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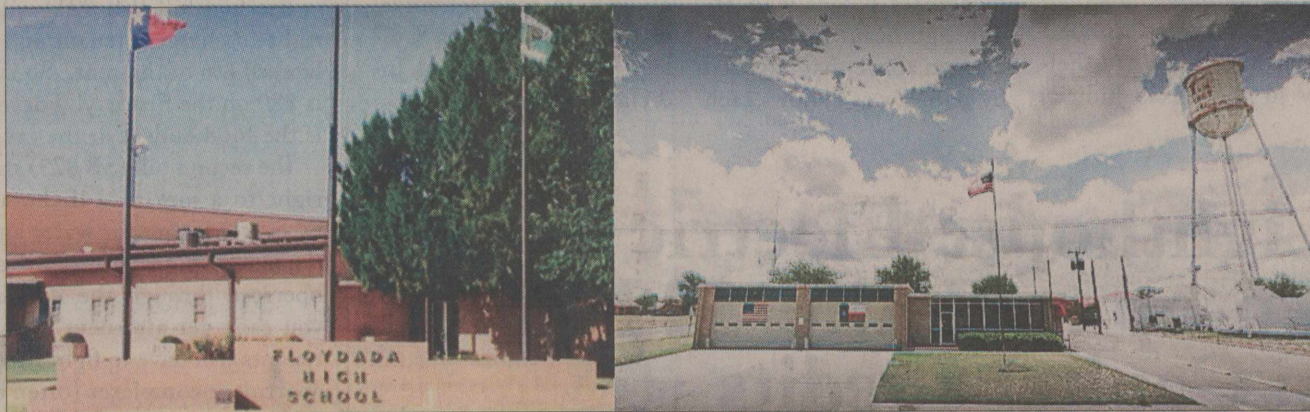
Early voting begins Monday

By Kay Ellington
 The Hesperian-Beacon

Three Lockney City Council races and the Floydada Independent School District bond election will be on the early voting ballot beginning Monday. Those who were already registered to vote by April 6 will be eligible to vote.

Voting by mail in Texas has been available to elderly voters and voters with physical disabilities for decades. The deadline to request a mail ballot is Tuesday, April 25. Call your local office holding the election or the Secretary of State's office and request that an application to vote by mail be sent to you, or you can download the form online at the Secretary of State's office.

Early voting for the Floydada bond election will be



Courtesy photos

Early voting in the FISD bond election begins Monday in Floydada while in Lockney six candidates are vying for three city council seats.

held weekdays from April 24 through May 2 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the FISD Central Office, 226 W. California Street. Election day is May 6 and voting will be held at the Massie Activity Center from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

With in-person voting, the voter will be asked to present

one of the seven (7) acceptable forms of photo ID that is current or expired no more than four years. If a voter does not possess one of the seven (7) acceptable forms of photo ID and cannot obtain one due to a reasonable impediment, the voter may present a supporting form of ID and execute

a Reasonable Impediment Declaration, noting the voter's reasonable impediment to obtaining an acceptable form of photo ID, and stating that the voter is the same person on the presented form of supporting form of ID.

Here is a list of the acceptable forms of photo ID:

--Texas driver license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)

--Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS

--Texas personal identification card issued by DPS

--Texas license to carry a handgun issued by DPS

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Upcoming

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

OLD SETTLER'S 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.

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.

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!!!

BINGO NIGHT FLOYDADA SR. CITIZENS

The "BINGO NIGHT" at the Floydada Center will be held on Tuesday, April 11. Bingo See **UPCOMING**, Page 9

West Texas Chevy Dealers Bring 2017 Chevy Youth Baseball Clinic to Floydada



Chris Blackburn/The Hesperian-Beacon

Reagor-Dykes Chevrolet hosted a Chevy Youth Baseball/Ripken Baseball event at Watson Field in Floydada Thursday. The camp was for boys and girls ages 6-14 and was attended by players from around the area.

By Kay Ellington
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Chevrolet dealers across the country are making a big difference in the lives of youth baseball league participants in their communities by providing free instructional clinics.

These clinics are funded by Chevrolet dealerships and give participants the opportunity to receive training from experienced instructors at no cost.

The West Texas Chevy Dealers, represented locally by Reagor-Dykes Chevrolet,

brought the clinic to Floydada where participants spent a half day learning the fundamentals of baseball such as hitting, fielding, and pitching with professional instruction provided by former or current

Major or Minor League players and coaches or the specialized Ripken Baseball staff.

Each participant also received an exclusive Clinic T-shirt and a post-clinic snack. In addition, the West Texas

Chevy Dealers contributed a \$500 check to the Floydada Baseball Association. The West Texas Chevy Dealers were represented by Brian Bruce, GM - Reagor Dykes Chevrolet.



Courtesy photo

A \$500 check was presented to the Floydada Baseball Association by the West Texas Chevy Dealers represented by Brian Bruce, GM - Reagor Dykes Chevrolet.

Brooke Galvan Competing at State April 22

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

Brooke Galvan placed 2nd in Ready Writing at Regional and will be going to the State UIL Competition

on Saturday, April 22 in Austin.

In the Ready Writing Contest, the students are given two hours to write expository compositions.

They have a choice between two prompts, each an excerpt from literature, publications (past and present) or speeches.

Courtesy photo

Brooke Galvan finished 2nd at Regional in Odessa on April 8 to advance to state in Austin on April 22.



Correction

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

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Floyd County Judge Honored for Education Efforts

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Floyd County Judge Marty Lucke has been honored by the Texas Judicial Academy for going the extra mile to be prepared to handle his duties as County Judge.

Judge Lucke was inducted on March 30 as a Fellow in the Texas Judicial

Academy during the 2017 Spring Judicial Education Session.

The Texas Judicial Academy, a partnership between the Texas Tech University School of Law and the Texas Association of Counties, recognizes judges who attain significant judicial education above that required by state law as Fellows each

year. The educational program of the Texas Judicial Academy is overseen by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals and includes instruction by higher court judges, law school faculty as well as representatives of the Texas Probate College and the National Judicial College.

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 Co-operative 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 screen-

ings 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.

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

\$44,745,000.00 X 3.57% Interest on a 20 Year Note =
\$15,617,830.00 interest + \$44,745,000.00 = \$60,362,830.00 TOTAL FISD Bond + Interest

There is **LAND FOR SALE** 3 blocks north of RCA located on the north side of West Price Street: 10 Acres for \$20,000.00 or 64 acres for \$110,000.00

Proposed Expenses

- **\$1,700,000.00** Rebuild Wester Field, Repair Fence, New Stadium
- **\$1,000,000.00** Six New Tennis Courts
- **\$1,285,000.00** New Bus Barn and Parking at Athletic Complex
- **\$2,000,000.00** New Softball Complex
- **\$3,150,000.00** New Field House with Locker Rooms, Weight Room, Offices (15,000 square feet at \$210.00 per square foot)
- **\$1,200,000.00** New Bleachers and Press Boxes
- **\$1,125,000.00** New Concession Stand (4500 square feet at \$250.00 per square foot)
- **\$250,000.00** Renovate City Baseball Fields
- **\$11,710,000.00 TOTAL ATHLETIC COMPLEX**

Busing students will still work.

Tennis and Baseball are the **ONLY WINNING** athletic programs at FHS.

This is **NOT COST EFFECTIVE.**

The City-School Agreement has worked well.

The majority of Floydada residents in R. C. Andrews neighborhood do not want a football field and parking so close to their homes.

What is wrong with making renovations to existing locations?

IF the bond fails, you still have a great school.

Wind Farms are a great source of revenue **ONLY** as long as they are useful and producing.

Land Owners are already taxed to the maximum.

PLEASE VOTE NO ON THIS PROPOSED SCHOOL BOND ELECTION

-Floyd County Landowners Against Paying Higher Taxes-

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Editorial

This session of the Texas Legislature has ramped up to be an all-out assault on the rights of individual Texans to fight back against big companies. This newspaper does not normally take position on legislative issues, but we feel compelled to voice our objection concerning some bills.

This week we will focus on two bills that adversely impact the rights of apartment tenants. Both of these attacks on tenants' rights have a connection to our district; one (SB 921) is authored by Sen. Perry, and the other (SB 873) was voted favorably out of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs with the strong support of Chairman Sen. Perry.

Both of these bills are promoted by the Texas Apartment Association, a trade group that is made up of apartment owners. This fact alone should be a red flag for tenants.

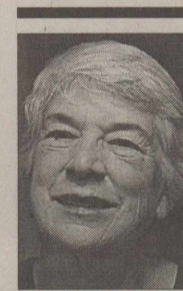
The first bill (SB 921) will allow apartment owners the right to charge a tenant an initial late fee (for paying rent late) of 8% of the rent. So if the rent is \$1000, the late fee is \$80 on the first day! For most hard working Texans, that is the food budget or the car payment for the week.

The second bill (SB 873) strips apartment tenants of their right to a jury trial if the apartment owner cheats them by overcharging for water and sewer costs. The bill forces tenants' disputes into a bureaucratic, administrative process operated through the Public Utility Commission. Since you can't get attorneys' fees even if you win at the PUC, tenants will have to fight this battle on their own, while the apartment complexes (often out-of-state multi-billion dollar corporations) have plenty of money to lawyer up.

Sen. Perry's constituents -- the folks that voted him into office -- are apartment and housing tenants, not out-of-state apartment owners and the Texas Apartment Association. If Sen. Perry wants to help his constituents fight against injustice, he should be opposing these bills, not pushing them through.

Sometimes our elected officials need to be reminded of just who they are representing. If you want to remind Sen. Perry, his office number in Austin is (512) 463-0128. Reference SB 921 and SB 873 when you call.

The 501 Dog treatment — society's litmus test



HANABA MUNN WELCH

It's a dog's life. When I first heard the expression, I was puzzled. The idea seemed to be that dogs have it made. But I didn't think I'd want to trade places with outdoor Spot, even if he did get fed daily — smelly stuff spooned from a can, presumably horsemeat, plus scraps. The pinnacle of Spot's good treatment from me and Mother and Daddy was that we saved him the last of the gravy when we ate fried chicken, which was only one night weekly because Mother believed the doctor when he said fried foods were bad for us.

In those days, the health of pets took a backseat to human health. Now they're designing backseats for dogs.

Well, almost. A carmaker has customized the rear area of an SUV for dogs, complete with a ramp and a video monitoring system. On television this morning, a Jack Russell terrier went up the ramp and into the spacious doggie space to show how it all works.

Wow! A Jack Russell chooses a ramp over jumping in! I'd say that's the news story. When it comes to dogs that like to jump, Jack Russells come to mind.

The ramp itself didn't surprise me. I'd just seen one in real life. A woman opened the back of the vehicle parked by mine at Home Depot; then she pulled a ramp out and set it in place. Her border collie walked down the ramp, apparently happy not to jump two feet onto the parking lot. Hmmm. I thought dogs liked to jump, both up and down. Who knew?

She told me the ramp saves wear on his hips. The dog is 9 — barely younger than me, relatively speaking, if I know my dog years. Maybe I should be watching out for my own hips.

Is my self-centeredness showing? Obviously I need a pet in my life — one with health concerns to keep my mind off my own.

By the way, why was she taking the dog to Home Depot? To let him choose a doghouse? I didn't ask. At that point, I was still digesting the dog ramp concept.

Yes, how we treat our animals and how much money we spend on them is a litmus test of society, results subject to interpretations.

Several years ago, shortly after the end of Ceausescu's repressive regime in Romania, I met a Romanian who was on some sort of entrepreneurial visa, looking for work in the United States. Back then I had a cat. I mentioned I needed to buy cat food.

"You feed cats?"

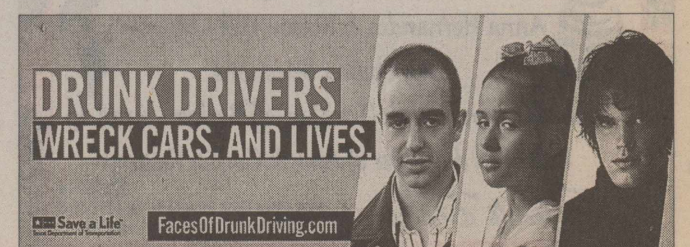
He was quite astonished.

By now I'm guessing you can buy cat food in Romania. If so, it's a sign that society there has made giant strides since breaking the shackles of communism. Right?

RESEARCH PAUSE.

Cat food is apparently a Romanian growth industry. A global market research company is selling a 36-page report, "Cat Food in Romania," for \$990.

Hmmm. Romanian dog ramps will be next. You heard it first right here.



SOCIETY

Richerson and Hopper to marry



KRISTEN RICHERSON AND RUSTY HOPPER

Tom and Patricia Richerson of Abernathy, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of their daughter, Kristen Richerson to Rusty Hopper of Floydada, Texas, son of the late Cliff Hopper and Kristi Ward of Dougherty, Texas.

A July wedding is planned at the First Baptist Church in Abernathy, Texas.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By LuAnn Collins

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA – 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.

MEMORIALS:

- In Memory of Shirley Dermont- Travis Jones
- In Memory of Margarette Word- Travis Jones
- In Memory of Jo Payne- Travis Jones
- In Memory of Leland Poole- Raymond & Mary Poole
- In Memory of J.A. Welch- Janet Milam
- In Memory of Sue Poole- Nancy Lawson & Family
- In Memory of Ross Miller- Iantha Smith, Virginia Pyle, Linda Jackson

DONATIONS:

Friendship Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church

"THANK YOU" to Greg Bishop for choosing Floydada Senior Citizens Center as a recipient for a donation from Monsanto.

"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.

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 24 – April 28

Monday – Meat and bean chalupa

Tuesday – Baked chicken w/gravy & rice

Wednesday – Hot beef sandwich w/gravy

Thursday – Your choice – Spaghetti or Ravioli

Friday – Fish fry

(Menus subject to change without notice)

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – BINGO night is held on the third Monday of each month 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

NOT AVAILABLE AT PRESS TIME

Rules for Old Settler wildflower entries

By Karen Smith

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Wildflowers for all entries that are entered in the Old Settler's Wildflower Show must be picked from Floyd County or a county that touches Floyd County... Motley, Hale, Crosby, Briscoe, Swisher, Lubbock and Dickens.

The individual that enters the selection must be the one who picked the flowers and made the arrangement. For example, if a child enters a selection it must have been created by the child. The same applies for the men's entry and each other entry submitted.

Most of all have fun and be creative.

Museum Archives

Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

CALVIN APPLEWHITE

More than anything else, Applewhite history reveals the courage and independence that stimulated pioneering of the West. For this reason, the family of Calvin Applewhite gladly claims a page in this book.

After being in the 1815 Battle of New Orleans, Thomas Applewhite came to Texas. His son, Calvin Applewhite, was born June 2, 1856, in Lavernia, Texas. He was the nineteenth child of twenty-one children.

Calvin married Sarah Rhoda Blurns, daughter of Dr. A. T. Burns who had served as a physician with Taylor's army that invaded Mexico. In 1888, they moved to Hunt County.

In 1903, Calvin brought his wife and four children, Annie, Corinne, Mary and Goree to Floyd County. They came up the Lockney-Quitaque Cap in a covered wagon January 22, 1903. Their last camp of the trip was just on top of the Cap. The next morning they quit the stage road and angled a little north of west to a half-dugout and small one-room house on a homestead section he had bought from Don Griffith.

The Lone Star School House was half-mile south of the new home. This school building was used for entertainment and for church as well as school. The preachers usually made the Applewhite home their home.

Calvin started with both cattle and sheep. He taught Mary and Goree to ride and handle stock when they were quite young.

In 1908, a prairie fire swept through the country driven by a gale wind. Calvin lost all his

feed, several hogs, a number of sheep and three picket corrals.

He broke his first field out with a walking rod-sod plow. He and John Koger bought a row-binder together. John ran that binder for over thirty years.

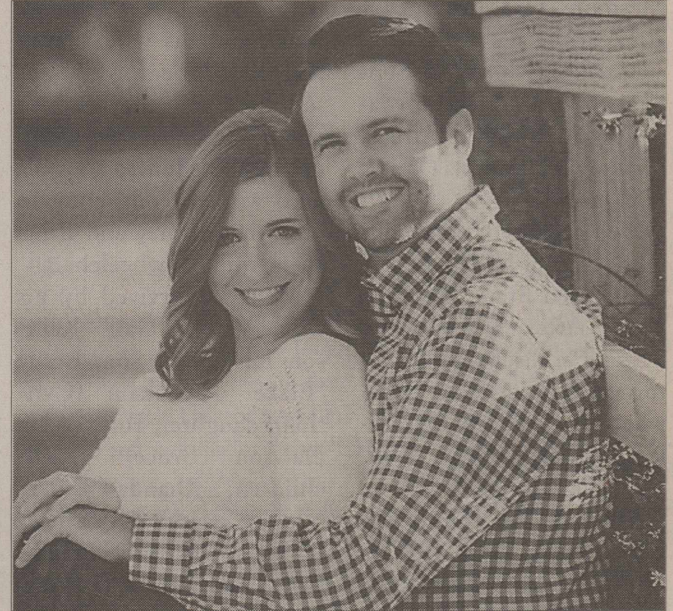
An International Farmall tractor, with its equipment, was the first tractor on the Applewhite place. It was such a thrill to run he didn't stop for dinner the first day he ran it. One of the first of three Hart-Parr tractors shipped to Plainview was added to his equipment. The twenty-one-head of work stock were sold.

Green Machinery put down his first irrigation well in 1935. His first combine was a McCormick Deering. This augered the grain to a wagon pulled beside it. He wore out four combines before the self-propelled came into use. He retired from farming in 1939. His wife, Rhoda, died in 1942. He followed her in death in 1943.

They left memories of a devoted Christian home where prayer brought the blessings of Christ to guide.

Annie married Oliver Savage. They left two girls; Mrs. Reba McClung and Mrs. Peggy Walters. Corinne married Tom Rankin. They left Tom Jr., now deceased. Mary married Ed. Holdbrook. After his death, she married Louis Ballou, also deceased. Their daughter is Mrs. Nancy Ketter. Goree married Felicia Wallace in 1923. They have a son, Calvin Wallace Applewhite and two daughters; Myra Bell Applewhite and Felicia Louise Applewhite, deceased.

Schacht and Ipock to wed



SPENCER SCHACHT AND KAMERIN IPOCK

Kamerin Ipock and Spencer Schacht are happy to announce their upcoming marriage.

Kamerin is an adviser in the Rawls College of Business at Texas Tech. Spencer is a credit analyst at Ag Texas Farm Credit.

Ms. Ipock is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Smith of New Home, Texas.

Spencer is the son of Clar and Judy Schacht of Floydada, Texas. The couple both attended and graduated from Texas Tech University in 2009.

The wedding has been set for July 2017 in New Home.

Home Country

By Slim Randles

My first wife came from a ranching family 'way back up in the hills of California and had a cousin, Ted, who was a hound-dog man.

I talked my way into hunting with him, of course.

All went well until we were on the way home and a badger ran across the road and dove into a large culvert pipe.

"Oh wow!" said Ted, "Let's get him!"

He released most of the hounds and they plugged the culvert pipe at both ends with bawling insults. In the dead center of the pipe was a snarling badger.

"Gotta smoke him outa there," Ted said, lighting a cigar and handing it to me. "Now crawl in there and smoke that sucker out."

"You sure?"

"How many badgers you hunted?"

So I crawled into the pipe with the cigar in my mouth, puffing and coughing, and the badger actually backed up a few steps.

Then Ted released his old dog from the car. He screamed into the other end of the pipe and grabbed that badger right in the butt. The record for backing out of a culvert pipe with a glowing cigar in one's mouth like the afterburners on an F-18 was shattered. I became something of a local legend, actually.

My wife told me that, as a member of the family, I could hunt with Ted all the time.

After the divorce ...

Listen to the new radio show, "Home Country with Slim Randles" at www.homecountrydemo.com.

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

Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton

The Hesperian-Beacon

(Note: All quotes from Diane Frolov and Andrew Schneider)

A man should not leave this earth with unfinished business. He should live each day as if it was a pre-flight check. He should ask each morning, am I prepared to lift-off?

If you were in a burning house and there was a cat and a Rembrandt, what would you save? The cat...you would save the cat, because the cat is alive. The art is dead. It's just paint on a canvas, ink on a page. To live for art is to deny life. It's just to destroy life.

Men are confused. They're conflicted. They want a woman who's their intellectual equal, but they're afraid of women like that. They want a woman they can dominate, but then they hate her for being weak. It's an ambivalence that goes back to a man's relationship with his mother. Source of his life, center of his universe, object of both his fear and his love.

One person can have a profound effect on another. And two people...well, two people can work miracles. They can change a whole town. They can change the world.

There is nothing sadder in this world than the waste of human potential. The purpose of evolution is to raise us out of the mud, not have us grovelling in it.

We hold in our hands, the most precious gift of all: Freedom. The freedom to express our art. Our love. The freedom to be who we want to be. We are not going to give that freedom away and no one shall take it from us!

You bluffed me! I don't like it when people bluff me. It makes me question my perception of reality.

I am going to concentrate on what's important in life. I'm going to strive everyday to be a kind and generous and loving person. I'm going to keep death right here, so that anytime I even think about getting angry at you or anybody else, I'll see death and I'll remember.

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- *Private rooms and an at home environment
- *Move in and enjoy the BeeHive Family!

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OBITUARIES/CHURCH

Donnie "Mack" Hickerson

Donnie "Mack" Hickerson died peacefully at Christian Care Center in Mesquite, Texas, on April 8, 2017, at the age of 81.

Mack was born on September 17, 1935, in Floydada, Texas, to Marvin "Buck" and Loyce Christina (Wahl) Hickerson.

He attended Floydada schools until he left to join the United States Army in 1954. After receiving an honorable discharge, he returned to Floydada, Texas, where he married his life-long partner, Verna "Gail" Kellison, on June 23, 1956.

Mack ran his own trucking company from 1956 to 1972, hauling everything from grain to telephone poles across the United States. In the 1960's, he left the driving to others and began farming.

In the midst of all this, the couple welcomed two

children into their home. When the children were nearly grown and the empty nest was on the horizon, Mack and his wife started their next endeavor, Hickerson Pumpkins; they shipped pumpkins all over the world until 2010. He was always a hard worker, continuing to farm in Lockney and Edna even from his wheelchair.

Mack is survived by his wife, Verna "Gail" Kellison Hickerson; son, Leslie "Blake" Hickerson (Cynthia); daughter, Tolya Valan Dawson (Bruce); grandchildren, Rhanda Emery (Coby), Leslieanne Emery (Clint), Mackenzie Ho (Nathan), and Parker Dawson; great-grandchildren, Drake, Cole, Slade, and Brockton; nieces, Kenda Willoughby and Vikkee Johnson; nephew, Bart Hensen.

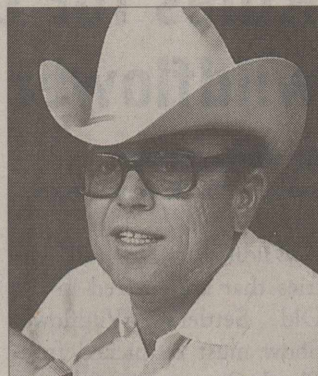
He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister,

Ann Hensen, and a nephew, Brent Hensen.

Mack had a passion for trucking, farming, horses, cattle, and pumpkins. He knew more about pumpkins than anyone around. He was quick-witted; his family never knew what he would say, but it could always make them laugh. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and was a 32nd degree Mason. He was a member of Christian Care Church of Christ in Mesquite.

Memorial services were held at 2 p.m., Saturday, April 22, 2017 at Christian Care Center Church of Christ, 1000 Wiggins Pkwy, Mesquite, Texas 75150.

A reception followed at The Christian Care Center, Greenway Village Multipurpose Room, 948 Wiggins Pkwy, Mesquite, Texas



DONNIE "MACK" HICKERSON

75150.

There was a private burial for the immediate family held at DFW National Cemetery on Monday, April 24, 2017.

In lieu of flowers, honor Mack with memorial contributions to the Christian Care Center Activities.

The family would like to give a special thanks to the many caregivers at Christian Care Center for their dedication to making Mack feel like he was home.

Andre Lee Ledbetter

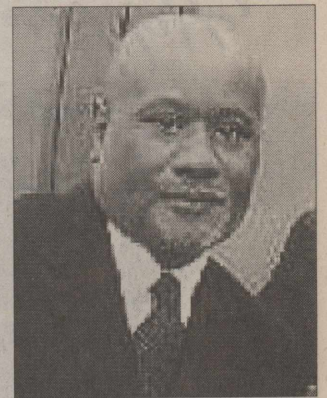
Andre Lee Ledbetter, age 54, passed away on Monday, April 10, 2017.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, April 15, 2017, at the Trinity Assembly of God Church in Floydada.

Interment followed at the Forest Lawn Cemetery. Arrangements were under the care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

Andre was born July 25, 1962 in Floydada to Willie D. Odom and Letha R. Ledbetter.

He is survived by long-time companion Bulah Craven; and wife, Gloria Ledbetter of Amarillo; three sons, Demon and wife, Lasha Craven, Gilispie Harrison, and Frederick Price of Amarillo; four daughters, LaKiesha and husband, Joautis Walker of Fort Worth, Kamesha Craven of Arlington, Crystal Ledbetter of Amarillo, Octavia Harrison of Ft. Worth; 13 grandchildren; five brothers, Travis and wife, Linda Odom of Tenaha, Jimmy Odom of Tenaha, Zach Odom of Tenaha, Bruce and wife, Sandra of Carthage, Ronnie, and



ANDRE LEE LEDBETTER

wife Shaladrian of Tatum; 11 sisters; Marilyn Buchanan of Abilene, Myra and husband, Kenneth Collins of Abilene, Treva O'Dell of Hepzidah, California, Dorothy Collins of Floydada, Ruby and husband, Vernon Session of Haskell, Pauline Cooper of Floydada, Virginia Brown of Houston, Peggy and husband, Dale Brown of Timptson, Helen Calhoun of Tenaha, and Barbara Smith of Tenaha, Bonnie Odom of Carthage;

He is preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Lillie Faye Jones and Etta Pearl Ledbetter.

Online condolences can be made at www.moore-rose.com

*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*

What Is Church? by Levi Sisemore

The church is God's family, the collection of all His sons and daughters (Eph 1:5). In this universal sense, church membership transcends space (to include all Christians at any place) and time (to include all Christians of any era).

The church was built by Jesus, not one brick at a time, but one person at a time: "As you come to Jesus, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight

of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house" (1 Pt 2:4-5). We see that the church is not made up of the smartest, most useful or popular, richest, sweetest or best people - it's made up of the chosen people (1 Cor 1:26-30).

We're "chosen" by God when we hear the call of the good news about Jesus Christ and we sincerely answer that call with, "Yes, Lord!" "God called you through our preaching the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ" (II

Thess 2:14).

When these "adopted," "chosen," and "called" people are together in one place, they share a common identity and mission, work under a common leadership, and have a common love for one another. They work together for the good of the community in which they live, they preach about Jesus to one another and tell people all around the world the same message of peace and salvation, and they're there to support one another and "bear one another's burdens" (Gal 6:2).

When Christians are together as

described above, they are called "the local church" or a "congregation."

For 2,000 years - since Jesus - the church has been God's people on earth. Until Jesus returns, we'll be here - working for, praying to, teaching about, and praising God's Christ.

"Now to [God] who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen." Eph. 3:20f

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We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

—Romans 8:28 (NRSV)

Every Easter morning my family would gather at the table to begin our Easter celebration by eating rice bread that our mother baked for us. One Easter morning, my siblings and I were excitedly awaiting the rice bread when we heard a yell coming from the kitchen. We rushed to see what had happened. There stood Mother, holding the bread with the top and bottom burned. We could see the disappointment on her face. While we were standing around, Mother found a solution. She removed the burned portions and took the rest

to the table. As we ate that bread, we realized that it was the best Easter bread Mother had ever baked.

This experience reminds me of Romans 8:28: All things work for the good of those who respond to God in love. I would not have tasted the best of my mother's baking if she had thrown out the burned rice bread. At times, we forget God's promise to turn our worst into the best, our bitterness into sweetness, and our ugly situation into a beautiful one. God can bring the best out of the worst.

—George Weagba (Montserrado, Liberia)

Though for the Day:

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Morning Worship - 10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wednesday - 7 p.m.

Calvary's Cornerstone Fellowship
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Armando Morales, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Bible Study - 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening - 7 p.m.

Carr's Chapel
Service Every Sunday
Morning Worship - 9 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

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.

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.

First Baptist Church
Floydada
Fred Meeks, Interim Pastor
Stephen Kelley - Minister of Music & Education
Logan Lamb, Min. Students
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Lockney
Joseph Tillery, Pastor
Chad Cook, Youth Min.

Phil Cotham, Music Min.
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
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Rev. Timothy Askey
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Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wednesday Study - 6 p.m.

New Salem Primitive Baptist Church
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Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.

Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church
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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.

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.

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.

Primera Iglesia Bautista
Floydada
Rev. Toby Gonzales
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed Evening - 7 p.m.

San Jose Catholic Church
Lockney
Msgr. Nickolas Rendon
Wed. Communion - 8 p.m.
Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.

South Plains Baptist Church
Joe Weldon, Pastor
SuNday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting - 7 p.m.

Templo Getsemani Assembly of God
701 W. Missouri
Joe M. Hernandez
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Sunday School
English - 9:45 a.m.
Spanish - 11 a.m.
Worship
Spanish - 9:30 a.m.
English - 11 a.m.
Evening Service 5 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
Floydada
Rev. Ruban Selvaraj
983-5878
Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.
Mon. & Wed. Mass - 6:30 p.m.
Confession Sat - 10-11 a.m.

Templo Bautista Salem
Lockney
Rev. Joe Hernandez
Bun Prayer Service - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed. Meeting - 7 p.m.

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.

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.

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.

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.

West Side Church of Christ
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983-2672 Or 470-0950
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.

AGRICULTURE

A big welcome back to the 305 sprint cars

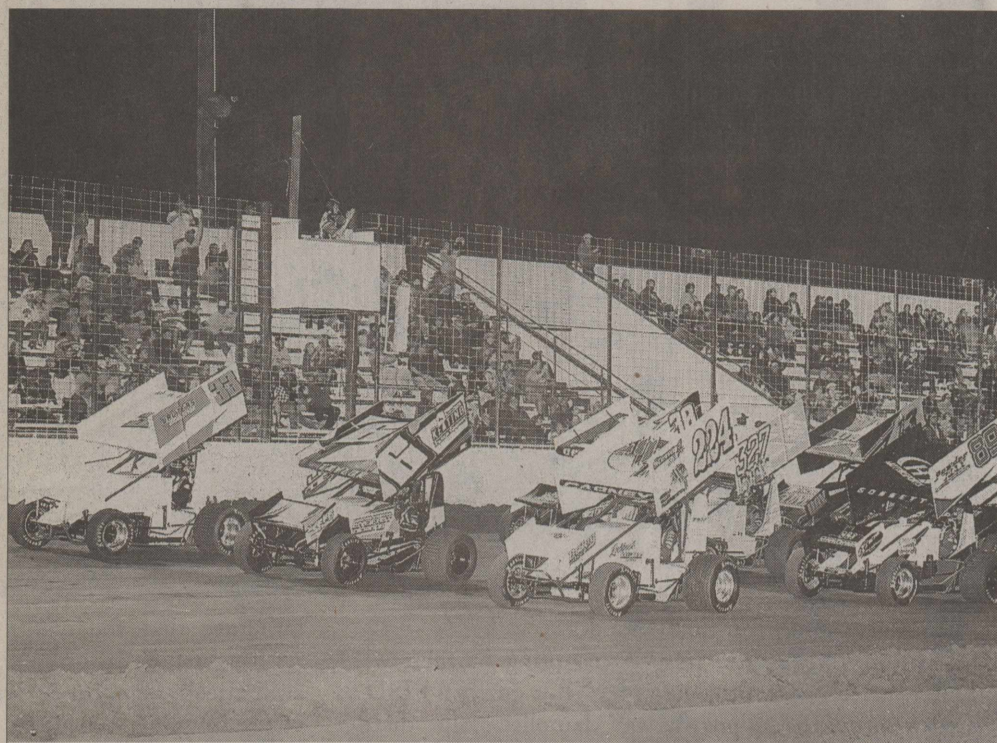


Photo By Pole Position Photos

By Daniel Shank

LUBBOCK - The 305 sprints sent some excitement through the crowd of 1,932 as 18 of them took the stage for the first time in the 2017 season. They brought drivers from Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Colorado. Local driver Robert Pace state, "I put a new car together just for this track, it is an honor to race in my home town again" Robert is from Wolforth. He also plans to run the #20 in the 600 Micro sprints all season.

The 20 lap main event for the Sprints was controlled by #224 John Carney. But he was not going to run away with it as he fought off the 74b drove by Jake Bubak and #327 Derek Drown. Several laps were turned in under 12 seconds. Winner Carney stated, "The track was great and it is great to be racing again in Lubbock". The Sprints were also selected for the Dash for cash, in which #30 Brandon Hickman took the \$100.00 sponsored by Tejas Motors.

The Modified took the track with 13 cars, It was a

4 car battle during the main event that saw the #7x drove by Chris Dawson prevail of the #159 of Kelly Allen and Austin Junod #44 finished in third after. Kade Ogle driver of the #11 car had some bad luck and Broke a rear spring to get a DNF, after have a 6th place finish last week.

Sports mods took the track with only 12 cars able to make the main event which saw race leader JP Vascas #17 blow an engine while he had a comfortable lead. "It was awesome tonight the track was perfect, we just put this engine in this week." "This is a minor set back we should be out here next week." The race continued and saw Local drives do battle . #10 Dustin Robinson (Post, Tx.), #511 Cory Williams (Slaton, Tx) , and #63x Frank Groves (Lubbock, Tx.) . That would be the final running order also. But after the race the #10 car was disqualified, giving the win to the #511 car and allowing #15 Ryan Thomas a third place finish.

The IMCA I-Stocks took to the oval with 16 vehicles, the show was awesome which saw Brandon Hooper

and Michael Therwhanger do battle to the final lap. The #7x passed hooper for the final time on the back straight-away to take the victory, leaving the #58 of Hooper to come in as the bride maid. And David Luckie #45 got the last spot on the podium. The #92 drove by Tommy Phillips sent fire out the engine compartment as he blew up the engine crossing the finish line.

The IMCA Street Stocks brought 12 vehicles to put on an amazing show, the #555 David McCurry and the #18 drove by Kenneth Seay (Seminole, Tx.) making his first start at WTR. The #555 car took over on the 3rd lap and never looked back, leaving the #79 of Joshua Jackson and Seay to do battle for second and third. Seay took the second spot.

West Texas Raceway (WTR) will be doing a School Pride Night on the 21st of April, any student (high school or lower) wearing their school t-shirt will get in free. Special prices will also be issued for most school spirit.... So paint those faces and come out.

AgriLife Research Scientist on a Mission to Save Soil

By Steve Byrns
AgriLife TODAY

To we mere mortals, soil is a nonrenewable resource; a resource, which in hot, dry often windy West Texas can easily vanish in a cloud of dust, said a Texas A&M AgriLife Research soil scientist at Lubbock.

Dr. Katie Lewis is on a long-term mission to clear the air and save the soil of West Texas. Aside from her professional career, she's further tied to the land as the daughter of a South Texas farmer and wife of a Terry County farmer.

"The farming link, really to me, is what drives me on a daily basis," Lewis said. "I know for a farmer to continue to farm and for farmers to continue to farm 100 years from now, we have to be aware of what we're doing to our soil."

"And so, the research we are conducting is really focused on soil management. How do we better utilize this nonrenewable resource? When we have a dust storm whip through, not an uncommon event here on the South Plains, we can lose a good half inch to an inch of our topsoil. That topsoil is what contains the majority of the soil organic matter and nutrients that feed our crops. That's also where all the microbial activity is occurring."

"It takes about 500 years to replace that inch of topsoil," she said. "That's why it's not renewable, to those in the here and now anyway. It's absolutely necessary we use the best management to maintain the productivity of our soil."

Lewis said many folks have, probably heard of soil health, but may not really know what it means. She said it's the continued capacity of the soil to provide a habitat for microbes and animals and sustain plants, animals and humans.

Conservation or reduced tillage and the use of cover crops, crops planted over the winter to hold the soil in place for example, can all

factor into improving soil health, she said.

"Everybody that's spent any time in West Texas has seen a dust storm," Lewis said. "A winter cover crop can really help hold that soil down and in place. One of the issues keeping farmers from planting a cover crop here is that cover crops need moisture to grow like every crop. As that cover crop is growing, it's using moisture. If we didn't have the cover crop, that moisture would likely be stored in the soil and available for the cash crop," she said.

"Our research in this area really centers around trying to optimize when to terminate the cover crop so we can maintain or reduce that deficit of moisture at planting time of the cash crop."

Lewis said one of the projects is an 18-year no-till rye cover crop project. Over the past several years a mixed cover crop has been planted to compare a conventional cotton tillage system a no-till rye cover crop and a no-till mixed cover crop. The mixed cover crop includes rye, hairy vetch, radish and winter pea.

"The benefit of the mixed cover is to provide diversity and to potentially increase the amount of soil nitrogen as the result of nitrogen fixation," she said. "The legumes, the hairy vetch and winter peas, can add nitrogen to the soil. The problem though is typically we don't have a long enough growing season for nodulation of the cover crops for that to occur. For a May planted dryland cotton crop to have sufficient moisture, the cover crop needs to be terminated by mid-March and timely rains need to fall."

"That doesn't give us a long enough growing window to produce the high cover crop biomass that's really recommended in other parts of the U.S.," Lewis said.

"There's quite a bit we're working on to try to optimize the termination timing in a semi-arid

environment to best manage cover crops to its additional full potential aside from just holding the soil in place."

Lewis said over the 18-year period organic matter has nearly doubled using reduced tillage and rye cover, but this increased level of organic matter is still far less than other parts of the U.S. And though they are seeing an improvement, they are not seeing improved cotton yields over that of conventional cotton practices.

"Over the many years, there's no difference for lint yield between the conventional system, the continuous cotton system, compared with no-till and a cover crop."

But it's not all bad news, as she said the team approach among researchers at Lubbock has revealed some other benefits especially with crop rotations.

Dr. Terry Wheeler, AgriLife Research plant pathologist at Lubbock, working at the same AG-CARES farm in Lamesa, found a cotton, wheat, fallow rotation can reduce nematode pressure compared to continuous cotton planted in rye cover, Lewis said.

"Compared to a continuous system, that rotation really does provide benefits beyond just reducing soil erosion," she said. "I think through continued research, we will be able to reach a point where we can successfully use cover crops as well as maintain our cotton yields to improve the health of our soil."

Lewis said the main thing farmers need to do is know their system. If their land is irrigated, they can be more successful with a cover crop on the South Plains than dryland farmers at the mercy of rainfall.

"I think with more knowledge, cover crops can be a useful tool in this area," she said. "But we are working to answer the many questions that surround the practice and develop better systems in this unique area."

Enrollment Period for 2017 Safety Net Coverage Continues Through Aug. 1

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

Producers on farms with base acres under the safety net programs established by the 2014 Farm Bill, known as the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs, can visit their local FSA office to sign contracts and enroll for the 2017 crop year. The enrollment period will continue until Aug. 1, 2017.

Since shares and ownership of a farm can change year-to-year, producers on the farm must enroll by signing a contract each program year.

If a farm is not enrolled during the 2017 enrollment

period, the producers on that farm will not be eligible for financial assistance from the ARC or PLC programs for the 2017 crop should crop prices or farm revenues fall below the historical price or revenue benchmarks established by the program. Producers who made their elections in 2015 must still enroll during the 2017 enrollment period.

The ARC and PLC programs were authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill and offer a safety net to agricultural producers when there is a substantial drop in prices or revenues for covered commodities. Covered commodities include barley, canola,

large and small chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium grain rice (which includes short grain and sweet rice), safflower seed, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat. Upland cotton is no longer a covered commodity. For more details regarding these programs, go to www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc.

For more information, producers are encouraged to visit their local FSA office. To find a local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

South Plains College to offer mother, daughter pistol class

LEVELLAND - South Plains College and Freedom Shooting Academy will host a Mom and Daughter Pistol Course starting at 9 a.m. on April 29 in Room 115 of the Law Enforcement building. Mothers can bring their daughters to this essential course and learn together.

The cost is \$85, and students ages 16 and older are eligible to participate. The class will be-

gin at 9 a.m. and end around 6 p.m. Students will be given the opportunity to shoot various calibers and actions at the end of class, time permitting, for an additional \$10 fee (payable the day of class).

Students will learn how to safely use and carry a pistol. This class covers firearm safety, how ammunition and handguns work, different types of handguns, handgun terminology, cleaning handguns, proper shooting skills, purchasing a new or used handgun, available shooting opportu-

nities and firearm safety.

This is a great class for anyone, regardless of shooting experience, and all equipment is provided (including ammunition and handguns). This is a great opportunity to become familiar with handguns for students who have little or no experience. Students will receive a copy of the USCCA Concealed Carry Magazine.

To sign up, please call or email Kasey Reyes at 806 716-2341 or email kreyes@southplainscollege.edu. Space is limited.

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Jackie and I would like to thank everyone who checked in with us about my family during the fire around Higgins and Canadian. My brother Dale Jenkins and my dad Duane Jenkins and their families were very lucky ... losing several sections of grass and quite a bit of hay. Everyone around them lost cattle, grass, hay, miles of fence, and some structures. Along with my dad and brother, we thank you for the prayers, the hay delivered to Littlelobe Angus Ranch, and the money donated to the relief fund. We want to say a special "thank you" to the Lockney FFA and Vance Lemons. Dad and Dale were surprised by the generous help from so far away ... I was not. We are blessed to live among such hard working and generous people.
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FLOYDADA SCHOOL NEWS

Old Floydada Junior High School to be demolished



By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

The Floydada Junior High

School campus, located at 910 South 5th Street, will be demolished in the coming weeks.

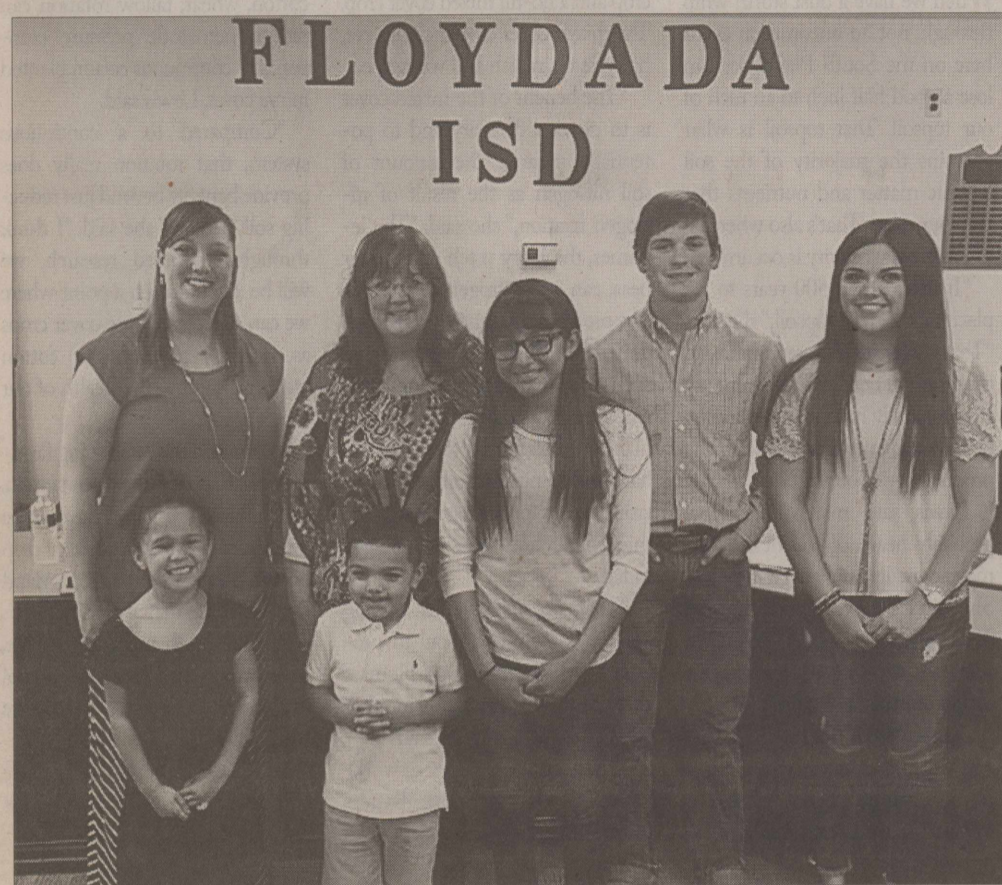
Asbestos abatement will begin in mid-March with the actual demolition beginning in mid-April.

FISD is paying for this demolition through its fund balance. This project is not a part of the proposed

bond. According to their website, "The goal of FISD is to demolish old district

buildings that the district no longer uses in order to aesthetically improve our community."

FISD students, staff of the month April



Courtesy photo

The Floydada ISD Board met on Tuesday, April 11 and recognized the following students and staff for their efforts to make education the best it can be. Each month the staff selects students that exemplify education at its best and those students are recognized at the monthly school board meeting. The elementary students recognized were Aybree Taylor and Mason Galvan, both in Pre-K at A.B. Duncan Elementary. The Junior High student of the month was Erin Trevino who is in the 7th grade at Floydada Junior High. Ethan Smith, a sophomore, and Brooke Galvan, a senior, were the Floydada High School students that were recognized. The elementary educator selected this month was Karol Rainwater who teaches 4th grade Science at A.B. Duncan Elementary. The secondary employee of the month was Jennifer Emert, who teaches Chemistry at Floydada High School.

Whirlwinds shut down Longhorns

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA— Floydada used a five-run inning and a three-run inning and limited the Lockney Longhorns to only two runs to claim an 8-5 District 2-2A victory on April 11.

For Lockney in the top of the first, Trevor Ascensio singled with two outs then stole second. Jonathan Rodriguez singled to drive in Ascensio and give the Longhorns an early 1-0 lead. In the bottom of the first for Floydada, Abraham Perez reached on an error with one out but a strikeout and a pop out ended the inning with Lockney leading 1-0 after one inning.

Nick Rendon led off the second inning for the Longhorns with a single but Nick Cineceros grounded into a double play and Ruben Marmolejo struck out to end the Lockney at bat. For the Whirlwinds in the bottom of the inning, Alex Glass led off with a single then stole second and scored on a double by Brayden Campbell. Jesse Segura popped out and Campbell was doubled off second. With two outs, Lewis Alaniz singled then Angel Cervera was hit by a pitch. Jordan Mendoza walked

to load the bases. Perez doubled to left, driving in Alaniz, Cervera and Mendoza. Mark McGowen reached on an error as Perez moved to third. Michael Crone singled to drive in Perez, giving the Whirlwinds a 5-1 lead after two innings.

In the top of the third, Israel Cuellar singled with one out but was left stranded as the next two batters went down. Floydada went three up and three down but still led 5-1 after three innings.

Rodriguez singled to lead off for Lockney in the top of the fourth. Devin DeLeon singled as Rodriguez moved to third. DeLeon was caught stealing but an error allowed Rodriguez to score to make it 5-2 in favor of Floydada. In the bottom of the inning for the Whirlwinds, Perez singled with two outs then McGowen singled but they were left stranded still leading 5-2 after four innings.

In the top of the fifth, the Longhorns went three up and three down. Glass led off for the Whirlwinds by reaching on an error then stole second. Campbell singled then with one out, Alaniz singled to drive in Glass. An error allowed Campbell to score and Alaniz to move to

third. Cervera singled to score Alaniz as Floydada extended their lead to 8-2 after five innings.

Lockney went three up and three down in the top of the sixth. In the bottom of the inning, Crone singled with one out but was left stranded with the Whirlwinds leading 8-2.

In the top of the seventh, Rendon singled with one out then Cineceros singled but two fly outs ended the game with the Whirlwinds claiming the 8-2 victory.

For Lockney, Ascensio went 1-3 with one run scored and Rodriguez went 2-3 with one RBI and one run scored. Clay Moore pitched six innings, allowing eight runs on 11 hits while striking out three and walking one.

For Floydada, Perez went 2-4 with three RBIs and one run scored, Campbell went 2-4 with one RBI and one run scored and Alaniz went 2-3 with one RBI and two runs scored. Segura pitched five and two-thirds innings allowing two runs on six hits while striking out seven, Mora pitched one-third of an inning and Turner pitched one inning allowing two hits.

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

April 24 – April 28

Monday

Breakfast – Morning sausage roll, cereal, fresh fruit, milk

Lunch – Beef nachos, turkey & cheese sub, refried beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Tuesday

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

Lunch – Creamy macaroni & cheese, pepperoni pizza, peppered Broccoli florets, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast – Strawberry pop tart, cereal, fresh fruit, milk

Lunch – Chili corndog, Sloppy Joe, crinkle cut fries, seasoned green beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Thursday

Breakfast – Cranberry orange scone, cereal, fresh fruit, milk

Lunch – Tuna salad wrap, peanut butter & jelly w/cracker, peppered corn, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Friday

Breakfast – French toast, cereal, fresh fruit, milk

Lunch – Chicken and baked potatoes w/biscuit, pepperoni pizza, spicy pinto beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Texas A&M University First To Use New, Immersive Virtual Reality Campus Tour System

By Lesley Henton
Texas A&M University
Marketing & Communications

COLLEGE STATION, April 12, 2017 – Prospective students, curious parents or anyone else who wants to see the historic campus of Texas A&M University, no matter where they are in the world, can with Xplorer Virtual Tour by concept 3D.

The university launched the platform last month at South By Southwest, trans-

porting users from Austin to College Station in virtual reality.

Now the software is available for anyone to experience Aggeland at their own pace, in a 360-degree panorama making for an exciting virtual experience, says Texas A&M Senior Graphic Designer Michael Green.

"It puts you right into the action and provides the ability to explore and get a feel for the Texas A&M campus in a way that gets

visitors and prospective students really excited about what we offer as a university," Green notes. "Aside from prospective students, I can see current students, faculty and staff, parents and especially former students loving how they can get immersed in Aggeland from wherever they are. Xplorer is a really fun and compelling way to see Texas A&M up close, in virtual reality, and at your own pace."



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LOCKNEY SCHOOL NEWS

O'Connell Inducted into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

BATON ROUGE, LA (04/12/2017) -- Patrick O'Connell of Lockney, Texas, was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. O'Connell was initiated at Texas Tech University.

O'Connell is among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for

graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 300 campuses in the United States and the Philippines. Its mission is "To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."

More About Phi Kappa Phi Since its founding, 1.5

million members have been initiated into Phi Kappa Phi. Some of the organization's notable members include former President Jimmy Carter, NASA astronaut Wendy Lawrence, novelist David Baldacci and YouTube co-founder Chad Hurley. The Society has awarded approximately \$15 million since the inception of its awards program in 1932. Today, \$1.4 million is awarded each biennium to qualifying students and members through graduate fellowships, undergraduate study abroad grants, member and chapter awards, and grants for local, national and international literacy initiatives. For more information, visit www.phikappaphi.org.

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

Lady Horns fall to Hale Center 18-9

HALE CENTER – Hale Center held off the Lockney Lady Horns to claim a 18-9 District 2-2A softball victory on Friday, April 14, but because of the results of games around the District, the Lady Horns clinched a playoff spot.

In the top of the first inning for Lockney, Alyssa Barretero was hit by a pitch with one out but was left stranded on base. For Hale Center, Jaci Garcia doubled to lead off the bottom of the first, then moved to third on a wild pitch. A single by Marissa Rodriguez drove in Garcia to give the Lady Owls a 1-0 lead after one inning.

Shelby Dunbar led off by drawing a walk for the Lady Horns in the top of the second. With one out, Dunbar was caught stealing then Mackenzy Ragland singled and moved to second on an error. Karissa Petty singled to drive Ragland and tie the game at 1-1. In the bottom of the second, Jenna Benevitez singled to lead off for Hale Center then with one out, Jessica Rodriguez reached on an error but both runners were left on base with the game tied, 1-1 after two innings.

For the Lady Horns, Hannah Kidd led off the third with a single but was forced out when Barretero hit into a fielder's choice. Barretero moved to second on a wild pitch then advanced to third when Madai Chavira reached on an error. Aleah Jimenez grounded out to the pitcher but Barretero scored on the play to give the Lady Horns a 2-1 lead. In the bottom of the third, M Rodriguez was hit by a pitch to lead off the bottom of the third for the Lady Owls. Ariel Ramon walked then Gracie Quintero singled to drive in M Rodriguez. Benevitez was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Katie Huffines singled to score

Ramon and Quintero. With two outs, Kaylee Hendricks reached on an error as Benevitez singled for Hale Center. Garcia singled to drive in Huffines and Hendricks. M Rodriguez was hit by a pitch, then Natalie Jimenez tripled to center to drive in Garcia and M Rodriguez to take a 9-2 lead after three innings.

In the top of the fourth, Ragland reached on a one-out error but was left stranded with the Lady Horns trailing 9-2. For the Lady Owls, Quintero walked to lead off the bottom of the inning then Benevitez reached on an error. With one out, J Rodriguez singled to load the bases. With two outs, Garcia singled to drive in Quintero and Benevitez as the Lady Owls took an 11-2 lead after four innings.

Kidd led off the fifth inning for Lockney with a single then scored on a one-out two-run home run to left by Chavira. A Jimenez followed with a double then Dunbar singled. Reagan Nuncio reached on an error that allowed A Jimenez to score. Ragland reached on a fielder's choice when Dunbar was forced out at third. With two outs, Petty singled to drive in Nuncio. Tatyana Cienfuegos singled to drive in Ragland as the Lady Horns closed to gap to 11-7 in favor of Hale Center. In the bottom of the inning, the Lady Owls went three up and three down.

In the top of the sixth, Barretero led off with a double then Chavira doubled to drive in Barretero and advanced to third on an error on the play. A Jimenez grounded out but drove in Chavira. With two outs, Nuncio reached on an error but was left stranded as the Lady Horns trailed 11-9. In the bottom of the sixth, the Lady Owls added eight more runs. Quintero led off with a walk then scored on a single to right field. Huffines reached on a fielder's choice then Benevitez scored on an error as Huffines

reached on an error. Hendricks reached on a fielder's choice as Huffines was forced out at third. Garcia singled to center to drive in J Rodriguez. M Rodriguez singled to drive in Hendricks. N Jimenez walked to load the bases. Ramon singled to left to drive in Garcia as M Rodriguez moved to third. M Rodriguez then scored on a wild pitch as N Jimenez moved to third on the play. With two outs, N Jimenez scored on a wild pitch to make give Hale Center an 18-9 lead.

In the top of the seventh, with two outs, Kidd reached on a dropped third strike but was left stranded as the Lady Owls upset the Lady Horns 18-9.

For Lockney, Kidd went 2-5 with a run scored, Barretero went 1-4 with two runs scored, Chavira went 2-4 with three RBIs and two runs scored, Petty went 2-4 with two RBIs and Ragland went 1-4 with two runs scored. Nuncio pitched six innings, giving up 18 runs on 13 hits while striking out four and walking four.

For Hale Center, Garcia went 4-5 with five RBIs and three runs scored, M Rodriguez went 2-3 with two RBIs and three runs scored, Quintero went 1-3 with one RBI and three runs scored and Benevitez went 2-4 with one RBI and three runs scored. Garcia pitched seven innings allowing nine runs on 11 hits while striking out two and walking one.

The Lady Horns are third at 6-5 in District play and were scheduled to finish District play against the second place, 9-2 Abernathy Lady Lopes on April 18. The Lady Owls finish their year at 3-9 in District. Ralls captured the District title and are 11-0. New Deal, 5-5, was scheduled to play Floydada, 4-6, on April 18 with the fourth playoff spot on the line. Crosbyton was 0-11 before their April 18 came against Ralls.

Longhorns split double header with Hale Center

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – Lockney and Hale Center met on April 14 for a double-header in District 2-2A action. The Owls won game one 7-5 and the Longhorns won game two 11-1.

In game one, the Owls scored three in the top of the seventh to come from behind to claim the victory.

Hale Center jumped out early, taking a 1-0 lead in the top of the first. With one out, Castillo singled then with two outs, moved to second on a wild pitch and scored when Herman singled to center. In the bottom half of the inning, Israel Cuellar singled to lead off for the Longhorns. Nick Derda followed with a single to move Cuellar to second but Trevor Ascensio lined out to second and Derda was doubled up at first. A ground out ended the inning with Hale Center leading 1-0.

In the top of the second, the Owls could not produce any runs after Johnson singled to lead off and Blackburn drew a two-out walk. Lockney took the lead with two runs in the bottom of the inning. With one out, Nick Rendon reached on a dropped third strike then scored on a double by Ruben Marmolejo. Clay Moore reached on an error that allowed Marmolejo to move to third. With two outs, Cuellar singled to drive in Marmolejo giving the Longhorns a 2-1 lead after two innings.

Hale Center failed to score in the top of the third. In the bottom of the inning, Jonathan Rodriguez singled with two outs and Devin DeLeon drew a walk but Rendon struck out to end the inning as Lockney maintained their 2-1 lead after three innings.

In the top of the fourth, Johnson led off drawing a walk but the next three batters went down in order. Lockney extended their lead when Moore singled with one out and then moved to second on a fielder's choice. Cuellar singled to drive in Moore and give Lockney a 3-1 lead after four innings.

Hale Center took the lead in the top of the fifth with three runs. Martinez reached on an error then Rogers singled to center. Castillo singled to load the bases. Martinez reached on

an error that scored Martinez and Rogers. Gonzales grounded into a double play but Castillo scored on the play to give the Owls a 4-3 lead. For Lockney in the bottom of the inning, Ascensio was hit by a pitch to lead off but was caught advancing to second on a single by Rodriguez. DeLeon singled as Rodriguez moved to second. Rendon was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Marmolejo was walked to force in Rodriguez and tie the game at 4-4 after five innings.

In the top of the sixth, Hale Center was unable to take advantage of a lead-off walk by Hill and a single by Johnson as the game remained tied 4-4. For the Longhorns in the bottom of the inning, Derda walked with two outs then moved to third on a double by Ascensio. Rodriguez walked to load the bases. Derda scored on an error to give the Longhorns a 5-4 lead after six innings.

The Owls struck for three runs in the top of the seventh. Rogers walked to lead off then stole second and but was out at third when Castillo grounded into a fielder's choice. Martinez singled then Gonzales singled to load the bases with only one out. Johnson walked to drive in Castillo then with two outs, Johnson walked to drive in Martinez. Gonzales scored on a passed ball before Castillo ground out for the third out with the Owls leading 7-5. A two-out walk to Moore in the bottom of the seventh was all the Longhorns could manage as the Owls claimed the 7-5 victory.

For Lockney, Cuellar went 3-4 with two RBIs, Rodriguez went 2-3 with one run scored and Marmolejo went 1-3 with two runs scored. Rodriguez pitched one inning allowing one run on one hit, Marmolejo pitched two and one-third innings allowing three hits while striking out four and walking one, Bryce Reese pitched two innings allowing three runs on three hits while striking out three and walking two and Cuellar pitched one and one-third allowing three runs on two hits while striking out one and walking three.

For Hale Center, Castillo went 3-4 with three runs scored and Martinez went 1-4 with two RBIs and one run scored. Blackburn pitched four and one-third

innings allowing four runs on nine hits while striking out five and walking two and Castillo pitched two and two-thirds innings allowing one run on one hit while striking out two and walking three.

GAME TWO

In game two, Lockney needed only five innings to defeat the Owls 11-1 as Marmolejo threw a one-hitter.

In the top of the first, Castillo drew a lead-off walk but with one out, was caught stealing before Castillo fled out to end the inning. Derda singled with one out for the Longhorns then moved to second on an error. Ascensio reached on an error as Derda moved to third. With two outs, DeLeon was hit by a pitch to load the bases but a fly out ended the threat with the score 0-0 after one inning.

Hill singled with two outs for the Owls in the top of the second but was caught trying to steal second to end the at-bat for Hale Center. In the bottom of the inning, Marmolejo led off with a singled but was picked off at first then two strikeouts ended the second inning with the score still tied 0-0.

Hale Center went three up and three down in the top of the third. In the bottom half of the inning, Cuellar led off with a double then Derda reached on an infield single. Ascensio walked to load the bases. Rodriguez singled and drove in Cuellar and Derda. DeLeon then singled to drive in Ascensio and Rodriguez. DeLeon was caught stealing then Rendon was hit by a pitch. Marmolejo was also hit by a pitch then Moore singled to load the bases again. Cineceros was hit by a pitch to drive in Rendon. Cuellar delivered a sacrifice fly that drove in Marmolejo but Moore was caught trying to steal third to end the inning with Lockney leading 6-0 after three innings.

In the top of the fourth, Hale Center went down in order. Derda singled to lead off for Lockney in the bottom of the inning. With one out, Rodriguez hit a two-run home run to left field to drive in Derda. DeLeon was hit by a pitch then moved to second on a fielder's choice by Rendon. Marmolejo doubled to left to drive in DeLeon. Moore

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LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU

April 24-28

Monday, Apr. 24

Breakfast – Sausage Biscuit, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch – Enchiladas or Taquitos and Queso, Charro Beans, Garden Salad, Hot Cinnamon Apples, Milk

Tuesday, Apr. 25

Breakfast – Breakfast Boat, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch – Meatball Sub and Tots or Chili Cheese Combo, Fresh Veggie Cup, Fresh Fruit, Pudding, Milk

Wednesday, Apr. 26

Breakfast – Chicken and Waffles, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch – Pizza or Fiesta Bowl, Garden Salad, Tomato Cup, Fruit Cup, Milk

Thursday, Apr. 27

Breakfast – Stuffed Bagel, Sausage, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch – Chicken Nuggets and Mac-N-Cheese, Green Beans, Steamed Broccoli, Apple Slices, Milk

Friday, Apr. 28

Breakfast – Dutch Waffle, Bacon, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch – Hamburger or Corn Dog, Oven Fries, Baby Carrots, Peaches, Crispy Cereal Treat, Milk

Cody Hayes



Rockwall ISD Culinary Arts team shined at the state ProStart Culinary competition this weekend, in San Antonio, Texas. In February, they competed against 22 other high school teams throughout the state at the Regional ProStart competition and ended in a strong second place, advancing to the state competition. Today they competed against the best of the best in Texas, and topped every team - placing 1st, and advancing to the National Competition in Charleston, South Carolina in April!!! The culinary team is comprised of both Rockwall High School, and Rockwall-Heath High School students. Each student received \$17,000 in scholarships! Culinary instructor Cody Hayes graduated from Lockney High School and is the son of Cleatis and Betty Hayes. This is the second time for Cody to take a team to the Nationals. In 2014, his management team went and won Nationals. Our State Champion team pictured is as follows (left to right) Alexa Nunez (RHHS), Kali Stamper (RHS), Madi Alexander (RHS), Preslie Mann (RHHS), Emily Martin (RHHS) and Culinary Instructor Cody Hayes.

VOTING

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- United States military identification card containing the person's photograph
 - United States citizenship certificate containing the person's photograph
 - United States passport
- Here is a list of the supporting forms of ID that can be presented if the voter does not possess one of the forms of acceptable photo ID and cannot obtain one due to a reasonable impediment:
- Valid voter registration certificate
 - Certified birth certificate (must be an original)
 - Copy of or original current utility bill
 - Copy of or original bank statement
 - Copy of or original government check
 - Copy of or original paycheck
 - Copy of or original government document with your name and an address (original required if it contains a photograph)

On the ballot in Floydada will be the FISD bond election. To recap the key points of the 2017 Bond/Construction Proposal:

Identified Facility Needs

- 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 plans
- New Transportation Facility with covered parking for district buses
- New Softball Field
- Renovations to Watson Field (field turf for the in-field, new dugouts, new bleachers, new backstop, new fencing, new press box, new scoreboard)
- New Tennis Courts

The Lockney City Council has six candidates running for three positions this year. All voting—both early and election day voting-- will be held at the First United Methodist Church, 120 Poplar Street. Early voters can vote from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 24 through May 2 at the church. Regular election voters on Saturday, May 6 vote from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the church.

Council positions 1, 2, and 3 are on the ballot this year.

In District 1, Aaron Wilson was appointed to serve out that term, but he is not running for District 1. He has filed to run for District 2 which is currently being served by incumbent Rosie Rendon. Rendon has filed for re-election, so that will be a contested race.

Running for the District 1 position will be Ray Jimenez and Donnie McLaughlin.

The District 3 position which is currently held by Dart Carthel who was appointed to the seat also has two candidates. Carthel is opposed by Abel Rosales.

Sales Tax Holiday on Emergency Preparation Supplies April 22-24

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN — With the potential for severe weather approaching this spring, Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar reminds Texans they can purchase certain items tax free during the state's sales tax holiday for emergency preparation supplies, April 22-24.

"Unfortunately, we can't predict when the next fire, flood or tornado may strike," Hegar said. "But we can be prepared, and this tax holiday helps Texans save money while stocking up for emergency situations before they happen."

There's no limit on the number of qualifying items you can purchase. These include:

- batteries, fuel containers and flashlights priced at less than \$75;
- hurricane shutters and emergency lad-

ders priced at less than \$300; and

- portable generators priced at less than \$3,000.

Purchases that do not qualify include:

- batteries for automobiles, boats and other motorized vehicles;
- camping stoves and camping supplies;
- chainsaws;
- plywood;
- xtension ladders and stepladders; and
- tents

A list of emergency preparation supplies that may be purchased tax free can be found on the Comptroller's website.

The Comptroller's office estimates shoppers will save \$1.5 million in state and local sales taxes during the tax holiday, approved by lawmakers during the 2015 Texas Legislature.

LONGHORNS

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single to drive in Marmolejo but was thrown out at home on a triple by Cineceros has the Longhorns stretched their lead to 10-0.

With two outs in the top of the fifth for Hale Center, Hill was hit by a pitch then was advanced to second on a balk. Johnson reached on an error that allowed Hill to score but Lockney still led 10-1. In the bottom of the inning, Cuellar walked to lead off then moved to second on a wild pitch. Der-

da walked then Ascensio reached on an error to load the bases. Rodriguez was hit by a pitch to force in Cuellar with the winning run as the Longhorns defeated the Owls 11-1.

For Lockney, Derda went 3-3 with two runs scored, Rodriguez went 2-3 with five RBIs and two runs scored and DeLeon went 1-1 with two RBIs. Marmolejo pitched five innings allowing one run on one hit while striking out nine and walk-

ing one.

For Hale Center, Hill went 1-1 and scored one run. Martinez pitched four innings allowing 11 runs on 12 hits while striking out three and walking three.

Lockney improved to 5-6 in District while Hale Center dropped to 2-8-1. Lockney was scheduled to play New Deal, 8-2, on April 18 and will close out their District schedule with a double-header against 2-7-1 Olton on April 22.

Texas House Passes Budget

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon, from the Office of Rep. Drew Springer

AUSTIN-- On Thursday, the Texas House of Representatives passed the budget for the 2018-2019 biennium. It was a lively 15 and a half hours of heated debate including a number of people and amendments that tried to harm rural Texas. Rep. Springer stood up to defend not only rural values but also was successful in defunding Planned Parenthood and other abortion clinics from all taxpayer dollars.

The proposed budget spends \$106.8 billion in available revenue, while cutting overall state spending by \$1 billion compared to the current biennium. Despite the dramatic reduction in spending, the House has managed to make significant investments in critical areas of the State. While there are a few items that Rep. Springer would have funded lower and some higher this budget is the work and compromise of all 150 Representatives.

In regards to transportation, the House has budgeted for the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to receive an additional \$2.5 billion. This will help to ensure that rural roads are maintained and safe for travelers, while at the same time add additional lanes to relieve traffic congestion.

Additionally, the House budget seeks to help to reform school finance. They have set aside funds for

public school enrollment to grow by about 165,000 students over the next two years, increased public education funding by \$1.5 billion. Additionally, funding for rural community colleges, such as NCTC and Vernon College, far outpaces that of their urban counterparts. Schools and community colleges, however, won't be the only ones that will benefit. The House budget has set aside \$500 million for the next four years to address the shortfall in the healthcare fund for retired teachers.

Mental Health is another critical priority that the House has addressed. The budget will allocate an additional \$62.6 million to eliminate wait lists for our community mental health services. This will help relieve congestion in our county jails and make access to services more readily available. Many are also familiar with the crisis throughout the State involving Child Protective Services (CPS). This budget dedicates an additional \$433 million to help improve the State system and better protect and serve the children of Texas. While this is a substantial amount, this is only the beginning of a more rigorous overhaul of the current CPS system which includes major reforms, not just more tax dollars.

The State was also able to save a substantial amount of money by cutting \$2.5 billion in Medicaid funding

by working with the Trump Administration as a reimbursement for not expanding welfare services. While this may cause worry for some, it is in fact \$0.9 billion more in total funding for Medicaid than were allocated for 2016-17.

The Rainy Day Fund currently has a balance of \$10 billion with another \$2 billion being added over the biennium. Much like a household budget, when times are tough and a person is forced to spend less on staple items they tend to halt the growth of their savings accounts. Using only the new money coming into the ESF Fund to bridge the current economic downturn is the responsible way to use the fund for its intended purpose. When the Legislature returns for the 86th Session, roughly \$10 billion will remain in the fund.

When asked about the budget, Rep. Springer stated "I am proud that we were able to pass a budget that addresses the concerns and critical priorities of the State, while at the same time remaining fiscally conservative and transparent in our methods. This truly is a win for Texas, and I strongly believe we made the most out of the revenue shortfall."

If you have questions or concerns about the budget or other State issues, you may contact the representative at District 68. Springer@house.texas.gov.

UPCOMING

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is held the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Anyone ages 16 and over are welcome to come join us for a night full of fun! Refreshments available for purchase.

BINGO NIGHT LOCKNEY SR. CITIZENS

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

COVENANT HEALTH MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY

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

LEGAL NOTICES

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF TEST OF AUTOMATIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT

Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the FLOYDADA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND Election held on MAY 6, 2017 will be tested on 04/21/2017 at 2:30 P.M. at THE FLOYD COUNTY COURTHOUSE to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all offices and on all measures.

Dingus Morgan
Signature of Officer

AVISO PUBLICO DE PROBAR EL EQUIPO PARA TABULAR AUTOMATICAMENTE

Por lo presente se da aviso que el equipo para tabular automáticamente que se usará en la Elección FLOYDADA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND que se llevará a cabo el MAY 6, 2017 se probará el 04/21/2017 (fecha) a las 2:30 P.M. (hora) en FLOYD COUNTY COUTHOUSE (sitio) para determinar si el equipo contará con exactitud los votos para todos los puestos oficiales y sobre todos los proyectos de ley.

Dingus Morgan
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Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the CITY OF LOCKNEY GENERAL Election held on MAY 6, 2017 will be tested on 04/21/2017 at 2:00 P.M. at THE FLOYD COUNTY COURTHOUSE to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all offices and on all measures.

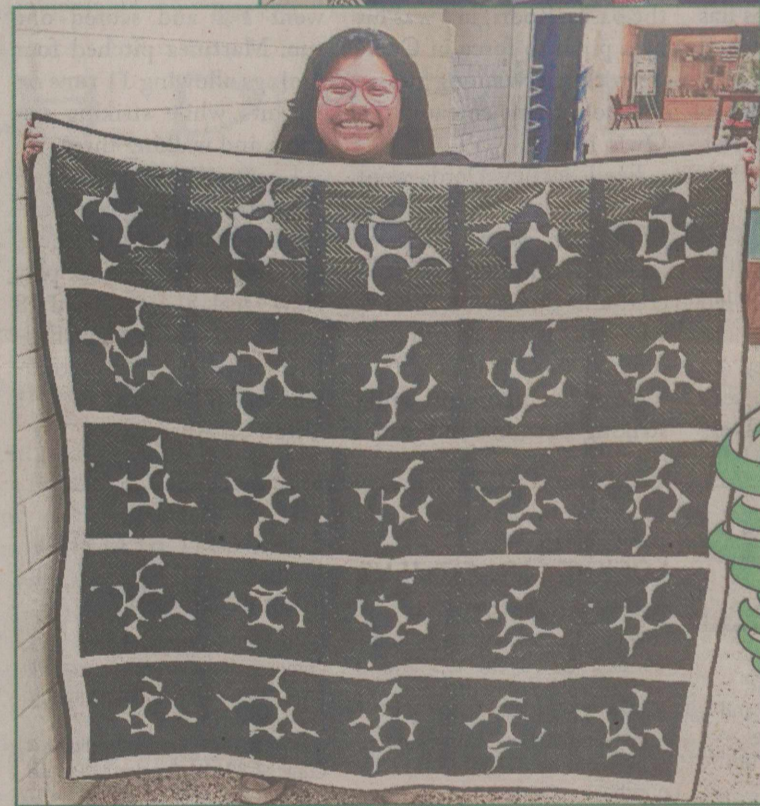
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AVISO PUBLICO DE PROBAR EL EQUIPO PARA TABULAR AUTOMATICAMENTE

Por lo presente se da aviso que el equipo para tabular automáticamente que se usará en la Elección CITY OF LOCKNEY GENERAL que se llevará a cabo el MAY 6, 2017 se probará el 04/21/2017 (fecha) a las 2:00 P.M. (hora) en FLOYD COUNTY COUTHOUSE (sitio) para determinar si el equipo contará con exactitud los votos para todos los puestos oficiales y sobre todos los proyectos de ley.

Dingus Morgan
Firma del/la Oficial

Quilts and pillow cases



More quilts that have been completed in Ms. Dana Crossland's class at Floydada High School. Also, pillow cases that will be donated to the Bee Hive in Floydada and the Ronald McDonald House in Lubbock.

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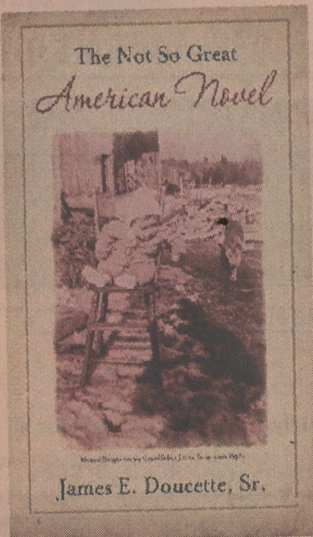
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Highway 70 at Muncy between Floydada and Lockney

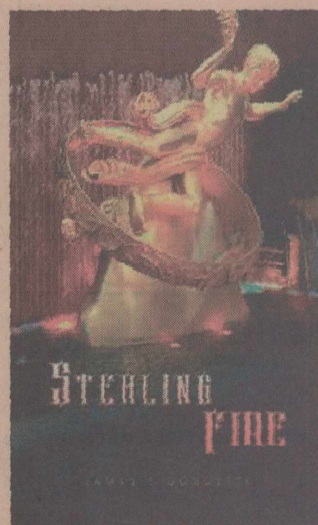
Health Fair3:30 - 5:00 p.m.	Barbeque, Fish and Chicken Meal
Registration4:30 - 6:00 p.m.	Catered by Danny's Fins & Hens
Meal5:00 p.m.	Children's Entertainment
Business Meeting6:30 p.m.	Election of Directors

Prize Drawings During the Meeting
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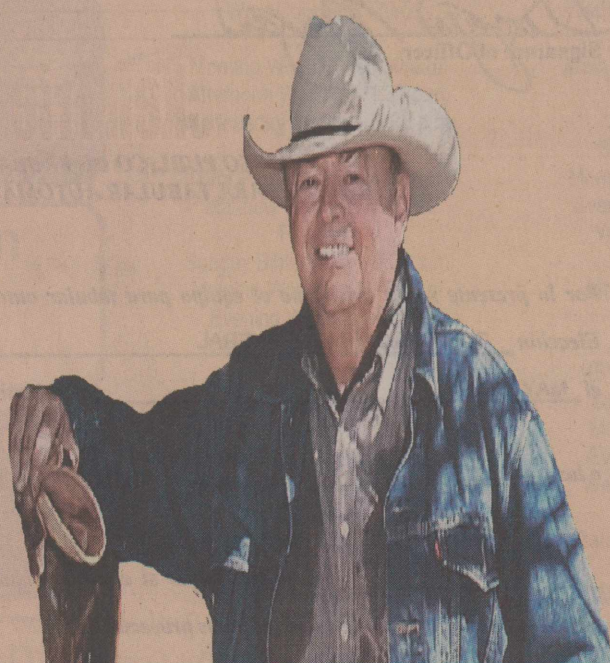
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The public hearing will be held on May 4, 2017 7:15 am at Floyd County Appraisal District, located at 104 E California, Floydada, Texas. A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget. \$ 340,400.00

The total amount of increase over the current year's budget. \$ 5,400.00

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget. 3

The number of employees compensated under the current budget. 3

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office located at 104 E California, Floydada, Texas.

The phone number of the Floyd County Appraisal District is: 806-983-5256

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Chevy baseball clinic



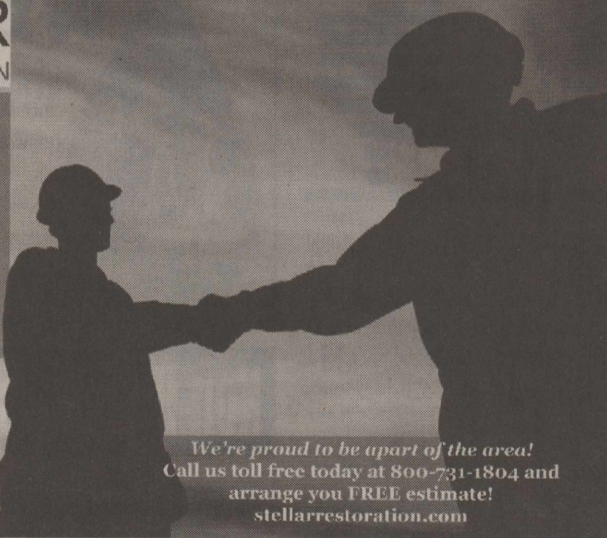
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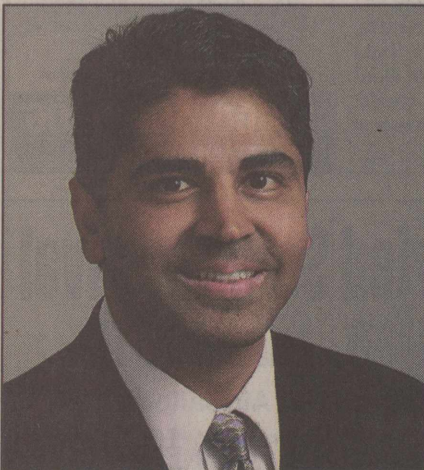
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BACKGROUND:

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.

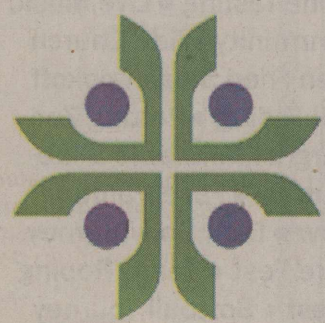
Born in Gujarat, India, Raja was raised in California, graduating from Covina High School. Raja attended undergraduate school at California State University and University of California at Irvine before pursuing his medical degree at Northwestern University Medical School.

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.

EDUCATION

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