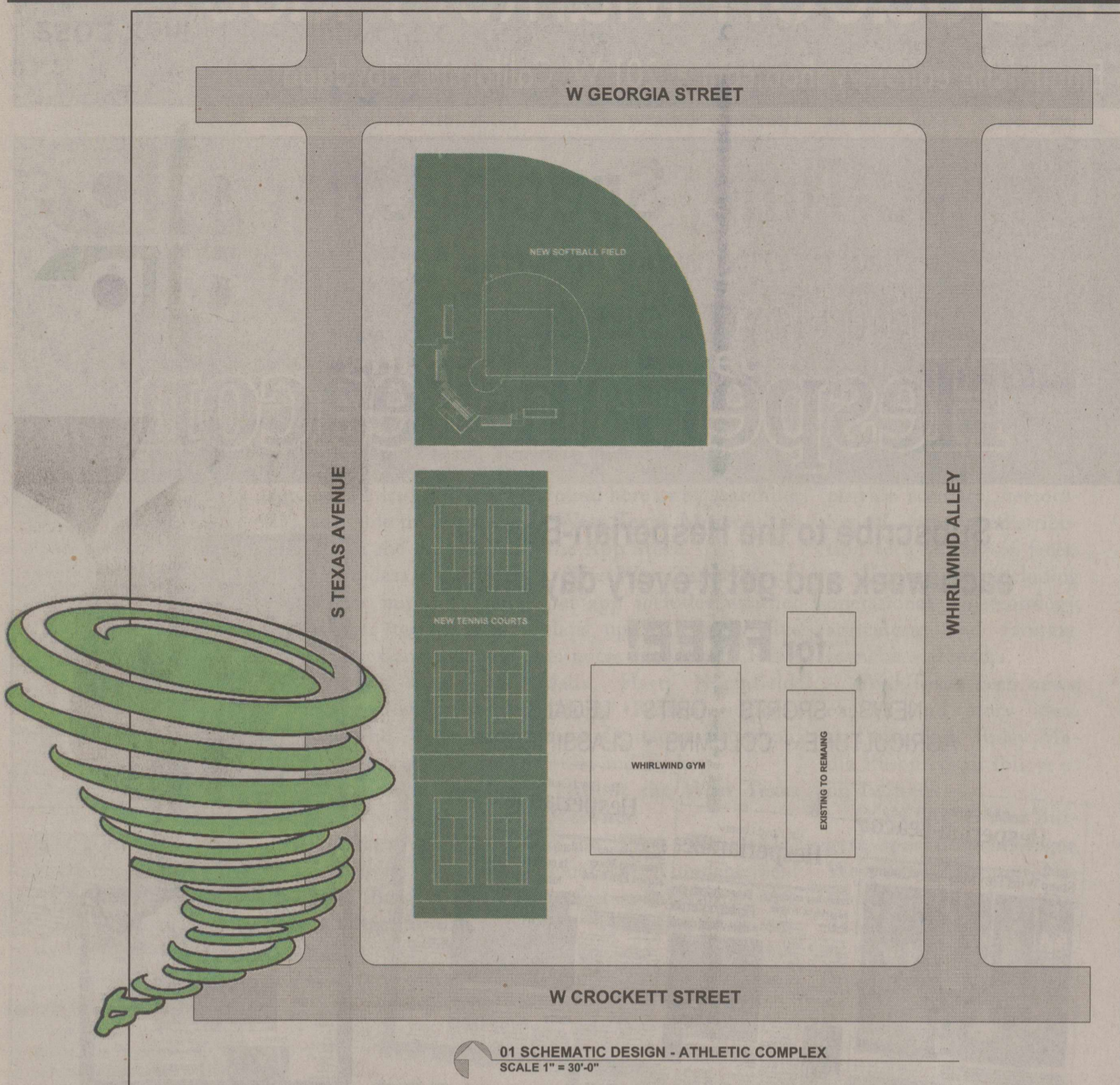
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**BOND ELEC.**

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The architectural map, provided by the Floydada Independent School District, depicts some of the proposals found in the bond election.

has worked well. The agreement we have in place allows us to make improvements, as needed, to those facilities. In addition, Texas Education Code Chapter 45.109 allows districts to use bond proceeds to pay for renovations to facilities that are not owned by the district.

The field itself is in amazing shape. The City, our grounds keeping staff, and our coaches have done a good job of maintaining the field. Things such as the dugouts, exterior fencing, the backstop, stands, press boxes, restrooms, and concession stand all need to be addressed.

4. Why doesn't FISD buy the land behind Duncan and build high school and junior high there where all the schools can be together?

All possibilities were considered regarding the

location of a new secondary campus. The board discussed the possibility of constructing a new campus next to the Duncan Elementary building, on land just north of the City, and at our ag farm. Many factors led to the board ultimately proposing the new campus to be constructed at the RC Andrews site. First, most of the athletic facilities would be located off site if we used the Duncan site. Secondly, traffic flow and paved streets played a big role in avoiding building a new campus next to Duncan. Another reason was that on several occasions in the last year or so, it was expressed to me that any old, vacant building in our possession needed to be demolished instead of sold as we did years ago with the RC Andrews property. I was told in a Facilities

Community Committee meeting that any bond proposal would only be considered if the district made the commitment to demolish any facility no longer in use. Bond proceeds can only be used for demolition if new construction occurs on that same site.

5. Which current facilities will be renovated?

The only facilities that will be renovated will be the baseball field and the two tennis courts that we currently own (even though we will construct 6 new ones).

6. What happens, if the bond doesn't pass?

If the bond fails, then the district will not be able to pay off the current bond as is the plan. Instead, that money will need to be used to immediately address the HVAC system, the electrical system, and the plumb-

ing at the current high school. The district will need to come up with a plan to address any other facility as money is or becomes available.

7. What are the wind farm and local property values and how do the values impact the tax rate? The wind farm values are assigned by the Floyd County Appraisal District. The projected values of all the wind farms in our district for 2017 are \$719,301,045. The assumed based value of the local district is \$272,303,562. The projected values total \$991,604,607. Wind Farms receive a tax break on the Maintenance and Operation side of the tax rate, which is \$1.11 this year. On the I&S side of the tax rate, they are taxed at full value. The I&S rate is what is used to pay toward bonds.

**Floydada Cancels City Election**

By Kay Ellington  
The Hesperian-Beacon

At their monthly meeting, the Floydada City Council voted to cancel this year's city election.

Three incumbents are up for re-election, but they are all unopposed and are: Mayor, At Large, Bobby Gilliland, Councilmember, District 2, Dana Crossland and Councilmember, District 3, Steve Lloyd.

In other council action City Manager Jeff Johnston noted that the demos have finished on street sweepers, and the city is closing in on purchasing a new street sweeper.

Also on the agenda, Mayor Bobby Gilliland noted that a board position on the Mackenzie Municipal Water District is up, but the current

board member has agreed to continue.

Economic Development Corporation director Jesse Finley presented his quarterly report to the council. He explained how the EDC now has a new website created by a company that specializes in economic development for municipalities. He also attended economic development training and a legislative economic development conference. He noted that he will be returning some focus to the city's industrial park. His report was approved unanimously by the council.

In other action the council discussed continuing to be a part of a group of West Texas Steering Committee that negotiates rates with Atmos Energy.

**HPWD Seeks Irrigation Assessment Program Participants**

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LUBBOCK TX (March 24, 2017) – High Plains Underground Water Conservation District (HPWD) reinstated its Irrigation Assessment Program to better understand the volume of pumping and its effect on aquifers within its 16-county service area.

During the past four years, participating producers volunteered to have their center pivot or subsurface drip irrigation system evaluated by HPWD staff. Water levels are measured at the beginning and the end of the growing season. In addition, flow rates of the wells/irrigation system are checked with an ultrasonic flow meter. The program is a service provided to willing participants.

The pumping hours, total gallons of water per minute, and number of irrigated acres are calculated to determine the total acre-inches of groundwater applied during the growing season.

Water samples are also collected as an extra service to those participating in the program. HPWD is able to check Total Dissolved Solids (TDS), chloride, and pH levels. It is important to understand water chemistry since it impacts the efficient use of supplemental nutrients applied to crops.

Rainfall totals are determined through use of satellite data from April to September. This gives an estimate of the total inches of water available for crop use.

All information gathered by HPWD staff is entered into a database. Total us-

age may be calculated using pumping hours during the season. This is used with other data to better understand the water level changes in aquifers within the district.

Producers receive a report of all information gathered from their site, including irrigation amounts and pumping data. Several participants have noted that the data has helped them better understand their system performance. The published information is compiled and averaged by county and crop type.

"HPWD encourages interested agricultural producers to participate in the Irrigation Assessment Program. There are two major benefits. It helps farmers understand how much water is used per year for crop production. It also helps with future water planning efforts where accurate irrigation pumping information must be considered," said Whitworth.

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

Additional information about the HPWD Irrigation Assessment Program is available by contacting Keith Whitworth at (806) 762-0181 or by emailing keith.whitworth@hpwd.org. You can also find HPWD on Facebook and Twitter

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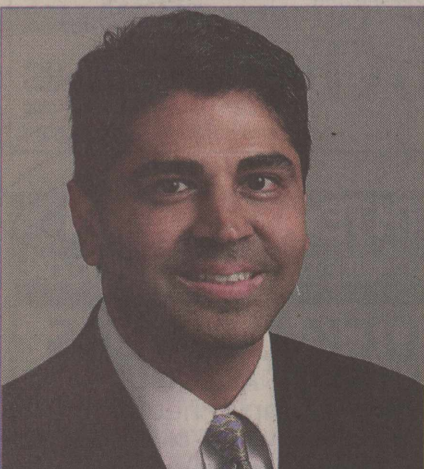
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Raja is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons, the American Society of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery and is also a part of the Texas Medical Society.

Born in Gujarat, India, Raja was raised in California, graduating from Covina High School. Raja attended undergraduate school at California State University and University of California at Irvine before pursuing his medical degree at Northwestern University Medical School.

Raja practiced for several years in California before moving to San Antonio, Texas in 2003.  
Raja will begin his new practice in Plainview starting April 3.

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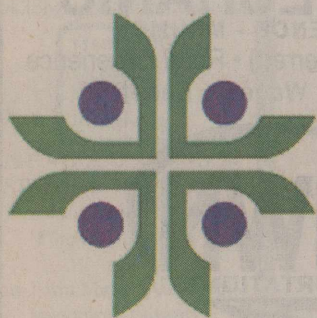
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