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## The Spirit of Floyd County Fills a Semi

By Kay Ellington  
The Hesperian-Beacon

It took a semi to hold Floyd County's generosity to Harvey victims.

Last week W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital put out the word that it would be the clearinghouse for Floyd County's efforts to help Hurricane Harvey victims and networked with a series of local businesses and organizations in Lockney and Floydada to set up drop-off locations.

Within a day there was so much outpouring of generosity, the hospital decided to park a semi in front of the building and to allow the community to bring their donations to the truck on Friday and Saturday.

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yssa McCarter updated Mangold's Facebook page throughout the week with changing needs for Harvey assistance and provided the same information to the Hesperian-Beacon for our Facebook page as well.

According to McCarter, Mac Sherman at Helena and Shane and Christina Dewberry with Big Red Freight partnered up with Mangold and offered to take any of the supplies collected down to the coast.

Drop off locations included: W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital & Lockney Cogdell and Silverton Cogdell Clinics, Lockney ISD Secretary Offices and Superintendent's Office as well as Floydada ISD Secretary Offices and Superintendent's Office, The



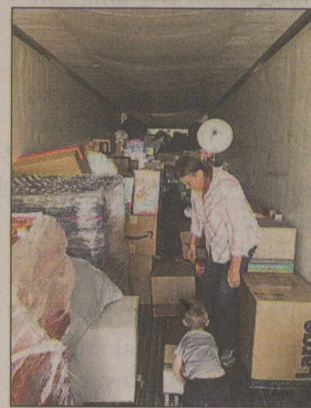
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**W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital in Lockney served as the central point for Floyd County's contributions to victims of Hurricane Harvey with dropboxes scattered at businesses and organizations across the county.**

Floyd County Sheriff's Station, Lockney Co-Op, Davis Lumber in Lockney, D&J Gin in Lockney, Salvation Army of Lockney, Lowes in Lockney and Floydada, First National Bank in Floydada, Payne Pharmacy in Floyd-

da, and Lighthouse Electric in Floydada.

Monetary donations are continuing to be accepted as well. For more information, call Alyssa McCarter at 806-652-3373, ext.205.



## Everett Receives "Top Performer" Award



Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

T-L Irrigation Company, leading manufacturer of hydrostatically powered pivot irrigation systems, has awarded local resident, Jaron Everett, their "Top Performer" sales award for 2017.

Jaron is T-L's District Sales Manager for their south region, which includes Texas, Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico. He is being recognized for his exceptional performance in new dealer enrollment, dealer support, and leadership capabilities.

When asked about receiving the award, Jaron's re-



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**Shown in picture is (left to right) Gene Huble-U.S. Sales Manager and Robert Jaron Everett- Southwest District Sales Manager.**

sponse was, "some of my first memories are in an irrigation ditch helping my father set irrigation tubes. I've spent my entire life around Irrigation and to receive such an award for what you truly

enjoy is remarkable. Very rarely does someone get to spend their life doing what they love with the blessing of making a living doing it"

Congratulations to Jaron Everett!

## Old Settlers' Reunion Moving to 2nd Saturday in May

By Kay Ellington  
The Hesperian-Beacon

After 89 years, the Old Settlers' Reunion is moving from the fourth Saturday in May to the second Saturday in May. The Floyd County Pioneer Association board approved making the change last week.

"This gives us the opportunity not to compete against Memorial Day and school dismissal," said Laura Turner, long-time board member.

Last year both Floydada and Lockney school systems had dismissed before Old Settlers' Day.

The longtime tradition was established to honor the Floyd County forefathers and the county's heritage. Each year in

May, the Floyd County Pioneer Association honors the pioneers who made the trail and endured the hardships with the Old Settlers' Reunion. Through these pioneers' efforts they ensured that Floyd County, Texas continues as a vibrant community today.

The reunion takes place in downtown Floydada around the courthouse square.

Now area residents will be able to attend the Old Settlers' Reunion and go out of town for a long weekend during the Memorial Day holiday if they so wish.

Turner noted that in 2018 Old Settler's Day will be May 12, the day before Mother's Day. Many former Floyd County residents may want to return home for both.

## Hesperian-Beacon's football contest begins this week

The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon's annual football contest begins today and will last for the next 10 weeks.

Any subscriber or purchaser, age 7 or older, is eligible to enter this contest. Only one entry per week, per person. There is no cost to play in the contest.

The contest rules will be the same as last year. There will be no weekly prizes given out to weekly winners but grand prizes will be given out at the conclusion of the 11-week contest to the entrants with the top three overall records. First prize is \$100, second place will receive \$75 and the third place winner will receive \$50. In the event of ties, prizes will be combined and shared equally by those that tied.

In addition, the other seven top 10 finishers will receive a free one-year subscription to the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon. If you are a winner of the one-year subscription, you will need to come by or call the Hesperian-Beacon in Floydada

to give them your information in order to get the subscription started.

To win any of the final prizes entrants must fill out a contest form found in the newspaper each week of the contest. Entrants who do not enter the contest each week will not be eligible for the final prizes. Contest leaders will be published in the Hesperian-Beacon each week during the contest.

The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon would also like to thank all our sponsors of the annual contest. Be sure and frequent these businesses and tell them how much you enjoy playing the yearly pick 'em. .... Stapp Paint & Body Shop, Davis Lumber Company, Muncy Elevator, Lighthouse Electric Coop, Wright's Auto Service, First National Bank of Floydada, Adams Well Service, Quality Body Shop, KFLP Radio, McCoy Gin, D & J Gin, Payne Pharmacy, W. J. Mangold Memorial Hospital/Cogdell Clinics, Floydada Coop Gin, Lock-

ney Coop Gin, Floydada Power & Light, Assiter Insurance Agency/Assiter Punkin' Ranch, Crop Production Services, Helena Chemical Company, J & K Insurance, Providence Farm Supply, Robin's Nest Photography and RK Hunt Photography.

Official contest entry forms found in the newspaper will be graded each week. No photocopies or mail-in entries will be accepted.

You may drop off your entries at the Hesperian-Beacon office located at 201 W. California, Floydada (drop off slot is in front of building on edge of square glass panes) or you may drop them off at the Lockney Senior Citizens building in Lockney. Drop off hours at Lockney on Thursdays, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. or Fridays, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

All entries must be at the Hesperian-Beacon office or Lockney Senior Citizens building no later than 5 p.m. on Fridays. NO LATE entries will be accepted.

## Floyd Co. Deputies Dispatched to Harvey Area

By Kay Ellington  
The Hesperian-Beacon

Floyd County Sheriff's deputies Matthew Arguello and Cade Morris have been deployed to Katy, a city just west of Houston, to help with search and rescue, according to Floyd County Sheriff Paul Raisseze.

"We were glad to send any help we could," said Raisseze. "Their officers have been on duty since this happened, and they have families and houses and personal situations that they need to deal with as well. You may have seen the Houston Police of Chief on TV today asking for help." The chief was asking for assistance from law enforcement and first responders so that his officers

could have some rest. J.C. Chappell with Floydada EMS will also be traveling to the Katy area to assist in the Harvey efforts.

Chappell will join Arguello and Morris in reporting to FEMA command center, but all may be assigned to a different area when they arrive there.

"People need to remember this is a lot bigger than Houston," Raisseze said. "It affects most of the Texas coast."

The sheriff encouraged local residents to help with the relief drive being held at W.J. Mangold in Lockney. The hospital parked a semi-truck in front of their building on Friday and Saturday and local residents could come by and contribute items needed by Harvey victims.

## 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.

### HESPERIAN-BEACON FOOTBALL CONTEST

The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon's annual football contest will be in this week's issue and will last for the next 10 weeks. Be sure to play each week in order to be eligible to win the cash prizes. Don't forget to buy your Hesperian-Beacon!!!

### ATTENTION!!! OLD SETTLER'S DATE CHANGE

The Old Settler's Association met last Tuesday and voted on moving the Old Settler's Reunion to the 2nd Saturday of May. In 2018 the Old Settler's Reunion will be held on Saturday, May 12, 2018. See the article in this week's Hesperian-Beacon for more info.

### FLOYD COUNTY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS KICKOFF

Floyd County 4-H will be having a Shooting Sports Kickoff Event and Ribbon Cutting on Tuesday, September 19th at the Unity Center. Ribbon cutting for the new shooting sports building will start at 5:30 pm, followed by a safety meeting at 6:00 pm and then a "Give it your best shot" event where kids will be able to try out different disciplines, such as archery, rifle and pistol. Hamburgers will be served and you don't have to currently be enrolled in 4-H to attend.

### PUNKIN' DAYS

The 30th Annual Punkin Days Arts & Crafts is still taking applications. Food vendors are welcome, as well. The show opens at 10:00 am, so set-up will begin around 8:00 am. An application including your sales-tax number is required. Booth fees vary based on electrical needs. The application can be found on the Chamber website. Application deadline is September 30, 2017. Applications for each of these activities can be found at www.floydadachamber.com. For additional information, please contact the Chamber (806)983-3434.

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## Family celebrates legacy provided by anonymous donor

By Jonathan Petty

MAM  
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Wayland Baptist University

PLAINVIEW – Tammy Aten still is in awe. The shock at learning that someone who loved her parents provided an anonymous \$25,000 gift to establish an endowed scholarship at Wayland Baptist University has barely worn off.

Aten and other family members joined friends of the family on Friday, Aug. 25, to dedicate the Rev. Hollis and Jo Payne Endowed Scholarship, the culmination of a special gift in memory of two longtime teachers and bivocational ministers.

Held at Wayland's Mabee Learning Resources Center atrium area, the dedication included the reading of the plaque by Dr. Bobby Hall, Wayland president, and words of appreciation for the Paynes and their love for people from several friends and their son-in-law, Sherman Aten. Granddaughter Brooke Aten sang a worship song with her guitar in honor of her grandparents, who loved music.

Rev. and Mrs. Payne lived for many years in Floydada, Texas. Hollis served in World War II as an Army Staff Sergeant and began his teaching career in Floy-

dada in 1951 after earning his degree at Baylor. He later earned a master's degree at Southwestern Seminary and became a pastor, spending 16 years at Calvary Baptist in Floydada. Jo earned her bachelor's degree at Wayland in 1959 and joined her husband as a teacher in Floydada. She would later earn an award for Outstanding Teacher. Hollis Payne died May 18, 2002. Jo Payne died December 5, 2016.

Wayland has been significant in the Payne family, as Jo's parents attended the college; daughter Tammy earned a music degree in 1985 and granddaughter Breanna Payne also attended recently. Son Joey Payne lives in Plainview, while the Atens live in Granbury. The Paynes also have grandchildren Joshua and Brooke Aten and Kristen Payne.

The family directed the scholarship to benefit four areas of the academic arena that were special to the Paynes, in a rotation to include education, languages and literature, music, religion/ministry. Students will receive scholarships based on interest off the endowment in perpetuity.

For more information on the endowed scholarship program at Wayland, contact Amber McCloud, director of development, at (806) 291-3430.

## The Paperboy Big business yield big power

Does it worry anyone else that the world's largest companies (by valuation) are all high tech companies?

As of Tuesday morning these are the largest companies in the world:

1. Apple - \$847.4 billion
2. Google (Alphabet Inc.) - \$653.9 billion
3. Microsoft - \$569.5 billion
4. Facebook - \$499.6 billion
5. Amazon - \$469.9 billion

That is simply incredible. In fact, it would not surprise me to see most of these companies past the trillion dollar mark within the next decade.

To put these numbers into perspective, it would take every single man, woman and child in the United States paying \$2,567 each to buy Apple at today's market cap. That is astronomical in size.

For 150 years, the United States has been a global leader in terms of people creating enormous companies which have made their founders and early investors the richest people who have ever lived.

From Standard Oil to AT&T to Walmart to Apple - we have dominated the globe in terms of ingenuity and wealth.

Like you, I'm a customer, either personally or in business, of the entire top five on the list. Of course, their dominance is one reason they are so valuable.

The reason I say it worries me is because of the amount of power these companies yield. While I'm for anyone making a buck and love to celebrate the success of others, these companies and their CEOs may be too powerful.

Three of these companies (Apple, Google and Facebook) are located in the San Francisco Bay area and the other two

are based near Seattle Washington.

All five companies are extremely liberal and push the narrative of the left across their platforms.

When it comes to politics, I would imagine these companies have several politicians in their back pockets and the strongest lobby there is.

What does this mean? It means they can put tremendous pressure on our elected officials. They also have the most powerful platforms in the world to push whatever narrative they want.

Just this past week, two conservative entertainers, Joy Villa and Kaya Jones (who happen to be in Houston helping with Hurricane Harvey cleanup) were targeted and censored by YouTube, which is owned by Google.

The two launched a pretty significant protest throughout the weekend and YouTube eventually gave up their censoring efforts.

How were they censored? Their music videos - patriotic in nature - were taken down.

Why? One was pro-Trump and the other was pro-military/veteran.

Weeks ago, Google fired a conservative employee over his stated opinion. While that may be their right, it shows a definite lack of tolerance.

These companies need to realize that with their immense power comes immense responsibility. They have the responsibility to be fair to all people and to attempt to cultivate kindness and open-minded discussion. In other words, be fair and do the right thing.

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## SPC's Creative Arts faculty slates CD release party

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LEVELLAND – The faculty members in South Plains College's Creative Arts Division will perform during the official CD release party of Creative Arts Faculty Collective at 6 p.m. on Sept. 12. The show will be held in the Tom T. Hall Production Studio.

"This CD involved the all of the departments with everyone playing on each other's songs," said Brent Wheeler, assistant professor of Commercial Music. "The CD will feature 12 songs

ranging from to jazz to rock and roll."

The CD will cost \$10, and the proceeds from sales will be used to support competitive departmental scholarships.

Wheeler added that original and some previously released songs are showcased on the CD. The artwork for the CD is provided by the Design Communications program.

Wheeler said the CD will have a presence on social media such as YouTube. He is currently working on having the CDs available for purchase in local retail stores.

## The 501 Soap scum, Harvey scum



HANABA MUNN WELCH

If your life revolves around soap scum, your house probably didn't get flooded by Harvey. I describe myself.

Sparing you the details, may I say I suspect a conspiracy between dishwasher manufacturers and the makers of dishwasher soap. (I think they call it cleanser, but I'm calling it soap.) They've figured out a way to make you buy and use a rinsing agent; otherwise you get scum. Our old dishwasher didn't clean the dishes very well, but it managed to get the soap

residue off with just water. Oh well.

Anyway, there I was when Harvey struck, soaking plastic glasses one by one in a vinegar and water solution to erase the scum. In the background, the Weather Channel showed the momentous event from the time Harvey was still out in the Gulf, headed for the Texas coast, until the spinning icon made landfall. I watched the continuing footage -- muddy floodwaters and rescues and devastation. I kept dipping glasses in vinegar to make them sparkle. I felt a little ridiculous.

Watching the Harvey story unfold made me a little envious of the rescuers with their helicopters and flat-bottomed boats, carrying people to safety. Who wouldn't want to do that? But who wants to wait a few days for what comes next? Who wants to go with those same people back to their houses to clean things up? Not me. I'd rather figure out this soap scum thing.

Scum. It's one of those nice Anglo-Saxon words that says it all in one syllable and manages to evoke a certain degree of yukiness even as it rolls off your tongue, not that it rolls. (I just checked; it's from Middle English, making it almost Anglo-Saxon.) If you haven't lived through the aftermath of a flood, you don't know scum. I haven't, and I don't.

If you have lived through a flood, you learn quickly the fullest definition of scum, not to mention mold, debris and plain old contaminated standing water, not necessarily in that order.

Meanwhile, it seems most often true that disasters start off with great energy and then stagnate, literally. It's grand drama in the beginning; then it's not. If Harvey could be a three-act play, you wouldn't want to stick around for the dismal second act – the one with the scum.

If I were a playwright, my Harvey drama would keep people in their seats through the dark second act. Only then would there be an intermission – a chance for the drama-gripped crowd to breathe some fresh lobby air and shake off the gloom. Then I'd end it all in non-existentialist style. In the third act the sun would shine. (That can happen with the right overhead lights. Right?) Volunteers would arrive with hammers and saws and building materials and knowhow. Homes and lives would get rebuilt. Lost animals would be found. Maybe even lost people. And so on.

Maybe I'd end it all with someone resettled in a refurbished home, looking at soap scum on a drinking glass.

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## Scam activity noted in New Mexico, possible in other locations

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Xcel Energy has learned of another round of scamming attempts against its customers, mostly in the Roswell, N.M., area. However, the company is warning that these waves of scams tend to move on to other locations, so customers in both New Mexico and Texas should be extra careful.

The scams are similar to past phone scams in which the caller poses as an Xcel Energy customer agent. Sometimes the scammers are

able to spoof an Xcel Energy phone number to make it appear as if the call is coming directly from the company. The caller warns the customer that a serviceman is on the way to disconnect power because of a delinquent bill, and the only way to prevent disconnection is for the customer to provide payment over the phone. Oftentimes the scammer will provide only one option for payment, such as a prepaid debit card.

It also has been reported that scammers are attempting

to make their pitch even more convincing by providing the last four digits of the vehicle number of the serviceman they claim is on his way to disconnect service.

Xcel Energy reminds customers that they will receive a disconnect notice in the mail before a serviceman is sent to disconnect the meter. The company also provides multiple ways to pay a bill. Customers receiving suspicious calls should hang up and contact the company at 1-800-895-4999 to check the status

of their bills and make any scheduled payments in the appropriate ways. Customers can also download the Xcel Energy mobile app from Apple Store or through Google Play. The app allows customers to register a username and then check account balances and due dates. Customers can also make payments in a secure manner through the app.

For more information on avoiding scams, customers can go to [www.xcelenergy.com/scams](http://www.xcelenergy.com/scams).

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# SOCIETY



## Floydada Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture

By Deon Fincher  
Chamber Manager

Things are happening around our community! If you have a minute, drive out to the Ralls Highway and look at our new billboard. It's big, bright, bold and definitely eye-catching. One other sign, a match to this one, will be installed on the Plainview Highway soon. Just one more undertaking that we can cross off our list. And...by the way, a big "Thank You" to TxDOT for dressing up 2nd street. That resurfacing project sure does improve the entrance to our fine community.

Pumpkins are visible in the fields outside of town...and in my yard! If you want to experience anticipation, plant

some pumpkins. Just a week ago, my Big Maxx pumpkins were about the size of a volleyball. This week, they are starting to turn from yellow to orange, and have grown larger than a basketball.

Terry wants to see how big they get. I, on the other hand, am already planning my designs and sharpening my carving tools. Which, by the way, we are going to showcase our community's carved pumpkins the evening of Punkin Days. Let's fill the courthouse steps with as many carved pumpkins as we can. We will light them and let them glow during the concert that night.

We are getting some great sponsorships for Punkin Days. Opening the Chamber mail is almost as excit-

ing as watching my pumpkins grow! We need a few businesses to commit to the \$1500 Big Maxx Event Sponsorships. Just imagine your name splashed across the "GAMES" banner...or the Cow Patty Bingo signs. Wouldn't it be fabulous to own the Costume Contest? Yes! Yes, it would. Now is the time to get those sponsorship requests to me so each sponsored event can feature business names on each respective event banner. Punkin Days is a great advertising opportunity—don't miss out!

A big "Welcome!" to our newest Chamber member: Reagor-Dykes Chevrolet. If you are not yet a member of your Floydada Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, WE WANT YOU!

## Museum Archives

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

#### THE OLD ROCK HOUSE

The mortar in the walls is also of lime made from the caprock limestone.

#### Loss Being Estimated

J. H. Reagan, local insurance agent, reported that W. A. Gound and Smith are making figures and estimates of the damage to the building and the family is invoicing their household losses. Total insurance carried was \$9,000, Reagan said. The old house had been completely modernized, with lights, gas and water, and was a quite comfortable home. Smith is a son of R. B. Smith, and a grandson of H. C. Smith, the Confederate scout, Indian trader and freight contractor. With the Old Rock House the present occupant owns about a section of land of the original ranch.

#### House Started in 1876

The Old Rock House is 19 miles southeast of Floydada in Blanco canyon and about 13 miles northwest of Crosbyton. Its construction was begun in 1876 by H. C. Smith for a man bearing the assumed name of Charles Tasker and for an Irish lord of the name of Jamison.

Their plan was to start a ranch, running their cattle in the Blanco with the can-

yon rims as natural barriers or fences. According to Claude V. Hall's EARLY HISTORY OF FLOYD COUNTY, Jamison withdrew from the enterprise when his hand was accidentally shot off while enroute to Mt. Blanco from Fort Griffin. Tasker continued with the project, but an uncle, a rich manufacturer, refused to back him further. In his extremity, as creditors closed in, Tasker left the country. Smith had advanced the adventurer about \$11,000, and obtained the unfinished house as part compensation for his advances. Thus Hank Smith became a "nestor" to save total loss of the money he had put into the enterprise. He finished the two-story stone residence in 1877 and he and his family moved into it, coming from Fort Griffin.

In 1879 the post office department created Mount Blanco post office and Mrs. H. C. Smith served as postmaster there for 39 years. H. C. died in 1912. The property later came into the ownership of R. B. Smith, father of A. L. Smith, and it was R. B. Smith who named and dedicated the Hank Smith Memorial park on grounds adjacent to the Old Rock House in honor of his parents.

## 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

September 11 - September 15

**Monday** - Hamburger Casserole

**Tuesday** - Creamy Mushroom Pork Chops

**Wednesday** - Baked chicken w/gravy & rice

**Thursday** - Christy's beef enchiladas

**Friday** - James' swiss steak

(Menus subject to change without notice)

## Proper Tree Planting and Care is Critical to Survival

By Melinda Myers

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Whether planting a tree to add seasonal beauty, grow backyard fruit, provide a bit of shade, or reduce energy costs, it's a big upfront investment. Make the most of your money spent by giving your tree its best chance at survival with proper planting and care.

Now is a great time to plant trees. Cooler air temperatures make it less stressful on newly planted trees and the gardeners planting them. Select a tree suited to the growing conditions. Make sure it tolerates the sunlight, soil and temperature extremes. Check the tag for the mature height and spread. You'll have a better-looking plant that always fits the space with minimal pruning.

Plant it correctly to insure your tree thrives for many years to come. Dig a saucer shaped hole three to five times wider than the root ball. It should only be as deep as the distance from the root flare to the bottom of the root ball. The root flare, where the roots bend away from the trunk, should always be at or slightly above the soil surface.

Set the tree in the hole, then peel back and cut away any burlap and wire cages. These can eventually constrict root growth. Roughen the sides of the hole and backfill with the existing soil. Water thoroughly to moisten the roots and surrounding soil.

Continue to water thoroughly whenever the top few inches of soil are crumbly and moist. Proper watering, especially during the first two years, is critical for establishing trees. Watering thoroughly as needed encourages deep roots and a more drought tolerant and pest resistant tree.

Make the job easier with a watering aid like GreenWell water saver (greenwellwatersavers.com). This contains and concentrates the water where it is needed, acting as an insurance policy for your tree during the critical root establishment phase. It also holds the mulch in place and prevents weed whips and mowers from damaging your tree.

Be sure to mulch the soil surface with a two- to three-inch layer of woodchips or shredded bark to conserve water, suppress weeds and improve the soil as it decomposes.

Pull the mulch back from the trunk of the tree to avoid disease problems.

Remove any tags that can eventually girdle the tree and prune out any broken or rubbing branches. Wait a year to fertilize and two years, once the tree is established, for additional pruning.

Continue providing tender loving care for at least the first two years. Make regular checkups, prune to create a strong structure, and keep grass, weeds and lawn care equipment away from the trunk throughout the lifetime of your tree. Your efforts will be rewarded with years of beauty, shade, and for some bushels of fresh fruit.

Gardening expert Melinda Myers has more than 30 years of horticulture experience and has written over 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. Myers is the host of The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio segments. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Myers' website is www.melindamyers.com.

## Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - 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 silent and a live auction. 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. Fajitas with all the trimmings is on the menu. Please come out and join us. 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

September 11 - September 15

**Monday** - Baked potatoes

**Tuesday** - Enchiladas

**Wednesday** - Salmon

**Thursday** - Cheeseburgers

**Friday** - Baked ham

(Menus subject to change without notice)

## Pet talk:

### Protect your pet from Canine Influenza

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

At the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences (CVM) veterinarians are working to educate pet parents about the recent outbreak of canine influenza in Georgia and Florida that could affect dogs in Texas.

Just like humans, pets can be affected by strains of influenza and experience flu-like symptoms. The strains of influenza that affect dogs are highly contagious and spread through particles in the air. However, the disease is typically not life-threatening when treated and is not transmissible to humans.

"The most common symptoms of canine flu include coughing and lethargy, as well as decreased appetite and fever," said Dr. Stacy Eckman, clinical assistant professor at the CVM. "In some cases, the infection can progress to pneumonia, especially when

the flu is complicated by other respiratory bacteria or viruses."

The canine flu should be treated as soon as possible. If you are worried your pet is experiencing symptoms of the canine flu, contact your veterinarian before going in to their office. This allows the veterinarian to prepare for the visit and potentially decrease exposure to other pets.

If you live in an area where the canine flu has been reported, consider keeping your dog away from other dogs by staying clear of the dog park or kenneling your dog.

Canine influenza is a relatively new virus in dogs, but there are vaccines available to help protect your pet. The vaccine does not prevent your pet from getting infected or spreading the virus, but it may reduce your pet's symptoms.

"The vaccine is recommended for pets that go to dog shows, including hunting and agility; are kenneled or

boarded; visit grooming salons or doggie day cares regularly; or are around a high number of dogs that visit these areas," Eckman said.

If your pet becomes infected with the canine flu, a veterinarian can provide supportive care and medications to make the pet feel better. In the meantime, consider your options for preventing your pet from facing this illness again in the future, such as with a vaccine.

As a pet parent, it is important to provide your dog with excellent healthcare. Talk with your veterinarian about reducing the chances of your dog being impacted by canine influenza.

Pet Talk is a service of the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University. Stories can be viewed on the web at [vetmed.tamu.edu/pet-talk](http://vetmed.tamu.edu/pet-talk). Suggestions for future topics may be directed to editor@cvm.tamu.edu.

## Home Country

By Slim Randles

A bunch of us went to the races up in the city the other day. Windy won a little, but the rest of us just kinda broke even, and we got to yell and cheer, so I guess that can cost two bucks without hamstringing the entire regiment. It was fun.

And we ran into Brock Bullingham there, too, who had a horse entered in a maiden race. Brock's place is about 20

miles north of the city, and he runs horses and cattle on a huge acreage. He told us proudly what the horse was called so we could cheer for him, and off they went. Brock's horse went to the lead and stayed there. He gathered up even more of a lead on the backstretch and finished about 15 lengths ahead of the second-place horse.

He went down to the winner's circle and we went along for the fun. The track stewards,

however, showed up none too pleased.

"Brock, you say that horse is eight years old?"

"Shore is."

"Well, if you have a horse that can run like that, why is he just now in a maiden race?"

Brock grinned, "Couldn't catch him 'til he was seven."

Brought to you by new book *The Fly Fisherman's Bucket List*. Look for it at [LPDpress.com](http://LPDpress.com).

#### NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

Lockney General Hospital District Board of trustees will hold a meeting on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 12:00 noon in the Conference Room of W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital at 320 North Main Street in Lockney, Texas to consider adopting the effective tax rate.

# OBITUARIES/CHURCH

## Obituaries

### Fernando "Freddie" Gonzales

Fernando "Freddie" Gonzales, age 65, of Lockney, Texas passed away Tuesday, August 2, 2017 at a hospital in Lubbock, Texas.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, August 5, 2017 at First Baptist Church of Lockney. Rev. Kyle Brock officiated.

Visitation was held from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Friday, August 4, 2017 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney. Rosary was held at 7:00 p.m.

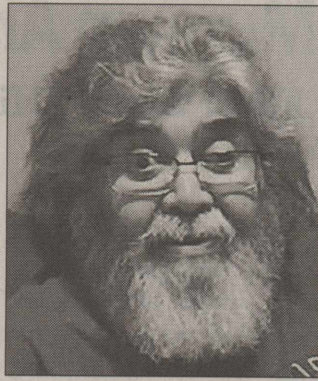
Pallbearers were Stephen Gonzales, Marcos Bueno, Justin Martinez, Fred Cervantez, David Bosquez, Willie Luna, and Juan Mariscal.

Freddie was born June 12, 1952 in Jackson County, Texas. He was retired as Assistant Manager of All-

supes and a member of San Jose Catholic Church in Lockney. He was a very loving man and special to everyone.

He is preceded in death by his brother, Mike Gonzales; father and mother, Manuel and Eloisa Gonzales; and sister, Sylvia Peña.

Freddie is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Amy and Michael De Leon; daughter, Pauline Gonzales; brother and sister-in-law, Johnny and Corina Gonzales and family, all of Lockney, Texas; brother and sister-in-law, Joe and Mary Gonzales and family of Mason, Texas; brother, Gilbert Gonzales and family; brother, Robert Gonzales; sister and brother-in-law, Linda and Steve Garcia and family; sister and brother-



**FERNANDO "FREDDIE" GONZALES**

in-law, Virginia and Juan Hernandez and family; brother-in-law, Jesus Peña and family, all of Lockney, Texas; nine grandchildren, Desiree Martinez, Destinee De Leon, Dillon De Leon, Dora Bueno, Stephen Gonzales, Marcos Bueno, Blanca Bueno, Freddie Bueno, and Jefe Jimenez; four great-grandchildren; 28 nieces and nephews, numerous great-nieces and great-nephews, and other relatives and friends.

## Texas A&M ranks first in Texas for highest-earned graduates

**By Ann Kellett**  
Texas A&M University  
Marketing and Communications

COLLEGE STATION, Aug. 7, 2017 – Texas A&M again ranks first in the state and among the top 25 public institutions nationally for highest-earning graduates, according to a recent survey reported by Forbes magazine.

Aggie graduates at mid-career earn an average of \$99,700 annually, placing Texas A&M 18th. The only

other Texas institution in the ranking is the University of Texas at Austin, placing last in the list of the top 25 public universities, with alumni salaries averaging \$96,400 annually.

"This survey and many others affirm that a Texas A&M education is an investment that pays off financially as well as in so many other ways," said Texas A&M President Michael K. Young. "More of our students graduate on time compared to their peers, and they leave

with less college-related debt and with the knowledge and skills that employers prize. We are proud of our reputation for producing leaders."

The 1,800-student SUNY Maritime College tops the list, with average graduate earnings of \$144,000 annually. Military institutions and the United States Merchant Marine Academy round out the top five, and the rest of the list is dominated by engineering and tech powerhouses, including eight in California.

## Wit and Wisdom

**By Charles Keaton**  
The Hesperian-Beacon

One thing I can say about the Dallas Cowboys: They have always had talent around them. They have been one of the most talented football teams in all of football.

— Emmitt Smith

I understand what's expected of me. I understand the lineage for the running back position of the Dallas Cowboys.

— Ezekiel Elliott

I paid more for the Dallas Cowboys than anyone prior than that had ever paid to get involved in sports. But I wanted to be a part of the future of the Dallas Cowboys.

— Jerry Jones

I sacrificed for the Dallas Cowboys when most quit. I put in overtime to try to help young players.

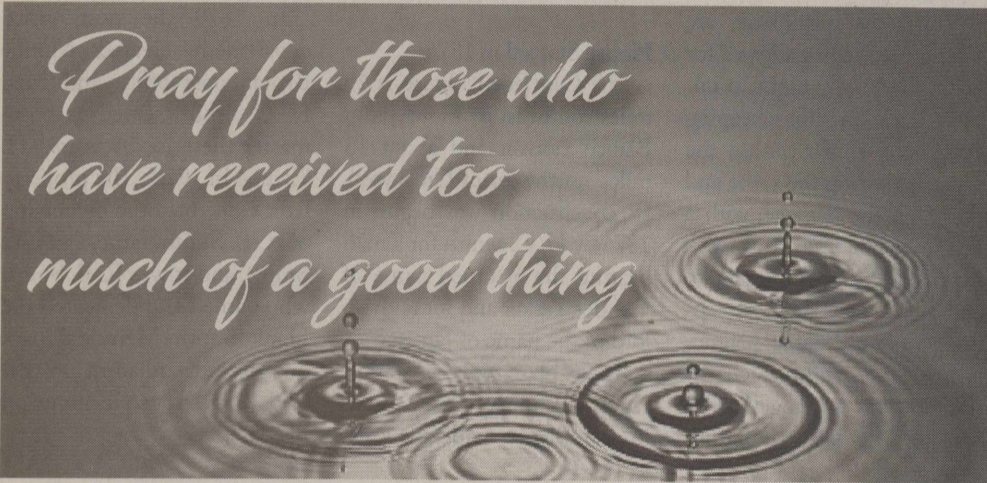
— Charles Haley

My first cat was named Cowboy, after the Dallas Cowboys.

— Jenna Bush

It's funny, but when there are dominant teams, there are a number of people who rail about the fact that they're always seeing the Dallas Cowboys or the San Francisco 49ers or the Green Bay either in the playoffs or in the Super Bowl.

— Al Michaels



## CHURCH DIRECTORY

### BEYOND UNDERSTANDING

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

—1 John 5:14 (NIV)

For years my daughter Deanna has suffered from frequent, severe migraine headaches that only medication and a dark, quiet room can lessen. Seeing this, I feel helpless and wish I could suffer in her place; but I can't. So for three years now I have been praying for her healing — fervently, hopefully, confidently, and with as much faith as I can muster. And yet my daughter continues to experience this pain that I can't fix.

The Bible tells us that we will receive if we ask. But it also tells of two sets of disciples who prayed for two different men of God to be released from prison. I'm sure both groups prayed fervently, hopefully, confidently, and with as much faith as they could muster. Yet an angel

freed Peter, and John the Baptist was executed. Did Peter's disciples pray harder than John's disciples? If not, why does God seem to answer some prayers and not others?

Surely God hears all our prayers and answers us. Sometimes the answer is immediate; sometimes God says, "Not now." And sometimes we may never know the answer. I will continue to pray for my daughter — knowing that God's love for her is even greater than mine. I trust that God hears us and responds in ways beyond our understanding.

—Tom Smith (Utah, USA)

#### Thought for the Day:

God sees a big picture that is beyond my range of vision.

taken from <http://devotional.upperroom.org/devotionals>

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**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  
Ron Montgomery, 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 Sty. 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

## Cost-share funding available for irrigation monitoring

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

LUBBOCK -- Irrigators within the High Plains Water District (HPWD) service area can now apply for partial reimbursement of the purchase price of irrigation system monitoring equipment purchased after July 20.

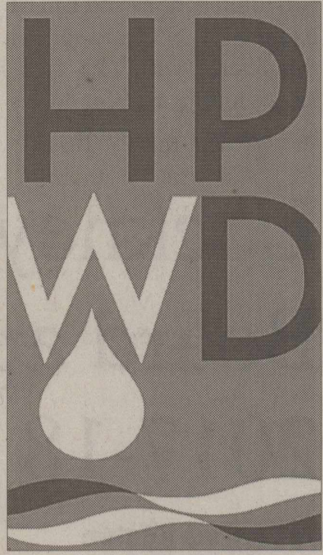
Qualified applicants may be reimbursed up to 50 percent of the purchase price of telemetry-based equipment excluding data plans, installation and labor costs, and taxes under the district's new Assistance in Irrigation Management (AIM) program.

"This is a voluntary program to assist producers with the purchase price of irrigation monitoring systems typically used with a center pivot system or a subsurface drip irrigation system," said HPWD Board President Lynn Tate of Amarillo.

"These monitoring systems transmit data to a smartphone or tablet, and provide timely information to the operator. Producers can then use the devices to assist with management decisions, such as monitoring the amount of water applied to a crop or turning off their systems during rainfall events. This

can help conserve groundwater," he said.

HPWD received \$225,000 in grant funding from the



Courtesy graphic

**Irrigators within the High Plains Water District (HPWD) service area can now apply for partial reimbursement of the purchase price of irrigation system monitoring equipment purchased after July 20.**

Texas Water Development Board's Agricultural Water Conservation Grants Program for the project.

"Applications will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis," said HPWD General Manager Jason Coleman.

"Once the application is

approved, HPWD staff will follow up with a field check to make sure the monitoring system is installed. Once the installation is verified and a receipt is received for purchase of the monitoring system, HPWD will begin the process of reimbursing the producer for up to 50 percent of the purchase price of the equipment," he said. Coleman added that participation in the program requires documentation or estimation of the conservation benefits as a result of using the equipment.

During the five-year program, there is joint ownership of the cost-share equipment between HPWD, the producer, and the TWDB. Full ownership of the system monitoring equipment will revert to the producer when the program is completed and all requested data is provided to HPWD.

Additional information and application forms can be found on the district's web site: <http://www.hpwd.org/aim>. All applications must be submitted by Jan. 31, 2018, to Victoria Messer Whitehead either in person at the HPWD office or via email at [victoria.messer@hpwd.org](mailto:victoria.messer@hpwd.org).

## AgriLife sets annual ram test

By Steve Byrn  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

SAN ANGELO – Sept. 11 will mark the start of the 2017-2018 annual Ram Performance Test conducted by Texas A&M AgriLife.

The testing calendar will start with the Sept. 11 delivery of the Rambouillet rams to the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, north of San Angelo on U.S. Highway 87.

Dr. Reid Redden, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service state sheep and goat

specialist at San Angelo, said the test has been a key tool in helping breeders identify and select superior animals to retain within their own breeding flocks or to sell.

Other important dates associated with the ram test are:

- Sept. 26, initial shearing.
- Sept. 27, initial weigh-in.
- Nov. 15 and Jan. 3, weight-check days.
- Feb. 14, final weighing.
- Feb. 15, final shearing.

Redden said an initial fee of \$375 per ram will be required and is expected to cover the

costs associated with the test. Payment must be received on or before Sept. 11.

Plans for a field day and potential sale at the test's conclusion will be announced at a later date, pending a decision by test coordinators and cooperating producers.

For more information, contact Redden at 325-653-4576, extension 224, or [reid.redden@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:reid.redden@ag.tamu.edu).

Complete information as it becomes available on the test animals will be posted at <http://sanangelo.tamu.edu>.

## Cattle Raisers Establish Fund to Help Ranchers in the Aftermath of Hurricane Harvey

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

FORT WORTH, Texas — Hurricane Harvey has devastated an extensive area within Texas, including many rural stretches that are home to thousands of cattlemen and women. Many of the affected ranchers are already hard at work, ensuring the safety of their animals and beginning to rebuild. However, as the flood waters recede in the coming days, even more damage is likely to be revealed. Fences, pens and buildings will need to be repaired or rebuilt, cattle will need veterinary treatment and adequate feed supplies. Cattle raisers across the region will need assistance to complete these vital tasks and

restore their operations.

To assist those cattle raisers in need, the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) has established the Cattle Raisers Relief Fund. The fund, administered by the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Foundation, a 501(c)3, will begin accepting monetary donations today. 100 percent of donations will go to support relief efforts for ranch families affected by the disaster.

"It is truly heartwarming to see the outpouring of support that has come from across the entire country," said Richard Thorpe, president of TSCRA. "The dedication and generosity I have witnessed in recent days has given me great con-

fidence that we will weather this storm and continue our proud tradition of ranching in these hard-hit areas."

Donations to the Cattle Raisers Relief Fund can be made by visiting <http://tscra.org/relieffund>, or by mailing a check to:

Cattle Raisers Relief Fund  
TSCRF  
1600 Gendy Street  
Fort Worth, TX 76107

Donations may be tax deductible, but be sure to visit with a tax professional before making a contribution.

Those wishing to volunteer their services or offer donations of vital goods such as hay, feed and fencing supplies should visit <http://tscra.org/hurricaneupdate> for more information.

## Cattle Raisers Issue Warning Amid Uptick in Scams Targeting Ranchers

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

FORT WORTH, Texas — Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) Special Rangers have noticed a troubling increase in a scam that targets ranchers and agriculture producers. TSCRA's Special Rangers are credentialed peace officers who primarily investigate livestock and agriculture related crimes, including theft by fraud.

Over recent weeks Special Rangers across the state have received reports from ranchers who have been targeted by the scams. The details vary, but most incidents follow a similar theme. A buyer, often from out of state, will call to inquire about cattle, hay or equipment that is for sale. The two parties will agree on a price and the buyer will send a check or cashier's check, which is where the trouble begins. The check sent by the buyer will be over the agreed to price, and the buyer will ask that the check be cashed and the extra money wired or given to someone else to pay for transportation and delivery. In some cases, the scammer has no intention of making the purchase. The check is coun-

terfeit, designed to look legitimate for just long enough that it can be cashed and the money wired. In other cases, the scammer will attempt to obtain the items before the check has finally cleared and is found to be counterfeit. In either case, the victim will be left liable for the funds while the crook enjoys the ill-gotten proceeds, and potentially the stolen livestock or equipment.

"Knowledge is power in these sorts of situations," said Larry Gray, the director of law enforcement at TSCRA. "If you are aware of the red flags and act cautiously you can avoid falling victim to such scams."

Gray offered a few tips to stay safe:

1. Try to do business with people you know. When working with an unknown buyer, try to verify their information through a third party.
2. Be cautious about accepting checks—even a cashier's check—from people you do not know. It can be difficult to pursue a remedy if the transaction goes bad.
3. Never accept a check for more than the selling price if you are expected to give the excess to someone else.

4. If you do accept a check, contact the institution that issued it to verify the authenticity, and if possible ask that the check be drawn from a bank with a branch in your area.

5. Be especially wary if someone insists that you send funds by wire transfer

6. Make sure the check has finally cleared before you deliver the items, and save all your documentation.

Ranchers who are concerned about a sale or buyer are encouraged to contact their local TSCRA Special Ranger to report suspicious activity. You can locate your TSCRA Special Ranger here.

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BY VIRTUE OF ORDERS OF SALE DATED the 31st day of August, 2017, and issued pursuant to judgment decrees of the District Court of Floyd County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date in the hereinafter numbered and styled causes, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Court, I have on the 31st day of August, 2017, seized, levied upon, and will on the 3rd day of October, 2017, at the Floyd County Courthouse, 100 S. Main, Floydada, Texas, at 10:00 a.m. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, as provided for by the TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE.

All of the following properties being located in Floyd County, Texas and each property being more particularly described on an instrument recorded in the Volume and Page reference (V/P) or document number of the Deed Records, Floyd County, Texas. The approximate property addresses reflected herein are the addresses on the tax records and may or may not be completely accurate.

PROP #	CAUSE #	STYLE	PROP DESCRIPTION, ADDRESS, ACCT #
1	5860TS	Floyd County Appraisal District v James W. McGregor et al	the East 20' of Lot 6 and the West 50' of Lot 7, Block 7, Honerhea Addition, City of Floydada, Floyd County, Texas (Vol. 201, Page 85, Deed Records), Account #R000002035
2	5739TS	Floyd County Appraisal District v Daniel T. Ortega-Tijerina	Lot 3, Block 138, Original Townsite of the Town of Floydada, Floyd County, Texas (Volume 18, Page 214 of the Official Public Records, Floyd County, Texas), Account #R000001516
3	5844TS	Floyd County Appraisal District v Ivan Eleid Pecina et al	all of Lots 15-16, Block 24, Original Townsite of the Town of Floydada, Floyd County, Texas (Vol. 52, Page 301, Official Public Records), Account #R000000346
4	5857TS	Floyd County Appraisal District v Juana B. Palomin et al	all of Lots 15-17, Block 2, Hadley Addition, City of Lockney, Floyd County, Texas with a Manufactured Home, Label #HWC0321465 & HWCO321466, Serial #CW2008363TX A / B, Floyd County, Texas (Vol. 235, Page 131, Deed Records), Account #R0000003080
5	5849TS	Floyd County Appraisal District v Francisco Javier Bernal et al	the North 1/2 of Lots 13-15, Block 10, Walling Addition, City of Lockney, Floyd County, Texas (Vol. 272, Page 167, Deed Records), Account #R0000003547
6	5842TS	Floyd County Appraisal District v Francisco G. Lamas et al	Lot 5, Block 46, Original Townsite of the Town of Floydada, Floyd County, Texas (Vol. 54, Page 505, Official Public Records), Account #R000000540
7	5870TS	Floyd County Appraisal District v Carlos Rendon et al	the North 1/2 of Lots 14, 15 and 16, Block 34, Original Townsite of the Town of Lockney, Floyd County, Texas (Vol. 19, Page 441, Deed Records), Account #R000002848
8	5877TS	Floyd County Appraisal District v Oscar Garza, Jr. et al	Lot 9, Block 3, West Side Heights, City of Floydada, Floyd County, Texas (Vol. 72, Page 576, Official Public Records), Account #R000002462
9	5882TS	Floyd County Appraisal District v Henry Segovia et al	a manufactured-home, Label #TEX0335111, Serial #3115718, located on Lots 1-3, Block 1, Southside Addition, City of Lockney, Floyd County, Texas, Account #R000003340
10	5823TS	Floyd County Appraisal District v Brian Webster	Lot 2, Block 66, Original Townsite of the Town of Floydada, Floyd County, Texas (Vol. 244, Page 267, Deed Records), Account #R000000756

This sale will be conducted to satisfy the judgment(s) for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interests due on the properties described herein, and for all costs of court and sale.

I do hereby verify that true and correct copies of the foregoing Joint Notice of Sale have been delivered by United States Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, and by regular mail, to each of the Defendants named in each of the numbered and styled causes.

DATED the 31st day of August, 2017, at Floydada, Texas

PAUL RAISSEZ  
Sheriff, Floyd County, Texas

You may contact the attorney for the taxing units at (325) 672-4870.

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# SCHOOL NEWS

## Longhorns take down Smyer in season opener

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

SMYER – Lockney used the big plays to defeat the Smyer Bobcats, 19-12, last Friday in the season opener for both teams. The Longhorns intercepted Smyer three times as the defense held off the Bobcats in a

tight game. In the first quarter, Smyer took the early lead with 9:12 left in the first quarter when Braxton Lozano scored on a two-yard run. Smyer led 6-0 after one quarter.

Lockney came back in the second quarter when Ruben Marmolejo hit Chris Emert for a 49-yard touchdown

pass with 11:48 left in the half. Diego Tranado added the extra point to make 7-6, Lockney. With just three seconds left in the half, Bryson Walker picked off a pass and returned it 96 yards to give the Longhorns a 13-6 halftime lead.

In the third quarter, Marmolejo found Israel Cuellar

open for a 28-yard touchdown pass to give the Longhorns a 19-6 lead after three quarters.

Smyer added a two-yard touchdown run by Kyle Sumner with 7:15 left in the game to narrow the deficit to 19-12 but the Longhorns hung on to claim the victory.

“Walker’s interception with just seconds left in the first half was the key play in the game,” Head Coach Richard Jackson said.

Defensively, Walker had two interceptions and Emert had one. Noel Cenicerros led the defense with 11.5 tackles including five for losses and forced one fumble.

Lockney will travel to Lubbock Trinity at 6:00 PM, Saturday, Sept. 9.

“We’ve got to limit our mistakes,” Jackson said. “Our ability to control both sides of the ball and stop their passing game will be what it takes to handle Trinity this week.”

## Whirlwinds fall to Slaton in season opener

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA – Slaton took a 20-0 halftime lead then cruised to a 36-15 in the season opener for Floydada and Slaton. The Whirlwinds were forced into four turnovers as the Tigers controlled the ball game from the beginning.

In the first quarter with 9:42 left, Slaton’s Kevondrick Gober broke off a 39-yard touchdown run to give the Tigers a 6-0 lead. Slaton crossed to goal line again with 42 seconds left in the quarter as Dajahnay Williams ran it in from seven yards out to give Slaton a 12-0 lead after the first quarter.

With 3:35 left in the half, Gober scampered in from 20 yards out to give the Tigers a 20-0 lead at halftime.

Neither team managed to score in the third quarter.

In the fourth quarter, the Whirlwinds finally found the end zone when Andrew Vega connected with Caden Britt on a 19-yard touchdown pass to make it 20-7 with 11:53 left in the game. Lazaro Galindo found Frankie Garcia open for a 35-yard touchdown pass to give the Tigers a 28-7 lead with 8:31 left in the game. Gober crossed into the end zone for the third time on a 35-yard with 6:57 left in the game as the Tigers stretched their lead to 36-7. With 4:54 left in the game, Vega found Eric Johnston for a 43-yard touchdown pass as the Whirlwinds closed the gap to 36-15. Slaton controlled the remainder of the game and claimed the 36-15 victory.

On offense, the Whirlwinds had 235 total yards while the Tigers had 335 total yards. Floydada had 183 passing yards and 52 rushing yards. Slaton

had 76 yards passing and 259 yards rushing.

Individually for the Whirlwinds, Vega was 13-28 passing for 157 yards and two touchdowns and Michael Delafuente was 3-3 for 26 yards. Miguel Pena rushed seven times for 36 yards, Vega had four carries for nine yards, Rosendo Reyna had 13 carries for five yards, Gerry Reyes had two carries for four yards and Marcus Perez carried two times for a negative two yards. Perez caught six passes for 66 yards, Johnston caught two passes for 59 yards and a touchdown, Reyes caught four passes for 32 yards, Britt caught two passes for 20 yards and a touchdown, Noah Mendez had one catch for six yards and Jose Lira had one catch for zero yards.

Individually for the Tigers, Eli Martinez was 2-3 passing for 41 yards and Galindo was 1-3 passing for 35 yards and a touchdown. Gober rushed six times for 139 yards and three scores, Martinez had seven carries for 41 yards, Trizton Robinson had 14 carries for 38 yards, Williams had six carries for 30 yards and a touchdown, Galindo had nine carries for seven yards, Reese Bryant had nine carries for six yards and Jeston Smith had one carry

for a negative two yards. Garcia had one catch for 35 yards and a touchdown, Quavon McDaniel had one catch for 26 yards and Williams had one catch for 15 yards.

“We got a defensive stop then scored in the third quarter,” Head Coach Todd Bandy said, “but we weren’t able to get another stop. This was the turning point in the game.”

Floydada travels to Seagraves Friday night for their second game. Kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 PM.

“Our kids have got to stay composed on offense and be more disciplined on defense,” Bandy said. “The young kids have to respond to the challenge of playing Friday night football. We need people to step up.”

Bandy recognized Ethan Smith on the offensive line for grading out the highest of all the linemen while playing three different positions. On defense, Bandy recognized Cutter Smith and Miguel Pena who each had nine tackles. Pena recorded four tackles for loss and Smith had two tackles for loss. Bandy also recognized Pena for his special teams play. Pena was 2-2 on extra points and did a good job punting and placing kickoffs where it was needed.

## Lockney School Board approves 2017-18 budget

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – Members of the Lockney School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2017 at the Board Room. The Board approved a surplus budget for 2017-2018 of \$5,213,511. In related action, the Board also approved a tax rate for 2017-2018 of \$1.29 per \$100 which includes the Bond tax rate.

In other action, the Board approved the payment of the bills and financial report of \$7,064,296.93. The Board also approved a resolution involving the conveyance of the property the baseball sits on from the City of Lockney to the School District.

Board members also approve the 2016-2017 Accountability Ratings for the District and the campuses. The District and all three campuses met the state’s standard for accountability. Jim Baum, Superintendent, said they would use the data included in the ratings to establish a baseline for growth in the 2017-2018 school year.

In other action, the Board approved the changes to the Student Handbook and Student Code of Conduct.

The Board listened to a report from Abel Rosales, representing the Athletic Boosters, about the situation with the Gator the Boosters and District had been using on a lease from what was previously Ray-Lee Equipment. The new company, Western Equipment had sold the Gator and would not agree to a new lease. No action was taken by the Board since this was in Public Forum.

In the Superintendent’s Report, Baum said there were 458 students enrolled on the first day of school, 218 in Elementary, 103 in Junior High and 137 in High School. In athletics, football and cross country were beginning their seasons. Baum also confirmed travel and activities for the Board members to attend the School Board Convention in Dallas the first weekend of October.

The next Board meeting will be Sept. 19 at 8:00 PM in the Board Room.

**FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU**  
**September 11- September 15**

**Monday**

**Breakfast** – Apple cinnamon muffin, cereal, fresh fruit selection, milk  
**Lunch** – Spaghetti w/meatballs, breadsticks, corn dog, tater tots, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

**Tuesday**

**Breakfast** – Morning sausage roll, graham crackers, fresh fruit, milk  
**Lunch** – Cheese enchilada w/rice, turkey & cheese sub, refried beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

**Wednesday**

**Breakfast** – Trix cereal, graham cracker, fresh fruit, milk  
**Lunch** – Chicken wrap, cheeseburger, seasoned green beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

**Thursday**

**Breakfast** – Cinnamon bun, cereal, fresh fruit, milk  
**Lunch** – Beef tacos w/rice, cheese pizza, spicy pinto beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

**Friday**

**Breakfast** – Sausage and cheese pizza, cereal, fresh fruit, milk  
**Lunch** – Beef fingers w/roll, chicken sandwich, seasoned mashed potatoes, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

**\*\* NOTE\*\***  
**PATRIOT DAY – SEPT. 12**  
Everyone needs to wear Red, White & Blue.  
We will be serving jello red and white

## State 4-H shooting sport games



Courtesy of Bill Glass, Coach Parent Leader

Local 4-H’ers representing Floyd County clean sweep events at the State 4-H Shooting Sports Games. Rachel Graham (left) and Ryder Glass (right) competed at the State 4-H archery match in July at the National Shooting Sports Complex in San Antonio. Rachel and Ryder each won first in all five of their events and received high point overall individual within their respective bow classes. Congratulations to these two for their many accomplishments this summer.

**FLOYDADA ISD**  
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Thursday, September 7**  
JV Football vs Seagraves – here  
HS Class Officers pictures

**Friday, September 8**  
V Football @ Seagraves – there

**Saturday, September 9**  
Cross Country – Lubbock

**Monday, September 10**  
Band Rehearsal

**Tuesday, September 12**  
HS/JH PLC Day  
HS/JH Night School

**Wednesday, September 13**  
HS/JH Night School

**Thursday, September 14**  
JH Football vs. Lockney – here

**Friday, September 15**  
All School Pep Rally  
Varsity Football vs Lockney - there

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

The Floydada Independent School District is soliciting proposals for the Demolition of the R.C. Andrews Campus, 215 N White St, Floydada, TX 79235.

Proposals from trade contractors and subcontractors shall be received in the offices of Knox, Gailey and Meador, Inc., Construction Manager-At-Risk, at 1109 North Avenue T, Lubbock, Texas 79408, until: **2:00 PM, Tuesday September 19, 2017.**

**Document Acquisition:**  
Plans, Project Manuals and related documents may be examined and acquired from the following locations:

**Construction Manager-At-Risk:**  
Knox, Gailey and Meador, Inc.  
P.O. Box 5736  
1109 North Avenue T  
Lubbock, Texas 79408-5736  
Phone (806) 763-0418 Fax (806) 741-0381

**Owner:**  
Floydada Independent School District  
Administration Office  
226 W California St.  
Floydada, TX 79235

Plans and Project Manuals will be issued upon a deposit of \$100.00 per set as a guarantee of their safe return. The full amount of the deposit will be returned if the documents are returned in good condition within ten (10) days after the bid opening.

**Pre-Bid Conference:**  
None

**Receipt of Bids:**  
All bids will be received by Knox, Gailey and Meador, Inc. in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 44.038 and all other applicable sections of the Texas Education Code.

**Conditions:**  
Any bids received after closing time shall be declared null and void. Any unsealed bids shall be returned unopened.

No Bidder may withdraw his Bid within 30 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Attention is called to the fact that there must be paid on this project not less than the general prevailing rates of wages which have been established for this area.

The Floydada Independent School District reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any and all informalities.

**Project Architects:**  
Stiles, Wallace & Associates  
1615 Avenue M  
Lubbock, Texas 79410  
(806) 795-6431

**LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU**  
**September 11-15**

**Monday, Sept. 11**

**Breakfast** – Pancakes, Sausage or Muffin, Yogurt, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk  
**Lunch** – Corn Dog & Tots or Roasted Chicken, Broccoli Bites, Roll, Baked Beans, Fruit, Milk

**Tuesday, Sept. 12**

**Breakfast** – Breakfast Burrito, Hash Browns or PBJ, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk  
**Lunch** – Nachos Grande, Refried Beans, Salsa, Garnish or Taco Soup, Tomato Cup, Cucumber Slices, Peaches, Lime Sherbet, Milk

**Wednesday, Sept. 13**

**Breakfast** – Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Biscuit or Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk  
**Lunch** – Chicken Sandwich, Fries or X-treme Burrito, Salsa, Corn, Garnish, Veggie Cup, Fruit, Milk

**Thursday, Sept. 14**

**Breakfast** – Sausage Kolache, Yogurt or Breakfast Crackers, Cheese Stick, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk  
**Lunch** – Asian Bowl, Eggroll or Salisbury Steak, Potatoes, Garden Salad, Fruity Gelatin, Milk

**Friday, Sept. 15**

**Breakfast** – Egg & Cheese Sandwich or Cereal & Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk  
**Lunch** – Pizza Choice or Ham & Cheese, Baby Carrots, Broccoli Salad, Fresh Fruit, Brownie, Milk

# 2017 Hesperian-Beacon FOOTBALL CONTEST

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## Contest Rules

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Any subscriber or purchaser, age 7 or older, is eligible to enter this contest. Only one entry per week, per person. Entrants **MUST** play every week to be eligible for overall prize.

**There is NO COST to play in the contest.**

To play, circle the number of the team you believe will win on the official entry form to the left.

Only entries on official entry forms brought to a Hesperian-Beacon office in Floydada no later than 5 p.m. on Friday will be accepted. Photocopies and mail entries **WILL NOT** be accepted. Three cash prizes are awarded at the end of the contest. In the event of a tie, prizes will be combined and shared equally by those tied.

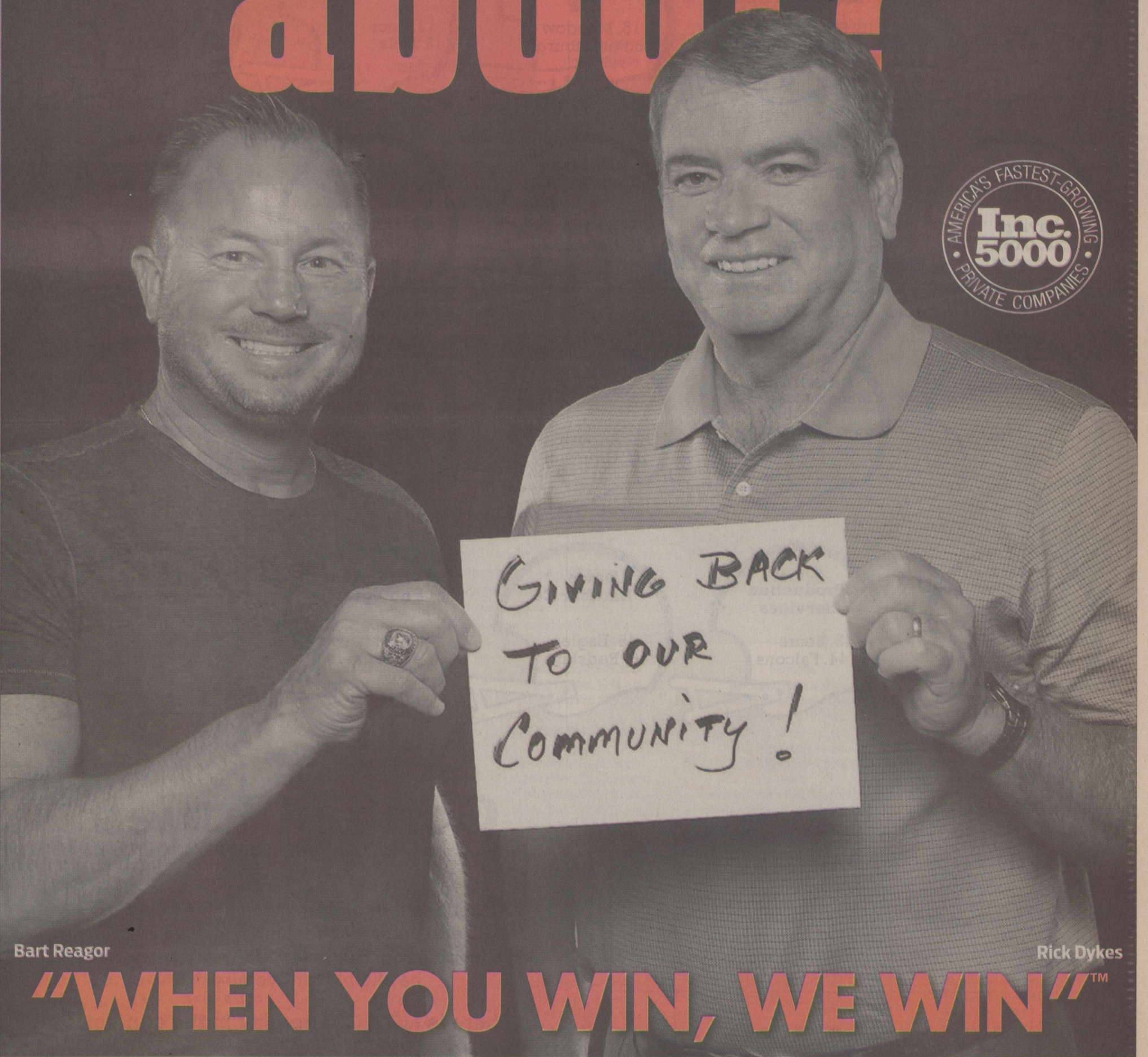
Print your name and address plainly on the official entry form and double check your choices before clipping out the entry form and depositing it at the Hesperian-Beacon office before 5 p.m. on Friday. Entries are limited to one entry per person, per week.

At the end of the 10-week contest period, the person with the best overall record will win a first place prize of \$100.

Second place will be awarded \$75.

Third place will be awarded \$50.

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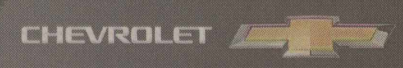
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## Water District

### Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2017 on September 19, 2017 at Lake Mackenzie Administrative Office at 141 South Mackenzie Road, Silvertown, TX 79257. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: Perry Brunson, Jeffery Johnson, Jimmy Kemp, Edward Marks, Bill Marten, Rick Minyard, Phillip Smitherman, Cory Hoelting

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: Not applicable

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
	2016	2017
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	222795 /\$100	229640 /\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$ .006845	/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)	3.07	%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 35,321	\$ 35,026
General homestead exemptions available		
(excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 35,321	\$ 35,026
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 78.69	\$ 80.55
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if		
proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)	\$ 1.86	
and percentage of increase (+/-)	2.36	%

### NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the water district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

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Form 50-212

## Notice of Effective Tax Rate

2017 Property Tax Rates in LHD-Lockney General Hospital District(2017)  
(insert year) (insert taxing unit name)

This notice concerns 2017 property tax rates for LHD-Lockney General Hospital District(2017)  
(insert year) (insert taxing unit name)

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.

**Last year's tax rate:**

Last year's operating taxes	\$ 759,078.00
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 759,078.00
Last year's tax base	\$ 178,606,604.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.4250000 /\$100

**This year's effective tax rate:**

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 758,655.00
÷ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 143,805,624.00
= This year's effective tax rate (Maximum rate unless taxing unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)	\$ 0.5275500 /\$100

In the first year a hospital district collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ _____ /\$100
= Effective tax rate	\$ _____ /\$100

**This year's rollback tax rate:**

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)	\$ 758,655.00
÷ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 143,805,624.00
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.5275500 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.5697600 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0.00 /\$100
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# Lockney rededicates Mitchell-Zimmerman Field

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – Following a scrimmage between the Lockney Longhorns and the Springlake-Earth Wolverines, the Mitchell-Zimmerman Football Field was officially rededicated.

Members of the Milton Zimmerman family, including his sister, Pat Adams were present for the rededication.

American Legion Post 141 of Lockney posted the colors, provided a 21-gun salute and played Taps to honor the sacrifices of Clinton Mitchell and Milton Zimmerman.

Mitchell and Zimmerman were teammates at Lockney High School in the 1940s. Following high school and at the apex of World War II, Mitchell enlisted in the Marine Corps and Zimmerman enlisted in the Army.

In action in Europe in late November of 1944, Zimmerman was wounded then passed from his wounds, Dec. 6, 1944.

Three months later in February of 1945, Mitchell participated in the Battle



Photo by Charles Keaton

Family members of Milton Zimmerman, including his sister, Pat Adams attended the rededication of the football field in honor of Clinton Mitchell and Milton Zimmerman as Lockney debuted their new turf field.

of Iwo Jima, losing his life in March of 1945.

In 1947, the Lockney

High School football field was originally named in honor of Mitchell and

Zimmerman.

On Friday night, the two teams along with family

and friends joined in celebrating the rededication of Mitchell-Zimmerman

as the Longhorns prepare to start their first season on the new turf field.

# Prosperity Catfish Fry Provides Almost \$6,500 for Floyd Co. Food Bank Needs

By Kay Ellington  
The Hesperian-Beacon

Representatives from the South Plains Food Bank, Prosperity Bank, and local governments were on hand for the presentation of a check of \$6,443 from the South Plains Food Bank to Floyd County.

More than \$32,000 was raised at the fifth annual Catfish Fry in Lubbock, attended by more than 1,200 people, to support the mobile food pantry for area rural communities. and \$6,443 of those funds were donated to Floyd County.

David Weaver, CEO of the South Plains Food bank keynoted the presentation at the Floyd County Memorial Library last week in Floydada.

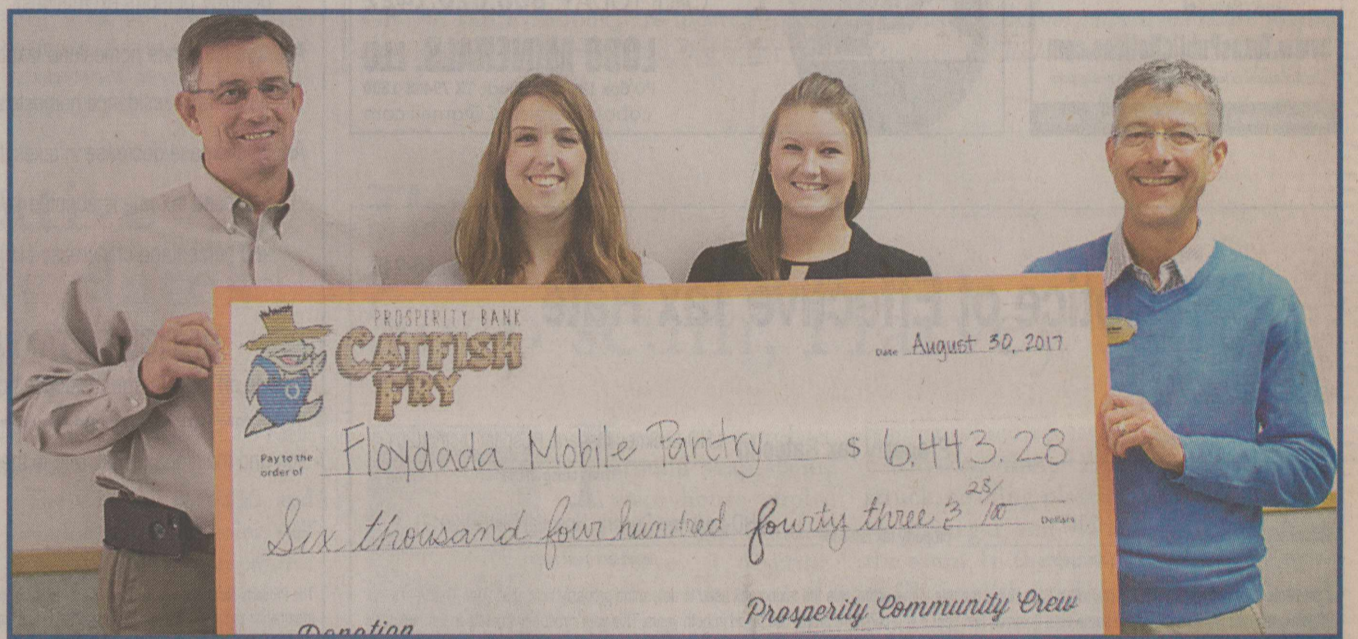
"I have been doing this for 28 years," he said, "and it seems like it's getting harder and harder for people to get back on their feet."

He noted that changing demographics and culture

have changed the way the food bank helps people through the years. "Used to, many of these needs were met by area churches by volunteers, but through the years, many of these same church folks have aged and aren't physically able to do what they once could," he said. "That's why the mobile food boxes that we provide from Lubbock—many of which are still distributed through area churches by volunteers—are so helpful."

Weaver said that once a month 100 families in Floyd County receive food boxes at the First Baptist Church in Floydada and the First United Methodist Church in Lockney, and that there's a waiting list of 21 families. "The gift from Prosperity will get those families off the waiting list."

In the past as many 180 to 200 families have received food boxes in Floyd County.



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Prosperity Bank is helping fight hunger in Floyd County. Floydada branch president, Zach Cummings, Summer Burkholder, Marketing Specialist and Whitney Moorman also from Prosperity Bank provide a contribution from the Prosperity Bank Annual Catfish Fry to David Weaver, CEO, South Plains Food Bank. The contribution should fund Floyd County's mobile food bank.

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