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Lockney Chamber BBQ Set for April 8



Caitlin Butler will be providing musical entertainment for the Lockney Chamber barbecue/banquet Saturday, April 8 at 6 p.m. at the Lockney Elementary Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased for \$15 at the door.

By Kay Ellington The Hesperian-Beacon

The annual Lockney Chamber banquet will be a backyard-style barbecue Saturday, April 8 at 6 p.m. at the Lockney Elementary School Auditorium.

The Chamber will recognize the Citizen of the

these honors came from the Lockney community and were submitted to the

Country music performer Caitlin Butler will provide entertainment.

The meal will be barbecue brisket and all of the

Tickets are available at

Year, the Fireman of the the door for \$15 or by con-Year, and the Business of tacting Tyler at 817-296the Year. Nominations for 2114 or by contacting Brit-

April 6 Last Day to Register for May 6 Election

By Kay Ellington The Hesperian-Beacon

To vote in Texas, you must be registered. Thursday, April 6 is the last day to register to vote in May 6 election. In Floyd County, the May 6 election will have the Floydada ISD bond election on the ballot and the Lockney city council races.

To register, simply pick up a voter registration application at the Floyd County Courthouse and give it to the voter registration office. In Floyd County, the voter registration office can be found at

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--You are a United States citizen:

--You are a resident of the county where you submit the application; --You are at least 18 years

old on Election Day;

--You are not a convicted felon (you may be eligible to vote if you have completed your sentence, probation, and parole); and

--You have not been declared by a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be either totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote.

To confirm your voter registration status, you may need one of these pieces of information:

--Your Texas driver's license number, if you provided it when you applied for voter registration;

--Your Voter Unique Identifier (VUID), which appears on your voter registration certificate;

--Your first and last name.

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The FHS FFA, Floydada Livestock Sales, and the Floydada Chamber teamed up with area residents to raise almost \$4,000 to help victims of wildfires in the Texas Panhandle and southern Oklahoma.

FFA, Floydada Livestock, **Chamber Donate Wildfire Relief**

By Kay Ellington The Hesperian-Beacon

The Floydada FFA, Floydada Livestock Sales, and the Floydada Chamber of Commerce, with the support of area residents, raised \$3,958 to provide much needed agricultural supplies to those victimized by wildfires in the Texas Panhandle and southern Oklahoma.

The donations, along with discount support by area merchants enabled the Floydada group to purchase two tons of cattle cake, 500 T-posts, and 27 rolls of barbed wire.

Floydada Ace Hardware & Lumber along with Valley Farm Store ordered the supplies ordered as soon as possible, according to Floydada FFA adviser Alejandra Munoz.

On Saturday, April 1, Munoz delivered the supplies to a drop-off location in Woodward, Oklahoma. "I called the Gray County Extension agent in Pampa and Canadian, and they directed me to Woodward. The rancher there had lost over a thousand acres due to wildfires and needed everything. He was very grateful."

"This experience has been a great learning experience for our students. It shows that when you're in agriculture, and there's a tragedy, you reach out and help however you can, wherever it is," said Munoz.

"This has been a very humbling experience for my students and I. We could not have raised this much if it was not for the entire community helping out," she added.

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.

BINGO NIGHT FLOYDADA

SR. CITIZENS The "BINGO NIGHT" at the Floydada Center will be held on Tuesday, April 11. Bingo is held the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Anyone ages 16 and over are welcome to come join us for a night full of fun! Refreshments available for purchase.

BINGO NIGHT LOCKNEY SR. CITIZENS

The "BINGO NIGHT" at the Lockney Center will be held on Monday, April 17th. It's held on the 3rd Monday of each month. Doors open from 6-8 p.m. Sandwiches, chips, and drinks will be available for purchase. Come and enjoy the fun.

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.

Correction

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

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The Floydada FFA joined up with members of the community to help victims of wildfires in the Panhandle and Southern Oklahoma. Members of the FFA include: Allison Orr, Daniel Cervera, Casey Cage, Steffani Chavarria, Keenan Nixon, Andrew Vega, Brayden Campbell, Cutter Smith, Alex Glass, Ethan Smith, Jose Lira, Karley Weems, Miguel Pena, Andrez Suarez, and Monty Stambaugh. Not pictured, Bryce Thomas, George Torres, and **Justin Rodriquez.**

State Approves Funding for Floydada Airport

By Kay Ellington

The Hesperian-Beacon

The Texas Transportation Commission approved approximately \$120,000

for improvements to the Floydada Municipal Airport. The funds will be used for

planned airport enhancements that include the engineering and designs

for pavement improvements at the facility. A project consultant will be selected this spring.

The project is being funded through the city of Floydada and the Texas Department of Transportation's

(TxDOT) Aviation Facilities Grant Program, which preserves and improves the state's general aviation sys-

including the Floydada Municipal Airport.

According to Floydada City Manager Jeff Johnston, this grant is a part of

even larger grant which the city has been awarded for \$705,000. "That grant is a 90/10, so we only have to come up with \$70,000," he

These grants will enable the city to refurbish the pavement around the hangar which has been damaged by run-off and to make engineering and construction improvements to create a long-term solution to the run-off problem.

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

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

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

"We had a very successful event last year and we are looking forward to this year," said Julio De La Garza, Patrolman/School Resource Officer and event chair. "It is a great time for the community and the police force to not only get to know one another but just

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

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

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

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

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

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

For more information about the Cops and Kids event, contact Julio De LeGarza at 806.729.6939 or jdelagarza@plainviewtx.

TxDOT Urges Drivers to Stay Focused on the road

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LUBBOCK - An estimated 1 in 5 traffic crashes in Texas is caused by distracted driving, and the problem is getting worse. As part of National Distracted Driving Awareness Month in April, the Texas Department of Transportation is launching its "Talk, Text, Crash" campaign to remind drivers to stay focused on the road.

"People are dying on Texas roadways because drivers are diverting their attention from the road to talk on a phone, send a text, post to social media or engage in some other distracting behavior," said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass. "When drivers take their focus off the road,

they put themselves, their passengers and others at risk. It's just not worth it."

Last year, there were 108,962 distracted driving crashes in Texas - up 3 percent over 2015. Those crashes killed 452 people and seriously injured another 3,068. These crashes are highest among younger drivers ages 16 to 34.

In Texas, 38 percent of drivers say they regularly or sometimes use a cell phone while driving.

1. Text messaging is particularly dangerous as reaction times double when drivers read or send text messages.

2. A driver texting at 55 mph will lose sight of the road for nearly five seconds, which is comparable to driving the length of a football field while blindfolded.

3. While mobile phone use

The "Talk, Text, Crash"

• Put away the phone – or turn it off - before getting behind the wheel.

• Pull over to a safe location if you must talk or text.

texts and calls while driving.

· Tell friends, family and colleagues you won't respond to calls or texts when driving.

· Always give driving your full attention.

is the most recognizable driving distraction, other high-risk activities that can take your eyes or mind off the road include adjusting a music player, grooming, eating or programming a navigation system.

campaign reminds drivers to:

• Use an app that will block

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Liberty or death, Red River or Red River



66 Give me liberty or give me death."

Your high school drama teacher may have used Patrick Henry's famous powerful quote to teach a lesson on the way emphasizing different words can change the meaning of things

HANABA we say. MUNN TO SAY IT DIFFER-PAUSE FOR YOU WELCH ENT WAYS.

That said, consider "Red River," another case in point. I invited my friend Alice from Virginia on a ski trip to Red River, New Mexico. She'd never heard of the place but saw the adventure as a way to get her Arizona boyfriend, Roger, back into her life. Or was it California? Either way, when she invited Roger to join us, I heard her side of the conversation. She put the emphasis on "River" instead of "Red."

"Oh no, Alice," I corrected her. "It's RED River when you're talking about the place in New Mexico - not Red RIV-

Until she mispronounced the name of the town, I'd never thought about it. PAUSE FOR YOUTO SAY IT BOTH

Maybe I'm putting too fine a point on "Red River." Consider "Pancake House"

I've been listening to an audio book that's a murder mystery, barely good enough to hold my attention. I'd probably quit listening if I didn't want to know whether grandma's golf club turns out to be the murder weapon - my theory. I was listening with just one ear when the reader said "pancake HOUSES." I assumed the author was describing a residential style. About three discs later she said it again. My mind wandered. Why had I never heard of pancake houses?

If I'd been reading the book, things would have been different. (In the preceding sentence, you can emphasize either "I" or "reading," and the meaning changes. Either way you'll get my point.)

When I asked my architect husband if he'd ever heard the word "pancake" used to describe a type of house, he said he hadn't - except, of course, for a pancake

In the context of the novel I decided the author meant that all the houses in the proposed dreaded shoreline development would be as alike as pancakes at a Kiwanis breakfast – sort of like the "Little Boxes" in the '60s song about the "ticky

The Paperboy This just in: Kids mess up!

ow I know you know this, but sometimes we need to be reminded of this fact. Just off the top of my head, let me confess to a

few incidents I was responsible for in high school: 1. I jumped a curb in my dad's car. (Off duty cop pulled

me over and went to town on me.) 2. Went into rival high school (dur-



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ing school hours) and tore down huge banners criticizing my school from one of their hallways. (Got away with it. A buddy of mine an I were regarded as conquering heros that day.) 3. Made a fake ID at age 18 so I could

buy alcohol and get into clubs. (The drinking age changed from 19-21 my freshman year in college so I justified the activity. Later, a gentlemen from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission took the ID, gave me an MIP and had

me clean out horse stalls for a few days.) Obviously these things occurred well before the days of social media. Thank God! But I did them and they were wrong. I did other things as well, but you get the idea.

So why the confession?

It's an easy and truthful way to say that most of us have done dumb things and most of the dumb things we did were at a pretty young age.

When young men and women do dumb things, and it gets out, they generally get in trouble. It reminds me of the saying: Play stupid games, win stupid prizes.

What we need to remember as adults before being too critical of the actions of our youth is we are not innocent. In fact, about the only person in history I know of without sin is Jesus Christ and most fall well short of him on a daily basis.

Without going into further detail regarding individuals in small towns getting in trouble for a bad decision, I will add that it's probably best to let the respective parents and coaches resolve the issue. People playing judge and executioner online offer exactly zero when it comes to the lessons learned.

To you young people who have done some things you shouldn't have and been caught: Next time don't put yourself in a situation to where you can get in trouble.

One other thing: Own your mistakes. That's how you learn and become a productive adult. When you admit what you've done you pave the way for forgiveness and wisdom. When you deny what you've done, the path becomes more treacherous.

When I think back to the different generations I'm familiar with (1970s-now) I can promise you each one was

And as I told my own son a couple of months ago when he texted something dumb he should not have, if you are dumb enough to put your actions online for the world to see, be prepared to suffer greater consequences than your actions may have dictated.

Doing dumb stuff is bad enough, doing something dumb and sharing it with the world makes it worse.

Our youth (and adults) need to realize that the internet is forever. Don't potentially damage yourself and your family by sharing sensitive or emotional content. Because when you do, and it all goes south, you just made things worse for everyone involved.

In the words of Thomas Browne: "Think before you act; think twice before you speak."

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tacky" houses of American suburbia. Would all the houses be one story only, flat-roofed and pancake round? Hmmm.

Or maybe she meant they'd all be flip-able, like pancakes? Flipping houses is quite the thing to do now if you want to get rich quick. Right? Finally, via an Internet search, I managed to see one of

the puzzling passages in print. What a letdown! The author obviously was talking about pancake house restaurants - not residential dwellings.

I don't know about you, but if I'm talking about going to a pancake house to eat breakfast, I say PANcake house - not pancake HOUSE.

Now I'm hungry for pancakes.

I'm picturing one now. Yum! It's in the shape of a house! Sometimes even a frustratingly formulaic audio novel will broaden your horizons if you let it.





SOCIETY

Hospital Gala Heads to Rome

By Homer Marquez Covenant Health Plainview

Load the chariots for a night of merriment, beauty and elegance as Covenant Health Plainview prepares for the ninth annual Hospital Foundation Gala, on May 5.

In 2017, "All paths lead to ancient Rome" as coliseums, gladiators and all the majesty of the Old World will be the theme of the popular hospital fundraiser.

"As always, it will be a great night not to be missed," said Covenant Plainview Foundation/Development Coordinator Carol Terrell.

Dr. Joshua and Sally Rollins will hail in the 2017 gala as this year's chairs.

Held in the Plainview Country Club Ballroom, proceeds from the gala benefit the Keeping the Covenant Building Campaign, which is currently chaired by David Wilder.

In what has become Plainview's night of grandeur, the hospital gala will once again

be overflowing with entertainment, dancing and fellowship.

In all the golden pageantry of ancient Rome, doors will open at 6 p.m. with a special cocktail and casino hour, which will be followed by a meal fit for a Roman emperor.

Silent and live auctions will also line the night with great gifts and opportunities.

Back by popular demand for the fifth year, Trey and the Tritones will once again provide musical entertainment for the night. Over the past few years, Trey Gunter and his talented musical assemble has skyrocketed in the gala scene as their extensive musical repertoire has earned them honors like "Best Party Band" of 2010, 2013 and 2014 by the readers and staff of Fort Worth, Texas magazine.

No matter if you want to dance or sit back and relax, Trey and the Tritones can please every listener with their ability to play every genre of music from easy listening during dinner hour to great dance music.

"We are very excited to be

a part of this event," said Dr. Joshua Rollins. "We have attended these events in the past and it's always a great time."

Rollins has served as an orthopedic surgeon at Covenant Health Plainview for almost two years.

He and his wife, Sally, have been married for 17 and have five children; Samm, 14, James, 12, Macy, 9, Laila, 5 and 18month-old Jaxson.

Originally from a small town in Wyoming, Rollins says he really enjoys the "small town" atmosphere of Plainview.

"It's really the closeness and integrity of Plainview. It's hard not to fall in love with this community," Rollins said.

Rollins said his family is very much vested in the community, mentioning even his children are involved in many community functions including sports, FFA, 4-H and more.

Rollins has already felt the benefits of Covenant Health of talented surgeons, Rollins Plainview's \$40 million renovation of its hospital.



Omnes Semitae Rome (All paths lead to Rome). Leading the way this year will be the Dr. Joshua and Sally Rollins as chairs of the 2017 Covenant hospital gala on May 5. Rollins is an orthopedic surgeon at Covenant Health Plainview. Joshua and Sally's family includes five children; Samm, 14, James, 12, Macy, 9, Laila, 5 and 18-month-old Jaxson.

which has pledged \$31.5 milcan be found almost daily inside lion to the project.

the newly constructed James As a part of Covenant team and Eva Mayer Surgical Center, which was a part of the first phase hospital's renovation. "The new operating rooms

are enormous with plenty of room for us to work in comfort. This really allows us to perform at our very best," Rollins said.

The entire renovation projpart of the Plainview hospital. Currently, construction crews rooms of the hospital and upgrading Plainview's Radiology Department.

The \$40 million renovation is funded mostly by Covenant Health Plainview's parent company, St. Joseph Health,

The Hale County's hospital authority board has also pledged \$5 million.

Additionally, the Covenant Plainview Foundation, a local non-profit organization that provides financial support for the hospital and related initiatives, has launched a private fundraising effort to raise another \$3.5 million for the project. Through fundraiser efforts like the gala and other capital campaigns, the Foundation has been able to raise more than \$2 million for the project.

Terrell said Plainview and its many philanthropy groups have been very generous to the Foundation's efforts. She added that nearly \$47,000 have been raised by Covenant Health Plainview employees.

Terrell said a better hospital builds a better Plainview so her and her Foundation is working hard to cross the finish line.

"Gifts of any amount make a difference," said Terrell. "I am always amazed at the extreme generosity of our community."

Serving as the Foundation's largest fundraiser of the year, the hospital gala opens an entertaining way to give to the

Covenant Foundation Gala opportunities include purchasing tables at the event, which start at \$1,500. Individuals can purchase tickets at \$150.

To sponsor, purchase tickets or to just donate to Foundation, contact Terrell at 806-296-

Universities join for choral event

By Jonathan Petty Director of Communications Wayland Baptist University

PLAINVIEW - Wayland Baptist University will play host to a collaborative concert featuring ChoChristian University. The concert will take place in Harral Memorial Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 8. Admission is free and open to the public.

This year marks the fifth combined concert event between the universities, a collaborative that began in with experience in performing major choral works with programs together for a

an orchestra, as well as enhancing the artistic climate munity.

This is the first joint concert venture for Director of Choirs Dr. Steven Weber, in his first year at Wayland, and LCU's Director of Choral Activities Dr. Philip Camp. The two are well acquainted, however, having met as graduate choral students at Arizona State University in 1990. They have maintained a friendship throughout the years, working clinics for each other's programs, and 2008 to provide students they are excited about this opportunity to bring their

The concert will feature of the South Plains com- the works of noted contemporary composer Morten Lauridsen, who served as ect will touch almost every composer-in-residence with the Los Angeles Master Chorale from 1994-2001, are renovating the old surgery as well as Norweigen composer Ola Gjeilo.

Dr. Weber will conduct the International Choir with Dr. Richard Fountain accompanying. Dr. Hyung Chae will conduct the Wayland Singers Chorus with Dr. Melody Fried accompanying. The LCU choirs will be conducted by Dr. Camp with accompanist Christina McKinney.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By LuAnn Collins

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - "Bingo Night" will be held on Tuesday, April 11. Bingo at the Center 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,

MENU April 10 - April 14

Monday – James' Swiss Steak Tuesday - Chicken strips w/gravy Wednesday - Chicken fried steak Thursday - Christi's enchiladas Friday - Fish fry

(Menus subject to change without notice)

Home Country By Slim Randles

These days we don't think much about axes. They're kinda old fashioned and they are too closely associated with manual labor for them to be very popular. It's a shame, too, because there is lore to an ax. There are proper and improper ways to sharpen one, for instance.

There are proper and improper ways to fell a tree with one, to limb a fallen tree, to split firewood. Replacing the handle on an ax could make the subject of a very interesting small book, even.

Marvin always puts a

By Charles Keaton

and then thrown out.

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coating of fiberglass around you can shave with it. If you the handle just below the head to keep firewood from chewing up the handle, for instance. Dud has been known to soak an ax handle in a large tube of kerosene before using it to give it lon-In fact, Dud has made ax

work into something of an art form. If you need your ax sharpened, Dud's the guy to see. He has an old-fashioned grindstone with a water drip. He'll tell you it's important not to get the steel too hot and therefore take the temper out of it. And when he finishes sharpening your ax, really want to. But if they gave doctor's

degrees in ax use, ol' Jasper Blankenship, up in the mountains, would get the first one around here. He built his cabin with just an ax, in fact. The whole thing. It was while Jasper was showing his new cabin to some tourist ladies that his ax became legendary around here.

"You see that ax?" he asked them. "That was George Washington's ax. Yep, the same one he used to chop down the cherry tree. 'Course it's been through 42 handles and six heads since then."

A man is very apt to complain of the in-

gratitude of those who have risen far above

A peasant and a philosopher may be equally satisfied, but not equally happy. Happi-

ness consists in the multiplicity of agree-

Lockney-Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - Update on painting the building. Members of the board as well as some community members discussed options to get the building painted. We will have a fundraiser on Sunday, April 9. We will serve turkey and dressing with all the fixings. Those funds raised will buy the paint and supplies. Then we can set a date and time to power wash and paint the building. So please make plans to eat with us.

The board of directors will meet on April 12 at 12:30 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to attend.

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. -8:30 a.m. Monday thru Friday

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

Coffee time - Monday- Sat-

MENU April 10 - April 14

Monday - Chicken & dumplings Tuesday - Tacos Wednesday - Pulled pork Thursday - Salmon Friday - Baked chicken

(Menus subject to change without notice)

urday - 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Thursday night pot luck. Bring a dish and a friend and enjoy games afterwards. 5 - 9

"Bingo Night" is held the 3rd week of each month. Come join us for some fun! Hope you all have a great at the other.

(Note: All quotes from Samuel Johnson)

A cucumber should be well-sliced, dressed with pepper and vinegar,

A fishing rod is a stick with a hook at one end and a fool

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

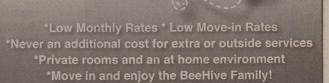
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OBITUARIES/CHURCH

Sylvia Peña

July 31, 1970 -March 28, 2017

Sylvia Peña was born on July 31, 1970 in Lockney, Texas. She married Jesus Peña on July 4, 1992. The joy of her life was her five children Jessica Lynn - 23, Jasmine Marie Sherman - 21, and husband, Luke, Jesus Esteban - 17, Joshua Ray - 16, and J'Ann Fayth -12. Along with her beloved husband and children, she leaves behind two sisters, Virginia Hernandez and husband, Juan, Linda Garcia and husband, Steve, as well as five brothers, Freddie Gonzales, Johnny Gonzales and wife, Corina, Joe Gonzales and wife, Mary, Robert Gonzales, and Gilbert Gonzales. Also, left to cherish her memory are 30 nieces and nephews, 44 great-nieces and nephews, and 3 great-great-nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Manuel and Eloisa Gonzales and two brothers, Michael and Jesse Gonzales.

Sylvia's passion was caring for children. "Tia Chiva's" house was home to many more than just her own. She also enjoyed crocheting and knitting, creating countless gifts for those she loved and anyone in need. She was also known in the community by the hours she and her husband committed to the concession stands at football games and other Lockney ISD band-booster events in support of their kids. She was devoted in her faith and her infectious laughter will be missed by those who knew and loved her.

Sylvia requested to be cremated and a celebration



SYLVIA PENA

of life service in her honor was held on Saturday, April 1, 2017 at San Jose Catholic Church in Lockney.

Arrangements were provided by Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Lockney.

The family would like to thank all of those whom have sent love and prayers for Sylvia and her family during her stand against cancer. In her own words: "It does not mean I quit, it just means my sweet Jesus has the wheel."



We've all seen it, maybe you've even done it: a group sits down to a meal, and as

people begin to dig in, someone sheepishly (apologetically) suggests that we "say grace" before we eat. Heads bow and someone shouts out GRACE! and it's all done. Maybe the first time this was done, there was some comedic element to it, but really it's shallow and disrespectful to the idea of prayer and the God to whom we pray. Even if we lean on memorized phraseology our prayers, that's better than mocking prayer. Maybe the simplistic "God is great, God is good; Let us thank Him for our food. Amen," is all that we're mature enough to say at the moment (The good/food rhyme scheme always bothered me, though - they don't rhyme!); it's still better than being tacky or ignoring prayer.

Yes, it seems to be less-and-less frequent in our culture, but saying a prayer with a meal never goes out of style. My Grandpa Gordon was the most consistent pray-er in our family. If I got to the table before him, Grandma made me wait for him to come – to "offer thanks" on behalf of the family. I somewhat feel that for us it was less about being thankful for that specific meal and more about taking time to pray as a family. I hope I will always hear my grandfather's gravelly prayer voice: "Dear heavenly Father, we thank you for this day, the measure of our heath, and the food you have provided. We ask that you would

and forgive us of our sins. In Jesus' name: Amen." Additions made, depending were situations and circumstances. Since we rarely skip meals in my family, it provided a convenient way to work prayer into our daily routine.

Maybe it comes off fake sometimes, like only "serious Christians" pray in public (and if you don't consider yourself a "serious" Christian, then we have other things to talk about!), but this is really where relationship with God can begin to grow. Let us develop this act of spiritual discipline so that we can grow in our dependence upon God and our gratitude to Him for all that He does for us.

Prayer is one of those things you're just supposed to let happen. I'm not calling us to babble inanely (to pray for prayer's sake), but to let prayer be our natural conversation with God.

I'm told that it's common among American Indians say a prayer before they eat, but that the prayer is directed to the spirit and essence of whatever they're eating, thanking it for giving its life. Christians, our God is bigger than the food we

"When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you" (Deuteronomy 8:10).

Levi Sisemore preaches for the 37th Street church of Christ, meeting Sunday for Bible Classes (9:30 AM), Worship (10:30 AM & 6:00 PM); Wednesday for Bible Classes (7:00 PM). snyder37church@gmail.com



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Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

-Psalm 25:4-5 (NIV)

Every day I ask for God's guidance. I share my problems and concerns with God and place them in God's hands. But as I write this meditation, it is difficult. I am holding back tears knowing that all employees at my work place — people whom I have loved and valued for the past eight years — will be laid off, and we will no longer be working side by side. Today I can't think clearly because my sadness is clouding my perception. However, I do count on God and trust that God will console me in the days ahead.

The author of Proverbs encourages us to trust God with all our hearts and not to lean on our own understanding, that God will lead us in the right path (Prov. 3:5-6). And what God said to Jeremiah is valid for us today. God knows our every thought and when we call, God will listen. (See Jer. 29:11-14.)

Uncertainty can be troubling. However, we can hold fast to the words found in Deuteronomy 31:8: "The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

—Yanisse González-Zayas (Puerto Rico)

Though for the Day: In uncertain circumstances, God will remain steadfast.

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City Park Church of Christ Matthew Benfield, Minister Floydada

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First Baptist Church Floydada Fred Meeks, Interim Pastor

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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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Sunday School - 10:50 a.m. Youth (Sunday) - 6:30 p.m.

First United Methodist Church Lockney

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Sunday Services - 10 a.m. Sunday Evening - 5 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.

Primera Iglesia Bautista Lockney

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Floydada 983-2672 Or 470-0950 Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.

AGRICULTURE

West Texas Raceway to open on April 7

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

West Texas Raceway, Lubbock Texas: After 6 years being in the backdrop of the West Texas Dirt Racing scene former Lady Luck Speedway will reopen and take center stage. To be known now as West Texas Raceway, owner Corky Mathews has the plan and vision to put the high banked 3/8 oval dirt track back on top of the Texas Racing World.

The work started 2 weeks before the old Lubbock Speedway closed down for the season. With help from many of his family and friends progress has moving along nicely. With-in 2 months the track had a complete face lift, new sound system, and new a Food and Vendor area. "This is going to be a top class facility" stated Corkey, "This speedway will bring dirt track racing to the front again in the dirt track world." So far this is proving to be true. There are many national series and events already looking to get their foot in the door, here in Lubbock. The first to jump on board was the IMCA weekly touring series, then recently several other series were added to include the Elite Non-Wing Sprints (1 show), USMTC Modifies (1 show), and ASCS Sprints (1 show). The ASCS sprints will be on their first night of Speed Week which is an an-

nual televised event.

The first event was the 2017 season starts with the Dirt 2 Asphalt Car Show, it was held at Gene Messer VW on March 18th, 2017. There are 3 different classes of cars were being shown. We have a Pro Class, RIP (Restoral in progress) and WTR Racecars. This had be a great time showing of cool classic cars with a taste of the action we will be offering at WTR Raceway. Now we move to Opening Night April 7th with all the IMCA taking center stage. Many fan favorite local drivers will be back, to mix it up with each other. Lee Riley #16L, will be sporting several new See RACEWAY Page 12

PCG to Host 60th Annual Meeting April 7

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

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

Events begin at 8:30 a.m. with registration, and the program will start promptly at 9 a.m. The meeting is held in conjunction with the Texas Cotton Ginners' Association Annual Meeting and Trade Show, April 6-7, 2017, in

For more information on the TCGA Annual Meeting and Trade Show, visit http:// www.tcga.org/.

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

The keynote speaker, sponsored by Farmers Cooperative Compress, will be Matt Rush. Matt is the fourth generation in his family to be a New Mexico farmer and cattle rancher. He and his dad partner on a farming and ranching operation and to support his farming habit, Rush travels the country as a professional speaker conducting leadership and motivational seminars. The Zig Ziglar Corporation recently recognized his talent and skill as a speaker and trainer inviting him to become one of their first ever Platinum Level speakers. He also is the Executive Vice

President of the New Mexico Farm & Livestock Bureau.

House Agriculture Committee Chairman Mike Conaway and Kim Kitchings, Senior Vice President, Consumer Marketing for Cotton Incorporated, also are scheduled to speak. The program will feature an update on the Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. PAC and an announcement about the 2017 Celebrate Cotton Game.

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

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

Texas Oil and Gas Production Statistics for January 2017

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN -- Production for January 2017 as reported to the Railroad Commission of Texas (Commission) is 75,331,644 barrels of crude oil and 608,396,818 mcf (thousand cubic feet) of total gas from oil and gas wells. These preliminary figures are based on production volumes reported by operators and will be updated as late and corrected production reports are received. Production reported to the Commission for January 2016, was: 76,063,179 barrels of crude oil preliminarily, updated to a current figure of 89,235,660 barrels; rels daily, compared to the and 612,602,068 mcf of total gas preliminarily, updated to a current figure of 710,771,614 mcf.

The Commission reports that February 2016 to January 2017, total Texas reported production was 976 million barrels of crude oil and 8.0 trillion cubic feet of total gas. Crude oil production reported by the Commission is limited to oil produced from oil leases and does not include condensate, which is reported separately by the Commission.

Texas preliminary January 2017 crude oil production averaged 2,430,053 bar2,453,651 barrels daily average of January 2016.

Texas preliminary January 2017 total gas production averaged 19,625,704 mcf a day, compared to the 19,761,357 mcf daily average of January 2016.

Texas production in January 2017 came from 166,839 oil wells and 91,847 gas

For additional oil and gas production statistics, visit the Commission's website http://www.rrc.texas. gov/oil-gas/research-andstatistics/production-data/ texas-monthly-oil-gas-pro-

Three Area Organizations Team Up To Help Those Affected By The Wildfires

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Texas, Panhandle - The Amarillo Area Foundation, Texas Cattle Feeders Association, and the Working Ranch Cowboys Foundation are teaming up to help ranchers impacted by the wildfires across the Panhandle region. Monetary relief can be given to those affected by donating to the Amarillo Area Foundation's Disaster Relief Fund.

"The ranching community has been hit hard", said Gary Morton, WRCA Foundation president. "The effects of the fires for most of the families will be felt for years to come, and without a turn in the weather conditions the threat of further wildfires grows with each passing day. We are grateful to the Amarillo Area Foundation and Texas Cattle Feeders Association for their collaboration with the WRCA Foundation on this relief effort."

The fires across the Panhandle and High Plains have devastated hundreds of thousands of acres of ranch land, thousands of miles of fence and killed and maimed livestock and worst of all four lives were lost. Yet after the fires

are contained the devastation continues in lost or damaged

livelihoods. Most ranch hands and some owners do not have the insurance to cover loss in equipment and working resources. The WRCF is helping to meet that need through its Wildfire Relief Fund. All funds will be distributed through WRCF's relief distribution procedures and will be extended to ranchers to help them withstand the longterm effects of this disaster.

"The people of this area are no stranger to the devastation Mother Nature can bring, and it is truly encouraging to see our communities come together to take care of their friends and neighbors in this time of great need," said Jim Lovell, TCFA Chairman. "Many of our TCFA members have already contributed to this effort, but for any who may not yet have had the opportunity to give, I would like to encourage them to make a contribution to this important fund through the WRCA."

About the WRCA Foundation

The Working Ranch Cowboys Association is headquartered in Amarillo, TX. The mission of WRCA is to promote ranching and to preserve the lifestyle of the working rancher and the working ranch cowboy. In 2001, WRCA formed a foundation with the mission of providing financial assistance to ranchers, working ranch cowboys and their families through scholarship funding and crisis assistance.

About the Amarillo Area Foundation

The Amarillo Area Foundation is a community foundation that serves the northernmost 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle. The mission of the Foundation is to improve the quality of life for Texas Panhandle residents. Since its inception in 1957, the Foundation has provided grants and a variety of other services to strengthen nonprofit organizations and the services they deliver.

High Plains sorghum outlook outlined by AgriLife Extension specialists

By Kay Ledbetter

Texas A&M AgriLife Communica-

AMARILLO - Producers may be concerned about planting sorghum this season, but several Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service specialists said there are ways to prepare for upcoming issues and be profitable.

During the Interstate 40 Sorghum Luncheon recently in Amarillo, producers heard the latest on managing sugarcane aphids, weed control and how it all figures into the bottom line as producers manage crop budgets and pricing strategies.

Dr. Ed Bynum, AgriLife Extension entomologist in Amarillo, said, "Think outside of the box."

Planting earlier, rather than the traditional dates, allows grain sorghum to reach later grain maturity growth stages where sugarcane aphids do not cause as severe yield losses, Bynum said. Also, planting a commercially adapted sorghum variety with sugarcane aphid tolerance should be considered, as well as seed treatments.

"You need to try to avoid the risk of infestation at certain growth stages - pre-boot

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Experts say to plant sorghum early to avoid aphids. Hybrid seeds are proving to be effective against aphids as well.

to milk stage," he said. "This is very important to protect the crop. After the dough stage, the damage from the sugarcane aphid does not cause as much

"Also, you need to be talking to your seed representative to find those sugarcane aphid tolerant hybrids that are high yielding on the Texas High Plains and best for irrigated or dryland production," Bynum

"We haven't been able to evaluate a lot of hybrids, but we do know they make a difference. You may still have to treat, but these hybrids are better than sugarcane aphid susceptible hybrids when infested."

Bynum said scouting fields is

critical to the battle against the

sugarcane aphid. "You cannot let them get too far ahead before you make a treatment or you won't be able to knock them back where they can't recover," he said.

When insecticide applications are needed, Bynum said it See **SORGHUM** Page 9

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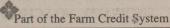
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LOCKNEY SCHOOL NEWS

Lockney One Act Selected as Alternate at Bi-District

By D'Lyn Morris LHS Academic Coordinator Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

The Lockney High School One Act Play went to Bi-District this past Saturday and received Alternate.

Luke Kasner and Lyndee

All-Star received

The Cast and Crew did an outstanding job this year and should be very proud. A very big thank you goes out to their Director, Mrs. Stout for all her help, and to Mr. Silva and Mr. Lee.

New Deal defeats Lady Horns 18-5

By Charles Keaton The Hesperia-Beacon

NEW DEAL - In a makeup from March 28, the New Deal Lady Lions defeated the Lockney Lady Horns 18-5 on Saturday, April 1 in District 2-2A softball action.

The Lady Horns put one run up in the top of the first. After Alyssa Barretero singled with one out, Madai Chavira reached on a fielder's choice as Barretero was forced out at second. Aleah Jimenez reached on an error that allowed Chavira to score, giving the Lady Horns a 1-0 lead after the first half inning. In the bottom of the inning, the Lady Lions put up eight runs. With one out, K Johnson and X Mendez reached on errors before S Valdez doubled to center to allow Johnson to score. M Romero walked to load the bases. C Bushell reached on an error that scored Mendez. S Romero grounded out but drove in Valdez. A single by B Mares scored M Romero and Bushell. V Chavez was hit by a pitch. A wild pitch allowed Mares to move to third and Chavez to move to second. Another wild pitch allowed Mares and Chavez to score. J Valdez walked then moved to second and third on wild pitches then scored on another wild pitch. Valdez moved to second and third on passed balls before K Johnson walked. Valdez scored on another wild pitch to give the Lady Lions an 8-1 lead after one inning.

Lockney added three runs in the top of the second. With one out, Tatyana Cienfuegos singled then stole second. Hannah Kidd singled then Barretero reached on an error that allowed Cienfuegos to score. Chavira singled to load the bases with only one out. Kidd was caught trying to steal home. Barretero and Chavira moved up on a wild pitch then Barretero scored on another wild pitch. Jimenez walked before Chavira scored on a wild pitch to make it 8-4 in favor of New Deal. In the bottom of the second, S Valdez walked for the Lady Lions but the next three batters went down in order as New Deal led 8-4 after two innings.

In the top of the third, Reagan Nuncio led off with a walk, then with one out, Karissa Petty

LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU

April 10-14

Monday, Apr. 10

Breakfast - Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk Lunch - Steak Fingers or Breaded Pork Chop, Gravy, Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Carrot Coins, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, Apr. 11

Breakfast - Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch - Spaghetti Bowl or French Bread Pizza, Salad,

California Blend Vegetables, Peaches, Pudding, Milk

Wednesday, Apr. 12

Breakfast - Biscuit, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Fruit Juice,

Fruit, Milk

Lunch - Mexican Combo Plate or Chicken Quesadilla,

Corn, Charro Beans, Salsa, Garnish, Cinnamon Applesauce,

Thursday, Apr. 13

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

Lunch - Teriyaki Sliders with Chips or Texas Chili with

Cornbread, Broccoli Bites, Tomato Cup, Oranges, Milk

Friday, Apr. 14

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walked. With two outs, Hannah Kidd walked to load the bases but a ground out by Barretero end the Lady Horns at bat with no runs scored. In the bottom of the third, Mares led off with a walk, Chavez reached on an infield single the J Valdez walked to load the bases. Johnson reached on an error as Mares scored. Mendez singled to center to drive in Chavez. S Valdez walked to force in J Valdez. With one out, Bushell walked to force in Johnson, then Romero singled to drive in Mendez. With two outs, Chavez walked to drive in S Valdez. J Valdez singled, driving in Bushell and Romero. Chavez then scored on a wild pitch. J Valdez was thrown out trying to steal home, but New Deal had scored nine runs to take a 17-4 lead after

Lockney added a run in the top of the fourth. Chavira reached on an error and moved to second as Timenez hit into a fielder's choice. Chavira moved to third on a passed ball then scored on an error by the pitcher. Nuncio singled with two outs and Mackenzy Ragland reached on an error but Petty struck out to end the at-bat with the Lady Horns trailing, 17-5. In the bottom of the inning, the Lady Lions added another run. With one out, Mendez walked, S Valdez singled, then Mendez singled to drive in Mendez and give New Deal an 18-5

In the top of the fifth, Barretero singled with two outs but a ground out to the pitcher ended the game with New Deal taking the 18-5 victory.

For Lockney, Barretero went 2-4 with one RBI and one run scored. Petty pitched two-thirds of an inning, allowing eight runs on two hits while walking two and Nuncio pitched three and one-third innings allowing 10 runs on five hits while striking out three and walking eight.

For New Deal, S Valdez went 2-2 with two RBIs and two runs scored, J Valdez went 1-2 with two RBIs and two runs scored, Mendez went 1-3 with one RBI and three runs scored and Mares went 1-2 with two RBIs and two runs scored. J Valdez pitched five innings allowing five runs on six hits while striking out six and walking four.

Lady Horns hand Crosbyton 15-5 defeat

By Charles Keaton

LOCKNEY - Lockney jumped out to an early lead with 11 runs in the first and second innings combined as they sailed to a 15-5 District 2-2A softball victory over Crosbyton on April 1.

Crosbyton took an early lead with one run in the top of the first. Bianca Garcia led off with a single. Alyssa Munoz and Emily Reyna walked to load the bases. A double play erased the front to runners as Marisa Rodriguez reached on the fielder's choice. A wild pitch allowed Reyna to move to third and Rodriguez to move to second before another wild pitch allowed Reyna to score the lone run of Crosbyton's at-bat. Hannah Kidd led off for the Lady Horns by drawing a walk. Alyssa Barretero and Madai Chavira each drew walks to load the bases. Aleah Jimenez doubled to left as Kidd and Barretero scored. Shelby Dunbar singled to drive in Chavira and Jimenez and moved to third on the throw to the plate. Reagan Nuncio walked then stole second and Dunbar scored on a passed ball that allowed Nuncio to move to third then score

on another passed ball, giving the Lady Horns a 6-1 lead after one inning.

In the top of the second, Crosbyton scored three runs with two outs. Courtney Guzman reached on an error then Garcia singled to drive in Guzman. Munoz singled as Garcia scored on the throw. Walks to Reyna and Rodriguez loaded the bases for Crosbyton then a third straight walk forced in Munoz to make it 6-4 in favor of Lockney. In the bottom half of the inning, the Lady Horns added five more runs. Barretero singled to lead off for Lockney. Chavira reached on an error as Barretero held up at second. Jimenez walked to load the bases. Dunbar was hit by a pitch to force in Barretero. With one out, Mackenzy Ragland walked to force in Chavira, then Karissa Petty was hit by a pitch that forced in Jimenez. Tatyana Cienfuegos singled to drive in Dunbar and Ragland as Petty was thrown out trying to reach third. After two innings, Lockney led

Crosbyton was unable to score in the top of the third. Barretero led off with a single for the Lady Horns. Two ground outs moved Barretero to third before Dunbar singled to drive in Barretero and give out to end the game as the the Lady Horns a 12-4 lead after three innings.

In the top of the fourth, Reyna walked to lead off for Crosbyton but the next three batters went down in order. In the bottom of the fourth, Ragland led off with a walk for Lockney, then moved to second on a wild pitch. With one out, Ragland moved to third on another wild pitch before Cienfuegos walked. Ragland was thrown out trying to come home on wild pitch as Cienfuegos moved to second. A passed ball allowed Cienfuegos to move to third then score on a wild pitch. Kidd walked then moved to second on a passed ball, to third on a wild pitch then scored on a wild pitch. Barretero walked, then moved to second on a wild pitch, advanced to third on a wild pitch before scoring on another wild pitch to give the Lady Horns a 15-4 lead after four innings.

For Crosbyton in the top of the fifth, Rodriguez reached on an error then Courtney Fira walked. Guzman reached on a fielder's choice that allowed Rodriguez to move to third as Fira was forced out at second. Guzman was caught trying to steal second then Rodriguez stole home but Garcia popped

Lockney Lady Horns won

For Lockney, Dunbar went 2-2 with four RBIs and two runs scored, Barretero went 2-2 with four runs scored and Cienfuegos went 2-2 with two RBIs and one runs scored. Nuncio pitched five innings, allowing five runs on four hits while striking out three and walking nine.

For Crosbyton, Garcia went 3-4 with one RBI and one run scored and Munoz went 1-2 with one RBI and one run scored. Saron Haynes pitched four innings, allowing 15 runs on seven hits while striking out three and walking 11 batters.

Crosbyton is winless in eight district games while Lockney improves to 5-3, one-half game ahead of New Deal for third place. Crosbyton played Hale Center on April 4, then plays Abernathy on April 8, New Deal on April 11, is open on April 15 before ending their season on April 18 against Ralls.

Lockney played Ralls on April 4, then plays Floydada on April 8, is open on April 11, plays Hale Center on April 15 and finishes the district schedule against Abernathy

Longhorns crush Springlake-Earth

By Charles Keaton

The Hesperia-Beacon

LOCKNEY - Lockney used an 11-run third inning to pull away from the Springlake-Earth Wolverines in the first game of a scheduled double-header on April 1, winning 17-3 in District 2-2A action. Game two was cancelled due to a wet field with players having footing issues and the ball staying wet. No make-up game has been announced.

The Wolverines went three up and three down in the top of the first. In the bottom of the first, Shawn Marquez singled with one out but that was all for the Longhorns as the score was still 0-0 after one inning.

In the top of the second, Springlake-Earth again went three up and three down. With one out, Nick Derda walked. With two outs, Derda moved to second on a passed ball and to third on a wild pitch before scoring on a passed ball to give the Longhorns a 1-0 lead after two innings.

For the third straight inning, the Wolverines went three up and three down in the top of the third. In the bottom of the inning, the Longhorns crossed

the plate with 11 runs. Clay Moore led off getting hit by a pitch. Trevor Ascensio walked and Marquez reached on a bunt single to load the bases. With one out, Moore scored on a passed ball. Jonathan Rodriguez walked to load the bases again, then Israel Cuellar walked to drive in Ascensio. Derda singled to drive in Marquez and Rodriquez. Nick Rendon doubled to score Cuellar and Derda. Devin De-Leon was hit by a pitch but was forced out at second when Moore reached on a fielder's choice. Ascensio tripled to right field to score Moore, then Marquez singled to left to score Ascensio. Ruben Marmolejo walked then Marquez moved to third on a passed ball and scored on another passed ball as Marmolejo moved to third on the same pitches. Rodriguez walked then stole second before Marmolejo scored on another passed ball to make it 12-0 after three innings.

Springlake-Earthscored two runs in the top of the fourth inning with three walks, a single and a passed ball but Lockney still led 12-2. (No player names were available.) In the bottom of the first. Derda reached on an error, moved to second on a passed ball and to third when Rendon reached on an error. Derda stole home then DeLeon reached on an error. Moore reached on a bunt single to load the bases. Rendon then scored on a passed ball. With two outs, Marmolejo doubled to center to score DeLeon and Moore. Rodriguez doubled to drive in Marmolejo and give the Longhorns a 17-2 lead after four innings.

In the top of the fifth, the Wolverines scored one run off two walks, two passed balls and a single to left but it wasn't enough as the Lockney Longhorns claimed the District 2-2A contest, 17-3.

For Lockney, Marquez went 3-4 with one RBI and two runs scored, Marmolejo went 1-3 with two RBIs and two runs scored, Derda went 1-2 with two RBIs and three runs scored, Moore went 1-2 with three runs scored and Rendon April 11.

went 1-3 with two RBIs and two runs scored. Marmolejo pitched three and one-third inning allowing no runs and no hits while striking out eight, Bryce Reese pitched one-third of an inning, allowing two runs on one hit while striking out one and walking three, Moore pitched one-third of an inning allowing one run on no hits while striking out one and walking one and Marquez pitched one inning, allowing one hit while striking out two and walking one.

No stats were kept on individual Springlake-Earth players.

Lockney, now 4-2 in district, played Ralls on April 4, is scheduled to play a doubleheader against Abernathy on April 8 and play Floydada on April 11. Springlake-Earth, now 0-7 in district, played Hale Center on April 4, plays Crosbyton in a double-header on April 8 and plays Olton on

Annual Big Band Dance set for **April 22 at South Plains College**

Special to the Hesperia-Beacon

LEVELLAND - The music of the 1940s will fill the room at the annual Big Band Dance at South Plains College. The performance is set for 7 to 10 p.m. on April 22 (Saturday) in the SPC Sundown Room. The show will feature the South Plains Jazz Band and the 18-piece SPC Dance Orchestra.

Admission is \$7.50 per person or \$15 per couple, and payable at

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Wilburn and Helen Wheeler Band Scholarship and

the Fred and Bettye Harris Music Scholarship. Wilburn Wheeler was SPC's first band director. Fred Harris helped organize the SPC FoundatiPatrons will dance to the big band swing music of the 40s. Among the songs to be performed will be playing music from the Big Band Legends: In The Mood-Glen Miller, Lil' Darlin, All Right OK You Win Count Basie, A' Train, Satin Doll- Duke Ellington, Begin The Beguine- Artie Shaw and many others.

For more information, contact the Fine Arts Department at (806) 716-2261.

GO LONGHORNS

District 2-2A Baseball

2-2A BB	W	L	Tie
Floydada	7	. 1	Some principal
Ralls	6	2	
Abernathy	5	2	
New Deal	5	2	35605536
Lockney*	4	2	
Olton	2	3	1
Hale Center	alveb 1 ob	5	1
Crosbyton	0	6	18, 586 in 190
Springlake*	0	7	Hebrandon)

*Second game of double-header cancelled

District 2-2A Softball Standings

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2-2A SB	W	L	
Ralls	7	0	
Abernathy	6	1	
Lockney	5	3	
New Deal*	4	3	
Floydada*	3	4	
Hale Center	1	7	
Crashyton	0	Q	

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

Floyd County 4-H'ers show at major stock shows

By Cristen Brooks CEA-AG, Floyd County

Stock show season has come to an end and Floyd

County 4-H is very proud of all the exhibitors that showed their livestock. It takes hard work and dedication to get ready for these shows, includ-

ing countless hours of feeding, grooming, and exercising throughout the year. Each 4-H'er takes very good care of their animal to ensure they are in the best shape possible for the major stock shows. In addition, once you arrive at the show you better be prepared for long lines waiting to unload and load, early mornings and late nights, constant grooming, feeding and a lot of time spent on your feet. Competing in any major livestock show in Texas is no small task!

This year Floyd County 4-H had kids attend all of the major stock shows including the Fort Worth Stock Show, San Angelo Stock Show, San Antonio Stock Show, Rodeo Austin Stock Show and the Houston Stock Show.

Fort Worth exhibitors included Brody Hughes,

Keenan Nixon, Hagen Hin- Courtesy Photos sley, Preslie Brooks, Jack Brooks, Sydni Chesshir, Tasha Schlueter, Tucker Schlueter, Trinity Schlu-

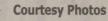
eter, Hannah Roberts, Marcus Roberts, Hazel Lloyd, Jaxson Smith Cutter and Smith. San Angelo exhibitors included Sydni Chesshir

and Keenan Nixon. San Antonio exhibitors included Hagen Hinsley, Keenan Nixon, Sydni Chesshir, Tasha Schlueter, Tucker Schlueter, and Trin-Schlueter.

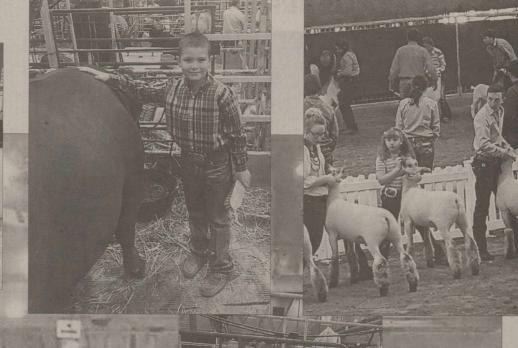
Austin exhibitors included Sydni Chesshir, Hagen Hinsley and Keenan Nixon. Houston exhibi-

Tucker Schlueter, and Trinity Schlueter. All species of livestock were shown including steers, heifers, lambs and pigs.

job well done!





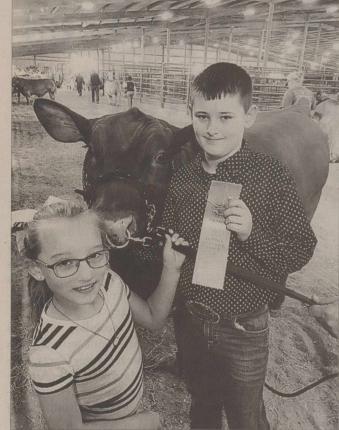




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One Act Play performed at Sudan on March 25 and received 2nd place.

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James Ponce - All Star Cast

Azalea Garza and Brooke Galvan- Honorable Mention All Star Cast

They performed Saturday in Plainview at the Area competition.





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FLOYDADA SCHOOL NEWS

FHS Tennis Doubles



The FISD Mixed Doubles and Boys Doubles Tennis teams both won Consolation Titles at the Amarillo Tournament on March 23rd. The Mixed Double team was Brooke Galvan and Brayden Campbell and the Boys Doubles team was Alejandro Pinon and Remington

FHS tennis team at Amarillo



FISD Tennis results from the Amarillo meet. Remington Ricketts and Alejandro Pinon -**Brooke Galvan and Brayden Campbell - 2nd Mixed Doubles** Esteban Lerma and Garrett Hobbs - 2nd Boys Doubles

Jaiden Blakey - won Consolation in Boys Singles **Keenan Nixon - 3rd Boys Singles**

Izel Pancheco and Azalea Garza - 4th Girls Singles Others participating were Ethan Rodriguez and Marissa Valdivia

The tennis team played in District at Plainview on Monday, and those results will be

FISD Recognizes Students, Staff of the Month

FLOYDADA

ISD

The Floydada Independent School District Board met on Monday, March 20 and recognized the following students and staff for their efforts to make education the best it can be. Each month the staff selects students that exemplify education at its best and those students are recognized at the monthly

school board meeting

The elementary students recognized were Enzo Coursey, Derrik Henderson, and Sergio Martinez, all in Kindergarten at A.B. Duncan Elementary.

of the month was Charlie Gwinn who is in the 7th grade at Floydada Junior High. Cutter Smith, a uals are the Custodial Staff sophomore, was the Floy- at Floydada High School. dada High School stu- at Floydada High School.

dent that was recognized. The elementary educator selected this month was Maria Peralez who teaches Pre-K at A.B. Duncan Elementary.

The secondary employees The Junior High student of the month were Carmen Alvarez, Harvey Garza, Lidia Martinez, and Armando Enriquez. These individ-

Lady Winds defeat Crosbyton 14-7

By Charles Keaton The Hesperian-Beacon

CROSBYTON - Floydada jumped on Crosbyton early and cruised to a 14-7 softball victory in District 2-2A action on Thursday, March 30. The game was originally scheduled for March 28 but severe weather in the area force the game to be moved to Thursday.

Floydada scored five runs in the top of the first to give them an early edge. Hannah Morales walked to open the game then stole second and third. Angela Suarez walked then Karley Weems singled to drive in Morales. Shay White entered to run for Weems. Kylie Ricketts singled to drive in Suarez. With two outs, Valerie Espinosa tripled to drive in White and Ricketts. V Espinosa then stole home to give the Lady Winds a 5-0 lead. Crosbyton

of the inning, scoring two runs. With two outs, Emily Reyna singled and moved to second on a wild pitch. Marisa Rodriguez singled to left to drive in Reyna. Rodriguez moved up to second on another wild pitch then moved to third on a single by Marissa Marquez. Saron Haynes lined a single to center to drive in Rodriguez. Floydada led 5-2 after one inning.

In the top of the second, Floydada added eight runs. Morales doubled to lead off the inning then scored on a bunt single by Suarez. Weems walked and White came into run. Ricketts walked to load the bases. Angela Vega doubled to left to drive in Suarez and White. Dora Cervera singled to drive in Ricketts. V Espinosa doubled to drive in Vega. Lindsey Marquez

and V Espinosa. With two on an error. Marquez ground outs, Suarez walked. Weems singled to drive in Marquez as Suarez moved to third. Suarez was caught trying to steal home to end the Lady Winds at-bat, leading 13-2. Crosbyton was unable to score in the bottom of the second as Floydada led

Going into the top of the third, Ricketts singled to lead off for Floydada. Denise Riojas came in to run for Ricketts. With one out, Cervera and V Espinosa walked to load the bases. Marquez singled to drive in Riojas but Cervera was thrown out trying to advance and Selena Espinosa stuck out to end Floydada's at bat with the Lady Winds now leading 14-2. In the bottom of the inning, Reyna reached on an error to lead off but was forced out when Rodri-

answered in the bottom half doubled to score Cervera guez popped up but reached out and Haynes struck out as the Lady Winds led 14-2 after two innings.

> In the top of the fourth, Suarez was walked with one out for the Lady Winds. Weems singled and White came in to run. Ricketts lined back to the pitcher and Suarez was doubled off first to end Floydada's at bat. Crosbyton put five runs across in the bottom of the inning. With one out, Courtney Fira singled then Courtney Guzman reached on an error as Fira moved to second. Biana Garcia walked to load the bases. Alyssa Munoz doubled to drive in Fira and Guzman. Reyna reached on a ground error as Garcia and Munoz scored. After Reyna was picked off at first, Rodriguez then hit a one-run home run to left field. Marquez singled then out trying to steal third.

Haynes walked but a ground out by Rodriguez end the inning with Floydada leading 14-7.

Floydada went three up and three down in the top of the fifth. Fira walked to lead off the bottom of the inning but the next three batters went down in order as the Lady Winds still held a 14-7 lead.

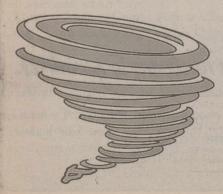
In the top of the sixth, Allison Orr reached on a dropped third strike with two outs. Suarez walked then Weems hit into a fielder's choice as Suarez was forced out at second. Crosbyton went three up and three down in the bottom of the sixth and the Lady Winds maintained their 14-7 lead.

Floydada went three up and three down in the top of the seventh. For Crosbyton, Haynes led off with a single, stole second but was thrown

Morgan Minor struck out and Fira flied out to center to give the Lady Winds the 14-7 win.

For Floydada, Weems went 4-4 with two RBIs, Ricketts went 2-4 with one RBI and two runs scored, V Espinosa went 3-3 with three RBIs and two runs scored and Marquez went 2-3 with three RBIs and one run scored. Morales pitched seven innings, allowing seven runs on nine hits while striking out five and walking

For Crosbyton, Rodriguez went 2-4 with two RBIs and two runs scored, Reyna went 1-4 with two RBIs and one run scored, Munoz went 1-4 with two RBIs and one run scored and Haynes went 2-3 with one RBI. Haynes pitched seven innings, allowing 14 runs on 15 hits while striking out five and walking ten.



LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ELECTION STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF FLOYD

TO THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE FLOYDADA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT an election will be held within Floydada Independent School District, on Saturday, May 6, 2017, as provided in the Order Calling Bond Election passed by the Board of Trustees of Floydada Independent School District, a substantial copy of which Order is printed below

> ORDER OF FLOYDADA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT CALLING A BOND ELECTION AND PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION AND OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT THERETO

COUNTY OF FLOYD FLOYDADA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Floydada Independent School District (the "District") held a regular meeting on February 16, 2017, and that said meeting was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551; and,

WHEREAS, the District deems it advisable to call the Bond Election (the "Election")

WHEREAS, it is hereby officially found and determined at said meeting that (1) it is in the public's interest that the Election hereinafter ordered should be conducted jointly with the City of Floydada (the "City"); (2) the Election meets the requirements for a joint election under section 271.001, et seq., of the Texas Election Code; and, (3) it is in the public's interest for the District to hold the hereinafter called Election on May 6, 2017, a uniform election date established by section 41.001(a) of the Texas Election Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE DISTRICT:

The statements contained in the preamble of this Order are true and correct and adopted as findings of fact and operative provisions hereof. The Election shall be held in the District between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on May 6, 2017. The Election shall occur at the following designated polling place(s), and with the following election officers, who are hereby appointed to hold said Election:

> Massie Activity Center 513 West Georgia St. Floydada, TX 79235

Presiding Judge:

Brenda Heflin

2. The Presiding Judge shall appoint not less than two (2) but no more than five (5) qualified election clerks to serve and assist in conducting the Election; provided that if the Presiding Judge actually serves as expected, the Alternate Presiding Judge shall be one of such clerks

Early voting shall be conducted by personal appearance at the Main Early Voting

Floydada ISD Central Office 226 W. California Floydada, TX 79235

Early voting shall be conducted during the period early voting is required or permitted by law, being April 24, 2017 through May 2, 2017, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Early voting at the Main Early Voting Place shall be conducted on each day, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal state holidays, when there shall be no early voting by personal appearance, and shall at all times remain open during the above-noted hours for early voting by personal appearance

- The Early Voting Clerk for the Election shall be Evie Salinas. The Deputy Early Voting Clerk shall be Dee Leatherman.
- 5. Applications for early voting by mail shall be sent to Evie Salinas, Early Voting Clerk, Floydada ISD, 226 W. California, Floydada, TX 79235, or by email at esalinas@floydadaisd.esc17.net. Application for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 25, 2017.
- 6. An Early Voting Ballot Board shall be created to process early voting results of the Election. Brenda Heflin is hereby appointed as the Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board, and the Presiding Judge, in turn, shall appoint at least two (2) other members to serve on the Early Voting Ballot Board.
- All qualified electors of and residing in the District shall be entitled to vote at the Election

At the Election, the following PROPOSITION, setting forth the purpose for which the bonds will be authorized, shall be submitted in accordance with laws

PROPOSITION

Shall the Board of Trustees of Floydada Independent School District be authorized to issue bonds of the District, in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount of \$44,745,000 for the construction, acquisition, renovation and equipment of school buildings in the District, with the bonds to mature serially or otherwise not more than 40 years from their date, bear interest, and be issued and sold in accordance with the law at the time of issuance; and shall the Board of Trustees be authorized to levy and pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual ad valorem taxes, on all taxable property in the District, sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds and the cost of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds?

9. The official ballots for the Election shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code so as to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid PROPOSITION with the ballots to contain such provisions, markings and language as required by law, and with such PROPOSITION to be expressed substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION

THE ISSUANCE OF \$44,745,000 OF BONDS BY FOR FLOYDADA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION, RENOVATION AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT, AND THE LEVYING **AGAINST** OF THE TAX FOR PAYMENT THEREOF

- 10. The proposition language that will appear on the ballot is set forth in Section 9 above. The purpose for which the bonds are to be authorized is set forth in Section 8 above. The principal amount of the debt obligations to be authorized is \$44,745,000. If the bonds are approved by the voters, the Board of Trustees will be authorized to levy annual ad valorem taxes, on all taxable property in the District, sufficient without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds, and the cost of any credit agreements executed in connection with the
- Based upon current market conditions at the date of the adoption of this Order, the maximum interest rate of the bonds or any series of bonds, if authorized, is estimated to be 4%. Such maximum rate is provided as a matter of information, but is not a limitation on the interest rate at which the bonds, or any series thereof, may be sold. Market conditions may vary at the time the bonds are sold and affect the available interest rate
- As set forth in Section 8 above, if the bonds are approved, they may be issued in one or more series, to mature over a specified period not to exceed 40 years. The aggregate amount of the outstanding principal of the District's debt obligations as of the beginning of the fiscal year in which the Election is ordered is \$4,835,000.00. The aggregate amount of the outstanding interest of the District's debt obligations as of the beginning of the fiscal year in which the Election is ordered is \$2,743,661.78. The ad valorem debt service tax rate for the District at the time the Election is ordered is \$0.19339 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation.
- Notice of the Election, in both English and Spanish, shall be in substantially the form of this Order, and shall contain all information required by law, including the locations and times for early voting and election day voting, as well as the proposition and ballet language to be submitted to the voters (the "Notice"). The Notice shall be published at least one time, not earlier than the 30th day or later than the 10th day prior to the date set for the Election, in a newspaper of general published in the District or, if none is published in the District, in a newspaper of general circulation in the District. In addition, not later than the 21st day prior to the date set for the Election, or not later than the next business day if the 21st day falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal state holiday, the Notice shall be posted on the bulletin board used for posting notices of meetings of the Board of Trustees. The Notice shall also be posted: (i) on election day and during early voting by personal appearance in a prominent location at each polling place; and, (ii) not later than the 21st day before the Election, in 3 public places within the boundaries of the District. During the 21 days before the Election, the Notice shall also be prominently posted on the District's internet web site. All other necessary Notices shall be posted and delivered, as may be required by
- 14. In all respects the Election shall be conducted in accordance with the Texas Election Code and any other applicable state or federal law, except as modified by the Texas Education
- The Election shall be conducted as a joint election with the City. The Joint Election Agreement (the "JEA") in the form and substance presented at this meeting is hereby approved, and the Superintendent or President of the Board of Trustees are hereby authorized and directed to take appropriate actions on behalf of the District as necessary in connection with said JEA
- To the extent permitted by law, the Board President or Superintendent, in consultation with the District's legal counsel, are hereby authorized and may make changes to the JEA, polling places, election judges and officers, and election procedures in the event changes are required because of such joint election, or which may become necessary due to circumstances arising after the date of this Order, and are further directed to take any and all action as necessary to comply with state and federal law in carrying out and conducting the Election, whether or not expressly authorized herein.

8. En las elecciones se presentará la siguiente PROPOSICIÓN, de conformidad con la ley, y que establece el propósito para el que se autorizarán los bonos:

PROPOSICIÓN

torizará al Consejo de Administración del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Floydada a emitir bonos del distrito, en una o más series, por el importe total de capital de \$44,750,000 con el fin de pagar y financiar la construcción, adquisición, reformas y equipamiento de edificios escolares del distrito, y dichos bonos tendrán fecha de vencimiento en serie o de otro modo, en un plazo no superior a 40 años desde la fecha de emisión, y devengarán intereses, y serán emitidos y vendidos de acuerdo con la ley vigente en el momento de emisión; y se autorizará al Consejo de Administración a gravar y avalar, y hacer que se calculen y recauden impuestos anuales ad valorem sobre todas las propiedades sujetas a impuestos en el distrito, suficientes, sin límite en cuanto a la tasa o cantidad, para pagar el capital e intereses de los bonos y el costo de cualquier acuerdo crediticio ejecutado en relación con dichos bonos?

Las boletas oficiales para las elecciones se prepararán de acuerdo con el Código Electoral de Texas, a fin de permitir a los electores votar "A FAVOR" o "EN CONTRA" de la PROPOSICIÓN anterior y dichas boletas incluirán las disposiciones, anotaciones y lenguaje que la ley exige, y cuya PROPOSICIÓN quedará expresada esencialmente de la manera siguiente:

PROPOSICIÓN

LA EMISIÓN DE BONOS POR EL DISTRITO A FAVOR ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE FLOYDADA POR UN VALOR DE \$44,750,000 PARA LA CONSTRUCCIÓN, ADQUISICIÓN, REFORMAS Y EQUIPAMIENTO DE EDIFICIOS ESCOLARES DEL CONTRA DISTRITO, Y EL GRAVAMEN DE IMPUESTOS PARA EL PAGO CORRESPONDIENTE.

El lenguaje de la proposición que aparecerá en la boleta está expresado en la sección 9 anterior. El propósito para el cual se autorizará la emisión de bonos está expresado en la sección 8 anterior. La cantidad de capital de las obligaciones de deuda a ser autorizada es de \$44,750,000. Si los electores aprueban la emisión de bonos, el Consejo de Administración estará autorizado a gravar anualmente impuestos ad valorem sobre todas las propiedades sujetas a impuestos en el Distrito, suficientes, sin límite en cuanto a la tasa o la cantidad para pagar el capital e intereses de los bonos y el costo de cualquier acuerdo crediticio ejecutado en relación con los mismos.

- Basándose en las condiciones actuales del mercado en la fecha en que se adopta la presente Orden, se calcula que la máxima tasa de interés de los bonos o cualquier serie de bonos, si se autoriza su emisión, será del 4%. Se indica dicha tasa máxima a título informativo, pero no constituye limitación alguna en la tasa de interés a la que los bonos, o cualquier serie de bonos, puedan venderse. Las condiciones del mercado podrían cambiar en el momento en que se vendan los bonos y afectar la tasa de interés disponible
- Como se expone en la sección 8 anterior, si se aprueba la emisión de bonos, se podrían emitir en una o más series, con un vencimiento a lo largo de un periodo específico de tiempo que no excederá los 40 años. La cantidad total del capital pendiente de las obligaciones de deuda del distrito al comienzo del año fiscal en que se ordenan las elecciones es de \$4,835,000.00. La cantidad total de intereses pendientes de las obligaciones de deuda del distrito al comienzo del año fiscal en que se ordenan las elecciones es de \$2,743.661.78. La tasa impositiva de la deuda ad valorem del distrito en el momento en que se ordenan las elecciones es de \$0.19339 por cada \$100 del valor tasado y sujeto a impuestos.
- 13. El aviso de las elecciones, tanto en inglés como en español, se redactará esencialmente en la misma forma que esta orden y contendrá toda la información que la ley exige, e incluirá los lugares y horarios de la votación por adelantado y para el día de las elecciones, así como el lenguaje de la proposición que se presentará ante los electores (el "aviso"). El aviso se publicará en un periódico del distrito o, si no se publicara periódico alguno en el distrito, en un periódico de circulación general en el distrito, al menos una vez, en fecha no anterior a 30 días ni posterior a 10 días antes del día fijado para las elecciones. Además, en fecha no posterior a 21 días antes del día fijado para las elecciones, o no posterior al siguiente día hábil. si el día vigésimo primero es un sábado, domingo o día feriado establecido por el estado, se colocará el aviso en el tablero de anuncios utilizado para colocar anuncios de las reuniones del Consejo de Administración. El aviso deberá también colocarse: (i) el día de las elecciones y durante la votación adelantada en persona en un lugar destacado en cada uno de los centros electorales; (ii) en fecha no posterior a 21 días antes del día fijado para las elecciones, en tres (3) lugares públicos dentro de los confines del distrito. Durante los 21 días antes del día fijado para las elecciones, el aviso se publicará también de manera destacada en el sitio web del distrito. Todos los demás avisos necesarios se publicarán y entregarán según lo establece la ley.
- 14. En todos los respectos las elecciones se celebrarán de conformidad con el Código Electoral de Texas y cualquier otra ley estatal o federal aplicable, excepto cuando haya sido modificado por el Código de Educación de Texas.
- 15. Las elecciones se llevarán a cabo como elecciones conjuntas con la ciudad. Por la presente se aprueba el Acuerdo para celebrar elecciones conjuntas (el "JEA", por sus siglas en inglés) en la forma y el fondo presentados en esta reunión, y por la presente se autoriza y ordena al Superintendente o Presidente del Consejo de Administración a tomar las medidas necesarias a nombre del distrito en conexión con dicho acuerdo JEA.
- En el grado permitido por la ley, el Presidente del Consejo o el Superintendente, en consulta con el asesor jurídico del distrito, queda autorizado para hacer cambios al acuerdo JEA, los centros electorales, jueces y funcionarios electorales y procedimientos electorales, en el caso de que se requieran cambios debido a dichas elecciones conjuntas o debido a circunstancias que surjan después de la fecha de esta Orden, y se le ordena además a tomar las medidas necesarias para cumplir con las leyes federales y estatales pertinentes para celebrar y llevar a cabo las elecciones, tanto si dicha autorización aparece o no expresamente autorizada en este documento.

SORGHUM

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is important to spray promptly at the proper threshold levels, use solid rates of either Sivanto Prime or Transform, and use the maximum amount of recommended gallonage per acre for spray equipment.

For the Texas High Plains, AgriLife Extension suggests using 5 fluid ounces per acre of Sivanto Prime and 1.5 ounces per acre of Transform. The application rate by air should be 5 gallons per acre and 15 gallons per acre by ground.

For the complete AgriLife Extension guidelines on treatments in the High Plains, go to http://bit. ly/2mQI4QI.

Once the decision is made to plant sorghum and the seed is purchased, producers need to outline their herbicide program, said Dr. Jourdan Bell, AgriLife Extension agronomist in Amarillo.

"We are really going to see a lot of spring annual weeds start to germinate and a herbicide program will be key to controlling them," Bell said. "In addition to burndown herbicides for current weed pressure, it is also time to begin applying residual herbicides.

"It is important to begin the production season with clean fields because in-season weeds will reduce the yield potential if not sprayed because they rob many of the nutrients and water."

She emphasized having a season-long program, which means knowing what weeds typically occur in the field and when they need to be controlled. Most weeds need to be treated before they reach more than 4 inches or the knock-down of any chemical will be limited.

Bell outlined a number of preplant herbicides that can be used, as well as some that are not yet labeled for sorghum but are a part of the sorghum herbicide research program sponsored by the United Sorghum Checkoff program.

A list of approved herbicides, including the weeds they treat and the crop tolerance considerations, can be found at http://bit. ly/2mSLvm5.

"Herbicides can be expensive, but weed pressure robs our resources and we know there is a return on the investment," Bell said. "While many producers do not want to invest in herbicides when commodity prices are down, it is important they do not lose their yield potential to weed pressure. There are many effective options that can be worked into a budget."

DeDe Jones, AgriLife Extension risk management program specialist in Amarillo, continued the discussion on sorghum and the economics of growing the crop and dealing with the issues previously outlined.

"While initially it didn't appear sorghum was going to pencil out in our crop budgets, I would caution that might not be true," Jones said. "Ask yourself what do I grow most effectively' before you begin changing crops."

She said many crop budgeting programs assume a producer reaches certain yield levels, and should be adjusted based on individual averages. The 2,500 pounds-per-acre dryland sorghum yield projected in the crop profitability analyzer may be lower than what an experienced producer can make, while the budgeted 400-pound cotton yield may be a stretch for someone who hasn't grown it before.

"We have interactive budgeting software so you can determine your breakeven costs to know what you need to make," Jones said. "Keep in mind you need to factor in all the different components, including input costs, water requirements, crop insurance, and don't forget about basis. Make sure you look at the total picture."

The AgriLife Extension 2017 Crop Profitability Analyzer can be found at http://amarillo.tamu. edu/ under Facts and Figures. The Excel document will download and then each individual producer can plug in their acreage and yields.

While it is expected to be a tough year price-wise for many crops, she said planning to market the crop throughout the year leaves room for a producer to take advantage of the different things affecting supply and demand that can cause the price to rise and fall.

Her advice was, "Control your expenses, know your breakeven prices and be ready to capitalize on market rallies."

AVISO DE CONVOCATORIA DE ELECCIONES

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A LOS ELECTORES INSCRITOS DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE FLOYDADA:

MEDIANTE ESTE DOCUMENTO SE COMUNICA QUE se celebrarán elecciones en el

Distrito Escolar Independiente de Floydada el sábado, día 6 de mayo de 2017, según está previsto en la Orden de convocatoria de elecciones para la emisión de bonos aprobada por el Consejo de Administración del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Floydada, cuya copia fiel se incluye a continuación.

ORDEN DE CONVOCATORIA DE ELECCIONES PARA LA EMISIÓN DE BONOS DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE FLOYDADA Y QUE ESTABLECE CÓMO PROCEDER EN LAS ELECCIONES Y DEMÁS ASUNTOS PERTINENTES A LAS MISMAS

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DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE FLOYDADA

CONSIDERANDO QUE, el Consejo de Administración del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Floydada (el "distrito") celebró una reunión regular el día 16 de febrero de 2017, estando dicha reunión abierta al público, y habiéndose dado aviso público de la hora, lugar y propósito de dicha reunión, según lo exige el capítulo 551 del Código Gubernamental de Texas; y,

CONSIDERANDO QUE, el Distrito considera aconsejable convocar las elecciones para la emisión de bonos (las "elecciones") que se ordenan en este documento; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, en dicha reunión se declaró y determinó oficialmente que (1) es en interés público convocar y celebrar las elecciones conjuntamente con la ciudad de Floydada (la "ciudad"); (2) la celebración de las elecciones que aquí se ordenan cumple los requisitos de elecciones conjuntas a tenor del artículo 271.001 y siguientes, del Código Electoral de Texas; y (3) es en interés público que el distrito celebre las elecciones que aquí se ordenan el día 6 de mayo de 2017, fecha para la celebración de elecciones uniformes establecida por el artículo 41.001(a) del Código Electoral de Texas; y,

AHORA, POR LO TANTO, EL CONSEJO DE ADMINISTRACIÓN DEL DISTRITO ORDENA:

1. Las declaraciones contenidas en el preámbulo de esta orden son ciertas y correctas y han sido adoptadas como decisiones de hecho y disposiciones operativas del presente documento. Se celebrarán las elecciones en el distrito entre las 7:00 de la mañana y las 7:00 de la tarde, el día 6 de mayo de 2017. Las elecciones tendrán lugar en los siguientes centros electorales y se han nombrado a los siguientes funcionarios electorales para celebrarlas:

> Centro de actividades Massie 513 West Georgia St. Floydada, TX 79235

Juez presidente: Juez suplente:

Brenda Heflin

- 2. La Juez presidente nombrará por lo menos a dos (2), pero más de cinco (5), secretarios electorales cualificados para servir y ayudar en la celebración de las elecciones, siempre que el Juez presidente ejerza sus funciones como tal, la Juez suplente será uno de dichos
- La votación adelantada se realizará mediante comparecencia en persona en el centro electoral principal para la votación adelantada:

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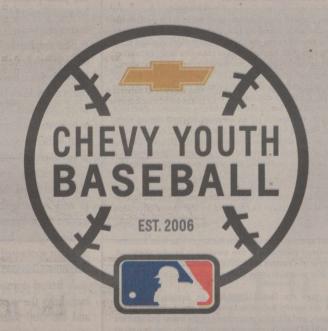
La votación adelantada se celebrará durante el periodo requerido o permitido por la ley, siendo dicho periodo desde el 24 de abril de 2018 hasta el 2 de mayo de 2017, entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 4:00 de la tarde. La votación adelantada en el Centro electoral principal para la votación adelantada tendrá lugar diariamente, excepto sábados, domingos y días feriados establecidos por el estado, en los cuales no tendrá lugar la votación adelantada en persona. El Centro electoral para la votación adelantada permanecerá abierto durante el horario arriba indicado para la votación

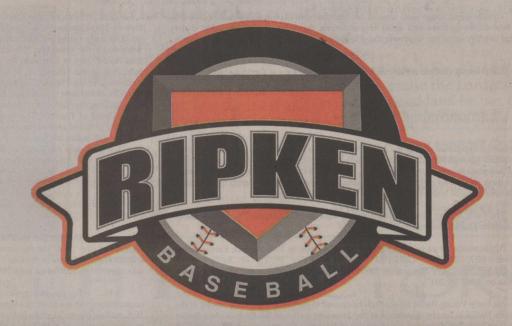
- La secretaria para la votación adelantada en estas Elecciones será Evie Salinas. La secretaria delegada para la votación adelantada será Dee Leatherman.
- 5. Las solicitudes para la votación adelantada por correo se enviarán a: Evie Salinas, Early Voting Clerk, Floydada ISD, 226 W. California, Floydada, TX 79235, o por correo electrónico a: esalinas@floydadaisd.esc17.net Las solicitudes para la votación adelantada por correo deberán recibirse antes del cierre del horario de oficinas del día 25 de abril de 2017.
- 6. Se formará un Consejo electoral para la votación adelantada que procesará los resultados de las elecciones. Por la presente se nombra a Brenda Heflin como la Juez presidente de dicho Consejo. La mencionada juez presidente, a su vez, nombrará por lo menos a dos (2) miembros más para servir en el Consejo de votación para la votación adelantada
- Todos los electores calificados que residan en el distrito tendrán derecho a votar en las elecciones.



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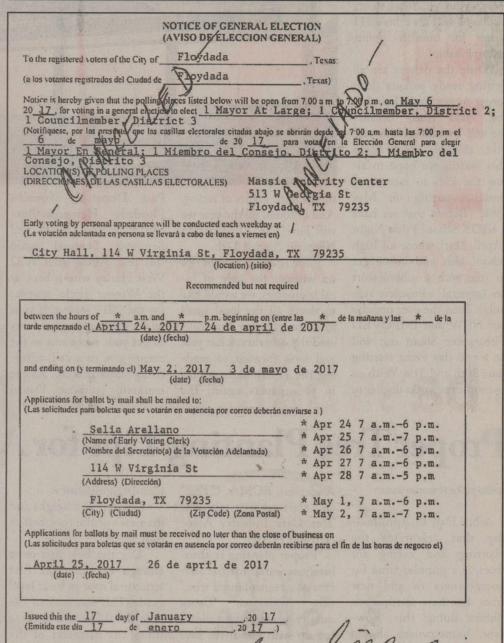
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follow both nights of racing. And to round up the year we will have Fan Appreciation Night on August 11th.

These events cannot go on without the help of local businesses; we would like to thank all the local small town newspapers that covered the other track last year and look forward to reading the Friday night results in your papers again: The

Post Dispatch, Slatonite, Floydada Hesperian-Beacon, Plainview Herald, and Seminole Sentinel again this year. Along with Wild West Harley who is back as the Winner circle sponsor for the 2017 season. If your business is looking for a way to get your name out at the events give us a call, advertising starts at \$250. As the marketing director Daniel

Shank has requested WTR keep the prices affordable to bring in small business (Branding Iron Cowboy Outfitters / Nedal Jett State Farm) and the Big Business too (Norvell Craine Services). And we must not forget the voice of WTR Scott Bailey of 87.7 FM who talks dirty on Fridays morning at 8 a.m. - 9 a.m. with many special racing guests.

DCHHS Urges **Residents to Prepare** for Mosquito Season

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

DALLAS (March 31, 2017) - Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) Director Zachary Thompson is urging residents to take precaution against West Nile and Zika virus as mosquito season approaches.

In today's press conference, DCHHS Director Zachary Thompson advised that mosquito season is generally from May to November. With mosquito season approaching, prevention is the key to combating the threat of mosquito borne diseases.

"As the weather gets warmer it is important for residents to take sensible steps to protect themselves from mosquitoes," said Zachary Thompson, DCHHS director. "Citizens can assist the county and municipal mosquito abatement teams by being proactive with mosquito control at their homes and workplaces."

Residents can help themselves and the community by getting rid of mosquito breeding spots-

Eliminate standing water in and around your home. Throw out or empty and scrub items that hold water such as tires, buckets, planters, toys, pools and birdbaths.

Dispose of trash such as plastic bags, bottle caps, open drink cans or bottles, disposable cups and food wrappers.

Keep mosquitoes out of your home by using air conditioning when available and making sure there are screens onwindows and doors and that screens do not have holes.

Clean out roof gutters and down-spouts. Ensure tarps and swimming pool covers are positioned so water drains off.

DCHHS is launching a public education and awareness campaign that includes a website where residents can find a wealth of information about eliminating mosquitoes. The prevention campaign also includes a host of public health events, updated printed materials, public service announcements and social media campaigns.

"The fight against mosquito-borne viruses is a joint effort among us all," said Dr. Christopher Perkins, DCHHS medical director/ health authority. "Stopping mosquitoes where they breed by draining or treating standing water is especially crucial, but residents should adhere to all protection recommendations. Residents can protect themselves and their loved ones from mosquito bites by remembering and practicing the 4Ds."

· DEET All Day, Every Day: Whenever you're outside, use insect repellents that contain DEET or other EPA approvedrepellents and follow instructions.

• Dress: Wear long, loose, and light-colored clothing outside.

· Drain: Drain or treat all standing water in and around your home or workplace.

Dusk & Dawn: Limit outdoor activities during dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active.

In 2016, there were 62 imported cases of Zika virus, 61 confirmed cases of West Nile virus and three WNV deaths. To date, DCHHS has confirmed four imported cases Dallas County residents this year.

Proper Tree Planting Tips for Arbor Day

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Arbor Day, an April holiday that celebrates the planting and caring for trees, is a popular time for homeowners to add new trees to their landscapes. Before doing this, however, homeowners should consider advice from expert arborists to ensure the trees' longevity.

"Too often, consumers waste hundreds of dollars on trees that will die because they were planted too deep," cautions Tchukki sumers to follow these

Andersen, BCMA, CTSP* and staff arborist with the Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA).

"Proper planting is absolutely essential for the success of a transplanted tree," says Andersen. "Using quality plants and followpractices, such as watering, pruning and fertilizing, will tree. The most common mistake is planting the root ball too deep."

Andersen advises con-

planting guidelines:

Measure the height and diameter of the root ball or root spread.

Dig the hole just deep enough to allow the first structural root to be at level grade. The diameter of the hole should be two to three ing up with good tree care - times the diameter of the root ball or root spread.

Set the tree on undisnot save a poorly planted turbed solid ground in the center of the hole. The tree should be planted so that the root flare, the base of the tree trunk where the roots begin to "flare-out," will be visible above grade.

> Backfill with soil from the planting hole, using water to pack or settle the soil around the root ball. Do not tamp soil by stepping on it.

> with 2 to 4 inches of an organic, composted mulch such as wood chips. Do not mulch up to or against the trunk. Start the mulch 6 inches away from the tree

> Trees should be pruned after planting to remove broken, damaged, diseased or dead branches.

· Stake and/or protect the trunk of the tree if there is a real potential for wind damage or lawn-mower injury. Remove the guy wires (string, rope, wire or other ties used with supports) when the staking is no longer needed or the tree could be injured or even killed from girdling by the wire.

· Prune to develop a the tree has become established in its new home, after planting. Never re-

of total foliage in one year. (Depending on the tree and its condition, some arborists advocate capping pruning at an even lower percentage.)

· Fertilizing is not recommended at the time of planting.

Homeowners can purchase trees packaged in three common forms:

1. Bare-root plants may be sold with the roots tightly packed in a moisture-retaining medium that is wrapped with paper or plastic, or with roots loosely covered by a moist packing medium. Roots must be adequately moistened prior to planting. Roots are spread out evenly in the

hole when planting.

with balls of soil protect- side of the pot. These trees ing their root systems. Soil will take a long time to get balls are heavy, so profes- established after planting sional arborists who have because the roots have difproper equipment should ficulty growing beyond the be hired to plant large thick ring of circling roots. trees. Smaller B&B trees Immediately before plantshould be carried with a ing container trees, prune hand under the ball. Carry- any circling roots. Root ing a B&B tree by the stem pruning can cut up to 50 or branches can result in percent of the roots in conserious root damage. When tainer trees but this is still planting, carefully remove sufficient to permit plant the top layer of soil on the establishment. This comroot ball down to the first pares with pruning about 10 structural root. Set the root percent or less of the root ball in the hole, position system being transplanted the tree, then remove twine with B&B trees. Always reand nails. Remove or fold move the container prior to back burlap from the upper planting. third of the root ball, and cut any wire caging.

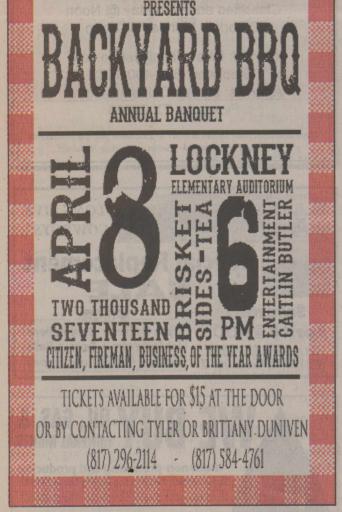
good branch structure once have the advantage of a and work with you to deroot system that is relative- termine the best care for ly undisturbed at planting, your trees. Contact the Tree usually one to three years but beware of "pot-bound" Care Industry Association, container trees. Do not buy a public and professional move more than 25 percent container trees that have resource on trees and arbo-

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A professional arborist 3. Container-grown trees can assess your landscape

2. Balled-and-burlapped a large amount of roots riculture since 1938. TCIA Mulch the planting area (B&B) trees are moved completely circling the in- has more than 2,300 member tree care firms and affiliated companies who recognize stringent safety and performance standards and who are required to carry liability insurance. TCIA also has the nation's only Accreditation program that helps consumers find tree care companies that have been inspected and accredited based on: adherence to industry standards for quality and safety; maintenance of trained, professional staff; and dedication to ethics and quality in business practices. For more, visit www.tcia.org or www. treecaretips.org.

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