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## Lockney Old Fashioned Saturday set for Aug. 26

By Kay Ellington  
 The Hesperian-Beacon

Mark your calendars for the annual Old Fashioned Saturday in Lockney on August 26. Events include kids' activities and train rides, car show, pageant, a street dance and more.

The Old Fashioned Saturday Sweetheart pageant will begin at 9 a.m. Scholarship funds are awarded to winners of first, first runner up and Miss Congeniality. The com-

petition is for incoming 9-12th grade girls of Lockney.

There will also be an opportunity for the little girls of the community (walking to 5th grade) to walk across the stage in a pretty dress. (No contest but all will receive a small gift and be introduced.) while the older girls are changing into other wardrobes. For more information or to sign up, contact Robyn Stevenson at (806)685-8226. Cost for little girls: \$10.

Other fun events including Longhorn Lotto, kids' activities and train rides, the car show and many vendors.

Vendor info: All vendors must fill out an application and return by August 14 to PO Box 477, Lockney 79241. Vendor booth space is \$75, food vendors are \$100. Brittany Duniven is the contact for vendors at (817)584-4761.

The Leal family is hosting a professional miniature bull riding event Friday evening

and Saturday evening beginning at 6 p.m.

Winners of this event will go on to compete in Las Vegas. Organizers are expecting at least an additional 300 people for this event alone.

Vance Guthrie and Junction 84 band have been booked to play at the street dance.

The winners of the pageant and bull riding event will be announced at the street dance after 8 p.m. with a special Fire twirling performance by Fette Jackson.



Courtesy photo

Top photo: Shelby Dunbar is being crowned by Karis Carstensen 2015 sweetheart.

Bottom picture left to right: Noehlia Salaziar, Alyssa Guitierrez, Karis Carstensen (2015 Sweetheart), Hannah Kidd (2016 first runner up), Shelby Dunbar (2016 Sweetheart and Miss Congeniality)



## 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.

### LOCKNEY ISD

All Lockney ISD boy and girl athletes in grades 7-12 grades MUST have their physical and UIL paperwork before they will be allowed to practice. Cross Country and Football players must have this completed by August 7th. Turn this paperwork into the High School office, Junior High office, or give to Coach Moerbe ASAP.

### SOFTBALL PITCHING CLINIC

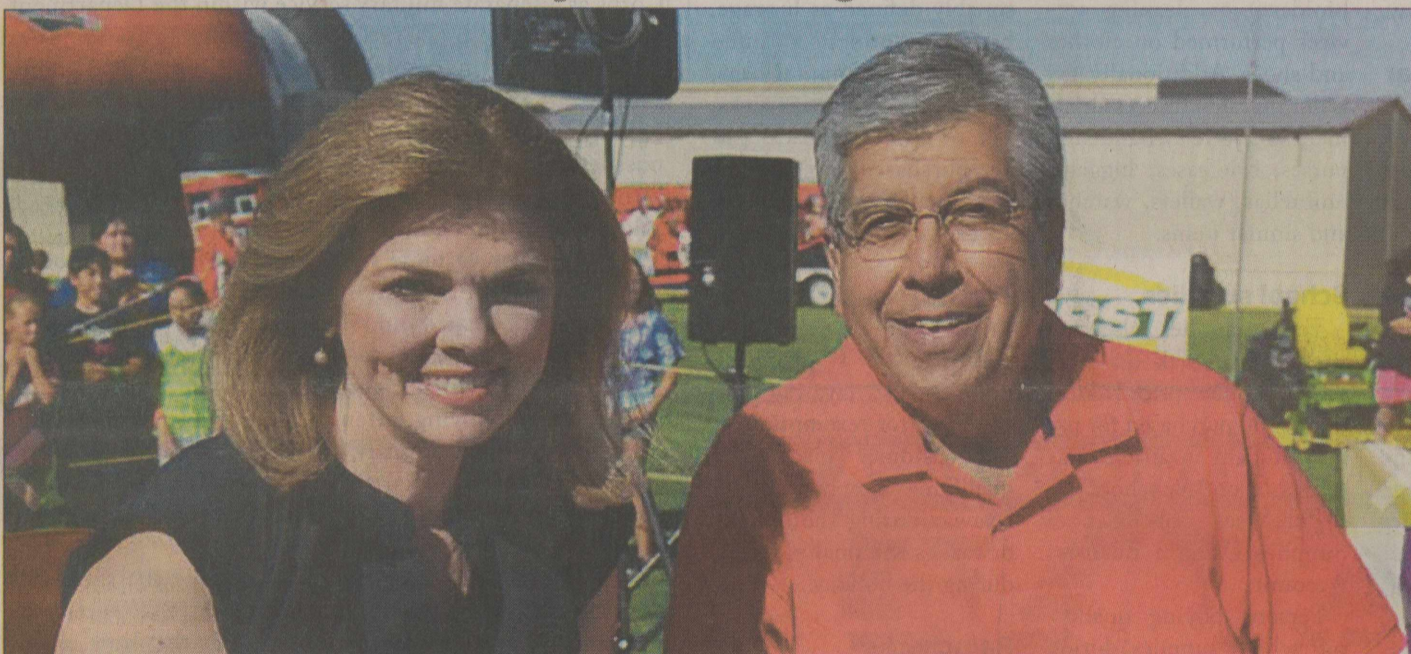
Softball Pitching Clinic is being held in Floydada, Texas on Saturday, August 12th at the Floydada High School softball field. Times are 10 am - 12 noon for beginners and 1 pm to 3 pm for experienced pitchers. Cost is \$30. Instructor will be Monique Garcia, senior pitcher for Lubbock Christian University. All attendees will receive an autographed ball. To enroll, contact Gilbert Trevino at (806) 407-6240

### LOCKNEY LONGHORN BOOSTER CLUB

The Lockney Longhorn Booster Club meeting will be holding a meeting on Monday, August 14 at 7 p.m. at the High School

See UPCOMING, Page 7

## KCBD Community Coverage tour



Courtesy photo

Thursday, Aug. 10 KCBD will be in Floydada for the 6 and 10 o'clock news. The Whirlwinds band will be in the background playing the fight song for them! Be sure and tune in to see your hometown and to hear the band!

## City Hall Round-up: pool season ending; MAC opens this week

By Kay Ellington  
 The Hesperian-Beacon

A little more than two weeks is all that's left for this year's city pool season. According to city manager Jeff Johnston, the pool will close for the season the weekend before school starts.

But one city property is getting ready to officially open—the Massie Activity Center.

At press time, all that was needed to finish the remodel was carpeting the floors, and the city was looking to do that Wednesday or Thursday.

"We've actually been letting some people use it," said Johnston. "All that was missing was the carpet, and there were folks who really needed a facility like the MAC for their meetings."

The newly remodeled MAC will have new windows, new bathrooms, and a brightened interior inside.

In other city action, Johnston will be meeting with the engineer this week to discuss the downtown enhancements for lighting on the square, and he expects to know the timing of that beautification project later this week.

## Meet the Teachers Nights Set for FISD, LISD

By Kay Ellington  
 The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon

In order to share information and to create parent-teacher partnerships A.B. Duncan has scheduled Meet the Teacher Nights for Tuesday, Aug. 15 and Thursday, Aug. 17.

According to Duncan principal Carlos Munoz, they will be having two types of informational sessions general and grade level specific. Topics for the sessions will be:

**General:** Attendance, Discipline, Fundraising and End of Year Field Trip, Before and after school support systems to help you child be successful.

**Grade Level:** Classroom procedures and expectations, Positive contacts, Homerooms, Teacher contact information and conference times, Registration.

\*\*\*FISD encourages you to attend these sessions with your child\*\*\*

The session schedules will be:

**Tuesday 8/15**  
 PK/1st - 5:00-6:00 pm  
 3rd/4th - 6:00-7:00 pm

(General session will be for the first 20 minutes in the Cafeteria then you will meet with grade level teachers.)

The first day of school in Floydada is Monday, Aug. 21.

Lockney Elementary's Meet the Teachers Night will be Thursday, Aug. 17 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Parents or guardians should come to the main office, and they'll be directed to their students' teachers. It will be a come and go event.

Students can bring their supplies and drop them in their classrooms that evening. The first day of school in Lockney is Monday, Aug. 21.

## Correction

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

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# Recent Donations Made by the Martha Ann Cogdell Trust

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Connie Cogdell Clark, chairman of the board of the Martha Ann Cogdell Trust, announces that donations were recently made to the following entities: City of Turkey Ambulance Fund, City of Quitaque Ambulance Service, Caprock Hospital District Ambulance Fund, Hall County EMS Ambulance Service, Silverton Voluntary Ambulance Service, Briscoe County Clinic Association and Swisher Memorial Hos-

pital District - Tulia Rural Health Clinic.

For many years the Martha Ann Cogdell Trust has purchased ambulances for various cities and hospital districts in this area, including the Caprock Hospital District Ambulance Fund, the City of Wayside Emergency Team, the City of Claude Volunteer Ambulance Service, the City of Turkey Ambulance Fund, the City of Quitaque Ambulance Service, the Silverton Voluntary Ambulance Fund, the City of Lockney Ambu-

lance Fund and the Motley County Ambulance Fund.

In addition, many thousands of dollars have been made in annual gifts to these various ambulance services to assist in operation expenses. The Trust has also built clinics in Floydada, Lockney and Silverton.

The members of the board of directors of the Martha Ann Cogdell Trust are Connie Cogdell Clark, Gaylon Clark, Bette Cogdell, Billy Rank Cogdell and Norma Birdwell.

# Savings Possible During Texas Sales Tax Holiday

Texas Comptroller Office

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

This year's Texas Sales Tax Holiday is Aug. 11-13. As in previous years, the law exempts most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks priced less than \$100 from sales and use taxes, which could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend.

Subject to the criteria explained below, all sales of qualifying items made during the holiday period qualify for the exemption, including items sold online, or by telephone or mail. Shoppers can use layaway plans to take advantage of the sales tax holiday.

The Legislature sets the dates for the sales tax holiday.

## Clothing and Footwear

Retailers are not required to collect state and local sales or use tax on most footwear and clothing that are sold for less than \$100 during the holiday. Exemption certificates are not required. The exemption applies to each eligible item that sells for less than \$100, regardless of how many items are sold on the same invoice to a customer. For example, if a customer purchases two shirts for \$80 each, then both items qualify for the exemption, even though the customer's total purchase price (\$160) exceeds \$99.99.

The exemption does not apply to the first \$99.99 of an otherwise eligible item that sells for more than \$99.99. For example, if a customer purchases a pair of pants that costs \$110, then sales tax is due on the entire \$110.

The exemption also does not apply to sales of special clothing or footwear that the manufacturer primarily

designed for athletic activity or protective use and that is not normally worn except when used for the athletic activity or protective use for which the manufacturer designed the article. For example, golf cleats and football pads are primarily designed for athletic activity or protective use and are not normally worn except for those purposes; they do not qualify for the exemption. Tennis shoes, jogging suits and swimsuits, however, are commonly worn for purposes other than athletic activity and thus qualify for the exemption.

The sales tax holiday exemption does not extend to rental of clothing or footwear; nor does it apply to alteration (including embroidery) or cleaning services performed on clothes and shoes. Additionally, tax is due on sales of accessories, including jewelry, handbags, purses, briefcases, luggage, umbrellas, wallets, watches and similar items.

## School supplies

Texas families also get a sales tax break on most school supplies priced at less than \$100 purchased for use by a student in an elementary or secondary school.

Purchases of School Supplies Using a Business Account

Persons buying qualifying school supplies during the holiday are not required to provide an exemption certificate - with one exception. If the purchaser is buying the items under a business account, the retailer must obtain an exemption certificate from the purchaser certifying that the items are purchased for use by an elementary or secondary school student. "Under a business account" means the purchaser is using a business credit card or

business check rather than a personal credit card or personal check; being billed under a business account maintained at the retailer; or is using a business membership at a retailer that is membership based.

## Backpacks

Backpacks priced less than \$100 sold for use by elementary and secondary students are exempt during the sales tax holiday. A backpack is a pack with straps one wears on the back. The exemption includes backpacks with wheels, provided they can also be worn on the back like a traditional backpack, and messenger bags.

The exemption does not include items that are reasonably defined as luggage, briefcases, athletic / duffel / gym bags, computer bags, purses or framed backpacks. Ten or fewer backpacks can be purchased tax-free at one time without providing an exemption certificate to the seller.

## Layaways

A sale of a qualifying item under a layaway plan qualifies for exemption if the customer places the qualifying merchandise on layaway during the holiday or makes the final payment during the holiday.

## Rainchecks

Eligible items that customers purchase during the holiday with use of a rain check qualify for the exemption regardless of when the rain check was issued. However, issuance of a rain check by a seller during the holiday period will not qualify an eligible item for the exemption if the item is actually purchased after the holiday is over even if the rain check is presented at the time of purchase.

# The Paperboy The House is working

While senators drag their feet on virtually everything that comes before them, the U.S. House of Representatives has passed plenty of legislation. Of course, it doesn't count until the Senate signs off on it and then the president, but to say that the House is not working hard for the people is not an accurate statement.

In a National Review article last week, Jim Geraghty weighed in on the items the House has passed thus far in 2017.

Geraghty wrote: "The House keeps sending bills over to the Senate, month after month: 250 in all so far this year, according to GovTrack. Quite a few of those bills are minor - land swaps, expansion of historic sites, renaming post offices - but a significant number would count as accomplishments worth boasting about on the campaign trail next year if they were signed into law.

"Sources close to Republican House leaders are quick to point out that they don't want to seem too critical of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. They say they understand there's a different set of challenges on that side of Capitol Hill, with a much smaller GOP margin, the Democrats' filibuster threats, and the Senate's own full plate of confirming the president's cabinet and judicial nominations. But they feel like the House has pulled its weight so far this year. As one source close to (Speaker Paul) Ryan put it, 'The House is doing its job and the bills are piling up in the Senate.'"

The House has passed Kate's Law, which would crack down on undocumented immigrant convicted of illegally reentering the United States after being deported, with a vote of 257 to 157, with one Republican voting no and 24 Democrats voting yes.

Geraghty wrote: "The House passed a separate bill that would withhold federal grants from cities that do not cooperate with federal immigration authorities, self-proclaimed 'sanctuary cities.'"

Geraghty continues: "The defense-authorization bill passed by the House gets the ball rolling by giving the troops a 2.4 percent pay raise; establishing a new U.S. Space Corps as a separate military service within the Department of the Air Force by 2019; increasing funding for facilities restoration and modernization by \$1.4 billion; providing \$150 million for the Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative to help train and assist the Ukrainian military; increasing missile-defense funding by \$2.5 billion; and adding 10,000 active-duty Army soldiers, 4,000 Army National Guard soldiers, and 3,000 Army Reserve soldiers.

"In an effort to tame the federal bureaucracy, Florida Republican Dennis Ross introduced, and his colleagues passed, a bill that would require federal employees to provide detailed, annual reporting of 'official time' - paid leave given to federal employees to perform union business such as lobbying, attending union conventions, and filing grievances. Currently, the Office of Personnel Management releases official-time costs and hours only every couple of years, and usually in response to congressional requests.

The House passed legislation to change the standards for class-action lawsuits, requiring proof that each proposed member of a class-action suit has the same extent of injuries before a federal court can certify it."

Thank you to Mr. Geraghty for keeping up with House matters. He seems to be one of a very few interested in keeping Americans informed about important matters instead of leftist agenda driven matters.

Kudos to House members for doing their jobs. Now, if only we could get the Senate onboard for doing the people's work on common sense legislation.

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# The 501 Calculus in Heaven? Count me in.



HANABA MUNN WELCH

Will there be calculus in Heaven? Let's hope so. When I offhandedly made that remark to some friends, none jumped in and agreed. The idea of spending an eternity doing math was on nobody else's celestial pastime list.

I elaborated on my concept, saying I didn't think we'd be graded in Heaven. If so, scratch calculus off my list too.

Yep, there are too many things to do on earth in one lifetime. Some I don't want to do anyway - like bungee jump off the Brooklyn Bridge. Or off

anything else.

But I'd like to try calculus to see what it's good for, like maybe calculating the ever-changing descent speed of a bungee jumper. Can you pin down something that's always changing? Maybe I'd rather not think about it now - neither from a mathematical viewpoint nor an experiential one. I'd rather contemplate a constant-speed descent by mule down into the Grand Canyon. Do they still do that? When we were there (June 29, 1956), you had to be 12, and I wasn't. Otherwise, we probably wouldn't have taken that excursion anyway. My age was simply a handy excuse for my parents to say we might as well keep gobbling up the highway west. We'd stood at the rim of the Grand Canyon. Wasn't that enough?

The next day a TWA Lockheed and a United Airlines DC-7 collided over Grand Canyon, killing all 128 aboard. Not good. I think maybe part of me took credit for getting us out of there before that tragic event.

Some things you don't want to live long enough

to do - like die in a plane crash.

That's the other side of the coin. Not everything we don't get to do in life is something we want to do anyway. Quote me.

Meanwhile, you're probably wondering why I haven't said "bucket list."

Reason: Everybody else does.

Another reason: I didn't invent the term, and I'm still fuming a little that somebody beat me to it. I'm protesting, so to speak.

Eventually "bucket list" will join other household terms and will lose its quotation marks. Probably it already has. I just hate to give in.

Another meanwhile - maybe I just invented "another meanwhile," a handy term for all of us meanwhileers -- I think I've managed all my life to do one thing I've always wanted to do: be different (except in junior high, when nobody wants to be different).

It's no accomplishment, really. We are all different. Some of us are just make it a goal. Might as well.

It started for me by accident in first grade. We had to draw a picture of our teacher, Mrs. Payne. Everybody else traced around their paste bottles for her face. I didn't.

My portrait was more realistic. My classmates' work looked better on the wall.

That's something else I'm hoping for in Heaven: one more shot at drawing Mrs. Payne. It'll be my chance to try fitting in for a change, if I can find a paste bottle.

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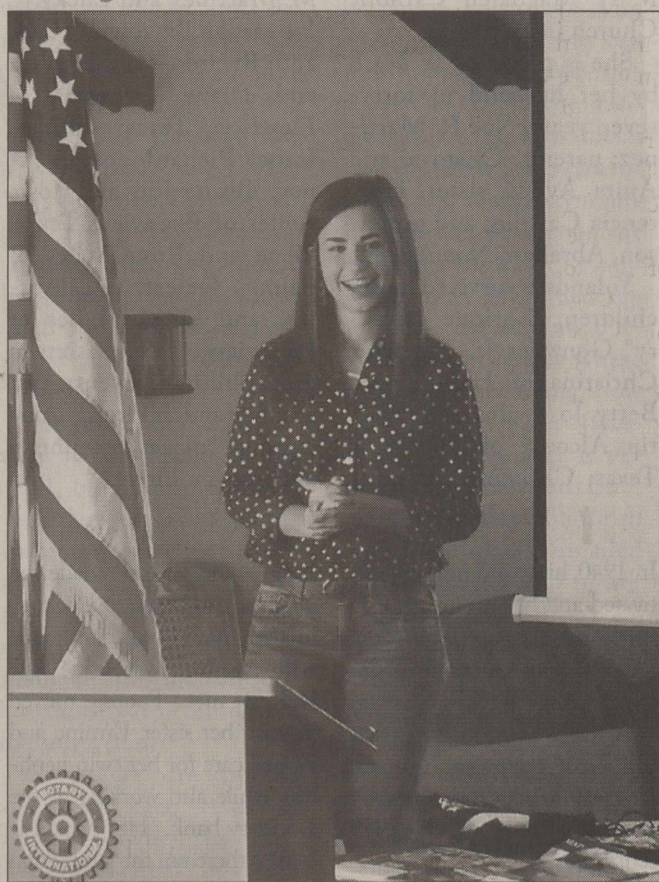
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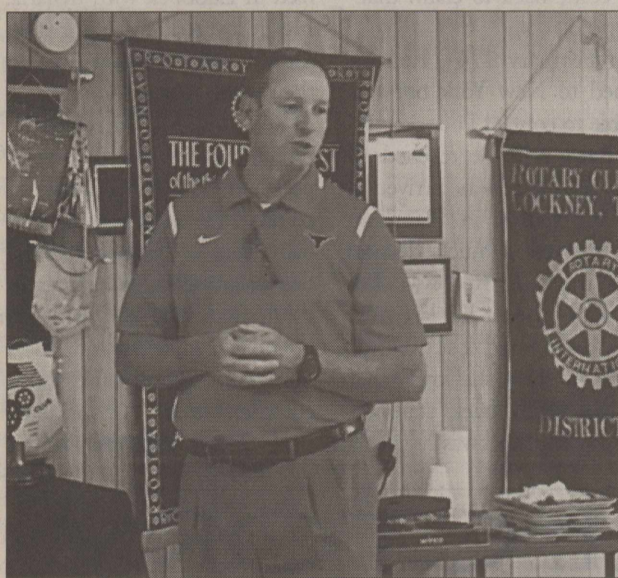
# SOCIETY

## Floydada Rotary

Courtesy Photo  
**Rotarian Mike Green presented today's program. He introduced the 2017 Lighthouse Electric Youth Tour participant, Kaylee Morren, from Floydada. She presented her trip highlights to the club. First was a tour of Austin, then on to Washington, D.C. The theme this year was "A place for YOUTH in the Co-operative World." Kaylee was very proud to have the knowledge about our local cooperative prior to the tour. Thank you, Rotarian Green for a very informative program about the effects of the Youth Tour and to Kaylee for her leadership to our area youth.**



## Lockney Rotary



Courtesy Photo  
**Jim Baum, superintendent of school at LISD, spoke to the Lockney Rotary Club. He discussed the five qualities that were necessary for success, regardless of our area of interest or academic endeavor. Those qualities are: Work Ethic, Character, Attitudes, Teamwork, and Knowledge and skills. We care about the kids! We don't teach just our subject area we teach kids. He also believes these things can and should be a part of teaching kids regardless of the subject area.**

## LOCKNEY SALVATION ARMY

The Lockney Salvation Army is open from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, Monday - Friday. Our Store Phone is: 806-652-2488 or after business hours call Alicia Luna at 806-283-6452.

Our drop off box is located behind the building. Please put your items INSIDE the drop box. If it will not fit in our drop box, please contact the store or Alicia Luna.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ITEMS OUTSIDE OF THE DROP BOX.

## Warrens, Wayland work together on Music Symposium

By **Jonathan Petty, MAM**  
 Director of Communications

**PLAINVIEW** - The common ground of a love for music has brought Plainview residents Mark and Freada Warren together with the Wayland Baptist University School of Music to memorialize the Warren's late son Clay. The inaugural Clay R. Warren Memorial Music Symposium is scheduled for Oct. 23-24.

Clay, an avid lover of music and member of the Plainview High School choir was killed in a car wreck on Sept. 21, 2002. Since then, the Warrens have worked diligently to memorialize their son in a such a way that leaves a lasting legacy in his name. The Symposium is something the Warrens feel will benefit the community, as well as honor their son's memory.

"This is definitely something that I know my son would be proud of - that he would participate in," Mark Warren said.

Dean of the School of Music Dr. Ann Stutes said her faculty has been working diligently to find a way of developing a program that brings in world renowned artists to work with the music students. The development office at Wayland brought Dr. Stutes and the Warrens together to discuss funding for such an endeavor. Stutes said teaming with the Warrens is a God-send for the university.

"It's been part of our long-range planning for years," she said. "This is not part of a new vision for us, it's now a new reality."

Stutes and Dr. Steven Weber, professor of choral education and director of choirs, are finalizing plans for the inaugural Symposium that will feature Dr. Craig Jessop, Dean of the Caine College of Arts at Utah State University. Dr. Jessop is world renowned in his field. His personal achievement includes a distinguished tenure as director of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, and he is founder and director of the American Festival Chorus and Orchestra.

As a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Air Force music programs, Dr. Jessop directed the U.S. Air Force Singing Sergeants from 1980-87. He was commander and conductor of the Band of the U.S. Air Forces in Europe (1987-91) and he commanded and conducted the Air Combat Command Heartland of America Band (1991-95). He has also served as director of the Maryland Choral Society, the Rhineland-Pfalz International Choir of Germany and the Omaha, Symphonic Chorus.

Dr. Jessop will spend two days working with Wayland choirs, local and area high school choirs and the Lubbock Christian University choir. The Symposium will conclude Tuesday evening with a concert featuring the Wayland choirs with Dr.

Jessop conducting. More information on the concert will be available as the date draws nearer.

Warren said the Symposium will serve as a great memorial for his son who loved his time spent with the PHS choir.

Clay loved to sing," Mark Warren said. "Fredua tells the story that Clay sang before he talked."

Clay's music legacy carried on following his death. As an organ donor, his heart was donated to a gentleman who lives in the Houston area. The Warrens were able to meet the man with whom they developed a special friendship.

"Low and behold," Mark said, "when we met him, he was in a gospel singing group. It was a perfect fit. We've had some real wonderful memories through that, and we've developed a great friendship with him."

Clay's heart recipient, who no longer performs, is planning on attending the Symposium concert.

While the Symposium will provide a cultural experience to choral music lovers throughout the area, Dr. Stutes said this type of event is critical to the education of music students.

"One of the important things about arts education is that arts come in regional and global varieties," Stutes said. "It is our job as educators at this level to make sure every student in a music program has exposure to arts be-

## Floydada Senior Citizens News

By **LuAnn Collins**  
 Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

**FLOYDADA** - Our NEW serving times are 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. We serve a delicious meal with salad bar Monday thru Friday. We invite you to join us. We know you will enjoy the food and fellowship!

"Bingo Night" is held every second Tuesday of the month. There will be food, prizes, and fellowship. Come and join us. Anyone ages 16 and over are welcome! Bingo night for August is Tuesday, August 8th.

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.

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

Hope everyone has an awesome week!

### MENU

**August 7 - August 11**  
**Monday** - Broccoli beef  
**Tuesday** - James' swiss steak  
**Wednesday** - Chicken fried steak  
**Thursday** - Taco or chalupa  
**Friday** - Salisbury steak  
 (Menus subject to change without notice)

## Lockney Senior Citizens News

By **Renee Armstrong**  
 Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

**LOCKNEY** - The Griffith Family Reunion has been postponed til Saturday, August 19th. It will be held at the Center from 10 a.m. - ??

"Bingo Night" will be held on Monday, August 21 from 6 - 8 p.m. It is held the 3rd Monday of each month. Come join us for some fun!

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. Hope you all have a great week.

### MENU

**August 7 - August 11**  
**Monday** - Soup & cornbread  
**Tuesday** - Mexican stack  
**Wednesday** - Chicken fried steak  
**Thursday** - Spaghetti  
**Friday** - Grilled chicken  
 (Menus subject to change without notice)

## Museum Archives

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

NORA AND ROBERT AYRES

Both our parents were early day settlers of Floyd County. Robert's parents were Elmer Lee Ayres ad Willie Irene Waller. Mr. Ayres was born in Virginia. They moved to Lockney from Silverton in 1901 and opened E.L. Ayres Dry Goods Store. He continued in this business forty years. There were seven children in this family. Three of which are living; Robert, Fredrick and De Lila.

My parents were William Raleigh Sams and Elizabeth Ausbrooks. My father came to Texas from Kentucky and my mother came from Tennessee. They came to Floyd County in 1890 and bought a section of land five miles northeast of Lockney. He farmed and raised cattle until his retirement. There were seven children in this family. Four are living; Guy, Ruby Busby, Dora Hawkins and myself.

Robert and I were both born in Lockney and have lived here practically all our lives. I guess we met when we started to school in the

first grade. We both attended school in Lockney eleven years and graduated in 1926.

After graduation my twin sister, Dora and I went to West Texas State Teachers College two years. After receiving our Permanent Elementary Certificate we started teaching school. We continued going to summer school until we received our degrees.

Dora taught at Rose-land, a rural school 7 miles northeast of Lockney. From there she went to Skillet near McClean, Texas. While teaching in Flomot she met and married Chester Hawkins. They made their home in Quitaque, and she continued teaching in Quitaque until she had taught 41 years.

I taught my first two years at Cedar Hill, a rural school about 16 miles east of Lockney. Then I began in Lockney. When I retired I had completed 40 years of teaching.

After Robert graduated from high school he worked in the dry goods business

for several years.

Robert and I were married June 2, 1934. Soon after that we bought Mr. Stevenson's variety store in Lockney. Robert continued in that business for 10 years. He sold this store and went into the trucking business for several years. In 1950 we bought a farm 3 1/2 miles southwest of Lockney. He farmed until his retirement.

We had two children. A daughter, La Dora and a son who was stillborn. La Dora was born October 1, 1937. She went to school in Lockney and graduated from high school in 1956. She attended Abilene Christian College, Texas Tech, and received her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Houston.

She married Don Aufill in 1959. They live in Houston and have four sons; Chuck, Donny, Steve, and Jeff. La Dora is now teaching math in Pasadena High School. Don works for Goodyear.

Robert and I attend church at the Main Street Church of Christ in Lockney.

## Home Country

By **Slim Randles**

This is going to be good, Dud thought, bringing his new tarp out to the car. There it was on that computer site. How to camp out with just a single tarp. I've been looking for something like that for a long time now. Amazing what you can find on the internet.

He couldn't get Anita to go with him, because she just didn't have the same outdoor curiosity that Dud had. Hey, it's kinda scientific in a way, you know.

The tarp was kinda pricey, but it was worth it. It had to be big, of course, to

serve as both a shelter and a bedroll, and it was made out of that spacey-kind of fabric that keeps you warm and dry in any weather.

So off he drove to the mountains, and he looked at the illustrations and set it up just the way it said to, with a big stick in the center, rocks on the edges of the tarp to keep it in place. Then, when it was time for bed, Dud smiled to himself and rolled up in a corner of it.

The guys at the Mule Barn were a bit surprised to see him back so early in the morning, as he'd told them he'd be camping out.

"You look disgruntled,

Dud," said Doc, kindly.

"I lost every grundle I ever had, Doc. Pass the sugar, will you?"

"Didn't you go camping with your new space blanket?"

Dud nodded.

"But it didn't work?" said Steve.

"It worked until that wind came up."

"What happened?"

"I know now why they call it a space blanket, because the last time I saw it, it was headed for Mars."

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yond the home base. Thanks to the Warrens, we are facing a future where we can design programs and bring in these select people."

Fredua Warren said doing

something in Clay's name that has the potential to be so beneficial to others is a perfect way to memorialize her son.

"We didn't realize how

much he did for others until he was gone and people started telling us," she said. "We want to leave a legacy in Clay's name. We want to do this for our son."

# OBITUARIES/CHURCH

## Obituaries

### Yolanda Aviles Martinez

Yolanda Aviles Martinez, age 71, of Floydada, Texas passed away Sunday, July 30, 2017 in Plainview, Texas.

Mass of Christian burial was held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, August 2, 2017 at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Floydada. Father Dhass officiated.

Visitation was held from

6 p.m.-8 p.m. Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada, with Rosary held at 7 p.m.

Pallbearers were her grandsons and nephews, Gabriel Gonzales, Michael Garcia, Joshua Garcia, Ricardo Martinez, Jr., Jaiden Coleman, and Malachi Loredo.

Yolanda was born August

22, 1945 in Batesville, Texas. She worked as a seamstress for many years at Vicks Cleaners, a job that she greatly enjoyed. She was not only talented at sewing, but enjoyed crocheting and knitting as well.

Yolanda was a very dedicated housewife; she loved her family very much. She also loved her pets and attending family reunions. In her earlier years, she enjoyed motorcycle riding with her husband Noe on their bike "Big Bertha".

She was a member of St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Floydada.

She is preceded in death by her husband of forty-seven years, Noe R. Martinez; parents, Cristoval and Anita Aviles; sister, Hortencia Castillo; and grandson, Abraham Noe Alaniz.

Yolanda is survived by her children, Enrique "Henry" Gonzales Jr. and wife, Christina of Hart, Texas; Betty Jo Aviles and Martin Alcozar of Plainview, Texas; Christina Martinez

of Floydada, Texas; Esther M. Martinez and Lucky R. Lamas of Baytown, Texas, and Ricardo C. Martinez and Diane Gonzales of Floydada, Texas; siblings, Isabel Pichardo of Lockney, Texas; Joe and Josie Aviles of Plainview, Texas; Gene and Rosa Aviles of Palm Desert, California; and Olivia Aviles of Plainview, Texas; sixteen grandchildren, twenty-two great-grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews and god-children.



**YOLANDA AVILES MARTINEZ**

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

### Almeda Ruth "Poopsie" Watts

Almeda Ruth "Poopsie" Watts — a little lady who lived a very big life, passed away, Tuesday, July 25, 2017, just five days after celebrating her 98th birthday. She was a native of Floyd County and resident of Floydada for more than 50 years.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Saturday, July 29, 2017, at the Floydada United Methodist Church.

Interment followed at the Floyd County Memorial Park.

Visitation was held from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., Friday, July 28, 2017 at Moore Rose Funeral Home Floydada, Texas.

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

Poopsie — a cherished nickname given to her by her late husband early in their mar-

riage — was born July 20, 1919, to Lucy Ann (Casey) and William Lucian Thomas of Lockney. Lucian was a dry land farmer who raised wheat, maize and a little cotton. Poopsie's family paid for her to attend kindergarten early, and she was in the third grade before she turned six. The second youngest of five siblings, Poopsie graduated Lockney High School in 1935 but had to wait two years before starting West Texas State College in Canyon. Her enrollment was dependent on her dad making 10 bushels of wheat to the acre and \$1 a bushel.

At 16, Poopsie moved into Randolph Hall, a co-op dorm, where she answered the telephone at the desk in exchange for her room and board. She roomed with Mildred Bradford, who remained a dear

friend all these years, and they both majored in business. They would always laugh about an oil and gas accounting class that almost did them in but, thanks to a professor more clueless than them, they managed to get an A!

During Poopsie's freshman year, her sister's eventual husband introduced her to H. G. (Red) Watts. A native of Happy, Red was on the football team — hoping to make the varsity and receive a scholarship — but that was not to be. Instead, Red would have to lay out every other semester to work and earn enough for the next. Red, who was a pre-med major, would travel from Dimmit to Canyon regularly to see Poopsie when he wasn't in school.

Eventually, Red enlisted in the National Guard to help with expenses. He made \$1 for every meeting and that would pay their way into four movies.

In 1940, his guard unit was activated and he was assigned to the Army Air Corp. His pilot training took him to Oklahoma, San Angelo and Mission while Poopsie completed her BBA degree in 1941 and returned to Lockney to teach business classes at the high school.

On August 2, 1942, Poopsie and Red walked down the aisle of the Lockney Methodist Church at the end of the Sunday service to be married. Only a few people had been told of their plans, and the church organist was the self-appointed wedding coordinator. Many were surprised by the sudden ceremony, and surprised again when the newlyweds left later that day — first for Savannah and then Waycross, Georgia — for more flight training.

Red was deployed in April 1943 — first to Casablanca, Morocco, and then to Sicily,

Italy — and Poopsie made the long car trip home to Lockney in their new Ford automobile with another "war bride" she had just met. Poopsie moved in with her sister, Ermine and helped care for her twin nephews while also working at the Lockney bank. Her responsibilities there ran the gamut and after closing her cashier's drawer one day with \$500 too much, was reassured that "someone will come back to claim that!" They did.

In February 1944, Red returned to New York but was unable to contact Poopsie with the news until he reached El Paso. Just before he arrived at the bus station in Plainview, she received a much delayed letter that said Red was shot down on one of his last missions and feared lost. Fortunately by then, she knew that he was safely back stateside. Once home, Red was hospital-



**ALMEDA RUTH WATTS**

ized in Lubbock with malaria. He recovered there for two months while Poopsie lived in the nearby Hilton Hotel.

Red became an instructor, and for the next two years prepared new P-51 pilots for combat. He and Poopsie — and baby Tom — traveled to various assignments, from coast to coast. Red, who had achieved the rank of captain and received numerous prestigious flying commendations, considered

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## CHURCH DIRECTORY

### I JUST DO

The LORD says, "I have loved you with an everlasting love."  
—Jeremiah 31:3 (NIV)

I raise guineas, chicken-sized fowl that are fairly common on farms in the southern United States. Like chickens, these birds eat bugs and have a special fondness for ticks, which makes them great additions to farms with livestock. They also create a cacophonous uproar at the arrival of guests or at anything that seems unusual to them, earning them the nickname "watchdog."

Unfortunately they are also stupid creatures. I have known them to accidentally drown themselves, to fly into fences and break their necks, and to hang upside down for hours after getting a toe trapped in a cage. They often fly over a fence into an area where my

potbellied pigs spend the day and then march back and forth for hours in front of the gate, apparently forgetting that if they can fly in then they can fly back out.

One day, as I was feeding the guineas, I looked at them and thought, Why do I love these birds? I don't know why. I just do. It suddenly dawned on me that God may think of us in the same way: Why do I love these people? I just do. I am grateful that God loves us, despite our forgetfulness, poor decisions, and mistakes. No matter what we do, God loves us!

—Rebecca Martino (Tennessee, USA)

**Thought for the Day:**  
How can I share God's unconditional love with others?

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



# SCHOOL NEWS

## "Meet the Whirlwinds" Softball Pitching Clinic to be held Aug. 24 in Floydada Aug. 12

By Coach Todd Bandy  
Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

We are eager to start the new year with the Whirlwind Football team on Aug. 7th at 8:00 a.m. We have had decent attendance at our summer workouts and

the coaches are excited to get started. We have a good group of athletes that will show up.

We don't have a lot of experience returning but our returning varsity players and the players from our 8-2 JV squad will be ready to step up

and fill in the gaps. Our first scrimmage will be in Wellington Friday, Aug. 18th. Our second scrimmage will be vs. Ralls in Floydada, Thursday, Aug. 24th. This will also be Meet the Whirlwinds. We hope everyone will come out and support the Winds.

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

A Softball Pitching Clinic will be held in Floydada Saturday, Aug. 12.

The instructor will be Monique Garcia, senior pitcher for Lubbock Christian University. The clinic will be at

the high school softball field.

Cost: \$30. Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for beginners and 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm for experienced pitchers.

All attendees will receive an autographed ball.

To enroll, contact Gilbert Trevino at (806) 407-6240



## THSCA Poll Picks Abernathy to be Powerhouse

By Skip Leon  
The Plainview Herald

If the Texas High School Coaches Association preseason regional football polls are any indication, local and area schools are in for some real tussles during the 2017 season.

Abernathy, coming off a season in which it advanced to the state semifinals, is the top-ranked team in Class 2A, Division I, for Region 1. The Antelopes were 12-3 last year and accumulated 40 points in the poll, to beat out Stratford by seven points for the top spot.

The team that defeated Abernathy in the playoffs, Crawford, is the top-ranked team in Region II.

While Plainview did not receive any points in the preseason voting, the Bulldogs will play three of the top 15 teams in the Class 5A poll, including two during District 3-5A play.

Amarillo High is ranked No. 8 in the preseason poll. Plainview will play their only

Thursday night game of the season against the Sandies when they travel to Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo for a 7 p.m. contest on Oct. 19.

Canyon High, which also is in District 3-5A, is ranked the equivalent of 15th in the preseason poll. The Bulldogs' regular-season finale is on the road against Canyon on Nov. 10.

Plainview will open their season against Lubbock Coronado, which is tied for fourth in the poll.

Abernathy is at the top of the poll, but they'll play a number of other ranked teams.

In District 2-2A they will take on No. 6 New Deal and No. 7 Sundown. The Antelopes travel to New Deal Nov. 3. They will host Sundown Oct. 13.

Abernathy also will play two highly ranked teams in their non-district schedule. They open their season Sept. 1 against Post, which is ranked No. 4 in the region. Last year Post shut out Ab-

ernathy in the season opener, but Abernathy avenged that loss with a win over Post in the area round of the playoffs.

The Antelopes travel to Memphis Sept. 29 in their final tuneup before beginning district play. Memphis is ranked No. 2 in the Class 2A, Division II poll.

Also in District 2-2A, Division I, area teams Hale Center, Olton and Floydada will have to go against Abernathy, New Deal and Sundown.

Lockney also will compete in a tough District 2-2A, Division II. The district includes the top two teams in the regional preseason poll, Wellington and Memphis, as well as Crosbyton, which is ranked the equivalent of 12th.

Lockney will play No. 2 Memphis and No. 1 Wellington in back-to-back weeks. They host Memphis Oct. 20 and travel to Wellington Oct. 27. The Longhorns finish their regular season at home against Crosbyton Nov. 10.

## Lockney Back-to-School briefs

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

### Summer Band

Summer Band will be August 14, August 15 and August 17 from 8-10 p.m. The ice cream social will be

after practice on the 17th in the band hall parking lot. All parents are encouraged to bring ice cream.

### Selling Parking Spots

Lockney High School

will begin selling parking spots next week. They will be \$10. Seniors can come on August 8, Juniors August 9 and everyone else August 10.

## Lockney New Student Registration Begins Aug. 7

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

Lockney Elementary will begin registration for students new to the district on August 7, 2017

School office hours are generally 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday, however it is best to call ahead. 652-3321 ext 301

Only students that did not attend LES last year need to be registered.

Students must qualify for Pre K based on household income. Applications will be available at time of registration.

Please bring the following in order to register your child:

- State issued birth certificate (no hospital/baptism accepted)
  - Student social security card
  - Updated shot record
  - Parent's driver's license or photo ID
- The school will not hold spots or process incomplete applications.

## Governor Greg Abbott Announces Texas Public Elementary School Reading Initiative

Office of the Governor  
Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott and Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath today announced a comprehensive reading initiative - Texas Readers - to strengthen the reading skills of students across the state.

"While Texas has some of the best public schools in the country, there is still more we can do to provide our children with the best education possible," said Governor Abbott. "Texas Readers tackles the important issue of student literacy and will give parents, teachers, and students invaluable tools to make reading and literacy one of the highest education priorities. I am proud that this initiative is providing students in our public elementary schools the best possible chance to succeed and to continue making Texas great for generations to come."

"Reading will always be the foundation that determines success in the classroom for every child at every grade level," said Commissioner Morath. "The Texas Readers initiative provides our teachers with needed educational supports to ensure our children will be equipped to read from the earliest grades through high school graduation and beyond."

Texas Readers is designed to assist public elementary schools enhance their reading instruction by providing enriched teacher-development opportunities and additional innovative classroom tools. In addition, the initiative will include a public awareness campaign, called Raising Texas Readers, which will focus on ways to build our children's literacy and reading skills at home.

The Texas Readers initiative is composed of three major components - Parental and Public Awareness,

High-Quality Professional Development Opportunities, and Innovative Classroom Tools. Each component will include the following resources:

### Parental and Public Awareness

- Raising Texas Readers - a new collaborative effort between TEA, PBS, the United Way, and Univision - will provide public service announcements and advertisements that will be broadcast in 11 media markets covering the state. In addition to the PSA campaign, Raising Texas Readers includes local family events, free online apps, a text messaging campaign and comprehensive website.
- Earlier this year, TEA launched the new STAAR Report Card to drastically improve communication and transparency with educators and families on how students are performing on the STAAR exam. TEA is currently working on additional literacy resources and helpful tips for working with children at home.

### High-Quality Professional Development Opportunities

- The updated Texas Literacy Academies will provide new systematic instruction through ready-to-use materials paired with a series of ongoing, year-round continuing education opportunities, such as a lesson study, micro-credentials, and live coaching, as well as focused instruction targeted toward special education students and English Language Learners.
- Striving Readers - a brand new tool - will build directly upon the Texas Literacy Academy experiences and provide literacy coaches, professional development, strategic planning, sustainability support and the

ability for districts to pilot programs and models that can be disseminated across the state.

- Texas' second phase of the Reading Excellence Teams will continue to focus on improving educator practices in reading by providing teams of coaches around the state to support our teachers while enhancing the overall effectiveness for educators and students and maximizing the efficiency of resources.

### Innovative Classroom Tools

- Teaching the TEKS will provide educators with a clear and concise break down of state's instructional expectations of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and will provide sample lessons, differentiation strategies and sample State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) test questions. Teaching the TEKS will also help educators and families understand the student expectation and what all children should know and be able to do at the end of each school year.
- TEA is developing a set of free online instructional materials to assist elementary school English-Language Arts teachers with improving reading instruction, including intensive supports, technology, and adaptive programs.
- A new collection of optional content mastery tools will provide school districts with optional, free classroom tools to regularly monitor students' reading comprehension and skills throughout the school year to assist teachers in their decision-making about future instruction and provide immediate feedback to students to steadily improve their classroom performance.

## SPC to offer Certified Nurse Aide class

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

LEVELLAND - South Plains College will offer a Certified Nurse Aide course from Aug. 7 through Sept. 7 in Room 120 of the Technical Arts building.

Enrollment is limited to 10 students.

The course costs \$500 and the textbook costs \$57. Clinicals will be arranged.

For the first week (Aug. 7-Aug. 11), the class will meet from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The next three weeks, the class will meet on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 4 to 8 p.m. Clinicals will meet on Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fifth week, clinicals will meet Monday and Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The class will meet on Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Students must provide proof of immunization for MMR since 1981, Tetanus no older than 8 years, Hepatitis B Series, and

have a current negative TB test no older than 1 year, photo identification, and social security card prior to enrollment. A criminal background check will be performed for all students.

Students will be charged an additional fee of \$104.50 for the state examination.

For more information and to register, contact Kasey Reyes, administrative assistant for the Dean of Continuing and Distance Education, at (806) 716-2341.

### REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Board of Trustees of the Floydada ISD is requesting sealed bids for the following categories of goods and services:

- A. The Purchase of Vehicle Fuel
- B. The Purchase of Motor Oil and Filters
- C. Tire Mounting and Tire Repair Services

All of the above are separate and distinct requests and interested vendors may submit a bid for any or all of the above categories of goods and services.

Sealed bids will be accepted until Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Sealed bids are to be mailed or hand delivered to the Floydada ISD Central Administrative Office, Attn. Dr. Gilbert Trevino, 226 California Street, Floydada, TX 79235. Interested parties may request a bid packet from:

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# Xcel Energy offers mobile customer service

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AMARILLO, Texas (July 27, 2017) – Xcel Energy has rolled out a mobile app that offers personalized customer support for managing monthly bills and reporting and checking the status of outages.

The app is an extension of online tools that provide more options for customers to manage their accounts and easily access important information anytime and from anywhere.

“We know customers want reliable electric service, but increasingly our customers also desire more information about their service and their monthly bills, and to access it in the ways most convenient to them,” said Brooke Trammell, Xcel Energy director of Customer and Community Relations. “The app is one more way in which we seek to make it easy to do business with us, and we’ll continue looking for ways

to make it even better in order to provide the best experience for our customers.”

Once a customer is logged in to the app, the home page displays the amount owed and the due date, with a link to pay the current bill electronically or view past bills, usage and payments. The app allows customers to set up payment methods, choose the time of month to be billed and enroll in auto pay or Averaged Monthly Payment.

Not only does this tool make it convenient to pay a bill, but it also protects customers against phone scammers who use misinformation to trick unsuspecting customers into providing them access to financial information under the threat of imminent disconnection.

“Scammers are hoping you don’t keep track of your bill or when it is due,” Trammell said. “They have

been successful in convincing some customers that their bills are past due and the only way to avoid disconnection is to pay over the phone. Customers who are targeted in this way can simply hang up and immediately check the mobile app to see how much is owed, when the payment is due, and make payments through the secure online payment system.”

The new Xcel Energy app also includes an outage map that shows where outages are occurring, how many customers are affected and when power is expected to be restored. Customers may also choose to have notifications emailed or texted to them if power is out in their area.

“It’s much easier to weather a power outage if you know how widespread the outage might be, and when to expect your lights to come back on,” Trammell said.

Customers may still con-

nect with Xcel Energy by telephone and email, and also through social media, and the app has a “contact us” page listing that contact information.

The new app is available at Apple Store and Google Play. Customers who have already registered for My Account at xcelenergy.com simply log-in with their username and password, or new users can register directly through the app.

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# Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton

The Hesperian-Beacon

“Life really wouldn’t be worth livin’ if you didn’t have high school football.”  
– Bob Rutherford

“The question isn’t at what age I want to retire but at what income.”  
– George Foreman

“Men are born equal, free, and are distinguished alone by virtue.”  
– Lorenzo de Zavala

“I don’t go by ‘the book.’ I’ve never seen the book. I don’t know who wrote it. Until I get my hands on it, I’ll keep on using my own common sense.”  
– Bum Phillips

“Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity.”  
– Darrell Royal

“First become a winner in life. Then it’s easier to become a winner on the field.”  
– Tom Landry

“Don’t be afraid to give up the good to go for the great.”  
– Kenny Rogers

“You can’t have a long, successful career without a positive attitude. A can-do mentality is a pitcher’s best friend.”  
– Nolan Ryan

“The hardest task is not to do what is right but to know what is right.”  
– Lyndon Baines Johnson

“I leave this rule for others when I’m dead. Be always sure you’re right – then go ahead.”  
– Davy Crockett

## OBITS

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making the military a career until Poopsie’s dad advised him to return to Texas and resume his studies to become a physician. They did but in 1947 Lucian passed away, and Poopsie’s brothers asked for Red’s help in running the family farm. He agreed and over time, more land was acquired and eventually all had their own places.

Red and Poopsie moved to Floydada in 1950 and in 1956 bought the Barwise gin. In addition to farming 820 acres, they ginned around 15,000 bales of cotton every winter and sold starter seed every spring. Poopsie kept all the accounting books for both operations and was a very tough negotiator who unfailingly got her gin customers the best price for their cotton. She left the house each morning, for the short walk across the gravel driveway to the gin office, stylishly dressed and in high heels. Perched on a tall stool in order to see over the counter and out the office window (she was never more than five feet tall), she drove hard bargains with Paymaster Feed and Anderson Mill Foods. During the season, her daily sales averaged about \$250,000 a day. Not all cotton gins offered this selling service and almost all of the Barwise customers trusted Poopsie to make their deals.

In addition to being an accomplished businesswoman, Poopsie was an amazing cook – in terms of quality and volume – and a prolific home gardener who canned and preserved enough to feed her very large and ever-growing family.

Poopsie made education a priority in the lives of her children and grandchildren. She celebrated their many academic achievements and, along with Red, made it possible for them to reach as far as their abilities would take them. And their abilities took them into medicine, dentistry, engineering, business, finance and the law.

Poopsie moved to a retirement facility in Granbury several years ago, to be closer to family. She made many new friends while keeping up with those in the Panhandle. She was a regular at the workout room, especially to rehab a broken hip and later a shoulder replacement, both sustained well into her 90’s. She held court at a very large 95th birthday celebration that brought in more than 150 well-wishers from across the state, and she continued to crochet a blanket for each new baby in the family.

Poopsie and Red, as part of the “greatest generation”, were faced with incredible challenges – like depression and war. They not only survived all that came their way but succeeded in every possible way. They turned every detour into an opportunity and every setback into an incentive to reach even higher. When circumstances beyond their control altered their plans and dreams, they accepted the hand that fate dealt them and built something even better.

Red, who passed away in 1998, and Poopsie had five children -- Tom (Nancy), Woodlands, Texas; Sam (Joyce), Granbury, Texas; Danny (Melanie), Austin, Texas; Janet (James), Midland, Texas; and Rick (Laura), Ponca City, Oklahoma. There are 12

grandchildren – Carla (Craig), Christy (Gary), Judd (Noel), Derrick, Max, Alex (Melissa), Casey (Mike), Chris, Brooke, Cora, Darla and Hogan – and 10 great-grandchildren – Connor, Peyton, Everett, Adalyn, Callan, Sloan, Smith, Rusty, Brandon and Amber. The great-great-grandchildren are Paisley, Braxton and Braden.

Poopsie is predeceased by all her siblings, Ernest Lee, Ermine Ida, Mary Gaynelle and W.L., Jr.

Red and Poopsie Watts would probably classify theirs as a simple life. However, all who knew them would disagree – it was simply remarkable.

Memorials can be made to either the Floyd County Historical Museum or Veterans’ Memorial – both reached at P.O. Box 304, Floydada, TX 79235 -- or the Floydada United Methodist Church, 203 W. Kentucky, Floydada, TX 79235.

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## COLLEGE STATION

Ground-penetrating radar might help the potato industry save water, according to Dr. Dirk Hays, Texas A&M AgriLife Research plant geneticist in the soil and crop sciences department.

Hays’ latest project utilizes ground-penetrating radar to select early maturing potato cultivars, which can help producers make harvest decisions and increase water-use efficiency. His project is in coordination with AgriLife Research and the department of horticultural sciences potato breeding program conducted by breeders Dr. Creighton Miller and Dr. Isabel Vales, both at College Station.

“We know radar will work

on potatoes,” Hays said. “Radar works on detecting objects that are denser than the soil environment they are in. Potatoes are very moist versus the sandy soils they are grown in, so it’s relatively easy to image the potatoes with the ground-penetrating radar.”

He said under the current practices, the potato breeding program might start with 80,000 individual lines in early generation trials aimed at selecting high-yielding cultivars, and all lines are harvested at 120 days.

“If you want to select for earliness, say a cultivar that is mature at 90 days or 110 days, you would have to replicate the planting of that cultivar multiple times to allow for multiple harvests,” Hays said. “The vegetative nature of the

plants and the need to dig up the potatoes doesn’t allow them to select for early maturity.

“But with ground penetrating radar, they can image the size of the tubers and get a correlation to the actual physical size of the potato without harvesting them. When we do that, we can get an almost one-to-one relationship between the digital image of the potato and the actual weight of the potato.”

Earliness in potatoes is also important for Texas producers in terms of being first to market versus northern states, Hays said. As such, the Texas potato crop commands a premium price. The premium price is short-lived, however, as potatoes begin to ripen and are harvested in more northern producing states.

## UPCOMING

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classroom! Many topics for the school year will be discussed, and any questions parents may have pertaining to practice schedules, or any questions for the coaches will be answered. See you there!

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It presents information about three tax rates. Last year’s tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year’s effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year’s rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

<b>Last year’s tax rate:</b>	
Last year’s operating taxes	\$ 4,096,543.00
Last year’s debt taxes	\$ 0.00
Last year’s total taxes	\$ 4,096,534.00
Last year’s tax base	\$ 621,091,620.00
Last year’s total tax rate	\$ .65957 /\$100
<b>This year’s effective tax rate:</b>	
Last year’s adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 4,096,534.00
+ This year’s adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 442,329,152.00
= This year’s effective tax rate (Maximum rate unless taxing unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)	\$ 0.92613 /\$100
<b>This year’s rollback tax rate:</b>	
Last year’s adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 4,096,534.00
+ This year’s adjusted tax base	\$ 442,329,152.00
= This year’s effective operating rate	\$ 0.92613 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year’s maximum operating rate	\$ 1.00022 /\$100
+ This year’s debt rate	\$ 0 /\$100
= This year’s total rollback rate	\$ 1.00022 /\$100

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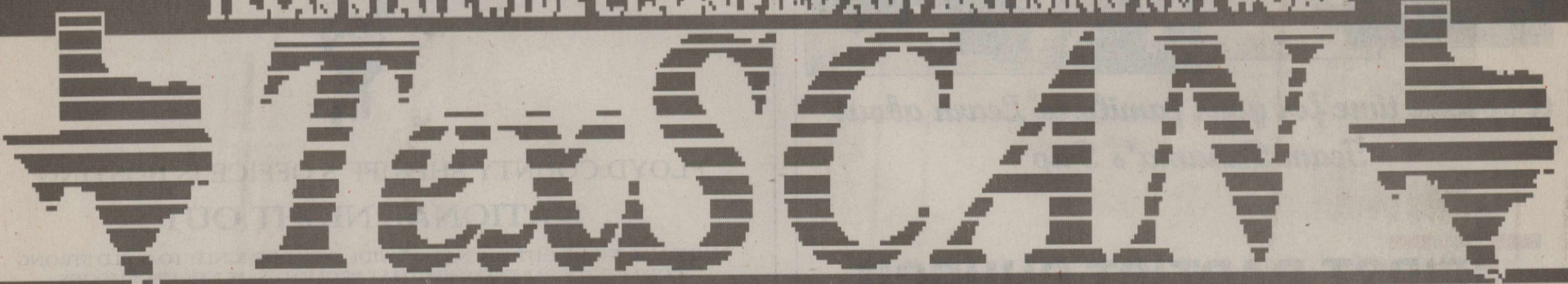
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# Leap of Faith 25th Anniversary Celebration set for August 12

By Texas Film Commission  
Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

PLAINVIEW - The City of Plainview, in partnership with the Texas Film Commission, will host a Leap of Faith 25th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, August 12th.

The celebration will begin with self-guided tours of different filming sites from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Maps of the sites will be available at The Broadway Brew (108 E. 7th) and Fair Theater (717 Broadway) as well as online.

Beginning at 5:30 p.m., a reception honoring Director Richard Pearce will be held at The Broadway Brew. Mr. Pearce will be on hand to visit and tell stories about filming the movie in

Plainview and memorabilia from the movie as well as drinks and snacks will be available.

Following the reception will be a viewing of the movie at the Fair Theater (717 Broadway) beginning at 7:00 p.m. The event is free, the public is encouraged to attend and concessions will be available. Director Richard Pearce will have a question and answer time following the movie (around 9:00 p.m.).

"For those of us living around Plainview during the filming, it was quite an adventure," says Melinda Brown, CVB Coordinator/Main Street Director. "With the 25th Anniversary happening this year, we wanted to celebrate. We couldn't be more excited to have Director Richard Pearce joining us!"

Leap of Faith included two months of preproduction and 11 days of actual shooting in the summer of 1992. The short stay of filming pumped more than one million dollars into the Plainview economy and many residents had the opportunity to not only view the filming but serve as extras in the movie as well.

Leap of Faith is a story about touring Christian evangelist Jonas Nightengale (Steve Martin) and his cohorts who tend to put on their bogus faith-healing revivals in major cities, where hefty donations flow freely. But, when Jonas and company find themselves stuck in a remote nook of Kansas, they decide to perform for the locals and take them for all they are worth. The shows go off

without a hitch, until sensible lawman Will Braverman (Liam Neeson) catches on to the scam and vows to prove to everyone that Jonas is a fake.

The filming not only brought notable stars such as Steve Martin and Debra Winger, but also introduced Plainview (and audiences) to Meat-Loaf and Liam Neeson. The movie grossed more than twenty-three million and was produced by Paramount Pictures.

"The Texas Film Commission is proud to celebrate Leap of Faith with the City of Plainview. We hope this 25th anniversary celebration shines a spotlight on this beautiful town and its gracious community who were so essential to the film's success," says Heather Page, Director of the Texas Film Commission. "Leap of Faith is one of a number of classic films shot throughout Texas in the 90s that kept Texas in front of the eyes of the world, and we are excited that this anniversary provides an opportunity for a new generation of viewers to fall in love with the film and Plainview just as so many did when the film was first released."

Director Richard Pearce has thought of Plainview on many accounts, not just directing Leap of Faith. "Back in early 2013, I woke up one morning to find an article in the NY Times about the devastating consequences to a small West Texas town from the third worst drought in Texas history. Before it was officially declared over in May of 2015, the four and half year drought had dried up pastures and forced local ranchers to sell off most of their livestock, ultimately bringing about the closure of the town's biggest employer: the Cargill meat processing plant. At the end of the article, the reporter wrote about a group of local residents encircling the Cargill plant praying for a miracle. My heart literally skipped a beat.

It had been 15 years since I had



Courtesy graphic

Main Street Plainview and the Texas Film Commission have teamed up to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the filming of the movie, Leap of Faith, starring Steve Martin on August 12. Anyone from the area remembers the excitement of the movie's filming, and self-guided tours of movie locations and an appearance by director Richard Pearce, plus a special showing of the movie will all be a part of the festivities.

last been to Plainview, Texas. I had come looking for locations for a Hollywood "comedy/drama" about a fake faith healer named Jonas Nightengale (played by Steve Martin) who, while stranded during a severe drought in a "small West Texas town" (read: Plainview) almost despite himself succeeds in bringing about an actual "miracle" (read: a rainstorm).

I sat staring at that New York Times article that morning and thought about the strange ways in which Art imitates Life and Life imitates Art. Back in 1998, I had chosen Plainview not only because of its photogenic big sky West Texas landscape but also because it seemed to sit at the literal epicenter of the one of the country's driest (read: dryland) agricultural regions. Plainview would be the perfect place to set this fictional story of a small town experiencing a devastating drought.

The only problem was that by the

time we arrived to actually shoot the movie, the town of Plainview had had one of the wettest springs that anyone in the town could remember. The result was that no matter where you looked, the fields around Plainview were bright fluorescent green with the "miracle" of dryland agriculture. And this was years before Hollywood discovered the miracle of CGI (i.e., computer graphics). Whatever we filmed would be what the theater audience would see. Yikes... Life and Art seemed to be on a collision course, and there seemed to be no way to avoid it. What to do? (Stay tuned.)

"We invite everyone to come join us not just to find out more about Director Pearce's story but to also enjoy this piece of Plainview history," said Brown. "It will be fun and memorable."

For more information about the event, please contact Melinda Brown at 296-1119 or mbrown@plainviewtx.org.

## Lockney First Baptist Church Invites you to join us August 6 at 6 pm

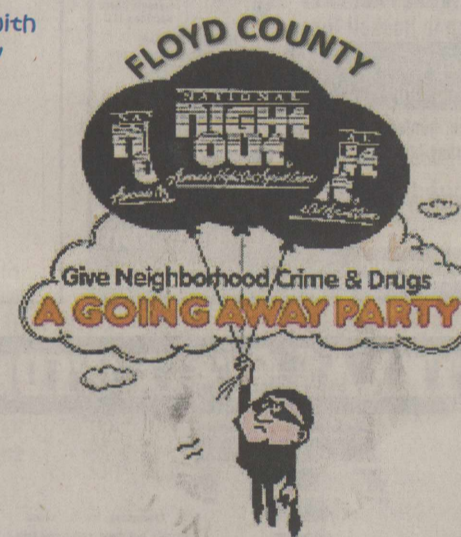


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