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KCBD broadcasts live from Floydada in Community Tour

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

The longest-serving TV anchor team in America—Karin McCay and Abner Euresti—from Lubbock's NBC Affiliate KCBD and the entire Channel 11 team came to Floydada Thursday afternoon and broadcast their 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. newscasts in a special community coverage event.

In addition to the news anchors, meteorologist John Robison and sports anchor Pete Christy broadcasted from Floydada as well.

McCay and Euresti interviewed Floydada Mayor Bobby Gilliland and the NBC affiliate broadcast stories on Floydada as Pumpkin Capital USA, the history of Spanish explorer Coronado's path through the area, Floydada's growing wind industry and the plans



Even though school doesn't start until Aug. 21, the Whirlwind band and cheerleaders were on hand to support their community when KCBD's Community Coverage Tour came to Floydada last week.

for the new schools recently approved by voters in a bond election.

Sports anchor Christy interviewed Floydada coaches Adam Zepeda, Brandi Cook.

Locals even got their chance to "beat Pete" in a game of Bingo.

The Whirlwind band,

cheerleaders and mascot were on hand to help create a festive atmosphere of community support.

(See more photos on back page).

The KCBD anchor team of Karin McCay and Abner Euresti interviewed Mayor Bobby Gilliland on the benefits of life in Floydada.



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.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AWANA REGISTRATION

The First Baptist Church of Floydada Awana registration is coming soon. Early registration - Aug. 14-18; Registration - Aug. 21-25. Make sure your sign you children up...spots are limited.

CONNIE JOHNSON BOOK SIGNING

Connie Johnson will have a book signing of her newly published book, "The Signature" at the Floyd County Library on Tuesday, August 22 at 4:30 p.m. See article in this week's Hesperian-Beacon.

ESTATE AND SUCCESSION PLANNING LUNCH

Jaqueline Davie, an estate and succession planning specialist, is coming to Floyd County for a Lunch and Learn. She will be speaking at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center on August 24, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. Lunch will be catered by Jeanes

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Lockney, Floydada gearing up for new school year

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

School started for Floyd County teachers last week, and Monday is the first day for students.

Meet the Teacher in Lockney is set for Thursday, Aug. 17 at Lockney Elementary. Grade level sessions will be held at 5:30 p.m., 6 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Each grade will present at each time, so parents can attend more than one. LISD will have booths set up in the cafeteria for the Lockney Athletic Boosters Club, Lockney High School Cheerleaders, Happy State Bank and the ACE program. A free hot dog dinner will be served that night as well.

Floydada held its first Meet the Teacher Night on Tuesday, Aug. 15 for pre-K and 1st graders, 3rd and 4th graders. On Thursday, Aug. 17, Meet the Teacher Night will be held for Kindergarten and 2nd graders from 5 to 6 p.m. and for 5th and 6th graders from 6 to 7 p.m.

A.B. Duncan is having two

types of informational sessions general and grade level specific. Topics for the sessions are: 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. Parents are encouraged to attend these sessions with their children.

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On Friday, Aug. 11 Lockney hosted "Meet the Longhorns" at the newly renovated football field.

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Floydada's first football scrimmage will be August

18 versus Wellington, and their second will be August 21 versus Ralls—that scrim-

mage will also feature Meet the Whirlwinds.

The annual Battle of Floyd

County-Lockney versus Floydada- will be in Lockney this year on September 15.

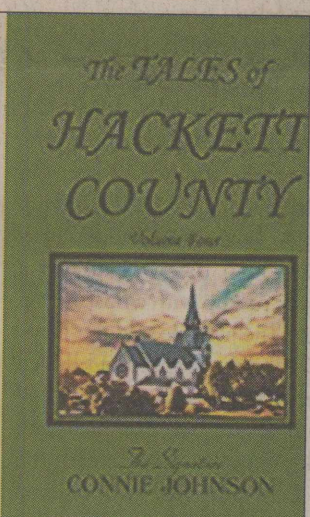
Book Signing of Newly Published 'The Signature' at Library Aug. 22

By Kay Ellington
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Local author Connie Johnson has recently published a fourth book, The Signature, in her series called "The Tales of Hackett County." She hopes readers will enjoy the continuing tale of the people in Hackett County, West Virginia.

These books give readers a chance to be a part of the battle as the women at Millie's Salon fight to save a longtime landmark, witness Beth and Daniel's unforgettable wedding, and learn the identity of Jake Holder.

Connie's desire is to draw her readers into the lives of this small southern town in the hills of West Virginia. Her aim is to grab your



Courtesy photo

Local author Connie Johnson will be launching her fourth book with a signing at the Floyd County Library Tuesday, Aug. 22.

hearts and take you to a place you will long to revisit time and again.

The Signature can be pur-

chased at Hair by Leigh's, or contact Connie at 292-8824 or email at conniejohnson50@yahoo.com.

Correction

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

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Sheriff's crime report

July 4, 2017

Deputy was dispatched to a Domestic Assault in the 700 Block of SW 3rd Street in the City of Lockney. Upon the Deputy's arrival, he was advised that the male suspect had left the residence. Deputy's located the male suspect driving East of Shurbet Street in a Red Kia. When the Deputy attempted to stop the Red Kia, the operator lead the Deputy in a short pursuit. Ismael Echavarria 34 of Lockney was arrested for Evading Arrest or Detention with a motor vehicle and Driving While Intoxicated with a child under 15 years of age.

July 5, 2017

While Deputy was patrolling the City of Lockney, he observed a white male operating an off-road motorcycle on a public roadway. When Deputy attempted to stop the vehicle, the operator tried to evade the Deputy. The Deputy arrested Ryder Race, 17 of Lockney for Evading Arrest or Detention with a motor vehicle.

July 8, 2017

Deputy was dispatched to a residence in the 3000 Block of US Hwy 70 to a Burglary of a vehicle that had occurred sometime during the night. The property owner reported that a Remington 30.06 Semi Auto Rifle, Single shot .223 unknown model, Ryobi 18-Volt impact wrench, Maglite and Bushnell flashlights had been taken out of two separate vehicles.

July 10, 2017

Sheriff Raissez met with a Complainant at the Sheriff's Office about someone using their gas card at Producers Coop fuel station. The complainant stated that several transactions had appeared on their billing statement that wasn't authorized. Sheriff Raissez contacted the Producers Coop Manager who forwarded video footage of the two suspects using the stolen gas card. This case is still under investigation, and the two suspects have been identified.

July 11, 2017

Deputy was dispatched to the 700 Block of W Ross in the City of Floydada about a possible abduction of a 12-year-old Hispanic male that was offered a ride home by an older Hispanic man that was driving a Black pickup with a missing tail gate. The juvenile told the Deputy that the suspect had driven him out towards the Sandhill community but that he found a knife in the door panel of the pickup and that he'd stabbed the suspect in the leg. The juvenile ran from the vehicle to a residence just off the roadway where he was picked up by a farm hand and brought back to town. The juvenile stated that the suspect vehicle turned onto a county road and that was the last time it was seen. This case is still under investigation.

July 13, 2017

Deputy was dispatched to the 700 Block of NE 8th Street about a possible burglary in

progress. When the Deputy arrived, he noticed a Hispanic male running back and forth inside the residence. The Deputy announced himself and attempted to get the Hispanic male to come to the door but was unsuccessful. Deputy gained entry to the home and took the suspect into custody. A short time later the owner of the home contacted the Deputy and stated that the suspect had permission to be at the residence and that it was a misunderstanding between him and his family.

July 17, 2017

Deputy responded to a domestic violence call in the 200 Block of West Crockett in the City of Floydada. Once the Deputy and City Police were on scene, they were told by witnesses that the two parties involved were having a verbal argument and that it escalated to physical violence. Fernando Maldonado, Jr, 38, of Floydada was arrested for Assault Family Violence impeding breath or circulation.

July 18, 2017

Sheriff Raissez was contacted by Reagor-Dykes that the dealership had a missing vehicle. Sheriff Raissez spoke with the manager of the dealership who informed him that OnStar had been contacted and they were attempting to locate the vehicle. Later that day the Sheriff's Office was contacted by Reagor-Dykes that the pickup had been found in a parking garage in Lubbock. No suspect has been identified in this case.

July 18, 2017

Deputy was notified by Floyd County Dispatch that she received a 911 call from Eduardo Solis in the City of Lockney and that he had been verbally abusive to her. Solis was requesting a Deputy but would not give his location. While the Deputy was driving South Main Street, he came upon a vehicle that had crashed in the 100 Block of West Spruce Street. While the Deputy was speaking to witnesses, he observed a black pickup traveling at a high rate of speed South on Main Street almost causing another accident. The driver of the black truck pulled up to the Deputy's location and told the Deputy that he and the driver of the red vehicle that had crashed had been in a verbal dispute as they were driving on Main Street. Eduardo Solis, 23, of Lockney, was arrested for Reckless Driving and Abusive calls to 911 service. Sara Wilhite, 20, of Lockney,

was issued a citation for Failure to Control Speed.

July 20, 2017

Deputy was dispatched to the 1200 Block of South 3rd Street in the City of Floydada about some vandalism that had occurred during the night. The complainant stated that someone had broken the quarter glass on his Toyota Avalon. The glass appeared to have been shot out by a BB or Pellet gun.

July 20, 2017

Deputies responded to a domestic violence call in the 100 Block of West Hartman Street. When Deputies arrived, they were met by the complainant who stated that the neighbors next door were having a dispute. Deputies contacted both parties involved, and it was determined that both individuals had assaulted one another. Fevin Luna, 23, and Rita Ramirez, 40, of Lockney were both arrested for Family Violence Assault.

July 21, 2017

Sheriff Raissez arrested Robin Powell, 44, of Floydada in the 300 Block of West Lee Street on a warrant out of Lubbock County for Fraud.

July 26, 2017

Deputies were dispatched to the 300 Block of SE 1st Street in the City of Lockney about a large group of people fighting. Upon the Deputies arrival, the group was having a verbal argument. Upon further investigation, it was determined several assaults had taken place before Deputies arrival. Deputies arrested five individuals for Assault and Rioting. Gilbert Mendoza, 52, Sonia Mollette, 40, Chasity Mendoza, 18, Deion Mollette, 19, and one Juvenile that was taken to the Parent Adolescent Center in Floydada.

July 26, 2017

Deputy arrested Joe Gloria, 37, of Lockney at the Floyd County Sheriff's Office for warrants out of Hale County and Jones County for Driving While License Suspended and Driving While Intoxicated 3rd or more.

July 27, 2017

Deputy was dispatched to the 500 Block of NE 8th Street about a loud noise complaint. Deputy contacted violator, and further investigation found that he had an outstanding warrant out of Lubbock County for Non-payment of Child Support. Juan Sarinana, 36, of Lockney, was arrested and transported to Lubbock County Detention Center.

The Paperboy Racism is a ridiculous waste of time

I can think of no larger waste of time than being a racist. As a person with several races in my family, hating someone for the color of their skin may be the most idiotic sentiment out there.



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Not a single person in the history of this planet is responsible for color of their skin at birth. Hence, we are all created equal. So what's so hard about treating people in that manner.

By now, we should have evolved enough as a society that race is hardly ever mentioned. Instead, it's at the forefront of the national conversation. Yes, some of that is due to the murder and idiotic white supremacy march in Charlottesville, Va., but racial tensions have been palpable across the country for

sometime now.

Perhaps some of the issues we see in cities are limited to those places. I think race relations are much stronger in small towns than in large cities.

In rural America, we all live, work, go to school, and interact with one another. In some cases, our families have united through the common bonds of a marriage, and children. The fact is, I think most of us in small towns feel like we struggle together and we win together, as a community.

As for our counterparts in cities, I think major cities continue to be segregated. Freeways and train tracks may not have been engineered to keep facets of the population apart, but it's precisely what they do. And over the generations, not much has changed in terms of what neighborhoods in cities look like.

Here in the small town, I'd like to think we are a big family. And that's how I treat people.

A newborn baby does not come into this world with hate in their heart. People are either taught to hate or become influenced by hate and are steered in the wrong direction. And once you are taught to hate, it's difficult to change the heart.

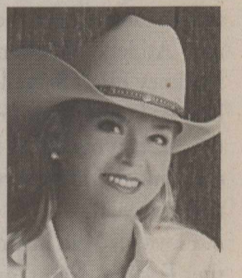
As parents, it is our responsibility to raise our children in a loving environment and teach our children that all people deserve our respect and attention. It's not difficult. And when children have questions about what we are witnessing across the country, tell them the truth. Tell them that judging people by the color of their skin is a ridiculous waste of time and leads down the wrong road. Instead, be a person that rises above hate and be a beacon of light to everyone you meet. Your authenticity will come through.

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Estate and Succession Planning Specialist to come to Floyd County

The Floyd County Soil and Water Conservation Board is thrilled to announce that Jaqueline Davie, an estate and succession planning specialist, is coming to Floyd County for a Lunch and Learn. She will be speaking at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center on August 24th, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. Lunch will be catered by Jeanes Feedbag Catering and donated by First National Bank in Floydada.



Jaqueline employs a client-centric approach to addressing the estate and Succession issues that face these agribusiness landowners today. Jacqui's strength is creating objective and customized plans that help provide her clients with an enhanced sense of security regarding their future, as well as the future of their family and operation.

She is past President and current VP of Education and Beef Promotion for the Texas Coastal CattleWomen. She is a member of the National Cattleman's Beef Association and Texas Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. She has spoken on the topic of planning at the 2014 Beltwide Cotton Conference, the 2015 and 2016 Texas Southwestern Cattle Raisers Convention and the 2016 Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board meeting in Waco.

Please RSVP to LeShay Everett at (806)983-2352 ext. 3 or (806) 559-0180. You can also contact any board member which include Ian McIntosh, Jacob Reddy, David Patterson, Taylor Beedy and Leslie Nixon, Jr, by Friday August 18th. We look forward to seeing you!

The 501 Ragweed aliens leave no tracks



HANABA
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WELCH

Aliens in the cow pasture. It was bound to happen.

No, I didn't see the visitors. Rick, our renter, spied them. They were about 200 yards from where he was burning some trash. (Think redneck fire ring.) They were driving a white vehicle resembling my old Santa Fe - a car that sometimes does pasture duty. Rick almost waved. Instead he texted me, asking if I was in the pasture. I wasn't.

I drove quickly to Rick's house. The mysterious visitors had already departed. Rick swore I'd be able to find their tracks across the sea of ragweed. I looked. All I could see were several oval depressed areas, each about the size of a cow.

The pasture version of crop circles? Hardly. The cows were mostly lying around when I arrived. Some got up, leaving ragweed smashed in cow shapes.

Meanwhile, you must be wondering why I think the visitors were aliens.

Because they didn't get into the pasture via the gate at trash-burning Rick's house, right under his nose, and there's no other way in. The gate is absolutely choked with Johnsongrass on the non-pasture side. Any passers-through would have made some tracks. The Johnsongrass stood untouched. The visitors must have dropped from the sky.

As for the cows, they seemed OK. They all had blank stares like they'd just seen aliens, but cows always look like they've just seen aliens.

What intrigues me is the vehicle Rick described. If I were an alien with a yen to cruise, I'd choose a Hummer. Or a customized Lunar rover designed to go through weeds.

I texted Rick (by then, out to lunch) to ask him if he mistook one of the big half-Charolais cows for an SUV.

His reply:

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SOCIETY

Floydada Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture

By Deon Fincher
Chamber Manager

It's always rewarding when a plan comes together in the end, and those reaping the benefits see nothing but success. Such was the case of the KCBD Tour in Floydada. Everyone involved seemed happy with the result.

Wow!! Did I already say that? Here...let me say it again. Wow!! For those of you that were not present last Thursday at the Floydada Park, all I can say is, "You should've been there!"

The 6 o'clock newscast went off without a hitch—a sign of excellent preparation. Mayor Bobby Gilliland talked about the future of Floydada; a special segment featuring Don Hardy was aired; and once the newscast

was finished, the community presented the KCBD team with a proclamation that August 10, 2017 was officially named as KCBD Community Coverage Tour Day. Atmos Energy and Blue Bell doled out hot dogs and ice cream in the heat. What a great crowd of our own residents! Kids' mouths were ringed with mustard, parents juggled plates too numerous to be attempted, and laughter and conversation reigned.

If you didn't stay for the musical entertainment of the night, you should have. The Riley-Adams Duo, featuring our own Evan Johnson, and Josh Reese were fabulous! If you ever have a chance to catch these two in person, do not miss it.

Before the 10 o'clock newscast got underway,

Pete Christy, with the help of the crew entertained the crowd with a prize-laden series of Bingo—what better way to celebrate "home-town". The evening segment featured more stories of Floydada and ended with interviews with the boys' and girls' basketball team coaches.

A huge "Thank You!" goes out to everyone that got involved with the activity—whether helping with the set-up, donating "Floydada" items to the generous gift basket given to the KCBD team, purchasing the advertising segments, or feeding the TV crew. There are too many to list in this column, but know that your efforts and generosity were noted by KCBD. Thanks for stepping up to the plate once again, Floydada!

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!

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 21 – August 25**
- Monday** — Taco salad
- Tuesday** – Margaret's pork chalupa
- Wednesday** – Sirloin patty
- Thursday** – Spaghetti & Ravioli
- Friday** – Chicken strips w/cream gravy
(Menus subject to change without notice)

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – We have several things on the calendar this month.

The Griffith Family Reunion is Saturday, August 19th. It will be held at the Center from 10 a.m. - ??

"BINGO NIGHT" is Monday, August 21 from 6 – 8 p.m. It is held the 3rd Monday of each month. Come join us for some fun!

Our ANNUAL FUNDRAISER will be held on Saturday, September 9th. This is a Saturday night Fajitas dinner that will be served beginning at 6 p.m. There will be a live auction and Betty Jones and the Boys will be the entertainment for the evening. John Robison will also be joining us for the evening and bringing his famous Pecan pie for the auction. If you would like to donate an item to the auction please contact Renee at the Center. More details will follow. Make plans now to be there!

On September 13th the Board of Directors will meet at 12:30 p.m.. If you have

questions or concerns please feel free to come.

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.

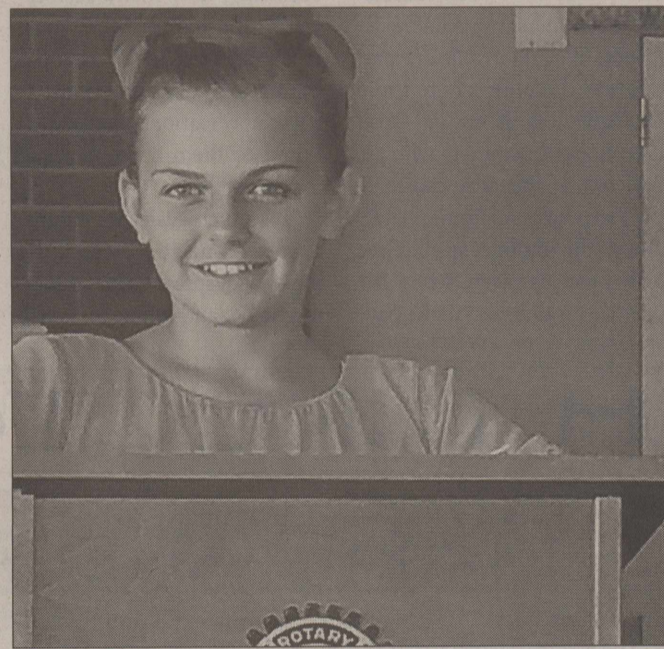
Hope you all have a great week.

MENU

- August 21 – August 25**
- Monday** — Meatloaf
- Tuesday** – Baked potatoes
- Wednesday** – Pulled pork
- Thursday** – Chicken & dumplings
- Friday** – Hamburger steak
(Menus subject to change without notice)

Floydada Rotary

Rotarian Jim Finley presented Presley Brooks as his program today. Presley is involved in the 4-H horse showing program. There are 12 4-H members doing the horse shows. They have to learn many styles of showing and horse maneuver techniques. The kids and their horses travel to many shows all over Texas. Very good program from Presley and super informative on horse showing and its rigorous requirements. Good luck to our 4-H members this next year.



Floydada Naturalist to Host Wildflower Hike, Workshop Sept. 16

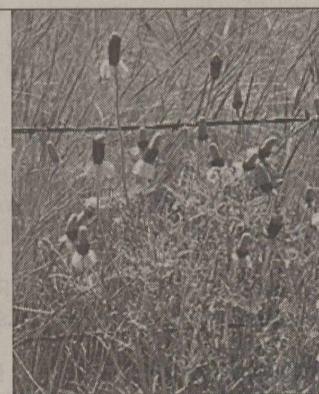
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UMBARGER — In celebration of a colorful aspect of the Buffalo Lake National Wildlife Refuge at Umbarger, a native wildflower seed gathering workshop featuring noted wildflower expert Willa Finley will be conducted 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 16.

The workshop, sponsored by Friends of the High Plains Refuge Complex, will present an excellent opportunity to learn from Finley, who has co-authored two wildflower books, "Lone Star Wildflowers" and "Land of Enchantment Wildflowers," both published by Texas Tech University Press in the Grover E. Murray Studies in the American Southwest series.

"I have been on two of Willa's wildflower hikes at the Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge and she is a wealth of information. When she visited the Buffalo Lake Refuge she was very impressed at the number of wildflowers there," says Bernice Blasingame of Canyon, president of the Texas Master Naturalist Panhandle Chapter and retired park interpreter at Palo Duro Canyon State Park. "Based on her experience at Buffalo Lake, the decision was made to have the upcoming workshop there. Panhandle TMN chapter members Joanne and Troney Toler spent a Sunday at Buffalo Lake in July and just botanizing from the road Joanne identified 75 species of flowers, shrubs, trees and grasses."

Willa Finley is no stranger to the circles of life in the Panhandle/South Plains. She grew up riding horses and herding cows in the native pastures around her home in Floydada where buffalo grass, broomweed, and milkweed were part of the natural flora. Her botanical heritage was passed down through her maternal grandmother and her mother, both of



Floydada native Willa Finley will conduct a native wildflower seed gathering workshop, sponsored by Friends of the High Plains Refuge Complex, on September 16.

whom had extensive flower and vegetable gardens. Willa took that botanical heritage to another level, earning a Master of Science degree in Plant Systematics at Texas Tech University. With a Ph.D. in Plant Genetics from the University of Nebraska, she has worked in agriculture research and in agribusiness in the Middle East, North Africa, and Central Africa, and for many years was senior researcher in agricultural economics for LMC International in Oxford, UK. She is now involved in agricultural development projects in Africa, helping poor African women farmers to improve their economic condition. Her photography has received international recognition. She makes herself available to give talks about wildflowers as well as about her work in Africa.

"Lone Star Wildflowers: A Guide to Texas Flowering Plants," published by Texas Tech University Press, offers easy identification through color grouping and provides a wealth of insights, from the origin of scientific and common names to growth cycles, uses, history, and native lore.

In the field, by the roadside, or in the classroom, "Lone Star Wildflowers" reveals the science, ecology, and rich lore of Texas flowers with helpful features including nearly 500 full-color flower photographs, grouped according to the color spectrum

and further arranged by family. An "Exploring Further" section in each color category, showing details of seedpods, leaves, buds, and fruits

Current and historical uses of each species, including applications for landscaping, water conservation, traditional medicine, pharmaceuticals, and food are included, along with information about plant toxins and range management practices affecting livestock and wildlife and coverage of growth cycles throughout the seasons, depicting young plants, buds, mature seed heads, and fruits as well as flowers

Materials for the Sept. 16 workshop will be provided and the event will include lunch. There will also be drawings for door prizes. Participants will be allowed to keep the wildflower seeds that they collect to start a garden for themselves that will feature native plants.

Slots for the outing are limited to 25 people, and are expected to fill up fast. Cost for the workshop is \$40 and are first-come first-served. Contact Info@friendshighplains.org to enroll for the workshop. To make arrangements for a program Willa Finley can be contacted at willa.finley@lonestarswildflowers.net.

Jim Steiert is an award winning member of the Texas Outdoor Writers Association and a certified Texas Master Naturalist.

Museum Archives

Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

ROY AND BELLE BRUNER

By R.K. Bruner

Belle, daughter of Carrick Snodgrass of Floydada, married Roy K. Bruner, son of Soloman and Nancy Jane Bruner of Plainview, in 1900. They had seven children, all of whom were born in Floyd County; 1901 Vere, deceased, no children; 1903 Hal, deceased, no children; 1906 Keith, deceased, no children; 1908 Van, deceased, two children; June Allison Wewerka and Van Nixon Bruner; 1909 Mary Christine, deceased, no children; 1914 R. K., two children, Karlen Jo Bain and Roy Kay Davis, two stepchildren; Betty Lynn Weatherly and John T. Brewer; 1917 Virginia, two children; W.J. Wallace, III and Roy Bruner Wallace.

After Roy and Belle married, they had freight teams and wagons and freighted from Canyon to Floydada. Mr. Bruner was able to trade for outlaw horses and put them in his freight team, gentle them

and sell or trade them. He was a lover of horses all of his life.

They had teams on the railroad fill during construction from Childress into Washburn and Canyon. Vere died in Childress and was buried there.

Solomon Bruner built a shack on wheels that had a stove in it, and Roy pulled it behind his freight wagons. Mrs. Bruner made several trips it with her children.

They bought a ranch east of Floydada and there they reared their children and at time had Rip, Cleo, and Opal Snodgrass and Verne and Velma Nelson living with them, and as they had lost their mother.

They sold the Floyd County ranch and moved to Hereford in 1917 via an immigrant car, where they ranched until 1926. At this time they sold out and bought ranches in New Mexico at Tucumcari and Ft. Sumner. They moved their family to Amarillo during this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruner became well known in the cattle

and ranch business, as they were some of the pioneers in upgrading livestock in the Southwest.

In the early part of their ranching life, Roy rode horseback to various places and bought cattle, driving them with him and placing them on his ranch in Floyd County and then selling them and driving them to Ashtola for shipment. He bought and sold cattle the rest of his life.

Roy and Belle never lost their love for ranching and livestock. They were very proud to be pioneers in the settlement and development of the great Southwest.

They passed away and are buried in Amarillo, as are four of their children.

R.K. still lives in Amarillo and Virginia, Mrs. W.J. Wallace, Jr. lives in Oklahoma City.

R. K. has a hand written abstract on part of the Floyd County ranch that dates back to 1875, before Motley and Floyd County were divided.

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OBITUARIES/CHURCH

Obituaries Donnell Gowens

Donnell Gowens 86, of Lubbock, formally of Floydada passed away on Sunday, August 6, 2017 in Lubbock.

Donnell Gowens was born on February 27, 1931 in Ralls Texas to Clarence and Lora Atchinson Gowens. He married the love of his life Wilma Alldredge on December 20, 1950 in Crosbyton Texas.

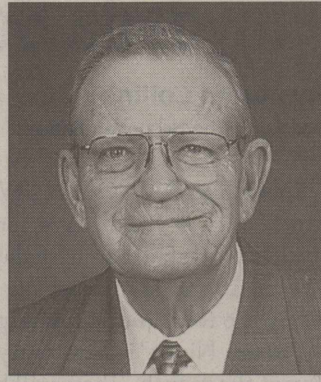
Donnell was a member of First Baptist Church in Floydada, where he served as a deacon, and was a member of the men's Sunday School class. He was also a member of the Rotary Club and Floydada Country Club. He was a former

member of First Baptist Church in Crosbyton and a foreman for Texas Department of Transportation.

He is preceded in death by his son, Rick Douglas Gowens, three brothers, Robert Gowens, Orvel Gowens, and Dalmer Gowens, two sisters, Margie Scroggins, and Ella Rogers and his parents.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Wilma Gowens of Lubbock; two sons, Arvin Gowens of San Antonio and Kelton Gowens and wife, Richie of Lubbock; five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Visitation was held Wednesday, August 9, 2017



DONNELL GOWENS

from 6-7 p.m. at Adams Funeral Home of Crosbyton.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Thursday, August 10, 2017 at the First Baptist Church in Floydada.

Burial was held at 2 p.m., Thursday, August 10, 2017 at the Crosbyton Cemetery.

Online condolences can be made at www.adamsfuneral.com

Juan E. Ibarra, Jr

Juan E. Ibarra, Jr., age 87, of Floydada, passed away Sunday, August 6, 2017.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 2 p.m., Saturday, August 12, 2017 at the St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Floydada. Father Dhass officiated.

Interment followed at the Floydada Cemetery.

Rosary was held at 7 p.m., Friday, August 11, 2017 at Moore Rose Funeral Home.

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

Juan E. Ibarra, Jr. was born on September 17, 1929 in Marquez, Texas to Juan Ibarra, Sr. and Maria (Esquivel) Ibarra.

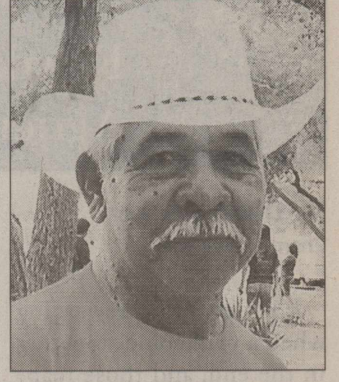
He married San Juana (Velasquez) Ibarra on January 11,

1948 in Cotulla, Texas. They were blessed with ten children. They moved from Cotulla, Texas to Floydada, Texas in 1957.

He was a lifelong resident of Floydada. He liked farming and he was a proud owner of Ibarra's Grocery and Tire Shop for many years. He helped build the first Catholic Church in Floydada. He became a Knights of Columbus #10310 in 2004.

He was preceded in death by his wife, San Juana Ibarra, his parents, two sons, Juan Ibarra III, and Julio Ibarra, an infant daughter, Sylvia Ibarra, one sister, Maria and one brother.

Juan is survived by his four sons, Jesse V. Ibarra and wife, Irma of Floydada, Joe S. Ibarra and wife, Valerie of Lubbock, Francisco V. Ibarra and wife,



JUAN E. IBARRA, JR.

Priscilla of Floydada, and Tony V. Ibarra and wife, MaryAnn of Floydada; three daughters, Alejandra I. Reyes and husband, Manuel of Floydada, Irma Kennon and husband, Ralph of Amarillo, and Janie Cardenas and husband, Jimmy of Seguin; 39 grandchildren; 74 great-grandchildren; 9 great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Xcel Energy offers mobile customer service

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 infor-

mation 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 pay-

ments 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 connect 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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—Hebrews 6:19 (NIV)

A friend once gave me an outdoor house ornament made of faceted glass balls that rotate in the wind. I hung it outside. When I awoke to sunshine the following morning, I was delighted to discover that the walls of my house were splashed with little flashing rainbows. They reminded me of God's promise to Noah never again to destroy the earth by flood. In fact, whenever I'm going through difficult times, I remember the many promises that God has made and kept: God promised Abraham that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars, and they are; God promised that Moses would lead the Israelites out of Egypt, and he did; God promised the people of Israel that they would return from exile, and they did. Each promise required a faithful response.

Jesus said, "Seek first [God's] kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you" (Matt. 6:33). In my 35-year walk with God, I have acted on this and found it to be true.

The Bible says that those who belong to God through Jesus Christ will be with him in heaven forever. I stake my life on the truth of this promise as well. And, based on God's faithfulness, I know that I will not be disappointed.

—James Forayter (Queensland, Australia)

Thought for the Day:
When I see a rainbow, I will remember all the promises God has made and kept.

Aiken Baptist Church
Dennis Butler, Pastor
Morning Worship...11 a.m.

Bible Baptist Church
810 S. 3rd, Floydada
Darwin Robinson, Pastor
983-2578
Sunday School...10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wednesday - 7 p.m.

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

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
Mark Snowden, Pastor
Justin Ogden, Interim Minister of Worship
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.
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
Floydada
Rev. Timothy Askey
401 N 12th St. 983-5805
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
Floydada
Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges
(806) 637-0430
Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.

Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church
310 Mississippi
Floydada

Rev David Ramos, Pastor
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader
Sunday Bible - 10 a.m.
Morning Praise - 11 a.m.
Evening Praise 5 - p.m.
Wed Worship - 7 p.m.

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
983-5286 (Church)
Sunday School
English - 9:45 a.m.
Spanish - 11 a.m.
Worship
Spanish - 9:30 a.m.
English - 11 a.m.
Evening Service 5 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.

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

AGRICULTURE

Commissioners Looking to Sell More Salvage Items

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

In the monthly meeting of the commissioners court on Monday, County Judge Marty Lucke recommended that the county look at ways to sell surplus and salvage materials currently stored in the basement of the courthouse. Commissioners approved that the county make a list; publish advertisements for sealed bids and sell the salvage/surplus items.

Lucke recommended that the county take a similar approach to salvage/surplus vehicles and large equipment. Commissioner Tanner Smith recommended that advertisements be placed east of Floyd County when selling such equipment because he said many of the large ranches are looking for large equipment to fight grassfires. Commissioners approved the county placing ads for sealed bids for large equipment as well.

Texas AgriLife agents submitted their monthly reports and noted that August 27 was the 4H banquet.

In other court action Lucke noted that windfarm activity was quiet right now, and the court discussed that there no new wind initiatives.

Commissioners approved the budget of the adult probation department.

Sheriff Paul Raisse submitted his annual report on racial profiling.

Dealing with Foot Rot in Cattle Herds

By Cristen Brooks
Floyd County Extension Agent
Ag/NR/Floyd County

Even though we are still fairly dry, recent rains around Floyd County have filled lake bottoms and run offs which can lead to foot rot in cattle. This condition is a decaying infectious disease of cattle, causing swelling and lameness in at least one foot. This disease can cause numerous problems for your cow herd including severe lameness, decreased weight gain, and reluctance to breed. If left un-treated it can spread into other structures in the foot and may require that animal to be culled.

According to the article "Foot Rot in Cattle," published by the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service, normal healthy skin will not allow foot rot to occur. It happens when there has been some kind of mechanical injury, like a puncture, or hoof softening occurs due to wet conditions. High temperatures and humidity

will also cause the skin to crack or be compromised allowing infection to enter.

So how do you treat and prevent foot rot? Dr. Ted McCollum, Beef Cattle Specialist with Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service has a few pointers to help you out if you're struggling with this issue. "First, Make certain a complete mineral supplement with at least 2000 ppm Zinc is available. Complete means all minerals, not just salt or trace mineral salt. Do not put white salt out. This will inhibit supplement consumption. Zinc aids in hoof integrity. Second, purchase a mineral supplement containing chlortetracycline (CTC). These are available from most major feed companies. The low level CTC in the feed aids in prevention and can act as therapy in mild cases. Third, supplemental iodine can also aid in prevention. Fourth, put cattle with foot rot on dry ground, and possibly mellow ground, until healed and use the measures

above. If a foot rot "storm" is occurring in a group, move the entire group to a dry area. Including watering sites that are not standing water or that the cattle have to walk or stand in. Lastly, check with a veterinarian on treatment of active cases. Injectable tetracyclines were conventional treatments. Other newer age antibiotics may be used with veterinarian authorization."

Foot rot is a major cause of lameness in cattle and can have a severe economic effect on the farm. For treatment to be effective, it must be started early in the course of the disease. It is necessary to have a break in skin integrity for foot rot to occur. The most important preventive measures are centered on the protection of interdigital skin health. ("Foot Rot in Cattle," Oklahoma Extension Service)

For more help controlling foot rot in your cattle herd please call the Floyd County Extension Service at (806) 983-4912.

Plains Ginners Association Sets Annual Meeting, Golf Tournament for August 21

By Mary Jane Buerkle
Plains Cotton Growers

U.S. Rep. Jodey Arrington will be the keynote speaker at the Plains Ginners Association's Annual Meeting on Monday, August 21, at the Bayer Museum of Agriculture in Lubbock.

Registration for the meeting begins at 7:30 a.m., and the program begins shortly after 8 a.m. In addition to Rep. Arrington, speakers include Shelley Heinrich with

The Cotton Board; Greg Holt with the USDA Ginning Lab; and Kody Bessent with Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. Lunch will be served at noon.

Association dues are \$60 annually, and members are encouraged to bring a dues check or mail it to Plains Ginners Association, P.O. Box 25, Ropesville, TX 79358.

Please RSVP for lunch to Julie Wheeler at Plains Cotton Growers by Wednesday, August 16, by calling (806)

792-4904 or emailing julie@plainscotton.org. For more information on the meeting, call Tony Newton at (806) 787-6114.

Registration for the golf tournament begins at 1:30 p.m., with a shotgun start at 2 p.m. at Meadowbrook Golf Course, 601 Municipal Drive in Lubbock. To sign up for the golf tournament, call Darryl Dawson at (806) 763-4371 or email darryl.dawson@adm.com.

West Texas Raceway brings Southern Texas Late Model Series back to West Texas

By Daniel Shank
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

With 13 of top Texas Late model drivers showing up to battle at West Texas Raceway they did NOT disappoint the 2254 fans in the stands. Many of them have never raced on the Fastest Bullring in the West Texas area. Many were super excited to "It is a real pleasure to be back racing in the West Texas Area. On behalf of myself and the other drivers we would like to Thank you the fans, for supporting local racing." ZZ car driver Sloppy Hogg of Arlington. The series was made up of drivers from Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma. Starting the main event in traditional fashion with a 3 wide salute to the fans and a small fireworks display but the boss Corkey himself. Once the Green flag

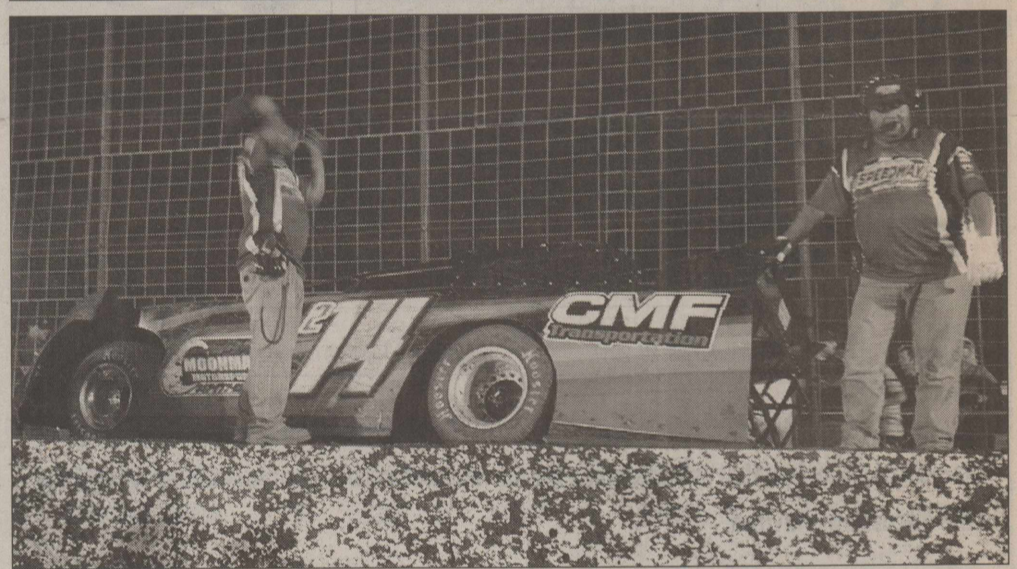
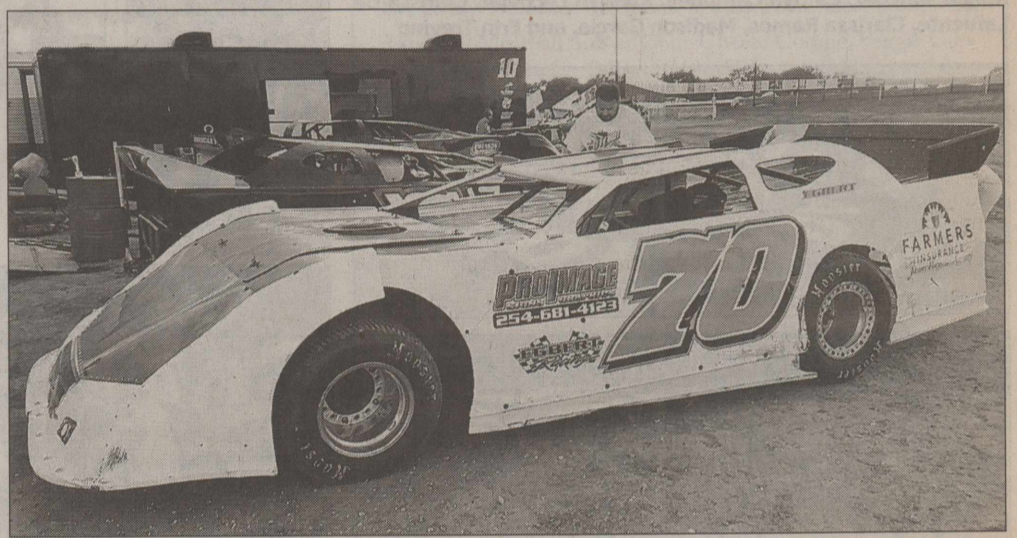
dropped the air was full of dirt and the awesome sound of heavy horsepower. In the early going we saw a good battle Between David Hennen #D11 and the #78 car drove by Eddy Hardage but cut a tire on lap 7 to bring out the first caution flag. Not to be out done Mike Fenton #214 of Oak Leaf Texas parked his car on the wall in turn 3 & 4. This caused a 15 min red flag situation, once we got him off the wall, the D11 car pulled from the field giving David Hennen the win. Coming in second was Jon Ortega #22 of Las Cruces New Mexico. Grabbing the last spot on the podium was the #104 of Brandon Brzozoski.

12 I Stocks took to the track were we saw Jordan O'Neil extend his point lead by edging out Cary White #64 for one of the best finishes of the year. Aaron

Corly had a rough night to hit the wall several time with break issues. The tire in turn 3 calmed another of couple victims the #02 Eddie Ledbetter and the #03 car drove by Jack Miles

Street Stocks put the McCurry #555 show back on display, within the 3 lap of the main he was on the point and NOT looking back Donnie Applegate #7 gave it the old college try but was no match for McClesley #42 and Bankston #10 who are chasing the 555 in points both had rough nights.

The 305 Sprint brought 12 cars due to the Knoxville championships. But, that did not stop Brandon Hickman #30 from putting on a driving show, he lead every lap from green to checkered. Chris Douglas #56 and Robert Pace #24 were NO match this night.



Courtesy Photos

Not to be out done, the Sport mods showed off some driving skills themselves by going 20 laps caution free. JP Vasquez #17 took the easy victory from the pole position. Brant-

ley Beatty #8 came in second, while Frank "X-Man" Groves #63 finished 3rd. Point leader Cory Williams got stuck in traffic early and recovered for a 5th place finish.

This Friday we will be exciting we will be away back packs with school supplies to the kids, special thanks to Jamie Greer, Bo Kerr, and West Texas Trailer Corral.

NASS Projects Texas High Plains Production at 5.2 Million Bales in 2017

By Mary Jane Buerkle
Plains Cotton Growers

In their first official crop production estimates for the area this season, the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service pegged the 2017 High Plains upland cotton crop at 5.23 million bales, harvested from 3.325 million acres. Planted acres are estimated at 4.05 million, reflecting a projected 18 percent abandonment rate, which is right at the area's average of 18 to 20 percent.

Yield per acre is estimated at 946 pounds per acre in the northern counties of the PCG service area, and 662 pounds per acre in the southern counties.

Statewide, the NASS report estimates that Texas growers will produce 8.8 million bales of upland cotton from 5.7 million acres harvested. Statewide yield is estimated to be 741 pounds per acre, down slightly from 748 last year. In 2016, 8.1 million bales of cotton were produced in Texas on 5.2 million harvested acres.

NASS estimates that the United States will produce 19.8 million bales of upland cotton, up 19 percent from 2016.

"This initial production report certainly gives us a benchmark," PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett said. "It's important to note, though, that we have well over a month to go before we begin to realize the full potential of the 2017 crop, and these next few weeks will be especially critical for many growers who have yet to experience a timely rainfall."

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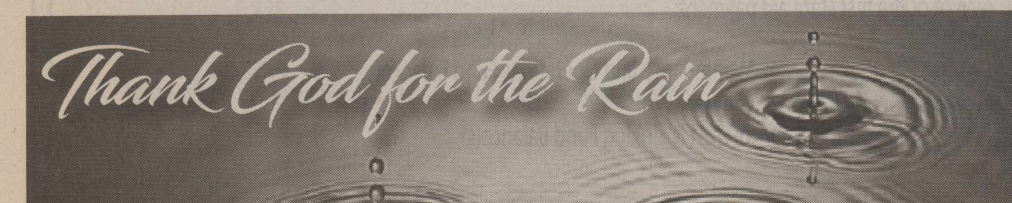
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FLOYDADA SCHOOL NEWS

Colonel Julian retires from the U.S. Air Force

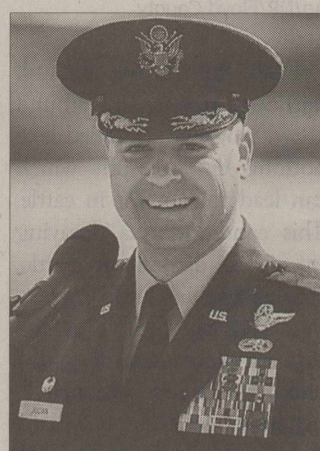
Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

Colonel Jon T. Julian recently retired from the U.S. Air Force, after serving his country for the past 24 years that included 7 deployments.

A 1999 graduate of Floydada High School, Colonel Julian was commissioned in 1993 as a distinguished graduate of the Air Force ROTC program at Texas Tech University. He has served in a variety of positions at the group, wing and major command levels. Colonel Julian served as Commander of the 50th Airlift Squadron, Little Rock AFB, AR; Commander, 737 Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, Ali Al Salem AB,

Kuwait; Commander, 774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, Bagram AB, Afghanistan.

Colonel Julian is a master navigator, having logged over 3,500 hours (over 400 combat hours) in C-130 aircraft. The last 2 years of his Air Force career, Colonel Julian served as Commander, 11th Operations Group, 11th Wing, Joint Base Anacosta-Bolling, Washington, D.C. He was responsible for the USAF Chaplain Corp at Arlington National Cemetery, the U.S. Air Force Band, and the USAF Honor Guard, as they provided premier ceremonial and funeral support, across the National Capital Region



Courtesy photo

and for senior US and international leaders.

Tim and his wife, Heather, have two daughters, Kate and Maggie, and are planning to make Arvada, Colorado their home.

Dr. Delvin Atchison to headline Willson Lectures

By Jonathan Petty
MAM, Director of Communications

PLAINVIEW – Entering a new academic year, Wayland Baptist University is focusing on meeting the needs of students in both academic standings and social constructs. As part of this focus, Wayland has invited Dr. Delvin Atchison to be the featured speaker at the Willson Lectures scheduled for Sept. 6.

The Willson Lectures chapel will take place at 11 a.m. in Harral Memorial Auditorium. The event is open to the public and admission is free.

Dr. Atchison serves as the Director of the Great Commission Team for Texas Baptists (Baptist General Con-

vention of Texas). Atchison will build on a theme of applied Christianity and how it manifests itself in daily life.

As Director of the Great Commission Team, Dr. Atchison leads a group that focuses on helping churches and church members fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20, Go and make disciples of all nations ...) through discipleship, evangelism, and worship.

Dr. Atchison began public speaking when he was 9 years old, starting his preaching ministry at the age of 16. He has pastored a number of churches throughout the state of Texas. Academically, he has studied at Oxford University and at the Vatican,

as well as George W. Truett Seminary. He is an inaugural member of Truett Seminary's 2015 preacher mentoring and coaching program.

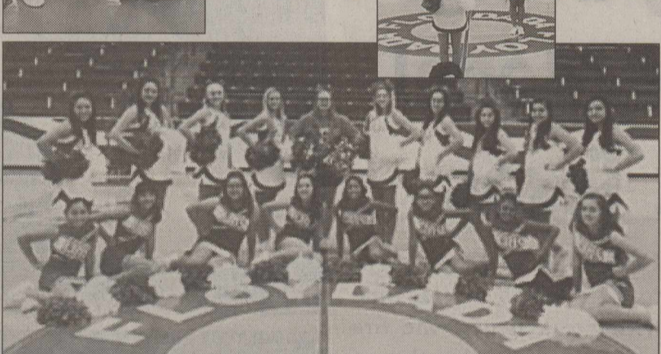
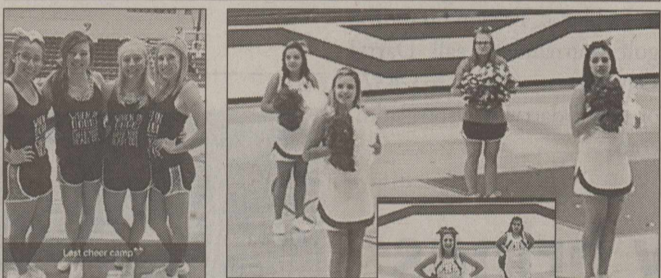
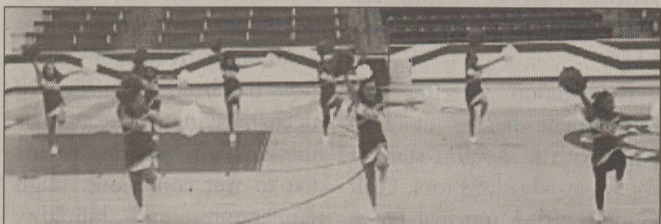
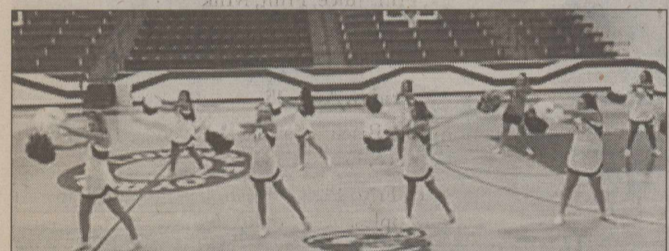
He has served on the Editorial Advisory Board for the Baylor School of Social Work Journal, board for the Law Enforcement Academy of McLennan Community College, the Dispute Resolution Commission of McLennan County, and as chair of the Black Pastors' Roundtable, a spiritual formation group for senior pastors at Truett.

In addition to speaking at chapel, Atchison will take part in a discussion panel/forum at approximately 1:45 in the auditorium of the Nunn See more **LECTURES**, Page 9

Cheer Camp

Courtesy photos

Floydada High School and Floydada Junior High School cheerleaders had their annual Cheer Camp on August 8-9 getting ready for the upcoming new year. Participating were Varsity Cheerleaders, Marissa Valdivia, Kortney Campbell, Bri Casillas, Kiley Ricketts, Allison Muniz, Hannah Morales and Mascot, Angel Fipps; Junior Varsity Cheerleaders, Ruth Ramirez, Azalea Garza, and Natalee Romero; Junior High Cheerleaders, Kaley Garza, Kailee Sanchez, Caitlyn Campbell, Katelyn Lechwar, Clarissa De Lafuente, Clarissa Ramos, Madison Garcia, and Erin Trevino



FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU August 21 – August 25

| Monday | |
|---|--|
| Breakfast | Morning sausage on roll, cereal, fresh fruit selection, milk |
| Lunch | Popcorn chicken w/roll, cheeseburger, seasoned mashed potatoes, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk |
| Tuesday | |
| Breakfast | Cocoa Puff cereal, graham crackers, fresh fruit, milk |
| Lunch | Meatloaf, w/roll & rice, cheese pizza, peas & carrots, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk |
| Wednesday | |
| Breakfast | Apple frudell, cereal, fresh fruit, milk |
| Lunch | Chicken nuggets w/roll, hot dog, tater tots, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk |
| Thursday | |
| Breakfast | Cinnamon waffles, cereal, fresh fruit, milk |
| Lunch | Beef ravioli w/roll, peperoni pizza, seasoned green beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk |
| Friday | |
| Breakfast | Eggs, cheese, & sausage burrito, cereal, fresh fruit, milk |
| Lunch | Beef enchilada w/rice, ham & cheese sub, spicy pinto beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk |
| PATRIOT DAY – SEPT. 11 | |
| Everyone needs to wear Red, White & Blue. We will be serving red and white jello. Patriot Day is on Sept. 10 but will Celebrate on Monday, Sept. 11 | |

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The FLOYDADA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m., August 29, 2017 in Board of Trustees meeting room at 226 W California St, Floydada, TX.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

| | |
|--------------------------|--|
| Maintenance Tax | \$ 1.17 / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations) |
| School Debt Service Tax | |
| Approved by Local Voters | \$ 0.4400 / \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness) |

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

| | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|----|------------------|
| Maintenance and operations | % increase | or | 5.5 % (decrease) |
| Debt service | 302 % increase | or | % (decrease) |
| Total expenditures | 19.9 % increase | or | % (decrease) |

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04)

| | Preceding Tax Year | Current Tax Year |
|--|--------------------|------------------|
| Total appraised value* of all property | \$ 667,742,620 | \$ 1,076,759,540 |
| Total appraised value* of new property** | \$ 171,862,760 | \$ 446,695,990 |
| Total taxable value*** of all property | \$ 563,356,672 | \$ 898,173,623 |
| Total taxable value*** of new property** | \$ 171,862,760 | \$ 446,695,990 |

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).
** "New property" is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17).
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 44,745,000

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

| | Maintenance & Operations | Interest & Sinking Fund* | Total | Local Revenue Per Student | State Revenue Per Student |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Last Year's Rate | \$ 1.11320 | \$ 0.1934* | \$ 1.3066 | \$ 6063 | \$ 7284 |
| Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service | \$ 1.34544 | \$ 0.4373* | \$ 1.78273 | \$ 11,385 | \$ 6667 |
| Proposed Rate | \$ 1.17000 | \$ 0.4400* | \$ 1.6100 | \$ 10,740 | \$ 6667 |

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

| | Last Year | This Year |
|---|------------|-----------|
| Average Market Value of Residences | \$ 36,549 | \$ 35,596 |
| Average Taxable Value of Residences | \$ 21,292 | \$ 21,383 |
| Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value | \$ 1.30659 | \$ 1.6100 |
| Taxes Due on Average Residence | \$ 278.20 | \$ 344.27 |
| Increase (Decrease) in Taxes | | \$ 66.07 |

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.17. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.17.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

| | |
|--|--------------|
| Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) | \$ 3,452,591 |
| Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s) | \$ 0 |

LOCKNEY SCHOOL NEWS

Lockney School Board approves new teachers

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – Members of the Board of Trustees for the Lockney Independent School District met in special session on Monday, Aug. 7 to discuss a nine-item agenda.

The Board approved the hiring of Adriana Corrales for high school English Language Arts, Maricela Reyna for fourth grade Math and Robert Moreno for fifth grade English Language Arts. The Board also accepted the resignation of Transportation Director

Boyd Lee.

The Board also vote to approve a budget amendment from Bus Driver to Employee Benefits.

The Board, after much discussion, approved a new Proposed Tax Rate for 2017-2018 at a \$1.29 per \$100 valuation. The proposed rate will help the District avoid having to pay part of the Bond repayment from the reserve funds this year.

Superintendent Jim Baum informed the Board of a change in testing dates from the Texas Education Agency that will require a

change in the school calendar. An amended calendar will be presented to the Board at a later meeting. Baum also updated the Board on the old ag pickup that had been moved to the maintenance department. He told the Board the pickup would need some major work and discussed the idea of trading it in for a gasoline pickup for the maintenance department. In other updates, Baum discussed the back to school activities with the Board.

The Board will meet in regular session on Tuesday, Aug. 29 at 8:00 P.M.

Wayland plans Plainview homecoming festivities with changes

By Teresa Young
Director of Alumni Relations

PLAINVIEW – Homecoming 2017 is right around the corner for Wayland Baptist University, with some new events designed to entertain, honor and give alums plenty of time to reminisce.

Homecoming festivities are scheduled for Sept. 22-23.

With the theme "Deep in the Heart," the weekend is a great chance to rekindle love for the university as alums return to familiar places on the Plainview campus. Classes to be honored are those ending in 7, with the Class of 1967 celebrating their 50-year reunion and recognition and gathering planned also for the classes of 1977, 1987, 1997 and 2007.

The entire lineup of events, along with an online registration form, is located on the sidebar link at www.wbua-lumni.com.

"We've taken the traditional homecoming weekend and changed a few things up a bit to accommodate our alums from all years, from the Friday night banquet to the Saturday pre-game activities. Younger alumni with children will particularly want to join us for the pre-game fun out at Bulldog Stadium, with free food, bouncers and such, then plan to stay and cheer on the Pioneers," said Teresa Young, Director of Alumni Relations. "It's going to be a great time to reconnect with the university and with friends."

The weekend kicks off Friday with the International Choir reunion and rehearsal

at 10 a.m., followed by chapel featuring the choir and a panel of memories with select alums at 11. The School of Math and Sciences will then host a guest lecture by alumnus Dr. Martin Ortega, a physician in Midland/Odessa, at 1:30 p.m.

Of note on the changes for 2017 is the Friday night banquet where Wayland will honor three distinguished alumni award winners and recognize some special students on campus with a new award as well as athletic honorees. For 2017, those honors are going to Distinguished Alumnus Maj. Gen. Michael Fortney, BSOE'86 from Hawaii; Distinguished Young Alumnus Dr. Rosemary

Ribera Pelphrey, BS'11; and Distinguished Benefactor Dr. Glenda Lightfoot Payas, BS'69.

Fortney has spent a career in the U.S. Air Force, retiring in October as vice commander of the Air Force Global Strike Command at Barksdale AFB in Louisiana. Pelphrey is a dentist in McKinney, after completing her DDS degree at Baylor College of Dentistry. Payas recently retired after a career in dentistry in Tulsa, Okla. She has given endowed scholarships honoring her mother and her grandparents and helped complete others.

Afterward, guests can enjoy an informal mixer at the home See **WAYLAND HC**, Page 9

2017 AQHA Select World Championship Show

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

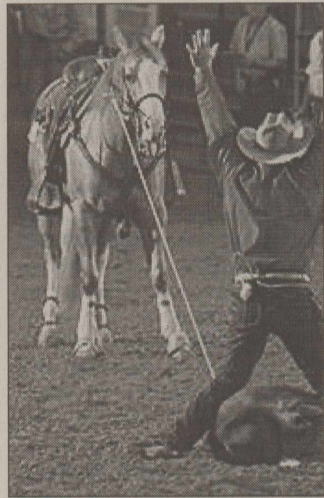
The 2017 AQHA Select World Championship Show, presented by Adequan® (polysulfated glycosaminoglycan) is just around the corner!

AQHA invites media to watch the action in the arena, enjoy the exciting events and cover the show, August 25 – September 2. The Adequan® Select World will feature a variety of events and activities for competitors, friends, family and spectators. The event is FREE! The Adequan® Select World is the world's largest, single-breed world championship horse show

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or sdavison@aqha.org for assistance in setting up interviews and helping photographers get great video/photos or to answer any questions!

LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU

August 22-26

Monday, May 22

Breakfast – Breakfast Pizza or Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch – Enchiladas or Taquito, Queso, Charro Beans, Corn, Salsa, Fresh Fruit, Fruit Crisp, Milk

Tuesday, Aug. 22

Breakfast – Chicken-n-Biscuit or PBJ, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch – Meatball Sub or Chili-Cheese Combo, Veggie Cup, Mixed Fruit, Milk

Wednesday, Aug. 23

Breakfast – Biscuit, Gravy, Scrambled Eggs and Bacon or Muffin and Yogurt, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch – Chicken Nuggets, Mac-N-Cheese, Green Beans, Garden Salad, Apples, Milk

Thursday, Aug. 24

Breakfast – Pancake Wrap, Yogurt or Breakfast Crackers, Cheese Stick, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch – Pizza Choice, Corn or Fiesta Bowl, Tomato Cup, Fruity Gelatin, Milk

Friday, Aug. 25

Breakfast – Cinnamon Roll, Biscuit, Sausage or Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch – Hamburger or Frito Pie, Garnish, Cucumbers, Baby Carrots, Applesauce, Cookie, Milk

50-280 (Rev. 4-18-03)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Lockney Independent School District Board of Trustees will hold a public meeting at 8:00 p.m. on August 29, 2017 in the Lockney ISD Administration Bldg. at 416 W. Willow Lockney, Texas.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax \$ 1.14 / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)

School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters \$.15306 / \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

| | | | | |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|----|--------------|
| Maintenance and operations | % increase | or | 6 | % (decrease) |
| Debt service | 100 | % increase | or | % (decrease) |
| Total expenditures | % increase | or | 2 | % (decrease) |

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04)

| | Preceding Tax Year | Current Tax Year |
|---|--------------------|------------------|
| Total appraised value* of all property | \$ 448,407,910 | \$ 598,887,190 |
| Total appraised value** of new property** | \$ 182,448,600 | \$ 159,840,080 |
| Total taxable value*** of all property | \$ 128,906,302 | \$ 507,171,533 |
| Total taxable value*** of new property** | \$ 20,800,332 | \$ 159,840,080 |

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).

** "New property" is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17).

*** "Taxable value" is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 6,390,000

* Outstanding principal.

50-280 (Rev. 4-18-03) (Back)

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

| | Maintenance & Operations | Interest & Sinking Fund* | Total | Local Revenue Per Student | State Revenue Per Student |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Last Year's Rate | \$ 1.14 | \$.144* | \$ 1.284 | \$ 2739 | \$ 7668 |
| Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service | \$ 1.22624 | \$.15641* | \$ 1.38265 | \$ 5285 | \$ 7238 |
| Proposed Rate | \$ 1.14 | \$.15306* | \$ 1.29306 | \$ 4974 | \$ 7238 |

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

| | Last Year | This Year |
|---|-----------|------------|
| Average Market Value of Residences | \$ 37942 | \$ 38999 |
| Average Taxable Value of Residences | \$ 22460 | \$ 23571 |
| Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value | \$ 1.14 | \$ 1.29306 |
| Taxes Due on Average Residence | \$ 256.04 | \$ 304.79 |
| Increase (Decrease) in Taxes | | \$ 48.75 |

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.29306/\$100.00. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.29306/\$100.00.

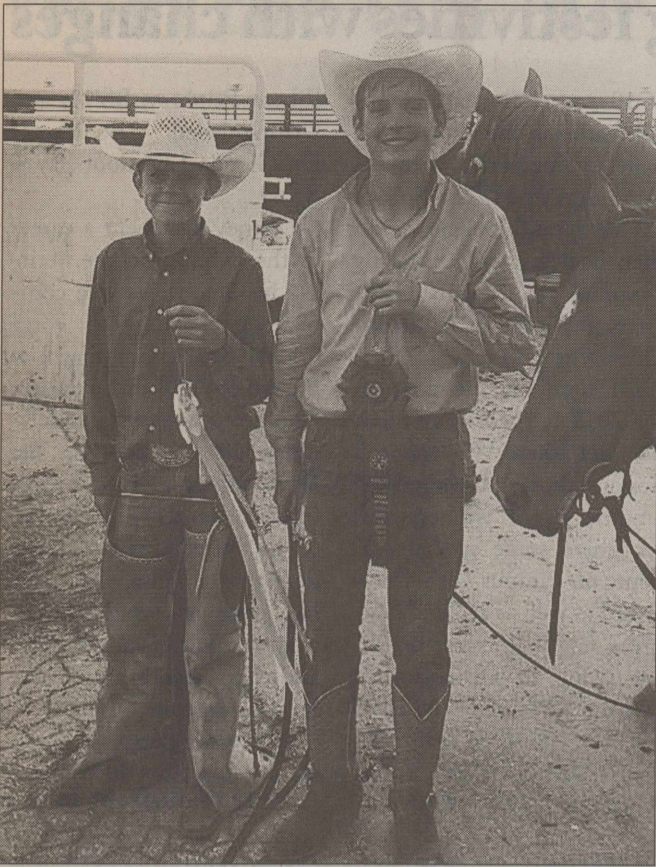
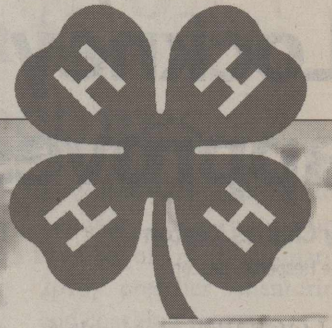
Fund Balances

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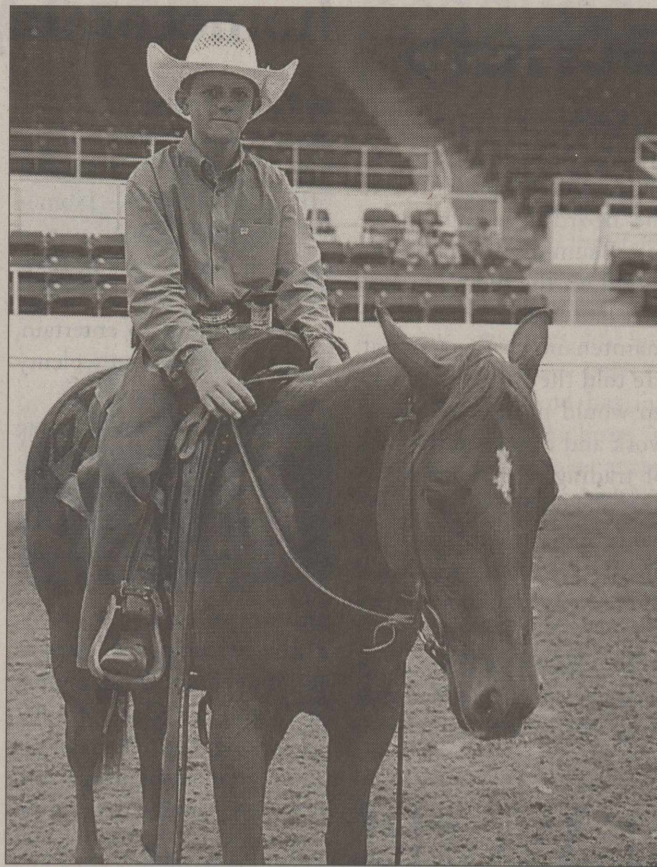
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| Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) | \$ 2,166,202 |
| Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s) | \$ 0 |

SCHOOL NEWS

Texas State 4-H Horse Show



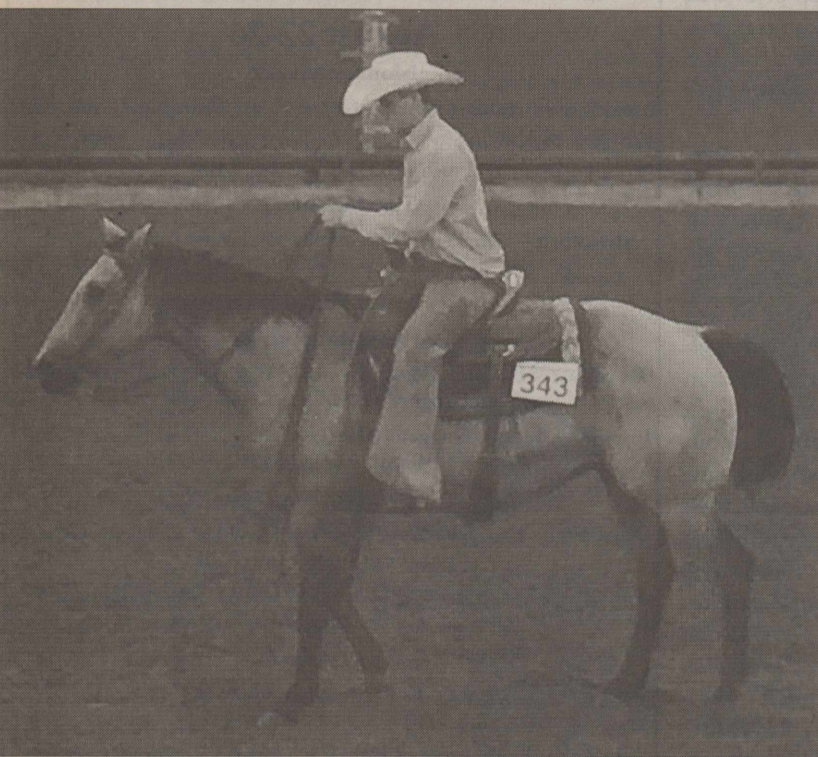
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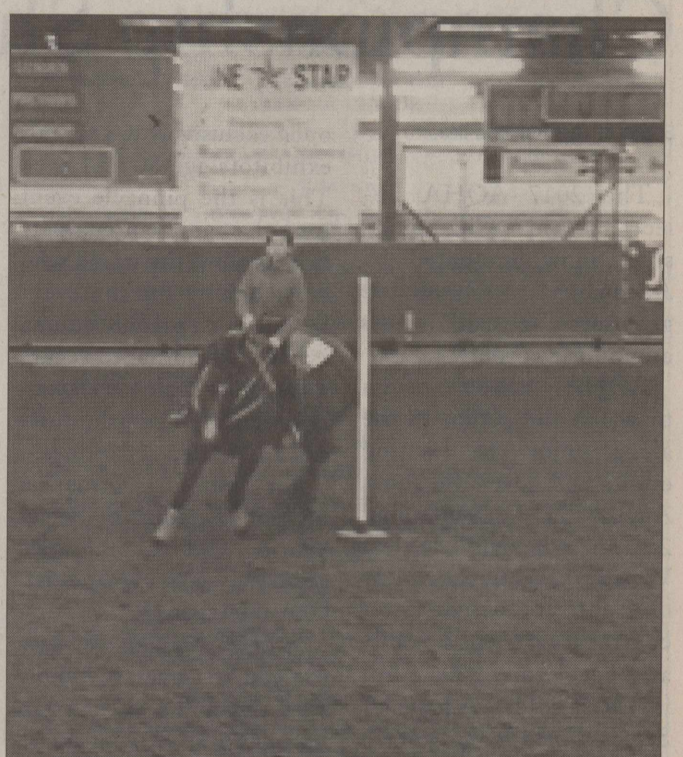


MCKINZEE SCOTT



CUTTER SMITH

Courtesy Photos
 The 2017 Texas State 4-H Horse Show took place Saturday, July 23rd through Saturday, July 29th at the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene. Floyd County competitors included Cutter Smith, Ethan Smith, Jack Brooks, Preslie Brooks, Mckinzee Scott and Madison Scott. Cutter, Ethan, Jack and Preslie competed in seven different Stock Horse Division classes including Pleasure, Trail, Horsemanship, Reining, Cow Boxing, Working Cow Horse and Ranch Sorting. Mckinzee Scott and Madison Scott competed in Speed Events including Barrels, Poles and Stakes. They also competed in the Ranch Sorting Class. Competitors completed various patterns, exhibited their horsemanship skills, and worked cattle. Jack Brooks placed 5th in Working Cow Horse, 5th in Reining, 8th Overall in the 3-year-old Futurity Division, and made the finals in Ranch Sorting and Cow Boxing. Ethan Smith made the finals in Working Cow Horse and Ranch Sorting. Preslie Brooks made the finals in Stock Horse Pleasure. Even though it was extremely hot and temperatures reached upwards of 100 degrees every day, the kids were tough and endured the heat. This is one of the toughest horse shows in the state of Texas and all exhibitors performed well and learned a lot. Congratulations to all on a job well done!



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8th Annual Louise Daniel Luncheon to honor women farmers and ranchers

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The 8th Annual Louise Daniel Women's History Luncheon and Women's Equality Day Celebration will be held at 11:30 a.m. Friday, August 25, in the Great Hall of Polk Street United Methodist Church, 1401 S. Polk in Amarillo.

The event will honor women farmers and ranchers—past and present—in the Texas Panhandle. The luncheon is held annually near the end of August to coincide with Women's Equality Day, which commemorates ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution giving women the right to vote.

Guest speaker will be Ineta Stowers Chesher of Stratford, who has recently retired as an active farmer with her husband in Sherman County, on the topic "Faith, Family, Farming—Women in Agriculture." Chesher has driven a tractor during planting and a combine during harvest, helped with the irrigation of crops, and kept the farm records, as well as handled home chores like growing a garden and

canning the produce. The mother of three children, she has also been active in her community and her church, where she serves as organist.

The public is invited to attend. Luncheon cost is \$15 for students, \$30 for others and \$350 for a table of eight. Reservations should be made by August 15 by sending a check to the Amarillo College Foundation, P.O. Box 447, Amarillo, TX 79178, noting that it's for the Louise Daniel Luncheon. Proceeds will benefit the Louise Daniel Women's History Lecture Fund in the AC Foundation. For any questions, call Jane Harlan at (806) 355-4125.

A special audio-visual presentation and brief written history will highlight some of the women farmers and ranchers of the Panhandle over the years. Women who were among the first settlers of the Panhandle faced many hardships in their new homes, which were often dugouts. Mary Catherine "Molly" Dunn Bugbee of the Quarter Circle T Ranch in Hutchinson and Oldham counties, a crack shot, killed buffalo from the doorway of

her dugout to prevent their trampling on the top and possibly killing her family.

There have been strong, persevering women farmers and ranchers in every generation, from Mary Ann "Molly" Goodnight, known as "Mother of the Panhandle" who rescued and bottle-fed buffalo orphans in the late 1800s, to Juanita Bruegal of the Red Tower Ranch in Castro County, who scooped dirt out with a grain shovel during the Dust Bowl days of the 1930s, to Allene Stovall of Panhandle, who has raised milo, wheat and alfalfa on the family farm after her retirement in 2001 from teaching and coaching women's athletics at West Texas A&M University.

The luncheon committee has the names of a number of women farmers and ranchers from around the Panhandle over the years but is seeking the names of others they may not have to include in a listing of honorees. To be eligible for listing, the woman must have been the owner or co-owner of the farm or ranch and have taken an active role in its management—either physi-

cally or in decision-making. Anyone who wishes to suggest someone is asked to send the woman's name, name of the ranch or farm, the county it is/was located in and any special, but brief, additional information to Jane Harlan at ejharlan@suddenlink.net by August 15.

Daniel, who died in 2003, had been an Amarillo science teacher, advocate for students and teachers, landscape photographer and community volunteer. The luncheon will honor her last wish, to remind women of all ages of the struggles and efforts of earlier women to overcome barriers to equality. A drawing will be held for one of her nature photographs.

Event sponsors include the Amarillo College Foundation, Amarillo Executive Women, Amarillo National Bank, Amarillo Women's Network, American Association of University Women, Teresa and Charlie Clemens, Susan Coleman, Beth Duke, League of Women Voters, Scribes Chapter of West Texas A&M University Mortar Board, Triangle



Realty, West Texas A&M University College of Agriculture and Natural Sciences, West Texas A&M School of Engineering, Computer Science and Mathematics; West Texas A&M Sybil B. Harrington College of Fine Arts and Humanities and the Gender Studies Certificate Program, West Texas A&M Foundation, Mark and Terry White, and Williams Ranch of Floydada.

Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

(All quotes are from George Orwell)

Every generation imagines itself to be more intelligent than the one that went before it, and wiser than the one that comes after it.

Freedom is the right to tell people what they do not want to hear.

Political language -- and with variations this is true of all political parties, from Conservatives to Anarchists -- is designed to make lies sound truthful and murder respectable, and to give an appearance of solidity to pure wind.

The great enemy of clear language is insincerity. When there is a gap between one's real and one's declared aims, one turns as it were instinctively to long words and exhausted idioms, like a cuttlefish spurting out ink.

People sleep peacefully in their beds at night only because rough men stand ready to do violence on their behalf.

If both the past and the external world exist only in the mind, and if the mind itself is controllable -- what then?

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Business Building. This event is also open to the public.

The Willson Lectures were established in 1950 by gifts from Floydada residents James M. and Mavis Willson, successful business persons and active community residents. The Willsons were dedicated Methodist laypersons who were active in their local church. In addition, Dr. Willson served as a trustee at McMurry University, Southern Methodist University, and the former Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

Mr. Willson was the recipient of several awards and honors, including honorary doctorates from Texas Wesleyan University and McMurry University. He was given a humanities award from Southwestern College and a merit award from Wayland. Wayland also nominated him for the Freedom Foundation Award in 1960, which he received in Valley Forge, Pa. He participated in numerous civic organizations, including

the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, the Masons and the Shriners.

The Willsons intended for the annual lectureship to feature topics related to "Applied Christianity" and "Christian Home and Family Life" and they worked to secure outstanding speakers over the years.

UPCOMING

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Feedbag Catering and donated by First National Bank in Floydada. For more info, see the article in this week's issue.

TRINITY ASSEMBLY MOVIE NIGHT

Trinity Assembly in Floydada is having free hotdog and Christian Movie Night on Friday, August 25. Free hotdogs served at 6 p.m. and movie will start at 7 p.m. Movie will be "The Woodcarver". Trinity Assembly is located at 500 W. Houston (across from DQ). Everyone is invited.

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of our new president and first lady, Dr. Bobby and Laurie Hall. The old tradition of the Parade of Pioneer Pride makes its way to homecoming this year, with the ceremony outside Gates Hall including the pep rally.

On Saturday morning our honor classes will enjoy breakfast and a time to reminisce, then the Athletic Hall of Honor will host an induction for nine new members and honor a tenth for coaching as it celebrates 25 years. Athletic honorees include Mark Adams, Kirby Dunn, Kristina Edwards Lee, Daniel Franklin, Serenity King, Joe Lombard, Dr. Claude Lusk, Jodie Young and Don, Christa and Caren Smith. Ray Murphree is also set to receive the Harley Redin Coaches Award. Full biographies of these honorees will be released later.

Before the Pioneers kick-off their football matchup

at 2 p.m. against Texas College, guests can enjoy free food and games on the yard outside Bulldog Stadium, starting at noon. The football game, which includes the crowning of the Homecoming Queen and one final recognition of honorees, caps off the formal weekend events.

Guests to the campus may also enjoy tours, visits to the Abraham Art Gallery and the Jimmy Dean Museum while back in Plainview. A business meeting for alumni guests will be held on Friday afternoon as well to discuss bylaws amendments and vote on new board members.

For more information, contact the Alumni Office at (806) 291-3600 or email teresa.young@wb

August Sales Tax Shows Improvement in the Area

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar last week announced that his office will be sending cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$779.2 million in local sales tax allocations for August, 1.3 percent more than in August 2016.

These allocations are based on sales made in June by businesses that report tax monthly, and sales made in April, May and June by quarterly filers.

For the greater Floyd County area the story is mixed. Lockney is up 25.8 percent, rising from \$10,266.72 in 2016 to \$12,916.18 this month. However, Floydada is showing a decline of 19.2 percent from a year ago.

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

- Abernathy, \$16,178.60, -8.2%; \$133,731.88, -2.78%
- Castro Co., \$18,950.70, -19.22%; \$134,971.32, -34.09%
- Edmonson, \$320.86, -70.74%; \$2,096.00, -54.02%
- Floydada, \$26,505.51, -19.2%; \$214,995.87, -23.05%
- Hale Center, \$9,447.38, -7.02%; \$65,125.96, 1.43%
- Hale Co., \$141,681.14, 7.68%; \$1,043,005.33, -0.35%
- Hart, \$1,107.25, -68.79%; \$27,300.50, 3.38%
- Kress, \$1,014.84, -1.19%; \$7,757.41, -9.84%
- Lockney, \$12,916.18, 25.8%; \$84,235.23, -3.58%
- Olton, \$17,051.75, -17.14%; \$116,074.13, -5.92%
- Petersburg, \$4,025.18, -8.88%; \$29,479.85, -10.22%
- Plainview, \$410,685.59, 20.08%; \$2,750,911.10, 0.06%
- Silverton, \$9,188.59, 81.51%; \$50,192.07, 18.05%
- Swisher Co., \$13,964.07, -7.77%; \$119,295.05, 17.66%
- Tulia, \$31,765.18, -6.51%; \$238,258.66, 3.69%

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The Floydada ISD, A B Duncan Elementary, High School, Junior High School announced today it will continue its policy to operate the Community Eligibility Program (CEP) under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program for the 2017-2018 school year. Schools qualifying to operate CEP serve breakfast and lunch to all children at no charge and eliminate the collection of meal applications for free, reduced-price, and paid student meals. This new approach reduces burdens for both families and school administrators and helps ensure that students receive nutritious meals.

For additional information please contact the following person:

Floydada Independent School District
Attention: Dr Gilbert Trevino, Superintendent
Administration
226 W. California
Floydada, Tx 79235 (806) 983-3498
gtrevino@floydadaisd.escl7.net

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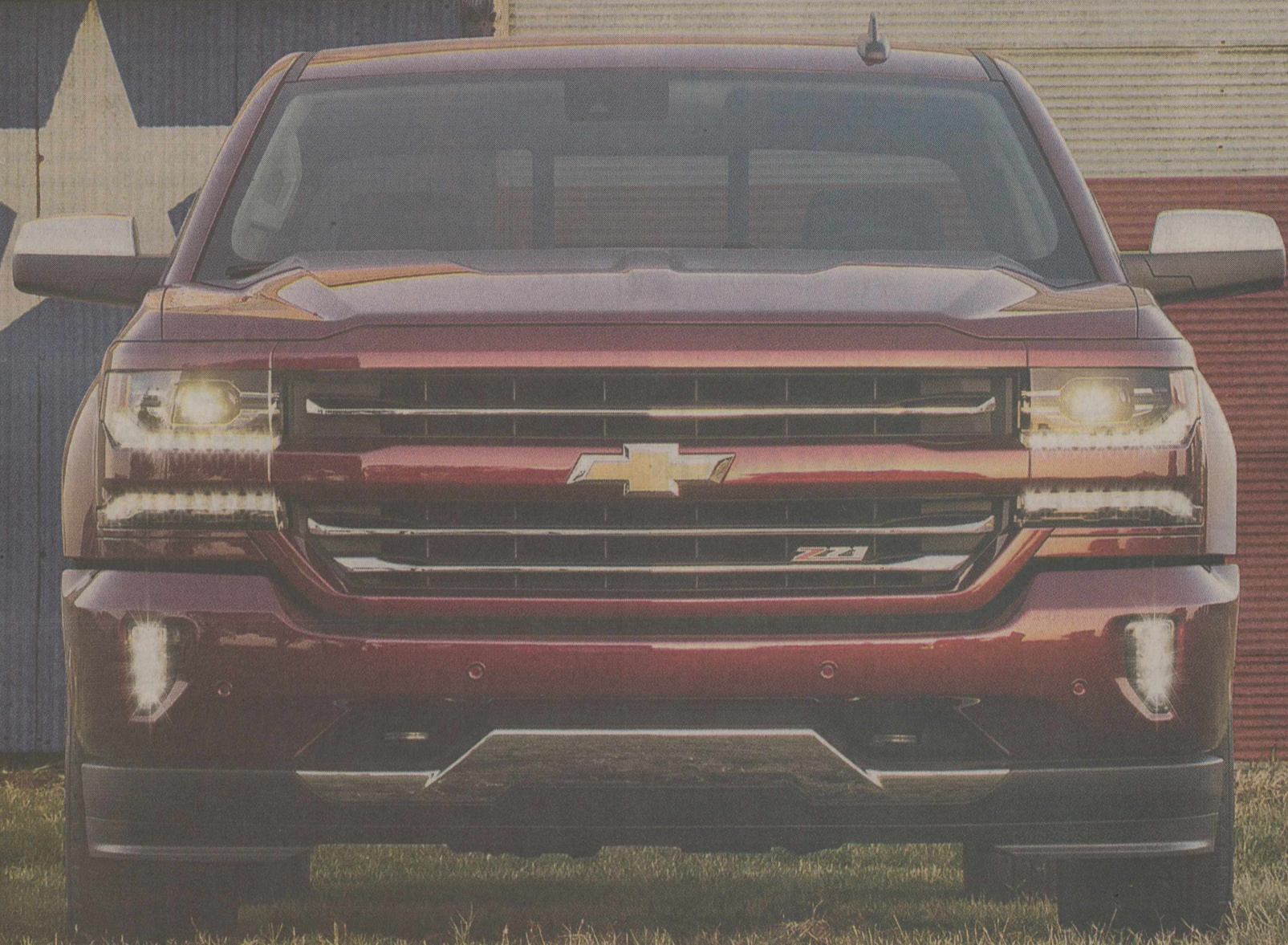
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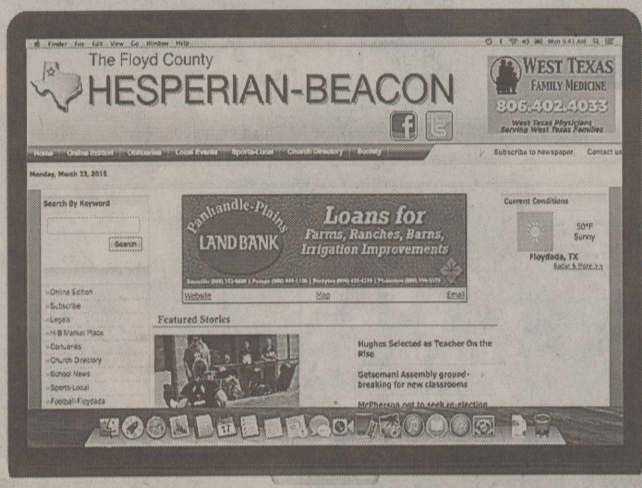
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