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Lockney Chamber honors citizen, business, firemen



Treasurer Brittany Duniven and President Archie Jones awarded Michael DeLeon, owner and operator of Main Street Pizza the 2016 Business of the Year.



Renee Armstrong (left) awarded Dr. Sharri Moore (right) the 2016 citizen of the year award. Renee was 2015 Citizen of the Year.



Justin Wright (left) and Ricky Ascensio (right) were both awarded Fireman of the Year in a tie.

By Kay Ellington
 The Hesperian-Beacon

Outstanding individuals making a difference in the Lockney community received recognition Saturday night in the annual Lockney Chamber

Banquet. For Fireman of the Year there was a tie. Both men were both described as dependable and someone would answer a call in the middle of the night at any time. They spend many hours away from their families

taking classes and courses to volunteer in such a heroic way for the community. Because of such commitment from both men, the Chamber selected Justin Wright and Ricky Ascensio as Firemen of the Year. The Business of the Year was

Main Street Pizza, a business that has consistently donated to assist in fundraising for local organizations such as Boy Scouts, Lockney High School and youth sports teams, the Lockney Chamber of Commerce, the Lockney Long-

horn band, accelerated reader programs, project graduation, Noah's Ark preschool, the Lockney fire department, the local churches and many other organizations and events. Accepting the award on behalf of See **HONORS**, Page 9

Upcoming

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

HOLY WEEK - ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Floydada will be holding services for Holy Week.

Services: Thursday, April 13 - Holy Thursday, 7 p.m. - Lord's Supper - Washing of the Feet; Friday, April 14 - Good Friday - 7 p.m. - Passion - Adoration of the Cross; Saturday, April 15 - 7 p.m. - Vigil of Resurrection; Sunday, April 16th - 11:30 a.m. - Resurrection of the Lord.

GENEALOGICAL WORKSHOP AT FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM

Buffalo Grass Chapter NSDAR along with the Floyd County Historical Museum will be hosting a Genealogical Workshop at the Floyd County Historical Museum on Saturday, April 29 from 10 a.m. until ???. Bring a sack lunch or pick up lunch at a restaurant in town. The museum will provide tea and coffee. Chapter members will be available to help you research.

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.

OLD SETTLER'S ASSOCIATION

The Old Settler's Association will be holding meetings on 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. See **UPCOMING**, Page 9

Annual Floyd County Friends Gala breaks records



Courtesy photos

By Segayle Foster
 Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The 22nd Annual Floyd County Friends Benefit Gala was held Saturday March 25th, 2017 at the Unity Center. The night was filled with socializing, laughter, dancing and once again **BREAKING RECORDS** raising money, for the operating costs of the Unity Center that we are so blessed to have in Floyd County.

The building is used for many different events such as meetings, proms, receptions, weddings, family gatherings, 4-H events and so much more. Not only was it a record in the amount of tickets sold at 439, but this event also grossed over \$88,000! We are so thankful for all the support to make it a

RECORD BREAKING year for the 2nd year in a row!

The gala started at 6:30 p.m. with a Welcome and Invocation by the President of the Floyd County Friends Board of Directors, Chad Cook. As our guests were enjoying their dinner, we were blessed to have Steve Burrus and the High Plains Drifters as the opening band. They did such a fantastic job playing covers of Meryl Haggard and many more artists. The guests also enjoyed the Coffee Bar provided by Gold Stripped Coffee sponsored by Happy State Bank.

The \$1,000 giveaway sponsored by Fibermax was very entertaining as every ticket holder was eligible to win and every table had a representative. Gary Norrell was the winner

and walked out with \$1,000 cash in hand. The raffle was a hit like always. We sold 755 tickets and made \$12,231 and for the first time in a while, all 5 winners were present at the gala. Amy Kress was the first name drawn and she picked the Turquoise Squash Blossom from Artisan Jewelry, Sarah Sanders was next and she got the beautiful 14 kt. White Gold Diamond Bracelet from Thacker Jewelry, Dusty Cornelius got the Phantom 4 Drone with Accessories, Justin Lofton won the Henry Golden Boy Rifle 22 mag and Karston Storer was the last winner and he received the series 2 38mm Apple Watch.

Before the main entertainment began the live auction. See **GALA**, Page 9

Small business lending program kicks off in Floydada

By Deon Fincher
 Floydada Chamber of Commerce

Small and Micro-enterprises in Floydada now have access to \$100,000 in revolving loan funds thanks to the Texas Department of Agriculture's SMRF revolving loan fund program. The \$100,000 fund is to be utilized solely for merchants of the Floydada com-

munity. The City of Floydada, together with the Economic Development Office accepted the \$100,000 award from the TDA's Community Development Block Grant funds. The Small and Micro-enterprise Revolving Fund (SMRF) is designed to assist small business creation or expansions. See **PROGRAM**, Page 9



Courtesy photo

Photo: (left to right) Jeff Johnston, City Manager, Selia Arellano, City Secretary, Jesse Finley, EDC manager, and Cicily Miller, Caprock Business Finance Corp. Not pictured, Deon Fincher, manager Floydada Chamber of Commerce.

FHS boys tennis wins district



Courtesy photo

The FHS tennis team advances to regional after a strong district performance at Plainview including the boys winning district. Shown in this photo: Back, l-r, Alejandro Pinon, Kortney Campbell, Brayden Campbell, Ethan Smith, Remington Ricketts, Andrew Vega, Keenan Nixon, Jaiden Blakey, Garrett Hobbs, Ethan Rodriguez. Bottom, l-r, Brooke Galvan, Azalea Garza, Esteban Lerma, Lindsey Marquez, Izel Pancheco. Not pictured: Marissa Valdivia

By Kay Ellington
 The Hesperian-Beacon

The Floydada boys' varsity tennis team won District

in Plainview on Monday, April 3. All 1st and 2nd places will go on to compete at the Regional meet April 17-18. See **TENNIS**, Page 6

Correction

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

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 Baby Shower Selections
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Lighthouse Electric Co-op to retire \$2 Million in capital credits

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Capital credit retirement checks will be handed out to Lighthouse Electric Cooperative members at the 78th Annual Membership Meeting on Thursday evening, April 27, 2017, at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center in Muncy, between Floydada and Lockney on US Highway 70. The Lighthouse Board of Directors, at their March meeting in Memphis, Texas, prior to the Hall County District Meeting, authorized the payment of \$2,000,000 in prior years' capital credit retirements for 2017.

A health fair, meal, activities for youngsters supervised by Floydada High School Band members and adult leaders,

door prizes, attendance prize goodie bags, visiting with friends and neighbors, and learning more about their cooperative's business—along with the opportunity to pick up prior years' capital credit checks - serve as the draw for members who attend.

The meeting kicks off with a Health Fair at 3:30 p.m. featuring health screenings by area health care professionals and informational booths manned by volunteers from local and area organizations. Registration for the business meeting starts at 4:30 p.m., and the fish, chicken and barbeque meal catered by Danny's Fins & Hens begins at 5:00 p.m., followed by the business meeting at 6:30 p.m.

The business meeting includes the election of three directors. This year's positions are Districts 1, 2, and 4. Chosen by the nominating committee to stand for election are: District 1 - Mark Appling and Bill Walker; District 2 - John Dunlap and Carlton Johnson. Appling and Dunlap are the incumbents. The District 4 nominee, elected by the membership present at the Hall County District Meeting in Memphis, Texas on March 30, is incumbent Ronald Mullin.

Three separate drawings for prizes will be held, and the meeting will conclude with a drawing for the Grand Prize of \$750 cash.

All Lighthouse members and their guests are invited.

Last bond election meeting to be held April 25 at First Methodist

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

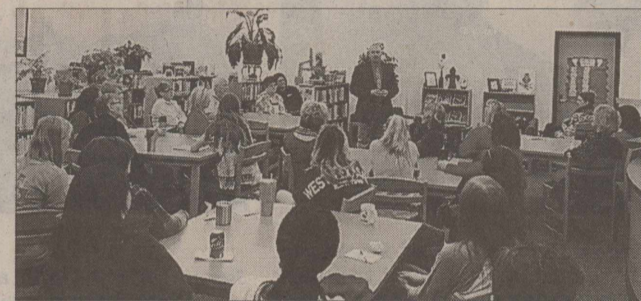
There's just one more community meeting to answer questions about the May 6 Fisd bond election. That community meeting will be April 25 at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Citizens will have an opportunity to ask questions and engage in conversation with school personnel and board members regarding information on the proposed bond and construction project. These sessions will allow you to gain factual information so you will be fully informed as you cast your vote on May 6th or in early voting April 24th through May 2nd.

Early voting will be held weekdays from April 24th - May 2nd from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Fisd Central Office. Election day is May 6th and voting will be held at the Massie Activity Center from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

To recap the key points of the 2017 Bond/Construction Proposal:

Identified Facility Needs



Courtesy photo

FISD continues community meetings to answer questions about the May 6 bond election. Dr. Gilbert Trevino, FISD superintendent, shown here has appeared in a series of meetings to answer questions.

- Floydada HS was constructed in 1957 (new wing added in 1967)

- Facility assessments performed in 2014 by TASA and in 2016 by Parkhill, Smith, and Cooper Architects and Engineering - both assessed the high school as a campus in need of replacement

- Immediate issues: security of the campus, electrical issues, plumbing issues, energy inefficient heating and air units, building foundation, and educating children in a 21st Century learning environment

Total Projected 2017 Values

- \$991,604,607

- (\$503,356,672 in 2016)

Tax Rate Information

- If the bond receives voter approval, FISD intends to pay off the 2007 bonds that were used to construct A.B. Duncan Elementary using district fund balance.

- The total 2017 bond proposal is \$44,745,000

- The total impact to the Interest and Sinking (I&S) Rate is estimated to be \$0.438 (\$0.245 more than the current rate)

Construction Being Considered

- A new 6-12 secondary campus with an Ag/Building Trades Facility

- A new football stadium and track located next to the secondary campus

- Lots of parking lots are incorporated into the campus and football stadium

The Paperboy The persecution of Christians continues

Why isn't the Mainstream Media covering the attacks on Christians in the Middle East?

ISIS has said they want to eliminate Christians and Jews off of the face of the earth then proceed to bomb churches and our media is so obsessed with Russians and Trump that we scarcely hear about it.

This disturbs me in several ways but mostly as a Christian and a news person.

As a Christian, it's a little scary to think someone wants you dead for your way of life. What if I had called out the Muslim faith and said something vile on Page 1? Do you think the Mainstream Media would cover that?

As a news person, the MSM lack of coverage goes against everything I was taught in college regarding news coverage.

In the last decade, it seems like common sense has been replaced by doctrine by those in the media. Their politically correct culture has taken over their sound judgement in many instances.

We have got to come to a place in our society where we actually stop devolving and start solving the issues before us.

My advice to the media is to drop the bias and cover the news. There are a million stories they can cover without dedicating entire newscasts - or even an entire day - to Washington politics.

Judging by their horrible ratings, you would think they would get a clue regarding their coverage and constant opinion-giving.

United Airlines has a big problem.

Maybe you saw the video of them forcibly removing a paying passenger from a plan Sunday. It was disgusting.

This passenger, a doctor who was trying to get from Chicago to Louisville to see his patients the following day, did not want to get off the aircraft as demanded by the airline. United proceeded to rough him up and drag him off of the plan. It was brutal!

I don't know if you've flown lately, but it's about as fun as prepping for a colonoscopy. The airlines, who charge you separately for your luggage, carryons, seating area, snacks, etc... overbook their flights then kick people off of airplanes. What a terrible business model!

United and other airlines should be ashamed of their business practices.

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The 501

A show for the eye doctor



HANABA MUNN WELCH

Too much information. That's what an ophthalmologist sees when your eyes are dilated and your retina turns into a movie screen. For instance, if you've got heart disease, what's showing is a B Western with Cholesterol as the villain.

Sure enough, my ophthalmologist said, "I see your pulse."

At least she didn't tell me everything else she saw. I don't want to know everything that's wrong with me. I wouldn't even have been under her scrutiny if I hadn't been attacked by a giant cataract.

Hmmm. Sounds like a theme for a B horror flick - Attack of the Cataracts. Everything could go blurry when the Cataracts invade, a perfect way to draw the audience into the action. I picture the

Cataracts looking like little Blobs, only translucent and floating everywhere, attaching themselves to unsuspecting victims here and there, wreaking havoc, causing blindness. Ultimately it would take heroes armed with laser guns to zap them all and save humanity. In one sense, that scenario is pretty close to the truth, except for the invasion part. For the movie, you've gotta have an invasion.

DISCLAIMER:

My opening comment about what an ophthalmologist sees is just what I remember from freshman biology, all pertinent facts clouded by time the way my cataract clouds what I see through my left eye.

ADVICE:

Know your enemy. For a few weeks, I simply guessed at what might be wrong with my eye, assuming the worst, thinking it was some sort of irreparable tear in something. I thought I could feel it. When it didn't heal, I started practicing being blind in my left eye, closing it to

try driving with just my other eye. Don't try it.

Finally, when my husband mentioned his upcoming annual eye exam, I casually remarked I should probably go myself. He brought home the required paperwork.

When I returned the forms to the clinic, I noticed the primary ophthalmologist's first name, "Brett," was spelled out in big letters above the reception counter, along with his last name. I told the frontline receptionist they had "Brett" spelled wrong on the forms. It was missing a "T." She said the name was spelled correctly. I looked again. I insisted it was wrong. She insisted it was right. I looked again. She was right.

I sort of felt like someone had handed me my sign - one written in big fat letters: GET YOUR EYES CHECKED.

A couple of days later I was back as a patient. First, the technician measured my eyes and took pictures and got me to read charts different from the one at the driver's license office. On a computer she showed me glowing color pictures of my eyes, the left one virtually obscured by a big blurry fast-growing cataract. Both the tech and the ophthalmologist seemed impressed with my cataract, sort of like they'd snagged a really big fish.

My surgery is next month.

I'm starting to miss my cataract already. I like to think he's got a future in Hollywood.

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SOCIETY

3rd Annual Eggs & Flight Festival Set for Sunday, April 16

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

"A great opportunity for families and friends to get together, have a picnic, and enjoy spring," is how Chamber manager Deon Fincher described the Third Annual Eggs and Flight Festival set

for Sunday, April 16, next to the city pool in Floydada.

The fun begins at 1 p.m. with Easter egg hunts for three different age groups:
-Toddler to 4 years-old
-5 years to 1st grade
-2nd grade to 3rd grade
In addition to the egg hunt, there will be kite flying. So,

bring your kite. If you don't have one, kites will be provided.

There will also be live music performances and face painting. The festival is sponsored by the City of Floydada and the Floydada Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call 806-983-2834.

Ethelyn Garnett quilt



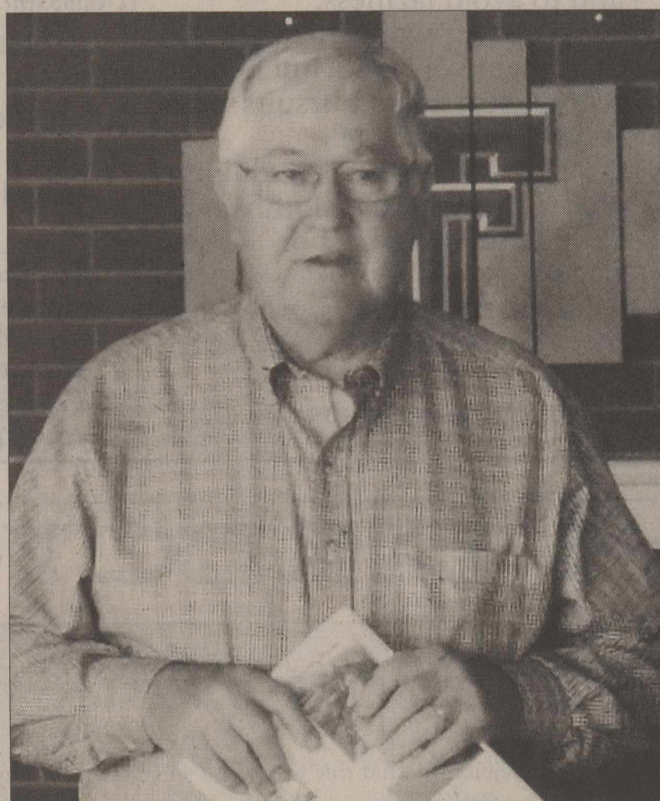
Photo by Carol Campbell

Ethelyn Vernon of Lockney, a member of the Razzle Dazzle Red Hats Society, won 3rd Place in Mixed Technique quilt competition at the Ogallala Quilt Festival held in Dimmitt, Texas, on March 31-April 1, 2017. Ethelyn is shown in picture holding her quilt.

Floydada Rotary

Photo Courtesy of Karen Houchlin

President **Clar Schacht** called on his cousin and President of the Lockney Rotary Club, **Paul Schacht**, to bring the program for the Club. **Rotarian Schacht** is a collector of Railroad artifacts. He presented a very fascinating history of Railroad time keeping and its importance in keeping the trains running on time. He presented photos of the official clocks used to keep time in the depots. He spoke of watches used to keep time by Railroad conductors. He brought examples of timetables used by the trains in 1956 and 2015 for a comparison. Thank you to President Schacht for asking Lockney President Schacht to present his historical program on Railroad timekeeping.



Museum Archives

Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

ANDERSON AND BEALL

By Mrs. Jonny Adams
(Written from memories of Bertie Hill (Lockney) and her sister Gladys Hansen (Mesa, Arizona), December 1977)

The Thomas Franklin Anderson, Sr., family came from Mashulville, Mississippi to Austin, Texas, where they lived several years before moving to Floyd Co. by covered wagons in 1891. They established a farm homestead in the Irick Community.

John Killis Anderson, the second son of seven children born to T. F. Anderson Sr. and his wife Margaret Hunter Anderson, married Beulah Beall in 1892. To this union were born five children. The oldest, Thomas Franklin Jr. known as TF, was born in 1894 in a half-dugout on the homestead. A second son, O. Jay, was born in 1897. John Killis built a two-room house with lumber hauled by wagon team from Amarillo. This home was blessed by the birth of two daughters, Bertie Mae in 1900 (now Bertie Hill, still living in Lockney) and Gladys Viola in 1903. Another daughter Lora Winona, was

born in 1911 on a place owned by Will McGhee in the south edge of Lockney.

In the early 1900's a prairie fire destroyed John Killis' barn and all the feed and grain except for a sack of shelled corn that was in the house. This was to be taken to Jim Dagle and ground into meal. Neighbors came to help fight the fire and saved the house with water pumped by hand. All the animals were singed and the cows bags were blistered from the heat. The chickens were huddled against the northeast side of the house away from the raging fire.

John Killis sold the homestead in 1905 and moved to Floyd, New Mexico (Roosevelt Co.) where he filed homestead on 160 acres. John Killis and son, TF, would come back to Lockney to work in the harvest and do odd jobs. Beulah and the younger children would stay on in New Mexico at least six months each year. One year Beulah told the children that TF must be coming home for Christmas because all night the windmill had seemed to say "TF is com-

ing for Christmas-TF is coming for Christmas." One evening TF did drive in bringing other relatives from Texas for Christmas. The family lived out the claim in 1917, sold it, and moved back to the Irick Community.

The Thomas Fredrick Beall family came to Floyd Co. the same year as the Andersons (1891). They came from Van Zandt Co, where Mr. Beall was born. This family also homesteaded in the Irick Community and lived in a half-dugout (there John Killis Anderson and Beulah Beall were married.)

Grandpa Beall freighted lumber by wagon from Amarillo and built a four-room house on the homestead. Years later he sold the place (known by many as the Sutton place, recently burned). The land is presently farmed by W.H. (Doc) Britton.

Grandpa Beall built another house just to the north and west on a tract of land where he lived many years. His body was laid to rest in the Irick Cemetery along with other members of the Beall and Anderson families.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By LuAnn Collins
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - "Bingo Night" 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, Texas 79235

MENU April 17 - April 21

- Monday - Sirloin patty w/natural gravy
- Tuesday - Texas nachos
- Wednesday - BBQ ribs
- Thursday - Beef stew
- Friday - Fried chicken w/cream gravy

(Menus subject to change without notice)

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - 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 only.

Be sure and call the Center by 9:30 a.m. if you would like to eat. Our phone number is 652-2745.

Remember Exercise with Dorothy - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8:45 - 9:30 a.m.

Coffee time - Monday- Saturday - 9:30-10:30 a.m.

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

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

MENU April 17 - April 21

- Monday - Baked potatoes
- Tuesday - Taco salad
- Wednesday - Chicken fried steak
- Thursday - Spaghetti
- Friday - Roast beef

(Menus subject to change without notice)

Home Country

By Slim Randles

When it comes right down to it, only Dewey could do it. Our local disaster zone, Dewey Decker, is one of the kindest-hearted guys you ever met, but ... things happen when Dewey's around.

No one can forget how Dewey managed to get his dad's pickup stuck in the only mudhole in the county during a three-year drought, and tongues are still wagging about him turning over the grease truck on the interstate on-ramp. He's finally settled into being what he calls an "entremanure" handling truckloads of cow manure from the feedlot and dairy into town and turning it into quite a successful business, which now includes fishing worms, compost, fertilizer tea, and other branch services.

So, recently, when we headed into the Mule Barn truck stop for our morning coffee, we were surprised to see our resident cowboy, Steve, moaning and holding his head in his hands. "What's wrong?"

"Dewey," he moaned. Sometimes there's a complete novel in the pronunciation of a single name.

It turns out Bob Milford out at the Diamond W put out the word locally that he could use some help with the spring gather and branding.

Steve and Dud both went to help, but so did Dewey. Bob didn't know what to do with Dewey, but finally put him on a gentle horse. After all, it's been two years since Dewey helped Bob with the branding and managed to vaccinate Dud for blackleg.

"We were doing all right and working along this ridge," said Steve, "when here comes ol' Dewey just a-foggin' it and he tell us we have to help him because he has a cow up a tree."

Oh yeah. This is gonna be good.

"Seems Dewey choused

this old black baldy cow right off this big rock outcropping and she landed in the forks of a tree below. He was almost hysterical. So we looked at this wreck and Bob told Dud to go back to the truck and get the chainsaw.

"And you should've heard Dewey begging us not to cut up the cow because it was all his fault." Steve grinned and shook his head. "We just let him go on like that until we cut the tree down."

Brought to you by "The Cowboy's Bucket List" available at LPD Press.com.

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

LENT SEASON FISH FRY

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

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Fri. March 31, Fri. April 7 & Fri. April 14

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OBITUARIES/CHURCH

William Ronald "Bill" Hale

William Ronald "Bill" Hale, died Wednesday, April 5, 2017.

Bill was born July 17, 1930, in Floydada, Texas to Walton Parker and Mary Vick Hale.

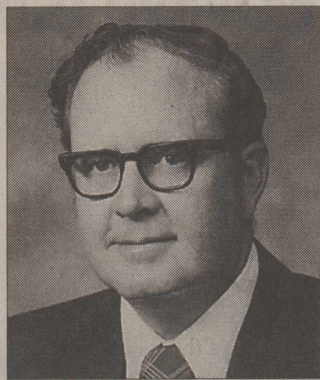
Bill graduated from Floydada High School in 1947, and from Texas Tech in 1955. He served in the United States Air Force during the Korean Conflict. Other than his time at Texas Tech and his time in the

Air Force, he lived in Floydada his entire life; where he managed Hale's Department Store for 45 years.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn; sons Steve, and wife, Karen, Mike, and wife, Mitzi; and Richard, and wife, Gail; 8 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Per Bill's wishes, there will be no services.

To all our friends who have stood by us, the fam-



BILL HALE

ily wants you to know how much we have appreciated you all.

Armando Ybarra

Armando Ybarra, age 63 of Floydada, passed away on Thursday, April 6, 2017.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, April 8, 2017 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home Chapel in Floydada. Reverend Hope Vaquera officiated.

Interment followed at the Floydada Cemetery.

Visitation was held from 6 - 8:00 p.m., Friday, April 7, 2017 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home Chapel.

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

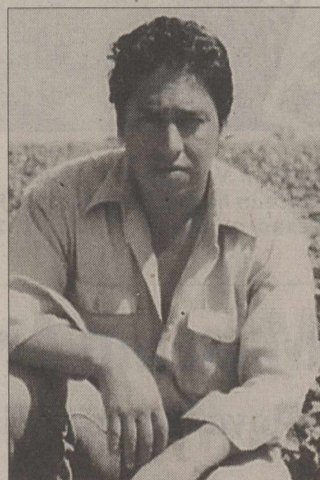
Armando was born January 21, 1954 in Robstown, Texas to Liborio and Sa-

bina (Irlas) Ybarra.

Armando loved going to the local garage sales to buy different items. He enjoyed watching all sorts of movies and listening to music. Armando always hung out with his family and friends, especially his father, Liborio Ybarra. He will be greatly missed by his friends and family.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Sabina Ybarra.

Armando is survived by his father, Liborio Ybarra, Sr.; son, Ricky Ybarra; his companion, Lupe Garza of Floydada; two brothers, Luis Ybarra and wife, Lina of Altus, Oklahoma, and Liborio Ybarra, Jr. of Floy-



ARMANDO YBARRA

dada; three sisters, Anita Navarro and husband, Armando of Plainview, Isabel Ybarra of Floydada, and Maria Elena Ybarra of Floydada and several nieces and nephews.



Levi Sisemore

Put It Off Till Tomorrow

"Never do hard to work for others - a boss, today what you a spouse, a parent - but the can put off till Bible offers a solution for that, tomorrow!" too: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working masters, since you know that retorted, when urged to apply for the Lord, not for human themselves to the task at hand. Perhaps that person was me you will receive an inheritance (on the other hand, maybe it from the Lord as a reward. It is was you). I know that one of my the Lord Christ you are serving" weaknesses is the lack of dogged (Col. 3:23f).

stick-to-itiveness I see in others. In fact, if we find ourselves I can - and do - work long hours behind in our work or owing on tasks from which I derive someone a sum of money, the enjoyment or satisfaction, but Bible urges us to make haste and there are other projects that I work off the debt!

"Give your eyes no sleep and your eyelids no slumber; save yourself like a gazelle from the hand of the hunter, like a bird from the hand of the fowler. Go to the ant, O sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise. Without having any chief, officer, or ruler, she prepares her bread in summer and gathers her food in harvest. How long will you lie there, O sluggard? When will you arise from your sleep? A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, and poverty will come upon you like a robber, and want like an armed man." (Prov. 6:4-11)

Through the Bible, God gives us wisdom to apply to our lives which ought to encourage us to be disciplined to "get after it" and to avoid laziness:

"Whoever works his land will have plenty of bread, but he who follows worthless pursuits lacks sense" (Prov. 12:11).

"The hand of the diligent will rule, while the slothful will be put to forced labor" (Prov. 12:24).

"In all toil there is profit, but mere talk tends only to poverty" (Prov. 14:23).

Sometimes it seems especially

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

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Pray a Happy Prayer

Paul wrote, "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" —Philippians 4:4 (NIV)

As my daughter neared the end of her long and difficult battle with cancer, her husband and her father and I were often at her bedside. I'm sure our prayers reflected the sadness we felt, anticipating the separation we knew was coming. But one day our daughter said, "Mom, pray a happy prayer." I immediately understood. She wanted to hear a prayer that was not about her illness, but a prayer thanking God for our family's love, the happy years we'd had together, and our faith that we would be united in our heavenly home.

With her request, my prayer life was forever changed. From

that day forward, I have tried to pray joyful prayers: God loves us, and Jesus died for our sins and has prepared a glorious home in heaven for us — ample reason to rejoice.

Of course, some sadness is inevitable. Even Jesus wept when his friend Lazarus died. But I will always be thankful to my beloved daughter for asking me to pray a happy prayer. Words like rejoice, glad, and joy abound in the Bible. And I can't help but believe that God is pleased with prayers of praise and thanksgiving.

—Peggy Orr Mason (Tennessee, USA)

Though for the Day: Today I will pray a "happy prayer."

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

10 Ways to Make Your Landscape Earth Kind

By Cristen Brooks
CEA-AG/NR, Floyd County

Information taken from an article by Tim Hartmann, Texas A&M Extension Horticulture Specialist, Earth-Kind® focuses on using environmentally friendly management practices to produce landscapes that are beautiful, low-maintenance, and sustainable. The following are ten practices that can easily be implemented to transform an existing landscape into one that is Earth-Kind® (<http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/earthkind/>).

1. Mulch
Adding and maintaining a three-inch layer of plant-derived mulch, such as native hardwood, will significantly reduce the amount of water required in the landscape. Mulch also helps prevent weeds and erosion, modifies the soil temperature, and serves as continuous supply of organic matter for the soil beneath.

2. Low-volume irrigation
Micro and drip irrigation is typically at least 90 percent efficient compared to traditional sprinkler irrigation (50 to 70 percent) because it applies water only where it is needed and slowly enough to minimize

runoff and evaporation loss.

3. Irrigation auditing/evaluation
An assessment of your irrigation system's efficiency and effectiveness will help identify problems such as leaks or sprinkler heads that are damaged or misaligned. Measuring sprinkler output and coverage will help you determine if the coverage is uniform and how long you should run your irrigation system.

4. Cycle and soak watering
Programming your irrigation system to split runtimes into several shorter cycles can save a substantial amount of water.

5. Integrated Pest Management (IPM)
This balanced approach to pest control focuses on using cultural, biological, and mechanical control measures. Under IPM, chemical control is used only as a last resort. Strategies include using pest and disease tolerant plants, preserving pest's natural enemies, and excluding or physically removing pests.

6. Composting
You can convert yard waste such as leaves, grass clippings, and pruning waste into compost, rather than paying to have it removed and added to a landfill. A properly managed

compost pile can produce a valuable soil amendment in one to three months.

7. Fertilizing based on soil tests
Sampling the soil in your lawn or landscape properly and having it analyzed can help the environment and your wallet. A soil test will reveal the specific nutrients that your soil may be lacking and will help you choose an appropriate fertilizer.

8. Rainwater harvesting
Collecting and storing rainwater can reduce your water bill. Capture and storage can be as simple as placing a barrel under a downspout.

9. Preparing planting areas
Preparing the soil properly can drastically reduce the need for fertilizers in both new and existing beds. It can also reduce disease problems and the amount of water required.

10. Turf maintenance
Sound turf management can greatly reduce your lawn's labor, water, and fertilizer requirements.

Keeping turf mowed to a reasonably greater height promotes a deeper root system, reduces plant stress, and provides more shade for the soil surface. It is also recommended that you leave grass clippings as they provide valuable nitrogen.

SPC to offer NRA personal protection in the home course

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LEVELLAND - South Plains College will offer the NRA Personal Protection In the Home course on April 15 (Saturday) in room 115 of SPC's Law Enforcement Technology building.

Personal Protection In The Home is a vital course for anyone who keeps a pistol at home for self-defense, and is an excellent tactical follow-up for anyone who has a License To Carry. It is also a recommended course for teachers and staff whose school is considering allowing them to be armed, and it is a required prerequisite for the more advanced Personal Protection Outside the Home course. It requires that the participant can handle a firearm safely and shoot with some de-

gree of accuracy. It is not a Basic Pistol course for beginners.

The classroom portion covers defensive shooting skills, firearms and the law, how to choose a handgun for self-defense, and how to respond to a violent confrontation in the home. It also includes hardening the house against burglars and creating a safe room in case of a home invasion. The range portion will be taught in the South Plains College Law Enforcement indoor range, and includes shooting from cover and concealment while standing and while kneeling, breaking tunnel vision, flash sight picture, point shooting, verbal challenge drills and more. Students will need to bring their pistol and at least 125 rounds of ammunition for the range portion.

The instructor is Dr. Mike Felker, an NRA Advanced Pistol instructor, Texas License To Carry a Handgun instructor, and Texas School Safety Certification instructor.

The class will begin at 9 a.m. on April 15 (Saturday) with breaks every hour and a one-hour break for lunch. Because the tactical shooting portion is so intense, when the class will end depends on the number of students.

This is an eight- to 10-hour advanced pistol course. The cost is \$100. Students need to register and pay in advance; because of the range requirements, space is limited to fifteen students.

To register, call Kasey Reyes, administrative assistant for the Division of Continuing and Distance Education, at (806) 716-2341 or email kreyes@southplainscollege.edu.

Work zone fatalities increase 27 percent in Texas

AUSTIN - Work zone fatalities in Texas last year increased 27 percent, resulting in 181 lost lives. Of those fatalities, 174 (96 percent) were motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists.

"People often think work zone crashes result in the deaths of roadside workers, but statistics show the vast majority of these fatalities are drivers like you and me who are passing through as motorists," said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass. "We urge you to pay attention and adhere to posted traffic signs when driving through work zones to ensure your safety and the safety of the men and women who are working on our roads. At the end of the day, we want everyone to return home safely to their loved ones."

TxDOT reminds drivers that every single day requires caution when driving through work zones. As the state's population continues to boom, the price of progress can mean more than 2,500 active TxDOT work zones at any given time. In 2016, there were 25,713 work zone crashes in Texas. The leading causes of fatal work zone crashes statewide - speeding and failure to stay in a single lane - are entirely preventable.

By law, drivers are required to move over or slow down when approaching work crews, emergency vehicles or tow trucks stopped on the roadside or shoulder with flashing blue or amber lights. Traffic fines in work zones double when workers are present and can cost up to \$2,000.

As part of its ongoing Work Zone Awareness campaign, TxDOT is partnering with Austin-based Texas Mutual Insurance Company to host events around the state. An integral part of Texas Mutual's mission - helping employers prevent workplace incidents and minimizing their consequences - aligns with TxDOT's Work Zone Awareness efforts.

For media inquiries, contact TxDOT Media Relations at MediaRelations@txdot.gov or (512) 463-8700.

The information contained in this report represents reportable data collected from the Texas Peace Officer's Crash Report (CR-3). This information was received and processed by the department as of March 6, 2017.

SPC to offer NRA Basic Pistol course on April 15

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LEVELLAND - South Plains College will offer an NRA Basic Pistol Phase 2 class on April 15 (Saturday) in room 116 of the Law Enforcement Technology building on the Levelland campus. Students must complete Phase 1 before taking Phase 2.

This is an excellent course for new pistol shooters or those who need more training and self-confidence before applying for a Texas License To Carry a Handgun.

Phase 1 is taught online by the N.R.A. Training Division. It takes approximately eight hours at the student's own pace, so students should register and allow several days to watch the videos and take the test. It covers the NRA's

rules for safe gun handling; pistol parts and operation; ammunition; and shooting fundamentals. The cost is \$60 paid online to the N.R.A. Register at www.nrainstructors.org. (Click "Find an NRA Training Course," then "NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting - Phase 1".)

Phase 2 is taught in person, and covers range rules; shooting from the bench rest position, and two handed standing positions; cleaning the pistol; and continued opportunities for skill development. Pistols, ammunition, hearing and eye protection are provided, although students are free to bring their own pistols to use in practice. Students who wish to fire a variety of pistols ranging from .380 to .44 magnum

may do so for an extra \$10 payable at the range to cover ammunition costs.

Phase 2 runs six to eight hours, depending on the number of students, and includes classroom and range time. The classroom portion will begin at 9 a.m. on April 15 (Saturday) with breaks every hour as well as a lunch break. The shooting portion will follow the hands-on classroom portion.

The cost of the course is \$85, and students need to register and pay in advance for Phase 2. Because of the range requirements, space is limited to 15 students.

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

SW Oklahoma and Texas Panhandle fishing report

Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Ft. Cobb: Elevation normal, water 55 and murky. Large-mouth bass, striped bass hybrids and white bass are fair on Alabama rigs, buzz baits, crankbaits, in-line spinnerbaits and minnows in coves and along the dam. Blue and channel catfish are fair chicken liver, cut bait, hotdogs, punch bait and stinkbait in coves, along the dam, around points and shallows at night. Crappie and saugeye are fair on hair jigs, jigs, minnows, sassy shad and tube jigs around brush structure, the dam and docks.

Tom Steed: Elevation normal, water 52. White bass are slow on minnows and jigs along creek channels and points.

Waurika: Elevation normal, water 60. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs around brush structure. Striped bass hybrids are fair on lipless baits and sassy shad in the main lake. Blue and channel catfish are slow on cut bait and stinkbait along shorelines and in the main lake.

Alan Henry: Water clear on the main lake, stained up the river; 61-65 degrees; 1.88 ft. low. Black bass are good on 7-in. Power Worms, swim jigs and medium diving crankbaits. Crappie and bass are fair on minnows in the back of creeks. Catfish are good on rod and reel with cut bait and punchbait on baited holes.

Arrowhead: Water fairly

clear; 55-61 degrees; 0.37 ft. low. Black bass are fair to good on Texas rigs, Senkos and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows in the shallows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

Coleman: Water stained; 66-70 degrees; 0.18 ft. low. Black bass are good on spinnerbaits and dark soft plastic worms or lizards. Hybrid striper are fair on live shad. Crappie and channel and yellow catfish are slow.

Ft. Phantom Hill: Water murky; 57-62 degrees; 0.03 ft. high. Black bass are fair on jigs, Texas rigs and buzzbaits. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

Greenbelt: 30.82 ft. low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs, jigs and 5-in. Yum Dingers. Crappie are fair on live minnows.

Hubbard Creek: Water off color; 56-62 degrees; 0.32 ft. low. Black bass are fair on split shot rigged flukes, Senkos, Texas rigs and finesse jigs. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows around shallow cover. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

Mackenzie: 74.11 ft. low. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

Meredith: 60.34 ft. low. TPWD has begun restocking the lake with Walleye. Reports of black bass are rare. No reports of smallmouth bass. Bream and channel catfish are being caught in good numbers.

Nasworthy: 57-63 degrees; 1.46 ft. low. Black bass are fair

to good on chatterbaits, jigs and Texas rigged lizards. No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

O.H. Ivie: Water stained; 59-65 degrees; 33.18 ft. low. Black bass are good on jigs, Texas rigged creature baits and Yum Dingers. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs in the shallows. Catfish are fair to good on cut bait and nightcrawlers.

Oak Creek: Water stained; 56-62 degrees; 7.89 ft. low. Black bass are good on Texas rigs, Senkos and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair on chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

Possum Kingdom: Water off color; 63-68 degrees; 0.1 ft. low. Black bass are fair to good on Texas rigs, jigs, shakysheads and chatterbaits. Crappie are fair on live minnows. White bass are fair to good on slabs. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers.

Stamford: 0.76 ft. low. Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits, Senkos and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows in the shallows. White bass are fair to good on Rooster Tails. Blue catfish are fair to good on cut and live bait.

White River: Water stained; 55-62 degrees; 19.6 ft. low. Black bass are very slow (the bass population was greatly reduced during the drought). No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

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FLOYDADA SCHOOL NEWS

Floyd County 4-H Rifle Team Wins District Title



By Cristen Brooks
CEA/AG&NR, Floyd County

Floyd County's Rifle Team is District Champ! On Saturday, April 8, 2017, the Floyd County Senior Rifle Team competed at the District 2 4-H Rifle Contest at South Plains College.

The senior team consisted of Arnie Martinez, Rachel Graham and Mason Esty.

The team has been practicing for this contest for months and was thrilled to receive 1st place.

In addition to the team's first place win, Arnie Martinez received 1st place High Individual, 1st place kneeling position, 1st place standing position, and 2nd place prone position. Mason Esty received 3rd place High Individual, 2nd place standing,

3rd place kneeling, and 3rd place prone.

Their rifle coaches, Winfield Davenport and Jerry Chappell, were there to support them as well. It takes a lot of practice and a very steady hand to shoot as well as they did.

Congratulations on a job well done and good luck at the state competition in Victoria, Texas in June.



Fifteen Floydada students advanced to UIL Regional from District. One, Brooke Galvan, advanced to state in ready writing, finishing second at Regional.

15 FISD students advance to regional; Brooke Galvan's going to state

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

FISD took 15 students to the Regional UIL Meet in Odessa April 8.

Brooke Galvan won 2nd in ready writing and qualified for state.

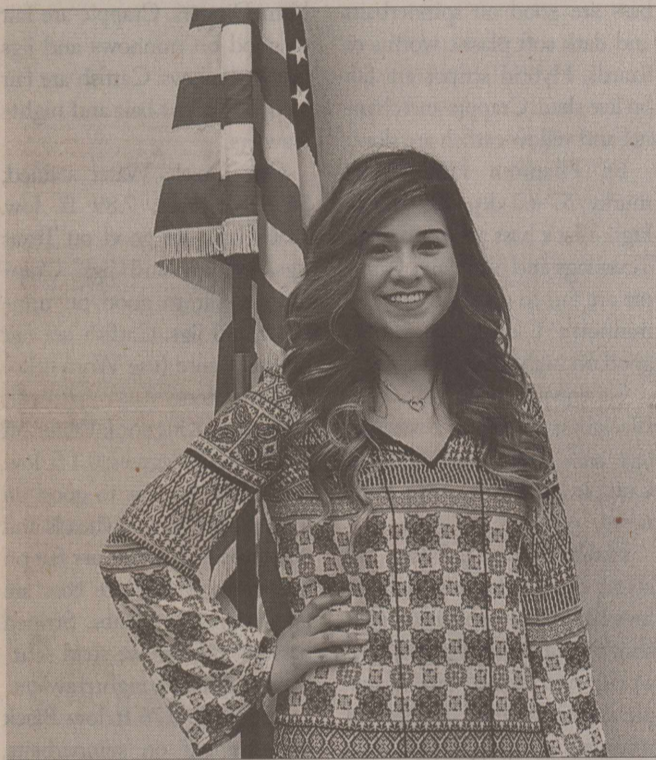
In other contests: Allison Orr was 7th in computer apps. Karley Weems was 8th in computer apps. Donald Gibbens was 8th in social studies.

Those competing were: Computer Apps: Karley Weems, Kortney Campbell, and Allison Orr

Science: Kaylee Morren
Number Sense: Alfonzo Mendoza
Spelling: Garrett Hobbs
Feature Writing: Jacob Chavarria
Headline Writing: Allison Orr
Editorial Writing: Macee Brotherton
Social Studies: Donald Gibbens, James Gibbens, Catharine Kemp, and Abraham Sanchez
Ready Writing: Macee Brotherton and Brooke Galvan
Extemporaneous Speaking: Remington Ricketts

The adviser for the FISD UIL team was Tasha Hughes.

PTK fall induction



SPC Photo/Wes Underwood

HONOR SOCIETY – South Plains College in Levelland recently hosted its spring 2017 Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony. Sixty-six students were inducted. The event was held in the Sundown Room on the Levelland campus. Shown is Melissa Arizpe of Floydada.

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

April 17 – April 21

Monday
HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL

Tuesday

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

Lunch – Popcorn chicken, chicken sandwich, crinkle cut fries, peas & carrots, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast – Apple frudel, cereal, fresh fruit, milk

Lunch – Chili dog, peanut butter & jelly w/crackers, buttered green peas, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Thursday

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

Lunch – Beef fingers w/roll, hamburger, crinkle cut fries, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Friday

Breakfast – Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal w/graham cracker, fresh fruit, milk

Lunch – Tuna fish w/garlic, vegetable noodles w/roll, crispy corn dog, Crinkle cut carrots, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

TENNIS

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18 in Odessa. Those placing 3rd will go as alternates.

Commenting on the district win and the teams overall performance, Coach Robin Nixon said, "I am so proud of the success of our team this year. These kids have worked extremely hard this

year and advancing to the Regional Tournament is their reward. I have always said "surround yourself with good kids and they will make you look good."

Below are the placing and participating athletes from District.

BOYS DOUBLES:

1st Place ~ Remington Ricketts/Alejandro Pinon

3rd Place ~ Esteban Lerma/Garrett Hobbs

MIXED DOUBLES:

1st Place ~ Brayden Cambell/Brooke Galvan

PARTICIPATING:

Ethan Rodriguez/Marissa Valdivia

GIRLS DOUBLES:

PARTICIPATING:

Azalea Garza/Izel Pancheco

BOYS SINGLES:

1st Place ~ Keenan Nixon

3rd Place ~ Jaiden Blakey

GIRLS SINGLES:

3rd Place ~ Lindsey Marquez

JV BOYS SINGLES:

3rd Place ~ Andrew Vega

PARTICIPATING:

Ethan Smith

SPC to host Advising Day for mathematics, computer science, engineering majors

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LEVELLAND – South Plains College will host its Advising Day for students interested in careers in the fields of Mathematics, Computer Science and Engineering starting at 8:30 a.m. on April 21 (Friday) in the Sundown Room.

The event will feature for-

mer SPC students as keynote speakers as well as representatives from Texas Tech University, West Texas A&M University and Angelo State University. An arena registration for these students will follow in the Technology Center.

For more information, contact Shirley Davis, associate professor of Mathematics, at (806) 716-2699.

FLOYDADA ISD SPRING SEMESTER

IMPORTANT DATES

April 17-18 – Tennis Regionals

April 18 – UIL Band

April 21-22 – State UIL

May 1-4 – STAAR exams –

Algebra I, Biology, U.S. History

May 4 – Academic Banquet

May 5 – Junior High Awards Assembly

May 6 – Junior/Senior Prom

May 8 – Athletic Banquet

May 8-11 – STAAR exams – 7th Math, 8th Science, 8th History, 8th Reading, 8th Math

May 12 – Senior Trip

May 14 – Baccalaureate – 6 p.m.

May 15 – Graduation practice – 8:30 a.m.

May 15 – Junior High Field Trip – (The grade level must have 97% attendance for the spring semester)

May 18 – Graduation – 6 p.m.

June 19 – STAAR Retest, ELA, U.S. History

District 2-2A Baseball Standings

2-2A BB	W	L	Tie
Floydada	9	2	
New Deal	8	2	
Abernathy	7	2	
Ralls	6	3	
Lockney*	5	4	
Olton	3	5	1
Crosbyton	2	7	
Hale Center	1	8	1
Springlake*	1	9	

*Second game of double-header cancelled

District 2-2A Softball Standings

2-2A SB	W	L
Ralls	9	0
Abernathy	8	1
Lockney	6	4
New Deal*	4	4
Floydada*	3	5
Hale Center	1	8
Crosbyton	0	9

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



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LOCKNEY SCHOOL NEWS

Lockney Competes at Regional UIL Meet



Lyndee Setliff and Luke Kasner react to results from Regional. Seattle Jackson accepts medal at Regional.

By D'Lyn Morris
LHS Academic Coordinator

Fifteen Lockney students competed at the Regional UIL Meet in Odessa April

7-8. The science team of Seattle Jackson, Luke Kasner, Lyndee Setliff, Fernando Valdez and Tabetha Big-ham placed 3rd.

Seattle was 4th overall and Alternate Physics Top Score. Luke Kasner placed 6th in Prose. Emilie Encizo placed 6th in Headline Writing.

Baum hired by Lockney ISD Board

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - Lockney School Board of Trustees members met in regular session on Thursday, April 6. The Board voted 7-0 to approve the hiring of Jim Baum as Superintendent of Lockney ISD. After a short negotiation, the Board voted 7-0 to offer Baum a three-year contract for 2017-2018, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020.

In other action, the Board accepted the resignation of Kathy Kellison who is retiring

after 29 years. The Board certified the Instructional Materials Allotment for the 2017-2018 school year. The Board also approved Policy Update 107.

The Board discussed increasing the local stipends for the staff beginning in 2017-2018. The Board approved increasing the stipend for a Bachelor's degree to \$2,700 and for a Master's degree to \$3,200. The increase will also be scaled for non-degree staff members. According to Superintendent Phil Cotham, this increase will save the District over \$15,000 since some positions will not

be replaced.

Following discussion, the Board approved hiring Blue-Layer Technology to manage and monitor the District's technology needs. The Board approved amending the 2016-2017 budget for bond revenue and expenditures and for technology. The Board also approved retaining Lubbock Sports Medicine for the 2017-2018 school year to provide Athletic Training coverage.

The Board approved the financial report and payment of bills in the amount of \$2,978,325.40.

Lady Horns comeback to defeat Lady Winds

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - Lockney Lady Horns scored five runs in the bottom of the third to come from behind to defeat the Floydada Lady Winds, 9-4 on Saturday, April 8 in District 2-2A softball action.

Floydada struck first in the top of the first, scoring two runs. Hannah Morales led off with a walk then scored on a single by Angela Suarez. Karley Weems reached on an error. Suarez moved to third on a wild pitch then scored on a ground out by Kylie Ricketts to give the Lady Winds a 2-0 lead. For Lockney, Hannah Kidd led off with a double. A ground out by Madai Chavira advanced Kidd to third. With two outs, Aleah Jimenez reached on an error that allowed Kidd to score to make it 2-1 in favor of Floydada after one inning.

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

For the Lady Winds in the top of the third Morales doubled to lead off. With one out, Morales moved to third on a wild pitch then a sacrifice fly by Weems drove in Morales to make it 3-1. In the bottom of the inning, Kidd singled with one out. With two outs, Kidd stole second then scored on a single by Chavira. Jimenez reached on an error then Chavira stole third and Jimenez stole second. Shelby Dunbar reached on an error that allowed Chavira to score. Reagan Nuncio singled to left to drive in Jimenez. An error

allowed Dunbar to score as Nuncio moved to second. Nuncio stole third and an error allowed Nuncio to score to make it 6-3 in favor of Lockney after three innings.

In the top of the fourth for Floydada, Lindsey Marquez walked with two outs but was left stranded. Tatyana Cienfuegos singled to lead off for the Lady Horns but was forced out on a fielder's choice by Kidd. Kidd moved to second on an error then moved to third as Alyssa Barretero was thrown out at first on a dropped third strike but a ground out by Chavira end the Lockney threat. Lockney still led 6-3 after four innings.

For Floydada in the top of the fifth, Morales walked with one out but was left stranded. In the bottom half of the inning, Jimenez reached on an error to lead off for the Lady Horns. Jimenez stole second, moved to third on an error and scored on a passed ball. Dunbar singled but was left stranded as the Lady Horns led 7-3 after five innings.

Ricketts led off the top of the sixth inning with a single for the Lady Winds. A sacrifice fly by Emily Cisneros moved Ricketts to second. Dora Cervera reached on an error that allowed Ricketts to score, making it 7-4 in favor of Lockney. In the bottom of the inning, Cienfuegos led off with a single then moved to second on a passed ball. Kidd reached on an error then Cienfuegos and Kidd moved up a base on a passed ball. An error allowed Cienfuegos to score

and Kidd to move to third. Barretero hit a sacrifice fly that scored Kidd. Chavira singled with one out, move to second on an error. With two outs, Chavira was picked off at second to end the inning with Lockney leading 9-4.

Floydada went three up and three down in the top of the seventh to give Lockney the 9-4 victory.

For Floydada, Morales went 1-2 with two runs scored, Suarez went 1-4 with an RBI and a run scored, Ricketts went 1-3 with an RBI and a run scored. Morales pitched six innings, allowing nine runs on eight hits while striking out five.

For Lockney, Kidd went 2-4 with three runs scored, Chavira went 2-4 with one RBI and one run scored, Nuncio went 1-3 with one RBI and one run scored and Cienfuegos went 2-3 with one run scored. Nuncio pitched seven innings allowing four runs on three hits while striking out 10 and walking three.

On Tuesday, April 4, Lockney lost to Ralls, 9-6 and Floydada lost to New Deal. Currently in district, Ralls is 8-0, Abernathy is 8-1, Lockney is 6-4, New Deal is 4-4, Floydada is 3-5, Hale Center is 1-8 and Crosbyton is 0-9.

Floydada played Hale Center April 11, plays Abernathy April 15 and New Deal April 18 to end their regular season. Lockney was open April 11, plays Hale Center on April 15 and Abernathy April 18 to finish their regular season.

Longhorns drop pair to Abernathy

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

ABERNATHY - In double-header action against the Abernathy Antelopes, the Lockney Longhorns lost 11-8 and 16-13 in District 2-2A baseball action Saturday, April 8.

In game one, the two teams battled back and forth before the Antelopes scored one in the fifth and two in the sixth to seal the victory.

Lockney struck first in the top of the first with three runs. Israel Cuellar led off with a double, then with one out, Trevor Ascensio singled. Jonathan Rodriguez doubled to drive in Cuellar. With two outs, Nick Derda singled to drive in Ascensio and Rodriguez. Nick Rendon then singled and Devin DeLeon walked to load the bases but Clay Moore grounded out to end the at-bat. In the bottom of the inning, Abernathy responded with three runs. A lead-off walk to Daily, a one-out walk to Sullivan and Anderson being hit by a pitch, loaded the bases. Zoredo was also hit by a pitch to force in Daily then Villa doubled to drive in Sullivan and Anderson as the Antelopes tied the game at 3-3 after one inning.

In the top of the second, Cuellar again led off with a double. Shawn Marquez walked the Ascensio hit a three-run home run to center field with no outs. Rodriguez doubled but then next three batters went down in order as the Longhorns took a 6-3 lead. In the bottom of the inning, with one out Rodri-

guez was hit by a pitch then Sullivan doubled. Anderson was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Zoredo singled to left to drive in Rodriguez. Villa was hit by a pitch to force in Sullivan then a strike out and Anderson getting picked off at third ended the inning with the Longhorns leading 6-5.

Devin DeLeon walked to lead off the third inning for the Longhorns and was replaced by N Cineceros. With two outs, Cineceros stole second then moved to third on a single by Marquez. Cinecero scored on a steal before Marquez was caught trying to steal second to end the top of the inning with Lockney leading 7-5. In the bottom of the inning, Carlisle led off with a walk then Ayers singled to center. Daily grounded into a double play as Carlisle moved to third. Rodriguez walked then Sullivan doubled to center to score Carlisle. Anderson singled to center to score Rodriguez and Sullivan as Abernathy took an 8-7 lead after three innings.

In the top of the fourth, Ascensio led off with a double then Rodriguez doubled to left to score Ascensio to tie the game at 8-8. In the bottom of the inning, DeAuda walked with one out, then after DeAuda was caught stealing, Carlisle walked. Carlisle stole second then moved to third on a single by Ayers but Daily flied out to end the inning with the game tied at 8-8 after four innings.

DeLeon led off the top of the fifth with a walk and

Moore walked but the next three batters went down in order for the Longhorns. Abernathy took the lead in the bottom of the inning. With one out, Sullivan singled but was thrown out trying to advance when Anderson singled. With two outs, Zoredo walked then Villa singled to drive in Anderson, giving the Antelopes a 9-8 lead after five innings.

With two outs in the top of the sixth for Lockney, Derda singled then was thrown out at third on a double by Rendon, to end the inning. With one out in the bottom of the inning for Abernathy, Ayers walked then with two outs, Rodriguez hit a two-run home run to left field to give the Antelopes an 11-8 lead after six innings.

Lockney went three up and three down in the top of the seventh as the Antelopes claimed the first game of the double-header, 11-8.

For Lockney, Ascensio went 3-4 with three RBIs and three runs scored, Rodriguez went 3-4 with two RBIs and one run scored and Cuellar went 2-5 with two runs scored. Rodriguez pitched one-third of an inning, allowing three runs on no hits while striking out one and walking two, Moore pitched one inning, allowing two runs on three hits while striking out one and walking one, Cuellar pitched four and one-third innings, allowing See **LONGHORNS**, Page 9

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - Lockney scored the go-ahead run in the bottom of the fifth then held on to defeat the Ralls Jackrabbits 5-4 in District 2-2A baseball action on Tuesday, April 4.

In the top of the first, Van Gundy reached on an error with two outs was forced out on the next play to end the Jackrabbits at bat. In the bottom of the inning, Lockney scored one run. Israel Cuellar reached on an error to lead off but Shawn Marquez lined out and Cuellar was doubled off base. Trevor Ascensio walked, stole second and moved to third on a passed ball. Jonathan Rodriguez walked then Ascensio scored on a passed ball to give the Longhorns a 1-0 lead after one inning.

For Ralls in the top of the second, Martinez singled with one out but was left stranded. In the bottom of the inning, Ruben Marmolejo walked then Nick

Derda reached on an error. Devin DeLeon singled as Marmolejo and Derda moved up a base. An error by the right fielder allowed Marmolejo to score, giving the Longhorns a 2-0 lead after two innings.

Ralls took the lead in the top of the third. Vallin walked with one out then Reyes reached on an error that allowed Vallin to score. Van Gundy walked then with two outs, Harris doubled to right to drive in Reyes and Van Gundy to score and give the Whirlwinds a 3-2 lead. In the bottom of the inning, Cuellar walked to lead off for Lockney but the next three batters went down in order.

Vallin walked to lead off the fourth inning for the Jackrabbits. With one out, Vallin was caught trying to steal second before Zavala singled. Zavala was caught trying to steal to end the at bat for Ralls. For Lockney in the bottom of the fourth, Marmolejo singled to lead off, moved to second on a passed ball then scored when

Nick Rendon reached on an error. DeLeon was hit by a pitch then Rendon moved to third on a passed ball and scored on a fielder's choice by Clay Moore. DeLeon moved to third on a passed ball before Cuellar walked with two outs. Cuellar was forced out at second to end the inning with Lockney leading 4-3.

In the top of the fifth for Ralls, Reyes singled with one out. Reyes stole second with two outs then moved to third on a passed ball before scoring on a single by Salazar to tie the game, 4-4. In the bottom of the fifth, Ascensio singled to lead off for the Longhorns. Ascensio moved all the way to third on an error. With two outs, Ascensio scored on a passed ball to give the Longhorns a 5-4 lead after five innings.

For Ralls in the top of the sixth, Harris singled to lead off then Martinez reached on an error and was replaced by Salazar. Vallin reached on an error to load the bases. Yocom grounded into a double play as Harris was forced

out at third and Yocom was thrown out at first. Zavala grounded out as to end the at bat with Lockney still leading 5-4. In the bottom of the inning, Lockney went three up and three down.

The Jackrabbits threatened in the top of the seventh when Reyes singled with one out then moved to second on a passed ball. With two outs, Salazar was intentionally walked, then Harris walked to load the bases but Martinez grounded out to end the game as the Longhorns claimed the 5-4 victory.

For Lockney, Ascensio went 1-2 with two runs scored and Marmolejo went 1-2 with two runs scored. Marmolejo pitched seven innings, allowing four runs on seven hits while striking out six and walking five.

For Ralls, Reyes went 2-4 with two runs scored and Harris went 2-3 with two RBIs. Martinez pitched six innings, allowing five runs on three hits while striking out seven and walking five.

LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU

April 17-21

Monday, Apr. 10

Breakfast - Waffles and Bacon, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch - Pizza & Broccoli Bites or Hamburger, Garnish, Oven Fries, Baby Carrots, Mixed Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, Apr. 18

Breakfast - Biscuit & Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Ham, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch - Ham & Cheese Pretzel Sandwich or Asian Bowl, Tomato-Cucumber Cup, Garden Salad, Milk

Wednesday, Apr. 19

Breakfast - Cinnamon Roll, Sausage, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch - Chicken Alfredo with Veggies & Breadstick or Texas Basket, Carrot Coins, Apple Slices, Milk

Thursday, Apr. 20

Breakfast - Sausage, Egg & Cheese Pretzel Sandwich, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch - Fish Strips & Texas Toast or BBQ on a Bun, Coleslaw, Pinto Beans, Oranges, Milk

Friday, Apr. 21

Breakfast - Breakfast Burrito or Hash Browns, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch - Chicken Bowl & Roll or Philly Cheese Steak & Tots, Green Beans, Apple-Pineapple D'Lite, Milk

HONORS

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the Main Street Pizza was owner Michael DeLeon.

The Citizen of the Year was described as someone dedicated to her profession as a health care provider and doctor of medicine to the community at WJ Mangold Memorial Hospital, someone who carries many responsibilities, including being the director of Hospice Hands of West Texas and serving as Cub Scout leader since her children were Tiger Cubs and is currently scoutmaster of Troop 259. She has donated to the building of, in

part or in whole, the Veterans' Park, Frisbee golf goals and the pipe for the field for Little League girls' softball. She has sponsored local youth baseball and basketball teams as well as taken up the responsibility to coach the kids. She has faithfully served the Lockney First United Methodist Church as the junior high Sunday school teacher. Because of her involvement and dedication to the community the Chamber selected Dr. Sharri Moore, 2016 Lockney Citizen of the Year.

GALA

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was held. Off of the 8 great items we had we made \$6,524. The silent auction was also a hit and made \$9,116 on 145 items. We can't thank all the local businesses and people enough who donated an item to make the live and silent auctions the best it has been in a while.

The big entertainment was multi-platinum recording artist BLACKHAWK and they did not disappoint. They played hit after hit such as "Goodbye Says it All", "That's Just About Right", "I Sure Can Smell the Rain" and so many more and everyone did not want the night to end. People danced and sang

PROGRAM

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that create or retain jobs in the city.

"It's always an advantage to have money that is earmarked for your community, with regards to any sort of Economic Development or business orientation. This program is a first of its kind, and it's a privilege for the City of Floydada to be a part of it," commented Jeff Johnston, Floydada City Manager.

Cecily Miller, Director of Economic Development with Caprock Business Finance Corporation, met with representatives of the City of Floydada, Floydada Economic Development Corporation and the Floydada Chamber of Commerce to explain the lending processes. "The advantages to participating in the SMRF program are numerous: These loans have a fixed interest rate for the entire term of the loan, the down payment amount is lower than what most lenders require, and when the SMRF funds are utilized, mainstream lenders are more able to partner with us to provide the total loan needs," explained Miller.

Jesse Finley, manager of Floydada's Economic Development Office, stated that in some cases, the Economic Development funds could be used to supplement the borrower's down payment.

With fewer limitations on these funds, small businesses can use the dollars for property improvements, staffing

UPCOMING

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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!!!

COVENANT HEALTH MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY

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LONGHORNS

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six runs on 11 hits while striking out five and walking six and Bryce Reese pitched one-third of an inning.

For Abernathy, Sullivan went 4-4 with one RBI and three runs scored and Villa went 2-3 with four RBIs. Daily pitched one inning allowing six runs on eight hits while striking out one and walking two and Villa pitched six innings allowing two runs on five hits while striking out five and walking two.

In game two, Abernathy jumped out to a 7-0 lead then held on to defeat Lockney 16-13.

In the top of the first, Lockney was unable to score after a two-out double by Ascencio. For Abernathy, Daily walked to lead off then stole second and third before Rodriguez walked but was caught stealing. Sullivan walked then Anderson singled to drive in Davis. Zoredo singled to load the bases then Sullivan was out on runner interference before Villa singled to load the bases. DeAuda singled to score Anderson before Zoredo was thrown out at third with the Antelopes having a 2-0 lead after the first inning.

Lockney went three up and three down in the top of the second. Tores singled to lead off for the Antelopes in the bottom of the inning and advanced all the way to third. Ayers was hit by a pitch then Daily singled to drive in Tores. Rodriguez walked to load the bases then Sullivan cleared the bases with a grand slam home run to center field to give the Antelopes a 7-0 lead after two innings.

In the top of the third, Cineceros singled to lead off for Lockney. Moore reached on a bunt single then Cuellar singled to load the bases. Ascencio walked to force in Cineceros. Rodriguez singled to drive in Moore then Derda walked to force in Cuellar. Rendon singled but Ascencio was forced out at home. Marmolejo singled to score Rodriguez but Derda was thrown out at third. DeLeon

doubled to drive in Rendon. Cineceros singled to drive in Marmolejo as the Longhorns cut into the Antelopes lead, 7-6. In the bottom of the inning, Tores was hit by a pitch then Ayers sacrificed Tores to second. Daily and Rodriguez walked to load the bases. Sullivan grounded into a fielder's choice that allowed Tores to score. Anderson reached on an error to load the bases again. Zoredo walked to force in Rodriguez. Villa doubled to center to drive in Sullivan, Anderson and Zoredo and give the Antelopes a 12-6 lead after three innings.

Lockney scored five runs in the top of the fourth. Cuellar led off with a single, Ascencio walked then Rodriguez singled to drive in Cuellar. Derda walked to load the bases. Rendon singled to drive in Ascencio but Derda was force out at second. Marmolejo was hit by a pitch to load the bases again. Rodriguez stole home as Rendon and Marmolejo moved up. DeLeon walked to load the bases then Cineceros singled to drive in Rendon and Marmolejo as DeLeon was forced out at second. Moore walked then Cuellar was hit by a pitch to load the bases again but Ascencio popped out to the shortstop with bases loaded to end the at bat with Abernathy leading 12-11. In the bottom of the inning, DeAuda led off with a single for the Antelopes. Tores grounded into a fielder's choice as DeAuda was forced out at second. Ayers walked then Daily singled to load the bases but two strike outs ended the threat with Abernathy leading 12-11 after four innings.

In the top of the fifth, Lockney went three up and three down. With one out, Zoredo walked for the Antelopes and Till came into run. With two outs, DeAuda was hit by a pitch then Tores doubled to score Till and DeAuda and give the Antelopes a 14-11 lead after five innings.

DeLeon singled with one out in the top of the sixth for Lockney but was left stranded on base. For Abernathy in the bottom of

the inning, Daily led off with a walk, stole second and third then scored on a one-out double by Sullivan. Sullivan scored when Anderson doubled then Till lined into a double play to end the inning with the Antelopes leading 16-11.

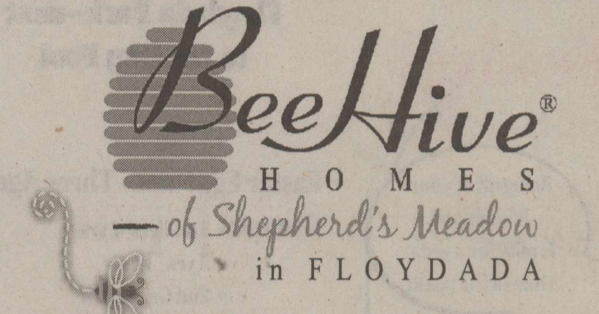
In the top of the seventh, Cuellar walked to lead off for the Longhorns. Ascencio singled then Derda singled to load the bases with one out. Rendon singled to center to drive in Cuellar and Ascencio but a strike out and a ground out ended the game with Abernathy claiming the 16-13 victory.

For Lockney, Cuellar went 2-3 with three runs scored, Ascencio went 2-3 with one RBI and two runs scored, Rodriguez went 2-5 with two RBIs and two runs scored, Rendon went 3-5 with three RBIs and two runs scored and Cineceros went 3-4 with three RBIs and a run scored. Rodriguez allowed one run on no hits and two walks without an out, Marquez pitched two and one-third innings allowing nine runs on seven hits while striking

out one and walking five and Reese pitched three and two-thirds innings allowing six runs on seven hits while striking out four and walking four.

For Abernathy, Sullivan went 2-4 with seven RBIs and three runs and Villa went 2-3 with three RBIs. Sullivan pitched three and two-thirds innings allowing 11 runs on 13 hits while striking out three and walking six, Zoredo pitched one and one-third innings, striking out two and Till pitched two innings allowing two runs on four hits while striking out five and walking one.

Lockney is now 5-4 in district play and Abernathy is 7-2. Lockney played Floydada on April 11, plays a double-header against Hale Center on April 15, plays New Deal on April 18 and ends the regular season with a double-header against Olton. Floydada leads the district at 9-2, New Deal is 8-2, Abernathy is 7-2, Ralls is 6-3, Lockney is 5-4, Olton is 3-5-1, Crosbyton is 2-7, Hale Center is 1-8-1 and Springlake is 1-9.



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In conclusion, this event would not be near as successful if it wasn't for the hard work and dedication of the board. Can't thank everyone enough for putting in the time and all the behind the scenes work to make the gala such a success. We also need to thank Heart's Desire for all the help with decorating the tables and making the Unity Center look beautiful. We cannot wait to begin planning next year's gala and can't thank the community enough for all the support and making it another record breaking year!

increases, or equipment purchases.

If interested in learning more about the program, contact your local commercial lender or feel free to call Jesse Finley-Floydada Economic Development Corporation Executive Director, 806-983-4405.

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- You give your opinion of your property's value.
- You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address.
- If your property's value depreciated, you can file a report of decreased value.

What is the deadline?

- The last day for filing renditions is April 15.
- An automatic extension to May 15 is available if requested in writing by the April 15 deadline.
- The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days to an owner who shows good cause in writing.

REMEMBER!!

Filing is your responsibility. If you render late, don't render, or file an incomplete or false rendition, you may face a 10 to 50 percent penalty.

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FISD \$44,745,000.00 BOND VOTE MAY 6th

R.C. Andrews Site – 11,000 square feet at \$250.00 per square foot = \$2,750,000.00

What will happen to the people that own and live in the building?
Eminent Domain?
FISD lawyer vs. their lawyer?
The issue has been neglected as far as information to the public.

Proposed Expenses

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- \$3,150,000.00 New Field House with Locker Rooms, Weight Room, Offices (15,000 square feet at \$210.00 per square foot)
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- \$11,710,000.00 TOTAL ATHLETIC COMPLEX

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-Floyd County Landowners Against Paying Higher Taxes-

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The Razzle Dazzle Red Hat Society

of Floyd County
April 6, 2017

By Mary M. Carter
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The Razzle Dazzle Red Hat Society met at the studio of Melinda Collins in Quitaque, Texas. The time was 11:30 A.M.

Virginia Taylor, our Queen Mother, called the meeting to order. She welcomed our quest, Carol Campbell. Virginia let us know about the Spring Fling coming up on April 25, 2017 in Canyon, Texas. Our dues of \$10.00 dollars are due for the year. Gloria Fannon told us about our May 4, 2017 meeting. It is in Matador, Texas at the Matador Hotel.

We will meet at 11:30 A.M. for lunch. The cost is \$12.00. There were so many prayer requests. We really do need to keep everyone we know in prayer. They appreciate and need them. I know I did.

Then we were invited to a beautiful Sandwich Bar which was very good and plenty to get our fill.

Virginia introduced Melinda Collins. She is one of our own talented members. She is a "Potter". She was raised in Quitaque, Texas and left after her high school graduation. She came back to Quitaque three years ago. To me, I see Melinda as an adventurer. She has lived in unique and beautiful places. One was La Antigua, Guatemala. She lived

there for eight years.

Melinda started with a slide show. It showed a little of her life, the beauty of where she has lived, and her family. Her husband, Ron, makes candles. Melinda gave us a demonstration of her craft. She explained in detail all about it. She showed us how to center a piece of clay on a potter's wheel. The potter's wheel can be moved in a circular motion by your foot or a motor. There is porcelain, known as the queen of clay. In firing it the particles melt together at a high temperature. Stoneware doesn't need glaze to stay together and is done in a low heat. Earthenware is like Indian pottery which is glazed dependent, to hold heat, and needs a firing of low heat. Firing is the heat that hardens or glazes pottery and is done in a kiln. Her demonstration piece was a two color pie dish, but to see it made by a master who is skillful in creating beauty was a pure pleasure. I don't have another word for it. It was interesting to see her work and to respect all the years she has worked and practice to become the artist that she is. It was lovely piece. I wish I could tell you all she told us about her craft because it was a very interesting program. Thank you, Melinda we enjoyed it very much.

Our hostesses were Betty Jean Williams, Sandy Fuston, Virginia Coker, and Melinda Collins. Thank you for a great lunch and program.

Those in attending were Mary Lou Zinck, Virginia Coker, Betty Jean Williams, Ethelyn Vernon, Gloria Fannon, Margie Sue, Virginia Taylor, Joy Turner, Mary Quattlebaum, Elaine McNeill, Barbara Edwards, Sue Daniels, Carolyn Cheek, Melinda Collins, Mary M. Carter. Our guest was Carol Campbell.

DCHHS reports first pediatric flu-related death of season

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

DALLAS (April 6, 2017) – Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) is reporting an 8-year-old Dallas County resident has died after complications from the seasonal flu. This is the first pediatric death in Dallas County for the 2016-2017 flu season. For medical confidentiality and personal privacy reasons, DCHHS does not provide additional identifying information.

"We are deeply saddened by this news and our thoughts are with the family and friends of this child," said Zachary Thompson, DCHHS director. "Not every child will become this seriously ill from the flu, however it is a wake-up call for everyone to protect themselves and their loved ones.

The flu vaccine is still the best method of protection and recommended for everyone six months of age and older."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends the flu vaccine for all persons aged 6 months and older, with rare exception. Individuals should discuss the flu vaccine a health care provider.

"Vaccination is especially important for persons at increased risk for complications from flu, including children, adults aged 65 years and older, persons of any age with underlying medical conditions, and pregnant women," said Dr. Christopher Perkins, DCHHS health authority/medical director. "Children less than 6 months of age are too young to be vaccinated and need to be protected by

vaccination of their close contacts, including parents, siblings, grandparents, child care workers, and healthcare personnel."

The flu vaccine DCHHS provides is an all-in-one shot that protects against multiple flu strains including the H1N1 virus.

The adult vaccine is given in the adult immunization clinic on the first floor at the DCHHS building located at 2377 N. Stemmons Frwy. in Dallas. The children's vaccine is available at all DCHHS immunization clinics. Clinic hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Appointments aren't necessary. For more information regarding the clinic call 214-819-2162 or click here to visit the DCHHS website.

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Texas Tech University System Issues \$374 Million in Bonds

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LUBBOCK - The Texas Tech University System yesterday (Jan. 31) issued \$374.735 million in bonds while continuing to take advantage of low interest rates and improving the financial position of the system.

The bond issuance was approved by the TTU System Board of Regents Pricing Committee on Tuesday.

"The interest for Texas Tech University System bonds was exceptionally strong," Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer Gary Barnes said. "The TTU System received \$1.4 billion worth of purchase requests. I'm pleased to say we were able to maintain our current bond rating with plans to add more than \$250 million of new bonds to our existing portfolio."

The TTU System recently received a Aa1 rating from Moody's Investors Service; AA+ from Standard & Poors and AA+ from Fitch.

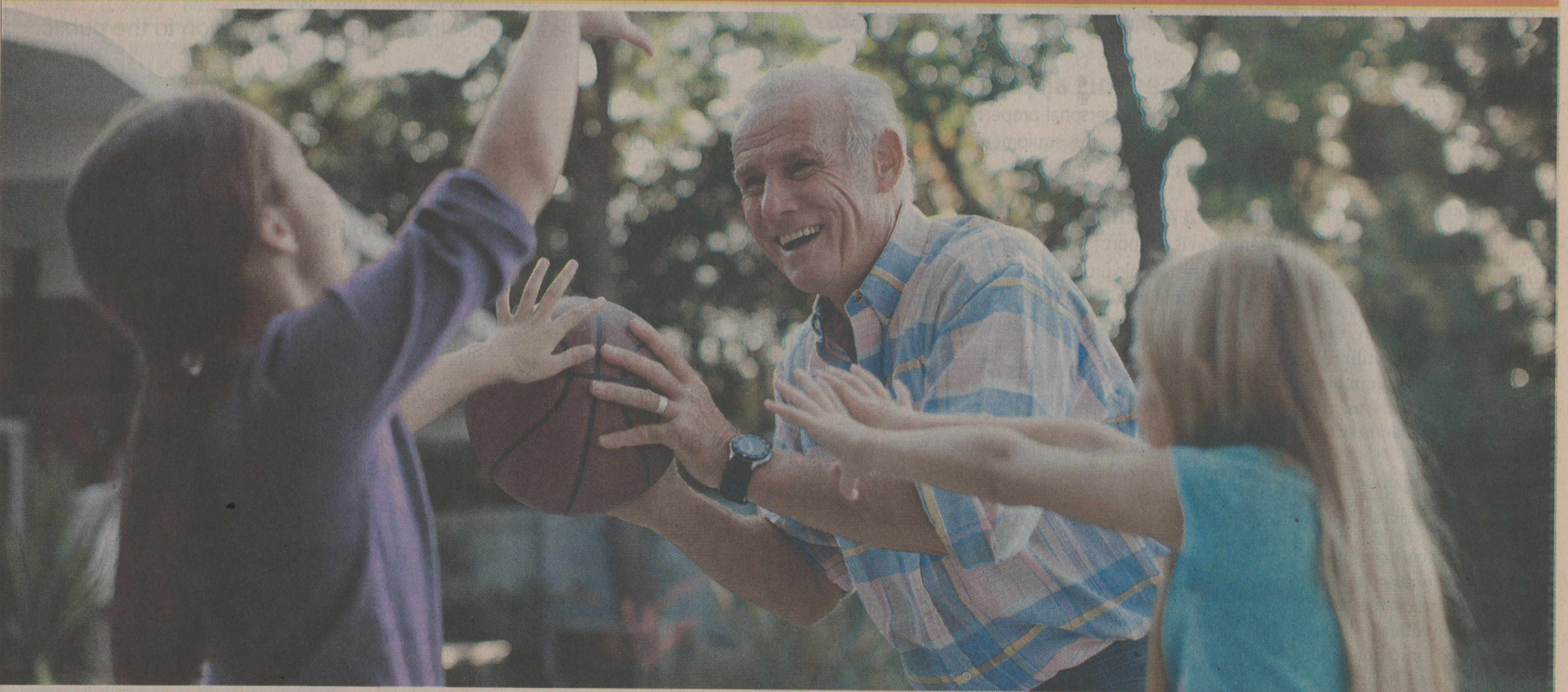
"The issuance of the latest bond series allows us to more efficiently manage our debt and bring savings to the Texas Tech University System," Chancellor Robert L. Duncan said. "A conservative fiscal approach continues to be awarded top ratings, yielding significant interest from investors and lower interest rates."

The bond sale fully funded all of the Tuition Revenue Bond (TRB) projects approved by the Legislature. The financial support received from the Legislature had a significant impact on the TTU System ratings and interest received in the bond market.

The TTU System will use proceeds from the bond issuance to support the following projects: Experimental Science Building II (TTU); System Administration Office Building (TTU System); Honors Residence Hall (TTU); Permian Basin Academic Facility (Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center); Lubbock Campus Expansion (TTUHSC), Medical Science Building II (TTUHSC El Paso); College of Human & Health Sciences (Angelo State University); Sports Performance Center (TTU), Amarillo Simulation Center (TTUHSC); Refund TPEA/Government Capital Corp Leases (ASU) and Central Heating and Cooling Plant upgrades (TTU).

Additionally, the refinancing saved the TTU System \$4.96 million.


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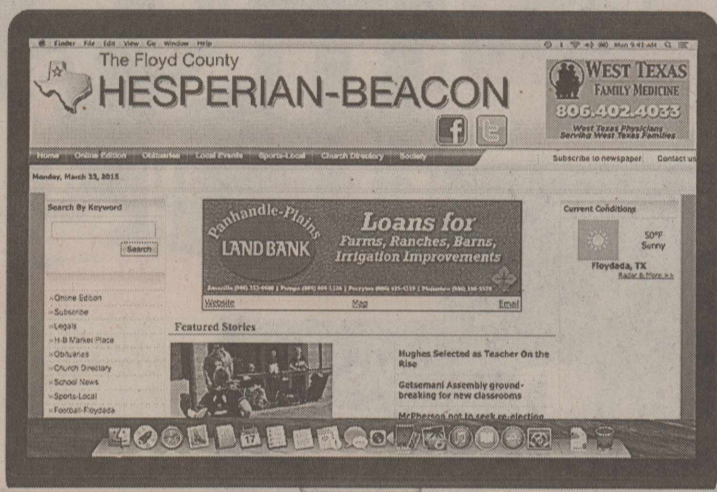
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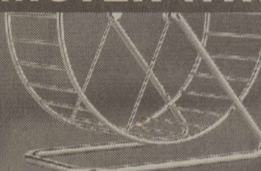
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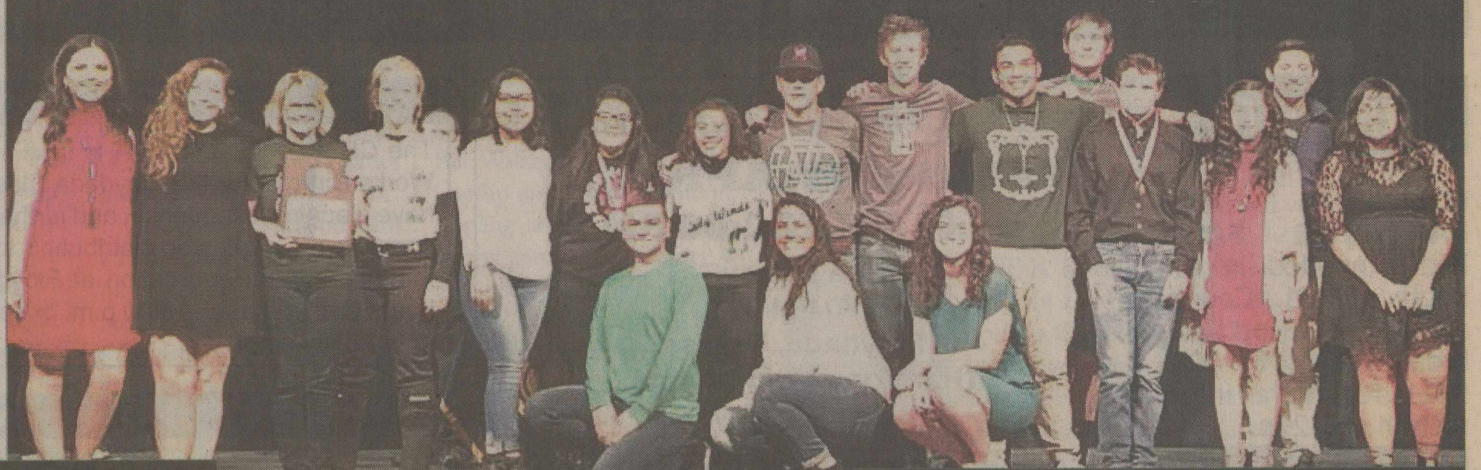
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Floydada High School One Act Play

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The FISH One-Act Play competed at the Area Contest on Saturday, April 1. They were selected as Alternate Play. Cutter Smith was named All-Star Cast and Cole Pitts earned Honorable Mention All-Star Cast. The cast and crew of the Floydada One-Act Play included: Caitlynn Sanchez, Jaiden Blakey, Alex Sanchez, Ricardo Castillo, Brittney Pena, Kaylee Morren, Brooke Galvan, Macee Brotherton, Karley Weems, Casey Cage, James Ponce, David Moreno, Karina Ortega, Kailee Jackson, Chassidy Sanchez, Brayden Campbell, Mike Delafuente, Azelea Garza, Yelena Serrato, Cole Pitts, Dylan Zavala, Kylie Ricketts, Hannah Morales, Allison Orr, Gabe Delafuente and Cutter Smith.



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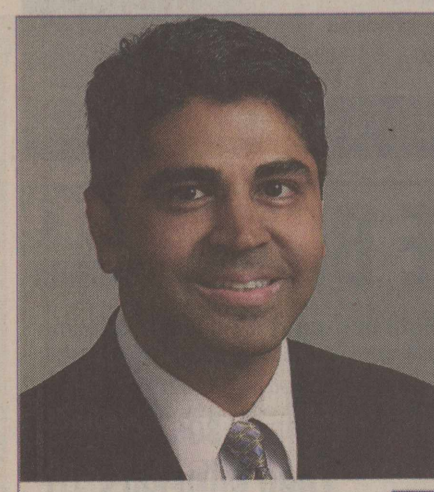
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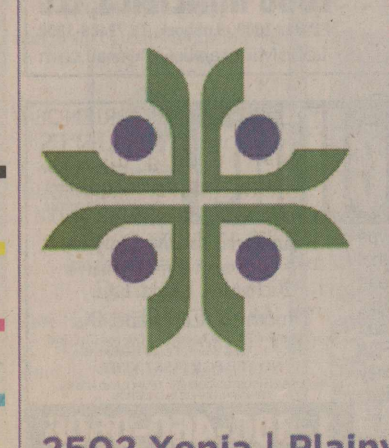
BACKGROUND:
Dr. Paresh Rajajoshiwala, known to patients as Dr. Raja, is a general surgeon practicing in the full spectrum of his specialty. Raja has practiced for the past 16 years and has advanced laparoscopic skills and maintains endoscopy privileges.

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

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

Raja practiced for several years in California before moving to San Antonio, Texas in 2003.

Raja will begin his new practice in Plainview starting April 3.



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