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30th Annual Punkin Days Kicks Off Friday, Oct. 13

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

Mark your calendars! The 30th Annual Punkin Days is just around the corner, and its third decade is offering up a variety of fun and games to celebrate Floydada as Pumpkin Capital USA.

Festivities get underway the evening of Friday, Oct. 13 at 5 p.m. as contestants in the Reagor-Dykes Chevrolet Barbecue Cook-off arrive at the dealership's awning at the intersection of Main and Mississippi which will also be the headquarters of the Reagor-Dykes Chevrolet Chili Cook-off which gets underway Saturday morning.

There are three categories in the barbecue competition: Chicken, Ribs and Brisket. Entry fee for teams is \$25, and the deadline to enter is October 9. All teams can register at www.floydadachamber.com and see complete rules on the chamber web-

site. First place prize in the barbecue cook-off is \$200 and first place prize in the chili cook-off is \$200.

Saturday morning gets underway with the Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast at 8 a.m. on the courthouse square, and the 5K Run also at 8 a.m. is at the high school. Entry fee for the 5K run is \$20 and includes a t-shirt while they last. Interested runners can register at www.floydada-chamber.com

At 8:30 a.m. is set-up for the 5th Annual Punkin Days Car Show. Entrant's cost is \$25 upon arrival and registration. Categories include: Hot Rod, Race Car, Low Rider, Classic 50's and older, truck, Camaro, Muscle Car, Mustang, Motorcycle, Import and Pick-up. Trophies for: 2017 Punkin Days Best of Show, Best Interior, Best Motor, Best Paint and each class.

For questions, please call Brian Emert (Brian and Dilia's Classics) 806-983-9368 or Floydada

Chamber of Commerce - 806-983-3434. Set up is from 8:30-11 a.m. on the courthouse square. Judging begins at 11 a.m.

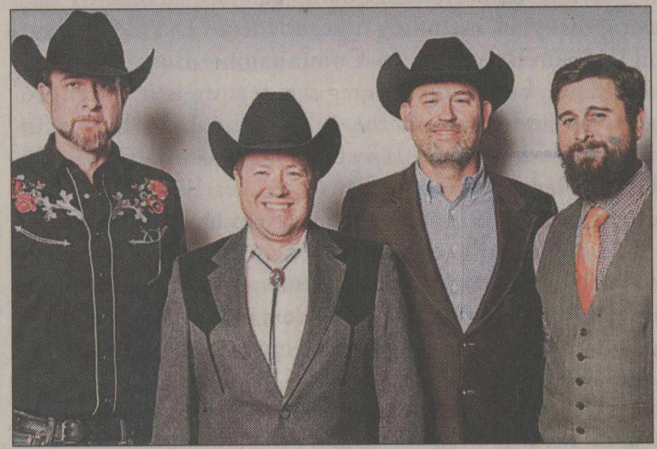
In the 9 a.m. hour the Friends of the Library open up the doors to their book sale.

According to Chamber manager Deon Fincher, "This year games begin at 10 a.m., that's two hours later than in the past. That should give everyone who's at the breakfast and at the 5K plenty of time to enjoy those." Booths will also open at 10 a.m.

If you're interested in a booth, the cost for arts and crafts booths are \$55 or \$28 for non-profits.

For food booths, costs start at \$150 or \$75 for non-profits, depending upon your electrical needs.

Applications can be found at www.floydada-chamber.com and vendors should print, complete and mail their payments to the chamber by September 30. Besides booth attend-



The 30th Annual Punkin Days get underway on Friday, Oct. 13 at 5 p.m. and its finale includes a street dance Saturday, Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. featuring Raised Right Men from Dallas, a band which performs Western Swing, Country, Rockabilly and more.

ees can enjoy a variety of games including: Pumpkin toss, Guess the Weight of the Pumpkin, Pumpkin bowling, Pumpkin Wheelbarrow Races, Pumpkin Decorating and more.

Throughout the day, the Floyd County Museum will be featuring its ropemaking demonstration.

Cow Patty Bingo, a perennial favorite, is back, and you can already purchase your tickets at As-

site Insurance, First National Bank, Producers Co-op, the City of Floydada and the Chamber of Commerce. Tickets are \$5 each, and prizes are \$300 for first, \$200 for second, and \$100 for third.

Judging of the barbecue and chili cook-offs begins at 2:30 p.m.

Also, in the afternoon there will be the pumpkin pie eating contest, and a See **PUNKIN DAY**, Page 10

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.

TRINITY ASSEMBLY FREE MOVIE NIGHT

Trinity Assembly in Floydada will hold their monthly "Movie Night" on Friday, Sept. 22. The movie shown is "Uncommon". Free hot dogs will be served at 6 p.m. and the movie starts at 7 p.m. Location is 500 W. Houston, Floydada. (across from Dairy Queen). Everyone is invited.

FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE

The Floydada Senior Citizens Center will be having FLU SHOTS available on Thursday, Sept. 21 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Bring your Medicare card or pay \$25 cash.

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.

ATTENTION!! OLD SETTLER'S DATE CHANGE

The Old Settler's Association met and have 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.

Correction

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

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Construction of Floydada schools to begin soon



A Career & Technical Education ("CTE") program will be located in a new building on the north side, and adjacent to the High School/Junior High complex. The CTE building will house a welding shop, a building-trades shop, and a paint booth for vehicles and trailers, including eight individual stations in the welding shop. Shown are what the woodworking, building trades and paint booth will look like.

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Construction of Floydada High School and Junior High School is scheduled to begin soon. The majority of the new facilities that were approved by voters in the May 2017 bond election will be located at the old R. C. Andrews site. A two-story building will house both the High School and Junior High (6th through 12th grades). All of the Junior High classes will be located on the second story, with the High School classes on the ground floor, so that their respective classes will be in separate areas of the building. A new football stadium and eight-lane track is going to be built to the west of the educational facilities.

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School/Junior High complex. The CTE building will house a welding shop, a building-trades shop, and a paint booth for vehicles and trailers, including eight individual stations in the welding shop. The building-trades shop is to be located next to the welding shop with all new equipment, including the self-contained paint booth in the rear of the CTE building. FISD students can be completely trained for vocational careers when they graduate from high school, should they choose this path in their career goals.

Student and faculty safety is a major point of emphasis with the new facilities. Key cards will control access, and the buildings will remain secure throughout the day. A storm-ready basement under the High School building will accommodate five hundred people, and also serve as a

community storm shelter.

The High School building will have a "collegiate" sized practice gym that is slightly larger than a high school gymnasium. The width of the "collegiate" gym is wide enough to place a regulation high school gym on each end. A movable partition in the middle of the larger gym will make it possible to have two full-sized high school gyms that can be used for basketball, volleyball, or PE classes. Should Floydada wish to host a larger basketball tournament, these two gyms could be used with Whirlwind Gym, allowing three games to be played simultaneously.

Floydada High School's new auditorium will seat four hundred people. The Spirit of the Winds Band Hall, adjacent to the auditorium, will seat one hundred students. The cafeteria is located on the opposite side of the building. See **CONSTRUCTION**, Page 10

Whirlwinds down Longhorns to claim County Championship



By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - Since Oct. 5, 1917, the Floydada Whirlwinds and the Lockney Longhorns have met on the football field for the Floyd County Championship. In 1917, the Whirlwinds won 12-0 and on the 100th anniversary of the annual game, the Whirlwinds claimed a 49-14 victory over the Longhorns to spoil the inaugural game on Lockney's new turf field and take home the County Championship Trophy.

It only took 1:34 for Floydada to take control of the game. With 10:26 left in the first quarter, Andrew Vega found Marcus Perez open for a 34-yard touchdown pass to take the early 6-0 lead. Floydada crossed the goal line again with 3:25 left in the first quarter when Jose Lira ran it in from nine yards out to make it 12-0 after one quarter of play. Lockney finally found pay dirt

when Ruben Marmolejo connected with Chris Emert on a 12-yard touchdown pass to cut into Floydada's lead with 10:28 left in half to make it 12-7. Floydada stretched their lead back to 12 points, 19-7, when Perez scored from six yards out with 7:51 left in the half. On the ensuing kick-off, Alex Garcia returned the kick-off 82 yards for the Longhorns to make it 19-14 with 7:38 left in the half. The Whirlwinds stretched their lead to 13 points when Ethan Smith recovered a fumble for a touchdown with 4:35 left in the half, giving Floydada a 27-14 lead at halftime.

The second half was all Whirlwinds as they held the Longhorns scoreless. It started with a one-yard run by Cutter Smith with 4:17 left in the third quarter to give Floydada a 34-14 lead.

In the fourth quarter, the Whirlwinds added two more scores. With 11:51 left in the See **CHAMPS**, Page 10

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The Alamo defenders

To my fellow Texans,

My name is Jimmie Jimenez. I am the third great-nephew of Damacio Jimenez, one of the Defenders who was killed at the Alamo on March 6, 1836.

Damacio was a widower and had one son who died in childhood. He fought in the siege and taking of Bexar (San Antonio) from the Mexican Army in December of 1835, and was one of the soldiers who had helped transport the famous 18-pounder cannon from the Texas coast up to San Antonio. This was the gun that Travis used to fire the opening shot against Santa Anna on the first day of the siege of the Alamo.

I want everyone to know that the Jimenez Family and I strongly oppose the REIMAGINE THE ALAMO Master Plan that is being pushed by Texas General Land Office Commissioner George P. Bush. We join with all of the other Defenders' descendants who are adamantly opposing this plan, including descendants of David Crockett and William Barret Travis. Commissioner Bush's plan has many flaws, but its most egregious feature is its intent to downplay and diminish the role of the 1836 Battle. In answer to a direct question about the 1836 Battle, Bush's Master Planner George Skarmas clearly and publicly stated that "we cannot single out one moment in time."

This statement is totally absurd on its face. Everybody knows that the Alamo is world famous only because of the supreme sacrifice that the Defenders made and because of their heroic defense of the mission-fortress against tremendous and overwhelming odds. No other reason.

I find it totally offensive that anybody, be it George P. Bush or any other person, would even consider in any way denigrating the role that my ancestor and the other brave Defenders played on this hallowed ground where they poured out their very life's blood. These Alamo Defenders were giants, and their supreme sacrifice must not be allowed to be diminished by the misguided plans of little men.

I therefore appeal to you my fellow Texans to do your duty and join me in fiercely resisting this outrage. Please do everything you possibly can to inform everyone in the state about this dire situation that we are now confronting.

We must not and will not allow a second tragedy to befall the Alamo. The courageous Defenders of the Alamo deserve that much from us.

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The Paperboy

Emmys ratings flop again

Did you watch the 69th annual Primetime Emmy Awards? If you did, consider yourself rare.

Once again, the ratings for the show were dismal. Could it be anymore obvious that Americans are tired of seeing people who pretend for a living lecture the rest of us on how to live and think?



CHRIS BLACKBURN

While the liberal elites live in their ivory towers behind their walls and their armed security and take their jets and limos to functions to fawn over how great they are, the vast majority of Americans are going about their own business.

The divisive nature of U.S. politics and the left-leaning networks have alienated half of the country and are resulting in fewer people watching television series, the NFL and movies.

And how do the elites respond? They double-down on ignorance and continue to bash half of the country.

As for me: I haven't watched much NFL the past few years and I'm not about to waste three hours watching an awards show honoring morons. It's not about Trump either. My boycott began a full two years before he was elected and I think most conservatives and some moderates would say the same thing.

As far as the networks and Hollywood go, it is such a terrible business decision they are making. If you intentionally anger half of your audience, they are going to find something else to watch or do. It's really that simple.

The progressive agenda which has swept through academia, the mainstream media and the entertainment industry might have fooled millions of Americans, but it sure hasn't worked here in middle America and as long as we average Americans have common sense, I doubt it ever

will. This is the reality of it:
• There are millions of patriotic Americans.

• There are millions of Americans who respect our flag. The flag which ended slavery and the flag which has beat down tyranny.

• There are millions of Americans who believe in freedom of speech.

• There are millions of Americans who respect and treasure our fighting forces.

• There are millions of Americans who believe in the strength of strong and stable families.

• There are millions of Americans who understand the history of this country and how very important the lessons learned from it are.

• There are millions of Americans who believe in safety and security.

• There are millions of Americans who believe we are a nation of laws and the laws on the books should be followed.

I could go on and on, but you understand my point. Many Americans see the fiber of this country unraveling and they are simply deciding to go on living the traditional way they always have without indulging the progressive elitists.

I'm not sure if the networks and Hollywood will ever become fully aware of why they are suffering, and even if they do, is it too late? After all, would you accept some hollow apology knowing how these people really feel about us hicks, or hillbillies, or whatever label they put on us out here in flyover country? I would not.

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South Plains College Lubbock Center to host opening ceremony

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LUBBOCK — South Plains College Lubbock Center will host its Opening Ceremony at 10 a.m. on Sept. 26 outside the front of the building.

Following the ceremony, the building will be open for tours until 12:30 p.m.

The South Plains College Lubbock Center offers college-level career and technical education programs and courses that focus on business, office administration, computer technology, automotive technology,

machinist trades, welding technology and industrial manufacturing/emerging technologies. A new culinary arts program is being developed for the center and will open in 2018. Additionally, students have access to a variety of academic transfer courses that support the technical degree programs offered at the center.

For more information, contact Dane Dewbre, associate dean of Marketing and Recruitment, at (806) 716-2210 or email ddewbre@southplainscollege.edu.

The 501 Baby names and winds of change



HANABA MUNN WELCH

Favorite baby names are always changing. Add Harvey and Irma?

Before those names got appropriated for hurricanes, they meant something good to me. They still do.

On of my favorite friends is an Irma in her 90s. Add the hurricane factor and voilà -- perfect name for a baby girl if you want her to be energetic (like the Irma I know).

As for Harvey, I fondly remember the late Harvey Dean, Tamale King. He sold tamales on the square in Vernon. If you think his name doesn't sound appropriately Hispanic, you're right. Harvey was black. But nobody cared. Vernon was short on Latin food back then, and Harvey Dean's tamales hit the spot. Yum. His pushcart is now part of the Wilbarger County Historical Museum collection. I miss him.

So, bring back Harvey and Irma, good solid traditional names.

A friend of mine has new grandtwins. Irma was sweeping through, and Harvey was just winding down when Daisy and Archer were born. At the last minute I suggested Harvey and Irma. Suggestion ignored.

Not that the chosen names don't sound rather old-timey. What's more, their mom is planning on putting them in cloth diapers.

Have you seen a cloth diaper recently? They come in colors and have puffy inserts and snaps. Maybe you knew that.

Daisy and Archer arrived early. They're still hooked up to preemie stuff at the hospital. When dad got to hold little Dai-

sy against his chest the first time, he enhanced the moment by reading her the Dr. Seuss classic "Green Eggs and Ham."

It's hard for pre-Seuss me to think that Dr. Seuss is now vintage. I was a Mother Goose and Golden Book baby. I'd have liked Seuss. Born too soon.

We digress. INTERNET PAUSE.

I couldn't help myself. I looked online for baby name discussions. "The Sydney Morning Herald" says 770 babies across the United States got the name Harvey in 2016. The writer cited one expert who thinks the name will dip in popularity in the wake of Hurricane Harvey. Maybe. Maybe not.

Katrina plummeted after Katrina. But the name sounds delicate the way it rolls off the tongue. It lilt. Hurricane Katrina gave Katrina a reputation that didn't match its syllabic lineup. It's no surprise the name Katrina has only now begun to recover.

By contrast, Harvey can't even be pronounced without a healthy puff of air to start it off. It's naturally a non-wimpy name. As Hurricane Harvey wreaked havoc, a woman in Houston (named Irma) reportedly dubbed her baby Harvey.

The name Harvey may thrive as a tough moniker. I predict a modest Harvey upswing.

But what about Irma?

For newborn girls, the safe choice, if you like the name, is to make it a middle name -- a place for safekeeping. As the child's personality develops, you'll find out if it's a good match.

I jest, sort of.

Names matter. If you're an Irma or a Harvey, or even a Sam-I-Am, it's your name. Make it a good one.

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Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers.
—L.M. Montgomery

It looked like the world was covered in a cobbler crust of brown sugar and cinnamon.
—Sarah Addison Allen

Fall has always been my favorite season. The time when everything bursts with its last beauty, as if nature had been saving up all year for the grand finale.
—Lauren DeStefano

Autumn is the hardest season. The leaves are all falling, and they're falling like they're falling in love with the ground.
—Andrea Gibson

You expected to be sad in the fall. Part of you died each year when the leaves fell from the trees and their branches were bare against the wind and the cold, wintry light. But you knew there would always be the spring, as you knew the river would flow again after it was frozen. When the cold rains kept on and killed the spring, it was as though a young person died for no reason.
—Ernest Hemingway

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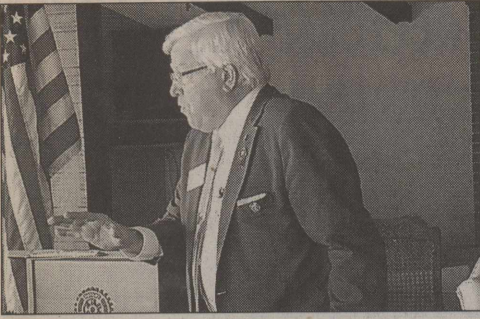


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Today's program was the District 5730 Governor Charles Starnes. The worldwide theme this year is "Rotary Making A Difference!" Governor Starnes expounded on ways Rotarians make a difference in our world. Rotarians created a group called Disaster Aid USA several years ago. One of the first groups on site after Hurricane Harvey was this disaster aid group. In early 1980s, Rotarians, started working to eradicate polio from the world. The last reported wild polio case was in 2016 in Afghanistan. Only 9 reported in 2017 to date. Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is once more matching funds for continued eradication. Two countries are still known to deal with polio, Afghanistan and Pakistan. In honor of the visit by the District Governor, the Floydada club donated two apple trees to be planted at the Rotary Apple Orchard in Lubbock. Additional guest was Assistant District Governor David Loop of Plainview.

Trinity Assembly's Free Hot Dog and Christian Movie Night

Movie Title - "Uncommon"
Date: Friday, September 22, 2017

Times: 6 p.m. - Hot Dogs
7 p.m. - Movie
Location: Trinity Assembly - 500 W. Houston, Floydada

Hot dogs and movie are free and everyone is invited.

Museum Archives

Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"
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THE WHIRLWINDS AND LONGHORNS: A Tradition is Born

When our men come home from France, following the Armistice which brought an end to World War I, they found a far different country than the one they left only a year earlier. American entered the war believing that its military forces were fighting to make the world safe for democracy.

The war effort on the home front changed the attitudes and lifestyles of the entire nation. Mobilizing for the encounter had placed the United States at the forefront for industrial development among the world's powers. Factories that had turned out arms and ammunition were now channeling their resources for the peacetime economy.

It was boom times for all—in cities as well as rural areas. It was an age of economic expansion without precedent in the country's history. And, it was the age of national heroes—a carryover from the national pride and victorious attitude of the war.

In a sense, American "came out of its shell." American literature experienced its most dynamic growth in the second decade of the Twentieth Century, with such writers as Carl Sandburg, Sinclair Lewis, William Faulkner, F. Scott Fitzgerald and Ernest Hemingway leading the way. The entertainment business reached its highest ebb during the 1920s, with Hollywood becoming the movie capital of the world.

D. W. Griffith's 1915 film epic, *The Birth of a Nation*, had earlier established a lasting pattern for modern motion pictures. In the 1920, Warner Brothers produced the first talking picture, *The Jazz Singer*, featuring the former vaudeville star Al Jolson. No single event ever captured the hearts and enthusiasm of the masses as the solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean by Charles Lindbergh—it virtually roused the country to a fever pitch of excitement.

The "national hero phenomenon" actually traces its origin to the 1912 Olympic Games in Stockholm, Sweden. It was at those Summer Olympics that James Francis "Jim" Thorpe became the first person ever to win both

the decathlon and pentathlon. Thorpe, a gifted athlete from the Indian Industrial had taken the country; Floyd County was no exception.

Almost from their inceptions most towns and school in Floyd County fielded sports teams of some sorts. Softball, volleyball and basketball were popular in the smaller rural schools. Entire communities turned out for the contests, and fierce rivalries developed among several towns.

Cedar Hill and Curlew (later to be South Plains) were famous for their basketball teams. Cedar Hill's 1921-1922 basketball schedule included Fairview, Liberty, Lockney, Rosalind and Sunset. That year, Cedar Hill sent several boys to the Interscholastic League Track Meet held in Lockney.

Sandhill was noted throughout the region for its baseball teams, as was the Floydada town team. Most smaller towns in West Texas organized baseball teams during this period. One of the only Floyd County men to ever play professional baseball received his initial experience and training while playing for the Floydada town baseball team.

During the 1920s the Harley Sadler Tent Show was in its heyday. Not only did the troupe provide clean and wholesome entertainment throughout its territory, but also Sadler had a baseball club. A number of locals played ball for the Sadler team including Ed and "Lefty" Holmes, Jim Curry, Elmer Mickey and A. V. Womack.

They helped Sadler's ball club chalk up victories on baseball diamonds all over West Texas. "Lefty" Holmes later played professional baseball with the Indians of Topeka, Kansas.

The enormous popularity of college football teams such as Notre Dame, University of Southern California and Georgia Tech was responsible for the emergence of high school football across the land by the 1920s.

The Floydada and Lockney schools organized football teams sometime prior to 1920. The natural rivalry of the communities was carried onto the athletic fields and a West Texas tradi-

tion was born.

Little is known or recorded as to the nicknames and mascots of Floyd County's earlier sports teams. Apparently, the nickname of Lockney's school squads has been the "Longhorns" almost from the beginning. The colors of early Lockney teams were maroon and white.

Those first years of high school football in Texas were far different than are known today. For one thing, the players were allowed to participate until their twenty-first birthday. It might be stated that many schools at that time were often represented by "town" squads.

A quick glimpse at photographs of the players in the 1920 illustrates this point. The players were more mature than the schoolboys of modern times.

Another difference from today was that the early teams were not as regulated, based on the sizes of the schools. Floydada's teams of the 1920 regularly played such larger schools as Lubbock, Plainview and Amarillo. In 1924, Floydada played to a 7-7 tie with a team of Lubbock "All-Stars" at the South Plains Fair.

In 1921 the colors of Floydada were green and white however, up to that time there was no nickname or mascot associated with the Floydada High School—that changed for all time the next season.

Floydada defeated the Lubbock High Westerners and Plainview Bulldogs en route to a district championship in 1922. Floydada then advanced to a bi-district encounter with the Amarillo High Golden Sandstorm. When asked by an Amarillo sportswriter what chance his team had against the powerful "Sandies", Floydada coach J. C. Wester replied, "We just have 17 boys, and our team will only be a small whirlwind in front of the Amarillo Sandies."

Just as Grantland Rice had made the "four Horsemen of Notre Dame" a household word, the Amarillo scribe picked the name "Whirlwind" from Coach Wester's remarks. From that time on, the green and white of Floydada's teams have been known as the "Whirlwinds."

Floydada Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture

By Deon Fincher
Chamber Manager

It's Fall, Y'all! Well, maybe not on the calendar, but doesn't it feel like it lately? The cool nights, the hot sweltering days, the energetic thunderstorms, football...and pumpkins everywhere you look. I love it!

If you haven't wandered out of town lately, you haven't seen our newest billboard signs—and you need to see the signs! A big thanks to everyone that worked to bring this breath of fresh air to our city's outside limits. First impressions are key. These billboards impart a Chamber of Commerce and a community that is active and dynamic.

Cow Pattie Bingo tickets are

for sale—Yee-haw! Our Board of Director's members have them on their persons. The tickets are five dollars each. First prize is \$300, second is \$200 and third is \$100. Tickets can be bought at First National Bank and Assister's Insurance, any of the Board if you see them on the street, and we will be selling them from the Chamber booth during Punkin Days.

Our Arts & Crafts show is really coming together. We are on track to have a superb amount and selection of booths for your perusal and shopping. There are so many creative people out there—and a whole bunch of them are coming to town for Punkin Days.

If it's food that you want, we will have that too! Many of the

favorites from years' past will be here, but also some new participants. Be sure to come on out and get your "fair-food" fix—right here, in Floydada!

One new activity that we are doing is the "Pumpkin Glow." Due to liability issues, we can't offer knives to the crowds to carve their pumpkins on-site; however, anyone who loves the challenge of carving pumpkins (like I do) can bring their artistic creations to the courthouse steps. We will light all of the pumpkins that night creating our very own "Pumpkin Glow." This is completely voluntary, but we would love to amass a big group for the event. If you bring a carved orb, please put a tea-light candle in it for lighting.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By LuAnn Collins
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - The Floydada Senior Citizens Center is in need of donations and memorials.

Thank you to Louis Bearden for his donation of apples. Also, to Brad Yeary and his anonymous helper for the fresh corn. Our customers have enjoyed this fresh food.

Get your FLU SHOTS at the Floydada Senior Citizen Center on Thursday, September 21st from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Bring your Medicare card with you or pay \$25 cash.

Our 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 25 - September 29
- Monday - Ham
 - Tuesday - Roast beef w/ brown gravy
 - Wednesday - Tacos or chalupas
 - Thursday - Chicken fried steak
 - Friday - Fish fry
(Menus subject to change without notice)

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - There will be flu shots offered at the Center on Thursday, October 5 at 5 p.m. Watch for more info.

The board of directors will meet October 11th at 12:30 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns that you feel needs to be brought before the board, please feel free to do so at this time.

On November 18th, the Center will hold its 1st annual Fall Bazaar from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Booths will be 10x10 for \$25 each. If you would like more information on the booths please contact the

Center 806-652-2745. There will be handmade crafts, retail vendors, much more!

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.

Power In Community

Everything you ever wanted to know about

MEDICARE

South Plains Association of Governments Area Agency on Aging




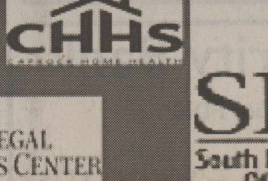


Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act

What you always wanted to know about Medicare

- ◆ What is Medicare
- ◆ Who Pays for Medicare
- ◆ Where and When do I enroll in Medicare
- ◆ How many parts to Medicare
- ◆ What is original Medicare
- ◆ Is there help to pay for Medicare Costs
- ◆ What is the difference from Medicare and Medicaid
- ◆ Who is eligible for Medicaid

Presenters from Center for Medicare and Medicaid, Health and Human Services, Texas Legal Services Center, Senior Medicare Patrol, Social Security Office, Adult Protective Services, Texas Agri-Life Extension Services, AAA, and ADRC.

9 to 3 p.m.
September 26, 2017
Prosperity Bank—Annex
1501 Ave Q, Lubbock TX
RSVP to Linda Rautis at 806-687-0940
For more information email dneill@spag.org
Lunch Sponsored by Caprock Home Health Services, Inc.

OBITUARIES/CHURCH

Obituaries

Linda Hinsley

Linda Hinsley, age 68, of Floydada, passed away on September 16, 2017.

Funeral Services were held at 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at the First United Methodist Church in Floydada. Ken Peterson officiated.

Interment followed at Carr's Chapel Cemetery. Visitation was held from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Monday, September 18, 2017 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

Services were under the care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

Linda was born on January 22, 1949, to Aldine and Wanda Williams. She graduated from Floydada High School in 1967 and recently enjoyed her 50th class reunion with friends. She married Michael Hinsley on April 13, 1968. They were blessed with three children, Angie, Amy, and Chad.

Linda loved life and her life was loving and interacting with her family. She was a loving and supportive wife and mother; involved with her husband and kids, whether it be riding to the farm to take food, or blowing the hair of a show calf. She took care of all her duties with love and selflessness. She was known to all as "Mimi", and was the best Mimi ever. Mimi cherished watching the activities of all her grandchildren and was present at each and ev-



LINDA HINSLEY

ery event, whether it was a stock show, basketball, baseball, volleyball, football, gymnastics, graduation or any other event, Mimi was there! Mimi was there rain, shine, many times when she wasn't feeling well, but always with a smile and support because she loved and enjoyed watching so much. "She is nice and took care of me." "A kind-hearted woman," were quotes from some of the youngest grandchildren. Mimi was the best wife, grandmother, mother, mother-in-law, relative and friend she could be, and loved all and all loved her.

She is preceded in death by her father, Aldine Williams.

Linda is survived by her husband, Michael; two daughters, Angie Lipham and husband, Tim, and Amy Speyrer and husband, Alan; son, Chad Hinsley and wife, Kelli; grandchildren, Mason Lipham, Haden Lipham, Allie Speyrer, Abbie Speyrer, Hagen Hinsley, and Rilynn Hinsley; mother, Wanda Williams; sister, Sarah Hinsley; and brother, Dean Williams.

Frances Ruth Priddy

Frances Ruth Priddy Dendy, 92, of Petersburg, passed away on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 in Plainview, Texas.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Friday, September 15, 2017 at First Baptist Church in Petersburg, Texas with pastor, Nick DeLay officiating.

Burial followed in the Petersburg Cemetery under the care of Korerstone Funeral Directors in Plainview.

Frances was born to Buriel Franklin and Ida Wright Priddy on December 23, 1924 in the Farmer Community, Crosby County.

She attended grade school at Farmer and bussed to Ralls High School where she graduated in 1942. She attended Draughn's Business College and attained a job at the Citizen's National Bank. She married her high school sweetheart Alton Wayne Dendy on November 11, 1944. They established their home on a farm 6 1/2 miles north of Petersburg in March of 1945 where they lived for 32 years. They moved into Petersburg where they had stock, farmed and opened Dendy's Discount Tire in Plainview which they maintained 15 years.

She joined the Methodist Church when she was eleven years old and then became a Baptist with her husband and children. She worked one day a week for 29 years at the Floydada Livestock Auction. She taught a young girl's Sunday School class for many years, was a member of the 1936 Study Club, a room mother for



FRANCES RUTH PRIDDY

her kids and worked as a 4-H Leader.

She has a daughter, Margaret Freese of Plainview and a son, Wayne Ray Dendy of Petersburg; three sisters, Nell Ledbetter of Lubbock, Betty Hatfield of Dallas and Mary Gillon of Ralls; a sister-in-law, Dancie Priddy of Waxahachie; a granddaughter and her husband, Donna Kay and Vondal Burnett of Plainview; her great-grandchildren, Tyler and wife, Kim Burnett of Plainview and Rebecca Burnett of Lubbock and her great-great-granddaughter, Kora Lynn Burnett.

Mrs. Dendy was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Alton who died October 18, 2001, a son-in-law, Elmer Freese, a grandson, Elton Bryan Freese and her brothers, Billy Gene Priddy and Joe Buriel Priddy.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 469, Petersburg, TX 79250.

Online condolences can be made at www.korerstonefunerals.com

Wheat acres likely to remain static or decrease slightly



Courtesy photo

Grazing cattle on wheat could be an increasingly popular option for producers as wheat prices remain low.

By Adam Russell
Texas A&M AgriLife Communications

COLLEGE STATION — Low wheat prices likely mean planted acreage around the state will remain static or drop slightly, said a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service specialist.

Dr. Clark Neely, AgriLife Extension state small grains specialist in College Station, said wheat producers globally were expected to provide an overabundance of the commodity, which should keep prices low for the foreseeable future.

"It's tough to make money in wheat right now," Neely said. "Until someone has a natural disaster or the other producing regions of the world begin cutting back acreage, it's likely that we won't see prices improve."

Texas producers planted 4.7 million acres of wheat for grain production and grazing last year, Neely said. It was the lowest planted acreage for the state since 1973.

In 2017, U.S. wheat producers were on track to plant the fewest acres since the U.S. Department of Agriculture began keeping records in 1919, he said. Mean-

while, Russia, the second-largest wheat producing region of the world, is anticipating excess wheat production.

The price of cash wheat in Texas remains around \$3.71 per bushel compared to \$6-\$7 per bushel in 2014, Neely said. He suspects some producers will forgo planting acres because the break-even price is around \$5-\$5.50 per bushel.

In some cases, producers may try to cut back on input costs to make the crop pencil out," he said. "We've already seen a significant migration of wheat acres over to cotton. In other cases, delayed cotton planting could mean producers may fail to have enough time to transition from cotton to wheat in the fall."

Neely said most of the state is reporting good subsoil moisture, and producers in the Rolling and High Plains regions are hoping for rain to improve topsoil conditions before planting acres for grazing.

Producers should be preparing to plant or already planting wheat for grazing, he said. Grain wheat planting should get underway in the High Plains by mid-October and wind up in South Texas by

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

God's Team

Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

—James 1:12 (NIV)

My wife and I enjoy college sports. The traditions and strong loyalties appeal to us. In all honesty, when our team is winning, being a loyal fan is easy. Nevertheless, we have lived through the prosperous years and the lean years with our team, as any true fan does.

In the same manner, for people of faith, being hopeful during the perfect times in our lives is easy. During the times of difficulty, our faith can be tested. We might become negative and

less hopeful when our lives don't appear to be going our way.

Being in the middle of a financial or health crisis makes life look bleak. But God is with us to help us through the tough patches. God is the source of our strength to overcome and to win the final victory. God will never abandon us, so we need to continue to walk our life's path with the Lord. Through faith and prayer, we will overcome.

—Don Kamps (Iowa, USA)

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, give us strength that will see us through hard times. Remind us that you are with us and that with you, we cannot lose. Amen.

taken from <http://devotional.upccom.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
(806) 637-0430
Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.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

NASS Predicts Record 2017 Cotton Crop

By Mary Jane Buerkle
Plains Cotton Growers

The National Agricultural Statistics Service projects that Texas High Plains area growers will produce 5.695 million bales of upland cotton in 2017, which would be the largest crop in PCG's 41-county service area in the organization's history. The September 12 NASS estimate is a 465,000-bale increase from their August estimate of 5.23 million for the High Plains. Most of that increase, NASS says, will be in the Northern High Plains, from 1.695 million bales in August to

2.21 million bales in September. NASS decreased slightly their estimate for the Southern High Plains from 3.535 million bales in August to 3.485 million in September.

Yield per acre decreased for the Northern High Plains, from 946 to 911 pounds. The Southern High Plains increased from 662 pounds in August to 715 in September.

The Northern High Plains is projected to harvest 1.165 million acres, up 305,000 acres from the August report. Planted acres in the north also were adjusted upward to 1.325 million acres. The Southern High Plains

is expected to harvest 2.34 million acres, down from 2.565 million in the August report. Abandonment rate for the High Plains region now is projected to be at about 20 percent, which is only slightly higher than the long-term average of 15 to 18 percent.

Statewide, the production number increased by 500,000 bales from the August report to 9.3 million bales. The nationwide estimate now for upland cotton is at 21 million bales, up 27 percent from 2016. It was noted in the NASS report that data collection for the September Crop Produc-

tion reports did not include the full impact of hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Those impacts are expected to be reflected in the October report.

A good amount of Texas High Plains cotton could still benefit from additional heat units over the next week to ten days, although some producers could begin defoliating during that time. The symbolic first bale on the Texas High Plains was delivered on Tuesday, September 5. The grower was Seminole area farmer Billy Letkeman and the cotton was ginned at Seminole Service Gin.

WHEAT

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mid-December.

"They're just getting started in the High Plains, and most of the state has good, deep soil moisture," he said. "They just need a little rain to get the plants up and going in dryland fields."

How producers utilize wheat amid low prices will depend on the weather and operational margins, he said.

"Planting for fall grazing is often opportunistic," he said. "If there is moisture in the next 10 days, you'll see more acres planted for fall grazing. Harvested acres depends on conditions as well. If there's a dry spring, you may see more acres grazed out rather than taken to grain if producers feel grain yield potentials are low. In some cases, producers will plant winter wheat for the sole purpose of a cover crop in a cotton rotation."

Neely said producers' decision to cut back on input costs could penalize them at the market. Last year, some producers were docked for low protein content as a result of inadequate fertilization and average or above-average yields from favorable rainfall.

Above-average summer rains in the High Plains could mean additional weed problems for wheat producers, Neely said.

"Not only does this add to input costs with additional tillage or herbicide, but producers should watch out for volunteer wheat," he said. "Wheat streak mosaic virus was a problem last year in the region and could be an issue again if volunteer wheat isn't controlled in order to break the green-bridge effect. In addition to cultivation and applying herbicides effectively, producers may want to consider planting a resistant variety to deal with this disease."

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries:

SOUTH PLAINS: Subsoil and topsoil moisture levels were beginning to dry out. Some cotton producers started irrigation to finish out the crop, and bolls were big and beautiful. Cotton bollworms formerly present in both Bt and non-Bt cotton began to cycle out. Cotton aphids were more widespread in cotton, and overall numbers had not levelled off. Forecasts

called for warm weather which should provide sufficient heat units for late-planted cotton. Yield estimates looked better than estimated in late July. Peanuts looked good in the field but continued to be monitored for foliage diseases. Fields treated with fungicide before Aug. 10 were still relatively clean. Grain sorghum was past flowering and into soft dough stage, and producers monitored for headworms. Producers were reporting corn earworm larvae. Sugarcane aphids continued to be found in more fields and were moving west. Farmers were balancing early corn and sorghum harvests when not planting wheat. Pastures, rangelands and cattle were in good condition.

PANHANDLE: Temperatures were cool in the morning then warmed to near-normal for most of the district. No rain was reported. Soil moisture was mostly adequate. Producers were busy with corn silage harvest, and sorghum silage harvest was to begin soon. Wheat drills were starting to move after the ground dried up enough to prepare for plantings. Wheat planting was in full swing in some areas as producers tried to get some early plantings in for grazing. The corn crop was turning colors and looked good with the recent rains. Producers saved one to two irrigations on their crop, and harvest was coming up at the end of the month. The cotton crop potential was reported to be tremendous if warm and dry days come soon. Dry, warmer weather assisted cotton progress in Hall County. Pastures and other crops continued to look better. Cattle conditions looked better as well. All crops were in the final stages of maturity before harvest. Rangelands and pastures were showing the beginning stages of dormancy.

Fall Lawn Care: 6 Steps to Take Right Now

By: Joseph Truini
Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

With autumn nearly upon us and winter rapidly approaching, you're probably not spending much time thinking about your lawn. But autumn, with its cooler temperatures and occasional rainfall, is the ideal time to prepare your lawn for next spring. Many homeowners think lawns need less care in the fall because the grass grows more slowly. In fact, just the opposite is true. During this time of year, grass is busily absorbing energy, moisture, and nutrients in preparation for a long, dormant winter. Give it a little attention now, and you'll be rewarded with a lush, healthy spring lawn. Just follow these six tips.

Keep on Mowing
Continue to water and mow your lawn, as needed, throughout the fall. Then as the season draws to a close, drop the mower's blade to its lowest setting for the last two cuttings of the year. That will allow more sunlight to reach the crown of the grass, and there will be less leaf to turn brown during the winter. *Note: As you lower the blade, just remember not to trim off more than one-third of the grass blades at any one time. If necessary, gradually lower the cutting height until the time of the final two cuttings.

Aerate the Soil
Fall is also an ideal time to aerate your lawn so that

oxygen, water, and fertilizer can easily reach the grass's roots. You can rent a gas-powered, walk-behind lawn aerator for about \$70 per day. The self-propelled machine will quickly punch holes into the soil and extract plugs of dirt. If you've got a very large yard—say, more than 3 or 4 acres—and don't feel like aerating it yourself, hire a landscaping contractor.

Rake the Leaves

I know raking leaves is no one's idea of fun, but it's important to remove fallen leaves from your lawn as soon as possible. Don't wait until all the leaves have fallen from the trees to start raking. If you do, the leaves will become wet from rain and morning dew, stick together, and form an impenetrable mat that if left unmoved will suffocate the grass and breed fungal diseases. An alternative to raking leaves is to use a lawnmower fitted with a collection bag or vacuum system. These methods are particularly effective if you have a very large yard with many deciduous trees. Regardless of whether you use a rake or a lawnmower, just be sure to remove the leaves before they turn into a soggy, suffocating mess.

Fertilize for Future Growth

Most lawn experts agree: If you fertilize your lawn only once a year, do it in the fall. The reason? Grass leaves grow much more slowly as the weather turns

cool, but the grass roots and rhizomes continue to grow quickly. (Rhizomes are the horizontal plant stems that lie just beneath the soil's surface; they produce the blades of grass above and the roots below.) A fall application of fertilizer delivers essential nutrients for the grass to grow deep roots now and to keep nutrients on reserve for a healthy start next spring. Wait until mid-to-late fall, then apply a dry lawn fertilizer to all grassy areas; be careful not to miss any spots. You could use a crank-style broadcast spreader, but for optimum coverage, consider using a walk-behind drop spreader. It takes a little longer, especially on hilly yards, but a drop spreader provides the best way to apply an even, consistent layer of fertilizer.

Fill in Bald Spots

Autumn is also a great time of year to fix any bare, bald spots in your lawn. The quickest, easiest way to do this is with an all-in-one lawn repair mixture. Sold at most garden shops and

home centers, this ready-to-use mixture contains grass seed, a special quick-starter lawn fertilizer, and organic mulch. Use a garden rake to scratch loose the soil at the bald spot in your lawn. Then spread a thick layer of the lawn repair mixture over the area. Lightly compact the mixture, then water thoroughly, and continue to water every other day for two weeks.

Weed Control

If broadleaf weeds like dandelions have taken over your lawn, now's the time to fight back. Weeds, like most plants, are in the energy-absorbing mode during the fall. They're drinking in everything that comes their way, including weed killers. Apply an herbicide now and the weeds won't return in the spring. Read the package label before use. Most herbicide manufacturers recommend applying the weed killer during early-to-mid autumn, when daytime temperatures are consistently above 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF FLOYD §

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 & HWC0321466, Serial #CW2008363TX A / B, Floyd County, Texas (Vol. 235, Page 131, Deed Records), Account #R000003080
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 #R000003547
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.

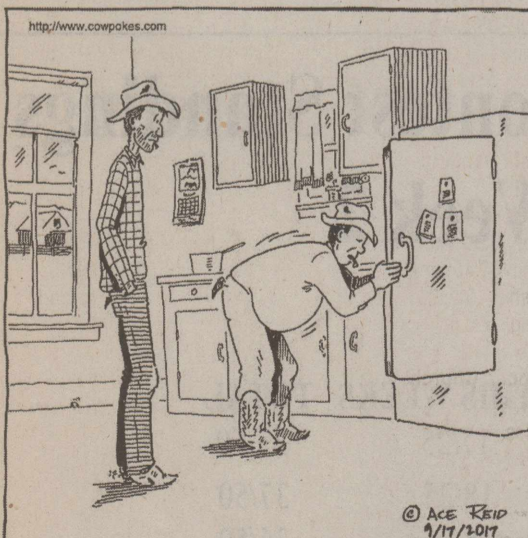
I do hereby verify that true and correct copies of the foregoing Joint Notice of Sale have been delivered by United States Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, and by regular mail, to each of the Defendants named in each of the numbered and styled causes.

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

PAUL RAISSEZ
Sheriff, Floyd County, Texas

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SCHOOL NEWS

Floydada Cross Country Lockney and Floydada come together to raise money



Courtesy photo

Lockney and Floydada came together during the Battle for Floyd County to put aside school rivalry and join forces to raise money for Port Aransas which is trying to recover from Hurricane Harvey. Fans of the Longhorns and Whirlwinds raised \$650.

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

During Friday night's football, the Lockney Longhorns joined the Floydada Whirlwinds in one common cause at the Lockney-Floydada game.

Both towns came together and "passed the bucket" to raise money for Port Aransas. This little school was hit hard by hurricane Harvey and they are trying to reopen around October 16.

They had to move in portables for the kids so that can start as soon as possible. Both Lockney and Floydada fans came together and raised over \$650! Floyd County's generosity came through once more.

Floydada Cross Country Teams competed at the Lockney Cross Country Meet on September 16. The Junior High Teams ran very well. This meet was the JV Girl's first meet of the season, all girls competed very well. The JV Boys won their division and Remington Ricketts placed 1st. The Varsity Boys won their division. The placings: Jeremiah Johnston 4th, James Gibbens 5th, Garrett Hobbs 10th, Kaleb Crone 11th, Pablo Mendoza 19th, Keenan Nixon 20th, Andrez Suarez 24th, Donald Gibbens 29th, and Marcus Perez 34th.

Photos Courtesy of Mita Chavarria

LISD Implements Rules and Procedures for Home Football Games

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

Recently, Lockney ISD sent the following information home to parents which outlines rules and procedures for home football games.

1. No students are allowed to play on practice fields during the games. This includes junior high, junior varsity and varsity games.
2. Sunflower seeds are not allowed at the new field due to the turf.
3. No footballs, etc. are allowed inside the gates.
4. At no time should students loiter or play in the concession stand area, under the bleachers or in the aisles or ramps.
5. Children should walk not run for their safety and for the safety of others.

LHS Junior Class to Hold Fundraiser Sunday, Sept. 24

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

The Lockney High School Junior class will be having a fundraiser meal Sunday, Sept. 24. They will be sell-

ing pulled pork sandwiches, chips, dessert and a drink for \$8. This will be in the foyer of the new gym.

You can come in and eat or drive thru by the back door

where we can help you with take out and you won't have to leave your car.

Come out and support these kids. The proceeds will be used for Prom.

AREA TEAMS WRAPUP & SCHEDULES

DISTRICT 2-2A-2

Week 3

FLOYDADA 49, LOCKNEY 14
CLARENDON 15, Wheeler 12
CROSBYTON 42, Sudan 41
MEMPHIS 14, Shamrock 6
RALLS 33, Smyer 27
WELLINGTON 42, Hollis OK 0

District	OVERALL		DISTRICT	
	W	L	W	L
Clarendon	3	0	0	0
Memphis	2	1	0	0
Wellington	2	1	0	0
Crosbyton	1	2	0	0
Ralls	1	2	0	0
Lockney	1	2	0	0

Week 4 Schedule

LOCKNEY vs Hale Center
CLARENDON vs Gruver
CROSBYTON vs Springlake-Earth
MEMPHIS at Quanah
RALLS at Morton
WELLINGTON at Tulia

AREA TEAMS

Week 4 Schedule

PLAINVIEW (0-2) vs Borger
SILVERTON (3-0) vs Loop
VALLEY (2-1) - OPEN
MOTLEY COUNTY (1-2) vs Miami
PETERSBURG (0-3) at Guthrie
PATTON SPRINGS (0-2) at Wilson
LORENZO (3-0) vs Hart
PLAINVIEW CHRISTIAN (1-2) at Wellman-Union

DISTRICT 2-2A-1

Week 3

FLOYDADA 49, Lockney 14
ABERNATHY 43, Dimmitt 6
HALE CENTER 42, Boys Ranch 12
NEW DEAL 25, Slaton 18
Farwell 28, OLTON 7
SUNDOWN 27, Seagraves 3

District	OVERALL		DISTRICT	
	W	L	W	L
Abernathy	3	0	0	0
Hale Center	3	0	0	0
New Deal	3	0	0	0
Sundown	3	0	0	0
Olton	2	1	0	0
Floydada	1	2	0	0

Week 4 Schedule

FLOYDADA vs Friona
ABERNATHY - Open
HALE CENTER at Lockney
NEW DEAL at Sunray
OLTON at Bovina
SUNDOWN at Farwell

AREA TEAMS

Week 3

PLAINVIEW (0-2) - OPEN
SILVERTON (3-0) 48, Higgins 0
Happy 84, VALLEY (2-1) 56
White Deer 50, MOTLEY COUNTY (1-2) 0
Nazareth 49, PETERSBURG (0-3) 32
Paducah JV 45, PATTON SPRGS (0-2) 0
LORENZO (3-0) 45, Kress 0
Lefors 55, PLAINVIEW CHRISTIAN (1-2) 6

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

September 25 - September 29

Monday

Breakfast - Pancakes on a stick, cereal, fresh fruit selection, milk

Lunch - Sloppy Joe, ham & cheese sub, seasoned green beans fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast - Egg, cheese, Sausage burrito, cereal, fresh fruit, milk

Lunch - Beef tenders 2/roll, corndog, seasoned mashed potatoes, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast - Apple frudel, cereal, fresh fruit, milk

Lunch - Spicy meatball sub, pepperoni pizza, tater tots, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Thursday

Breakfast - Sausage & cheese pizza, cereal, fresh fruit, milk

Lunch - Chicken nuggets w/roll, hot dog, peppered corn, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Friday

Breakfast - Banana loaf, cereal, fresh fruit, milk

Lunch - Cheese pizza, cheeseburger, baked beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU

September 25-29

Monday, Sept. 25

Breakfast - Sausage Biscuit or Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch - Texas Basket or Hamburger/Cheeseburger, Garnish, Fries, Veggie Cup, Mixed Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, Sept. 26

Breakfast - Breakfast Combo or PBJ, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch - Tex-Mex Stack or Chicken Fajitas, Beans, Tomato Cup, Salsa, Garnish, Hot Cinnamon Apples, Milk

Wednesday, Sept. 27

Breakfast - Chicken & Waffles or Muffin, Yogurt, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch - Chicken Alfredo, Breadstick or Calzone, Marinara Sauce, Tuscan Veggies, Salad, Peaches, Cookie, Milk

Thursday, Sept. 28

Breakfast - Stuffed Bagel, Sausage or PBJ, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch - Grilled Cheese, Multigrain Chips or Pot Pie, Broccoli Bites, Veggie Cup, Snowball Salad, Milk

Friday, Sept. 29

Breakfast - Dutch Waffle, Bacon or Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch - Chicken Bowl, Roll or Roast Beef Sandwich, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Apples, Milk

Football Contest Standings Week 2

	THIS WEEKS	TOTAL
Lanny Barnett	17/25	37/50
Brent Sanders	18/25	37/50
Coy LaBaume	18/25	36/50
Diego Ascencio	17/25	35/50
Roel Cisneros	19/25	35/50
Pam Fulton	16/25	34/50
Boyd Lee	16/25	31/50
Ricky Ascencio	17/25	31/50
Mac Sherman	19/25	31/50
Paul Lopez	10/25	28/50
Renee Armstrong	16/25	28/50
Steve Stringer	10/25	20/50
Marivel Esquivel	18/25	18/25

2017 Hesperian-Beacon FOOTBALL CONTEST

**First, second and third place overall winners get cash prizes.
Those who come in fourth through tenth get a FREE one-year subscription.**

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Wright's Auto Service 11. Meadow 12. Spur	First National Bank Member FDIC 13. Idalou 14. Post	Adam's Well Service 15. Ralls 16. Morton	The Hesperian-Beacon 17. Childress 18. Muleshoe	Quality Body Shop 19. Texas Tech 20. Houston
KFLP 106.1 21. Rutgers 22. Nebraska	McCoy Gin 23. N. Mexico 24. Tulsa	Helena Chemical Co. 25. Texas A&M 26. Arkansas	D & J Gin 27. Oklahoma 28. Baylor	Floydada Power & Light 29. Auburn 30. Missouri
Payne Pharmacy 31. Penn State 32. Iowa	Cogdell Clinic Mangold Memorial Hospital 33. Stanford 34. UCLA	Blackburn Media Group 35. Washington 36. Colorado	Floydada Co-op Gin 37. Bills 38. Broncos	Lockney Co-op Gin 39. Browns 40. Colts
Assiter Ins. Agency Assiter Punkin' Ranch 41. Texans 42. Patriots	Crop Production Services 43. Seahawks 44. Titans	Davis Lumber Co 45. Raiders 46. Redskins	R.K. Hunt Photography 47. Giants 48. Eagles	J & K Insurance 49. Bengals 50. Packers

CUT ALONG THE DOTTED LINE

Official Entry Form *Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon Football Contest*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42
43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50						

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Contest Rules

Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon Football Contest

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.

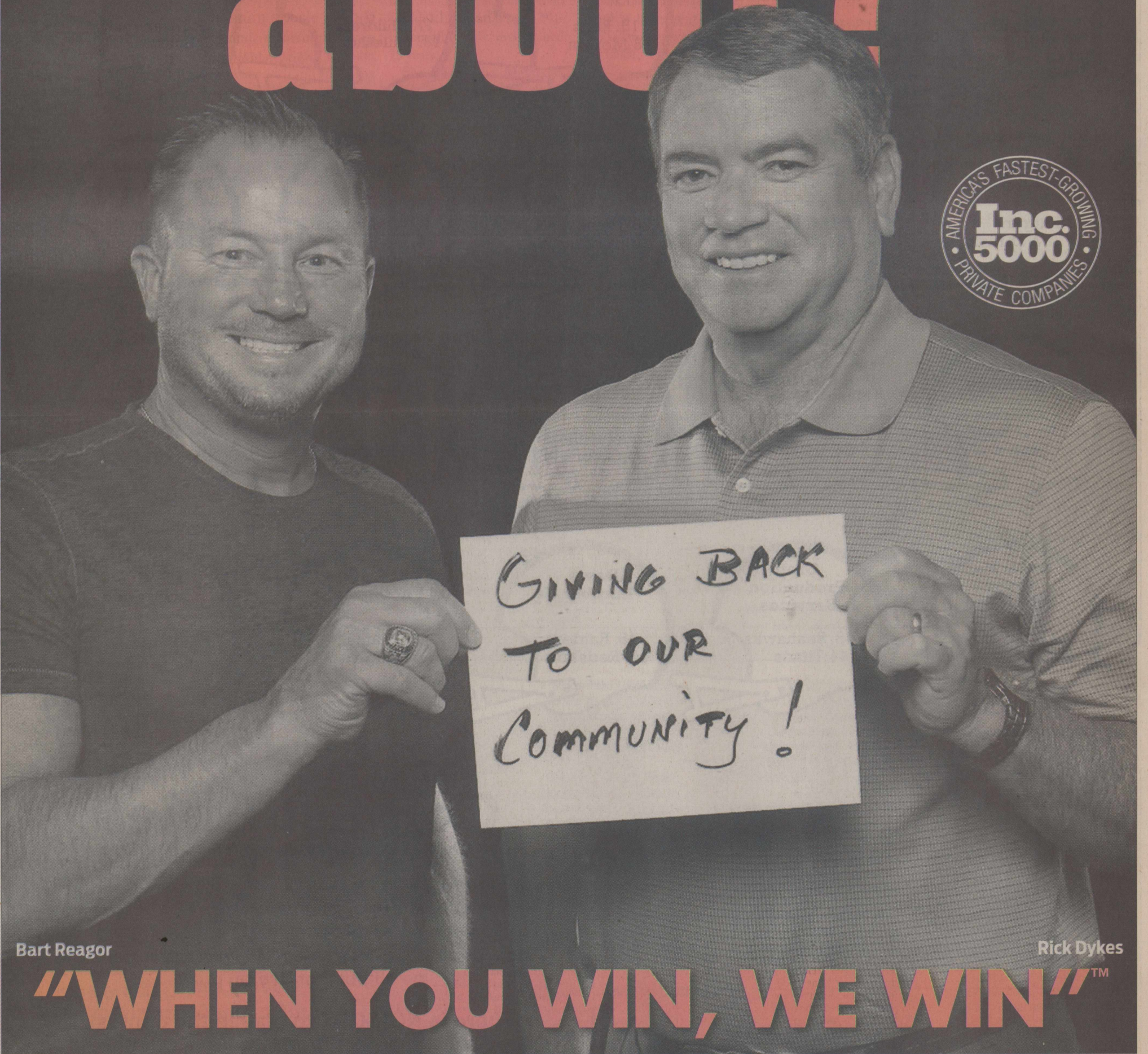
Print your name and address plainly on the official entry form and double check your choices before clipping out the entry form and depositing it at the Hesperian-Beacon office before 5 p.m. on Friday. Entries are limited to one entry per person, per week.

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

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There will be a mandatory pre-proposal meeting for all interested contractors. Project specifications, including detailed proposal requirements, will be provided at that time. The pre-proposal conference will be held on Thursday, September 28, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. with the participants meeting at RC Andrews Elementary School; 215 North White Street; Floydada, Texas.

For information you may call:
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FULL-TIME CUSTODIAN NEEDED

Floyd County is taking applications for the position of full-time custodian. Applications and job descriptions may be picked up at:

**Office of the County Judge
105 South Main Street – Room 105
Floydada, TX 79235**

Completed applications will be returned to Office of the County Judge.

All applications are due before 12:00 PM on **Friday, September 29, 2017.**

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Auction will close Oct 2, 2017 approx. 12pm CST.
The Auction will be held online at WWW.StorageTreasures.com
Storage units are believed to contain general household items.
Units to be auctioned include: Kary Helms, Olga Alvarez, Yvette Ellis
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Floyd County will not furnish the equipment necessary.

All proposals must be submitted to:

**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY JUDGE
LAWNCARE PROPOSAL
ATTN: MS. ALYSSA BENNETT
105 SOUTH MAIN STREET - ROOM 105
FLOYDADA, TEXAS 79235**

All proposals are due before **12:00 PM on Friday, September 29, 2017.**

Proposals may be mailed or hand delivered.

Proposals will be presented to the Floyd County Commissioners Court on **Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 9:30 AM.**

Questions can be answered by contacting the County Judge's Office in person or by calling (806)983-4905

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Brief Explanatory Statements of Proposed Constitutional Amendments

Special Election, November 7, 2017

Proposition Number 1 (HJR 21)
HJR 21 proposes a constitutional amendment that would permit the Texas legislature to expand the circumstances under which a partially disabled veteran or their spouse may qualify for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the veteran's residence homestead. Currently, the Texas legislature may provide that a partially disabled veteran or their spouse is entitled to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of a percentage of the market value of the disabled veteran's residence homestead only if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization at no cost to the veteran. The amendment would allow the Texas legislature to provide that the exemption also may be taken when the residence homestead was donated, sold, or transferred to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization for less than the market value of the residence homestead. The amendment also harmonizes certain related provisions of the Texas Constitution.

loan, lower the cap from 3% to 2% of the original principal amount of the extension of credit, and specify that such fees are in addition to any bona fide discount points used to buy down the interest rate. The amendment would further specify the list of authorized lenders to make home equity loans, change the threshold for an advance of a home equity line of credit, allow agricultural property owners to acquire home equity loans, and update technical terminology in the Texas Constitution. The amendment would be effective on January 1, 2018, and applicable only to a home equity loan made or refinanced on or after that date.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to establish a lower amount for expenses that can be charged to a borrower and removing certain financing expense limitations for a home equity loan, changing certain authorized lenders to make a home equity loan, changing certain options for the refinancing of home equity loans, changing the threshold for an advance of a home equity line of credit, and allowing home equity loans on agricultural homesteads."

Proposition Number 3 (SJR 34)
SJR 34 proposes a constitutional amendment that would prevent certain office holders from serving indefinitely beyond the expiration of their term. Office holders who are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate and receive no salary would only be able to serve until the last day of the first regular session of the Texas legislature that begins after their term expires.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization for less than the market value of the residence homestead and harmonizing certain related provisions of the Texas Constitution."

Proposition Number 2 (SJR 60)
SJR 60 proposes a constitutional amendment to require that certain conditions be met for the refinancing of a home equity loan to be secured by a voluntary lien on a homestead. The amendment also would: redefine what is excluded in the calculation of the cap on fees associated with a home equity

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment limiting the service of certain officeholders appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate after the expiration of the person's term of office."

Proposition Number 4 (SJR 6)
SJR 6 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the Texas legislature to require any court that is hearing a challenge to the constitutionality of a state

statute to notify the attorney general of that challenge, if the party raising the challenge notifies the court that the party is challenging the constitutionality of such statute. Additionally, the amendment would allow the Texas legislature to set a period of not more than 45 days following the notification to the attorney general that the court must wait before rendering a judgment that a state statute is unconstitutional.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to require a court to provide notice to the attorney general of a challenge to the constitutionality of a state statute and authorizing the legislature to prescribe a waiting period before the court may enter a judgment holding the statute unconstitutional."

Proposition Number 5 (HJR 100)
HJR 100 proposes a constitutional amendment to provide a more detailed definition of "professional sports team" for purposes of their charitable foundations, which the Texas legislature may permit to hold charitable raffles. The amendment also deletes a requirement that an eligible professional sports team charitable foundation permitted by the Texas legislature to hold charitable raffles had to be in existence on January 1, 2016.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment on professional sports team charitable foundations conducting charitable raffles."

Proposition Number 6 (SJR 1)
SJR 1 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the Texas legislature by general law to provide that a surviving spouse of a first responder who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty is entitled to receive an exemption from ad valorem taxation from all or part of the market value on the surviving spouse's residence homestead, as long as the surviving spouse has not remarried since the death of the first responder. It would also allow the Texas legislature to provide that the surviving spouse, who qualifies and receives the exemption and then qualifies a

different property as the surviving spouse's residence homestead, receive an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the different homestead in an amount equal to the dollar amount of the exemption of the first homestead for which the exemption was received in the last year in which the surviving spouse received the exemption for that first homestead. Like the initial exemption, this benefit will only remain available if the surviving spouse has not remarried since the death of the first responder. The proposed amendment would apply only to ad valorem taxes imposed for a tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2018.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a first responder who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty."

Proposition Number 7 (HJR 37)
HJR 37 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the Texas legislature to make an exception to the law regarding the award of certain prizes. Currently, the Texas Constitution requires the Texas legislature to pass laws prohibiting lotteries, raffles, and other programs where the award of gifts is based on luck or chance. The proposed amendment would make an exception to this general rule to allow the Texas legislature to authorize credit unions and other financial institutions to institute programs which, in order to encourage savings, would award prizes based on luck or chance to the credit union's or financial institution's customers.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to legislative authority to permit credit unions and other financial institutions to award prizes by lot to promote savings."

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Harmony Plains Singing School Damaged in Sunday Night Storm

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

The historic Harmony Plains Singing School was damaged by winds reported to be 60 to 90 miles an hour Sunday night. The brick fascia with the 1923 historic date was crumbled by the wind, and sections of the roof over the classrooms were ripped off.

One home in Cone was completely destroyed by the storm and around a dozen utility poles were knocked down.

Nearby, a storm that dumped around ¾ inches of rain on Petersburg around 6:30 Sunday evening ripped the roof off of Allsup's and threw it on the house behind it.

While the storm blew

ceiling tiles, insulation, display cases, and products all over the store, no injuries were reported.

The store will be closed while repairs are made.

In Cone winds caused similar damage and Excel energy reported power outages in the town 10 miles south of Floydada, and the highway was closed Sunday night.

According to the Floyd County Sheriff's Department and the Department of Public Safety, there was extensive damage, but no injuries.

In other related storm effects, on Monday morning Lighthouse Cooperative reported their phone system was down due to the storm and that they were taking down their Wake substation to repair storm damage.



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Sunday night storms



Sunday night winds reported at 60 to 90 miles per hour blew the roof off the Petersburg Allsup's onto another house. Similar damage was reported from the storm in Cone.

BisonFest to Showcase Buffalo, Texas Music in Quitaque Saturday

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QUITAQUE- The Texas State Bison Music Festival, an all-day music event featuring some of Texas' greatest Americana and Texas country music artists, including headliners, The Randy Rogers Band, will be held Saturday, Sept. 23 in Quitaque.

Other acts include Kevin Deal, Sarah Hobbs, Zac Wilkerson and the Wayward Souls, and Mark Powell and Lariat.

The festival begins at 10 a.m. with arts and craft vendors, food vendors and more lining the quaint streets of Quitaque. The first band will take the stage around 4 p.m. and the music will continue into the night.

This year's event is being held to raise funds to help restore the Texas State Bison Herd to their historic range at Caprock Canyons State Park and to allow visitors the chance to celebrate



Courtesy photo, graphic

Texas recording artists, The Randy Rogers Band, has charted seven singles on Billboard's Hot Country Songs and made Billboard's Top 40 country songs for the first time in 2012. They will be the headliner for BisonFest Saturday, Sept. 23 in Quitaque, a benefit for the buffalo herd at Caprock Canyons State Park.

the cultural and natural history of the Panhandle.

Caprock Canyons State Park is a 14,000-acre park with the potential to support a wide diversity of plant and animal communities. The park is home to the Official Bison Herd of the state of Texas, the last remaining example of the Great Southern herd.

The descendants of this Texas herd were brought back from the brink of extinction by famed

Cattleman Charles Goodnight and his wife Mary Ann in the canyons surrounding the Caprock Escarpment of the Texas Panhandle during the height of the infamous bison slaughter in 1878. At one time, there were 30 to 60 million bison roaming North America but by 1895, there were a mere 541 animals remaining on the planet.

The Texas State Bison Herd and its historic bison landscape in Caprock Canyons State Park

is a key component, working in conjunction with other conservation partners, in conserving the species of Plains Bison. Caprock Canyons State Park has developed an aggressive management plan to restore the park landscape and its wildlife to its natural state that would have existed prior to European settlement.

Tickets are \$30 pre-sold, \$35 at the gate. For more information, visit www.bisonfest.com

PUNKIN DAYS

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costume contest for all ages. The costume contest is free, but registration will be at 2:45 and the judging will be at 3:15.

As the sun starts the set, this year's Punkin Days will have a new event called the Pumpkin Glow.

"Anyone can bring a pumpkin they have carved at home," said Fincher, "and we will place it on the courthouse steps and put lighted candles in them. As the street dance begins at seven, it should really make for a beautiful effect downtown."

The opening act for the street dance which starts at 7 p.m. on the courthouse square will be 108 East Broadway from Lubbock, and the headlining band will be Raised Right Men from Dallas which performs a variety of music including Western Swing, Country, Rockabilly and more.

The street dance goes from 7 to 10 p.m. and is free.

For more information about any Punkin Days event, go to www.floydadachamber.com

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posite end of the building from the auditorium. Both the cafeteria and the auditorium can be isolated from the classroom part of the building, allowing for public functions to take place outside of regular school hours.

The field house, weight room, and coaches' offices will be located by the practice gym in the high school, and adjacent to the new stadium and track. Also included in the plan is a concession stand with restroom facilities to serve the track and football stadium. The football stadium will have a turf field and a regulation eight-lane track surrounding it.

The boys' baseball field is to be renovated with new stands, press box, and a turf infield. A girls' softball field will be built where Floydada High School now sits. Six tennis courts will be constructed, and the two existing courts will be repaired. For the past several years, Floydada has had to host the district tennis tournament at Plainview High. After completion of the tennis courts and baseball complexes, Floydada will be able to host the tennis tournament here rather than Plainview. At the completion of all the athletic improvements and additions, Floydada's new, first-class facilities should attract playoff games for other schools that will positively impact the community and local

businesses.

A new transportation facility will be constructed next to the existing field house, including a wash bay and grease bay inside the building. Covered parking at this facility will protect the district's buses and other vehicles. The old field house will be used for district storage.

The gym located at the old Junior High campus shall remain, as well as Wester Field and the current track. The old gym, track, and football field will remain accessible for community or youth sporting events.

Demolition of the old Junior High School building was completed earlier this spring. After abatement of asbestos this month at R.C. Andrews, this building will also be demolished. Some site work has already begun at R.C. Andrews and more is to be done after the buildings are removed. Architects project that the new High School and Junior High School complex will be complete for the beginning of classes in the fall of 2019, at which time the old Floydada High School building will be demolished. Whirlwind Gym and the Federal buildings will be kept at the current high school location. The architects have tentatively said that the new football stadium will be ready for the beginning of the 2018 football season.

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game, Vega connected with Lira on a 27-yard touchdown pass to make it 41-14. Rosendo Reyna scored the final points of the game when he found an opening for a 31-yard touchdown run with 7:53 left in the game, giving the Whirlwinds a 49-14 lead.

Offensively, the Whirlwinds collected 283 total yards including 109 yards passing and 174 yards

rushing. The Longhorns managed only 185 total yards including 163 passing and 22 yards rushing.

Individually for the Whirlwinds, Vega was 5-13 passing for 109 yards and two touchdowns. Reyna had 27 carries for 125 yards and a touchdown. C. Smith had five carries for 33 yards and touchdown, Perez had two carries for 19 yards and a touchdown, Michael Delafuente had one carry for seven yards and Lira had one carry for nine yards and a touchdown. Perez had two catches for 45 yards and a touchdown, Gerry Reyes had two catches for 37 yards and Lira had one catch for 27 yards and a touchdown.

Individually for the Longhorns, Marmolejo was 12-30 for 173 yards and a touchdown. Kevin Lopez had 11 carries for 59 yards, Marmolejo had 11 carries for 10 yards, Emert had one carry for two yards. Israel Cuellar had five catches for 79 yards, Bryson Walker had two catches for 46 yards, Emert had three catches for 22 yards and a touchdown and Shawn Marquez had two catches for 16 yards.

Floydada improves to 1-2 on the year and Lockney falls to 1-2 on the year. This week, Floydada will host the Friona Chieftains who are 3-0 with wins over Farwell, Booker and Bovina and Lockney will host the Hale Center Owls who are 3-0 with wins over Morton, Dimmitt and Boys Ranch. On Sept. 29, the Whirlwinds travel to Lubbock Roosevelt, 0-3, and the Longhorns travel to Olton, 2-1. Both teams will have open dates on Oct. 6 before beginning district play on Oct. 13.

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